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GOOD MORNING

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Think it over: Giving more money and earlier retirement to Idaho's public employees is a step that requires more thought, today's editorial says.

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Mother grieves child's death

Deputy awaits preliminary hearing

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sunday began like a normal day for Angela Williams and her 2-year-old daughter, Hailey.

The two went shopping and ate at McDonald's. Before Williams went to work that afternoon, she tucked Hailey into bed and kissed her good-bye. Just a normal day.

"Everything was fine," Williams said. "Then the nightmare happened."

She got a telephone call to come home right away. Hailey was hurt and was going to the hospital.

Hailey, who was diagnosed with severe brain damage, died at the hospital, and Williams' fiancé, Twin Falls County Sheriff Deputy Jesse Thrush, is charged with first-degree murder.

Thrush told Williams that Hailey's injuries were caused by a fall off the bed.

But he later told police investigators that he shook the child,

Donations

Accounts for the Hailey Williams family have been set up to cover funeral costs and other expenses. Deposits can be made in the name of Angela Williams, Hailey's mother, at any branch of U.S. Bank or First Federal Savings Bank.

and when he threw her on the bed she bounced off and hit the floor, Twin Falls police detective Gary Rinehart said in a written statement.

Thrush sits in his own cell at the Twin Falls County jail, away from the other inmates, waiting for his March 5 preliminary hearing.

Williams plans to be there and every other court hearing.

"I want to be there," she said. "I want to see his face."

In news reports Hailey was referred to as a 2-year-old Down's syndrome girl, a description that doesn't do justice to the girl who touched many lives in her short

life, Williams said.

"She's more than the 2-year-old Down's syndrome girl," she said. "She was so much more than that."

Hailey was a happy child who loved to dance, read and shop with her mother. And she always hugged everyone she met, Williams said.

That's why Williams can't understand why her daughter, who lived through heart surgery and pneumonia, is dead. She can't understand why she had to hold her daughter in her arms as the child's heart beat its final beat.

She can't understand how the man who never showed anger or violence toward Hailey could end up charged with murder.

Williams was engaged to marry Thrush in June, but now she hangs up when he calls her from jail.

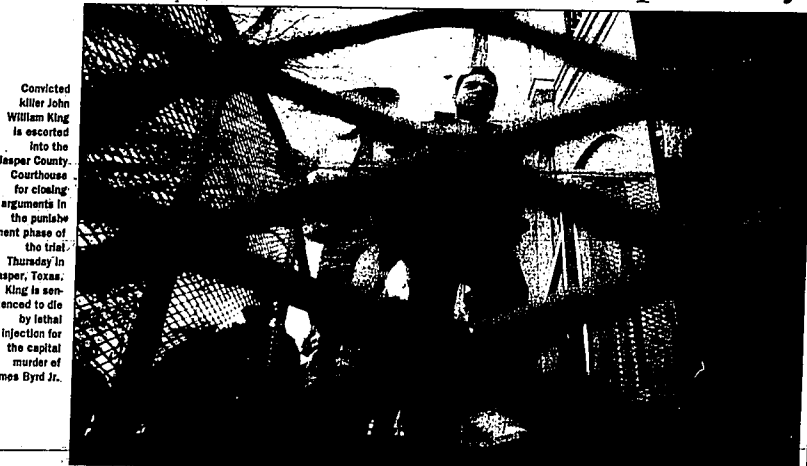
She's gone through too much pain. Pain that comes when a mother decides to take her brain-dead daughter off life support.

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Angelo Williams holds her daughter, Hailey, in this May 1998 photo. Hailey died Tuesday, and Williams' boyfriend, Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy Jesse Thrush, is charged with first-degree murder.

Convicted killer gets death penalty



Convicted killer James Byrd Jr. is escorted into the Jasper County Courthouse for closing arguments in the punishment phase of the trial Thursday in Jasper, Texas. King is sentenced to die by lethal injection for the capital murder of James Byrd Jr.

Flu fills hospitals

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Area hospitals report full or nearly full hospitals and are blaming the flu bug for taking too big a bite.

Cassia Regional Medical Center has been at near capacity for a week and lately, up to 60 percent of patients were there because of the flu, said Mary Ovit, nursing administrator. The hospital has 38 beds.

Gooding County Memorial Hospital's 14 beds have been full or nearly full for the past few weeks with patients ages 6 months to 88-years-old, said Sandy Herron, director of clinical services.

"We have been inundated. In my 10 years in Idaho I've never seen anything like this," said Dr. John Gies, medical chief of staff for Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's bed count has almost doubled during the past two days.

"There really is a flu epidemic," Junior Drury, executive vice president, told members of the hospital board's finance committee Thursday. But whether flu is the main reason for the increase in patients in the flu is still unknown, she said.

The county-owned Magic Valley Regional has between 110 and 115 beds available for adult and child medical and surgical patients. That excludes babies in the nursery and transitional care patients.

Only two beds were available Wednesday afternoon and 110 patients were in the house on Thursday afternoon.

Committee member Dr. Harry Brumback asked the staff to investigate what illnesses were bringing the additional patients.

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Jury sentences white supremacist to lethal injection

The Washington Post

JASPER, Texas — John William King, an avowed white supremacist, was sentenced to death Thursday for the racial murder of James Byrd Jr., a black man who was chained to a pickup truck in the pre-dawn darkness and dragged on a winding stretch of pavement until his head and right arm were torn off.

King, 24, one of three men charged in the killing, was convicted of capital murder Tuesday

by a jury that deliberated for just over two hours. Thursday, the same jurors, 11 white men and women and one black man — who was elected foreman — met for three hours before reaching their decision on a penalty. The foreman, a prison guard who went to junior high school with King, passed the verdict sheet to Judge Joe Bob Golden, who looked at it, then at King.

"Mr. King," the judge said, "I hereby sentence you to death by lethal injection."

The crowded courtroom was hushed, unlike Tuesday, when a smattering of applause broke out among spectators after the guilty verdict was read. The defendant, a former prison inmate covered with racist tattoos, stared impassively, as he had through most of his week-long trial.

"Mr. Sheriff," the judge said, "you may take him to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to await execution there."

Moments later King was ushered from the courtroom through

a side door, ending the first of three planned death-penalty trials in the murder last June 7, a crime that jolted this racially mixed city of 8,000 in the East Texas timberlands and reminded the world that backwoods lynchings are not entirely an evil of America's past.

Then, as he was being led in body armor a short distance across the courthouse lawn to a waiting sedan — a routine at the end of each trial — King

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Plan would move endangered species policy to governor's office

The Associated Press

BOISE — Frustration with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is one of the motivations behind a plan to shift control over endangered and threatened species issues to the governor's office.

But some skeptics were concerned on Thursday that legislators' expressed desire for the state to speak with one voice on such issues as salmon recovery might muck a more punitive intention.

"If it is designed to relieve fears regarding the role of the Fish and Game Commission in issuing biological opinions, then it's a positive thing," said Bill Goodnight, a member of the

Idaho Wildlife Federation's board of directors. "But if it's part of a larger attempt to dismantle the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, then we'll definitely be opposed to it."

The House Ways and Means Committee agreed to introduce the bill proposed by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley, GOP Caucus Chairman Dan Mader of Genesee and others. Newcomb said he would send the measure to the Resources and Conservation Committee for further consideration, including a hearing.

"There, everybody's concerns will be addressed," he said. "The purpose of this is in no way to exacerbate the problems that exist at Fish and Game."

Mistake leads to man's exile

Forgetting to fill out a form, an organist finds himself stuck in Australia

The Virginian-Pilot

William Gordon Atkinson has a home in Virginia Beach. A hefty mortgage. A good job as organist and music director for a local Episcopal church.

But what Atkinson didn't have, when he left for a birthday trip to Australia on Nov. 1, was an Immigration and Naturalization Service Form No. 512.

Because of that mistake, Atkinson today is an exile, unable to return to Virginia, his

job or his mounting bills. Atkinson, an Australian who has lived in the United States for 11 years, had flown to his native country to celebrate his 70th birthday with friends.

When Atkinson tried to return home, INS agents at the Los Angeles airport refused to let him in the country. If it weren't for Atkinson's age, officials would have put him in handcuffs, said the Rev. Stanley W. Sawyer, pastor of the Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, Va., which hired Atkinson in October. Sawyer is more than the music director's boss. For months, he has been Atkinson's chief advocate, phoning and faxing one bureaucrat after another to try to get his organist back.

The Episcopal priest is learn-

ing to wade through a sea of government documents: I-140, an immigration petition for an alien worker; I-824, action on an approval application or petition; I-485, application to register permanent residence or adjust status.

"We keep getting one letter after another," said Sawyer, whose file of paperwork about Atkinson is now several inches high. There's a 16-hour time difference between Virginia and Melbourne, so communication hasn't been easy.

"We keep getting one letter after another quoting red tape. It's been a frustrating experience because it seems it could have

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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie High 38 Low 19 Mostly cloudy with chance of snow showers in the morning. Fairly cloudy by afternoon. Cloudy with chance of snow.

Treasure Valley High 46 Low 30 Partly cloudy with increasing clouds by afternoon. Cloudy with chance of rain or snow. Cloudy Saturday with scattered rain showers.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High 30 Low 10 Mostly cloudy but mostly clear tonight with increasing clouds after midnight. Mostly cloudy Saturday with chance of snow. High 35.

Eastern Idaho High 42 Low 28 Partly cloudy becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Breezy, with winds 15 to 25 mph. Mostly cloudy Saturday. High 43.

Northern Idaho High 45 Low 27 Partly sunny with winds from 5 to 15 mph. Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Saturday with scattered snow. High 35.

Northern Utah High 42 Low 15 Partly cloudy with chance of snow. Increasing clouds on Saturday. Highs in the 40s.

Northern Nevada High 44 Low 23 Partly cloudy with increasing clouds tonight. Slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy Saturday with chance of rain.

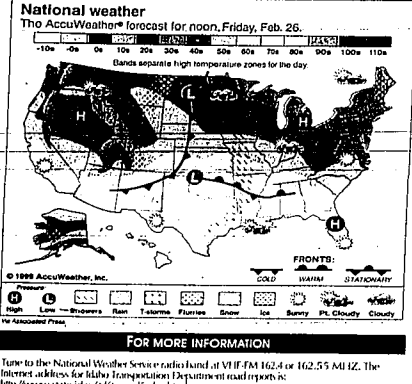
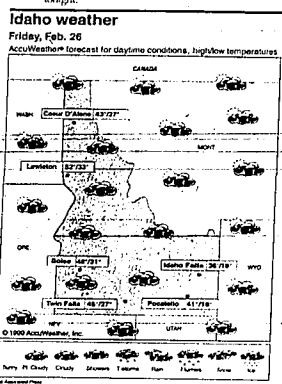
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Death

Continued from A1. For the first time offered a comment to the dozens of journalists gathered behind a rope line nearby. "It was a crude, barely audible sexual reference. "It doesn't surprise me, coming from him," prosecutor Guy James Gray said later at a news conference, after the sedan left for the state prison at Huntsville. The death chamber there is by far the country's busiest. "He has no remorse for what he did," Gray said.

Byrd, 49, who was unemployed and afflicted with seizures, lived alone in a subsidized apartment in Jasper, 120 miles north of Houston. He was walking home from a family gathering after midnight when he was picked up, taken to the forest, beaten and strangled, then chained behind a truck and dragged for about three miles. No trial dates have been set for King's alleged accomplices, Shawn Allen Berry, 24, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31. "I wouldn't expect him to say,

"God bless the Byrd family," said Mary Verrette, one of Byrd's sisters, referring to King's paroling comment. "He kind of sums up the whole personality of this young man. He has no remorse, even in the face of death." King's lawyers said he developed his racist views while serving a prison term for burglary from 1995 to 1997. They said he was a victim of a racial assault in the penitentiary and acquired his tattoos there for protection, hoping they would frighten would-be assailants.

Grief

Continued from A1. Pain that leads to days without sleep or food. If Thrush is convicted, Williams said she would want to see him get the maximum prison sentence. She would not support the death penalty, which is an option in a first-degree murder case. Williams said she would want Thrush to suffer every day in prison, "just like I'm going to have to deal with it every day."

Our Sweet Halley. What can we say, what can we do, to help this world better know you? So sweet to the smile, so soft to the touch, if only this pain didn't hurt so much. There's so many, many things you loved to do, like dancing and reading and chasing your kitties too. We don't know how to say goodbye, to our precious angel in the sky. We love you miss and we know, our thoughts and memories of you are with us every day. Watch over us from way up high, as we try to say good-bye to our precious angel in the sky. We love you miss and we know, our thoughts and memories of you are with us every day.

Exile

Continued from A1. been handled very simply, with a phone call from the airport," Sawyer said. With no relatives here or in Australia, Atkinson has been living in the Victoria Hotel in Melbourne. He said he's reluctant to talk about his case before he's back in the States. "If very much want to return to my country," Atkinson said with a pronounced Aussie accent. "Emotionally, it's taken a bit of a strain. And physically it's a strain, but I've been supported by friends, and that's the important part." Atkinson's problems arose from his misunderstanding of U.S. immigration laws. He came to the States in 1988 to earn a master's degree in music, and later found a job as an organist in Florida. He began work as music

director at All Saints in October. He had applied for permanent residency in 1997, and was told that approval would come in 120 to 180 days. In fact, the average waiting period for such applications is two years, said INS spokesman Elaine Kormis. The INS has a caseload of 800,000 permanent residency applications. "We have a huge backlog," Kormis said. Atkinson didn't realize that U.S. law forbids immigrants with pending applications from leaving the country without advance permission - INS Form No. 512. When Atkinson boarded the plane for Australia, the INS contacted him to have abandoned his residency application. "Sometimes when people live in the United States for a long time they start to feel like citizens," said INS spokesman Russ

Bergeron. "But it's important for people to realize that if they're not citizens, they need to check with the INS before they change jobs or leave the country." In the meantime, Atkinson's life is on hold. His cat was left at a kennel back in November and is being cared for by a friend. All Saints' has been paying Atkinson's \$25,000 annual salary for the past 20 months, Sawyer said. But the 70-member church can't afford to pay him after this month, and will have to put the organist on unpaid leave. Another musician has been filling in for him. Congregation members miss Atkinson, though, and have even called Tate at home looking for answers. "He's a very special person," Sawyer said. "We were happy to have him here."

Flu

Continued from A1. If flu is to blame, they can try to determine whether those patients had flu shots, he said. Gooding Memorial has been attempting to treat as many people on an outpatient basis, including asking them to come in for daily medication, Gies said. He called the flu insidious. People will feel ill, then get better for a few days and then become ill again, he said. Traditionally, flu will hit older people in nursing homes. "But I've admitted more babies in the last two weeks than the whole of last year," Gies said. Along with respiratory problems, patients can suffer from

high fever and pneumonia, he said. On Feb. 19, 30 percent of the patients hospitalized at Cassin Memorial had the flu or flu-like illness, Oviatt said. On Feb. 20, it was 36 percent and most recently, it's between 40 to 60 percent, she said. They are seeing the very young and very old, Oviatt said. While a full house is good for businesses like restaurants and hotels, it's another matter for hospitals. "Truly, we don't love the nursing staff," Draney said. As a result, Magic Valley Regional instituted Wednesday a bonus program for nurses who will work extra hours, she said. "It's challenging to say the

least," she told the board members. "But at the same token you have to deliver responsible care." Cassia Regional typically schedules staff to handle up to 60 percent of its bed capacity, Oviatt said. The additional patients have put pressure on staffing, but the workers have come through by working additional hours, she said. None of the hospitals have had to transfer their patients to other hospitals because of lack of space. "We've had close calls," Herrera said. Times-News staff writer Pat Marcum can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

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Bush to announce in two weeks

Exploratory committee would begin work with a 'maybe'



In two weeks, I'll make an announcement. So I'll see you in two weeks. If I told you what I'd announce, you wouldn't show up.

- George W. Bush

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After fending off questions for months about his presidential ambitions, Gov. George W. Bush said Thursday he will announce his White House intentions in two weeks.

Bush again refused to say what his decision will be. "In two weeks, I'll make an announcement. So I'll see you in two weeks," Bush said at a news conference. Asked what he had decided, he replied, "I'll tell you what I'd announce, you wouldn't even show up."

Two advisers to Bush, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press in Washington that they had been told to prepare for the Republican governor to

announce the formation of a campaign exploratory committee, which would allow him to raise and spend money while testing the waters.

"We are prepared for a 'no,' but he still has two weeks to change his mind," one of the advisers said.

The other adviser said: "Everything is put in place for a green light and that's what we expect, but nothing's done until it's done."

Bush has been holding a series of meetings with fundraisers and policy experts, and elected officials from other states have

traveled in procession to Texas in recent weeks to urge him to run.

"I've made up my mind to answer the question yes, no or maybe," Bush said, adding that those meetings are continuing. In the past, Bush has indicated that "maybe" would mean an exploratory committee.

Formal entry into the race probably wouldn't come until some time after the Texas Legislature adjourns its every-other-year session on May 31, sources close to Bush said.

Karen Hughes, Bush's spokeswoman, noted that the governor

has 20 days after the Legislature adjourns to sign or veto the several hundred bills lawmakers will pass during the final weeks.

"That is a pretty time-consuming process," Ms. Hughes said. "At that point, which is June 20, he will not have traveled at all around the country to listen to people."

"If he should decide to go forward with an exploratory committee, during the summer he would spend time traveling, listening to people, and then make some final decision in late summer or early fall."

A number of polls have given Bush and Elizabeth Dole front-runner status in a rapidly growing GOP field of potential candidates in 2000. Ms. Dole has not declared her candidacy either.

Poll: 54% want next president to continue current policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' optimism about their nation is higher than it has been in more than three decades, even though their trust in government is low, says a new poll.

More than half of the public said they would like to see the next president continue the policies and programs of the Clinton administration. But the poll suggested that an overwhelming majority want a president with different personal qualities.

"It remains to be seen if that is a perfect situation for Vice President Al Gore."

Gore is the current front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000. But enthusiasm for Gore is lagging behind two leading Republicans — Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole — who are considering running for the presidency, said a poll released Thursday by the Pew Research

Center for the People & the Press.

"There are good times that aren't going away," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. According to the poll, 28 percent of the public in the new poll was very optimistic about the current state of the country, almost as high as in 1964 and an increase over the 20 percent who felt that way last year.

"A modest majority of adults, 54 percent, would like to see the next president offer policies and programs similar to those offered by the Clinton administration. But that cut of five want someone with different personal qualities from those of President Clinton, who survived an impeachment effort this winter prompted by the Monica Lewinsky scandal."

"You would think Al Gore would fill that bill better than he does in terms of public reaction," Kohut said. "He obviously has some work to do."

The vice president's internal polls show the public likes what he's doing, said Bob Squire, a Gore campaign consultant.

"They are open to the Gore message," he said. "How do you keep a good thing going?"

Squire said it was natural for the two Republicans to get good poll numbers this early because "Bush and Dole are brand names, and they're not filled in yet."

Gore and Clinton have different personal styles, but some analysts question whether Gore has differentiated himself enough from Clinton.

"By the election, we will have had eight years of Clinton-Gore," said presidential scholar Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution.

"They have been twinned in ways that rarely happens with vice presidents."

Relatives of murder victims urge tougher sentencing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents and other relatives of murdered people urged Congress to punish states by withholding grant money if they fail to stiffen sentencing and parole guidelines for major crimes.

They suggested to reporters Thursday that the threat of financial penalties would force states to toughen sentencing, prosecute and parole guidelines for major crimes.

"If they are going to lose funds for failing to protect citizens, then they are going to start listening," said Marc Klaus, whose 12-year-old daughter, Polly, was taken from her Permalun, Calif., home and killed in 1993 by a man with a long criminal record.

Two mothers brought pictures of their slain children to a news conference in urging support for a bill that would make a state liable for costs incurred by another state for apprehending, prosecuting and incarcerating an offender released from the first state.

Under the bill, introduced Thursday by Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., the transfer of money would occur by withholding federal crime grants from the first state and adding the amount to the second state's share.

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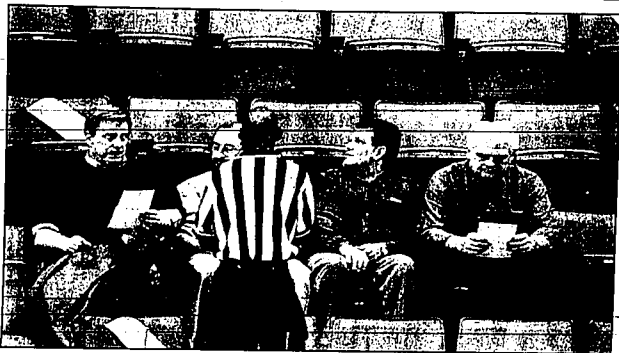
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A striped-shirted waiter takes food orders from patrons Tuesday in the club seat section at Washington's MCI Arena before an NBA game between the Washington Wizards and the Miami Heat. Members of Congress may soon be found in the club level seating after a determined lobbying effort by the Wizards and Washington Capitals owner Abe Pollin to offer free seating to House members.

House adopts game plan

Washington sports team owner beats the ban on gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The owner of the city's basketball and hockey teams used some fancy footwork to revive a Washington tradition — members of Congress watching games for free while schmoozing with lobbyists.

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The House ethics committee sealed the deal this month by accepting the under-\$50 value Pollin placed on the club seats for pro basketball's Washington

Wizards and hockey's Washington Capitals.

Robert Walker, the new staff director of the ethics committee, defended the decision, which was based on the promise that lawmakers would not share in amenities, such as waiter service and parking, that are included in the costs when club seats are sold as season tickets. The season price breaks down to almost \$98 per event.

It does not pass up any other stadium or arena, Walker said. For the Washington teams, it's good business.

When Pollin decided to spend \$200 million to build a new arena, the congressional gift rules were much looser. His marketing plan was based on the fact that Washington is a company town, and the company is the federal government," said David Julyan, a lobbyist hired by the team owner. "So access to that market was critical in that planning."

In 1995, the Senate adopted a system that restricted acceptance of gifts to those worth less than \$50. The club seats "were priced with that in mind," said Pollin spokesman Matt Williams.

But under the new House rules in 1995, members and their staff couldn't accept the freebies at all.

Pollin, whose arena opened in December 1997, hired Julyan to lobby for an end to the House gift ban, which already was a source of much grumbling among members. Other businesses that cater to lobbyists who in turn are treating Congress members — restaurants, for example — also lobbied for the change.

On Jan. 6, the chamber adopted the Senate system as its first major action this year.

The old House ban was muddled with 23 exemptions. Even congressional watchdog groups such as Common Cause supported the new, clearer system that applied to both houses equally. Their problem is with the interpretation that MCI Center club seats are worth less than \$50.

"The fix was put in," said Meredith McGehee, the Common Cause legislative director. "It's something members aren't going to complain much about. It shows that weak enforcement can even make the best rule have no meaning."

Powerball ticket dispute lands in court

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — One minute, he was a community college student with \$5.99 in his bank account. The next, he was a lottery millionaire. Now, Timothy Schultz could lose the whole \$15.9 million jackpot if it turns out an co-worker helped buy the \$1 ticket.

Iowa law prohibits people younger than 21 from buying lottery tickets but doesn't bar them from collecting jackpots if somebody else pays.

Schultz, a 21-year-old cashier at a convenience store in suburban Des Moines, sold himself the winning ticket for the Feb. 10 Powerball drawing and claimed he was entitled to all the money. But then Schurh Elder, 20, another cashier, put the whole jackpot in jeopardy when she stepped forward and claimed she is entitled to half because she put 50 cents toward the purchase of the ticket, according to Iowa lottery officials.

Lottery officials went to court Thursday to ask that a judge determine who, if anyone, should get the winnings.

In court papers, the lottery said Schultz and Ms. Elder "are in conflict as to whether Elder's contribution was intended as a purchase by an underage person, a gift or a loan."

"If part of the sale were to an underage person, all or a portion of the prize would be forfeited," Lottery Commissioner Ed Stanek said. The money then would be turned over to the state.

A security-camera video from the store at the time of the ticket sale was turned over to the court as evidence.

The lottery asked that the court put the prize money, which has not yet been paid out, in an interest-bearing account in the meantime.

Schultz has an unlisted number, and a number for Ms. Elder has been disconnected. Calls to their lawyers were not immediately returned.

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NATION

McConaughey offends Asian-American groups

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — An Asian-American group — contained **McConaughey** for using a racial slur on Rosie O'Donnell's show.

McConaughey, who is filming the World War II movie "Lone Star" in Italy, made the comment Tuesday when Ms. O'Donnell referred to his short hair. "I take it you're doing a movie. That's the new hairdo?" she asked.

"Yeah," McConaughey answered. "I'm over in Rome fighting Germans and Japs from World War II."

There was no audible reaction from the studio audience and Ms. O'Donnell continued the conversation without pause.

"The term 'Jap' has historically been used to dehumanize an entire race of people — not just Japanese nationals. During World War II, the slur was used against Japanese-Americans," said Masaru Kent Kawai, president of the watchdog group Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

McConaughey publicist Jennifer Allen and Laura Mandel, a spokeswoman for Ms. O'Donnell's show, said Thursday that the actor meant no offense.

"He's the nicest young man there is," Ms. Allen said.

Artist returns \$20,000
CULVER CITY, Calif. — John Lee Hooker is returning \$20,000 he received as part of his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

"I'm very honored to receive this award and I'm glad to be part of helping out by returning the funds from this award to help those who need the help right now," the 81-year-old Hooker said before a Thursday night gala. The foundation provides emer-



Matthew McConaughey

People in the news

gency assistance to needy artists. Northwest Airlines sponsors the award and contributes the money.

Carters receive award

ATLANTA — Former President Carter and wife Rosalynn are the first recipients of a "Global Understanding" award developed by the University of Georgia and sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

Michael Adams, the school's president, said Tuesday about 70 nominees were considered. The Carters will be honored in April after a symposium about their Carter Center, which they founded after his presidency to promote peace, health and human rights around the world.

"Rosalynn and I are honored to accept this award on behalf of all those at the Carter Center who work with us to prevent and resolve conflicts, promote freedom and democracy, and fight disease around the world," Carter said in a statement.

Radical feminist prof must admit men to class

BOSTON (AP) — A radical feminist professor at Boston College has been given an ultimatum from the school: admit men to her class or stop teaching.

Theologian Mary Daly lets only women take her courses. Daly, whose seven major books, including "Outercourse," have made her a pioneer in feminist circles, has said she won't back down. Opening her classes to men would compromise her belief that women tend to defer to a man whenever one is in the room, she said.

Daly took a leave of absence from the Jesuit college this semester rather than bow to demands that she admit senior Duane Naquin into her class in feminist ethics.

Naquin, who claimed discrimination, has the backing of the Center for Individual Rights, a conservative law firm in Washington whose lawsuit ended affirmative action at the University of Texas. The firm sent a letter to BC in the fall threatening legal action if Daly did not relent.

Daly has argued Naquin did not have the prerequisite of another

Women in construction — E1

feminist studies course. College officials said a second male student also complained of discrimination.

Neither Naquin nor the law firm immediately returned calls for comment Thursday.

Daly, who is 70, taught only men when she first arrived at the Newton campus in 1966. The college of arts and science did not begin admitting women until 1970. In the early '70s, she said, she observed problems in her co-ed classes.

"Even if there were only one or two men with 20 women, the young women would be constantly on an overt or a subliminal level giving their attention to the men because they've been socialized to nurse men," she said.

Boston College officials said Daly's ground rules violate federal civil rights laws and school policy. A similar dispute occurred about a decade ago. Whenever controversy has arisen, the

tenured professor would leave campus for a semester, hoping the matter would blow over, college spokesman Jack Dunn said.

This time, he said, the college won't let Daly continue "her archaic and stereotypical notion that men shouldn't have access to her perspectives."

If a male professor tried to bar women from his classes, Dunn said, "we'd be run out of town." Daly, who abandoned her Roman Catholic faith in the early 1970s, describes herself as a radical feminist, which she interprets as "going to the roots" of societal problems.

Her books include, "The Church and the Secular Sex," "Gyn/Ecology: The Metaethics of Radical Feminism" and "Outercourse," a theological anthropology.

"She said she views the controversy as an attack on academic freedom and an assault on feminism by 'an extreme right-wing organization' trying to 'assert white male supremacy.'"

Daly's students are rallying around her, and 14 of them wrote a letter to college administrators. "I think there comes a point where women need to claim their own space," said Kate Hecklin, a senior from Greenwich, Conn.

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EDITORIAL

Legislature is wise to move slow on new PERSI perks

It's a basic fact of human nature that everyone wants to get a little more money. The tough part is persuading someone to give it.

Public employees across Idaho want to sweeten their retirement program, but they haven't been able to persuade the Legislature. Earlier this week, lawmakers rejected a trio of bills designed to give public employees earlier retirement with more money.

Leaders of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) say they'll be back. That's fine. Sometimes working on the right solution takes more than one visit to the Legislature.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers have nothing to regret after Tuesday's vote. Idaho is a fiscally conservative state and any increase in benefits for public employees calls for the highest scrutiny. That's appropriate because putting more money into a public pension plan obligates taxpayers to foot the bill far into the future.

If approved, the defunded bills would have cost the city of Twin Falls \$75,000 to \$80,000 per year. That's more money for retired city employees, but it's less money for fixing potholes, drilling wells or improving the sewer plant.

In some circles, that kind of legislatively imposed cost is called an unfunded mandate.

Requests to upgrade other aspects

of PERSI have swept to approval, but the sticking points continue to be more money and earlier retirement. Interest is intense because the unresolved proposals would affect thousands of workers in state agencies, counties, cities and public schools.

To their credit, lawmakers who killed the measures suggested further study of the idea after the legislative session. That seems like a good-faith effort to reach an acceptable compromise.

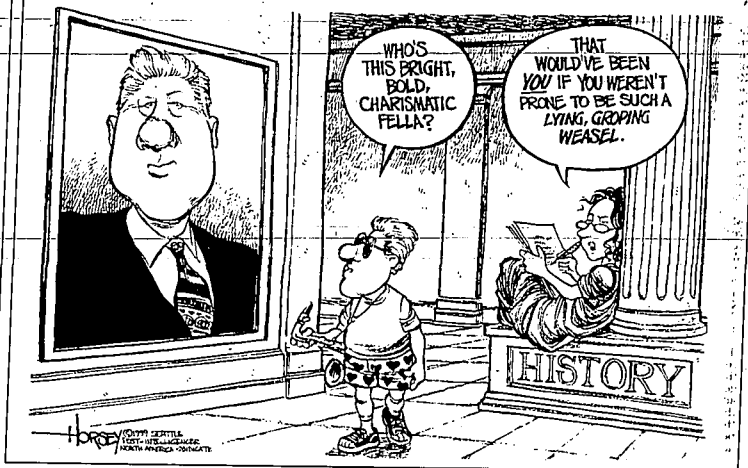
The basic goal, supporters argue, is to make PERSI comparable to similar programs in surrounding states. The basic truth is that PERSI is conservative, but it isn't chintzy.

Let's face it: The majority of Idaho's public employees aren't hired from a national or regional pool of applicants. They are local people who grew up and continue to live in areas such as Shoshone, Burley and Twin Falls.

Rather than comparing PERSI against other states, a better measure is to compare it against retirement plans in Idaho's private sector. With a few notable exceptions, such as Hewlett-Packard Co., the PERSI plan is one of the best in Idaho.

Providing more money and earlier retirement to Idaho's public employees will be a tough sell, which is appropriate whenever taxpayers are footing the bill.

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TF doesn't falter in economic development

The Times-News has expressed its concern with the city of Twin Falls over the city's approach to the future of economic development. Contrary to the opinion of the editorial board, the city has not faltered on economic development. The City Council continues to support the recruitment of quality companies compatible with our community and the expansion of companies already operating in our area.

READER COMMENT Twin Falls City Council and City Manager

The city does place a very high priority on infrastructure issues. We must be sure that city infrastructure is the backbone of the urban economy. How can the community prosper and economic development flourish without adequate, affordable water, wastewater treatment and street capacity? Within the next 18 months, the city will spend more than \$17 million on critical infrastructure issues. We are now developing water capacity that will supply the community for the next 25 to 50 years. We are also designing and preparing to construct improvements to our wastewater treatment plant that will provide capacity for the next seven to 10 years.

ployment of an economic development director. The person has a wealth of experience and is well qualified for the position. The person will be a city employee and will be employed within the city's existing salary structure.

The editorial board didn't tell you of the city's efforts to control the cost of government. The city has reduced its property tax rate by 25 percent over the last eight years. Our tax rate is lower than any comparably sized city in the state, except Coeur d'Alene. A recent benchmark study by the city of Pocatello compares the cost of government in 12 Western cities. Twin Falls was identified as the lowest-cost provider of public service. This effort favorably impacts every property owner in the city and is a positive inducement for business development.

We trust this information provides balance to the editorial of Feb. 17.

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LETTERS

Develop plan for deregulation
Senate Bill No. 1154, presently referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee, provides that the Idaho Public Utility Commission would have the additional authority to inspect the records of a public utility's design company, parent, affiliate or subsidiary that engages directly in any transaction with the regulated utility.

My first reaction after reading SB-1154 is that we should slow down on expanding activities of the Public Utilities Commission until IPUC completes definitive work on electrical deregulation. This will be the third year since the original hearings were held on deregulation of the electrical industry, and to my observation, we are little further along the way in defining restriction on enforced deregulation by Congress than we were at the start.

It is my contention that in Idaho and several other Western states are being held hostage with scare tactics that usurp our sovereign rights until we give up and let the federal government take over this industry in Idaho or provide adequate and sufficient legislation to exempt or modify regulations on hydropower electrical production. There is plenty of time for the IPUC to consider expanding its auditing, inspection and examination of holding companies, affiliates and subsidiaries. Let us put all that on hold until we have developed a program that we can live with regarding electrical deregulation.

T.W. STEVENS
Twin Falls

There is currently no other way allowed by law to raise money to build schools except the bond. Nearly everyone pays or is affected by property tax: businesses, homeowners and yes, even renters pay property tax the cost of mortgage, tax, maintenance, etc., is built into rent; if not, why on earth would someone want to lose money as a landlord every year?

Likewise, I also don't believe that a building determines the quality of education. However, Jerome is growing rapidly and is projected to continue to grow (just look at construction and population shifts). We need more classroom space. The committee, which included a broad cross-section of taxpayers, looked at several options, including the use of temporary structures ranging from \$200,000 to \$15 million. They worked to strike a balance between trimming down the proposal without having to go back to the public in just a few years asking for another bond. This proposal addresses the district's needs for many years to come.

Realize taxes are a hardship on everyone, and that \$12.6 million is a lot of money, but construction costs are very high. Washington school is being utilized but cannot be used as a classroom building without extensive and costly remodeling to bring it to code. The committee discussed and wants to pursue options for oversight of the design of the project as well as the actual construction, so it can be kept in line and the project be completed "under bid."

Is this a perfect proposal? No, it is a compromise and reflects many different interests. But it is a sound, reasonable and trimmer proposal that addresses pressing needs. As a former "no" voter, I now encourage the residents of Jerome County to vote yes on March 11.
MARK SWENSON
Jerome

Crowded schools hurt home-sellers

First of all, we would like to see Jerome is a great place to live and raise your family. Our school system as a whole has done an excellent job with the facilities available to them. They have been working hard to make sure the students keep up with a fast-moving technical age.

However, as realtors we receive feedback from buyers who do not purchase in Jerome due to the overcrowding in the schools. As property owners, none of us like to pay higher property taxes. But when you consider the small increase in your taxes compared to the negative effect the overcrowding is having on your property values and ability to sell your home, it is clear we need to pass the school bond on March 11.

Come out and cast your vote for the overall well-being of our community.
MELINDA BUNN
BONNY ROSS
MAIWA J. WALTERS

Kempthorne can hurt us now

In a recent edition of The Times-News, there was a whole page knocking Hilary and her right to run for senator and Bill's wrongs. I thought I would get my kicks in on the other side. This bus to do with Gov. Kempthorne. When he was a senator, he couldn't hurt Idaho as much as he has now. He would get but now is a different story.

I can readily see why he refused to be involved in the debates with other candidates as he would have had a hard time justifying his stand on a lot of issues. He was better to run on his

name identification. Folks who voted forgot how he gave his aides a severance pay when he left office as Boise mayor, one they were not entitled to.

Since his election to governor by the party of small government, he has tried to baffle up security at the Statehouse by putting on extra guards. Maybe to protect him from the voters after they found out how he was going to shaft them. He hired four advisers to help him run the state at a cost to the taxpayers of more than \$200,000 per year. One of these advisers, Tom Morley, he gave a salary of \$85,000 a year to help him oversee the department of education. This is \$10,000 more a year than Marilyn Howard, who was duly elected to be superintendent of education. This, in effect, overturned a state election which Tom Morley couldn't even win the nomination of his party to run in the election. This shows why people don't care if they vote when their vote can be bought so easily by a high-handed politician.

I certainly hope he isn't involved in the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory decisions as he may sell us down the river as he did on the bombing range he gave to the Air Force.

His hiring of the advisers was compensated by the cutting of 15 jobs from the food stamp program that would have helped the working poor. The decision not to come up with \$2,000,000 \$238,000 extra to pay for child care for working mothers, cutting 190 children out of benefits is also helped to make up for the wages of the advisers. I wonder if the Democratic candidate would

have had to hire all of these advisers?
LEONARD SMITH
Wendell

Why is F&G short of cash?

There are several bills entered in the Idaho State Legislature, H-66, H-67 and H-68, all to take monies to support the Fish and Game operations. The bad part of asking for added monies, the Fish and Game does not disclose why it is short of money. It is my impression that mismanagement, over-extended by a poor five-year plan, and the commission solely relying on the plan to implement changes of rules and procedure.

Requests have been made to the Legislature to pass a resolution to form an "Oversight Committee" to audit the commission, director and expenditures. This recommendation has fallen on deaf ears. I also advised the governor that since the commission works at his pleasure, he also can request a full investigation of the Fish and Game. It's time that we learn what has happened and the people understand what has happened and why?

I also have a problem with the inability of the commission taking advice from the staff and experts who have state employees in the Fish and Game. They are frustrated, and we will lose some fine state employees.

Why should the people tolerate the present problems? We can make excuses and we can have an agency that continues in the path of destruction, or we can fix the problem now!
DAVID J. ADAIR
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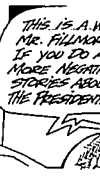
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Kempthorne goes overboard

Every time I read that the Legislature is having trouble stretching available monies to meet the needs of Idaho, my blood starts to boil, Gov. Kempthorne, with his need for advisers in lieu of our elected officials, in one month has devaluated the economy of this state. We have elected heads of every department. They should be his advisers! Instead, our elected officials now have about as much input as chopped liver, and they make less than their "appointed" replacements.

I, like many Idahoans, thought Mr. Kempthorne would be a responsible governor. I was mistaken! I guess he's been in Washington too long to remember the value of Idaho tax dollars. If we could hold the election again today, I suspect Gov. Kempthorne would be history. For the life of me, though, I cannot understand why our legislators are letting him get by with this fiscal irresponsibility. They could and should put an end to this craziness, beginning with getting rid of Gov. Kempthorne's advisers and showing respect for the people of Idaho by allowing the people who were elected to be Gov. Kempthorne's "official" advisers.

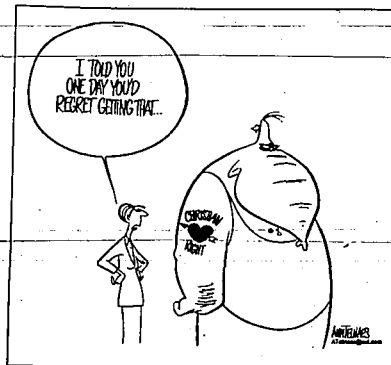
ELMA G. WATT
Buhl

Don't put up with profanity

In response to the article, "Mother cries foul," dated Feb. 14, I fully support the teachers who have the courage to take a stand and are trying to keep some kind of control in their classrooms. Although I don't have school-age children, I do frequent the mall and other places where young people gather.

The profane language you hear, not only from kids but adults also, has become more and more common place in the last few years. It isn't that I haven't heard it before or that I am shocked by it, but it seems to me the need to use profanity just shows a lack of ability to express yourself. By continually using profanity in casual conversation, our senses become increasingly dulled to how indecent it is and, eventually, we reach a point where we don't care if it offends others.

It is a real stretch to think the First Amendment was ever



intended to protect the use of profanity in public. Aren't my rights violated when I am in a public place and am subjected to a constant outburst of four-letter vulgarities?

Again, I salute these teachers. Keep up the good work.
JEANIE CANINE
Twin Falls

Sugar firms were separate

I enjoyed *The Times-News* special section on "Working in the New Century," and it was especially interesting to see the article on the sugar industry on Page 5. However, I would like to point out an error in the article. It seems to be a common misconception that The Amalgamated Sugar Co. and Utah-Idaho Sugar were one and the same company. The Amalgamated Sugar Co. based in Ogden, Utah, was founded by

David Eccles and most of the historic facts in the article pertain to that company.

Amalgamated constructed and still operates the Twin Falls factory, as well as factories in Paul and Nampa and an Oregon factory in Nyssa. Utah-Idaho Sugar was also based in Utah and operated sugar factories at various locations in Utah, Idaho and Washington. Its last Idaho factory was located in Idaho Falls. Utah-Idaho diversified into other areas of agri-business and eventually closed all of its sugar-producing facilities in the late 1970s. There was never any connection between the two companies.

GENE REARICK
Amalgamated Research Inc.
Twin Falls

Parent, principal favor plan
I am writing this letter in sup-

port of the Jerome School District bond as a person wearing two hats.

The first is that of a principal responsible for the education and safety of 425 elementary students.

The bond will allow Jefferson Elementary to add a multipurpose room and expand the library. When I began working at Jefferson, the library was on the stages, which is located in the same area we conduct physical education classes. As you can imagine, the noise from P.E. didn't mix with a library environment, not to mention the lack of space.

Because the patrons of the Jerome School District passed a bond to build Horizon Elementary, we were able to move the library from the stage to another room. Although we have made a step in the direction, the library is still in a room with inadequate space. The staff at Jefferson has put a real emphasis on reading the last few years, creating an excitement about reading. This has, however, compounded the problem of lack of library space. Our library circulation has gone from 13,500 books checked out in 1995 to 35,000 books in 1998.

The bond will also allow Jefferson to add a multipurpose room. Presently, P.E. is held in the cafeteria. This is not a well-suited environment for P.E. due

to the furniture and equipment in the cafeteria used to run a food-service program.

The second, and more important, hat I wear is that of a parent. I find no reason for my son having to sit in a high school geometry class of 38 students without a desk because there is no room to put one.

I also have a second-grader enrolled at Jefferson who will be making her way through the Jerome School system. I have confidence in the teachers she has had and will have in the future. I do have a concern with the physical environment that she may have to endure.

I encourage the citizens of Jerome to vote yes and provide adequate facilities for all the students of Jerome.

DALE LAYNE
Principal, Jefferson Elementary
Jerome



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NATION After mob or government control, Teamsters local is returned to members

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Teamsters Local 560, for decades considered the most mob-riddled union in the nation, was returned Thursday to the direct control of its members for the first time in nearly 30 years.

In removing his court-ordered trustee, U.S. District Judge Harold A. Ackerman accepted assertions from the trustee and law enforcement officials that the northern New Jersey union was finally free of a Mafia "cancer" that drained its pension and murdered leaders.

"I never dreamed it would be such a long time," said Ackerman, who put the case when the U.S. Justice Department sued the union in 1982. In 1984, following the order, the first federal takeover of a union.

Local 560, based in Union City, has about 4,000 members, mostly truck drivers, warehouse workers and factory employees. Its long-time boss was linked to the 1975 disappearance of Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa.

In the union's first election in a decade, members in December chose former trustee Peter Ferrero-Brown as president, which trustee Edwin H. Stier cited as evidence of fundamental change.

The Brown ticket won 55 percent of the vote, soundly defeating two other tickets, including one led by the nephew of Michael Sciarra, who was elected to the union in 1988 but expelled for associating with the Genovese crime family.

"I believe that the power of organized crime to control Local 560 has been broken," Stier said.

But just in case, Ackerman retained jurisdiction over the union for four years. At its next election, in 2001, and barred its leaders from any actions or associations that could harm the union.

Among the spectators in the courtroom were a dozen rank-and-file Teamsters, including trucker William Scheeler, wearing the union's familiar black stain jacket. A Teamster for 35 years, Scheeler said he was not surprised the government needed so long to elect the union, recalling how members were intimidated from speaking out.

"We made decent money," said Scheeler, 61, who said he put his two children through college. "But now it comes time to retire, and the pension money isn't there."

The mob's tainted investments and dismembered funds cost members hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits, Stier said. He said the takeover exposed that one pension fund was being used for bank robbery, and eventually members realized the price of mob exploitation.

The pension funds are now fully funded, at about \$550 million compared with \$100 million in the 1980s, but pensions are not as high as they could have been, he said.

From the 1950s, Local 560 became a "cash cow" for mobsters and became the thumb of the late Anthony "Tony-Pro" Provenzano, a convicted captain in the Genovese crime family, said Robert C. Stewart, a retired federal prosecutor who was among the original investigators of the union.

He recruited for Ackerman how several Mafia families turned to Provenzano — based on his proven ability — to arrange the

Ventura apologizes for remarks about Irish

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — "Have you screwed anything up yet?" David Letterman asked Gov. Jesse Ventura on Letterman's show Tuesday night. "Not intentionally," Ventura replied.

Well, now he has, and it happened on the Letterman show, when the former pro wrestler joked that St. Paul's confusing streets might have been designed by drunken Irishmen.

On Thursday, the governor apologized, saying he was only trying to be funny. But then also said he is sorry that Minnesotans have apparently lost their sense of humor. "I'm offended anyone I apologize," he said. "The David Letterman show is a show of comedy. It's a show that is generally considered comedic and that's the

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Speech therapist gets jail sentence

BOISE - A Twin Falls speech therapist was sentenced to 26 months in prison Thursday for bilking more than \$130,000 from Medicare, Medicaid and several Magic Valley health care providers.

After her release, Mary Christine Michener, 49, will spend five years on supervised release and must pay back more than \$30,000 in restitution. She must report to prison April 21, a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

A jury convicted Michener in September 1998 of 30 counts of mail fraud for padding hours, intentionally overcharging and billing for services that she never performed, the release said.

The fraud involved agreements between Michener and the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Bridgeview Estates Nursing Home, West Magic Care Center and South Central Head Start.

Jury finds former cop innocent on charge

TWIN FALLS - A jury Thursday found a former Twin Falls police officer innocent of charges of marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession.

Steve Collins, 36, also faced an injury-to-child charge, but it was dismissed by city prosecutor Fritz Wonderlich before jury deliberations began.

Collins was in court three years ago after several motorists accused him of stealing money from them. A jury acquitted him of three counts of grand theft, but Collins lost his job with the department.

International lecturers to speak at CSI

TWIN FALLS - An internationally known husband and wife speaking team will hold a public lecture on March 8 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bohdan Lewandowski has more than 30 years of diplomatic and international experience including 22 years as the Polish ambassador to the United Nations, 10 years as under-secretary of the United Nations, and two years as an adviser to Polish Solidarity Chairman Lech Walesa.

Katharina Liberska, who holds a doctorate in economics, has lectured worldwide for more than 30 years. She has published eight books since 1974 dealing with international trade, education and economics.

The public lecture, titled "New Visions of Europe," will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in rooms 276 and 277 in the Taylor Building at CSI.

Ketchum council to hold special meeting

KETCHUM - The Ketchum City Council will hold a special meeting at noon today.

Agenda items include discussion of Idaho Power Co.'s franchise, and a closed executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Times-News seeks Internship applications

TWIN FALLS - Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. for paid newspaper internships at *The Times-News* for summer 1999.

Internships are expected to be offered in news reporting, classified sales and advertising sales.

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Interested students should send a current resume, a list of references, a current college or high school transcript, applications and a cover letter. Pre-employment drug and alcohol tests are required.

Applications should be sent to Mary Karren, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Applications will be accepted until March 15.

Compiled from staff reports

TF lawmakers, police push gun bill through committee

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE - Two Twin Falls policemen and two Twin Falls legislators convinced a House committee Thursday to endorse a bill that would make it illegal for anyone to carry a weapon on school grounds.

O'Leary Junior High School resource officer Jim Tuttle recounted a run-in he and three other officers had with a man who came on a school grounds with a "Crocodile Dundee-

type" knife.

He was there to harm one of the students, Tuttle said, but because a teacher stopped him first, there was nothing the police could do but ask him to leave. He hadn't broken the law.

"This came as a shock," Tuttle said.

The bill, which Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, drafted, would ban people of all ages from carrying weapons on school grounds. Now just children under 18 are forbidden.

Don Hall, another Twin Falls

police officer, told the committee the resource officers' primary duty was to keep schools safe.

Hansen and co-sponsor Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, worked with school officials, law enforcement representatives and Idaho members of the National Rifle Association to craft the legislation.

But the NRA changed its stance long after the compromise bill was introduced. The group sent committee members a letter asking for several changes in state code, including an existing

The bill
Banning weapons in schools - House Bill 137 would make it illegal for anyone to carry weapons on school grounds. Parents and people over 18 could still have weapons in their cars when dropping off or picking up students.
The bill was sent to the House floor with a

do-pass recommendation by the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.
Who's involved: Twin Falls Republicans Reps. Randy Hansen and Leon Smith will be co-sponsoring the bill on the floor. Contact them and all local lawmakers at 1-800-626-0074, or go to TheTimes-News.com and click on Newslink.
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restriction that bans concealed weapons permittees from carrying weapons on school grounds - a provision Hansen's bill doesn't include.

After some discussion and talk of an amendment few of the committee members had seen, the committee sided with Hansen,

Smith and the police officers. "It gives us more teeth," Tuttle said, "to protect our students, to protect our teachers and to protect our staff."

Times-News political writer Gregory Hahn can be reached in Boise at (208) 345-3198.

IT'S UNANIMOUS



Burley High School students Wendall Adnock, left, and Kyle Millard carry boxes of books into the new Burley High School Thursday. Moving will continue throughout the weekend.

New Burley High School gets raves

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Students, faculty, and community members have strong words to describe the new Burley High School.

Such as "awesome," "cool" and "wonderful." The community moved desks, books and supplies into the new building Thursday.

"This is so exciting. We finally have a new school our kids can

really learn in and grow," said Alex Day, whose son, Brent Dayley, is a senior at the school.

Rex Dayley brought a flatbed semi truck to carry several boxloads of books to the new school.

Susan Price was excited about the \$15 million building.

Price is chairman of a citizens' committee that has been involved with the planning and building of new schools in Cassia County since 1991.

"It has been such a thrust of so many different individuals," Price said.

Senior Kyle Millard also was excited about the move, which is expected to continue through the weekend.

"But we're only going to be in for three months," he said. "That's a bummer."

People from as far away as Louisiana and Chile came to help. Mormon Church elders

Please see **NEW**, Page B3

Now a hand
The new Burley High School is being moved from the old Burley High School building to the new site. The new school is being built on a 10-acre site. The new school is being built on a 10-acre site. The new school is being built on a 10-acre site.

Kimberly summit keys on drug abuse prevention

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - A Kimberly summit on drugs Thursday morning was organized by Kimberly City Council member Dave Overacre with representatives from the schools, area clergy, Kimberly and Twin Falls law enforcement and civic and business leaders.

The Kimberly summit, in response to the Association of Idaho Cities' statewide campaign to end complacency, ignorance and apathy about drug abuse, supports the Enough is Enough '99 March for Idaho substance abuse prevention program.

The Falls Police Sgt. Dan Hall, Enough is Enough coordinator, Thursday stressed the need to get to "parents who are abusing drugs or alcohol." Those attending drug prevention activities are people who have no abuse problems - individuals who need help don't attend, Hall said.

Mayor Jim Sorenson urged employers to adopt a drug free workplace policy. If people with a problem had no place to work,

they would be forced to become drug and alcohol free.

Overacre said 70 percent of drug users work.

Rev. Jerry Steele spoke of the traumatic situations he saw as a police chaplain in California, especially when small children witnessed their parents being arrested on drug charges.

Kimberly Police Chief Pat Bermingham urged residents to report anything suspicious. He said a methamphetamine lab could be deadly to neighbors if it blew up.

Twin Falls Enough is Enough co-ordinator Jim Boyd said people don't think of alcohol as a drug; it could be the worst drug, he said.

Kimberly drug grant co-ordinator Jan Hall said the substance abuse committee would meet at 8:30 p.m. March 9 in the teacher's lounge in the basement of the high school annex. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

Milton Creagh is scheduled to speak to area fifth through seventh grade students March 19 at C.S.I. Steve James, a professional speaker, is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. March 19. Please see **SUMMIT**, Page B3



A single white rose lies near the spot where a pickup truck flipped off Idaho Highway 77 near Declo Thursday afternoon, ejecting and killing a Mini-Cassia woman. Tow truck driver Earl DeFillippo hauls the remnants of the mangled truck unto the flatbed of his vehicle.

M-C woman dies in accident

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

DECLO - A Mini-Cassia area woman was killed in a single vehicle rollover Thursday afternoon.

The accident occurred at 2:10 p.m. on Idaho Highway 77 about a half-mile south of Interstate 84, a Cassia County Sheriff's news release said.

The woman's name was withheld pending the notification of her family. She apparently was driving too fast, lost control of her vehicle and went off the road, said Lt. Cary Bristol of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

The white Nissan pickup truck, vaulted into the air, ejecting the woman before landing in a ditch. Please see **ACCIDENT**, Page B3

State denies Magic West request to reconsider water limit

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY - The Idaho Department of Water Resources won't reconsider a limit on Magic West's groundwater use.

But the potato processing company sees an opportunity in a department decision to allow a hearing on phasing in the new limits.

The company has lost some of its battle with the department, but has won a lot of support, executive Bill Schow said.

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Some Gridley Island residents oppose commercial use permit New INS strategy of targeting jobs jolts a Washington valley

By Sharon Metcalf Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Some Gridley Island residents say they will appeal the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission's approval of a permit allowing horse trailers and a business on recreational land at 1845 U.S. Highway 30 in Huggerman.

lished nuts and bolts' business, now on Main Street in Gooding, Idaho, is in favor of any business of this type in that area, due to the nature of the homes in the area. We feel that with the island's effect on this county with the taxes we pay, it shouldn't be degraded by a commercial business," said Robert Whipple, speaking for himself and J.R. Simplot Co.'s Boise office.

If this plan is approved for the next 15 years, it means also that could be worked out of a garage. We may want to apply for something like that also," said his wife, Veda Lawrence.

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Los Angeles Times

TUMWATER, Wash., - For 10 years, Claudia and her husband have worked as fruit packers in Washington's abundant apple orchards. Since shipping illegally across the border from Mexico, they have had three sons and owned a car, two houses - and a neighborhood full of memories.

the newly destitute. And a large number of citizens in the politically conservative region voice fears that the jobless families will be brought onto the welfare rolls, some analysts say the INS policy ultimately could have the effect of souring sentiments in a community that has traditionally welcomed Mexican immigrants.

"I think it's just compounding the problem," Locke said in an interview about the INS action. "These are individuals who are supporting families. INS officials said documentation audits like those conducted in the Yakima Valley last year resulted in 21,217 firings in the seven-state Western region last year. Only 3,929 of the workers were arrested and subjected to deportation proceedings."

OBITUARIES

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HANSEN Gary Dean Turner, 59, a resident of Hansen, Idaho, passed away Feb. 24, 1999, in his sleep at home following complications of diabetes.

TWIN FALLS Twin Falls, Idaho to Gerald and Esther Gault Turner. He attended high school in Filor, graduating in the class of 1957. He attended Idaho State University, earning a degree as a machanic. Gary married Helen Schoessler in Pocatello, Idaho, on Dec. 10, 1960. Following their marriage they moved to Hansen, where they farmed and raised cattle until 1986. He loved fishing, hunting, team roping, and team punning, and especially the daily morning coffee meetings at the Travelers Oasis in Eden. Gary was a member of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, The 71st Association, the Snake River Trout Fishing Association, the National Rifle Association, and the Kimberly Christian Church.

Blackfoot, Shirley Galey of Filor, and Jane (Tim) Berkeley of Burley. She has 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, spouses, daughters, Natallie and Joan, brothers and sisters, Walter, Bill, Dick, Charles, Ruth, Louise, and Sarah, one grandson, one granddaughter, and one son-in-law.

FILOR Hailey Leann Williams, born Dec. 5, 1996, was sadly taken on St. Lukes Hospital on Feb. 23, 1999, at six weeks of age.

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The strategy is one of the newest in the INS' arsenal against the rising tide of illegal labor straggling across America's borders. In the past year, the agency has targeted meatpackers in Nebraska, restaurant workers in Seattle, hotel workers in Florida and large numbers of illegal workers in San Francisco in hopes of eliminating the job magnet that attracts immigrants while saving the thousands of dollars it would cost to deport them.

And new Washington's rural Yakima Valley - which for years has survived on the cheap wages paid to undocumented workers - has been experiencing one of the highest seasonal jobless rates in the state - is left with the prospect of as many as 1,700 unemployed fruit workers, immigrants who are ineligible for unemployment, welfare and medical benefits.

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- Washington Governor Gary Locke

But few in central Washington expect the fired workers to return home, which for the Latino residents in the area of the Michoacan in south central Mexico. Many have been here for years, and rather than give up their roots, they are more likely to seek new forged documents and hire on with a smaller orchardist or packing company.

And the Chicano/Latino Coalition is organizing an economic campaign, calling on Latino residents to curtail their buying in a move to demonstrate their economic clout. Latinos make up 28 percent of the population in Yakima County.

Next, the coalition plans to ask supermarkets and discount stores patronized by the Latino community to join the political campaign for blanket amnesty to some 5 million undocumented workers in the United States, along with providing donations of cash, clothing and food to the unemployed workers. Those that do not cooperate will be boycotted, said Hector Franco, who is leading the campaign.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patients' request.

SERVICES

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Testing begins on region's oldest skeleton

SEATTLE (AP) — A panel of scientists on Thursday began an examination of Kennewick Man, whose skeletal remains rest in 28 custom-made cardboard boxes after being discovered on the silt banks of the Columbia River.

Using noninvasive tests, the national team of anthropologists and archaeologists will try to determine the ancestry of the brittle 9,300-year-old bones, considered the oldest and most complete human skeleton found in the Northwest and one of the oldest in North America.

"Today really does mark an important achievement, the reaching of an important milestone, as we begin to establish a scientific baseline for answering some of the questions that relate to these remains," said team leader Dr. Francis McManamon, chief archaeologist for the National Park Service.



Dr. Francis McManamon, Chief Archaeologist for the National Park Service and Chief Consulting Archaeologist for the Department of the Interior, announced Thursday in Seattle that he was ready to proceed with a series of non-destructive examinations of the 9,300-year-old skeletal remains found in Columbia River near Kennewick, Wash., known as Kennewick Man.

The skeleton, which contains all major bones except the sternum, was found dispersed over a 300-square-yard area in Kennewick's Columbia Park in July 1996.

Oregon Trail recreation commissioners to start

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Members of the recently created Oregon Trail Recreation District's board will meet for the first time today.

Mayor Doug Manning at 9 a.m. about their responsibilities and duties.

Board members are Wayne Beck, Edward Evans and Beverly Stone. They represent different precincts of Burley and north Cassia County along the Snake River.

They will plan community projects and bike paths and help organize community involvement within their districts.

Cassia County voters approved the recreation district in a November 1998 vote.

Besides implementing recreational programs and activities,

one of the district's long-term goals is creating a seven-mile paved trail connecting Burley and Declo along the south bank of the Snake River. The trail could cost \$40,000 per mile, but the district can receive federal grants to help pay for the costs, said Teresa Barfoot, the organizer of the committee that helped form the district.

"I'm very excited about this," Stone said. "We should put the people on the back who got this going."

The recreation district includes Burley and Declo and the Pella, Starbuck Ferry and Springdale precincts. A fee of \$3 per month is charged to district residents. This charge cannot increase more than 3 percent per year.

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Heyburn gets grant for RV park

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HEYBURN — Land near the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce building next to the Snake River soon will become a 29-unit RV park, after the city of Heyburn received a \$179,390 grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

To receive the grant, the city will supply employee labor and equipment use amounting to \$42,137. The City Council announced at a meeting Wednesday.

In other Heyburn city business: The 18-vehicle: Four new trucks will join the city's fleet.

The council approved the purchase of three pickup trucks from Young Ford Inc. of Burley, for a total cost of \$43,896, City Manager Roger Denker said.

The city's electrical department also will receive a new bucket truck from Pacific Utility Equipment of Salt Lake City for \$33,473. The cost is the net price after the trade-in of the old bucket truck.

Cleanup: The city also designated May 10-16 as Spring Cleanup Week. The city's trash contractor will provide a number of trash containers and fliers will be available to list the typed of garbage that can be picked up.

Underage police intent uses badge to buy booze

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — A Washington State University campus police intern was fired after allegedly using her badge to purchase alcohol illegally.

The 18-year-old woman was fired Tuesday after being cited last Friday for criminal impersonation.

A convenience store clerk told Pullman police officers the woman picked up some beer from a cooler and told the clerk she'd lost her picture identification, but revealed her police badge.

Accident

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its right side. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene. She was not wearing a seat belt.

Bristol said. The injuries that caused her death had not been determined Thursday evening. Alcohol or drugs may have been a factor in the crash, Bristol said.

The Declo accident was one of many others Thursday. An afternoon rain and snow storm left the roads slippery.

A white-out on a five-mile stretch of Interstate 84 near Switzer Pass saw nearly two dozen accidents and slide-offs, the Idaho State Police said. The icy roads kept emergency

workers busy Thursday night as numerous accidents were reported around the Magic Valley.

"People go too fast and over-compensate for their driving," Bristol said. "They lose control and go off the road, or wind up in a collision: It can be really dangerous."

Other drivers sometimes stop in storms, which also can be dangerous.

"If a person stops, they can get rear-ended," Bristol said. "That can be even more dangerous than driving too fast."

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Summit

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social entertainer, songwriter, producer and motivational speaker, will speaking in the near future.

Boys said several programs dealing with drug abuse will be aired on NBC-38.

A parent meeting at Payette High School will air March 10. Last year's high school seminar will be shown at 10 a.m. March 18, and an adult seminar,

Twin Falls Caring, will be aired from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A grade 4-6 seminar will air at 10 a.m. March 19 and will be followed at 11 a.m. with a program Life or Meth: You Decide.

Treasure Valley March on Drugs will air March 20.

And Face Reality at 6 p.m. March 21 will be followed by an Idaho Faith Rally, Enough is Enough.

McCall man accidentally spends rare coin

McCALL (AP) — A 1943 copper penny which might command \$500,000 at an auction was inadvertently mixed in with pocket change and spent earlier in Valley County of the Boise valley.

Jane Mangum, owner of Mangum's Antiques and Jewelry in McCall, is the unfortunate individual who used to possess one of those old "wheaties," as they are

known among coin collectors. It is rare coin he has had for about 14 years. What made it rare is it was minted in copper during World War II when the war effort prompted U.S. mints to use more readily available steel in the coins. Copper was too valuable for electrical equipment needed in the war.

Only about 40 of those copper pennies which by accident bear

no mint mark were created. Six others were minted in copper by the San Francisco Mint and carry its mark, Mangum said. And two dozen have the Denver Mint mark. The rest were made of steel.

Last August, he accidentally mixed it in with regular change and spent it. Mangum — who wanted his story published in hopes of ending the sick feeling

he gets when he thinks about the penny — said he has been told by collectors that the last time one of the pennies sold was in 1981 and it went for \$10,000.

Estimates he has received lately say the penny could fetch more than \$100,000 and possibly \$500,000 if sold at auction. He believes it still could be in the area.

Jury awards victim of illegal strip search just \$1

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal court jury has awarded a woman who was illegally strip-searched at the Davis County Jail just \$1.

The jury on Wednesday exonerated Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Robert Howe of any wrongdoing in his decision to stop Foote, then 26, on Highway 89 near Layton.

Foote and her attorney, Andrew McCullough, left the courthouse without commenting on the verdict.

McCullough had told jurors Foote's lawsuit sought \$500,000 in damages. Davis County faces a string of lawsuits over strip searches at its jail. Foote's lawsuit was the first to go to trial.

Motorist Lisa Cottrell settled her lawsuit against Davis County and Kaysville for about \$32,000 in 1995, and the county has paid out higher settlements since then.

"This is a sad day not only for Kristin Foote but for all of us who believe the Constitution protects us from the abuses of power by law enforcement,"

said Carol Gnade, executive director of the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

McCullough represented Foote as a cooperating attorney for the ACLU. Foote was stopped as she, her boyfriend and her 4-year-old daughter were heading to Fine View Reservoir.

Task force adopts new stubble-burning guidelines

SPOKANE (AP) — A state Ecology Department task force has approved new guidelines requiring farmers to explore "any reasonable non-burning alternatives" before torching stubble in their wheat and other grain fields.

The new procedures, called best management practices, supplement a voluntary agreement between regulators and wheat

growers to reduce field burning smoke emissions by 50 percent over seven years, Ecology spokeswoman Jani Gilbert said Thursday.

The new practices take effect June 30, prior to the fall burning season.

The new management practices "are the primary way we're going to reduce smoke," she said. "The

agreement supplements them and insures we'll see improvements this year."

In reaching the deal with state regulators in January, wheat and cereal grain growers hoped to avoid the virtual ban on field burning imposed on bluegrass seed farmers last year.

Clean air advocates complained the agreement will do little to

reduce air pollution, noting wheat growers still will be able to burn more than 100,000 acres in seven years.

Burning to remove stubble was permitted last year on about 229,000 acres, about 8 percent of the nearly 3 million acres of wheat and barley. Burning also is permitted for many other crops.

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Mark Harris and Carlos Zuniga, from the church's fourth, 10th and second wards in Rupert, helped out.

"We are always looking for opportunities to help," said Zuniga, who is from Chile.

"It is the best way to show people we care," said Harris, who is from Louisiana.

Students will take a day off from school today to continue the

move. A makeup day will not be needed at the end of the year because a snow day is being used for the move, Acting Superintendent Jerry Doggett said.

At 1:30 p.m., a snow day turned into a snowy day. A bitter wind came up and snow began to fall. As shivering students carried desks into the new building, the students and desks were dripping with melted snow.

But the weather didn't dampen students' enthusiasm.

"I think it will be neat. We will get a lot that wasn't at the old school. There are more classrooms and we won't be in the portables any more," Jennifer Christensen said.

"I think it's great. It's a lot bigger and there is more room for everybody," Garrett Jones said. But Shastina Ellis said she was sure she would get lost.

"I already did," Derek Meline said.

Valentina Pettenati, an exchange student from Italy, summed up the feelings about the new school.


"The new school is awesome. It's a cool school. It's cute," she said.

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Campaign will fight graffiti

Red Rock Canyon needs protection

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Johnny, Mando, Peter, Arlene, Daisy, Jess and Garth must have had a pretty good time a few months ago at the Red Spring picnic grounds in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

They wanted everybody to know about it, too. So, they took a can of orange spray paint and, in large letters, left their names on some sandstone boulders.

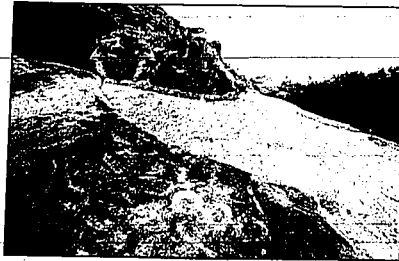
Just a few days ago, Willy and Leah, using white chalk or perhaps gypsum stone, printed their names in big letters right next to some American Indian etchings that have endured for centuries.

This type of graffiti is very offensive to Native Americans and impedes the public's opportunity to enjoy these natural resources," Bureau of Land Management District archaeologist Stanton Rolf said last week.

"We are trying to manage the lands and preserve the past. It is the Native American culture that we are trying to preserve."

"Especially within the Red Rocks, we are looking forward to developing a good dialogue and working relationship with the local tribes," Rolf explained.

Not only has the recent surge of vandalism aroused Rolf, but it



Fred Delcamp, chief ranger, and Chuck Ward, supervising ranger, examine recent graffiti over ancient petroglyphs in the Red Springs area of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area near Las Vegas, Nev.

has rangers Chuck Ward and Fred Delcamp wondering what they can do to keep the park and the BLM's 3.5 million acres in Southern Nevada free of graffiti.

"Most of what we get here is that type of thing. While vandalism acts are misdemeanors, some property damage could be raised to a felony," Ward said.

There is a \$50 fine for mere possession of spray paint in Red Rock Canyon.

"If juveniles are caught, their parents can be held liable," he said.

Ward and Delcamp said they intend to attack the problem with public education, the presence of rangers and a push for community service penalties for those who are caught so they will have to clean up the messes they create.

Removing graffiti from cultural sites is more difficult, however, because it can only be done by authorized experts.

Helicopter ferries cable to broken bow

But stormy weather still hinders efforts to dislodge cargo ship

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP) — Fighting gusty winds, a helicopter ferried a cable to the broken bow of the grounded cargo ship New Carissa on Thursday in preparation for hauling it out to sea.

But the winds and pounding surf again kept salvage crews from hooking the 1,100-yard cable between the bow and a powerful tug boat. Just before midnight, they decided to call quit for the day.

"That's not an easy task to drop a line on a tug at sea," said Bill Milvee, salvage consultant for the ship's Japanese owners.

It was yet another frustrating day in the three-week saga of the

grounded ship, which has been set afire, pumped and broken up by the ship's crews have scrambled to spare Oregon's beaches from a disastrous fuel spill.

Weather has for days stood in the way of the latest plan to tow the 420-foot bow more than 200 miles out in the Pacific to be sunk by a gunboat. The 220-foot stern is hopelessly mired in the beach.

Work began at first light Thursday, when the high-powered, twin-rotored chopper connected a cable to the rear of the bow section. That cable was anchored to shore by a bulldozer.

The helicopter also delivered a "messenger cable" to the front of the bow to help hook up the tow cable. But as the day wore on, the 20-foot seas never let up and the tug was unable to anchor in a position to receive the other end of the two cables.

Even under the best of circumstances, pulling the bow section

off the beach is likely to take a few days. An oil-skimming boat, a motor life boat and a helicopter will accompany the bow with more than 100,000 gallons of oil on board as it is towed out to sea and sunk.

A backup plan calls for using bulldozers to haul the bow farther up the beach, then hiring a contractor to bring in heat to make the thick oil more fluid and pump it into tanks on shore for disposal.

The 639-foot Japanese-owned bulk carrier got stuck in the surf Feb. 4 after it dropped anchor to wait out a storm before entering Coos Bay for a load of wood chips. At least 70,000 gallons of oil have leaked into the sea and washed up on beaches.

A Navy explosives team set the ship afire a week later in a spectacular blast aimed at burning the rest of the gooey black fuel left on board.

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- HB92 (State Affairs) — Restores requirement for a campaign finance disclosure report 30 days after any primary or those making independent campaign expenditures.
- HB93 (State Affairs) — Recodifies the exceptions to the open records law.
- HB85 (Revenue and Taxation) — Diverts some mine license tax revenue to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Account.
- HB98 (Revenue and Taxation) — Bans Idaho income tax laws in line with federal income tax laws.
- HB120 (Revenue and Taxation) — Modifies effects for expenses and interest on exempt income from state and local securities.

Sent to Governor

- HB13 (Newcomb) — Deletes requirement that nonresident juveniles be at least 14 to buy a fishing license.
- HB9 (Newcomb) — Authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to order discounted tag fees under certain circumstances.
- HB8 (Newcomb) — Deletes requirement for monthly fish and game license sales report.
- HB121 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows employees to claim fewer exemptions for state income tax than are claimed for federal income tax.
- HB107 (Revenue and Taxation) — Defines nonhousehold member for property tax relief purposes.
- HB123 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies motor vehicle definition for sales tax purposes.
- HB84 (Revenue and Taxation) — Revises distribution of the Idaho

Mine License Tax

Confirmed by Senate

- Tom Johnson, Parma, to the State Soil Conservation Commission.
- Legislative Action Complete
- SR104 (State Affairs) — Calls for lawmakers to read to young children in the Rotunda on March 2.

Introduced in Senate

- SJM102 (State Affairs) — Urged Congress to adopt a procedure for reviewing all administrative rules.
- SCR126 (State Affairs) — Creates a special legislative committee to study parimutuel wagering.
- SCR127 (State Affairs) — Comments the state of Utah for bring the Winter Olympics to the Intermountain West.
- SCR128 (Judiciary and Rules) — Honors the Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.
- SCR129 (State Affairs) — Rescinds past calls for federal constitutional convention and amendments.
- SB1237 (State Affairs) — Creates the Idaho Promise Scholarship Program.
- SB1238 (State Affairs) — Clarifies the definition of chemical for irrigation purposes.

Introduced in House

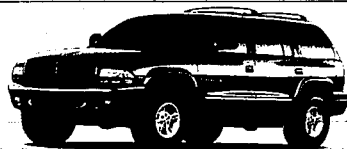
- HB304 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$2.1 million to the Secretary of State for fiscal year 2000.
- HB305 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows health insurance companies a credit against their premium tax bill for matching assessments.
- HB306 (Agricultural Affairs) — Establishes an optional zoning procedure for new or expanded concentrated animal feeding operations.

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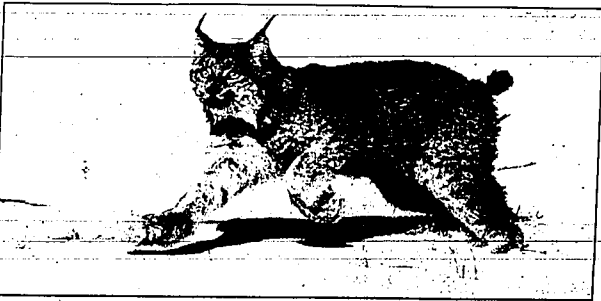
Officials will reject adolescents in future

DENVER (AP) — State wildlife officials said Thursday they will reject any more adolescents after a young lynx recently released into the wild died, apparently of starvation.

Todd Malmbsbury, spokesman for the state Division of Wildlife, said the death was not unexpected. Many lynx die in the wild, especially young animals that have not learned to hunt. He said up to 50 percent of the three dozen to be released in Colorado may not survive.

"It would be a great surprise to us if there were no mortality," Malmbsbury said. He said wildlife officials had requested only adult lynx from trappers in British Columbia, the source of the first animals, but decided to take a chance on the young male because it was hunting at the time it was captured. The animal that died was about 11 months old.

"We expected mortality. We have re-emphasized to trappers that we need only adult males," he said.



A female Canadian lynx heads for the woods after being released earlier this month near South Fork, Colo.

The young male was the only one released three weeks ago along with three females in a group 15 miles northwest of South Fork, Colo. Another female later was added to the group. Malmbsbury said the state has

five more males waiting for release in the next few weeks, and they will be placed in the area where the dead animal was found. Although the cause of death won't be determined until a necropsy at an animal laboratory in Fort Collins, Malmbsbury said it

is believed the young animal starved to death. The reintroduction is part of a national campaign to restore native species to public lands. The lynx released here are expected to wander national wilderness and forest land.

Compromise on school aid bill accommodates Kempthorne

BOISE (AP) — Legislative budget-writers have ratified a compromise state public education aid package for the next school year after accommodating a major reservation of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

An additional multimillion-dollar windfall could further help fund this summer. "I want to give our students and teachers every chance to succeed," Kempthorne said in a statement. "This budget helps us reach that goal."

The deal, made possible by stable and possibly declining enrollment, manages to accommodate educators' desire for increased state financing of school district salaries and Kempthorne's demand for a reading initiative, teacher incentives and an updated assessment of facility needs.

"There has been considerable negotiation and discussion along the way," Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee analyst Todd Bunderson told the panel on Thursday as it adopted the compromise in one of the least contentious deliberations in decades. The price was a \$340-per-classroom decline in the so-called discretionary state support that school districts use to help cover everyday operating expenses and classroom materials like textbooks.

But even that would be erased if current enrollment figures bear out initial indications that



there are 3,000 fewer students this year than projected a year ago when the current state aid package was approved.

That could translate into a \$12 million or more windfall this summer — about \$1,000 per classroom unit — when final accounts are closed out. That extra cash would be available for one-time expenses like supplies.

It would be similar to action lawmakers have taken in the past when they specifically earmarked several million dollars a year in state aid for textbooks and other classroom materials. "In a tight budget year, I know it's tough to find resources to fund all the programs and requests," Kempthorne said.

The potential enrollment trend could also mean that the projection for student enrollment during the 1999-2000 school year could also be high, creating prospects for another windfall in the summer of 2000. But educators have traditionally slid away from driving enrollment estimates down because it leaves school district in budget trouble if the student count is actually higher.

Firefighters quit in support of chief

WINCHESTER (AP) — Nine of the 11 volunteer city firefighters have resigned in support of their chief, Jody Howard, who also has quit after more than a year of disputes with city officials.

The volunteers claim the city in the past has been less than receptive to their financial needs. A private fund-raising campaign garnered the department a used truck and \$20,000 in grants and donations.

The city since has increased its 1999 budget to give the firefighters more money. Things came to a head, however, when the mayor told the department its truck no longer could be used to fight fires in a

one-mile impact zone around the city. The area is not within city limits, but building regulations still apply. The department twice has responded to chimney fires in the impact zone despite warnings from the city officials.

"When you have a situation like that, the person in charge has to make a decision; he can't just sit there and wait," said Jim Buttrely, first assistant chief of the volunteer department.

When cold winds blow and leaves swirl, it's time to snuggle and read with your child.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

Suit freezes Aryan assets while leader seeks council

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — As Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler searches for legal council to fight a recent lawsuit, he faces a restraining order which bars him from selling his 20-acre Aryan compound.

The lawsuit, filed last month in District Court, seeks unspecified damages from Butler, the Aryan Nations and some of its members on behalf of Bonner County resident Victoria Keenan and her son Jason.

The Keenans allege they were driving near the Aryan Nations compound on July 1, 1998, when "the security force chased them for more than two miles, shot at them with assault rifles, detained them, battered them and threatened to kill them."

The temporary restraining order issued Wednesday prohibits Butler from transferring or disposing of his assets without approval from the court. District Judge Charles Hosack issued the

order based on evidence that Butler has threatened to dispose of or destroy the property.

Hosack also determined the Keenans "are likely to prevail on the merits of the case" and "damages are likely to exceed the value of the property."

The order is not without risk to the plaintiffs, who, backed by high-powered lawyers and human rights advocates, have put up a bond of \$204,000 which matches the appraised value of the compound.

If it is determined that Butler has been wrongfully restrained, the security force chased them and the court costs, attorney fees and damages incurred by the order. Butler has been granted a 30-day extension to respond to the suit while he looks for a new lawyer.

Butler's attorney, Everett Hoffmeister, said Wednesday he may have an ethical conflict in a hearing before Judge Hosack.

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Section C

The Times-News

Friday, February 26, 1999

What's goin' on



Members of the CSI theater department rehearse a scene from 'All in the Timing'

It's 'All in the Timing'

• **Tonight and Saturday:** The College of Southern Idaho theater department will present David Ives' "All in the Timing," 8 p.m., Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students, are available at the door, at the CSI ticket office between 1 and 4 p.m. daily, or by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

Bandy from Branson

• **Tonight, Saturday and Sunday:** Moe Bandy will play Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. The 8 p.m. performance is a dinner show. Dinner show prices start at \$10.95 tonight and Sunday and \$15.95 on Saturday. The 11 p.m. performance is a cocktail show; cover charge is \$10 on Saturday and \$5 tonight and Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Picasso, meet Einstein

• **Tonight, Saturday and Sunday:** The New Theater Company will present Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapine Agile," 8 p.m., newStage Theater, Kelchum. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Kelchum or Read All About It in Halley.

Desert Rain in Burley

• **Tonight:** Desert Rain will play classic country, rock 'n' 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 in Burley.

Kroakers in Rupert

• **Tonight:** Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont St., in Rupert. Please see GOIN' ON, Page C5

The 10 worst workplaces in movie history

1. "Metropolis" (1926) — It's like your worst Monday? Only in black and white.
2. "Modern Times" (1936) — Conveyor belt from hell.
3. "Network" (1976) — Prime-time backstabbing.
4. "Brazil" (1985) — Jonathan Pryce's lowly, honest civil servant attempts to correct an administrative error and finds himself an enemy of the state: There's a lesson there.
5. "Antz" (1998) — Grubs in the lunchroom microwaves.
6. "Clockwatchers" (1997) — Desk toys — colored pens, framed photos and a giant rubber-band ball — as art form.
7. "Working Girl" (1988) — The perils of going on vacation.
8. "The Temp" (1993) — You don't need extra help this much.
9. "Office Killer" (1997) — Tedious as a two-hour meeting.
10. "The Apartment" (1961) — Jack Lemmon discovers the key to success, and lands in his womanizing boss's.

— Hartford Courant

Editor's Note: 1999 is a year of summing up, so every Friday will present a list of the best or worst events and entertainments. Send suggestions to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548 • Twin Falls, ID 83303 • Fax: 734-5538 • E-mail: grump@magicvalley.com

SOMETHING YOU COULD SING

Symphony soloist hearkens to aesthetic qualities of great music

The Times-News

Linda Wang is the kind of artist who can find beauty in many places. "I think we all have an inner world that can appreciate different kinds of beauty," said Wang, a violinist who will join the Magic Valley Symphony concert on March 5. "Whether it's nature, literature or philosophy, there's beauty in many different things. Great music is very inspiring."

Critics find Wang an instrument through which that great music can be heard. She's known for her "jubilant singing tone" and "personal style and original creativity." The winner of numerous awards for her talents and performance, the New York-born Wang now lives in Los Angeles. She has studied at New York's Juillard School (Precollege Division), R.D. Culberson School, and the University of Southern California, where she was chosen outstanding graduate of the entire school of music.

Awarded a Fulbright Grant, she continued her studies at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Her principal teachers have been Dorothy DeLay, Alice Schenfelder and Ruggiero Ricci. Her busy performing schedule regularly takes her to Europe and she is in



Ted Hadley will lead the Magic Valley Symphony in a program featuring the music of American composer Aaron Copland on Friday, March 5.

If you go

- **What:** Violinist Linda Wang will perform with the Magic Valley Symphony.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** March 5, 8 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors, are available at the door.

demand as a recitalist and master-class clinician.

Wang said playing the violin started

out as a family activity. Her father had always wanted to play the violin and ended up becoming involved in local Suzuki classes.

"The whole family played, although my parents quickly dropped out after the kids got better than them," Wang said. "It was always so much fun and I think I still have that attitude."

Wang has chosen Camille Saint-Saens' Concerto No. 3 in B Minor for Violin and Orchestra to share with Magic Valley audiences.

"Saint-Saens has a great gift for melody," Wang said. "It's a chance for a violinist to show his talents expressively

and virtuously."

She says she especially enjoys the second movement of the piece because of its melodic qualities.

"It's something you could sing," she said. The Magic Valley Symphony will join Wang for the piece and then share St. Paul's Suite by Gustav Holst, and the Aaron Copland classic, "Appalachian Spring."

After the concert, the symphony will sponsor a reception for Wang in the Eagle's Nest of the Taylor Administration Building on the CSI campus.



'Trash heads sing with Audrey, played by Allison Holman in the Twin Falls High School production of 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

Twin Falls cast performs rare musical with big plant

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Seymour never imagined that his life would end up the way it did — having his blood sucked dry by a hungry plant, losing his friends — and he is history.

In the Twin Falls High School production, "Little Shop of Horrors," playwright Howard Ashman presents the comedy/horror musical that is sure to be something new for audiences in the Magic Valley.

Seymour, who is played by Twin Falls senior Josh Van Noy, is a poor man in his young 20s who gets a job at a Skid Row florist shop.

One day he is shopping for plants at a little shop an old Chinese man owned when the sky turned black and there was a total solar eclipse, Van Noy said.

"When the eclipse ended there was a small plant," he said.

Seymour buys that plant and comes to name it Audrey 2. The plant makes him famous.

One night while singing to the plant, Seymour cuts himself and notices the plant move.

And with the fateful words, "I guess a few drops couldn't hurt," a series of events are put in motion as Seymour feeds the plant his blood and it begins

If you go

- **What:** The Twin Falls High School drama class will present Howard Ashman's "Little Shop of Horrors."
- **Where:** Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls High School.
- **When:** Thursday, March 5, 8 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$4 for general admission and \$2 for students with activity cards, are available at the door.

to grow. "Little Shop of Horrors" is the first complete musical to be performed in the John Roper Auditorium, and one of the few musicals Twin Falls High School students have ever produced.

The students will be accompanied live by a variety of musicians who will take on the role of street performers, Director Howard Miller said.

"It's part of the whole ambiance of the musical," he said.

The reason for doing a musical, and this particular musical, revolves around the plant.

"I wanted to build it," Miller said. "I wanted the kids to have the opportunity to build the plant."

That and the fact that it was one of

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FLIX — 'Hi-Lo Country' casts Woody Harrelson in 1940s Western

By Terry Lawson
Knight Ridder News Service

No one is likely to make the claim that Woody Harrelson has been mistaken in the days following World War II.

As carousing cowpoke Big Boy Matson, Harrelson gets to cuss, spit, rattle (both humans and animals) and raise 40 or 50 kinds of hell, all in the name of lost American values.

Rarely has a character been more appropriately named, and rarely has an actor seemed better suited for a role.

But if Harrelson was born to wear a cowboy outfit and attitude, British director Stephen Frears' ("Dangerous Liaisons") "The Grifters" seems somewhat less comfortable with this would-be epilogue for an era.

Based on a well-regarded 1961 novel by Max Evans, "The Hi-Lo Country" was adapted by Walon Green, who also co-wrote "The Wild Bunch," and the movie seems styled as a more sentimental, romantic companion to that violent epic.

Yet with its corporate-verse-the-individual theme, its battling brothers subtext and its brooding protagonist, it plays like a limp, languid and decidedly lesser "Giant." That, unfortunately, is a comparison this well-meant film can ill afford.

Though Harrelson has the showpiece role, the story is actually told, as an extended flashback, through the eyes of Pete Cruz (Bill Crump).

The greasy Big Boy, his go-along little brother Little Boy (Cole Hauser) and the shy, tentative Pete become firebrands in 1930s New Mexico, and when the war comes along, Big Boy is the first to volunteer. Pete follows in his footsteps, while Little Boy stays home to mind the cow.

When Pete and Big Boy return from Europe and the Pacific respectively, things have changed a lot: Their small spreads are endangered by the barbed-wire empire built in their absence by mega-rancher Jim Ed Love (Sam Elliott), for whom Little Boy now works. Pete returns to his girlfriend Josephine (Penelope Cruz), but he's har-

'The Hi-Lo Country'

- **Who's in it?** Woody Harrelson, Billy Crudup, Cole Hauser.
- **Where's it played?** Real Theater of Twin Falls, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.
- **Should you go?** Woody Harrelson at rides into the sunset with one hand waving; everyone else is already waving seatbelts.

boring a deep crush on the seductive Mona (Patricia Arquette), wife of Jim Ed's right-hand man Les Birk (John Diehl). But Pete soon learns that Mona is already taken — by Big Boy, with whom she's having a not-so-secret affair.

Frears does what he can to work up a little friction by continually rubbing all the edges of these interlocking triangles and quadrangles.

Big Boy and Little Boy play Cain and Abel, Jim Ed and Big Boy play high-stakes poker, and Mona and Pete play footsie. But no sparks truly ignite, and no one but Big Boy seems to be enjoying himself. Even Sam Elliott, who by this point has been in at least as many cowboy movies as Gabby Hayes, can't twirl his mustache with any real malice.

Aside from one lusty bar fight and a passable roundup, the movie doesn't really inspire any nostalgia for the good old days. Quite the opposite: The rampant misogyny and repressed sexuality just makes it seem as though everyone might feel better if they had a nice shower and went on a low-fat diet.

Even though Harrelson is an unlikely symbol of what we lost when we subdivided the prairie, he's completely convincing as a hedonist pro-libertarian, the sort of fellow destined to take one in the gut for stealing somebody's woman.

It may be a long time before Harrelson gets another role as perfectly pitched as this one, and one wishes that the other characters in "The Hi-Lo Country" were worthier sidekicks, lovers and adversaries.

WEEKEND

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU



The cast and director of the 'Star Wars' prequel, 'The Phantom Menace,' pose on the cover of the February issue of Vanity Fair magazine. The film's stars include, from left, Liam Neeson as Jedi Knight Qui-Gon Jinn; the digitally generated alien Jar Jar Binks; Ewan McGregor as apprentice Jedi Obi-Wan Kenobi; Natalie Portman as the mother of Luke and Leia, Queen Amidala; the droid R2-D2; director George Lucas; droid C-3PO; and Jake Lloyd as the young Anakin Skywalker, otherwise known as Darth Vader.

To the faithful, 'Star Wars' series is more religion than entertainment

The Orange County Register

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Witness. A fervor. A rolling-in-the-street-and-talking-in-tongues excitement.

It's returned. And with the second coming, the hearts of the devoted beat wildly in their chests. Some start to tear up, others cheer. Then a terrific sound. A flash of light.

A movie trailer. Sixteen years after George Lucas released the last installment of the "Star Wars" trilogy, Lucasfilm will deliver unto the masses the next great text, an episode to his movie called "Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

And if the frenzy surrounding the movie's teaser release in November is any indication, the May 21 premiere may be the most anticipated event since Moses walked back down Mount Sinai.

The devout are undergoing the ritual preparations now. They're buying "Star Wars" role-playing games, Trivial Pursuit sets, Monopoly boards and the new action figures.

They're rereading the Lucas-approved "Star Wars" novels and devouring the newspaper and magazine articles about the film's creator. And, with constant pushes of the "play" button, they're wearing their home-temple hats.

"Where do people go to wor-

ship 'Star Wars'?" devotee David Espinoza asks rhetorically. "In a galaxy far, far away. No, probably in your own living room. Pop in the tape and begin praying."

The 15-year-old and his family attend church at Anaheim's Melodyland Christian Center every Sunday. Organized religion provides a set of morals for Espinoza to live by, he says. It tells him how to be a good person and how to shape his character. But "Star Wars" earns his time, money and fascination because it captures his imagination.

Epinoza's Garden Grove bedroom serves as a towering shrine to "Star Wars," bursting with memorabilia including every Kenner action figure ever made.

Plastic effigies of Luke Skywalker and his ilk cover Espinoza's shelves. Stacks of books and comics clutter his floor. "Star Wars" toys burst from storage boxes. But the focal point of his room is his VCR. He has seen all three of the movies more than 50 times and can recite dialogue without much prompting. He owns the trilogy in German and Spanish in the wide-screen version and original formats.

The teen started working at Mile High Comics in Garden Grove in 1996 just to monitor the latest releases of "Star Wars" paraphernalia.

In the beginning ...

The coming movie, the first of three promised prequels, will tell how Anakin Skywalker (a.k.a. Darth Vader) plunged from an honest beginning as a Jedi Knight to the "dark side" of the Force. Even if the words "Force" and "Jedi" hold no meaning for you, the story probably does: A fall from grace. An original sin. Sound familiar?

"It's a retreating from the book of Revelations to the book of Genesis," says professor Marvin Meyer, chair of the religious studies department at Chapman University and admitted "Star Wars" fan. "Genesis has always been intriguing because it is a mythic account of where we come from, what our roots are about, our perception of ourselves."

"If everything is supposed to be so good, how did everything get so mucked up?" Meyer says. "That part of what may be very interesting to a lot of us about the segment that's coming out: How does it turn out that somebody who apparently was good or had good possibilities, like Darth Vader, got for the dark side?"

Does the religion professor envision himself teaching classes on "Star Wars"? Not exactly.

—Source: Orange County Register

A change in the air for talk radio

Superstar-driven format keeps producers looking for next 'messiah'

Washington Post

Rush Limbaugh was speechless for the first time in history. The conservative talker was addressing the Radio & Records magazine talk radio convention Saturday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Someone asked him to imagine himself as a politically neutral radio station program director.

"Would you hire Clinton as a talk show host?"

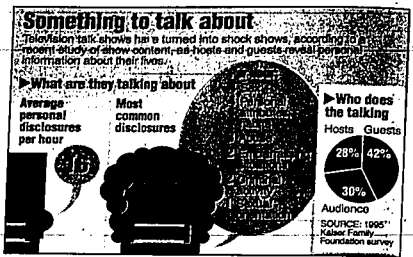
Limbaugh ummed and ahed. But he quickly yielded to his free-market sensibilities.

"He'd probably attract a huge audience and my back pocket would swell and I'd say, 'C'mon, Mr. Clinton join our staff,'" Limbaugh said. The audience, in town for the annual three-day conference, roared with laughter.

So the moment gave some insight into the state of talk radio: Though booming, the superstar-driven format is always on the lookout for the next "messiah," as industry folks say.

Talk radio is coming off a huge existing base of 1,200, according to radio consultant Walter Sabo, 59 U.S. radio stations were formatted for full-time talk radio; today there are more than 1,200.

Limbaugh, who shares credit with sports talk for saving AM radio, spawned many conservative imitators such as G. Gordon Liddy, Oliver North, Michael Reagan and Laura Schlesinger. It has become



a highly profitable format — personalities draw devoted followers, who buy the products the talkers hawk.

Now talk radio must consider its future amid a changing radio business. The 1996 Telecommunications Act spawned massive consolidation, meaning one company can now own several radio stations in a city, leading many of them to sound more and more alike. New media, such as the Internet and wireless communications systems, can sap a station's audience.

The star talkers remain, however, much like the composition of the conference — white, male and conservative.

Limbaugh and others said they expect consolidation to result in huge radio companies using their smaller-station assets as "farm teams" for developing talk talent, which they hope would bring more diversity.

But radio consultant Holland Cooke questioned that possibility,

saying talk radio is "battered" because of its unwillingness to shoot for untapped audiences (talk radio listeners are typically male and middle-aged) or to let new talent make mistakes on the air.

Despite the image of talk radio, home of Howard Stern and Don Imus, as controversial, it is a talky format, comfortable with sticking to proven formulas such as politics and shock.

Big radio companies are by nature slow to act and unlikely to experiment. They like to imitate. North and Liddy happened because Limbaugh was such a huge success (he is the nation's top-rated talker, with an estimated daily audience between 14 million and 16 million). Change, radio companies fear, could jeopardize the cash cow. If talk show host, for instance, Dallas, loses one "share" point of his ratings — going from, say, 3.2 to 2.2 percent of the listening audience — the station loses \$3 million in ad revenue that year, one consultant said.

Musical

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the few musicals that could be done with a small cast, he said.

"It's a show that has a lot of interesting characters," Miller said. "It's a classic struggle between good and evil and people doing all kinds of things to advance themselves."

For people who have seen the most recent Hollywood production of the musical, expect to see something a little different.

"We're going by the Broadway play," Miller said. "It has a darker ending than the movie."

Although many of the students in the production have never been involved in a musical, it doesn't matter, Van Noy said.

"We as the actors can do this," he said.

Alison Holman, playing Audrey, agrees with Van Noy.

"It's a really cool musical," she said. "It's different. It's a really brave thing for us to be doing."

As for one deep philosophical point of the story, it's probably not there.

"It's a fun show," Miller said. "There's no deep underlying social significance. We're not trying to change the world. It's just a good play. It's just a great play. It's supposed to have a deep meaning."

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

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• "8mm" — A crude film clip for the times. Nicolas Cage in his private eye Nicolas Cage into (Stepping Column) the jungles of Los Angeles. He's a private investigator pursuing the truth about a stranger's fate. Directed by Joel Schumacher. (R for strong profanity, violence, and sex for strong language)

• "The Faculty" — A fitfully amusing sci-fi comedy shrewdly tailored to confirm high schoolers widely held suspicion that their teachers are malevolent aliens. Call it "Instruction of the Body Snatchers." R (violence, language).

• "Gloria" — Sharon Stone works up a credible Noo Yawk accent and teases up an enormous amount of hair to play the title character in director Sidney Jarmet's remake of the 1980 melodrama about a harassed madame on the lam with a tough-skinned 7-year-old boy (Jean-Luke Reigero) who has something her lower wants. She's a hoarder, never, bluster her way through a script loaded with cliches, plot holes and skin-crawling dialogue, some of it self-consciously invoked. Rated R; violence, language.

• "The Hi-Lo Country" — Billy Crudin, Woody Harrison and Patricia Arquette star in this slow-burning Western noir. Director Stephen Frears takes plenty of time to describe the cowboy mythos and movie, but his tale could have been told anywhere and anytime two guys have fallen for the same girl — and she gets red hair, lustful eyes and a rime like Mona. R (sexual situations, violence, profanity, adult themes) — Steven Rea

• "Life is Beautiful" — The wonderful comic actor Roberto Benigni returns to the screen, and directed this tragicomic fable about a happy-go-lucky bookseller who, for his son's sake, pretends life is a game. He's a comedian, but he's elaborate game, thus turning a death-defying experience into a life-affirming story. PG-13 (R)

• "Little Voice" — Jane Horrocks starts as a strange shut-in with an eerie talent for mimicking other voices — Flat, Garland, Holiday, Bessy — in this somber, comically-tinged character study, helmed from Jim Cartwright's play "The Rise and Fall of Little Voice." With Michael Caine and Brenda Blethyn, both yelling at the top of their lungs. R (sexual situations, adult themes, profanity, heavy-handed metaphors).

• "Message in a Bottle" — A divorcee who falls for an Outer Banks boatmaker after she reads a



Oscar-nominee Nicolas Cage stars in '8mm,' which opens today.

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- "Waking Ned Devine," The Orpheum

heart-breaking letter he'd written to his dearly departed wife. Wright Penn and Kevin Costner star, and there's sappy music and shots of waves crashing on the beach. Paul Newman costars as a crusty of codger. Adapted from Nicholas Sparks' bestseller, the film is shamelessly determined to make audiences weep. PG-13 (adult themes, fisticuffs)

• "My Favorite Martian" — One possible explanation for "My Favorite Martian," a picture so bad it's unwatchable, is that moviemakers are from Mars and moviegoers are from Venus. Not make audiences weep. PG-13 (adult themes, fisticuffs)

• "Office Space" — "Beavis and Butt-head" creator Mike Judge makes his live-action feature directorial debut with this sharp and funny picture that makes audiences weep. PG-13 (adult themes, profanity, violence, language, sexual situations)

• "October Sky" — The based-on-reality story of a young boy (Jake Gyllenhaal) in 1977 West Virginia who, much to the dismay of his coal mining father (Chris Cooper), dreams of a career as a rocket scientist is made with so much gee-whizz earnestness and

the movies

(plagues, pestilence, infanticide)

• "Saving Private Ryan" — A World War II masterpiece from Steven Spielberg that uses the conventions of the war movie to transcend them. The combat sequences are stunning and the questions posed by the mission undertaken by Tom Hanks and his squad are profound. R (graphic violence, language)

• "Shakespeare in Love" — A witty, spirited imagining of the romantic and creative angst of the world's most celebrated scribe as he labors vainly against deadline and then finds inspiration in the form of a well-born, beautiful lady. This heady love story, lush and romantic and teeming with fine performances, stars Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow. R (Bawdy comedy, nudity, sex) — Steven Rea

• "She's All That" — The messiah of Freddie Prinze Jr. and Rachael Leigh Cook goes a long way toward fooling the audience into believing "She's All That" is something more than rotten leftovers from the "Pretty in Pink" buffet. Charming actors, charmless script. PG-13 (language, sexual and anatomical candor, teen drinking)

• "A Simple Plan" — Compelling and speedily acted "film noir" whose characters are drawn from the blue collar main stream rather than the margins. Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton are first-rate as two brothers who find a huge stash of cash and make a decision that turns their fate into a moving tragedy. R (violence, language)

• "Stepmom" — Contrived melodrama starring Julia Roberts as the career girl reluctant to parent her lover's kids by his ex-wife, earth mama Susan Sarandon. While it poses conflicts created by divorce, it unfortunately resolves them with a terminal illness plot turn. PG-13 (language, terminal illness, medical marijuana)

• "200 Cigarettes" — A 1981 New Year's Eve party in the East Village is the setting for the varied romantic adventures of a cast of characters. Includes Ben Affleck, Courtney Love, Christina

Rice and David Chappelle. (R for strong language and sexual content)

• "Varsity Blues" — An anti-football football film starring James Van Der Beek as a high school brain and a second-string quarterback who doesn't want to play for despotic coach Tom Voight. And when the kid takes the ball, he changes the way the

game is played. R (nudity, underage drinking, sex)

• "Waking Ned Devine" — Delightful blend of off-the-wall humor and whimsy as the residents of a tiny Irish village look for a lottery winner in their midst and come up with a winning scheme of their own when he turns up dead. A comedy of consistent invention and charm. PG (nudity)

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• "Ronin" (R) — Although faced with adrenaline and flavored with noirish seasoning, John Frankenheimer's new movie is a disappointingly conventional thriller from the director of the masterful "The Manchurian Candidate" — a film whose pretensions of excitement are ultimately thwarted by a nagging mistrust of its audience's sophistication.

Taking its name from the Japanese term for wandering samurai warriors who have been disgraced by their failure to protect their masters, the film concerns a similarly rootless band of modern international soldiers of fortune who rendezvous in a dim Paris bistro at the behest of a mysterious Irish woman named Dierks (Natascha Gregson Wagner).

Hired to retrieve by force a silver valise of undetermined contents from a shadowy coterie of unpleasant-looking men, the group includes two Americans, quizzical logician Sam (Robert De Niro) and driver Larry (Skip Sauter), laconic French hitman Vincent (Jean Reno), expert KGB agent and electronics expert Gregor (Stellan Skarsgard), and a British military vet (Sean Bean). It is a solid cast, and the actors all acquit themselves well.

Before we are even introduced to this rogues' gallery, though, the film opens with a tacked-on title explaining the derivation of the term "Ronin." It's an overly explicit addendum that is all the more perplexing since the word is again defined (with greater depth and nuance) in a speech halfway through the film. Jean-Pierre (Michael Lonsdale), a grizzled and philosophical collector of miniature soldiers, explains that the Japanese legend as he gives sanctuary to Sam and Vincent after Sam has been wounded by bad guys.

It's as if Frankenheimer — or one of the pesky producers — had last-minute misgivings about whether moviegoers could sit patiently through an hour of the story before learning the significance of the foreign-sounding label.

Such chesiness feels strongly patronizing, especially in a movie that is filled with delicious ambiguity, a movie whose very subject matter in fact seems to be the realm of equivocation and betrayal. Several members of the judged paramilitary quintet, each of whose allegiance and motivation is suspect, allude to the fact that they were rounded up by an unnamed (and unseen) man in a wheelchair, and it is never clear, even at the film's bitter end, exactly what the highly sought-after piece of luggage contains.

• "Urban Legend" (R) — The creative-serial-killer thing has been done to death. "Scream" and "Scream 2" breathed life into the genre and revived it once again. From other movies: the African-American college-security expert who returns from the dead (from "120"), the victim of a stalker in the campus radio station ("Scream 2"), the suspicious janitor ("Disturbing Behavior"), Brad DeLong (a stuttering man, you name it). It's deja vu all over again, but



John Frankenheimer Director of 'Ronin'

none of it works in "Urban Legend." The miscalculations begin in the opening scene, which is meant to echo the "Scream" openings, in which a big star gets knocked off, except the "big star" in this case is Natascha Gregson Wagner, whom few in the audience will recognize and even fewer will be surprised to see misused.

The rest of the film is similarly misguided. We're not given enough info on urban legends to jog our memories and, seemingly aware that most of us can't name two of many (by the way, am I the only one who thought they were called "urban myths"?), the movie drops the idea about halfway through. It's set at a university, but we don't get a sense of campus life and the details feel wrong (a college radio station that plays Hanson?). The netors, including Alicia Witt and Jared Leto, can't decide whether to play it straight or laugh at the ridiculousness of a movie that needs us to believe, at least briefly, that Pop Rocks could make your stomach explode. Witt, in particular, employs a look of horror that is closer to a look of "I am going to buy my agent for getting me into this."

• "Shadrach" (PG-13) — Based on a short story by William Styron, the modest and tidy "Shadrach" hovers in the realm of Southern fiction precisely midway between the gothic weirdness of Flannery O'Connor and the baroque gentility of Margaret Mitchell. Well-acted, engaging and tightly structured, the depressed tale of resilience and dignity suffers mainly from its own careful politeness.

Faithfully adapted for the screen by Bridget Terry and Styron's daughter Susanna (who also directed), "Shadrach" stirs the heart in any profound or lasting way. Set in 1935 in Tidewater Virginia, the modest and tidy Shadrach of the title, played with quiet grace by 83-year-old first-time actor John Franklin Sawyer. One sticky summer afternoon, Shadrach turns up at the home of the Dabneys, a white family whose plantation, the Inverness farm has fallen on hard times. Having walked from Alabama, where he spent his post-slavery life as a slave, the young man is now determined to be

buried in the soil of the plantation he used to work as a slave. The narrative's first conflict, such as it is, stems from the fact that curmudgeonly moonshiner and Dabney patriarch Vernon (gruff but lovable Harvey Keitel) is none too eager to deal with the additional hassle and expense of a dead body. He is quickly overruled, however, by his brood of seven filthy kids and his compassionate wife, Tricie, played by a barefoot Andie MacDowell with an ever-present beer in hand and an ineffectual attempt to hide her gorgeousness under smudgy makeup.

A second and more serious crisis arises later, when the Dabneys are informed by the sheriff that it is illegal in the commonwealth to bury someone on private property.

That's pretty much it. The rest of the film's leisurely passage of time is whiled-away waiting for Shad to die and watching the Dabneys sweat fits and wrestle with their consciences. Will they do the right thing, or hand their unexpected guest's body over to an undertaker for a state-sanctioned but dishonorable interment?

• "Friends and Neighbors" (R) — In his first feature, "In the Company of Men," writer-director Neil LaBute used two young corporate employees' pursuit and sexual humiliation of a secretary to portray relations between the sexes as essentially a cruel male power trip. In his new comedy, "Your Friends and Neighbors," LaBute still hews to his vision of men-as-brutes. Only now he has expanded it: the women are emasculated pigs, too.

The movie follows the infidelities of three friends from college, now affluent professionals, and their current lives. A harsh view of the war of the sexes that draws self-consciously upon the savage tradition of Restoration comedy, the movie falls largely on the issue of humor. LaBute obviously means to coat his worm's-eye assessment of humanity with a snappish saving of humor. But his scenes so relentlessly turn toward the curdled and mean that the humor can't blossom.

For example, LaBute sets one heated lovers' quarrel in the aisles of a chain drugstore. The lovers in question are two women, Terri (Catherine Keener) and Cheri (Nastassja Kinski) who met at Cheri's art gallery just as Terri was getting ready over her relationship with live-in lover Jerry (Ben Stiller).

So, we have the funny — in that they rhyme — names, a joke derived from Restoration comedy — plus, there's the peculiarly modern trick of setting an intimate argument within a public setting, and a banal one at that. Yes, as the women argue in front of fellow shoppers, the result isn't comedy so much as melancholy. The Parly that's because the two women are making such contradictory demands on one another that it appears likely their affair will end up as tortured as all the rest in the movie. The second is that Terri is such an unpleasant person that you can't really sympathize with her very much; you

mostly want to tell Cheri to get away from her for her own good. All these depressive characteristics are emphasized by LaBute's shooting style, which, as in "In the Company of Men," stays at a distance that suggests anthropological curiosity more than dramatic interest.

Yet even that anthropological sense is illusory. For each of the six main characters, only Jerry has an identifiable job. And his position teaching drama and acting seems constructed mostly to make the parallels with Restoration comedy. And Cheri works in the art gallery because it's a convenient place for the other characters to meet her, which they all do in an exactly repeated series of dialogue exchanges.

• "Pecker" (R) — You don't go to a John Waters movie looking for enlightenment or to have your emotions deftly stroked. You go to laugh. And the grosser jokes, the better.

For its first half-hour "Pecker" delivers the goods, along with Waters' usual appreciation for the outcasts of American society. Pecker (Edward Furlong, far once not looking sullen) is a sweet-tempered and innocent young man working in a Baltimore pizzeria. His passion, though, is taking photos with an old camera in his mom (Mary Kay Place) uncovered in the thrift shop she operates.

Pecker — who "sees art where there's nothing there" — snaps anything and everything his fellow bus passengers, neighbors, family and loved ones.

In the last category is his bartender father (Mark Joy); his sugar-addicted sister (Laurie Hulse); his older sibling (Martha Plimpton), who's the snooty master of ceremonies at a gay nightclub; his grandmother (Jan Schertler), who carries on conversations with the Virgin Mary; his kleptomaniac best friend (Brendan Sexton III); and his humorless girlfriend (Christina Ricci), who operates a coin-operated "dry-cleaning people" and "Laundromat people."

Obviously Pecker and his crowd belong to that group, and the film's opening segments constitute a rude but affectionate wallop through their marginal society. There is, for example, a visit to the Peit Room, a strip bar where naked lesbian dancers hurl emasculating insults at the beery,

working-class patrons. Waters follows this up with a night at the Fudge Palace, where the jockstrapped male dancers engage in a practice called "tree hogging" (don't even ask).

• "Permanent Midnight" (R) — Ah, the romance of junkie-dom: jabbing syringes into veins, quaking in an icy sweat, sucking burnt needles, inhaling crack and generally gyring down in a fever of jumpy self-destruction.

Ben Stiller, playing real-life reformed addict and TV sitcom scribe Jerry Stahl, goes through all this and more in "Permanent Midnight," a wallow in the drug-addled days — and date — of a high-paid Hollywood wordsmith. Based on Stahl's autobiography and brought to life with a certain dark, scary humor by writer-director David Veloz (he coscripted the dark, scary "Natural Born Killers"), the film is nonetheless too enamored of the seductive powers of narcotics for its own good. You wonder: is this a cautionary tale, or a hit of nostalgia for the blotto-ness of yesteryear, cut with a hefty dose of self-pity?

Like "Leaving Las Vegas," which took its self-pity to the only honest place it can go (suicide), "Permanent Midnight" brings aboard a beautiful confessor/muse for the muzzy-headed protagonist to confide in — and to snuggle with in bed. Maria Bello (from TV's "ER") fills the bill here, and she's got a certain something — or two about chemical dependency and the "wimpering" of rehab. Soon enough they're in a cheap motel, where the sex isn't so good ("Trust me, on smack I was a real stud," he offers post-coitally) and the memories aren't so good either. But that doesn't stop Stahl from spilling it all.

• "Digging to China" (PG) — The surest route to an Academy Award, it seems, is playing or creating a character who's not all there. Just ask Dustin Hoffman ("Rain Man"), Tom Hanks ("Forrest Gump") or Billy Bob Thornton ("Sling Blade"). Kevin Bacon has been passed over time and again for performances that should have earned him Oscar consideration (most recently for "Falling Lies in the America" and "Murder in the First"), possibly because of his status as the subject of a six-degree celebrity game. Or maybe the academy members can't take him seriously because of "Footloose."

Whatever the reason, Bacon has now taken the Hoffman/Hanks/Thornton route, playing Ricky, a physically uncoordinated, mentally retarded 30-year-old who develops a unique friendship with Harriet, a fantasy-obsessed 19-year-old girl (Evan Rachel Wood). Bacon is a gifted actor, and it says a unique thing to report that he pulls it off, but in the end, "Digging to China" his twitching, and posturing is transparently the work of an actor trying too hard.

Part of the problem is a script by Karen Janszen, one of the writers on "Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home," that makes Ricky seem smart at times and incredibly naive at others. The period is the late 1960s, and Janszen seems to be making a statement about changing attitudes toward disabled people, but she doesn't follow through. Ricky's cautious mother, played by Marian Seldes, is the one consistent, credible character, and Seldes ends up giving the most persuasive performance. But Harriet's apparent mother (Cathy Moriarty) is portrayed as a hopeless incompetent, seemingly incapable of driving the right way in one-way traffic, while Harriet's sister, Gwen (Mary Stuart Masterson), is a mass of contradictions.

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Kenny Rogers will sing with the Boice Philharmonic Orchestra at 8 p.m. on March 9 in the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Sugar Ray and Everlast will perform at Salt Lake City's Saltair Resort at 7:30 p.m. on March 10. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

Ringo Starr will play the Bank of America Center in Boise at 7 p.m. on March 11, with Joe Walsh, Todd Rundgren, Gary Brooks, Jack Bruce and Simon Kirke. Tickets, which are \$27 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (208) 331-717X.

Ringo Starr, Joe Walsh, Todd Rundgren, Gary Brooks, Jack Bruce and Simon Kirke will perform at the Devo Events Center in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. on March 12. Tickets, which are \$27 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

Ballet Idaho will present Peter Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" at 2 and 8 p.m. on March 13 in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$35 for adults and \$7 and \$17 for children, can be reserved by phoning

Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Ray Charles will perform at 7 p.m. on March 13 in the Colonial Theater, 458 A St., Idaho Falls. Tickets, which are \$65, can be reserved by phoning the Idaho Falls Arts Council at (208) 522-0471.

Disney on Ice will skate the Delta Center in Salt Lake City on March 17-21. Tickets, which are \$35.50, \$42.50, \$47.50 and \$22.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499. Call for times.

Utah Symphony will present an all-Beethoven program at 8 p.m. on March 18 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City, under the direction of Bruce Hagen. Tickets, which are \$13-\$28, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

MotorSports Thrills Show will play the E Center in West Valley, City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. on March 19-20 and 2 p.m. on March 21. Tickets, which are \$9, \$15 and \$19, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive in West Valley City, Utah.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo will perform at 8 p.m. on March 23 in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are

\$18.50-\$25, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-ARTS.

Utah Symphony will present a program of Bach, Zweilich, Mendelssohn and Mozart with guest soloist Jaime Laredo at 8 p.m. on March 26 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City, under the direction of Jaime Laredo. Tickets, which are \$13-\$32, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Utah Symphony will perform Peter Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony at 7 p.m. on April 9-10 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13-\$32, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Billy Joel will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on April 10. Tickets, which are \$39.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

The Dukes of Dixieland will perform at 8 p.m. on April 16-17 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$18-\$35, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Faith Hill will sing at the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. on April 19. Tickets, which are \$26, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

George Shearing will perform at 8 p.m. in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-ARTS.

Utah Symphony will perform Jan Sibelius' Violin Concerto at 8 p.m. on April 23-24 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13-\$32, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Rod Stewart will sing at Salt Lake City's Delta Center at 7:30 p.m. on April 28. Tickets, which are \$39.75 and \$67.25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

The Canadian Brass will perform with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on April 28, Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (800) 355-ARTS.

The Ericia Trio will play with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on May 7-8 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City.

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Violinist Joseph Silverstein will perform with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on May 13 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (800) 355-ARTS.

Utah Opera will sing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" at 8 p.m. May 15-23 in Capitol Theater, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$12-\$55, are available by phoning ArtTix at (800) 355-ARTS.

Ye-Yo Ma will play with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on May 18 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (800) 355-ARTS.

The Flying Karamasov Brothers will perform with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on May 21-22 in Abravanel Hall, 123 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (800) 355-ARTS.

Goin' on

Bush Pilots play
Tonight: Bush Pilots will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.

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

Rockin' Horse perform
Tonight and Saturday: Rockin' Horse will play country and rock and roll from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Boot Scooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N., in Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$4.

Karaoke at Riverside
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, in Burley.

Nightfire in South Park
Tonight and Saturday: Nightfire will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park in Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$1.

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

Outlaw Blues will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Weston Plaza, 906 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., in Twin Falls.

Desert Rain in Buhl
Tonight and Saturday: Desert Rain will play classic country, rock 'n' roll, and blues from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Dapper Dan's, 112 Broadway Ave. S., in Buhl.

Seniors dance Sunday
Saturday: The Cliff Hank Band will play from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the West End Senior Citizen Center, 1010 Main St., in Buhl. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

The Echoes in Burley
Saturday: The echoes will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

at George K's Restaurant, 275 E. 3rd St. N., in Burley.

Barn dance in Jerome
Saturday: Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spunbatter's Barn on U.S. Highway 93 in Jerome. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

Dynamite in Rupert
Saturday: Dynamite Entertainment will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont St., in Rupert.

Hypnotist at Sax
Saturday: Arthur Wayne, hypnotist, will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Sax on Second, 149 Main Ave. E.

MARCH ARTS CALENDAR

1 The Herrett Center for Arts & Science Museum Gallery Jungle Exhibit is expected to be in place all year on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3059.

1 "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" is now being shown at the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Show times are 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for kids/students. Times end at 9:30. No one under 4 is admitted. Call 736-3059.

1 "Half Time," an exhibition of current work by CSI art faculty members, will be on display through March 26 at the Jean B. King Art Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts & Science on the CSI campus. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3059.

1 "Uncovered and Recovered: Early 20th Century Women Artists" will be on display through March 22 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Kerchum. A related performance, "The Tric-Woodbury Dance Company Responds," will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 10 at the Sun Valley Center Gallery. Tickets to the performance are \$15 for Sun Valley Center members and \$18 for non-members. Call 726-9491.

3 The CSI Drama Department will present "The Company in the Timing" at 8 p.m. March 3-6 in Room 119 of the CSI Fine Arts Center. Tickets, priced at \$3 general admission and \$2 for students, are available at the door or at the CSI ticket office between 1

and 4 p.m., each day. The number is 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

5 The Magic Valley Symphony will present violinist Linda Wang in concert at 8 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. A reception will follow the concert in the CSI Eagle's Nest.

6 Community Concerts will present cellist Zvi Plesser at 7:30 p.m. at Jerome High School. Tickets, priced at \$15, may be purchased by calling 733-8323 (days) or 733-4898 (evenings).

11 The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present "Fiddler on the Roof" at 8 p.m. March 11-13, 15-16, 18-20, 22-23 and 25-27 at

Howells Opera House. Tickets, priced at \$8, are by reservation only. Call 677-ARTS.

12 The Dilettantes will present "The Secret Garden" March 12-14 and 18-20 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Curtain time is at 7:30 p.m. for all performances except Sunday, which is at 2 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 and seniors, go on sale March 11 at the Magic Valley Mall. Booth hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. All tickets are \$5 on March 14 and 18.

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

27 The Chamber Artist Series will present guitarist Angel Romero at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Tickets are \$12 for Sun Valley Center members and \$15 for non-members. K-through-12th-grade children will be admitted free.

29 "Journey through Color Quilts by Leslie Keggi" will be on display through May 14 at the Sun Valley Center Gallery. Call 726-9491 for more information. Each month, The Times-News Arts Events Calendar lists arts and entertainment events occurring around the valley. Submit items to "Arts and Events," The Times-News, P. O. Box 549, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548. Items for the April calendar are due March 19.

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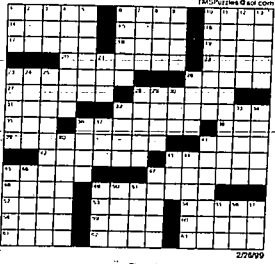
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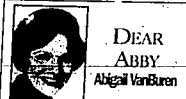


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Plight of Afghan women is appalling

DEAR ABBY: Everyone knows if you want America to know something, you should tell Dear Abby. My letter concerns a heartbreaking situation all Americans should know about.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Until September 1996, women in Afghanistan were highly involved in public life. They wore contemporary clothes, participated in government, attended coed schools and worked in all professions. Many were nurses, lawyers and teachers. Forty percent of the doctors were women.

Then, an extremist military group, the Taliban, overthrew the government and brutally imposed a system of "gender apartheid." Overnight, 11.5 million free, hardworking Afghan citizens became prisoners in their own homes for the crime of being female.

Under Taliban law, the windows of a woman's house must be painted black. She may leave the house only if accompanied by a close male relative and dressed in a smothering head-to-toe garment — the burqa — with just a tiny mesh-covered opening to see through.

Women may not work outside the home, attend school or even, for fear of terrible punishment, wear shoes that make noise when they walk. They are forbidden to teach their own daughters

to read, and girls are banned from attending school. If women or girls get sick, they cannot be treated by a male doctor — and since women can no longer work as doctors, nurses or midwives, health care for women has all but vanished. Many have now died of easily treatable ailments. The Taliban justify all of this as part of an extremist form of Islam, which only they subscribe to — and which has nothing to do with mainstream Muslim beliefs and the traditions of the Afghan people.

One young Afghan woman told an interviewer: "There is no hope for us. The Afghan women are the walking dead." Not surprisingly, these women are now committing suicide in increasing numbers.

Please, Abby, help bring these lost women back into the world. I'm heading the Feminist Women's Foundation's nationwide Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan. Please ask your concerned read-

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ers to call us at (888) 93-WOMEN to receive a "Take Action" kit and learn how they can help.

—MAVIS LENO, BOARD MEMBER, FEMINIST MAJORITY FOUNDATION

Readers, it's comforting to know that even though we're far away, we don't have to sit helplessly by. The members of the Feminist Majority believe that if the United States pursues the same course of action with Afghanistan that concerned Americans pursued with apartheid in South Africa, the economic and social pressure will force the Taliban to halt its war against women.

So far, the campaign has helped to stop the United States and the United Nations from recognizing the Taliban as Afghanistan's official government, and has aided in blocking construction of an oil and gas pipeline across Afghanistan that would have provided hundreds of millions of dollars annually to support their regime.

Please don't wait. Call (888) 93-WOMEN and add your name to mine on the list of people who refuse to watch in silence.

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IF FEBRUARY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a powerhouse. Capricorn, Cancer-born persons play fascinating roles in your life. Here are these letters, initials in names: H, Q, Z. Mother knew her way around and, father handled responsible cooking, father handled responsible in business. You are dynamic, creative, controversial and when pressure is on you are up to it. Current cycle relates to direction, motivation, marriage. June most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll give stamp of approval to "Variety is spice of life." One way or another you will be involved in business. Gemini indicates major role, very personal relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Some people insist affairs are going backward. They are wrong, you're

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Sidney Omarr

moving forward at fast clip. Be wary in traffic, important call awaits. Scorpio involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check Aries message for added wisdom. Financial deal closed, you benefit as result. Flirtation serious, check cycle relates to direction, motivation, marriage. June most memorable.

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victims of water. Cancer, Scorpio. Pisces persons express attraction, admiration for you. Time on your side, play winning game. Atmosphere of sailor's reunion.

VIROGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Those who shirk duties will blame consequences on you. Protect self by taking notes, making sure people know where you are and what to do about it. Capricorn in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some will accuse you of being above it all. Never mind them — communicate with representative overseas. Reunion with loved one dominates. Aries and another Libra involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get rid of preconcived notions. Display pioneering spirit, take chance on romance. Check Taurus, Leo messages for pertinent information. You're likely are in love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Attention revolves around variety of proposals, especially legal, marriage. Seafood dinner party will include Cancer natives who does the cooking. Exchange receipts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on communication, diversity, versatility. Purchase of midsize to wardrobe. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. You get richer by sipping with number 3.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Health report better than originally anticipated. Focus of midsize to wardrobe. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. You get richer by sipping with number 3.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll play role of "Answer Man." Focus on communication, diversity, versatility. Purchase of midsize to wardrobe. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. You get richer by sipping with number 3.

'Wisdom is born, stupidity is learned'

"Semoloni" comes from the Greek "semoli" meaning "runny." Among the Florida Semolons are descendants from escaped slaves, convicts, outlaws, hermits and a variety of other curious personalities as well as the Indians who fled white encroachment.

There are people who insist powdered ginger root prevents motion sickness.

Q. Didn't your Love and War man cite a scientific survey to prove Mensa women, those with high IQs, are sexier than women, generally?

A. Merely reported one study concluded bright-minded women claim to be more sexually pleasurable. They told questioners they believe frequent romantic encounters tend to make them more intelligent.

Russian Proverb No. 831: "Wisdom is born, stupidity is learned."

Not all attorneys accept this widely circulated version of a so-called Lawyer's Creed: "A man is innocent until proven bankrupt."

Oldest soft drink in the nation is "Vernors." This contradicts the recurring claim that "Dr Pepper" was the earliest with a start-up date of 1885. Research reveals Detroit pharmacist James Vernor put out his drink

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ARTS IN BRIEF

Orchestra will present winter concert at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will present its Winter Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho. The orchestra, directed by Carson Wong, will perform works by Mozart, Bach and Haydn. Featured youth soloists include Sarah Barasera, Rebekah Jones and Melissa Scuman. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2. For more information, call Judy Call at 734-7335.

Novelist will sign copies at Twin Falls bookstore

TWIN FALLS — Novelist Tamara Pierce will sign copies of the new books in her "Circle of Magic" series Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Pierce, a New Yorker whose many titles in Bull, has written a number of titles in the series for young adults, including "Sandy's Book of Wild Magic" and "Alana." She'll be on hand from 2 to 4 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 1239-A Pole Line Road E.

Chorale solo tryouts for concert start Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Chorale solo tryouts for the spring concert featuring "Brahms Requiem" will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday 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.

Sun Valley will feature women's paintings, films

KETCHUM — Paintings and films by women will be featured this month and next at the Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities. "Uncovered and Recovered: Women Artists in the Modernist Tradition" will be exhibited through March 12 at the center, which is located at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets. The paintings are from the collection of Jeri Louise Wasenberg. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Sundays. The second films in the Sun Valley Center's series, Maya Deren's short "Meshes in the Afternoon" and "The Very Eye of Night" and Dorothy Arzner's feature, "Dance Girl Dance," starring Maureen O'Hara and Lucille Ball, will be screened at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The exhibit and the films are free and open to the public.

Dakley group will perform 'Fiddler on the Roof'

OAKLEY — The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present "Fiddler on the Roof" at 7:30 p.m. on March 11-13, March 15-16, March 18-19, March 22-23, and March 25-27. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

The performances will be held in Howells Opera House.

TF's Old Towne Gallery will display Woods' work

TWIN FALLS — Work by multi-talented artist Connie Woods will be featured during March at the Old Towne Gallery. A reception for the artist will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the gallery. Music will be performed by B.J. and Friends. March will also feature the third annual Themed Show in which members of the gallery create original work with a common theme. The subject for this year's show is "Down the Yellow Brick Road."

'Evening at the Improv' will run at Cactus Petes

JACKPOT — An Evening at the Improv will perform Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Cactus Petes Resort Casino. Dinner show prices start at \$10.95 tonight and \$15.95 on Saturday. The 11 p.m. performance is a cocktail show; cover charge is \$10 on Saturday and \$5 tonight and Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Dilettante Group offers 'Secret Garden' on stage

TWIN FALLS — The Dilettante Group of Magic Valley will present "The Secret Garden" at 7:30 p.m. March 12-13, 18-20 and at 2:15 p.m. March 14 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Tickets go on sale Monday at the Magic Valley Mall. The ticket booth will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Phone number at the mall is 735-8850. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Plans for Hemingway's 100th birthday begin

SUN VALLEY — Plans are under way to create a celebration of Ernest Hemingway's 100th birthday on July 21. The Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber of Commerce is helping organize the celebration, which will consist of a number of different activities put on by various groups and organizations. The writer committed suicide in Ketchum in 1961.

The Idaho Council on the Humanities will host a Hemingway Institute for Idaho teachers entitled "Hemingway and the Birth of Modernism" July 21-26. Some of the events will be open to the public.

National scholars coming for the institute include Hemingway biographer Michael Reynolds; Susan Beegel, editor of the Hemingway Review; J. Gerald Kennedy, who has written about Hemingway and the County of native Ezra Pound; and Nancy Comley, author of "Hemingway and Gender." Reynolds is scheduled to give a public keynote address of Hemingway at 6:30 p.m. on July 21 in the County of native Ezra Pound.

National scholars coming for the week-long celebration include theater productions of "Papa" and "The Last Flipper," readings, lectures, a Hemingway film festival, historical tours of Hemingway haunts, and other events. For further information, call Carrie Schiller-Westergard at 725-2110.

Local artist will host open house and art show

TWIN FALLS — John E. McClusky will hold an open house and art show from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Pinnacle Townhouses, located northeast of Pole Line Road and Washington St. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Sax on Second sponsors jam session on Monday

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

Comer Lounge will host 'Full Moon' karaoke in TF

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

TF Klover Klub features karaoke during the week

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

Art auction will benefit local cancer patient

TWIN FALLS — An art auction to benefit cancer patient Sherry Clark will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Old Towne Gallery, 203-Fifth Ave. S. Artwork will be donated by Roy Mason, Joyce DeFord, L.J. James and other artists.

The Echoes will perform Tuesday in Twin Falls

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

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BACKBEAT

Hip-hop superstar attracts wide audience

And collects five Grammys in the process

The Washington Post

Hip-hop superstar Lauryn Hill, with a remarkable five Grammys on Wednesday night, is pushing the genre closer than ever to winning true mass appeal.

By merging the two most successful pop music phenomena of the recent years—hip-hop and the

science and smooth grooves of old-school R&B. And part of the attraction is simply Hill: She's smart, she's talented; she's sophisticated and she's sexy—the doe-eyed, down-to-earth sister next door with the striking dreadlocks and dazzling style.

"People who aren't into hip-hop on a regular basis find most

rap to be kind of abrasive and loud and angry, and they don't understand or relate to it," says David Mays, publisher of the hip-hop magazine the Source. "This is definitely a record with a hip-hop sensibility, but it's not violent."

"She's got a lot of R&B tracks as well as straight rap tracks. Your mom who hates rap could

listen to Lauryn Hill's album and probably like it."

Hill, who emerged on the pop scene with the hugely successful hip-hop trio the Fugees, wrote 14 of the 15 tracks on "Mis-education."

She also produced the ambitious, intelligent and deeply personal album, which is essentially hip-hop but also draws liberally

from classic soul, gospel and reggae.

That she is both an able songwriter and a studio technician places her in a different category from other female stars like Janet Jackson, who speak of control and empowerment yet allow their sound to be packaged by their producers and others with whom they work.



Lauryn Hill holds the Bible as she accepts the best new artist Grammy Wednesday in Los Angeles.

About

Lauryn Hill

□ Born: South Orange, N.J., 1976

□ When: R&B, soul, reggae, rhythm 'n blues.

□ Influences: Big Bub, Imani, Coppola, Destiny's Child, Ruhsaan Patterson, Tamia.

□ Previous employment: The Fugees.

□ Greatest hit: "The Mis-education of Lauryn Hill."

□ Latest hit: "The Mis-education of Lauryn Hill."

singer-songwriter—Hill has broken beyond hip-hop's core audience to attract older music fans and particularly black women.

The self-assured 24-year-old from South Orange, N.J., was nominated for 10 Grammys and won five

—for albums of the year, best new artist, female rhythm 'n blues vocal, R&B song for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and R&B album.

That topped the four Grammys won by Carole King in 1971 for "Tapestry." Michael Jackson holds the overall record with eight awards in 1984.

Hill's triple-platinum solo debut, "The Mis-education of Lauryn Hill," has met with almost universal critical acclaim, but what impresses the Grammy voters are record sales.

In a time of increasingly fragmented musical genres, Hill has managed to attract a broad swath of the listening public by melding hip-hop with the introspective emotions of the singer-songwriter tradition and the social con-

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- "Angel Mine," Monica, Arista, (Platinum)
- "Believe," Cher, Warner Bros.
- "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston (featuring Faith Evans & Kelly Price), Arista, (Gold)
- "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears, Jive, (Platinum)
- "Angel," Sarah McLachlan, Arista, (Gold)

Albums

- "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears, Jive, (Platinum)
- "Ameerica," The Offspring, Columbia, (Platinum)
- "The Mis-education of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill, Ruffhouse, (Platinum)
- "...S'N Sync," 'N Sync, RCA, (Platinum)
- "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks, Monument, (Platinum)

TV

- "ER," NBC
- "Friends," NBC
- "Frasier," NBC
- "Jesse," NBC
- "Veronica's Closet," NBC

Films

- "Payback," Paramount
- "Message in a Bottle," Warner Bros.
- "My Favorite Martian," Disney
- "October Sky," Universal
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Without Jordan and Co., it's like visiting the Sistine Chapel without the ceiling.”

— *Curtis Bunn of Cox News Service on the United Center*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Women's college basketball
Dixie at CSI, 6 p.m.
- Men's college basketball
Dixie at CSI, 8 p.m.
- College baseball
CSI at American River Tournament in Sacramento, Calif.
- High school wrestling
State tournaments at Pocatello

IN BRIEF

Semi-pro football comes to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Rocky Mountain Football League, a full contact semi-pro football league based in southern Idaho, has announced plans to expand into Twin Falls.

There will be an informative meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. at Maxie's Plaza, 170 Blue Lakes Boulevard. Anyone over 18 interested in coaching or playing should attend.

Registration forms can be picked up at Twin Falls Fitness Center, Falls Avenue Fitness Unlimited and Mr. Gas in Twin Falls, Jerome Fitness Center and Circle K in Jerome, Chevron Town & Country Food Mart in Bull, and the Texaco Food Mart in Filer.

Forms must be turned in no later than April 3 to guarantee placement on a team. For more information, call Jeff at 734-8952 or Matt at 233-9184.

The season will start in mid-July or early August.

Twin Falls men's softball players schedule meetings

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association has announced a tentative schedule for the upcoming seasons.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. March 18, April 15 and April 15 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building on Maxwell Drive by the Old Towne bridge.

The group will elect officers March 18. The deadline for team entry fees is April 15, which is also the last day to register for the Icebreaker Open, May 1-2 (entry fee \$100).

The Western Days men's C and D tournament will be May 5-6, and the entry fee of \$175 is due May 17.

For more information, call Ken Greenwald at 733-4091 or Cory Ochsen at 733-2486.

Idaho Falls Parks and Rec hosts basketball tourney

IDAHO FALLS — The 15th annual Hampton Inn/City of Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation Gem State Basketball Classic will be held April 2-4.

Money prizes from this open tournament will be awarded to the top four teams, with first place receiving \$3,000, second place \$1,500, third place \$500 and fourth place \$300.

Entry fee is \$300 per team and the first 16 teams entered will be accepted. In the past, teams from Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Georgia and Montana have competed, with several ex-pro, college and high school players participating.

For more information and registration information, call the Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation office at 529-1480.

Scholarship will aid athletes who suffer from asthma

KENILWORTH, N.J. — Asthmatic high school seniors are encouraged to apply for \$35,000 in scholarships posted by the medical marketing company Schering/KEY and the Will to Win program.

Four high school seniors will be selected as recipients of \$5,000 scholarships, five will receive \$1,000 awards, and one will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

Applications for the program may be obtained by calling 1 (800) 558-7305. Deadline for entries in April 15.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Last tuneups on tap for Golden Eagles

By *Damen Clow*
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What a difference a year makes.

A year ago this weekend, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team headed to St. George, Utah, for a conference title showdown with the Dixie Rebels, who had embarrassed CSI in Twin Falls in December in what stood as the only 100-point performance by a conference opponent that season.

Both teams stood at 19-3, and CSI's 79-73 victory — and the afterthought win the next night at Snow College — gave head coach Jim Thrash's squad the Scenic West Athletic Conference title.

Fast-forward to 1999. New coach, same rivalry, but the Snow Badgers went from afterthought to conference champion — no matter if CSI wins, loses, ties, or it rains.

"Last year, the ballgame was for all the marbles," said first-year head coach Kevin Jones, then an assistant to Thrash. "This year, though, there's still seeding in the tournament, and we have a chance to hang on to third place if we can win two this weekend."

CSI (18-10, 10-6 in conference) can assure itself a 20-win season with those two wins. Without them, the 20th win would have to come in the Regional 18 tournament in Twin Falls next week.

The Golden Eagles are likely to meet Idaho rivals Ricks or Treasure Valley in the first round of the eight-team tournament, while Snow and Dixie will be matched with the seventh and eighth seeds.

The CSI women can grab the No. 2 seed by beating Dixie on Friday and sealing Treasure Valley do the same on Saturday.

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Panthers take title, top seed

By *Kevin Hall*
Times-News writer

GOODING — The Carey Panthers claimed the No. 1 seed from District 4 heading into next week's boys' A-4 state tournament with a resounding 51-50 come-from-behind heart stopping win over the Murtaugh Red Devils.

In the game to decide the district's No. 3 seed, the Hagerman Pirates poured it on over the Shoshone Indians for a 72-53 outcome that was really over by the half.

In the state tournament starting Wednesday, Carey takes on the fourth-place team from the Boise area at Vallivue High School at 1:45 p.m., the same time Hagerman plays Troy at Caldwell High School.

Boys' basketball

Shoshone meets the top team from the Pocatello area at 3:15 p.m. Vallivue, and Murtaugh faces the fifth-place team from Boise at 8 p.m. at Caldwell.

Carey 51, Murtaugh 50

Carey guard Danny Simpson knew he had to time it just right to secure the Panthers' 51-50 come-back victory.

"I knew that (Murtaugh center) Kyle Roseborough) was their go-to guy and I saw him posting up," Simpson said. "They were trying to work around and get the ball to him."

With the clock ticking down to zero and Murtaugh needing a bucket to win, Simpson stepped in front of a Cliff Wright pass for an interception that sealed the frantic victory for the Panthers (20-2).

The Red Devils (17-6) led the entire way, only to be stung at the end by the never-say-die Panthers.

"Well, we lost starting point guard Kyle Funk, (to fouls) in the last minute," said Red Devils coach Clair Anderson. "And we had a couple of mental breakdowns in the end, but Carey came on with the late, run and with our leader on the bench, it showed."

With Murtaugh leading 33-27 at the half, both squads came out flat, playing a sloppy third quarter, missing shots, turnovers and fouls dominated the 12-point period.

A frenetic, fast-paced fourth quarter, resembling much of the first half, saw the game come down to the final three minutes.

After a Brooke McFarland bucket drew the race in Murtaugh's favor at 50-47, Carey pulled within one-on-a-pair-of-free-throws. Murtaugh then lost the rebound pass to Carey's pressure defense and with 21 ticks left on the clock, Carey forward Mike Olsen's put-back put the Panthers up 51-50, setting up Simpson's heroics on the defensive end.

Roseborough led the Red Devils with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

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Hagerman 72, Shoshone 53

In a game that wasn't as close as the score, the Pirates jumped out to a 28-8 first quarter lead on the

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SPARTAN SEND-OFF



Minico High School senior wrestlers Nick Thurston and Terri Miller receive cheers from fellow students as they and 14 other wrestlers head out Thursday toward the state wrestling tournament in Pocatello. In that afternoon's opening round, Thurston won a 12-5 decision over Moscow senior Seth Merickel at 140 pounds and Miller beat Nampa senior L.L. Overall 10-9 at 172 pounds. The Spartans stand in fourth place headed into today's action. For results updated after press time Thursday, visit www.idahowrestling.com.

First-day survival

Local wrestlers, teams vie for championships

By *Lisa Winther*
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — They're back to defend the 1998 A-2 state wrestling title. Will they repeat? Only time will tell.

"We have a lot of state experience," said Buhl coach Joel Asters. "It's also the desire of the boys to win."

Last year's Indians included 1998 champions Anthony Barlett and Nick Nihil,

both now attending Northern State University in South Dakota.

Three other wrestlers from Buhl's state champion team are Luke Chivers, Tyke Souner and Dusty Owen. All three return as seniors this year along with teammates Brandon Craner, Jared Ambrose, Eric Butterworth, Brandon Clark, Robin Hunsaker and sophomore Jason Rippe.

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Above left, Tiger Woods reacts as he sinks a birdie putt on the 14th hole during the second round of the Anderson Consulting Match Play Championship Thursday at La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. At right, Paul Azinger agonizes over a missed putt on the 17th green.

Match Play claims more top golfers

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — With only three players in the top 20 still alive, the Match Play Championship suddenly looks more like the Quad Cities Classic than an elite tournament of the top players in the world.

For Tiger Woods and the other 15 survivors, it's starting to feel more like the Ryder Cup.

"This is nerve-wracking stuff," Fred Couples said after holding on for a 1-up victory over Scott Hoch. "I don't even know who I play tomorrow, but this stuff makes me so nervous I will be choking like a dog."

At least he'll be around for a chance to experience what Greg Norman did

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SPORTS

CSI

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But two factors weigh heavily against the Chukars are 1-15 in conference and last by 37 points the only other time they've played Dixie, and the Rebels will hardly be coasting into this week-end games...

full gym - even forcing them to practice off-campus one day - Bate said the sessions have been up-tempo and productive.
"I think the girls are ready. They're pretty disappointed in the last week in terms of how they played," he said.

performance... The CSI band will be in full force, after administrators at Salt Lake Community College issued a virtual gag order on it Saturday night, using simulated crowd noise to cover the public-address system...

Wrestling

"It's the Bull tradition," Auer said. "We (the coaches) didn't bring anything to the program. The kids have to do it."
The last three years, Bull has taken the district tournament in 1997 and 1998 the Indians control the Wood River and Jerome teams, but this year were also able to throttle the new divisions.

The Indians also lost seven of their matches earlier in the season due to school rank.
"I hurt the seven guys and the team as well," said Thompson, who watched six players get suspended for a month after getting caught stealing equipment and clothes from the opponents' locker room.

A-4

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strength of 11-of-15 shooting led by guards Trent Easterbrook (14 points) and Tyson Clark (eight points).
The Pirates (17-7) continued their assault, racking up 23 second-quarter points en route to a 57-27-point halftime lead over the hapless Indians (11-15).

"We'll just completely erase (this game) and get back to the drawing board defensively starting tomorrow," Messick said.
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Highland beats Pocatello, takes Region III boys' hoop crown
POCATELLO - For the second time in a week, No. 1 went down to its closest rival.
The top-ranked Pocatello Indians, who beat Crossroads for Highland Tuesday to set up an in-conference championship game of the Class A-1, Region III tournament, could not duplicate the feat Thursday night and fell to the Rams 51-40.

"We brought nothing to the program," Thompson said. "We just teach them to focus and work hard on their own."
We have a lot of seniors this year. They're going to be next year when we don't have the leadership we do this year.

Golf

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Thursday, when he blew a 3-up lead with four holes to go and led on the third extra hole to Eduardo Romero of Argentina.
"That's match play," Romero said.

They were joined by David Duval, Nick Price and Justin Leonard, with the No. 1 Woods as the only player to top 10 still in the hunt for the \$1 million first prize.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA standings
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Team GP W-L Pct GB
Chicago Bulls 48 33-15 .688 0
New York Knicks 48 32-16 .667 1

High school scores
PHILADELPHIA
St. Joseph's 78, St. Ignace 58
St. Ignace 58, St. Joseph's 78

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore
DEAR MAMA: WELL, I'M STUCK PLAYING RIGHT FIELD AGAIN... TRADITIONALLY A POSITION RESERVED FOR THE TEAM GEEK, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE THAT GUY AND THE BALL RARELY IS HIT TO RIGHT FIELD...

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WRESTLING

Wrestling
Team GP W-L Pct GB
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DRIVER STANDINGS

Driver Standings
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2. Matt Larson 253
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE SCORES

Women's college scores
Arizona 85, Washington 70
California 78, Oregon 65

HOCKEY

Hockey
Philadelphia 31, New Jersey 20
New York 4, Pittsburgh 3

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SPORTS

Rome on Radio

Program host takes country by storm

The Associated Press

There's no need for Jim Rome to convince players to come on his radio program. They call him "Chris" on his ESPN show.

Except for Jim Everett, of course. Rome gained notoriety when he taunted Everett by calling him "Chris" on his ESPN show in 1994.

"I pushed the guy too far and have to be accountable," Rome said. "My only concern is that's all they know about me. ... I'm not glad it happened, but it did make me a household name and it was a classic TV moment."

While Tom Tolbert was playing for the Clippers, he'd dial up Rome and vent on the air.

"I'd call in and rip the Clippers to Rome because he knows what he's talking about and has an opinion that usually rings pretty true," said Tolbert, who has a radio show of his own in San Francisco since retiring. "From an athlete's point of view, he gets what's going on. He doesn't pull any punches. He'll crack on someone one day and give them kudos the next."

Tolbert isn't the only one. Wayne Gretzky, Mike Piazza and Reggie Jackson are all consistent callers to talk "smack."

Rome can be relentless and descending to callers, sounding a loud buzzer as he hangs up on them if he doesn't like what they have to say.

But sports radio is supposed to be entertaining. And Rome is just that.

Rome took his "World Tour" to Cleveland last month and drew more than 13,000 fans - including the Cavs' Bobby Sura and Indians Sandy Loma - and Jared Wright. Some fans even paid \$60 for a ticket to get into "The Jungle."

Rome had a chance to go into TV full time a few years ago in 1996 with his ESPN show, but that meant giving up his radio gig. He declined.

He landed another TV show, "The Last Word," about two years later, and the toned-down version of his radio show now airs on Fox Sports Net.

Rome has a two-year deal with Premiere Radio Network, but the sides are expected to announce a new four-year contract this week, which will negate the old deal.

Rome has tried to invite Everett back to analyze, but the offer hasn't been well-received.

Rome knows everyone won't like him. But then again, he really doesn't care.



Jim Rome speaks to a sellout crowd during his "World Tour" at the Cleveland State Convocation Center Jan. 23. The 34-year-old sports talk show host is considered by some to be obnoxious and outrageous.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Eaks shoots 64 for lead at Tucson Open

TUCSON, Ariz. - R.W. Eaks, an obscure player even in a field drained of marquee names, shot 8-under-par 64 Thursday in the first round of the Tucson Open.

The 45-year-old journeyman got the last of his nine birdies on the 17th hole to open a one-stroke lead over Tom Scherer.

The PGA's Match Play Championship attracted the world's top 64 golfers, including defending Tucson champion David Duval and 17 others who played at Tucson National last year.

Webb nets 63, leads Aussie Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia - Karrie Webb opened the defense of her Australian Ladies Masters title Thursday by breaking her own course record with a 9-under-par 63.

Only eight LPGA Tour players have bettered Webb's score. South Korea's Se Ri Pak shot a 10-under 61 last year in the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic, and seven players have shot 62. Vicki Ferguson holds the record for lowest round in relation to par, an 11-under 61 in the 1984 San Jose Classic.

Canadian rookie Anna-Jane Eathorne was two back after a 65 that included a hole-in-one on the 153-yard 16th hole.

Yankees, Nets merge teams to single company

NEW YORK - In a move that shakes up sports cable TV but won't change George Steinbrenner's role as The Boss, the New York Yankees and the New Jersey Nets signed a letter of intent to merge the two teams into one company.

The deal announced Thursday created a new holding company, YankeeNets, that the teams value at about \$1.4 billion.

The baseball and basketball teams will remain as separate subsidiaries under their current leadership, with Steinbrenner running the Yankees, and Lewis Katz and Ray Chambers running the Nets.

Russian Kafelnikov poised to be No. 1

LONDON - After Thursday's 6-3, 6-2 second-round victory over Zimbabwe's Byron Black, Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov is about to replace Pete Sampras as tennis' No. 1 player.

The 25-year-old Russian, the hottest player in the world this year with a victory three weeks ago in the Australian Open, will move into the top spot in the ATP Tour rankings with a victory today over Thomas Johansson of Sweden in the quarterfinals of the Guardian Direct indoor.

Coetzer advances to IGA quarterfinals

OKLAHOMA CITY - Amanda Coetzer advanced to the quarterfinals of the IGA SuperThrill Tennis Classic with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Elena Wagner on Thursday.

Coetzer, the No. 3 seed from South Africa, connected on 35 of 53 first serves and took 72 minutes to dispatch her German challenger.

Coetzer will next play Cara Black, who defeated Alexia Dechuame-Balleret 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5) earlier Thursday.

Australian IOC threatens legal action

SALT LAKE CITY - Australian IOC member Phil Coles is threatening legal action over what he called inaccurate allegations by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, which on Thursday released more documentation.

Coles has objected to the SLOC ethics panel's report Feb. 9, which accused him of taking four vacations paid for by the committee that sought the 2002 Winter Games. Copies of cancelled checks, correspondence and airline tickets that SLOC says back up that allegation were released on Thursday.

The documentation, SLOC said, had been "inadvertently" left out of the report's appendix and was forwarded to the IOC and to Coles on Wednesday.

Compiled from wire reports

Sprinter expects record to fall

ATLANTA (AP) - This is the meet Maurice Greene has targeted for the world record. Not only does he plan to break the mark, he aims to shatter it.

Greene doesn't think his present record of 6.39 seconds for 60 meters, set last year in Madrid, Spain, will stand up once he crosses the finish line Saturday at the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

"The record is liable to go - to the low 6.20s or the high 6.20s," the world's top-ranked sprinter said. "If it comes out that way, it will be a beautiful thing."

"If I believe I can run faster than it (the record) is, I'll go for it," Greene has not seriously approached the record yet this year, but he has run some fast times while going undefeated.

He broke his Millrose Games record, winning at 6.51 on Feb. 5 over the slow Madison Square Garden world floor. Two days later in Boston, he ran the fastest time in the United States, 6.45, breaking the record of 6.46 he set last year. And on Feb. 13 in Los Angeles, he equaled Donovan Bailey's world record for 50 meters of 5.95.

"If you beat Maurice, it's because you've done everything right," said his coach, John Smith. "When Maurice is at the top of his game, he's difficult to beat."

No one has beaten him indoors this season, and no one beat him in four indoor races in 1998.

The two-day championships, beginning today at the Georgia Dome, will help determine the U.S. team for the World Indoor Championships next weekend at Maebashi, Japan.

If Greene wins, he will be the prohibitive favorite to become the first American indoor 60-meter champion since Lee McElwee at the inaugural meet in Indianapolis in 1987.

Two years ago in the last outdoor championships in Athens, Greece, Greene firmly established himself among the sport's elite. He beat Bailey, also the world record-holder in the 100.

This summer, Greene will take another stab at Bailey's record of 9.84, set at the 1996 Olympics,

and thinks his added strength will enable him to break it.

"That difference has come in the weight room," said Greene, whose best is 9.86. "I've gone up in all areas - bench presses, squats and lifts."

Among the other top men's performers at the national championships will be Charles Austin (high jump), John Godina (shot put), Jeff Hartwig (pole vault), Reggie Torian and Dan O'Brien (60 hurdles), Lance Deal (35-pound weight throw), Jon Drummond (60) and Johnny Gray (800).

The top women include Gill Devers (60), Jeanel Miles-Clark (400), Jeetta Clark and Meredith Rainey Valmon (800), Suzy Hamilton (1,500), Regina Jacobs (3,000), Tisha Walker (high jump), Melissa Morrison (60 hurdles), Connie Price-Smith (shot put) and Melissa Mueller (pole vault).

The meet begins today with trials in the men's and women's 200, 400 and 800, plus the first four events of the heptathlon. All 29 championship finals will be held Saturday.



World 60-meter indoor record holder Maurice Greene wins the Millrose Games Feb. 5 in Madison Square Garden.

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The Gooding girls' basketball team - with a combined grade-point average of 3.68 - has been named the Idaho High School Activities Association Basketball Academic Championship recipient for 1999 in the A-2 classification. Pictured in the bottom row from left are: Evett Vanboek, Molly Wilkison, Joann Anderson, Ann Bichat and coach Andrew Moretto; top row from left are Samantha Reed, Tamara Thompson, Amy Koocoe, Hillary Brown, Jennifer Loveland and Lisa Infelenter.



POCATELLO - Members of the Twin Falls College of Southern Idaho Judo Club recently competed at the Idaho State University Judo Club's 31st Anniversary Shiai. Pictured in the top row from left are: Sensi Brian Harrison, Lyn Miller, Chris Cosselton, Joe Miller and Sensi Bryan Matsuko; in the bottom row are: Kelsey Rogers, Brad Rogers, Kara Gambrel and Krista Gambrel.

TRACKING THE LOCALS

Kimberly High School Brian Harshman

Harshman, a 1998 graduate of Kimberly High School, set Grace College (Indiana) indoor records in the 16-pound shot put and

35-pound weight throw. This week in the NAIA national meet in Lincoln, Neb. (Feb. 25-27)

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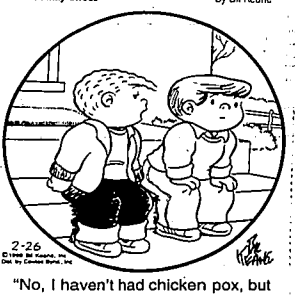
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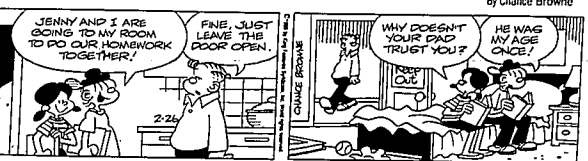
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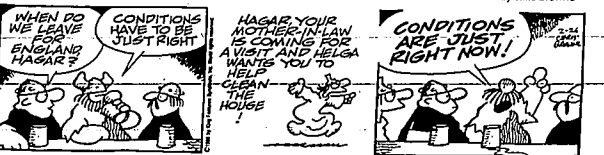
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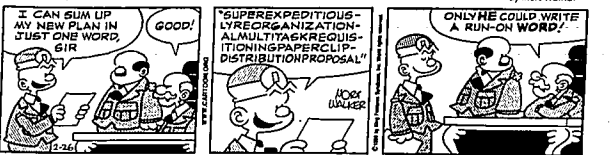
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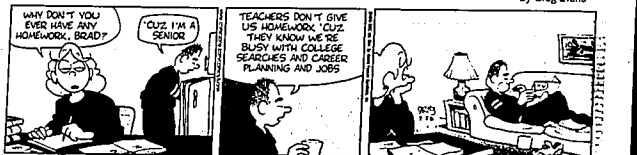
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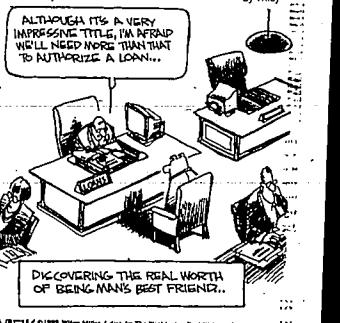
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WORLD

Avalanche death toll soars South Korea releases 41-year prisoner

Rescued boy revives, brings hope to valley

LANDECK, Austria (AP) — The smile of a resuscitated 4-year-old boy — given up for dead when rescuers found him under a massive snowslide — brought hope and joy to this snow-deluged valley Thursday, even as the death toll from two avalanches rose to 33.

In the western Austrian village of Galtuer, where at least 28 people were killed, scores of rescuers used long metal probes to search for at least three people still believed buried beneath tons of snow.

Videotapes brought back by rescue teams showed cars crushed by walls of snow or hurled like toys by the force of Tuesday's avalanche. The top floor of one house was missing, as if sliced off by a giant razor blade.

Roads into the mountainous area remained blocked Thursday, but maintenance crews worked steadily, hoping to clear them by Friday afternoon.

Dozens of helicopters ferried food and supplies into the stricken area, and brought out tourists. Choppers from the German army and police, Switzerland and U.S. army bases in Germany reinforced pilots from the Austrian army.

The U.S. Blackhaws and other helicopters shuttling survivors out to Landeck landed in a swirl of snow on a blocked-off autobahn outside of town. A string of buses there took vacationers to an army camp where psychological counseling was available. From there, the travelers boarded trains for the final leg of the journey home.

The 4-year-old Austrian boy, whose name was not released, was dubbed "the miracle of Valzur" for surviving 100 minutes under the snow in the second of two deadly avalanches that killed dozens in western Austria.

When rescuers found him late Wednesday, he was frozen and had no circulation. He was rushed to nearby Galtuer, where doctors



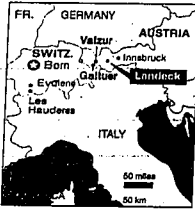
A helicopter of the Austrian Army equipped with a search light takes off early Thursday morning from Landeck, Austria, to pick up endangered tourists from the mountain village of Galtuer. Galtuer had been hit by an avalanche that killed at least 27 people.

saved his life by slowly "warming him up" before sending him to a hospital in the town of Zams.

"When he arrived at the hospital he had a pacifier in his mouth, and he even smiled a little," Dr. Alois Schranz told the Austria Press Agency.

"The boy is well. He eats normally, he talks and plays," pediatrician Irene Wolch told The Associated Press. She said he would remain under observation.

Meanwhile, authorities warned that the risk of more avalanches remained extremely high due to rising temperatures and fresh snow.



TAEJON, South Korea — Woo Yong Gak settled into a civilian hotel Friday, his fate uncertain following his release after 41 years in solitary confinement in a South Korean prison on charges of spying for the North.

It was a change Woo denied throughout what Amnesty International and other civil rights groups called the longest known detention of a political prisoner.

Woo and 16 other men convicted of spying in South Korea were freed Thursday under a special amnesty to celebrate the first anniversary of President Kim Dae-jung's inauguration.

Clutching a bouquet and wearing clothes donated by a civil rights group, the 70-year-old Woo smiled as he was greeted by several hundred people in the early morning fog.

But even after more than four decades spent in a 12-by-12-foot cell, Woo appeared unbothered, despite being having diabetes and suffering a stroke several years ago.

"Life in jail felt really long and slow, but I have never been repentant. I endured it with strong will," Woo told reporters outside Taejon Penitentiary, 95 miles south of Seoul.

Report blasts army's role in massacres

GUATEMALA CITY — The Guatemalan army is responsible for the vast majority of the more than 200,000 deaths and disappearances in the country's 36-year civil war, an official truth commission declared Thursday.

Its long-awaited report, based on the testimony of 3,200 people from all sides in the conflict, was Guatemala's first step in bringing reconciliation to a country split since a U.S.-backed coup put rightists in power in 1954.

The commission has no power to bring those responsible for the killings to trial or impose sanctions. But the report recommends that the government begin a formal investigation into the army's actions and remove any military officers found to have participated in the killings.

World in brief

China vetoes resolution on U.N. peacekeepers

UNITED NATIONS — China lashed back at Macedonia for establishing ties with Taiwan on Thursday, vetoing a Security Council resolution that would have kept U.N. peacekeepers in the strategic Balkan country for another six months.

Overriding concerns that the conflict in neighboring Kosovo could cross the border, Chinese Ambassador Qin Huanan cast the vote, marking only the fifth time that Beijing has used its veto on a council resolution.

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov abstained from the vote, saying Moscow's amendments had not been taken into consideration. China's veto was a major blow to the United Nations, which has held up the Macedonia mission as a model of preventative peacekeeping. The U.N. Preventive Deployment Force was dispatched to Macedonia in 1992 during the Bosnian war to prevent the spread of the ethnic conflict.

China severed ties with Macedonia after it established diplomatic relations last month with Taiwan. Beijing considers Taiwan a renegade province with no right to its own international relations.

Jury convicts Puerto Rico mayor of fraud

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A Puerto Rican mayor was convicted of bribery and conspiracy Thursday in a \$2.5 million kick-back scheme that targeted a U.S. company cleaning up debris from Hurricane Georges.

Angel Rodriguez, mayor of the northern town of Toa Alta, and contractor Jose Orlando Figueroa, also convicted Thursday, are to be sentenced June 8.

The bribery charge carries a maximum 10-year sentence, and the conspiracy count up to five years.

A federal jury in San Juan acquitted both men of extortion. Hours after the verdict, Rodriguez submitted his resignation as mayor of Toa Alta, a city of

30,000 people. The city's municipal assembly was to select an interim mayor.

Prosecutors said Rodriguez and Figueroa demanded \$2.5 million from Mississippi-based JESCO in exchange for a contract to collect debris after Hurricane Georges swept over the island Sept. 21.

Both men denied the charges, and defense attorney Luis Plaza said Thursday they were considering an appeal.

Witness: Pilot of doomed jet tried to avoid houses

RUTAN, China — The pilot of a crippled Chinese jetliner pulled his plane up to miss a residential area before it crashed into a cabbage field, a witness said Thursday.

The crash killed all 61 people aboard, making it China's worst air disaster in five years.

Investigators working with a backhoe searched the charred debris of the China Southwest Airlines jet on Thursday, while police held back thousands of spectators near the southeastern coastal town of Rutan.

Aviation officials had no immediate explanation for Wednesday's crash of the Russian-built Tupolev-154 and said they were looking for its "black box" flight recorder.

Myanmar predicts drop in opium production

YANGON, Myanmar — After a ceremony in which more than \$200 million in illegal drugs was burned, Myanmar's top anti-narcotics officer pledged Thursday that his country's opium production will drop 50 percent this year because of government eradication efforts.

However, official statistics show that such a drop would follow a record-high 1997-98 crop.

Col. Kyaw Thein, ending an international heroin conference organized by Interpol, told reporters that the figures could not be interpreted as higher than in previous years, since improved statistical methods were introduced last year.

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Help wanted: Tina the tool woman

Construction industry turns to women

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — From California to Connecticut, building contractors are desperately looking for women who are handy with a hammer and comfortable in a hard hat.

With the economy booming and buildings going up left and right, the construction industry faces a severe labor shortage. As a result, recruiters have been looking to hire women straight out of high school and homemakers returning to the work force. They're even talking to grad-schoolers to prime the next generation.

"The industry is just dying for people. We don't care what kind



Nanotto-Randall, 35, holds a recruiting saw Thursday as she works at a construction job in Plano, Texas.

— man, woman, whatever. They just need to have skills," said

Robert Moorhead, spokesman for the National Center for

Construction Education and Research in Gainesville, Fla.

According to the Labor Department, just 2 percent of the 4.84 million hands-on construction jobs in the United States are filled by women.

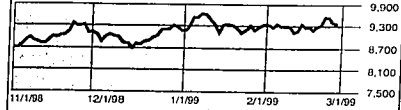
Recruiting women is made difficult by what Moorhead sees as an image problem: the notion that all construction workers are burly, unshaven men who like to lift large pieces of metal and dig ditches.

In its recruitment effort, the industry stresses that technology has eliminated many old questions about whether women have the upper body strength to handle the job.

"A lot of the heavy lifting requirements have been made obsolete through machinery through cranes, tractors and other types of equipment. There are alternative methods to lifting

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Stocks end lower as bond interest rates push higher

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks finished with only modest losses Thursday after recovering from a steep slide sparked by a third straight day surging interest rates in the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 33.33 points lower at 9,366.34, after bargain hunters shrank a lot of 166 points during the final hour of trading. The late recovery wasn't enough, however, to prevent the Dow's first three-session losing streak in a month.

Broader stock indicators also staged a partial rebound after plunging with the bond market, which has been rattled by fears the Federal Reserve may boost interest rates to slow the economy and contain inflation.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished down 8.39 at 1,245.45, sliding as much as 28 points, and the technology

heavy Nasdaq composite index bounced back from a 52-point loss and closed 12.56 lower at 2,326.82.

Thursday's bond losses came as three new reports were released demonstrating the economy's surprising strength. The data followed by just one day a warning by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan that the central bank stands ready to raise interest rates unless domestic economic growth slows this year.

The early stock rout came as the price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond dropped \$20.31 for every \$1,000 valuation. Its yield, which moves opposite the price, hit its another six-month high, rising to 5.65 percent from 5.51 percent on Wednesday.

"Now that bonds aren't on our side, (the stock) market found it impossible to push upward," said Bryan Fitzgibbon, a market analyst at Prudential Securities.

How to find a real estate agent who really listens

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Tami Michaels knew how to find a house. She even has her own Saturday morning show on KOMO radio called "Home Front" where she helps callers do the same.

But when it comes to buying a house, Michaels discovered that finding a good real-estate agent can be a challenge.

She started looking for an old house to buy and renovate about six months ago. The first agents she worked with were sometimes critical of the homes she was attracted to and acted as if she didn't know what she wanted.

"It's like looking for anything else," said Ginger Downs, executive director of the Seattle-King County Association of Realtors.

"Contact a franchise or firm and you'll find someone who understands the new-home market. It is a little bit different."

Finding an agent who knows the market is just one step toward success, said Paul Jamieson discovered the hard way.

Jamieson recently sold his condominium, which has a sweeping view of the city.

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Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq, National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. All figures are as of 4:15 p.m. EST.

Large table listing 1000+ stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

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Table listing bean futures contracts, including Valley Beans and various grades of beans.

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CORDLESS TELEPHONES STILL DON'T TRAVEL WELL

By John Burgess, The Washington Post. The no-cost wireless call. To me that's what it seemed was a great idea. A & T 9515 cordless phone. Range of up to 4,000 feet — it said so right on the box.

You can imagine my disappointment, then, at what happened next: I took the phone out on a walk around the block, talking to my brother from the park while the dog runs around, both places are about half a mile from the house.

Consumer Communications, the maker of the phone, knows that and does not on Page 14 of the manual that things such as weather and construction of your house can affect the range. A conversation with the company turned up the fact that 4,000 feet is what engineers have managed by using "line of sight" links with the phone.

AGENT

Continued from E1. For \$750,000, but he switched real-estate agents in the process. He said the agent he dealt with quickly returned with offers on his condo. Unfortunately, each was made by someone with a pet, even though James said he made clear that pet preference mattered in the building. The agent said those making the offers wanted James to get the buyers changed to allow pets, he said.

Instead, James switched to an agent he met at an open house. He was impressed by his friendliness and knowledge of the Seattle condo market.

"They got together for a two-hour interview in which Jameson asked about the agent's sales history, his plan for marketing the condo and references. They even negotiated the commission. Jameson then told the agent that he would give him 90 days to sell the unit within 90 days, with an option for extending the contract."

"I was a little aggressive," Jameson said, but "he didn't flinch at any of that," and came back with a list of references and a marketing plan in 48 hours. That, and his punctuality, sold Jameson.

The condo was sold in 110 days. He was impressed by his friendliness and knowledge of the Seattle condo market.

"He made himself available and was probably the best listener."

CONSTRUCTION

Continued from E1. materials. The person doesn't have to break their backs," said Dennis Day a spokesman for the Local Central Contractors Association, an industry group in Washington.

Nonetheless, women seem to be gravitating towards positions in Water. "Construction finds the work highly rewarding."

"There's a sense of accomplishment," she said. "I can drive all over and look at the work I've done."

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing mutual fund performance data, including fund names, categories, and returns.

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Israeli court blocks extradition

Suspect in grisly murder instead gets citizenship

Los Angeles Times

Jerusalem — Israel's Supreme Court on Thursday rejected U.S. government pleas and blocked the extradition of an American youth wanted in a grisly Maryland murder.

The judges, voting 3-2, overturned a lower court's decision that Samuel Sheinbein, 18, could be extradited to the United States to face charges in the 1991 killing and instead accepted his claim of Israeli citizenship.

Sheinbein, who had never lived in Israel before the murder, will stand trial here within a few weeks, his lawyer and extradition attorneys said.

The case has strained U.S.-Israeli relations and prompted the U.S. Congress to threaten to freeze financial aid to Israel. It has also raised questions about the criteria for Israeli citizenship and angered many Israelis who fear that their country can be used as a haven for Jewish criminals.



Samuel Sheinbein



Montgomery County State Attorney Douglas Gansler, left, talks to reporters with Deputy State Attorney John McCarthy, center, and Elette Remos, mother of murder victim Alfred Tello Jr., about the decision of Israel's Supreme Court not to send murder suspect Samuel Sheinbein back to the United States for trial. Sheinbein fled for Israel shortly after Tello was murdered in Maryland.

The court ruling was greeted with calls for changes in the law that forbids extradition of Israeli citizens — calls that came even from the high court and Sheinbein's own attorney.

The ruling is a victory for Sheinbein, who sat expressionless in court as the decision was

read. The youth had fought his extradition since fleeing to Israel two days after the charred and dismembered body of Alfredo Tello, 19, was found near Sheinbein's home in suburban Maryland.

Sheinbein's attorney, former Justice Minister David Libai,

praised the court for resisting U.S. political pressure.

"This is a country in which the rule of law prevails," Libai said. "You won't find a marked difference between trying him in Maryland and here. Maybe public opinion is a little less against him here, that's all."

Kosovo rebels, Serbs defy NATO with new fighting

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Explosions and the crackle of gunfire broke out Thursday between Yugoslav army forces and Kosovo rebels in defiance of Western warnings that they hold to a cease-fire during the 12-week suspension in peace talks.

German Gen. Klaus Naumann, head of NATO's panel of military planners, expressed concern over the fighting as well as what he called a "significant" buildup of Yugoslav forces in and near Kosovo.

The blasts and small-arms fire Thursday erupted from Bakes, 20 miles northwest of the provincial capital of Pristina, where Serb tanks and mortars were targeting separatist Kosovo Liberation Army positions near the village.

Clashes in the same area on Tuesday, the day the peace talks ended, left one Serb civilian dead and five Serb policemen wounded, and NATO monitors with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe reported that at least 15 Yugoslav tanks had massed in the region.

The situation in Kosovo, the ethnic Albanian majority province in southern Serbia where more than 2,000 people have died in fighting the past year, is "more than tense. It's almost a powder keg," Naumann said Thursday.

Under the circumstances, it is "absolutely necessary that military pressure is kept up" and that NATO maintain the option to stage airstrikes against the Serbs, Naumann said.

Kosovo profile

Serbs consider Kosovo the cradle of their history and culture. They lost a battle against the Turkish empire in Kosovo in 1389, which symbolizes the Serb struggle for independence of their state. Today, ethnic Albanians are fighting the current Yugoslav government for Kosovo's independence.

Serbian police and the Yugoslav army claimed several Kosovo Albanian rebels over the past year. The conflict has claimed some 2,000 lives, most of them Albanian civilians, and driven more than 300,000 refugees from their homes.



Kosovo was part of Serbia in the former Communist Yugoslavia federation. It won absolute autonomy in 1974. Then-Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic abolished the 1999 introducing martial law. Milosevic launched a crackdown in February 1998 against independence-seeking rebels. Following unsuccessful peace talks, the future of the province is unclear.

Map key: ■ Albanian ■ Muslim ■ Serb ■ Other ■ No clear majority



2 million people; 90 percent ethnic Albanians

Ridicule rains on Gorbachev at Italian songfest

SAN REMO, Italy (AP) — Gorbachev's gone glitz. The ridicule is rampant.

The last leader of the Soviet Union, the man who won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 for helping end the Cold War, was to be the special guest Thursday night at the San Remo Song Festival, Italy's splashiest, most over-the-top TV spectacle.

Since its 1955 TV debut, San Remo has become an institution, attracting tens of millions viewers, a host of wannabe contestants and superstar special guests.

The guests are usually the likes of Madonna or Cher, making a "spec" appearance this year. And they sing.

But Mikhail Gorbachev didn't sign on to warble. He wanted to give a speech. In Russian. About politics.

In a bid for dignity at San Remo, he demanded five minutes of prime time TV to address the 'youth of the world' about the 'challenges of the coming millennium.'

In a bid for dignity at San Remo, he demanded — and, after intense negotiations, reportedly got — a promise of five minutes of prime time TV to address the "youth of the world" about the "challenges of the coming millennium."

As for how much Gorbachev is making, RAI spokesman Nava Giuseppe said, "The whole operation costs \$100,000, including expenses."

Reviled in Russia, Gorbachev is forced to seek admiration — and money — abroad. His foundation

in Moscow is trying hard to raise money. He's already made commercials for Piza Hut.

Millions of Russians blame Gorbachev for the woes that bedevil them and their country because of the Soviet empire's unruly disintegration in 1991. When Gorbachev tried a comeback in the 1996 presidential race, he got less than 1 percent of the vote.

The ridicule in the Italian press over his San Remo appearance has been pitiless. "Poor Gorbachev: From the Kremlin to

San Remo," Il Giornale scoffed.

Gorbachev, commentator Claudio Magris wrote in *Corriere della Sera*, seemed "inevitably pattered" in trying to dignify his well-paid presence with a speech.

RAI, however, changed its mind about the speech as Gorbachev arrived for the festival — greeted by a female comic actor who showed up, without warning, impersonating Premier Massimo D'Alema. RAI then said Gorbachev wouldn't make a speech after all, he would just chat on-air with festival host Fabio Fazio.

The Gorbachev affair is just the latest flap at the festival, which has a colorful history of scandals, successes and spectacular flops. Perhaps the most famous song it launched was "Volare," the 1958 winner.

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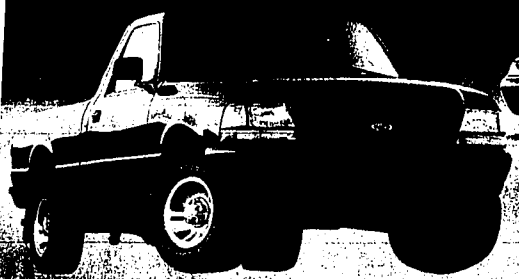
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MEDICAL CAREER OPPORTUNITY Need self-motivated registered nurse for 24 hr shifts. Call Diane at 734-3044. Fax to 734-3044. Magic Valley Staffing, 200 2nd Ave N, TF.

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MEDICAL National medical records copy service has openings in the Twin Falls area. Looking for a candidate who can maintain confidentiality of information. Flexible schedule, no evenings or weekends. \$9.50 per hour. Please fax resume to: 1-888-902-4145.

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MEDICAL Immediate openings -CNA's, LPN's, RN's -LPN-Trans Care -RN-Vent Unit -RN-IGI Lab Manager 733-7300 or 678-4040 PERSONNEL PLUS

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218 TIMES NEWS CARRIER ROUTE

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ROUTE 409
Park Ave. Overland
Bramwood Ave. & Fairmont Dr. W. 24th - W. 27th

If you live in the BURLEY area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Burley Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the Burley office at 325 1/2 E. 5th N. (Next to Wal-Mart)

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East Ave. A

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TWIN FALLS (8)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 802
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TWIN FALLS (7)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE EAST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 712
1200-1500 bik Evergreen Dr.
1500-1400 bik Holy Dr.
1100-1600 bik Juniper St. N.
1100-1200 bik Locust St. N.

ROUTE 757
1300 bik Elm St. East
100-400 bik Elm St.
100-400 bik Locust St.
100-400 bik Walnut St.

ROUTE 782
1600 bik 2nd Ave. E
1600 bik 3rd Ave. E
1500-1700 bik 4th Ave. E
1600 bik Harmon Park
1500 bik Kimberly Rd.
200-400 bik Locust St.
500 bik Adams St.

ROUTE 828
100-400 bik Adams St.

ROUTE 840
100-400 bik Pierce St.

ROUTE 845
500 bik Adams St.
500 bik Jefferson St.
500 bik Madison St.
600 bik Marlon St.
100 bik Moreland Ave.

ROUTE 852
700-800 Academic Dr.
700 bik Campus
200-300 bik Meadow Ln
200-300 bik Monroe St.
700-850 bik Quincy St.
200 bik University Ave.

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WENDELL

THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER CARRIERS FOR THE WENDELL AREA. Walking Routes Available

ROUTE 510
1st Ave. East
2nd Ave. East
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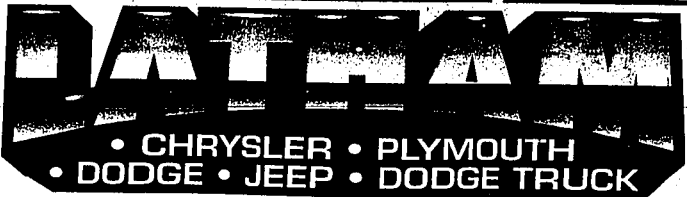
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