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Students will move, but Legislature may not

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE - The Wendell School Board's Wednesday decision to vacate a partially condemned middle school solidifies the school's poster child status in the debate on what to do about Idaho's crumbling school buildings.

But it's unlikely the move will make a lasting impression at the Statehouse.

At most, the trustees' action will temporarily focus attention on the unsafe building conditions faced

Decision in Wendell might not result in long-term alteration of school funding

by many districts across the state, legislators said Thursday. And it will likely give a lawsuit, which says the state is not living up to its obligation to provide a safe learning environment for students, more momentum at a critical time.

But the school's condemnation and closure won't likely move the Legislature from its steadfast insistence that local districts find

local solutions to these problems.

Most legislators are reluctant to see the state get involved in building schools. In fact, most ideas coming from the Statehouse include measures to preserve local control and responsibility.

However, something on the horizon could make lawmakers think twice about their role in helping fix unsafe classroom conditions.

"The big motivation will be the court date," said Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Dozens of school districts have joined in a lawsuit which aims at getting the state to assume some of the burden for school construction. Wendell is not involved in the suit, which will begin with opening arguments March 7.

School districts across the state are facing building life-safety problems, but empty district col-

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Senate approves plan for teachers

The Associated Press

BOISE - A consensus plan to help new teachers succeed while enabling school districts to weed out poor classroom prospects won unanimous approval Thursday in the state Senate.

"We're elevating expectations of what goes on in that classroom," said Republican Sen. Darrel Deide, the former longtime superintendent of the Caldwell School District.

The legislation, which now goes to the House, is the product of what a special legislative committee that got off to a contentious start last spring over teacher contract issues but finally coalesced around the plan that has been accepted by all school interests.



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Under the proposal, teachers give up employment security in their second years on the job through the creation of a special contract class that permits districts to let teachers go after one or two years with nothing more than adequate notice and a statement of the reasons. Nonrenewal of the contract cannot be challenged by the teacher.

But in return, schools districts must set up an extensive mentoring and support program for young teachers during their first three years on the job to help them develop their skills. Some 2,600 teachers statewide would benefit from the program that the state will finance with a \$2 million infusion of tax money.

"It will produce better teachers in Idaho classrooms," Deide said, "not only in the first three years but because what happens in the first years determines the performance in the future."

Although there was no opposition to the bill, there was still lingering concern about the financing and whether legislative budget writers would simply divert state cash from other parts of the public school aid package to the support program.

Sen. Jack Riggs, R-Coeur d'Alene, a member of the special legislative panel that came up with the bill, offered assurances that the intention was that the money for the support program would be in addition to the cash traditionally given to school districts each year.

But he conceded that the decision would be made by the House-Senate budget committee.

Wendell students, staff prepare for a big change

By Gina Mukler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Wendell Middle School students are heading to high school sooner than they had planned, and they're not sure what to make of it.

They have mixed feelings about a School Board plan, announced Wednesday, to close the aging middle school, move the students over to the high school and impose a block schedule.

"I think it's going to be weird going to school just three days a week," said eighth-grader Jysen Lancaster, watching as students cleaned out their lockers. "This move feels unorganized and rushed. Nobody asked us what we wanted. I wish we could have just stayed here until the end of school."

"I never felt we were in any danger from the school falling in on us," eighth-grader Bonnie Sears added. "What are the odds that we're going to have an earthquake soon? It would have been better if we could have just stayed put."

Concerned over the aging middle school - already partially condemned - the School Board decided to close the school entirely, effective Tuesday.

After middle school staff packs up classrooms and offices for the move to the high school, school will resume Feb. 28. Hours will remain normal, but the schedule won't; high school students will attend classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and the middle school will attend on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

School officials are hoping middle school students will have to attend Saturday sessions only through the end of March.

But some students are looking forward to leaving the 80-year-old middle school and taking advantage of the high school's more modern facilities a year or two earlier. And a few students were just excited about spending less time sitting in classrooms.

High school and middle school leaders met for most of Thursday to devise a schedule to accommodate both schools. Another priority was making sure schedules would meet the Idaho Department of Education's required hours for instruction. By chopping up the week into two three-day blocks, educators were concerned that seniors would fall short of what they needed to graduate in May.

"We think we have come up with a schedule that we can all live with," Middle School Principal [Name] said. Please see **WENDELL**, Page A2



Shayna Stouder cleans out her locker at Wendell Middle School Thursday. Middle school students are being moved out of the 80-year-old middle school, and will attend classes at the town's high school instead.

McCain compares himself to Ronald Reagan

Bush says opponent is on the 'low road' in pivotal primary

The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - John McCain likened himself Thursday to Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, two-term presidents who reached across party lines. "If we win here, I don't see how we can be stopped," McCain said, hoping for a surge of Democrats and independents in Saturday's primary.

Two days before the South Carolina contest, national front-runner George W. Bush kept up his case against McCain by suggesting the Arizona senator was a hypocrite riding his "high horse" down a "low road."

With polls predicting a tight race, Bush's supporters fear that a defeat in South Carolina would lead to follow-up losses in Michigan next Tuesday and in Virginia seven days later, setting off a cataclysmic chain reaction. Even his allies say backers in Congress and elsewhere would begin to peel away.



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, of Ariz., exchanges greetings with Mike Powell, right, a fellow Navy veteran at a rally Thursday in Greenville, S.C. McCain is criss-crossing the state campaigning for the state's upcoming primary.

New polls out Thursday showed McCain faring as well as or better than Bush in a match-up against Democratic front-runner Al Gore. This is bad news for Bush, who courted victory-starved Republicans for months based on polls that showed him besting his GOP rivals in matchups against the vice president.

"There's a rising belief that McCain could win as well," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., a Bush supporter.

Steve Duprey, chairman of the Republican Party in New Hampshire and neutral in the race, said "If Bush loses South Carolina, it could be a mortal blow to his campaign."

McCain, whose financial and

political standing improved dramatically after his victory in New Hampshire, believes he can win Michigan and his home state of Arizona, even if South Carolina goes to Bush.

"We can lose here and go on," McCain told 300 veterans. "But I'll tell you what, my friends: If we win here, I don't see how we can be stopped."

Bush said South Carolina is not do-or-die. "I'm continuing one way or another," he told reporters, acknowledging a scenario that would have been unthinkable just a few weeks ago.

The key will be turnout, and both campaigns are contacting thousands of supporters in the contest's closing days. Bush is especially aggressive, deploying the GOP establishment and conservative special interest groups.

Trailing far behind Bush among self-identified GOP voters, McCain stepped up his appeal to independents and Democrats by promising a new political coalition and a dedication to senior citizens, children and veterans.

"These things are part of an inclusive party, the party of Please see **PRIMARY**, Page A2

State's patchy snowpack stirs concern

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - The state is a patchwork of wet and dry areas with about 40 percent of the winter left, but the ample water supply in reservoirs from last year should dispel farmers' fears, the Idaho Water Supply Committee reports.

January's winter storms helped ease concerns about the lack of snow and potential droughts in southern Idaho. Ron Abramovich, water supply specialist with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, told the panel of experts from various land and water management agencies Thursday.

Snowpacks and the projected streamflows that supply southern Idaho irrigation water range from about 50 percent of average in the Big Wood Basin to 70 percent in the Salmon Falls and Oakley basins to 80 percent in the Upper Snake River Basin.

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THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 28 Low: -6
Sunny. Clear and cold tonight. Sunny again tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High: 44 Low: 23
Sunny with light north-wind. Clear and cold tonight. Sunny Saturday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 31 Low: 7
Mostly sunny after morning fog in valleys. Mostly clear tonight and sunny tomorrow.

Eastern Idaho

High: 34 Low: 11
Mostly sunny after morning low clouds or fog. Clearing tonight and tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High: 33 Low: 18
Partly sunny after morning valley fog. Same Saturday.

Northern Utah

High: 44 Low: 28
Partly cloudy today and tomorrow.

Northern Nevada

High: 43 Low: 22
Mostly sunny. Clear and cold tonight. Sunny tomorrow.

Today

High: 41 Low: 16
Sunny with light west wind. Clear and cold tonight.

Saturday

High: 40 Low: 21
Sunny.

Sunday

High: 40s Low: 20s
Partly cloudy.

Monday

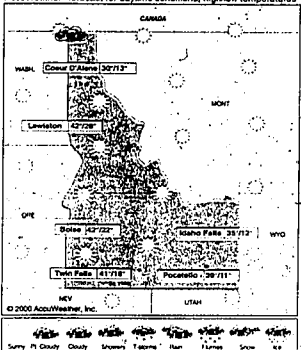
High: 50 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy with chance of rain.

Tuesday

High: 50 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy.

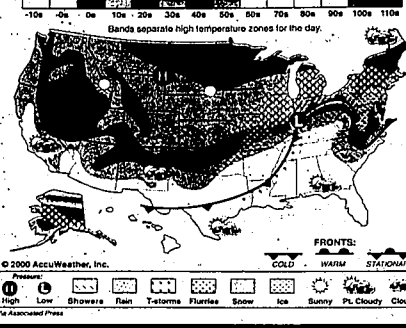
Idaho weather

Friday, Feb. 18
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather

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Lunar phase: Full, Feb. 19; last quarter, Feb. 26; new, March 6; first quarter, March 13.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: High pressure built into the state Thursday afternoon from the northwest while portions of southern and southeastern Idaho remained under cloudy skies from a low pressure moving through Colorado. Mostly sunny to sunny skies prevailed over most areas at mid-afternoon with no reports of precipitation. Elsewhere: Snow and thunderstorms darkened the Rockies and Plains on Thursday, while fair and dry weather dominated the East and West. An area of low pressure spun near the Four

Corners area. Snow, moderate to heavy at times, fell over Utah, southern Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and northern Arizona. The snow was heaviest over western Colorado. The southern Plains also felt the effects of this southern Rockies storm system. Showers and thunderstorms were located, from southeastern Kansas and southern Missouri, southward into eastern Oklahoma, Arkansas and northern Mississippi. Damaging winds to 60 mph and large hail were the primary threats with these storms.

— The Associated Press

Twin Falls Precipitation

Yesterday	40	31	Yesterday in Twin Falls	.11
Last year	37	28	Month to date	.37
Normal	43	23	Normal mo. to date	.57
			Water year to date	2.22
			Normal year to date	4.71

Idaho High/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High/Lows
Boise	47	33	.....	55 at Payette, Low 6 degrees at McCall.
Burley	41	33	.....	Nation: High: 87 at McAllen, Texas, Low: 27 (Tl. Min.)
Coeur d'Alene	32	16	.....
Grangeville	36	16	.....
Hagerman	46	33	01	
Idaho Falls	40	27	1r	
Lewiston	40	27	.....
Malad	39	m	.....
Malta	m	m	.....
McCall	34	6	.....	Noun barometer: n/a
Pocatello	40	30	14	Noun barometer: n/a
Salmon	34	12	.....	Fallen and molten conditions: The reporting season has ended for the year. Asthma & Allergy of Idaho returns in March.
Stanley	31	8	.....
Sun Valley	40	12	.....

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	58	44	.....
Anchorage	47	26	.....
Atlanta	67	46	.....
Boston	29	22	.....
Chicago	35	18	.....
Dallas	82	53	.02
Denver	34	25	.03
Des Moines	29	18	.....
Detroit	85	72	.....
Honolulu	78	61	.....
Houston	47	34	.....
Indianapolis	31	23	.....
Kansas City	37	23	.....
Las Vegas	58	46	.45
Los Angeles	58	45	.....
Memphis	53	43	.57
Miami	78	61	.....
Milwaukee	33	15	.....
Minneapolis	25	8	.10
New Orleans	81	64	.....
New York	34	28	.....
Oaklahoma City	56	49	.36
Omaha	40	29	.....
Phoenix	64	56	.....
Pittsburgh	33	19	.....
Portland, Me.	35	32	.....
Portland, Ore.	42	32	.....
St. Louis	57	38	.20
Salt Lake City	40	37	.21
San Francisco	59	47	.....
Seattle	47	33	.....
Spokane	33	19	.....
Washington	36	32	.....
Yuma	66	59

Canadian Cities

Calgary	21	-4
Montreal	42	0
Vancouver	35	28

Funding

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fers and the public's reluctance to support bond issues — state statute requires a two-thirds majority for bond issue approval — have frustrated school boards' attempts to remedy the problem. To fix facility woes, the districts say, the state must pitch in financially, easing the legal restrictions on tax levying or lowering the bar on the bond issue supermajority. But the majority in the Legislature believe building schools is a local responsibility, and is reluctant to use state funds to bail out financially strapped districts. Schroeder is among the minority of lawmakers who believe the state has a constitutional obligation to help districts. "All children are guaranteed the protection of safe learning environment by the 14th

Amendment," Schroeder said. "And the Idaho Constitution places that responsibility on the state Legislature." But Rep. Fred Tilman, R-Boise, Schroeder's counterpart on the House Education Committee, said the Legislature may intervene directly some day, but until that is necessary, he says legislative involvement should be limited to giving local districts the tools to help themselves. "I commend the district for taking local control of the problem," Rep. Fred Tilman, R-Boise, said of Wednesday's action in Wendell. "If we're putting children in peril, we're not doing our job." But Robert Huntley, the Boise attorney representing the school districts in their suit against the state, said the condemnation and closing of the Wendell Middle School shows the Legislature is

risking lives by holding back money from the districts. He said the state is not living up to its job of keeping schools safe, and said a schools-needs assessment made last year by a committee appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is way off the mark. That assessment came in with a price tag of \$25 million to \$48 million — money the committee said was needed to fix health and safety problems in the schools. Although the Legislature is reluctant to take on responsibility for the facilities, several measures dealing with the situation are circulating in the Statehouse. None of the ideas have taken the form of legislation. They include loan pools, created by private interests or the state, or both, that districts could tap to fix life-safety problems, or partial state

matching funds for successful bond issues. Kempthorne would like the state to pay the loan interest accumulated by districts on a state-created loan pool. Whatever the Legislature tries, many lawmakers said now is the time to act. With at least a \$54-million budget surplus, state finances could be strong enough to absorb the costs. "I don't think we should be talking about tax cuts," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, referring to Republican-led discussions about using the surplus for an income-tax break. "We should be talking about a partnership with the districts to fix school facilities." Times-News political writer Michael Journe said he can be reached in Boise at (208) 331-2510 or by email at mjourne@magisvalley.com

Wendell

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Principal Marcia Hallett said between staff briefings. "We're trying to make the best out of a bad situation. We've worked hard on this so we aren't doing anything to jeopardize the children graduating." School Board members Wednesday decided to vacate the middle school — a school which has become a symbol in the debate over school building needs. The decision came after parents voiced concerns over the safety of their children.

Fueling the concern was last week's School Board meeting, where board members learned that the center portion of the building was sitting on a crumbling foundation, which could fall under the stress of a moderate earthquake. School leaders had suspected the building's integrity was questionable for the past few years. However, because sections of the building are structurally sound, district leaders had hoped they could stay on site for a few more years, at least until the \$3.8-

million high school had been paid off, School Board Vice Chairman John Wright said. "It would have made sliding into a new middle school much easier," Wright added. Those hopes were dashed last summer, when plans to make the school wheelchair-accessible required an building inspection. "Originally, the plan was to install elevators, but first we had to make sure the building was structurally sound," Hallett said. "That's when the building inspector thought we needed to have an

engineer take a closer look." Hallett told parents, students and faculty will have to make adjustments, but she is staying optimistic. "I know we can make this work," Hallett said. "We've got a great school and I have the best staff in the world and I know we can work together and get through this." They were thrown a little curveball by the dry fall, Abramovich said. Still, some basins are better off than they could be. The Owyhee and Camas Creek drainages are at about 90 percent of average snowpack after storms more than doubled depths earlier this year. The February weather outlook from the National Weather Service calls for above-normal precipitation across the state with temperatures above average to the south and below normal to the north. The February-to-April outlook is for above-normal precipitation in the Panhandle and normal elsewhere. Temperatures are expected to be above normal in the Bear River area and near normal for the rest of the state.

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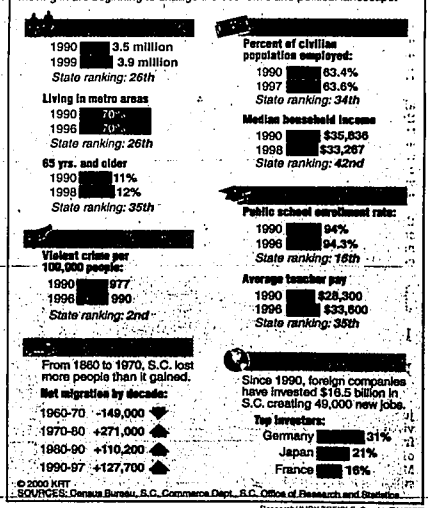
Water

The snowpacks now range from about 70 to 90 percent of average south of the Salmon River to 110 percent in the Clearwater and Panhandle regions. The lowest streamflow forecasts are the rivers which flow in the southern Idaho desert. Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost and Bear River basins are forecast at 45 to 65 percent of average. They suffer because of low precipitation in the first weeks of the snow year in October. They were thrown a little curveball by the dry fall, Abramovich said. Still, some basins are better off than they could be. The Owyhee and Camas Creek drainages are at about 90 percent of average snowpack after storms more than doubled depths earlier this year. The February weather outlook from the National Weather Service calls for above-normal precipitation across the state with temperatures above average to the south and below normal to the north. The February-to-April outlook is for above-normal precipitation in the Panhandle and normal elsewhere. Temperatures are expected to be above normal in the Bear River area and near normal for the rest of the state.

2000 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

South Carolina by the numbers

South Carolina is steeped in tradition, but foreign investment and new people moving in are beginning to change the economic and political landscape.



Primary

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Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan. That's what this is really about," he said. "So I view this campaign as sort of a seminal event for our party and this country." Aboard his campaign bus, McCain also said Clinton has done a "marvelous job" of brokering the Democratic Party, and said he can do the same for the GOP. "You can't help but admire the job President Clinton did in assembling a coalition — moving to attract the great center in political life," he said. Campaigning amid the resorts of Hilton Head, Bush said McCain's high-minded rhetoric belied a below-the-radar campaign to discredit him. He waved a McCain flag that criticized Bush's tax-cutting plan, saying it was filled with false information and calling it evidence of negative campaigning. It was the same prop Bush used in Tuesday night's debate. "I don't accept this high horse and low road attitude of Senator McCain," Bush said, sticking to

his strategy of trying to undermine McCain's reformist image. "I am saying this is a man who says one thing and does another." The effects of the campaign began to show on both candidates. McCain bristled aboard his campaign bus when questioned about his persistent criticisms of Bush, and the governor was unusually terse in his news conference. "Turn that off," Bush said curtly when a pager interrupted him. He was in better spirits later in the day, when 1,500 people showed up in a Litchfield for a question-and-answer session. One woman asked why so many GOP leaders back him, not McCain. "They're sick and tired ... of the people who simply talk the talk," Bush said, digging at McCain. "The governor's advisers were clearly more tense, perhaps because they have to lose."

NATION

Interior secretary unveils land program

Millions of acres will be preserved in new conservation system

DENVER (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt on Thursday unveiled a new program aimed at preserving up to 4 million acres of open space across the West, part of the Clinton administration's plan to protect more federal land before leaving office.

The new system will be called the National Landscape Monuments. Babbitt said the new monuments won't be set up for large numbers of visitors. In fact, they will have no visitor centers at all.

With the West becoming more urban, Babbitt said the country needs to do more than just "see an Indian ruin and make a park or monument on 40 acres."

"It's about a landscape," Babbitt said. "The people in Chicago and their children are going live in a big city but know that there is open space forever that belongs to them whether they come and visit or not."

Reflecting that goal, the land will not be run by the National Park Service but by the Bureau of Land Management - which oversees logging, grazing and recreation on hundreds of millions of acres of land.

The BLM's territory isn't con-



Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, left, jokes with Hel Newton, center, dean of the University of Denver law school, and Treacle Williamson, a law student at the school, Thursday.

sidered as glamorous or distinctive as what the Park Service is entrusted to, and Babbitt has often battled with the BLM over what he considers its pro-mining and logging policies. Babbitt said he wants to give the agency a new role in preservation.

"The nation's largest land management agency ought to be induced to have a sense of pride," Babbitt said.

Tina Arapikiles, the Sierra Club's southwest regional representative, praised the announcement, saying it would shift the BLM from its traditional mining and logging mindset.

"He's trying to protect land for the future. And the land that has been traditionally managed by the BLM has been viewed in our country's history as give-away land or trash land. It's not worth anything but having cows or mines," she said.

"I do have a fundamental concern that BLM doesn't now have the management policies and staffing and culture to manage these more sensitive lands. It is going to require scientific skills and staffing," Kiernan said.

The land being considered for landscape monument status is already owned by the federal government, though some holdings might be purchased as well. Other uses, such as hunting, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The areas involved do not have significant mining or other industrial uses.

Some of the sites under consideration are:

- In Oregon, Steens Mountain and Soda Mountain.
- In Colorado, Canyon of the Ancients, an expansion of the Colorado National Monument and enlarging the Sand Dunes National Monument.
- In California, the Santa Rosa Mountains near Palm Springs and Carrizo Plain in the San Joaquin Valley near Santa Barbara.
- In Arizona, the Empire Ranch near Tucson.
- In Montana, an area along the Missouri River.

L.A. mayor wants funds to cover police lawsuits

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mayor Richard Riordan recommended Thursday that Los Angeles set aside its share of the national tobacco settlement - up to \$300 million - to cover lawsuits brought by victims of the city's police corruption scandal.

"This is the best use of these dollars," Riordan said at a news conference. "Though we have no way of knowing the dollar amount, we must expect and prepare for tens of millions of dollars of liability."

The mayor said the move would safeguard against possible cuts in city services or other tax increases.

However, Councilwoman Rita Walters said the settlement money already has been earmarked for the city to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The tobacco money is already committed to address the issue of curb cuts to make the streets more wheelchair accessible," Walters said. "The tobacco money, whenever it comes, in whatever amount - which at this time is unknown - was committed to that."

City officials have estimated that lawsuits associated with the scandal in the police department's Rampart Division will cost at least \$125 million.



Richard Riordan wants to use tobacco money. Lawsuits already have been filed on behalf of some men wrongly imprisoned by police. Riordan's announcement came as the scandal took on a higher profile after months of generating little protest. Chief Bernard C. Parks appeared before the City Council on Wednesday in his most comprehensive, public review of the six-month investigation.

Investigators say rogue cops planted evidence, made up testimony, staged crime scenes and in some cases shot unarmed suspects.

On Thursday, a judge agreed to throw out the convictions of nine more people whose cases prosecutors say were tainted by police misconduct. The dismissals bring to 40 the number of convictions overturned.

"We have dozens of more cases under review," District Attorney Gil Garcetti said.

As many as 20 officers have been relieved of duty, fired, suspended or have quit since the investigation started last fall. Police have refused to say how many officers are still under suspicion.

Garcetti said he is doubling the number of prosecutors assigned to the investigation, with a staff of 19 expected to be on board within the next two weeks.

Former undercover officer Rafael Perez, convicted of stealing cocaine from an evidence locker, has detailed the corruption in his former unit and suggested it went beyond Rampart. No charges have been filed against any officers implicated in

the corruption, though police have recommended prosecuting three officers and Garcetti has said he expects his investigation to result in charges.

Under the national \$206 billion tobacco settlement, Los Angeles is to get up to \$300 million over 25 years. The money is intended to repay states, cities and counties for health care costs associated with smoking.

Riordan said the city does not have a formal spending plan for the money but it probably would have been spent on anti-smoking programs and street improvements. His proposal requires approval from the City Council.

Under the proposal, the city would issue bonds backed by the tobacco settlement in order to get money in a lump sum, instead of in the payment stream over 25 years.

This week, the state attorney general's office took a larger role in scrutinizing the police probe, which is looking at allegations of corruption between 1995 and 1998. The FBI has contacted Parks about its potential involvement.

Council members said the community was losing confidence in the department and criticized a command structure that allowed officers to behave criminally for so long.

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Judge convicts man for cursing near children

STANDISH, Mich. (AP) - A judge Thursday upheld the conviction of a man who cursed in front of children after falling out of a canoe, ruling that Michigan's 102-year-old anti-swearing law is constitutional.

A district court jury last summer convicted Timothy Boomer, a 26-year-old computer programmer, of violating the ban when he let loose with a stream of profanities. He was fined \$75 and ordered to work four days in a children's center program. The sentence was deferred while the case was appealed.

"Every noise or utterance does not constitute protected free speech that falls within the First Amendment," Arenac County Judge Ronald Bergeron said.

Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing Boomer, said they expected to appeal the latest ruling. They contend Boomer's freedom of speech was violated.

"If the First Amendment means anything, it means people may speak their minds, even walking down the street or snoring up the river," said Michael Steiberg, legal director for the ACLU in Michigan.

Bergeron ordered the matter returned to district court for a decision on whether to continue delaying Boomer's sentence.

Boomer did not immediately return a phone message Thursday. He has said that his words have been exaggerated.

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Florida preferences take a hit

University board action must still be approved

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The State University System's Board of Regents on Thursday approved rules eliminating race and gender as considerations for college admissions at Florida's 10 public universities.

The 14-member panel voted 12-0 in favor of Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida plan, which ends racial and gender preferences in admissions to state universities and in granting state contracts. Two members were not present for the vote.

Bush contends the plan will enhance diversity by increasing outreach efforts and by admit-

ting the top 20 percent of each high school senior class into state universities.

Hundreds of college students, elected officials and others came from around the state to the Regents' meeting at the University of Central Florida. Most said the One Florida plan would result in fewer minorities attending state universities.

"This plan looks very good on paper," said Telisha Terry, 21, a UCF student. "But if you really think about it, the top 20 percent of students go to college anyway."

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown said the governor and state officials could not be trusted to oversee a system admitting enough minority students.

"We do not live in a colorblind society. Race is still a factor," said Brown, a Democrat from Jacksonville. "I'm very disappointed with what's going on in

Florida, and it's an example of the ugly side of politics."

In addition, the regents approved a system to admit students who do not meet minimum admission criteria by using a "student profile assessment," which considers factors like socioeconomic status, whether a student's parents went to college, and whether a high school is low per-

centage. The board also approved a change to the rules eliminating the use of race, national origin and gender as consideration as admissions decisions.

The rule changes must still go before the governor and independently elected Cabinet, which is to consider the matter Tuesday.

Thursday's session grew heated with the comments of Frank Williams, a Tampa minister.

"You say, Bush, I say 'Heil Hitler,'" Williams shouted.

A beauty of a race with unpredictable picks

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — DreamWorks marketing chief Terry Press says the producers of "American Beauty," her studio's Oscar front-runner, have never let her forget that when she first saw the trailer for "The Green Mile" last fall, she was ready to throw in the towel. It didn't seem possible that DreamWorks' unheralded, downbeat film about multigenerational alienation could possibly compete with an uplifting prison drama starring two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks and respected director Frank Darabont.

"After seeing that trailer I told the filmmakers that it was all over," Press recalls. "They might as well give out the statuette's now."

But if Tuesday's Oscar nominations prove anything, it's that pokey conventional wisdom rarely keeps pace with today's unpredictable pedal-to-the-metal pop culture. Last summer, Sen. John McCain was far back in the presidential pack, the St. Louis Rams were 200-1 Super Bowl longshots and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" was an obscure piece of British TV fluff. What a difference six months can make. As the Academy Award season began to take shape, veteran Oscar handicappers were predicting best picture nominations for "The Talented Mr. Ripley," "Angela's Ashes," "Man on the Moon," "The Hurricane," "Snow Falling on

Cedars," "The Insider" and "The Green Mile." Of all the early favorites, only "Insider" and "Green Mile" made the cut. But neither film is considered a favorite in the wake of Tuesday's Oscar results, with "Green Mile" especially hurt by Hanks and Darabont being denied Oscar nominations.

The new favorites, with Oscar ballots going out March 1, are "American Beauty," which topped all films with eight nominations; "The Cider House Rules," which earned seven nominations, and "The Sixth Sense," which has six nominations and the added advantage of being a crowd-pleasing hit that also gave audiences a spiritually uplifting emotional wallop.

The emergence of "Cider House Rules" as an Oscar contender also sets up a provocative rematch between DreamWorks and Miramax. The rival studios' body-contested Oscar race last year — with DreamWorks' favorite "Saving Private Ryan" losing out to Miramax's "Shakespeare in Love" — prompted an ugly war of words over Miramax's Oscar spending campaign. Once again, DreamWorks has the early Oscar favorite. "American Beauty" has the most nominations, usually the most reliable indicator of eventual best picture success. But Miramax has a formidable record of Oscar triumphs, with two wins in the past three years, for "The English Patient" in 1997 and "Shakespeare in Love" in 1999.

Boeing chief offers little change to strikers

CHICAGO (AP) — Boeing Co. is willing to "move some things around" in its contract offer to striking white-collar workers but isn't likely to back down on salary, chief executive Phil Condit said Thursday.

The Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, which represents about 22,600 engineers and technical workers at Seattle-based Boeing, went on strike Feb. 9 after feder-

ally mediated negotiations over a new contract broke down. No further talks have been scheduled.

The union wants guaranteed pay raises and bonuses similar to those received by production workers represented by the Machinists union. The company has offered mostly selective pay increases. Condit said Boeing's package would give the employees 8 percent more overall in the

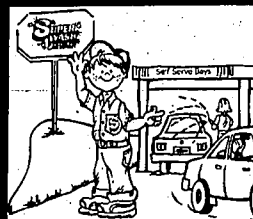
first year — well above the country's average cost-of-living increase. Charles Boffending, the union's executive director, said none of the wage increases is guaranteed and the average worker would be eligible for only a 5 percent boost.

Those increases would still leave the salaries of Boeing's engineers and technical workers below average for the industry, he said.

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And the nominees...

Here is a look at the nominees for the 72nd Annual Academy Awards.

- Best picture**
- "American Beauty"
 - "The Cider House Rules"
 - "The Green Mile"
 - "The Insider"
 - "The Sixth Sense"
- Best actor**
- Russell Crowe, "The Insider"
 - Richard Farnsworth, "The Straight Story"
 - Sean Penn, "Sweet and Lowdown"
 - Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"
 - Denzel Washington, "The Hurricane"
- Best actress**
- Annette Bening, "American Beauty"
 - Janel McTeer, "Rainbows"
 - Jullianne Moore, "The End of the Affair"
 - Mary Streep, "Music of the Heart"
 - Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"
- Best director**
- Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"
 - Spike Jonze, "Being John Malkovich"
 - Lasse Hallstrom, "The Cider House Rules"
 - Michael Mann, "The Insider"
 - M. Night Shyamalan, "The Sixth Sense"

Source: AMPAS

Ex-employee of bank pleads innocent

NEW YORK (AP) — A former Bank of New York employee pleaded innocent Thursday to charges that she lied about receiving payments in a money laundering scheme run by Russians using the bank's accounts.

Svetlana Kudryavtsev entered the plea in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. Her lawyer, Charles Adler, declined to comment after the brief appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Douglas Eaton. On Wednesday, Lucy Edwards, the bank's former vice president in the Eastern European Division, and her husband, Peter Berlin, pleaded guilty to money laundering charges, admitting they helped Russian bankers funnel more than \$7 billion through the American bank.

Edwards said she helped start the money laundering scheme after being approached by Russian bankers in late 1995. She said she was transferred to London in 1996 and began monthly \$500 payments to Kudryavtsev to oversee the money laundering accounts in New York.

"She received these payments from us in return for serving as a point of contact at the Bank of New York in the event there were problems with transfers and to send my husband account statements so that he could calculate commissions we were owed," Edwards said during her plea.

Prosecutors allege that Kudryavtsev lied about whether she or her husband had ever received money or loans from Edwards or Berlin.

Kudryavtsev was an associate in the bank's Eastern European division when she was questioned in August by the FBI as it investigated several bank accounts, according to a criminal complaint.



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Ed department grades kindergartners

Study hopes to help youngsters who lag

WASHINGTON (AP) - The vast majority of children enter kindergarten knowing their letters and numbers, well behaved and in good health - but their poorer classmates start from behind, the Education Department said in a first-ever report card on the nation's youngest students.

The department announced that for six years it will follow the progress of a national sample of 22,000 youngsters who entered private and public kindergartens in the fall of 1998 in hopes of finding out how to help those who are lagging.

Until fifth grade, the pupils will be regularly tested in math and reading and observed for physical well-being and social development in school and at home.

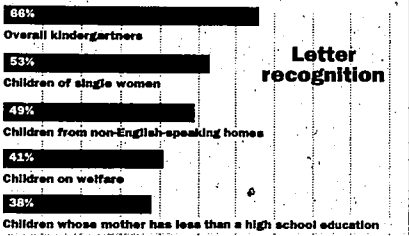
The goal, researchers say, is to see how early childhood nutrition, education and other nurturing contributes to a child's long-term school performance.

"The better the start, the stronger the finish," said Education Secretary Richard Riley in releasing the "America's Kindergartners" study. "The families can read to their children every day. And we can help parents, especially working mothers, spend more time with their infants through paid maternity leave."

The study shows that for most of the nation's little ones, the

Tracking kindergartners

A look at the percentage of first-time kindergartners demonstrating the ability to identify letters in the fall of 1998 shows that disadvantaged children enter kindergarten less prepared than their peers.



Source: U.S. Department of Education

start is strong. Nearly all, 94 percent, can count to 10 and pick out shapes when they start kindergarten. Two in three know their ABC's. More than 80 percent make friends, cooperate and otherwise avoid bad behavior. All but 3 percent are in good health.

But the news isn't as good for children in poverty, single-parent homes and non-English speaking families, and those whose parents didn't finish high school. These children were less likely to count to 10 or recite the alphabet or to be in good health.

Healthy youngsters are more likely to come to school and pay

attention, as are children who avoid fights and arguments, but the importance of family background is becoming increasingly evident as a factor in a child's academic success, said Nicholas Zill, who studies children and families for the department.

"Despite the booming U.S. economy, large numbers of children are growing up in precarious family circumstances," said Zill.

He said half of the children being studied had at least one of the four main family situations that put pupils at risk for falling tests, repeating grades or drop-

ping out of school. These factors - a single-parent home, parents who didn't finish high school, welfare dependency or a family that speaks a language other than English - need closer attention from policy makers and parents who have tended to blame schools for the failure.

"These difficulties cannot be attributed solely to bad schools, because children are already behind when they reach the classroom door," Zill said.

Another researcher said she hoped the students' performances wouldn't prompt more standardized testing in kindergarten.

"Learning your letters is not hard, but not every child has had the opportunity to learn them," said Sue Bredekamp, a Head Start consultant.

Today's kindergartners - some of whom use computers - get more advanced math and reading lessons than their predecessors even a decade ago, she said. However, the United States can follow the example of other nations by not discounting the value of exploration and play.

Maura Backenstoe, a 10-year veteran kindergarten teacher from Bethesda, Md., said she always tries to make sure her 22 charges have fun while they're learning.

"I give my kids a lot of ownership in what they are going to do," said Backenstoe, who did math exercises with footballs and other activities during Super Bowl week. "You need to grab their attention, so that they are motivated to learn."

Law enforcement plans reenactment of Waco

The Washington Post

Eight gunmen firing submachine guns and pistols. Grenades exploding near a debris field of broken glass, aluminum and tubs of water. Men with painted faces running from a platoon of camouflaged fatigues alongside three tanks. And pilots from the Royal Navy of Great Britain flying Lynx helicopters overhead with special infrared cameras attached to record the entire event.

U.S. law enforcement officials said Thursday they have agreed to all this and more as part of a reenactment of the final day of the deadly 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, that left lingering questions about whether FBI agents - or military officers - fired shots or launched grenades that contributed to the deaths of 74 people.

The reenactment is designed to answer the question of whether flashes visible on videos taken on the day of the siege show gunfire, as plaintiffs in a civil lawsuit argue, or are something else, as the FBI has maintained.

No one knows precisely how high expenses will run, but one official said it will cost about \$30 million just to transport the British equipment and personnel across the Atlantic Ocean to Texas. A government official has estimated the entire demonstration will cost an estimated \$750,000.

The federal judge presiding over the lawsuit will decide later how to allocate costs between the government and plaintiffs.

Former Missouri Senator John C. Danforth is overseeing a special investigation to answer the "dark questions" about whether the FBI contributed to the deaths and then engaged, along with Justice Department officials, in a cover-up. He presided over a lengthy meeting in St. Louis where the final details of this unprecedented reenactment - a 23-page document - were agreed to by all parties.

When plaintiffs' attorney Michael Caddell, lead counsel against the government, first proposed a reenactment, government lawyers scoffed and poked fun. But Danforth and U.S. District Court Judge Walter Smith took the idea seriously. Now the FBI

also will participate, with bureau pilots flying overhead in their Nightstalker aircraft with special GE-Marconi cameras attached and Danforth personnel aboard to ensure the exercise is carried out properly.

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EDITORIAL

Wendell schools shouldn't expect outside taxpayer help

Wendell is a poster child for poor little school districts that want state aid to fix decrepit buildings, but this week's sudden fit of urgency rings hollow.

The Wendell School Board voted Wednesday to close its middle school and shift displaced students to the district's newer high school. It was a wise decision, because the old middle school, which is partially condemned, is not a safe place to educate students.

Yet Wendell officials have long known of the middle school's problems. Now, with the Legislature debating state aid for unsafe schools, and with a lawsuit by financially disgruntled school districts

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about to go to court, Wendell dramatically shutters its middle school.

Rather than wound itself in an effort to become a more pitiful beggar, the Wendell School District should take bold internal steps to solve its own problems before asking the state - which means taxpayers in other Idaho districts - to solve the problem.

The most obvious step is to ask local voters to pay for a new middle school.

The need is apparent, and the district has roughly \$6 million in reserve bonding capacity. Wendell school officials should solve their problems in-house by making the case to their own voters for a bond issue.

The Wendell School District has more financial muscle than ever before. The district's assessed valuation has risen from \$95.4 million in 1991-92 to more than \$179 million today.

Of course, that doesn't mean voters will automatically approve a new school. Two school levies have been voted down in the past two years. In

1998, a \$500,000 levy was rejected; last year, a \$388,000 levy was defeated. Still, neither of those defeats can negate the fact that Wendell has plenty of bonding capacity at its disposal.

Another local solution might be the dreaded C-word: consolidation. Merging with another school district, perhaps Gooding, might financially strengthen both districts.

Critics of consolidation contend that it strips small towns of their greatest sources of civic pride - their schools and sports teams. That may be true. But why should taxpayers in Benewah or Bear Lake counties subsidize the fightin' Trojans of Wendell? Why should those taxpayers

be asked to come to Wendell's aid when Wendell's own taxpayers refuse?

Just because townsfolk cling to the identity of their small schools doesn't mean taxpayers elsewhere must indulge them. If the state starts paying for maintenance or construction of school buildings, the upshot could easily be reduced accountability from local school boards.

Ask yourself: Why would a school district spend its own money to fix a leaky roof, faulty wiring or crumbling foundations when it can get someone else's money to pay the bills?

It's a question of fairness. Taxpayers in school districts that have responsibly paid for adequate schools in their own communities shouldn't be asked to bail out other school districts.

The question of who should pay for school construction and maintenance is almost as old as education itself. If fairness is a guide, the problem should be solved locally.



Which one is God's GOP candidate?

In the final days of the South Carolina Republican primary campaign, the voters were not the only ones having difficulty making up their minds among Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Arizona Sen. John McCain and Maryland talk-show host and former diplomat Alan Keyes.

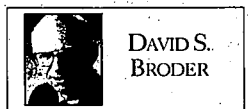
Apparently, God was on the fence, too. I began to realize the divine dilemma when I heard Pat Robertson, the head of the Christian Coalition, explain on television last weekend why he could never support McCain for president. "He comes through as Mr. Clean and Mr. Reformer," Robertson said, but he is "essentially fraudulent."

Now, in the heat of battle, a lot of politicians say things about each other that are not meant to be taken too seriously. But Pat Robertson, though he ran for president a dozen years ago, is not a politician-but-a-man-God, who has brought the lessons of the Gospel to millions through his television broadcasts for many years.

So when he told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that "if McCain wins the nomination, it will destroy the Republican Party," it sounded like the voice of prophecy one would ignore at one's peril. Unless one were a Democrat.

If McCain is nominated, Robertson said, "the Christian Coalition ... would not put out 75 million voter guides, would not urge its membership to vote for anybody in the general election. ... I'm not going to go raise great sums of money to get somebody elected when I don't feel good about him. ... And I think others are the same way."

Assuming that Robertson draws his inspiration from the Almighty, I was prepared to cross McCain off the list and



choose between Bush, who is Robertson's favorite, and Keyes. But on Wednesday, when I heard Rep. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina introduce McCain at Furman University here, I had to conclude that God was having second thoughts.

Graham assured the listeners that "God has placed John McCain here for a reason, in the right spot at the right time. We have in our midst a man who can heal the wounds of the nation."

"Really, he shouldn't be alive," Graham said, recounting the grievous injuries McCain had suffered when his plane was shot down over Laos and his North Vietnamese captors tortured him. "John McCain was supposed to die, but he didn't." And then turning to the somewhat embarrassed senator, Graham said, "You're here because God wants you to be here. And God has given us in South Carolina the opportunity to raise you to the needs of the nation."

A few minutes later, Gary Bauer, who for many months had appeared to be another claimant to the title of God's candidate in the Republican race, hopped up on stage to announce that, with his own bid ended by the indifference of voters in Iowa and New Hampshire, he was ready to endorse McCain.

Although they disagree on the abor-

tion plank and trade with China and a few other not insignificant matters, Bauer said, McCain believes as profoundly as he does himself in the words of the Declaration of Independence, that all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights."

Could it be, I wondered, that Robertson, with his busy schedule, had misinterpreted the Lord's wishes? Surely not. On Wednesday night, I heard Bush close his speech to a gathering of 2,000 people in Aiken with his standard pledge that if successful, "when I put my hand on that Bible, I will swear not only to uphold the laws of the land, but the honor and dignity of the office to which I have been elected, so I help me God." The cheers affirmed that Robertson must be right.

But if Bush is God's choice, then what to make of Keyes, who addressed the same party gathering? Keyes quoted the same passage from the Declaration that Bauer had cited for his support of McCain. But Keyes joined Robertson in saying McCain is a devil, tempting the Republicans to defeat, if not extinction. And then he warned that, despite its surface prosperity, America stands in mortal peril because "we have dethroned the authority of God." But he failed to make clear whether a portion of true faith could, in extremity, support Bush against the heathen Democrats.

Indeed, his closing charge to the audience was: "Do your duty, and leave the rest to God."

Good advice. But who is God's guy? Would somebody please poll that?

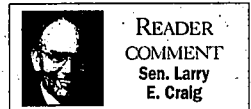
David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Nevada citizens should control Humboldt

A Feb. 1 reader comment by Don Oman demonstrates a disturbing attitude in the struggle over access to public lands. It is an attitude that deepens the rift between land users (hikers, campers, hunters, etc.) and the preservationists, who want public lands preserved from human recreation.

Mr. Oman takes a disdainful tone with the citizens of Elko County, Nev., who are at the end of their rope in the struggle to access public lands. Some Elko County citizens took matters into their own hands, and started to rebuild the road into the Jarbidge Wilderness. While I certainly do not condone the fact that they broke the law, I understand the level of frustration. Their frustration is the result of the attitude that locks citizens out of the decision-making process.

The author never acknowledged the value of public input and the voice of the citizens whose back yards are the Humboldt National Forest. By my defini-



tion, this attitude defies the very concept of public lands.

And eventually, this attitude will lock off the land from everyone who wants to recreate or depends on its commodities. This attitude has continually frustrated the citizens of Elko County.

But Mr. Oman's comment gets worse. He goes so far as to say the "real problem is that Elko County thinks it owns the national forest land in its county. They certainly do not, and we, the true owners of the national forests, should make that clear to them." Well, Mr. Oman, the citizens of Elko County have just as much right to public lands as you do.

Mr. Oman wants to lock up the land in

the name of the federal government, but he has simultaneously dismissed the fact that the purpose of the federal government is to serve the people. So, how could the federal government make such a drastic decision while ignoring the voice of the people, who it was established to serve. This decision-making process has sparked sharp criticism from myself and other congressmen. Mr. Oman admits he doesn't understand how I can attack the federal government when I am a member of the federal government. Let me clear that up for him. I am elected by the citizens of Idaho, and I am accountable to them. Conversely, federal bureaucrats, such as the U.S. Forest Service which employed him for 35 years, are not directly accountable to the American citizens. So when I give federal bureaucracies a tongue lashing, am standing up for citizens whose voices have been muted by the attitude Mr. Oman so clearly defended.

Sen. Larry E. Craig is Idaho's senior representative in Congress.

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LETTER

Fans, please don't be slobs

This past weekend, I had the privilege to assist the Twin Falls College of Southern Idaho Judo Club clean up the CSI gymnasium following the Golden Eagles basketball game. The Judo Club has taken on the task of cleaning up the gym following basketball games to earn money to support the needs of the club. I was a little taken aback at the unthoughtfulness of the people watching the game. The variety of trash found between the bleachers, on the floor and in the "yellow" chairs was unbelievable. I found suckers stuck to the seats, wads of tobacco chews, sunflower shells, gum and contents of popcorn and soda cups spilled over the floor. I was disturbed at the thought of the judo students and helpers, some of them as young as 10 years old, being subjected to the various kinds of germs they would come in contact with while picking up other people's trash.

Mostly, however, I was disturbed by

the lack of concern displayed by the citizens of the Magic Valley. How can people who describe themselves as honest, hard-working and caring individuals not feel guilty about leaving "their" trash for someone else to have to pick up? Does it not bother you, as human beings, to treat other human beings with so little respect? I was raised by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Does this not include picking up your own trash following a movie, sports event or concert?

The next time you attend a function in which you eat and/or drink something, please think of your neighbors, friends or family, that might be cleaning up after you. Pick up your own trash following an event in an appropriate receptacle. I think you will feel much better about yourselves, and it will certainly help those of us who volunteer our time to assist in a worthy cause feel better about the community and the people who live here.

MARLENE RODGERS
Twin Falls

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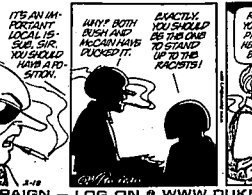
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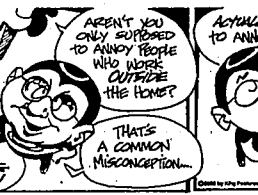
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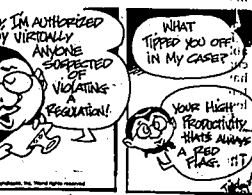
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By Bruce Tinsley



WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF IN MY CASE?



OPINION

LETTERS

Nice guy, poor choice

I am writing in regard to the streaker at Twin Falls High School. In the past, there have been streakers, and these young men went on to become outstanding citizens. I know them personally and will stand behind them. Also, I know our present streaker, and I have nothing but good things to say about him. He worked for us the last seven months and was staying in Twin Falls these last four months to graduate with his classmates.

Yes, he did a very immature thing. Hurt someone, not endangered someone, no, embarrassed himself and his family, yes. Should he be allowed to come back and graduate with his classmates? Yes. Will I go to the School Board and administration to help get this done? Yes! He is a very good kid.

KATHY BASTIAN
And 12 Other Signers
Twin Falls

Help to give due honor

Throughout Idaho history, men from this fine state have rallied around the flag during time of war or armed conflict. Unfortunately, the terrible toll of warfare is always the cost in human lives. Unfortunately, to most Idahoans are the thousands of her residents who died in or as a result of war. The Spanish American, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War all list Idahoans among the ranks of casualties. Most were combatants, although some were not. There were civilians caught between invading armed forces and their flight to freedom. Too, there were many civilian war workers here in this country who died as a result of their job working for the war effort. They, too, were casualties of war.

For a number of years, I have been collecting information on all Idaho casualties. Hopefully, this information can be compiled in short biographical form and duly published to honor their service and to preserve their memory. I would very much appreciate hearing from anyone who has any information—old newspaper clippings, photos or papers—relating to an Idaho casualty from any war. No matter how unimportant you may think it is, please drop me a line.

I am not and my research is not affiliated with any organization or group. Any information received concerning any casualty will be used only to help honor and perpetuate his or her memory. Please drop me a line: Paul Nutting, 2525 E. 3700 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301-0138; (208) 732-5610.

PAUL NUTTING
Twin Falls

Info doesn't check out

Your editorial on Super Bowl Sunday accused Dr. Donicht, the Twin Falls School superintendent, of misleading the Rotary Club when he said Twin Falls was in the bottom 1 percent of school districts across the nation when ranked on a per pupil spending basis. You said that Education Week magazine ranked Twin Falls around 11,000 of more than 16,000 districts in spending. I can find no such report in Education Week.

Dr. Donicht was using data I collected at four weeks showing Twin Falls at 166th lowest of the nearly 16,700 districts in the United States. I have enclosed my current research for your benefit. It was not taken from a magazine but by checking with state departments and districts in the various states. The latest data on file is for the 1997-98 school year. As you can see, Twin Falls has now dropped to 94th lowest in the nation. The district has lost ground from four years earlier when compared with other districts. However, not all Arizona district data is available. Several Arizona districts may report per pupil spending lower than that of Twin Falls. However, the 1997-98 data will likely show Twin Falls remains in the bottom 1 percent of the nation. In an effort to support the schools, just as Dr. Donicht said, I have lists of my data available for anyone interested to check for themselves. Do you have any suggestions or information that 1,000 districts spend less per pupil than Twin Falls?

DENNIS SONIUS
Twin Falls

The gripe list
Just a few things to get off my chest:

(1) What is the big deal about

a 10-story motel? Leave the man alone and let him do what he wants with his property.

If you had the idea, money and property, it would be such a bad idea, would it? If we can have a motorcycle ramp on the canyon, why not a motel?

(2) Who is going to explain to my kids that I can't afford to

take them hunting and fishing because of huge price increases every year? Is there anyone out there who will give me a good interest rate on a loan for my family hunting licenses and tags?

(3) What's the deal with the cost of admission to the city pool? Where did all of the money go from the fund-raising to put the cover on it? I

bet if people knew that prices would be doubled when all was said and done that we would still have no cover on our pool.

(4) Last but not least: When are we going to get to vote on this "right to work" thing?

Thank you for listening.
TROY JONES
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Crash south of Buhl injures three Thursday

BUHL - A mother and daughter were seriously injured Thursday morning in a two-truck crash three miles south of Buhl.

Bufile resident Cathy Leth, 45, was a critical condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she was airlifted after the collision. Kara Leth, 14, was airlifted to the same hospital Tuesday night, but her condition was not immediately available.

Neither victim was wearing a seat belt when their Toyota pickup was hit by an oncoming Dodge pickup at 3851 N. 1400 E., said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The other pickup, driven by 56-year-old Santiago Callupe of Jerome, was towing a horse trailer southbound on 1400 East when it lost control, crossed the center line and hit Leth's truck, Howell said.

Callupe's truck caught fire in the collision, and the flames spread to Leth's truck in the aftermath, she said. Investigators said Callupe probably lost control because the trailer fishtailed after crossing an icy bridge, Howell said.

Callupe was listed in serious condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Thursday night. No citations were issued, but an investigation was continuing, Howell said.

Hospital lists crash victim from Filer as critical

BOISE - A Filer man involved in a fiery two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 93 remained in critical condition Thursday.

John Wasko, 29, was at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He was taken there Wednesday afternoon after his pickup truck swerved into an oncoming semi-truck loaded with pre-soaked charcoal.

The impact launched the engine from Wasko's pickup about 40 feet into the roadside brush, and the semi rolled and slid into a power pole about a mile south of Follister.

The charcoal ignited and burned for several hours, and authorities closed the highway until the mess was cleared later that evening. The toppled power pole left residents in Rogerson and Hoister without power until about 9:30 p.m.

Citations were not issued, but the investigation was continuing, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Subdivision hearing on commission's agenda

HALLEY - Blaine County commissioners Tuesday will hold the third public hearing on a proposed subdivision by Northstar Ranches.

Under the proposal, Northstar Ranches would divide a 97-acre parcel south of Bellevue into 18 five-acre lots and one 1.7-acre lot. The property sits north of Glendale Road between Highway 75 and Gannett Road.

The commission held meetings on the proposal in December and January. Tuesday's hearing begins at 2 p.m. in the county building.

In other business, the commission will hear a 11 a.m. presentation by Steve Rupp on a mentorship program for youth. The regular meeting begins at 8:45 a.m.

Training in trees: CSI to offer arborist's course

TWIN FALLS - Everything you need to know about taking care of trees - including the things you've probably been doing wrong until now - will be taught in a two-day course at the College of Southern Idaho.

The CSI Community Education Center and the International Society of Arboriculture are offering the Certified Arborist Program. The 12-hour program will teach tree nutrition and fertilization, tree biology, soil and water relations, cabling and bracing, identification and selection, diagnosis and treatment, and safe climbing techniques.

The classes will be held March 9 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and March 10 from 8 a.m. until noon in Taylor Building 276.

The cost is \$125 with the manual included. For more information, call CSI arborist Dave Kiesig at 733-9554, Ext. 2606.

Compiled from staff reports

Some tell Elko rebels to 'take a hike'

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - Not everyone is happy about that giant shovel sitting on the courthouse's front lawn.

The 28-foot-tall shovel bears the names of supporters of Elko County's decision to take a stand against the U.S. Forest Service and go ahead and reopen the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge on July 4 - Independence Day.

While smaller shovels - "Shovels Of Solidarity" - continue to come in from people showing their support for Elko County's "Jarbidge Rebellion" and its "shovel brigade," shovels

How it started

South Canyon Road, at the entrance to the Jarbidge Wilderness Area, has been the subject of controversy since 1995 when flood waters made a bridge over the Jarbidge River inaccessible. Elko County commissioners have attempted to reopen the road leading to campgrounds, but have met with opposition from the federal government which in 1998 listed the bull trout in the Jarbidge River a threatened species.

are starting to come in from people supporting the Forest Service and Gloria Flora, former supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Mediator steps in - B2

The first pair of used running shoes came in last week from someone in Helena, Mont. No name was on the package, Elko County Commission Secretary Julie Wynne said, but a typed message read, "The forest service is upholding the law! You should do the same! Take a hike!"

Wynne said a flyer is being circulated, encouraging people to send more shoes and boots to the county to show their support for Flora, who stepped down from the post in December 1999 in protest of what she called "an

anti-federal fervor" in Nevada. Some people have left shoes on the courthouse lawn and shoes continue to arrive at Elko County government offices.

Wynne said the commissioners' office received a box "jammed full of shoes" on Thursday.

Wynne said the county has also received letters and phone calls from people opposing the 28-foot-tall shovel display as well as the huge pile of shovels that once blocked the view of the World War I memorial. After several complaints, county crews moved the pile of shovels to other locations.

Elko County Commissioner Mike Nannini, one of the orga-

nizers of last month's parade that welcomed the delivery of some 10,000 shovels from supporters throughout the West and a few from as far away as Delaware, said he has also received comments from individuals who do not support the county's parade. He said one woman told him she'd rather see Smokey the Bear, the Forest Service's traditional symbol, adorn the courthouse lawn.

A person or group of people painted a red circle with a slash through it on the shovel earlier this month and left a five-foot-tall plywood "Smokey the Bear" leaning against the shovel. On its midsection, someone had written:

Please see SHOES, Page B3

HITTING THE BOOKS AGAIN



Sun Valley Police Lt. Mark Lockwood recently completed an 11-week course at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. Lockwood has worked as an Idaho police officer for 21 years.

Local man studies in Quantico

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - At 42, Mark Lockwood wasn't accustomed to sitting through lectures and hitting the books at night. But that's exactly where he found himself this past fall.

As a lieutenant and second in command at the Sun Valley Police Department, Lockwood was chosen to attend the 199th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. About 250 law enforcement officers nationwide, about a half a dozen from Idaho, are chosen to attend the FBI National Academy each year.

The Murtaugh native was approved for the program 10 years ago and this year his turn finally rolled around.

"The biggest things I learned while I was there, one, my beliefs and understanding of law enforcement were correct and reinforced by the things I learned, and two, the Sun Valley Police Department is doing a really good job," Lockwood said.

The FBI National Academy program does not train officers to become FBI agents. Instead,

Idahoans at the academy

About 250 law enforcement officers nationwide are chosen to attend an intense 11-week management and administrative training program at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. each year. In addition to Sun Valley Police Lt. Mark Lockwood, other Idahoans who attended the academy in 1999 were

the emphasis is geared toward training experienced, career law enforcement officers to move into upper-management positions.

"It's kind of like going back to graduate school in other professions," said Sun Valley Police Chief Cam Daggett, who graduated from the academy program in 1992.

Lockwood earned 17 college credits through the University of Virginia for classes he took in forensics, behavioral science, law, physical fitness and leadership programs.

Don Hudson and Steve Pyle, Boise Police Department; Bart Smith, Reburg Police Department; Steve Richardson, Idaho State Police - Meridian; Darrell Broner, Mindoka County Sheriff Department; Lamont Johnson, Idaho State Police - Pocatello; and David Krammer, Bonners Ferry Police Department.

Lockwood said the interaction with other law enforcement officials from across the country and from international locales afforded him an excellent opportunity to make professional contacts that could come in handy should he ever find himself down the road.

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While Sun Valley primarily experiences "traditional" crime, Daggett said every once in a while the department receives a unique case that requires specialized expertise. They have already dealt with one case of Internet fraud, he said.

By networking with other law enforcement officials working in various capacities, the department is better prepared to handle an investigation when the need arises, Daggett said.

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Part of the training, Lockwood received dealt with crime's newest frontier - computer fraud.

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Almost ready

County officials wait for livestock site advisory team

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A livestock operation site advisory team should be ready for use soon, but probably not in time to survey a proposed 4,800 animal-unit operation near Murtaugh Lake, Twin Falls county officials say.

County legal officials are finishing an agreement, called a memorandum of understanding, that will go to the various state and federal agencies involved with the newly formed advisory team.

"We're the only ones in the state right now working on a memorandum," County Commissioner Bill Brockman said.

If a county wishes to use the site advisory team, made up of state Agriculture Department and Division of Environmental Quality staffers, the county's commissioners must enter into their own agreement with the team.

The team would help county planning and zoning commissions determine whether a proposed site and the surrounding area can handle a large operation.

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FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Rodney Pedro Fernandes, 32, 311 S. 2000 E., Wendell, filed for bankruptcy; delivery of controlled substance; drug stamp tax violation; possession of drug paraphernalia; sentencing March 14; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Judith Kay McDonald, 47, no address available, drug trafficking; drug stamp tax violation; possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$50,000 bond; change plea/sentence hearing Tuesday; District Judge Nathan W. Higer. Gustavo Resendiz, 25, 2824 S. 1500 E., Wendell; possession of controlled substance; sentencing March 14; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Marriage affidavits

James Achaabal Jr. and Vicki Lynn Patterson. Kent Kay Kolsen and Melissa Christine Carpenter. Jose Juan Galvan-Garcia and Mirella Villagomez Pizano.

Marriage licenses

John Edward Dixon and Crystal Dee-Ann Isbell. Jeffe Beau Hudson and Vikki Lynn Bailey.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Wynn

BUHL - Robert Wynn, 81, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. A family service was conducted Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at West End Cemetery in Buhl. Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Allan C. Hansen

WENDELL - Allan Charles Hansen, 80, of Wendell, died Thursday, February 17, 2000, at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at the United Methodist Church in Wendell, with the Reverend Dann Houghton officiating. A viewing will be from 10 a.m. until time of services Monday at the church. Cremation arrangements will follow the services, with interment to take place at a later date at the Wendell Cemetery. Funeral and cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Herman V. Tullos

FILER - Herman V. Tullos, 75, of Filer, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Cremation will take place at White Crematory in Twin Falls, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. White Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Janet Wilson of Aberdeen, services at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen (Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave., Pocatello).

Sally Ann DeVaney

TWIN FALLS - Sally Ann DeVaney, 60, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center. Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Wayne D. Osborne of Paul, services at 10:30 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert; friends may call before services today at the chapel.

Willis "Bill" Whitlute, formerly of Oakley; services at 2 p.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the Oakley Stake Center (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Mary Jane "Mamie" Orchard of Beaverton, Ore., and formerly of Rupert, service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, and at 3 p.m. today at Hansen's Memorial Chapel in Rupert.

SERVICES

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Anita Marie Jinks, 70, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at the home of her daughter in Jerome, Idaho. Anita was born November 25, 1929, in Filer, Idaho, to Rolla and Dora Mays Mills. She grew up and attended schools in Filer until 1943, when she moved with her family to Fruitland, Idaho. There she met and married Donald Jinks on November 28, 1947. They farmed near Fruitland for 18 years. Following divorce, Anita moved to Jerome, Idaho, where she worked for the Tupperware Company. Her husband's passing in 1987, she moved to South Carolina, and continued with Tupperware until her retirement. She moved back to Twin Falls in 1990. Anita was a woman of God, and she enjoyed attending church with her daughters. She also loved being with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Anita is survived by her daughters, Angela (Mike) Nicholson of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Doraleen (Tom) Stokier and Maraleen (Paul) Hopkins, both of Jerome; her grandchildren, Stephanie (Will) Robbins, Jason Stokier, and Sarah and Jared Hopkins; and two great-grandchildren, McKinley and Willie Robbins.

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, February 21, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at the Filer Cemetery. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel Sunday from 4 until 8 p.m.



W. M. 'Buss' Brownfield, 76, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at his home following an extended illness. He was born September 7, 1923, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Elita 'Brownie' and Lillian Mae Chandler Brownfield. He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls, and then enlisted in the Army Air Corps, serving during World War II in the European Theatre. On April 10, 1945, he married Marge Stoltenberg. They were later divorced. On February 10, 1983, he married Pat Daniels in Twin Falls. For 30 years, he worked as a fieldman for Gallatin Valley and Nevada, retiring in 1988. He enjoyed traveling, fishing at Magic Reservoir, and putting. He was a member of Twin Falls First Baptist Church since 1934, and was also a member of the Twin Falls Elks Lodge #1183, and the Disabled American Veterans.

'Buss' is survived by his wife, Pat Brownfield of Twin Falls; son, Doug Brownfield, also of Twin Falls; two step-sons, Tom Daniels of Kimberly, and Brandon Daniels of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters, Diana Canine of Omaha, Nebraska, and Donna McIntyre of Twin Falls; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five nieces, and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Lewis

Brownfield; and one sister, Juanita Brownfield. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2000, at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, with military rites by area veterans. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel today from 3 to 8 p.m., with the family greeting friends from 7 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial be given to the ACS Relay for Life, or to the First Baptist Church. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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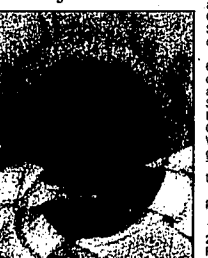
Ruby Bancroft, a pioneer resident of Lincoln County, Ruby Bancroft, 92, passed away at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, on February 16, 2000.

Born Ruby Marie Ritter in Bedford, Iowa, December 3, 1907. She came to Shoshone in 1911 with her parents and two sisters, and settled on a farm north of Shoshone. As a young woman, she qualified to teach in elementary schools at Wilson State Normal School in succeeding years, she taught in schools at Richfield, Gooding and Shoshone. For a time after her marriage to Paul Bancroft, June 9, 1934, at the Ritter Ranch, north of Shoshone, the couple lived in Idaho's Sawtooth Valley, and in Twin Falls until they moved to their ranch north of Shoshone, where they lived until their retirement in 1993, when they moved into Shoshone. Mrs. Bancroft was a member of Magic Range and First Baptist Church of Shoshone.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, William R. and Elva Barnes Ritter; one brother, Genaro Ritter; and two sisters, Wilford Kuka and Leona Jester. She is survived by her husband Paul of Shoshone, and a brother, Harold Ritter, formerly of Shoshone, and now of Queensdown, Maryland; two daughters, Roberta Sharp of LaVerne, Ca. and Wanda Bancroft of Lakewood, Co.; three grandsons, Marly Sharp of Gooding, Brad Stagnan of Shoshone, and Randy Stagnan of Richmond, Va.; a granddaughter, Keri Mackie of Blue Jay, Ca., and Kerl's step-son, Tavish Mackie, Ruby's only great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, 2000. Viewing will be Sunday, Feb. 19, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Interment will follow the services at the Shoshone Cemetery.

JEROME



Chancelor Jake Hurtado, infant child of Richard Hurtado and Rhonda Cortes-of-Jerome, became an angel, February 15, 2000, at St.

Luke's Hospital in Boise. Chancelor was born February 12, 2000 in Boise. Although he was a part of our life for only a short time, he will be in our hearts forever. Chancelor is survived by his parents, Richard Hurtado and Rhonda Cortes-of-Jerome, ID; Brothers, Andrew Hurtado, Andres Malendez and Michael Diaz of Jerome, ID; Sisters, Janiel Hurtado and Chrystina Cortes-of-Jerome, ID; Grandparents, William and Gloria Taylor of Kimberly, ID; Janet Leazer of Jerome, ID; and Jesus and Guadalupe Hurtado of Wendell, ID. Services for Chancelor will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, February 19, 2000, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

HAZELTON

Everett D. Dutt, 62, of Hazelton, died Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at his home. He was born March 5, 1937, in Hansen, Idaho.

Survivors include one son, Gregory Dutt of Orofino, Idaho; one daughter, Shelly Sawright of Twin Falls; four grandchildren; two brothers, Russell Dutt of Kearns, Utah, and Charles Dutt of Quincy, Washington; three sisters, Joyce Douglas of Hazelton, Idaho, Marrietta Prensall of Twin Falls, and Barbara Spain of Koorns, Utah; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Alice Dutt; and his wife Pat (Brown) Dutt. At Everitt's request no public services will be held. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary.

ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.



Herbert H. Qualls, 85, of Rock Springs, Wyo., died at 10:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at the Sage View Care Center in Rock Springs, Wyo. He was born on January 5, 1915, in Hilltop, Arkansas, the son of Horace and Lettie Mallott Qualls. He attended schools and graduated from high school in Hilltop, Arkansas. He also attended school in Florence, Italy. He married Nellie Potro in Bollington in 1940. Herb served in the U.S. Army, 337th FA Battalion during WWII in Europe. He received the Good Conduct medal and three Bronze Service Stars. He has been a long time member of the VFW in Idaho. Herb and Nellie moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1946, where he worked as a banker for 30 years, beginning with First National Bank and last serving as vice-president of the Idaho State Bank. He was an active member of the Church of Christ. In 1997, they moved to Rock Springs, Wyo., to be near their daughter and her family.

He is survived by Nell, his wife of 60 years, of Rock Springs, Wyo.; one daughter, Connie Kernston and her husband Allen, of Rock Springs; two granddaughters, Karoline Florentini, of San Diego, California; Kristina Sandoval, of Wichita Falls, Texas; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Leora Tublood, of Russellville, Arkansas; two nephews; and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, February 13, 2000, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, Idaho. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday, February 18th, and before services at the funeral home. Bereavement will be officiating. Interment will be in the Jerome Cemetery in Jerome, Idaho.

HOSPITALS

Magical Valley Regional Medical Center Some names are omitted at patient's request. Admitted: Alvarina Belem of Jerome; and Genesis Chavez of Alvarin. Dismissed: Kristel Lee of Hazelton; Susan Burnikel of Twin Falls; Cole Burns and Glenn Clark, both of Burley; Ruth Basile of Wendell; Ruby Bancroft of Shoshone; and Betty Pollard of Hansen. Minidoka Memorial Hospital Some names are omitted at patient's request. Admits: Martha Melo and Shawnee Haubrock, both of Burley; Emma McCall and Elaine Shell, both of Rupert; and Robert Morrison, of Heyburn. Victoria Holland and Shawnee Hawbrock, both of Burley.

Mediator to help settle dispute

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - A professional mediator from Denver has been given the task of getting Elko County's organizers of the Jarbidge Rebellion and the U.S. Forest Service to come to some kind of truce over the reopening of the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge. After several weeks of interviews and negotiations, Joseph McMahon Jr., a mediator with Davis-Graham and Stubbs-LLP, has been chosen to hear testimony on the conflict between Elko County, organizers of the Jarbidge Rebellion and the U.S. Forest Service over the reopening of the road. He was chosen this week after attorneys for the federal government agreed to withdraw their objections to his appointment. Kristin McQueary, Elko County's chief deputy city district attorney, said McMahon was the first choice of local entities involved in the mediation process, but federal attorneys were concerned about lawsuits against the government being handled by attorneys in McMahon's office. In an effort to expedite the mediation process and resolve the dispute, all parties signed off on McMahon this week. McQueary told Elko County commissioners at their Wednesday meeting that the federal government would pay for the mediation through the end of March and the process should get under way next week. She said McMahon's civil engineering background

On the agenda

The Elko County commissioners will discuss how much county money has been spent on the conflict regarding the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge at their next meeting at 1:30 p.m. March 1 at the Elko County Courthouse.

made him a favorite choice of Jarbidge Rebellion organizers John Carpenter, O. Q. "Chris" Johnson and Grant Gerber. When interviewed by the involved parties last month, McMahon said the case would be a challenge because of the strong feelings involved and that he would favor creating mediation ground rules designed by all parties.

In a related matter on Wednesday, commissioners fielded questions from Elko resident Jan King on the placement of the 28-foot shovel that bears the names of Jarbidge Rebellion supporters on the courthouse lawn. King questioned the process that was followed in getting permission to erect the shovel monument last month. Carpenter and Commissioner Mike Nannini contracted with a local blacksmith to build the display.

Commission Chairman Roberta Skelton said "no process was followed... the commissioners approved it informally." Skelton acknowledged the display was never put on a meeting agenda for approval.

When King asked if she could put up a monument to express her political beliefs, Commissioner Nolan Lloyd told her to get

it on a commission meeting agenda and commissioners would consider her request.

"We would have to look at it," Lloyd said. When asked what she was considering, King said she liked the idea of a plaque with the name David Thoreau quoted: "It is wilderness is the preservation of the world."

Nannini told King the Jarbidge Rebellion had many supporters.

"We have a majority with the citizens supporting us," Nannini said. "We have done everything the right way. They (the Forest Service) have done everything the wrong way. You have a right not to agree, but we are doing things the right way. If you have support for your cause, get on the agenda, I you just have an ax to grind, that's another matter."

King said she's concerned about doors the county might have opened by allowing monument "which does not represent the views of all Elko County citizens" to remain on public property.

"If you allow one special interest group to display their beliefs, then how can you turn down other groups?" King asked.

King also questioned how much county money was being spent on the South Canyon Road dispute and asked commissioners to provide a full accounting at the next meeting. Commissioners agreed to provide the figures at the March 1 meeting.

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Shoshone hires firm to study waste water

By Mickey Brown Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - City officials with the Shoshone City of waste water samples from the city's sewer facility keep showing unsatisfactory readings. The City Council on Tuesday approved paying the Boise-based environmental consulting firm of Brown and Caldwell \$55,300 to find out why the city's waste water samples have been showing problems for the past two years. The Department of Environmental Quality put the city on notice in December that too many of its test samples, taken on a weekly basis, were showing unsatisfactory readings. City Maintenance Director Richard Perkins said the algae bloom sometimes slows the water filtration process at the lagoons. Environmental factors such as snowmelt, heavy rain and phosphorus from area businesses or recreational vehicle dump could also be the culprits. The firm's consultants will begin evaluating the system within the next two weeks. In other business Tuesday, the Lincoln County Board of Com-

Next meeting

The Shoshone City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 7 at City Hall.

missioners asked the city to consider adopting the city's proposed ordinance dealing with juveniles. The county is putting together an ordinance dealing with juvenile issues such as curfew, truancy and parental responsibility. The ordinance proposes an 11 p.m. curfew seven days a week.

Several council members said the county's proposal is too restrictive. The city's juvenile ordinance, which has been in place since 1994, has a more lenient curfew - 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Mayor Ken Haught asked the council to review the proposed ordinance in its entirety and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.

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Some like it hot: Students learn about rockets

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

TREMONTON, Utah — It was a little like the Fourth of July — large crowds, big bangs, lots of smoke and an hour of getting out of the parking lot.

But for a group of Burley High School geology and advanced placement calculus and physics students, Thiokol Propulsion's rocket testing day was different in many respects from a fireworks display on Independence Day.

Thursday at Thiokol's site in northern Utah was conducted to study the effects on materials that have different melting temperatures, said Scott Hughes, associate geology professor at Idaho State University.

The cooperative project with Thiokol, ISU and NASA was conducted with a giant immobilized booster rocket similar to those on the Space Shuttle. The booster blasted for two minutes, providing information about the stresses rocks undergo when entering Earth's atmosphere and giving scientists information to help them find Martian meteorites on earth.

The project also gave Burley students, along with several hundred other students from a number of Utah and Idaho schools, a chance to learn firsthand about the melting-point of rocks and volatile geological processes associated with high tempera-



Burley High School students visit Thiokol Propulsion's Rocket Garden and learn facts about reusable solid rocket motors and other rocket information. The students watched a rocket booster blast during a test.

tures, Hughes said. Involving young students in a NASA-related scientific experiment was high on the experimenter's priority list, Hughes said. The Burley students were shown videos about Thiokol's work and the history of rocket propulsion. Jon Jarrett, a Thiokol official, told the students how rocket fuel is made. "It is mixed in a big cookie-mixer type of thing," Jarrett said. "It becomes the consistency of peanut butter." The rocket boosters used in the experiment cost about \$500 million each, he said, but they are used over again, up to 20 times.

Students asked Jarrett if the Challenger Space Shuttle explosion, shortly after a 1986 liftoff, caused Thiokol to change the rocket inspection process. "We did change the design a little bit," said Jarrett, noting the inspection process remains mostly the same. "Since that time, seals on rockets have changed, including external heaters placed on rocket joints," Jarrett said. He stressed the importance of cleanliness during the rocket-making process. One fingerprint can create a small void and allow gas to escape, which could cause a rocket booster to fail, he said.

Rocket facts

- Each RSRM just out 126 square feet of 1.5 million horsepower, or as much horsepower as 51,300 Chevrolet.
- Each RSRM produces 3.3 million cubic feet of exhaust gas.
- Plan that produced by 48 Boeing's 747 jet planes at full takeoff!
- Power: If you could harness the heat from two RSRM's during the first two minutes of launch, you would have enough power to meet the demands of 87,000 homes for a full day.
- During launch, the temperature of the gases escaping the nozzle of each RSRM approaches 6,000 degrees Fahrenheit, about twice the temperature of the sun. At this temperature, steel doesn't melt, it boils.

Students also toured Rocket Garden, where they were given a rocket science lesson by John Koster, a Thiokol official. Thiokol is a leader in solid propulsion, Koster said. The nuclear warheads Thiokol delivers can come to within 36 inches of the target. A booster rocket travels at 18,000 mph — equal to mach speed, he said.

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Planners approve changes to Frenchman's Island plan

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A Snake River RV park could potentially bring tourist dollars into the county, the project's developer said Thursday.

The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission approved amendments to Neil Larsen's conditional-use permit for Frenchman's Island, a plan that will replace proposed single-family housing and a golf course with dozens more RV sites than originally planned.

Rather than subdivide the mile-long island for about 72 housing units, Larsen opted to create sites for 339 RVs. That number is flexible and depends upon sewer and water requirements set by the South Central District Health Department and the state's Division of Environmental Quality, Larsen said. "This type of integrated use will be more harmonious with the area and have less impact on sewer and water requirements," Larsen wrote to the county in his request for an amendment.

Larsen said his engineers had figured one home site was equivalent to four to five RV sites in terms of wastewater production. Engineering will also determine where the ground is high enough to support sewage treatment, and how reason facilities would be in the picture. But locations that aren't deemed suitable could easily be transformed into dry tenting areas, Larsen said.

The island will retain many of

the original portions of the proposal that the commission approved in October 1999, such as a restaurant, boat dock and nature/fitness trail.

Larsen anticipates the RV park to be open by June. The restaurant would be completed later.

"We need to be able to draw people here first. Not because of the restaurant but because of the park," Larsen said. The roads made a no narrower than 20 feet, according to the Burley Fire Department, a width Larsen said he will meet. The fire department had already deemed the one-lane bridge leading to the island sufficient. The volume of visitors may necessitate a second bridge, but Larsen said he won't know until he sees what the use is. If use merits a second bridge, he would build one.

In other county business, the commission approved the preliminary plat for Connie and Larry Watterson's subdivision. The Wattersons are subdividing 16 acres into one-acre lots, with the remaining acres left alone. The property is located between 300 South and Idaho Highway 27.

The Wattersons' restrictive covenants include a minimum 1,100-square-foot home, a limit of two livestock per lot, and a ban on pigs. Because the area is zoned residential-agricultural, residents must agree to accept having farming practices in the area.

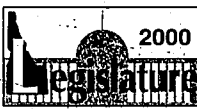
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House committee clears plan by Idaho businesses

BOISE (AP) — An attempt to limit employers' legal responsibility for the actions of former and off-duty employees cleared a House committee where it got hung up last year after being overwhelmingly approved by the Senate.

The influential Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry prevailed in a face-off with the indignant Idaho Trial Lawyers Association before the Judiciary and Rules Committee late Thursday. But attorneys who fear the proposal will essentially immunize careless employers did not go down without a fight.

Boise attorney Andrew Chasan outlined his legal concerns about the bill, then told lawmakers he was personally offended that "we have to resort to lawyer-bashing



to get a bill passed. I think it's uncalled for. I think it's unfair." But Dawn Justice of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the state's largest business lobby, said without the protection employers are becoming increasingly unwilling to hire people with even the slightest of criminal infractions in their past out of fear for their own future legal exposure. "Is that how we want our employment process to work in this state?" she asked.

Supporters of the measure contend it would simply rein in what they see as runaway court rulings that improperly hold employers liable for actions beyond those of workers actually on the job.

Changes from last year's measure include what sponsors consider a more careful explanation of the intended scope. Among those whose support the changes gained are the Idaho Liability Reform Coalition, which represents municipal governments and other public entities, and Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls lawyer and Judiciary and Rules member who argued against last year's bill.

But David Kerrick, a Caldwell lawyer representing the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, said it was bad public policy to carve out what would amount to a spe-

cial legal exception for a particular group.

And he said the 1998 Idaho Supreme Court case that prompted much of the concern actually did not impose an additional burden of responsibility on employers.

The high court overturned a lower-court ruling that had absolved St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center of liability for the sexual molestation of a minor by a former employee who first came into contact with the boy at the hospital. But Kerrick said the decision did not apply liability to employers for the non-work-related actions of off-duty employees.

"Now we're here trying to fix something that didn't exist in the first place," he said. Kerrick said

Livestock

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The report will tell the county if the site poses a high risk, moderate risk or low risk, or if there is insufficient information to make a determination.

The report also will explain the factors contributing to the designation and whether steps can be taken to reduce the environmental risk.

Other counties will likely use

Twin Falls County's memorandum as an example for their own county, Brockman added.

"I expect other counties to call us to get a copy of the memorandum once we're finished with it," he said.

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1979 as a reserve officer for the Kimberly Police Department after graduating from CSI with a degree in criminal justice. From there he worked for the Burley, Elmer and Jerome police departments before settling down in Hailey to work for the Sun Valley Police Department.

All in all, the 11-week course cost the city of Sun Valley Lockwood's wages, plus an additional \$1,000 for an airline ticket and incidental expenses for uniforms and training supplies. The \$5,000 in tuition, room and board,

and transportation were paid for by the federal government, Daggett said.

So what are the department's expectations for their newly trained second-in-command? Daggett said no pay raise was on the horizon. But the training will definitely better equip Lockwood to fulfill his responsibilities and functions within the department.

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Bid for uniform death investigation standards clings to life

BOISE (AP) — A House panel decided against killing a Democrat's plan for professionalizing the handling of death investigations statewide, but left it barely clinging to life.

The State Affairs Committee voted 11-10 on Thursday to forward Boise Rep. Margaret Henbest's bill to the full House, along with her own suggested amendments. "This bill will bring Idaho into the 21st century and affirm that we are not only advocates for the living but advocates for the dead," Henbest said. "But concerns about creating

more potentially expensive state bureaucracy and the idea of an appointed medical advisory commission and state medical examiner setting protocol for elected county coroners left many lawmakers skeptical.

The final vote came only after the bill's supporters fought off attempts to hold it in committee or add an amendment proposed by Republican Rep. Kent Kunz of Pocatello to increase county representation on the nine-member advisory commission.

Henbest said that would have weakened the base of expertise she wants on the commission,

including an attorney general appointee, the state appellate public defender and the director of the state forensic laboratory.

Kunz said later that he would propose his amendment again on the House floor in an attempt to make the legislation more palatable to critics with a "common-sense, common-person governing board."

Henbest, a nurse practitioner, wants to standardize a crazy-quilt process for investigating deaths in Idaho that dates back to pre-statehood days with only relatively minor changes. "Hundred-year-old standards

and practices are no longer functional or appropriate," she said.

It has resulted in inconsistent procedures from county to county, and, as legislators heard Thursday, often emotional tales of woe from families who contend their loved ones' deaths were inadequately investigated by coroners without the resources or knowledge to do their job thoroughly.

Under Henbest's plan, a professional medical examiner hired by the governor-appointed commission would be responsible for training coroners.

last year convened a congressional hearing in Elko to discuss the Jarbidge road issue. Below the writing on the bear, someone had drawn a small monkey wrench, a symbol of the environmental group Earth First! The shovel has since been cleaned and the bear is being

kept in the Elko police department evidence room. However, some people rather see the bear stay and the shovel go away.

"I personally find a statue of Smokey the Bear with an intelligent quote from Henry David Thoreau highly preferable to an

ugly shovel symbolizing a viewpoint that — believe it or not — does not represent the opinion of all Elko residents," said Elko resident Jan King.

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Investigators recover flight data recorder

NTSB finds key clues in cargo plane crash

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. (AP) — Flight data and cockpit voice recorders were retrieved Thursday from the wreckage of a DC-8 cargo plane that crashed into a salvage yard, killing its three crew members.

Investigators hope the recorders will provide more clues about the pilot's report of a "center of gravity" problem shortly after the plane's takeoff from Mather Field in suburban Sacramento. The recorders, which were damaged by fire but in fairly good shape, were sent to Washington for analysis, said George Black of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Emery Worldwide Flight 17 plunged into the Insurance Auto Auctions yard just before 8 p.m. Wednesday, killing its three crew members and setting dozens of cars ablaze. The plane was bound for Dayton, Ohio.

The thirds' bodies were recovered Thursday afternoon, Black said.

The center of gravity problem could have several causes, including a shifting load, incorrect cargo weight and mechanical problems, said Preston Hicks, one of the NTSB's investigators.

Black said the flight recorder data could indicate weight and



A black streak from the wreckage of an Emery Worldwide DC-8 cargo plane that crashed into an auto wrecking yard is seen Thursday at Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif. Moments before the plane crashed the pilot reported problems with the balance of the aircraft, investigators said Thursday.

balance problems from the performance of the plane. However, the report of an unsettled load is not the sole focus of the investigation, Black said. "Everything is

a focus," he said. "We never begin with a prejudged position." The plane, carrying a load of transmission fluid, clothing and a small packet of detonators,

was at 800 feet when it tried to return to Mather for an emergency landing and crashed in a fireball about a mile east of the field.

Group pares millions more from Medicaid

BOISE (AP) — A legislative working group on Thursday pared another \$3 million from options to control the skyrocketing price tag of health care for the poor but not before Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and his administration were chastised for failing to make their own recommendations on cost containment.

But the panel of legislative budget writers also declined to take a stand on any of the options it agreed should be considered, bucking that responsibility to the full Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. Democratic Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin of Orofino finally said publicly what Republicans have been saying privately for weeks about their GOP chief executive's decision to stick them with the responsibility of deciding just how to make the Medicaid budget fit Kempthorne's target that is \$27 million less than the actual cost estimate for 2001. About 30 percent of the bill is covered by general tax revenue. The federal government pays the rest.

"The governor needs to sit on the same stool as we are, and that hasn't happened," McLaughlin said.

The campaign to rein in Medicaid is driven by growth that has seen the annual cost jump from \$152 million in 1990 to \$587 million this year. The state's share has soared from \$39 million to \$164 million in the same period. And analysts say the cost will double again in six years without some action. But Democratic Rep. Bert Marley of Pocatello complained that the entire exercise seemed unfair when the state has a surplus of \$54 million or more and wants to either save it or give tax cuts to people better off than those on Medicaid.

"It's difficult to talk about cutting a program that benefits the poor when they're talking about tax cuts for corporations," Marley said. "We're not solving a long-term problem. All we're looking for is a short-term solution to an arbitrary number picked by the governor set."



"It seems to me we're trying to balance the budget on the backs of the people least able to take it," he said.

Working from a previously scaled-back list of cost-control options provided by the Health and Welfare Department, the panel jettisoned or scaled back several proposals to leave the package being presented to full committee next week about \$10 million short of meeting Kempthorne's spending target. The gap could widen depending on the actions of the full committee. Administration budget analyst Judy Rowbury said there was no guarantee even if the full package of options had been implemented that a multimillion-dollar emergency appropriation would not be required when lawmakers meet again next winter. This year they had to add \$36 million to the Medicaid budget approved a year ago to make sure all the bills get paid.

"We may very well be back in January," Rowbury said. "But by that time we will know better if we need that money, and it will give us time to work with this."

Deleted from the options list was a \$2.2 million proposal for a 10 percent cut in the rate paid to those providing personal care services that permit the elderly and disabled to stay in their homes rather than going to an expensive nursing home. The panel also rejected a 25 percent cut in physical therapy support, a \$50,000 savings, and pulled back from a \$1 million freeze in reimbursements for transportation the elderly and disabled need to get to service providers and doctors and recommending a specific \$2.4 million cut in reimbursements for prescription drugs.

Senate endorses contractor licensing bill

BOISE (AP) — A Senate panel on Thursday endorsed legislation to license as many as 17,000 construction business operators in what an industry coalition said would weed out charlatans and protect consumers.

"Idaho requires 85 different occupations to have a license, but we don't require a license of the people who may take our life savings to build a home," Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, told the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

After more than two hours of

public testimony, the panel voted 6-3 to send the legislation on to the full Senate for a floor vote. Smith indicated the bill was a preemptive strike by some small and medium contractors to head off a licensing scheme they feared could really put them out of business. Still, opposition remained relatively strong from the smaller operators, who maintained the cost would force many of them out of business and eliminate some of the competition the bigger operators backing the plan would just as soon see disappear.

Laird Maxwell of Idahoans for Tax Reform objected to what he claimed were vague provisions of the bill that will be refined by regulations issued by an unelected board. To secure the required license, contractors must show proof of worker's compensation insurance, \$300,000 liability coverage and a \$10,000 bond. Without a license, they will be denied building permits and the right to slap a lien on any property for nonpayment.

"That is touching on their property rights, their right to earn a liv-

ing," Maxwell argued. But advocates claimed the bonding and insurance package along with a \$100 license fee would add no more than \$700 to the annual cost of doing business. And consumers said it was time for Idaho to end its distinction as one of just 16 states with no licensing or registration requirement. "It's time for these companies to be held responsible for their actions," said Cynthia Hoyt of Boise, who was victimized by a contractor. "This protects people from financially devastating loss."

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Introduced to Senate

- SB147 (Education) — Expressed legislative concern over the need for literacy skills for children as they start school.
- SB148 (Education) — Supports thorough educational opportunities for Hispanic and limited English proficient students.
- SB143 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$23 million appropriation to the Military Division for the current fiscal year.
- SB144 (Health and Welfare) — Sets up a structure to provide access to health care in rural Idaho.
- SB145 (Resources and Environment) — Immunizes from liability donors of wild meat to charities.
- SB146 (Resources and Environment) — Clarifies rental payment dates on state Land Board leases.
- SB147 (Resources and Environment) — Provides exceptions and exemptions from water right forfeiture.
- SB148 (Education) — Limits to 10 percent of annual operating budget the amount charter schools can spend on special education services.
- SB149 (Education) — Changes the deadline for giving teachers notice on renewable contracts.
- SB150 (State Affairs) — To provide authority of security personnel at orchard training area.
- SB151 (State Affairs) — Calls for coordination of emergency air medical services.
- SB152 (Local Government and Taxation) — Sets notice requirements for taxing district budget hearings.
- SB153 (Local Government and Taxation) — Sets public property valuation when mineral rights are involved.

- SB154 (Judiciary and Rules) — Prohibits improper payments to jurors or arbitrators.
- SB155 (Health and Welfare) — Requires confidentiality of personal information on drug prescriptions.
- SB156 (Education) — Provides guidelines for removal of unruly students from the classroom.
- SB157 (Education) — Makes technical corrections in the school aid distribution formula. Introduced in House.
- SB158 (Education) — Authorizes school boards to provide problem-solving procedures for noncertificated employees.
- SB159 (Resources and Conservation) — Requires Land Board approval for Fish and Game Commission acquisition of real property.
- SB159 (Agricultural Affairs) — Accommodates national changes in procedures for veterinary medicine licensing.
- SB160 (Local Government) — Gives counties the option of setting term limits on school boards, city and county offices.
- SB161 (Local Government) — Requires that procedures for the processing of local land-use applications include the option of mediation both before and after a final decision.
- SB162 (Environmental Affairs) — Creates the Public Water System Supervision Fund in the state treasury.
- SB163 (Health and Welfare) — Subjects certain records concerning investigations of licensed nursing facilities to disclosure under specified terms.
- SB164 (Health and Welfare) — Exempts employees of certain health facilities from the Social Work Act.
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Idaho education asset Alice Taylor Walters dies at 89

BOISE (AP) — Alice Taylor Walters, a Boisean long prominent in education, has died after a long illness. She was 89.

Walters, who died on Sunday, was a member of the Idaho Board of Education from 1965 to 1970 and served on many of the board's committees.

She was a 12-year member of the Boise School Board and served as its president.

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Final frontier opens for business

LONDON (AP) — The so-called final frontier opened for business Thursday with the signing of a lease allowing a corporation to put the Russian Mir space station to commercial use.

ENERGIYA, the privatized Russian company that built and operates the station, signed an agreement granting Amsterdam-based MirCorp rights for commercial use for the rest of the space platform's life.



Yuri Semenov

learn how to perfect their products on Earth.

The platform also could be used as a base for repairing space satellites and beaming live color images of the Earth to the Internet.

For those willing to pay to go as tourists, the main impediment is the training required to

prepare for life in space, MirCorp president Jeffrey Manber said.

"Space is something serious. It's not just a walk outside," added Yuri Semenov, chairman of MirCorp and general designer and president of Energiya.

Potential space tourists must be mentally, physically and psychologically fit enough to cope with the experience. "There are certain rules that cannot be overstepped," he said.

British governor pins blame on IRA

LONDON (AP) — Confronting a deepening crisis just four months into his job, Britain's governor for Northern Ireland said Thursday that he still didn't know whether the Irish Republican Army would ever disarm — "and that is the problem."

Briefing American journalists

in his London office, Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson defended his high-stakes decision a week ago to strip powers from the province's 2-month-old Catholic-Protestant administration and resume direct British rule.

Mandelson emphasized that if

he hadn't made the move, the four-party coalition's key Protestant party and its leader, David Trimble, would have withdrawn within hours. That in turn would have crushed the Cabinet, whose creation was the key objective of the province's 1998 Good Friday accord.

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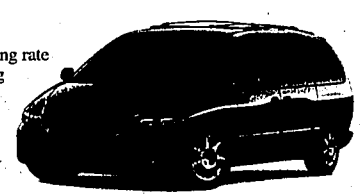
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Russian officials reject bid

MOSCOW (AP) - The Central Election Commission on Thursday rejected fiery nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy's application to run for president, saying he failed to report all his assets.

Zhirinovskiy has erratic behavior and hectoring statements in parliament sessions have made him widely visible, but had not been expected to perform well in the March 26 balloting in which acting President Vladimir Putin is the clear favorite. He said he would appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.



Vladimir Zhirinovskiy

Enhanced air power frustrates rebels

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) - As swarms of guerrillas rushed the tiny police post and officers inside radioed frantically for help, a pilot high in the skies flicked on his night-vision equipment.

Starting into the glow of an infrared screen, the air force captain uttered a prayer, then rained bullets on Colombia's southern savannah. "I said God, my protector, help me. And then I fired", recalled Arturo, the man who was flying the Vietnam-era AC-47 gunship, a plane Colombian guerrillas have nicknamed "The Phantom."

Congress approves a \$1.6 billion anti-narcotics plan. The Clinton administration has proposed for the South American nation that could come to a vote as early as March. The attack that Arturo described killed about a dozen guerrillas in Puerto Rico, one of the towns attacked during a leftist offensive. The military reported a total of 300 rebels killed during the July campaign - mostly from the air.

Italy's Fiat continues to drive alone

MILAN, Italy (AP) - From Daimler and Chrysler to Ford and Volvo to General Motors and Saab, automakers around the world have teamed up in their drive to the future. Despite the road, Italy's Fiat continues to take the road alone. Many are wondering how long it can stay that course.

On Friday, Fiat will release 1999 financial results, which Fiat says will show a turning of the corner after years of slipping in the European market and after taking a beating in South America, where car sales plunged with the 1990s economic downturn. Again and again, reports that Fiat is being courted or is playing the suitor have surfaced and resurfaced. The latest speculation had DaimlerChrysler either merging with or buying Fiat, whose makes include Alfa Romeo, Maserati and Ferrari sports cars.

"Who knows how it will turn out?" said Lorenzo Re, an auto analyst with Unicredito Italiano, in Milan. Fiat wanted Volvo, but Volvo didn't want Fiat, the analyst noted. In the end, Ford Motor Co. purchased the Swedish maker's passenger car division. The Italians had wanted to buy all of Volvo, not just the car sector. Some have speculated whether the Agnelli family's hold on Fiat, Italy's largest private employer, complicates dealmaking. But recent reports that the patriarch of the dynasty, Giovanni Agnelli, made clear that Fiat could be interested if the right arrangement is made.

"Fiat can go ahead by itself," said Agnelli, whose grandfather started the company in 1899 and whose family still holds 30 percent of the automaker. "An alliance is neither an obligation nor a necessity."

But, acknowledging the trend to concentrate business interests in all sectors, Agnelli, now Fiat's honorary chairman, told Fiat managers at its Turin headquarters. "We won't let the good occasions slip away."

In fact, Fiat has made some moves recently, purchasing Case Corp., a U.S. maker of tractors and other agricultural equipment, and allying with Mitsubishi to develop and assemble a new sport utility vehicle for production in 2001.

Israeli secret service drops demands for legalized torture

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's Shin Bet security service has dropped a demand for new legislation that would permit interrogators to use physical force against some terror suspects, a government official said today.

However, an opposition legislator has launched a bipartisan initiative to pass such a law in defiance of Prime Minister Ehud Barak. As a concession to the Shin Bet, a government committee will monitor the situation for two years to determine whether the agency's ability to prevent terror attacks has been impaired by the judicial ban on the use of force. The decision to drop the legislation was made Tuesday at a meeting between Barak and Shin Bet chief Ami Ayalon, the official said on condition of anonymity.



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WORLD



An unidentified supporter holds Serbian flags and posters of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic before opening of Socialist Party congress, in Belgrade Thursday.

Milosevic calls for an end to NATO mission

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Slobodan Milosevic rallied his supporters Thursday at a Socialist Party congress, calling for an end to the NATO-led Kosovo peace mission and blasting his opponents as "weaklings and thieves."

At the congress, the first since NATO intervention left the country divided and isolated, Milosevic sought to portray Yugoslavia as strong and stable under his leadership, and his aides denounced America in fiery language. But opponents said there was nothing to cheer about.

The largest opposition party, the Serbian Renewal Movement, said in a statement that congress delegates can only applaud "the ruined country that has been turned into a concentration camp isolated in Europe."

Thousands of Socialist supporters — waving flags and chanting "Slobo, Slobo" — were bused in from rural Serbia, Milosevic's stronghold, for a rally in front of

the congress hall. Most were given the day off from work.

Inside, more than 2,000 delegates and as many guests attended the conference, the fourth since Milosevic's Socialists mutated from the former Communist party in 1990.

Milosevic, the only candidate, was re-elected as party chief. No major policy change or reshuffle in the ranks resulted from the one-day meeting.

In a rare public appearance, Milosevic used harsh language to signal a possible crackdown on the opposition, denouncing its leaders as pro-Western "colonizers, toolies and cowards."

"In fact, Serbia doesn't have a real opposition," Milosevic said in his closing speech. "We have a group of paid weaklings, speculators and thieves who, using money from abroad and the fact that the population lives poorly, manipulate the people, especially the young."

EU environmental officials demand answers to spill

BAIA MARE, Romania (AP) — The top EU environmental official demanded to know Thursday how tons of cyanide contaminated two major rivers, killing masses of plant and fish life in its path.

The cyanide poured into streams from a containment dam at the gold mine in Baia Mare, passing through Hungary and Yugoslavia in the Szamos and Tisza rivers before returning to Romania on the Danube.

EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom called the spill a "major environmental accident, and to the people living

by the rivers, this is a catastrophe."

Speaking in Szolnok, Hungary, where she inspected the Tisza Wallstrom said she wanted answers as to "what happened, how bad is the damage, and what can be done to rehabilitate the environment."

Wallstrom also called for a task force to be set up to assess and control the damage and prevent future accidents.

Also Thursday, Romanian Environment Minister Romica Tomescu acknowledged for the first time the magnitude of the pollution.

Latin American ministers lead moves to ease crude oil prices

Latin American ministers leading moves to ease crude oil prices

Latin American oil ministers are suggesting that OPEC raise its output of crude oil to restrain soaring prices that are at nine-year highs and have substantially boosted gasoline and heating oil costs in the United States.

Mexico's energy minister, Luis Téllez, said Thursday that he believes Saudi Arabia, the largest OPEC producer, and Norway, a major producer outside the cartel, both share Mexico's view that production should be increased.

His comments in a radio interview in Mexico City were the latest suggesting that pressure is building on the Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise production quotas at its meeting March 27 in Vienna, Austria.

Last Wednesday, Venezuela's oil minister, Ali Rodríguez, called on OPEC to do something about rising crude prices.

"I think it's time to take corrective measures," Rodríguez said in a televised address.

Meanwhile, Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi, who is on a visit to South Korea, was quoted as saying he favored crude oil prices in a range of \$20 to \$25 a barrel. Currently crude is above \$30 in the United States and is approaching that level in Europe.

Iran's young voters hold key to elections

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The electric blue words scrawled on a white sheet at a political rally captured the frustrations of Iran's youth: "20 years of ideological suppression is enough."

As Iran holds parliamentary elections Friday, young people have emerged as kingmakers, vowing to vote for those who will provide them the freedoms denied after the Islamic revolution. In 1979, young Iranians grabbed at the chance to topple the dictatorial and corrupt regime of the U.S.-backed shah and join the revolution led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Today, the sons and daughters of those Iranians are battling what they say is another kind of repression.

The hard-liners have "used Islam as a tool to fortify their power. They think they are messengers of God and can tell us what to do, what to wear. We don't like this," said Mehdi, a chemical engineering student at Tehran University who refused to



Pedestrians pass a wall covered with election posters under a giant painting of a young patriot and the late leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khomeini Thursday in Tehran.

give his last name. Outspoken students have been jailed in Iran. Young people complain that 21

years of Islamic rule by Khomeini's followers and successors failed to bear the promised

fruit: jobs and prosperity. Instead, youth were barred from mixing freely with the opposite sex, listening to pop and Western music or watching foreign television programs. Women were told to cover themselves from head to toe and the clergy, in its role as the interpreter of God's will, was deemed above criticism.

More than half of Iran's 62 million people are under the age of 25. About 20 million of them are in high schools and universities that have traditionally been the harbingers of change and the barometers of public discontent.

"The young people have needs, but they get nothing. It means they are very angry with everybody," said Saad Laylaz, a newspaper columnist and political analyst. A frequent target of youth anger is former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. A former moderate, he has riled many by leaning toward hard-liners in recent weeks.

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What's Goin' On

18/Tonight

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" at 8 p.m. in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission or \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at the door or by phoning the CSI box office at 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

Company of Fools will present the opening night of Phillip Barry's "The Philadelphia Story" at 8 p.m. at the Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets are \$45 per person and \$80 per couple for the opening night-with-wedding reception gala. Tickets are available at Read All About It in Hailey and Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum. Gala tickets may be reserved by calling 788-6520. Magic Valley residents also may reserve tickets using MasterCard or Visa by calling 788-6520.

Perfect Stranger will perform two shows, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. The dinner show prices start at \$10.95; there's a \$7.50 cover charge for the cocktail show. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

19/Saturday

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20/Sunday

The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble concert will be held at 3 p.m. at the CSI Evergreen Building atrium, Twin Falls. A \$3 donation is requested at the door.

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New Theater Company will present "The Taffetas" at 7:30 p.m. at the Boiler Room, Sun Valley Resort. Tickets, which are \$3 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under, are available by phoning the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2135.

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21/Monday

Culture and Temple Yard will play The Ballroom, Twin Falls. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are available at the Music Exchange or at the door, are \$10. The Ballroom is located at 205 Shoshone St. N.

Every week, What's Goin' On lists arts and entertainment's events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

Magic Valley radio goes bilingual

Spanish-language stations find niche on local airwaves

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The distinctive swing of nortena cycles through KFTA's sound system as Benjamin Reed settles in for a shift behind the microphone.

For the next hour and more he'll spin records and tales and hawk cars and furniture from businesses with names any Magic Valley resident would recognize.

It's a scene oddly familiar in a language yet foreign — a juxtaposition enhanced by Reed's familiar baritone, which spent the morning doing talk radio on KFTA's sister, English-language station in Burley.

But Spanish is the lingua franca here at La Fantastica 970, broadcast from an unimpressive building set among the beet fields not far from Minico High School.

"We're the lifeline to the community," says Reed, a 30-year-old Arizona native who honed his language skills on an LDS mission in Aogoa, a Spanish-speaking (residents of the Magic Valley don't read the newspaper, this is where they get their information.)

Since KFTA went on the air in November, Spanish-language radio has become a significant presence on the airwaves of south-central Idaho. It's the Magic Valley's second Spanish station — Gooding's KRXR is the other — aimed at a demographic that's formidable.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Center for Vital Statistics and Public Policy says there are 18,281 Hispanics in the eight counties of south-central Idaho — out of a population of 157,257.

Half of them live in Minidoka and Cassia counties, according to the Census Bureau, making up 22 percent of the population of the two counties.

KFTA, which is owned by the Jerome-based Lee family, has done market research that indicates it may be even higher.

"We think it they may be as much as one-third," said Reed, who's program director and operations manager. "Whatever the actual number, we've had sponsors clamoring to reach them."

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Festival of Four takes audiences on a musical journey through the worlds of classical guitar. Andean folk music and Spanish flamenco. Next week, the four performers are coming to Twin Falls.

If you go

Concerts will present Festival of Four.

Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls.

When: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door. For information about season memberships, call 733-8323 or 733-4388.

have recorded CDs.

In Twin Falls, the Festival of Four will perform the traditional tune "Shenanadoah" (arrangement by Patterson). "Three African Sketches" by Dusan Bogdanovic and "Russian Carnival" by Valeri Gavrilin, among other selections.



Benjamin Reed works in the sound booth at Rupert's KFTA.

The size of the Hispanic economy in southern Idaho is anybody's guess, as is the potential audience for Spanish-language radio.

The rating services that track

listenership, which in turns helps set ad rates, don't survey in Spanish.

"We really don't keep track of Spanish-language radio in Idaho," said Connie Searles,

executive director of the Idaho State Broadcasters Association.

"Unless they notify us of a change in format, we have no way of knowing. My guess is that there are three or four stations

By the numbers

- 74,000 — Hispanic population in Idaho in 1990.
- 6 percent — Percentage of Idaho's population that is Hispanic in 1990.
- 1990 — The year that the largest number of Hispanics moved to Idaho.
- 33 — Percent of Idaho's Hispanic population that is under the age of 20.
- 8 — Idaho's ranking among states in the percentage of Hispanic population.
- 16 — Percentage of Idaho's Hispanic population that is expected to have the fastest growing populations of Hispanics between 1995 and 2025, ranked by percentage of growth.
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- 23,002 — Number of Hispanics in the Idaho labor force in 1996.
- More than half — 15,102 — held labor, machine operator and service jobs. About 4,600 Hispanics were sales or clerical office workers or in distinct crafts. The lowest number — 3,280 — were officials, managers, professionals or technicians.
- 100 — Number of Hispanic-owned businesses in Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties.

— Sources: U.S. Census, Idaho Hispanic Business Association, Idaho Department of Labor and Hispanic Market Connections (in southern Idaho) now."

Reed said that KFTA's signal stretches from Pocatello to Mountain Home, but the station's core market is the Magic Valley.

"We subscribe to a satellite service and mix that with local music and some talk," he said. "We'd like to do more news and information, but I can only stretch myself so far."

Actually, Reed has recruited several Spanish-speaking on-air personalities and hopes to expand the local content.

"I think the potential is there," he said. "It's certainly an untapped resource."

Reed said he hears from many Spanish-speaking Magic Valley residents that the station helps them feel connected, but he's also heard some negative feedback.

"I've gotten some hate mail from people who don't think a Spanish-language station should be on the air here," he said. "It's unfortunate and it's a very small minority, but it happens."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.com

Group blends ethnic music with classical

TWIN FALLS — The Festival of Four takes audiences on a musical journey through the worlds of classical guitar. Andean folk music and Spanish flamenco. Next week, the four performers are coming to Twin Falls.

Consisting of three guitarists and one flutist, the group has met with critical acclaim for its unique blend of classical and ethnic music.

Classical guitarist Marc Teicholz, flamenco virtuoso Guillermo Ries, Chilean-born flutist Viviana Guzman and collaborative artist Richard Patterson have won numerous awards throughout their performance careers. All

have recorded CDs.

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Willis, Perry make surprisingly good team

By Ted Anthony
The Associated Press

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" has assorted reasons to fail. It's filled with obnoxious actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then. But some-

thing clicks, and performers, plot and script — come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a harried dentist who lives in a suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year. His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door.

Jimmy "Pulp" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him. "It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

From there, the plot spirals forth like a beer poured too quickly. Suddenly Oz, his wife and even his perpetually perky dental assistant Jill (Amanda Peet, who's the best thing about this



Matthew Perry, left, and Michael Clarke Duncan work together in the Warner Bros. comedy 'The Whole Nine Yards,' opening in theaters nationwide today.

movie) are involved in an undercover caper that involves Yanni Gogolack (Kevin Pollak), the Balkan mob boss of Chicago. What's more, Oz gets involved with Jimmy's estranged, femme-fatale wife Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge) and another dangerous killer, Frankie Figs (the inimitable Michael Clarke Duncan).

A movie like this is a risky venture. With any action-comedy, especially one about mobsters and regular schlubs who get into situations not of their own making, the ground is well-trodden and the question hangs: Why do what's already been done? (Not that moviemakers are ever stopped by that.)

But this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works. They're likeable characters,

About the movie

- Who's in it? Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry, Rosanna Arquette.
- What's it about? R.
- When's it playing? Real Theater of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum, Jerome Cinema.
- Should you go? "The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.

best there; though it may sound like here, much of his physical comedy is drawn straight from Buster Keaton.

The way he employs it, it's kept as much to the "relief" part of comic relief as it is to the comedy itself. Even as you laugh, you feel for him.

Duncan, fresh from a career performance in "The Green Mile," lights up the screen. Physically, he's utterly terrifying. But he can shepherd his face from scrunched-up and menacing to grinning and warm in less than a second; it and he are a joy to watch, especially when he and other professional killers engage in a running gag about admiring each other's work.

Henstridge is fun as a neo-noir gang moll with a heart of gold, and Peet, one of today's finest character actors, is ideal as the mob kingpin.

He's clearly having a great time with a whole palette of lip curls, arched eyebrows and lin. So is Perry.

Feet, though, steals the show as Oz's assistant, who has, suffice it to say, other ambitions. Only Arquette doesn't seem to be having much fun.

Perry's body comedy is at its

WEEKEND

Utah Symphony, guest cellist to fill Salt Lake City hall with music

Today
 • Cellist Allison Eldredge will perform a program of Ravel and Lalo with the Utah Symphony today and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$33, can be reserved by phoning (888) 451-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Saturday
 • The Brigham Young University Ballroom Dancers will perform at 8 p.m. at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls. Tickets, which are \$15, are available by phoning the Idaho Falls Arts Council at (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 "A" St.

• Northwest Nazarene University's Crusader Choir will present an Italian Opera Dinner featuring costumed singers performing a compilation of opera pieces. First dinner seating will be 5:45 p.m. and the second seating will be 7:15-9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10 each or \$15 for two, are available by phoning (208) 467-8936.

Next week
 • Feb. 25: Sawyer Brown will perform at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22.50 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

• Feb. 25: The Boise Master Chorale will perform a "Love and Romance Concert" at 7:30 p.m. at Jewett Auditorium on the campus of Albertson College in Caldwell. Tickets, which are \$9 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students, are available at Select a Seat outlets. For more information, call (208) 344-7901.

Out of the valley

• Feb. 25-26: Utah Symphony will perform a "Musicians Showcase" with cellist Ryan Sellberg at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23 and \$29, can be reserved by phoning (888) 451-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

• Feb. 26: Opera Idaho will present Mozart's "Die Fledermaus" at 8 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$25, \$40 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Upcoming

• Feb. 29: James Galway & Saffri Duo will sing at Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$40 and \$50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or the Morrison Center box office at (208) 426-1110.

• March 2: Medalists on Ice with the Boise Philharmonic and featuring Olympic silver medalist Brian Orser is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. in Boise's Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$24 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 Capitol Blvd.

• March 3 and 5: Boise State University Music Department's Opera Theater will present "Marriage of Figaro" at 7:30 p.m. March 3 and 2:30 p.m. March 5 in the Special Events Center at BSU. Tickets, which are \$6.50 for general admission and \$4.50 for senior citizens and students, are available at the door. For more information, call (208) 426-3980.

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• March 4: Ballet Idaho will present Leo Delibes' "Coppelia," 8 p.m., Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$15, \$18, \$28, \$35 and \$38, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

• March 4: Utah Opera will present Giuseppe Verdi's "Falstaff," at 7:40 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$20-\$350, can be reserved by phoning (888) 451-2787. Productions will continue at 7:30 p.m. on March 6, 8 and 10 and at 2 p.m. on March 12. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

• March 7: Katia and Marille Labèque will perform with the Utah Symphony at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$19, \$28, \$38 and \$46, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-ARTS. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.



Stomp
 Set to rock BSU

• March 7-9: Stomp will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$21, \$28.50 and \$38.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

• March 7-8: String Cheese Incident will perform at 8 p.m. at the Rose Room, 718 W. Idaho, Boise. Tickets, which are \$15 in advance and \$17 the day of the show, are available by phoning (208) 424-0024. Doors open at 7 p.m.

• March 7-12: "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," will play Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 8 p.m. on March 7-10 at 2 and 8 p.m., at 2 and 8 p.m. on March 11, and at 7 p.m. on March 12. Tickets, which are \$30-\$45 for the March 10-11 performances and \$25-\$42.50 for all other shows, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-5502. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.



Filter
 Heading to Utah

• March 10: Filter will play Utah's Saltair Resort at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be purchased by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City on Interstate 80 at Exit 104.

• March 10-11: Lorna Luft will sing with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$36, can be reserved by phoning (888) 451-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

• March 13: Patch Adams, the Virginia doctor who was the model for the 1998 Robin Williams movie, will appear at 7 p.m. in the Morrison Center on

the campus of Boise State University.

Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

• March 13: The national touring company of Ernest Lehman's "Hello, Dolly!" will play the Nampa Civic Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

• March 13: Third Eye Blind will play Utah's Saltair Resort at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 West at Exit 104.



Cast of 'Annie'
 Beloved orphans to take the stage

• March 14-15: "Annie" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$22.50-\$40, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

• March 17: Neal McCoy will sing at 7:30 p.m. in the Dee Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$28, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

• March 17-18: Violinist Hillary Hahn will perform a program of Beethoven and Brahms with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall.

Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$33, can be reserved by phoning (888) 451-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

• March 17-18: Weekend of Destruction and Thrill Show will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$35 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.
 • March 18-19: The National Arenacross Motorcycle Series will race at 7:30 p.m. on March 18 and 2 p.m. on March 19 in the Idaho Center in Nampa. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

• March 20: Bob Dylan will play at 8 p.m. in the Idaho Center in Nampa. Tickets, which are \$38 and \$28, go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday and can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. Doors open at 7 p.m. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

• March 21: The Gaithers, a gospel singing group, will present The Gaither Homecoming at 7 p.m. in the Boise State University Pavilion. Tickets, which are \$18.50 and \$28.50, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1766.

• March 28: Mickey Rooney's performance of "Two for the Show" at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University has been canceled. Refunds will be available only through the Velma V. Morrison Center box office. For more information, call T.J. Clark at (208) 426-1609.

Hunting witches: Gooding High tells sobering tale in 'The Crucible'

The Times-News
 GOODING — The Gooding High School Drama Department will present Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the school. "The Crucible" is about some

of the ugliest moments in American history. Set in the 1690s, at the time of the Salem witch trials, Miller uses the event as an example of the pressure people put on each other to conform to societal norms.

Written in 1951, it was intended as an allegory for the anti-communist witch-hunts then going on in post-war America. Cast members include Amy Anderson, Ashley Skaggs, Mike Shaffer, Dalias Turner, Jordan Peterson, Sterling Hoch, Sam-

antha German, Zach Toncray, Kyle Woods, Nick Enderday, Geoff Brown, Mark Hiller, Mandie Hiller, Evan Barnes, Ann Marie Caldwell, William Grover, Heather Day, Sara Johnson, Stacy Goble, Trista Hill, Jessie Harris and Patricia Miller. The

director is Shane Brown. Gooding High's senior English teacher, Kyle Woods, head of the Gooding High Drama Department, is the technical director. Carin Patterson is in charge of lights and Nik Basterrecha is the

costume director. Doors open at 7 p.m., with curtain time 7:30. Tickets may be purchased by calling Woods at 934-4831, or they're available at the door. Prices are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

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Culture brings a touch of reggae to Twin Falls Monday night



Culture

Brings acclaimed sound to Twin Falls
TWIN FALLS — The acclaimed reggae band Culture will perform Monday at the Ballroom in Twin Falls.
 Culture burst onto the scene in 1977 with a record that defined rockers' reggae, "Two Sevens Clash." Fronted by singer Joseph Hill, the trio has released 16 albums of roots reggae.
 Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are available at the Music Exchange or at the Ballroom, are \$10. The Ballroom is located at 205 Shoshone St. N.

Local author to sign book

TWIN FALLS — Burley author Dan Crane will sign copies of his new book, "The Other Simon," Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.
 Crane is a retired Cassia County farmer and dairyman who parlayed some creative writing classes at the College of Southern Idaho into a second career.
 "The Other Simon," his first book, was a historical wove story set at the time of Christ's crucifixion. The sequel "The Other Simon," follows one of the first book's characters, Alexander, through turbulent times in the 1st Century Roman Empire.
 Published by Granite Publishing Company of Orem, Utah, the book sells for \$12.95. Barnes & Noble is located at 1239-A Pole Line Road E.

TV addresses wolf concerns

TWIN FALLS — Zeb Bell will host Salmon-area rancher Jack Ellis and Idaho outfitter Ron Gillette on his "Magic Valley Tonight" show Sunday on KDDI-TV.
 Ellis was one of the landowners who experienced the effects of federal-sponsored wolf reintroduction on his land. Gillette will talk about the wolves' effects on

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his business.
 Showtime is 9 p.m. KDDI broadcasts on Channel 55 in the Twin Falls area.

Center gets birthday party

BURLEY — The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation plans to toss a party March 6 to celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the King Fine Arts Center at Burley High School.
 Local entertainment will be on stage, including The Extension Chords, The Reflections, the Jeff Wayment Band, Brae Beck, Reese Harper, Jolene Hudson and Colleen McCall, Kamiko Noriyouki, Six Pack, Julie's Dance Works, Barbara Sorensen and Helen Bidolph, Wendell Wells and the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra.
 Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8, available at the King Center box office, the Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley and at the Book Plaza in Rupert.
 The King Center box office is open starting Monday from 5-8 p.m. on weekdays.

'Stardom' to air Feb. 26

TWIN FALLS — The Standards' appearance in the final of the "Destination Stardom" variety show, originally scheduled for Saturday, will be broadcast at Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. The show will air on Channel 55, KDDI-TV.

CSI ensemble plays Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.
 The program will highlight the talents of various instrumental sections of the Wind Ensemble. Three members of the trumpet section, Brad Pitcher, Jim McMahon and Vince Gerrish, will play Leroy Anderson's familiar "Bugler's Holiday."
 Admission to the concert is a suggested \$3 donation to the Music Department Activities Fund. For further information, call George Halsell at 733-9554, Ext. 2556.

All Stars shine in Jackpot

JACKPOT — Classic Rock All Stars will perform Tuesday through Feb. 27 at Cactus Petes

Resort Casino.
 The group is made up of the original lead singers of Rare Earth, Sugarloaf, Iron Butterfly and Cannibal & The Headhunters. They'll do two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m.

The early performance is a dinner show. Ticket prices start at \$10.95 on weeknights and Sunday and \$15.95 on Saturday.
 There's also a cocktails-only show at 11 p.m. Cover charge is \$7.50 on weeknights and Sunday and \$10 on Saturday.
 For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

CSI show ponders universe

TWIN FALLS — The Faulkner Planetarium's new show "The Search for Life in the Universe" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the planetarium on the College of Southern Idaho campus.
 Narrated by Star Trek's Leonard Nimoy, and featuring three-dimensional art and space travel sequences, this show will appeal to audience members of all ages, although some of the program's scientific discussions will be beyond the understanding of most children.
 Planetarium admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$3 for senior citizens and \$9 for families. For more information, call the Herrett Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

Directors head to Sun Valley

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts in conjunction with the International Documentary Association and the Magic Lantern Theater will present the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Documentary Film Festival on March 30-31 and April 1-2.
 The festival will bring internationally recognized films and their directors to Sun Valley for screenings, post-film talks and panel discussions. This event is an opportunity to take part in a nationally recognized forum celebrating the work of documentary filmmakers, Albert Maysles and Robert Drew.
 A number of other internationally recognized documentary filmmakers who have produced work in the field of performing arts will also take part in the festival.

For more information, contact the festival at P.O. Box 656, Sun Valley, ID 83353; call 726-9491; fax

726-2344; e-mail at svcenter@mi-cron.net or visit the website, www.sunvalleyid.com/svcenter.

Tractor Show ends Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The annual Antique Tractor Show will continue today, Saturday and Sunday at the Magic Valley Mall.
 The show will feature about 30 tractors and early engines throughout the mall. A "diorama" miniature replica of the Magic Valley portraying farming hazards will be on display at Center Court.

Festival seeks competitors

TWIN FALLS — Applications are available for the Rocky Mountain States Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs to be held May 24-28 in Colorado Springs, Colo.
 The event is presented by the Western Slope Music Festival in association with the Van Cliburn Foundation.
 Competitors can choose their own programs for all phases of the competition. It is suggested that the repertoire reflect a variety of musical styles, periods and composers.
 The completed application must be postmarked by March 1.
 For more information and application materials, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-2787. The application form will also be available after Tuesday on the Western Slope Music Festival website at www.westernslope.org.

Gallery shows new display

BUHL — A new exhibition of Pamela Swenson's original watercolors and hand-painted prints focusing on the Snake River Basin will be on display through February at the Eighth Street Center. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.
 Swenson, of King Hill, will also lead a Print Making class from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The class will include the fundamental techniques of print making from rubber stamps to etchings. Cost of the class is \$20 per person.
 For more information, call the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888.

Perfect Stranger sounds off

JACKPOT — Texas country band Perfect Stranger will perform through Sunday at Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
 Best known for their 1995 single, "You Have the Right to Remain Silent," the band will do two shows a night. The early, 8 p.m. performance is a dinner show. Prices start at \$10.95 Tuesday through Friday and Sunday and at \$15.95 on Saturday.
 The late, 11 p.m. performance is a cocktails-only show. Cover charge is \$7.50 on weeknights and Sunday and \$10 on Saturday.
 For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

MV Chorale to hold tryouts

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chorale will hold solo tryouts on Feb. 27 for its Easter-season production of Mendelssohn's "Elijah."
 The tryouts are scheduled for 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Sopranos, altos, tenors and baritones are needed.
 For further information, call Joe Caspersen at 733-6551, Ext. 3028, or Sue Miller at 733-9554, Ext. 2563.

Showtime comes to CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Showtime Company, a vocal-dance troupe from Rexburg's Ricks College, will perform March 1 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. The 7 p.m. concert will be sponsored by the Kimberly LDS Stake.
 Showtime music revues have performed throughout the United States, Canada, South Africa and Britain since 1979. This year, its "Lessons of Love" production will appear in 14 states during April and May.
 Cast members come from across the country and include 14 singer-dancers, nine musicians and a technical staff of 10.
 Tickets are \$5 per person and \$25 per family, and they're available at Crowley's Quind and Everybody's Business in the Magic Valley Mall, or by phoning Renee Allen at 423-5877.

Watercolor course begins

TWIN FALLS — A six-week

course, Beginning Watercolors with Jeannie Lee, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Fridays, beginning today, at Destiny Christian School at 736-4255.
 Cost of the class is \$65 plus materials. For more information or to register, call Destiny Christian School at 736-4255.

Festival seeks participants

KETCHUM — Applications are available for the 32nd annual Sun Valley Center Arts and Crafts Festival to be held Aug. 11-13 at the Sun Valley Resort. The application deadline is Feb. 29.
 Approximately 140 participating artists exhibit work in a variety of mediums including functional and non-functional ceramics, drawing, wearable and non-wearable fibers, glass, printmaking, jewelry, metalwork, 2-D and 3-D mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, toys and woodwork.
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WEEKEND

'Pitch Black,' 'Hanging Up' hit theaters

Combined wire services

Opinions are by Los Angeles Times and Knight Rider Newspapers reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are 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.

• **"American Beauty"** - An absolutely brilliant performance by Kevin Spacey is only the tip of the iceberg in this contemporary drama about a middle-aged man's escape from suburban hell. Dull as senseless by his critical wife (Annette Bening) and alienated from his teenage daughter (Thora Birch), he is awakened by the sexual scent of his daughter's friend and the potent pot supplied by the creepy kid next door. Rated R; sexual themes, nudity, language, violence.

• **"Anna and the King"** - There aren't any songs, but there is no shortage of lyrical beauty in the fourth movie version of the true story that inspired Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I." PG-13; violence, 2 hours, 27 minutes.

• **"Angela's Ashes"** - A restrained and artful recreation of Frank McCourt's literate best-seller, beautifully acted by Emily Watson, Saoirse Ronan and young Irish boys. But despite all this good work, director Alan Parker's creation is hampered by the absence of McCourt's elegant and witty language. (2.26. R for sexual content and some language.)

• **"The Beach"** - A tedious and unsatisfying film about a young American vagabond (Leonardo DiCaprio) who arrives in a hidden Thai paradise after being given a secret map. DiCaprio's character is naive, self-involved and pretentious and the island's community of dropouts and slackers seems highly weird and even sinister almost immediately. Virginia Ledyon and Tilda Swinton co-star; directed by Danny Boyle. (1.59. R for violence, some strong sexuality, language and drug content.)

• **"Bicentennial Man"** - Robin Williams, in another of his maddening gentle-saint roles, stars as a sensitive cyborg who longs to experience human emotions; we watch as he evolves from uncomprehending machine to sentient being, from a Tin Man to an android with a heart. PG (a few profanities and adult themes).

• **"Being John Malkovich"** - If ingenuity and oddness sold tickets, this crazed comedy about a puppeteer (John Cusack) who discovers a secret portal into the brain of a famous actor (John Malkovich (himself)) would be a box-office smash. Instead, it will have to settle for being an instant cult classic. In his feature film debut, celebrated video director Spike Jonze applies no restraints, seldom have we seen a movie so gleefully drunk on its own imagination. Rated R; language, sexual situations, 1 hour, 52 minutes.

• **"Cider House Rules"** - Lasse Hallstrom's superb film of the acclaimed John Irving novel stars Tobey Maguire as an orphan who has stayed on at a vast old New England orphanage to become the assistant of its director, a dedicated and idiosyncratic physician (Michael Caine) but longs to discover the outside world for himself. This absorbing contemplation of life's eternal interplay of choice and fate. With Charlize Theron, Delroy Lindo, Paul Rudd and Erykah Badu. (2.04. PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexuality, nudity, substance abuse and some violence.)

• **"Down to You"** - Freddie Prinze Jr. and Julia Stiles shine as two Manhattan college students who meet and fall passionately in love lots faster than they were prepared for. Unfortunately the film itself is mediocre best. Written and directed by Kris Isaacson. (1.29. PG-13 for mature thematic material, sexual content, language, drug and alcohol use.)

• **"The End of the Affair"** - Neil Jordan's adaptation of what may be Graham Greene's best novel is like Sarah (Julianne Moore), the married woman with whom its protagonist, Bend Sinister (Ralph Fiennes), is obsessed; it may not always be faithful, but it is always true. While it is as suspenseful and evocative as any of Greene's espionage stories and as passionately romantic as any movie come, it directly and intelligently addresses the question Jordan has obliquely dealt with in his best movies about conflicted

Catholics, from "The Crying Game" to "The Butcher Boy"; if God loves freely, why does he demand such a price? Rated R; sexual theme, nudity, language. 1 hour, 45 minutes.

• **"Galaxy Quest"** - A nifty spoof of Star Trekkers and their rabid fans cleverly imagines some actual aliens whisking off the stars of a long-defunct TV space adventure series to save their planet from a dreaded monster - not comprehending that these people are actors and their shows pure make-believe. Directed by Harold Ramis. (1.46. PG for some action violence, mild language and sensuality.)

• **"Girl, Interrupted"** - Susanna Kayser's exceptional memoir of two years spent in a mental institution is graced by exceptional leading performances by Winona Ryder and Angelina Jolie but held back by a plot that verges on the manufactured. Directed by James Mangold. (2.05. R for strong language and content including references to drugs, sexuality and suicide.)

• **"The Green Mile"** - Though its Stephen King story is a good one, this Frank Darabont written and directed version is hampered by excessive length, the suffocating deliberateness of its pace, and some truly stomach-turning moments. (3.08. R for violence, language and some sex-related material.)

• **"Hanging Up"** - Diane Keaton directs Delia and Nora Ephron's script about three sisters (Keaton, Meg Ryan and Lisa Kudrow) dealing with a dying dad. (PG-13 for language and some sex-related material.)

• **"The Hurricane"** - Denzel Washington does exceptional work, perhaps the best of his career, as boxer and unjustly imprisoned murder suspect Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. Regrettably, the rest of this conventional, middle of the road biopic is not up to his level, but the story and performance are so strong no one may notice. Directed by Norman Jewison. (2.26. R for language and some violence.)

• **"Magnolia"** - The new film by Paul Thomas Anderson ("Boogie Nights") is drunk and disorderly on the pure joy of making movies. A frantic, flawed, fascinating look at 24 hours in the life of nine characters in today's San Fernando Valley, it's the kind of intriguing jumble only a truly gifted filmmaker can make. (3.08. R for strong language, drug use, sexuality and some violence.)

• **"Next Friday"** - Sequel to the 1995 hit comedy takes Ice Cube's slacker hero from South Central

L.A. to a multicultural suburban enclave. Much raunchier and far less funny than the last "Friday." Tommy "Tiny" Lister Jr., John Witherspoon and Mike Epps co-star. Written and produced by Cube. (1.29. R for strong language, drug use and sexual content.)

• **"Pitch Black"** - A spacecraft crash-lands on an eerie, lifeless planet-well, the survivors wish it were lifeless. Vin Diesel and Radha Mitchell star. Directed by David Twohy ("The Arrival"). (R for sci-fi violence and gore, and for language.)

• **"Play It to the Bone"** - Like all of Mike Tyson's post-prison punch-ups, this one is ugly from the bell and just gets uglier. A presumed comedy about two former contenders and bickering friends (Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas) who agree to fight each other on a championship undercard, the film spends most of its time getting them to the fight. As utterly pointless as it is unfunny, this bout begs to be stopped. Rated R; language, nudity, violence. 2 hours, 4 minutes.

• **"Scream 2"** - Director Wes Craven and writer Ehren Kruger bring the smart, darkly amusing - though very bloody - horror trilogy to a bravura finish, as that elusive serial killer terrorizes the rest of "Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro," the trilogy within the trilogy, so to speak. Neve Campbell is back to face down evil once again, and so are Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette, as that seemingly mismatched comedy, a ruthlessly ambitious TV newscaster and a small-town cop. Parker Posey heads a large supporting cast as the actress playing Cox Arquette's character - Gale Weathers - in "Stab 3." (1.55. R for strong horror vio-

lence and language.)

• **"The Sixth Sense"** - Here's one for you: One of the finest films of the year is a supernatural thriller about a little boy who talks to the dead, starring Bruce Willis as the boy's psychiatrist. Rated PG-13; disturbing imagery. 1 hour, 55 minutes.

• **"Snow Day"** - Made by writers and a director out of Nickelodeon's farm team, "Snow Day" is a harmless - if somewhat dull - film targeted at pre-teens. (1.30. PG for brief mild peril and language.)

• **"Stuart Little"** - The shy and pleasant mouse of E.B. White's famous children's book has been turned into a rodent whose ready line of patter would make him at home on the Tonight Show. (1.32. PG for brief language.)

• **"The Tigger Movie"** - This brightly colored, upbeat animated film centers on Tigger, Winnie the Pooh's rambunctious tiger friend, who goes on a search for other tiggers. Small children will be pleased but parents and older siblings may grow impatient with the uneven execution that weakens the genuine charm the film sporadically exhibits. (1.16. G.)

• **"Toy Story 2"** - Behind an inevitable title is a pleasingly clever and fiendishly inventive sequel to the original "Toy Story," a lively and good humored computer animated feature whose great sense of fun is married to a charming examination of the existential despair of toys in a way that's hard to resist. (1.35. G.)

• **"The Whole Nine Yards"** - A friendly mobster moves in next door to a conservative young dentist in a comedy featuring Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry and Rosanna Arquette. (R for some sexuality/nudity and violence.)

What's Playing

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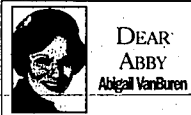
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Wife thinks girlie calendar is behind times



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: Here we go again. Besides being disrespectful, could it be construed as sexual harassment when a business establishment that caters to men and women hangs a calendar depicting nude or almost nude women in a conspicuous place?

My husband has one of those calendars in his office in a white-collar business that is patronized by male and female clients.

When I or my daughter, adult sons, grandson or granddaughters go to an auto repair shop, gas station or tire shop that displays girlie calendars, I am embarrassed and offended.

My company has seminars regarding sexual harassment, and we are informed that this is a form of it. I do not allow it in my office. It is disrespectful, and I don't want to be part of a lawsuit.

Please don't get me wrong, Abby. There is nothing wrong with nudity — it just doesn't belong in a public place.

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PALATINE, ILL.

His sister, "Winifred," traveled 150 miles to come to the hospital, even though she was told there was no need for her to be there. I was very upset with her presence. I wanted some private time with my husband in the pre-op room — but within 10 minutes, Winifred ushered herself in. I became upset and told her so. However, she refused to go back to the public waiting room.

While in the waiting room, during my husband's surgery, Winifred asked me if I would like to "talk about" the way I was acting. I told her I had wanted private time with my husband.

She said I was selfish, that she is clearly fond of her brother. Abby, in the nine years we've owned our home, I can count on one hand the number of times Winifred has visited us. For the past year she has lived only 150 miles away.

Winifred has three children and a granddaughter to go home to, but what would my son and I have if my husband didn't make

it? She would have lost her brother, but our lives would be drastically changed.

Fortunately, my husband does not have cancer. Do you think I was selfish requesting private time with my husband?

— BELIEVES IN THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

DEAR BELIEVES: Your sister-in-law was frightened-over the possibility of losing her brother, and probably felt guilty for not visiting him more in the past. Although you were understandably upset, you could have acted with a little more sensitivity. She is your husband's sister, not a stranger.

She, too, could have been more sensitive to your request, and left you and your husband alone after making her presence known.

Since your husband appears to be healthy and the crisis is past, I urge you to bury the anger and resentment you feel toward each other and try to become a closer family. Everyone will benefit.

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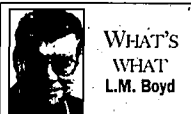
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Beer is the favorite drink among U.S. Navy recruits



WHAT'S
L.M. Boyd

If you're looking for the ideal pet, consider the leech. Feed it once, and you won't have to feed it again for a couple of years.

It's a winding river, it's either very old or very young. Straight rivers are middle aged.

The U.S. Navy, too, sends some of its heavier drinkers to boot camps. And among those who go through the treatment, one out of five blames beer, nothing stronger, just beer.

Q. Why do Rio de Janeiro police let drivers run red lights between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.?

A. To avoid carjacks.

Takes seven seconds for an echo to bounce back in the Grand Canyon.

Doesn't the game of tennis also have a code of rules for the spectators?

An unwritten code, yes. And no other game with such spectator rules comes to mind.

When I said it only takes an ostrich a year to grow five feet tall, a big-bird authority named Rex Helms said his feathered livestock on a normal high protein diet reach full adult height of eight feet in less than a year. And grow a foot a month for the first six months.

A metals expert says hot water dunks knives.

Q. Nitpickers maintain high noon is not the same as 12 o'clock noon. What's the difference?

A. High noon is when the sun is at its zenith, not always the same as clock noon.

Confucius was of the opinion that music gives a sort of pleasure that human beings can't do without.

Q. What do newlyweds fear most, if anything, on their wedding nights?

A. A shortage of money. Pollsters checked that out, too.

"Do not feed the bears." That's an imperative with a history. It comes out of the fact that forestry folk long have known bears in the wild return lifeliving to places where they've ever found anything to eat.

The tycoon Andrew Carnegie financed a promotion to spell all words phonetically. Opponents of the notion started spelling his name Andrew Karkage.

The playwright Robert Sherwood — he won three Pulitzer Prizes in six years — flunked freshman English at Harvard.

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Aries, Libra persons play sentimental roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names — I and R. Don't start anything you cannot finish, complete project begun three months ago. April and May will be your most memorable months — relationship ends, another begins.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Control tendency to leave outburst of temper, emotions. Read, write, learn by teaching. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons will play outstanding roles.

TALRUS (April 20-May 20): Attention revolves around home, family, flowers, gifts that help beautify surroundings. Libran becomes ally, helps smooth the way toward progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hold back, play cards close to chest. Focus on mystery, intrigue, don't confide or confess. Pisces will play significant role. Virgo also involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Power play! You could fall madly in love. Protect self in emotional clinches. People want you to cry, to lose control. Disappoint them. Number 8.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle high, take initiative, be serious in contemplating overseas travel. Spark of love relationship returns. Give of yourself but be selective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

Make new start, realize love relationship is about to begin. Imprint style, wear bright colors, make personal appearances. Leo will play dramatic role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): By being helpful you build reservoir of good will. Focus on partnership, public relations, marital status. Cancer native and Taurus will figure prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This could be your make-over day. Light touch surprises many, gains allies. Search and discover — wear dark colors, laugh at your own foibles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some say you have hypnotic effect, others are afraid, and still others profess love. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play roles. Study language.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In solving dilemma, make changes, take notes, especially of dreams. What was lost will be found and returned. Show appreciation without being obsequious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You receive luxury item as gift. Don't be concerned about what you should give in return. Scenario features flowers, music, expressions of love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Play winning game — don't accept first offer. If patient, you win big. Don't force issues, ride with tide. Another Pisces will play fantastic role.

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FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENT

HAYCOCK-SCHENK

BURLEY - Con and Vicki Haycock of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Chalee Lyn Haycock, to Cody Walter Schenk, son of Cara Lee and Leonard Schenk of Paul.

Haycock graduated from Burley High School and the Burley LDS Seminary in 1998. She earned a dental assistant certificate from Bridgeland Applied Technology Center. She is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and is employed at the Logan Valley Dental Care in Logan.

Schenk graduated from Burley High School in 1995 and served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Washington, D.C. He is employed at Custom Fence in Logan. The wedding is planned for today in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan. A reception to honor



Chalee Haycock and Cody Schenk the couple will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. today at the Sweetheart Manor, Overland Avenue and 42nd Street. The couple will reside in Boise and continue their education at Boise State University.

Explore 'Northwest Masters' in Ketchum

The Times-News

KETCHUM - William Ivey builds up blankets of color and scrapes through them to expose what's underneath. Alden Mason squeezes out dozens of tubes of acrylic paint across a canvas, leaving colorful raised rows reminiscent of a Burpee Seed Catalog.

These are a few of the artistic expressions you can see in the "Northwest Masters" collection being shown through March 17 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities. The art will be the focus of several special events over the next few weeks, including a Walk-Through with the Collectors at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Galactic, Dirty Dozens Brass Band play Sun Valley tonight

The Times-News

Tonight

Dances, bands and comedy in south-central Idaho this weekend:

- Galactic and the Dirty Dozens Brass Band will play the Elkhorn Resort Ballroom in Sun Valley. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, are available at Kinison's markets in the Wood River Valley, at the Roosevelt Tavern in Ketchum, or by phone (208) 442-3232. Doors open at 8 p.m.
- The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall on Harrison Street and Boup Avenue, Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.
- 1984 will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.
- Denny and Kristina will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
- Fat John and The Three Slims

Steppin' out

will play jazz blues and swing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

- Daron Novotny will play from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
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- Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.
- Cobalt Blues will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls.
- Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Silver Dollar Bar, 101 S. Main, Bellevue. No cover charge.
- Crossroads will play classic

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- 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.
- Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.
- Full Moon Music Madness will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley. A karaoke contest will be held every Friday night.
- Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Saturday

- 1984 will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis, 1007 Blue

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- A guest band will play from 7 to 11 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Full Moon Music Madness will perform from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Riverside Bar and Resort, west of Burley.

Monday

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- Kelly Holmquist will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Free dance lessons will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.
- Full Moon Music Madness will perform from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Riverside Bar and Resort, west of Burley.

Wednesday

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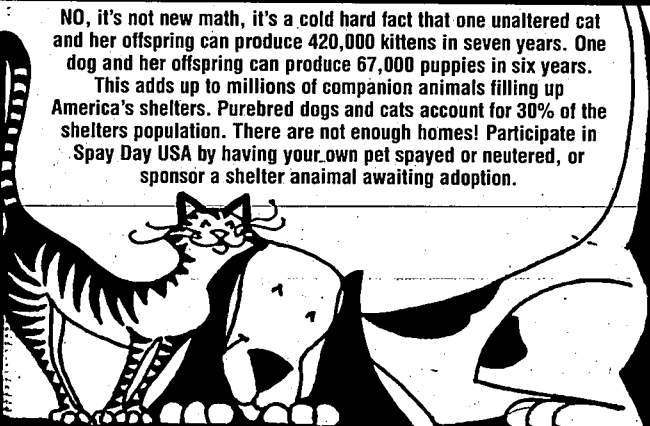
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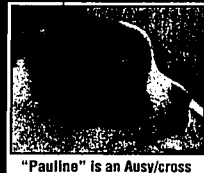


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VIDEO

'Story of Us' offers unfunny, one-dimensional characters

The Washington Post

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

• **"The Story of Us"** (PG-13) — Welcome to director Rob Reiner's mistaken impression that he can duplicate "When Harry Met Sally" with Bruce Willis and Michelle Pfeiffer in the leads and a bad script. Willis is a writer who doesn't pay attention to the finer points of preserving a marriage or parenting. Pfeiffer is his wife, a crossword puzzle designer, who only pays attention to the finer points. After 15 years of marriage, they agree to a trial separation. After they dispatch the two kids to summer camp, they begin the tough business of living apart and trying to be funny. They fail at both. Maybe their real problem is that, deep down, they're angry about being one-dimensional. It's

no picnic to look in the mirror and see a cardboard cutout. Contains obscenity, sexual situations and "comedy."
 • **"Brokedown Palace"** (R) — When high school friends Alice (Claire Danes) and Darlene (Kate Beckinsale) fly to Thailand for a last hurrah-before-college, their vacation becomes a long-term nightmare: Thai authorities arrest them for drug smuggling. Desperate for help, the girls secure the services of a mercenary lawyer called "Yankee Hank" (Bill Pullman), who saves the young and innocent from Thailand's kangaroo courts. The movie's not fantastic, but it's better than a mere MTV-version of "Midnight Express," thanks to director Jonathan Kaplan's atmospheric doom and gloom and screenwriter David Arata's chilling evocation of Thailand's bizarre penal system. Contains some nudity, rough treat-

ment of prisoners and profanity.
 • **"In Too Deep"** (R) — In this clichéd crime story, Jeffrey Cole (Omar Epps) is an undercover cop on the trail of a gangster (LL Cool J) who calls himself "God." Pretending to be a criminal from Akron, Ohio, Cole joins "God's" inner-circle, which means doing what the bad boys do. Off duty, he meets Positive Character Myra (Nia Long), who offers a future free of guns, drugs and posing. Will Cole go straight or chase the G-man one last time? The atmosphere, thanks to the cast's aggressive enthusiasm, is gritty; and there are strong performances (insofar as the movie allows them) from Epps and LL Cool J. But director Michael Rymer and writers Michael Henry Brown and Paul Aaron are lazily sampling the genre, with a predictable storyline and hackneyed gangsta strutting. Contains brutal torture, rape, gun violence

and obscenity.
 • **"The Lovers on the Bridge"** (R) — In this extraordinary movie by Leos Carax, Juliette Binoche is a homeless painter rapidly losing her sight. Denis Lavant is Alex, a vagrant dependent on cheap wine and sedatives. Both dwellers on Paris' famous bridge, Le Pont-Neuf, they develop a tentative friendship, based on wine-fueled loneliness and desperation. Then the relationship becomes stronger but more threatening.
 The movie's documentary-like depiction of homelessness pulls no punches. But it has some inspired moments, including an almost-BRGM-musical scene in which the couple dance together on the bridge against a romantic backdrop of fireworks. In French with subtitles. Contains depressing depictions of homelessness, nudity, physical assault and sex scenes.
 • **"Joe the King"** (R) — In Frank

Whaley's relentlessly depressing drama, Joe (Noah Fleiss) is a kid growing up with a drunken, abusive father (Val Kilmer), a despairing mother (Karen Young) and a bitter brother (Max Lighos). His teachers mistreat him. His life is horrible. But there's something about his underlying goodwill that suggests he might make it out of this hell alive. That is, until he takes criminal measures to clear up his father's debt. Like Francois Truffaut's "The 400 Blows," which it occasionally resembles, "Joe the King" leads you through a miserable childhood without sentimentality or relief. But writer-director Whaley, who up until now has made his name as an actor, gives you something to hold on to — a sense of spiritual light. Contains domestic violence and obscenity.
 • **"The Muse"** (PG-13) — In Albert Brooks' hilarious satire, scriptwriter Steven Phillips

(Brooks) learns that, when you've lost your edge in Hollywood, you hire a muse. As in, one of the nine mythic daughters of Zeus, whose breathy suggestions have inspired artists for all eternity. Phillips hires Sarah (Sharon Stone), a beautiful muse whose satisfied clients include James Cameron, Rob Reiner and Martin Scorsese. But as he discovers, Sarah doesn't actually do any work. She simply inspires. And her living expenses are hell. When Sarah moves in with Phillips and his wife (Andie MacDowell), things get even more complicated. As always, writer-director Brooks' marvelously forlorn perspective — that the world may think it's normal but is in fact completely crazy — sparks comedy at every turn. And jokes abound at the expense of Hollywood. Contains mild sexual situations and language, and momentary nudity.

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Ricks crushes CSI, 94-63

Declo cruises to wrestling crown

Women suffer worst defeat of season

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

REXBURG — This one was over by halftime.

If the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team harbored any notion of pulling off a season split with Ricks College Thursday night, it was quickly dashed within the first four minutes of play as the Lady Vikings sprang out to an 11-0 lead en route to a 94-63 pasting the Golden Eagles.

"There's two things you can do," said CSI head coach Joel Bate. "Rip 'em and strip 'em, or get back to work ... we understand we've got to get to work right now."

Ricks, who shot a blazing 56 percent in the game, held a 51-30 advantage at the break before extending it to 44 points, at 85-41, midway through the second half.

The Lady Vikings also cleaned up on the glass, out-rebounding CSI by a whopping 66-36 margin. "We got absolutely

killed on the boards," Bate said.

The lopsided loss keeps Southern Idaho mired in eighth place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference at 6-9, 13-14 overall.

Four Lady Vikings scored in double figures, led by the trio of Jamie Critchfield, Jessica Blake and Mandie Little all with 17 points. Bate said the team is in with 15 as Ricks improved to 9-6 in the SWAC, 21-6 overall, and remain in third place in the conference.

Jinga Gossechik led Southern Idaho with 14 points and Sara Cellan added 12 as the Golden Eagles shot an anemic 27 percent on the game.

It doesn't get any easier for CSI, as the team heads to Coeur d'Alene for a Saturday matchup with Northern Idaho College, who the Golden Eagles beat 75-52 on Jan. 21. North Idaho (7-8) smoked Treasure Valley Community College Thursday, 68-26.

The whole team defense just wasn't there," Bate said. "It's frustrating, and the league doesn't let you get over it. We'll be studying all the way up to (NICV)."

CSI's record: 13-13 (6-9 SWAC)
 Ricks' record: 21-6 (9-6 SWAC)

By Dex Dutton Times-News correspondent

DECLO — Host Declo won the A-3 District IV Wrestling Tournament Thursday night scoring 213 points and besting runner-up Raft River by 77 points. Glenns Ferry took third with 95 points, while Valley finished fourth at 82.5 points, followed by Oakley and Murtaugh.

At tournament's end, Declo crowned seven district champions and added six other grapplers who will make the trip to the class A-3 State Wrestling Tournament.

"Overall, we did well today," said Declo head coach Jason Taylor. "We wrestled with intensity and aggression." Taylor said he has good expectations for the state tournament.

"I expect we will have some that will win and others that will place," he said.

For 140-pound Declo wrestler Tyler Gillette, who was a 2-13 decision over Glenns Ferry's Jeremy Sanchez, taking home the championship medal was a comeback story. After having dropped out for most of last year, Gillette said Thursday's three-round match was a tough re-introduction to championship level wrestling.

"This is definitely an opportunity to get back into shape," Gillette said. "I was able to keep him on his back and had a lot of reversals for the win."

Also talking home first place medals were Hornets Jeremy Osterhout (107), Daniel Gil (112) and Jason Webb (171), who all pinned their opponents for district titles. Declo's Brandon Turnage (119) and Lewis (125) scored wins on points.

While Raft River crowned four district champions, defending champion Rhett Ward (130) turned in one of the most dramatic matches of the day, pinning Declo's Derek Schrenk early in the first round. Having been attacked with a dizzying fury, Schrenk soon found his shoulders on the mat and in a Ward's win earned him a district crown, a trip to the state tournament and brought the highly charged Raft River crowd to its feet.

"This is the same guy I wrestled last year in the championship match," said Ward.

Class A-3 district wrestling

Wrestling was held at the Declo High School gymnasium. The following are the results of the Class A-3 District IV Wrestling Tournament:

107 lbs. Daniel Gil, Declo
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Gooding takes district wrestling title

The Times-News

HAILEY — Gooding edged runner-up Kimberly for the overall Class A-2 District IV high school wrestling title Wednesday, producing three individual district championship wrestlers.

The top three wrestlers from each weight class qualified for the state tournament, to be held next Thursday through Saturday in Pocatello.

Gooding's Travis Stone beat teammate Lance Nebeker in a battle at 103 pounds, Lenny Gillette took first at 135 beating Zach Brodie of Wood River and Clint Maxwell beat Buhl's Russell Wiersma for the heavyweight crown.

Kimberly wrestlers took home two individual titles, with 140-pound Casey Gambrel beating Cody Owen of Buhl to defend his district title, and his 152-pound

Class A-2 district wrestling

brother Kaid stopping Buhl's Nate Heck. The older of the two Gambrels, Casey will now turn his attention to repeating as a state champion.

Filer finished right behind the Bulldogs, claiming individual titles at 119, thanks to Josh Sutherland's exciting win over Gooding's Kevin Rogers, and at 215 thanks to Don Wiser.

Buhl was next in the team standings, with JD Gould beating Wood River's Matt Conner for first place at 112 and Jason Rippee topping Filer's Brandon Nix at 130.

Host Wood River will send five wrestlers to state. Each of the five Wolverine grapplers entered his respective weight class final, with defending state champ Cory Goicoechea (171) earning district titles. The remaining three took second-place honors.

One of the most exciting final matches of the day came at 215, where Wiser and Wood River's Todd Christensen stood deadlocked at 13 late in a high-scoring match.

"It went right down to the wire," said Wood River coach Tom Goicoechea. "I was tied with 15 seconds left. Todd went to throw himself on top of his back and got pinned."

"It sure was a thriller. Two big old bears going at it."

Wendell rounded out the district field garnishing a trio of strong individual District IV triumphs. Blake Smith took top honors at 125 beating Buhl's Josh Sireuck; Doug Hall topped Kimberly's Henry Talbot at 160

and 189-pounder Mike Vanderpol notched a first-place victory beating Gooding's Rory Mordhorst. Finishing third for Wendell were Flint Chandler at 152, Charles Diemart at 215 and Jim Martinez at 275.

All in all, the host coach was pleased with his squad's performance.

"The kids did good. Goicoechea. I was real happy with the kids we had."

Team results

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SPORTS

Utah Jazz survive Kings, technicals

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Seconds after being called for a technical foul, Stockton scored six of his 22 points in a decisive second-quarter burst that gave Utah Jazz a 19-10 victory over the Sacramento Kings...

points and 10 assists and Lamond Murray added 24 points Thursday night, sending the Cleveland Cavaliers to an easy win.

Andre Miller, starting at point guard for the injured Brevin Knight, added 14 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds for the Cavs. But the night belonged to the 5-foot-5 Boykins, a Cleveland native whose 10-day contract expired following the game...

Cavaliers 119, Nuggets 101

CLEVELAND - Tiny Earl Boykins had career highs with 22...

Pacers 92, Bucks 90

MILWAUKEE - Mark Jackson hit a 3-pointer with 53 seconds left as Indiana beat Milwaukee...

Raft River

Continued from D1 Hegerhorst. Defensively Hegerhorst held Uhrig to just one point on shooting on the night, while at the same time scoring 10 points, grabbing 15 boards, and blocking four shots...

Leading 3-2 after one, Shoshone fell behind 8-5 at the half thanks to consecutive buckets by Hegerhorst to end the second quarter.

At three the Indians still trailed, 17-11. On the back of a long three-pointer by Amy Williams and two Uhrig free throws, however, Shoshone closed within one, 17-16, with 6:22 to play.

Williams scored eight in the last half. With the win Rimrock advances to play Sho-Ban at 8 p.m. today at Skyview.

Raft River 49, Leadore 44

NAMPA - It was five against one. And in the end, the five got the job done. The Raft River Trojans survived 35 points from Leadore's Hollie Tyler with a solid team effort...

The key to the Mustang offense was clear. Leadore, who defeated Dietrich in the first round, was going to work the ball into the point to the 6-foot-3 Tyler.

She made her presence felt early, scoring six of the Mustangs' first eight points. Hansen responded for the Trojans with a drive and a pair of free throws. After one period the teams were tied at 9-9.

The teams traded baskets for most of the second quarter. Tyler hit a late jumper to give the Mustangs a 15-15 advantage at the break. Cold shooting in the first half hurt the Trojans as they could hit just 25 percent (6-for-24) of their shots.

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Class A-4 Girls State Basketball Tournament. A large bracket diagram showing the progression of 64 teams through four rounds of play to determine the champion. Teams include Dietrich, Leadore, Troy, and others.

Trojans lead to three points with four minutes left in the game. At the 2:30 mark the Trojans were clinging to a one-point advantage, 40-39.

Free throws would decide it down the stretch. Carpenter and Hutchinson both hit one of two from the charity stripe before Hitt scored in the paint for a 44-41 lead with one minute left.

The Trojans continued to run their offense despite holding a two-point lead. The Mustangs knocked a missed shot out of bounds to keep the ball in Raft River's possession. Leadore was forced to foul and Hansen made them pay hitting both of her attempts for a 46-42 lead.

Carpenter also connected on a pair from the charity stripe and Rigby put the finishing touches with 3.1 seconds as the Trojans advanced.

"We knew if we won we go home with some hardware," said Carpenter, who added 13 points, five steals and two assists. "We pressured the ball and played with a lot of heart."

The Trojans finished with 21 steals and forced 30 Leadore turnovers. Raft River finished the game shooting 33 percent from the field while the Mustangs connected on 50 percent of their attempts.

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the Pacers' fourth straight victory and the Bucks' fourth straight home loss. Jackson had 11 points, nine rebounds and nine assists. Reggie Miller led the Pacers with 23 points, and Jalen Rose had 20.

Bulls 83, Heat 76

CHICAGO - Playing their first game without Toni Kukoc, the Chicago Bulls got big games from Elton Brand and Hersey Hawkins and put together one of their best defensive efforts to beat Miami. Brand had 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Hawkins, who had only scored in double figures once in

the 13 games since returning from the injured list, had 20 points and a season-high nine rebounds.

Kukoc, Chicago's leading scorer and the last key piece of the championship dynasty, was traded to Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Mavericks 106, Pistons 97

DALLAS - Steve Nash scored 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as Dallas, playing without suspended Dennis Rodman, beat Detroit to snap a two-game losing streak. Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 22 points, 12 rebounds and five assists.

Michael Finley and Cedric Ceballos each had 21 points.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Redskins sign Carrier to hard-hitting deal

ASHBURN, Va. - Three-time Pro Bowl safety Mark Carrier signed a five-year, \$15.9 million contract with the Washington Redskins on Thursday. Carrier, who received a \$3 million signing bonus, said he was also considering Tennessee and Chicago, but he chose to visit the Redskins first. Carrier is known as fierce hitter - sometimes too fierce. He has been disciplined seven times by the league six times for helmet-to-helmet hits.

Benitez awarded \$22 million contract

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - Armando Benitez woke up to a pleasant surprise Thursday: His agent and the New York Mets agreed to a \$22 million, four-year contract. Benitez, who made \$2,037,500 last year, gets a \$750,000 signing bonus payable over three years, \$3.25 million this season, \$5.625 million in each of the following two years and \$6.75 million in 2003.

Landry remembered at memorial services

DALLAS - A gray fedora rested on the altar. An open Bible sat inches away. A portrait of a serious-looking Tom Landry stared at pews filled with Pro Football Hall of Famers and Super Bowl champions. Those simple images of class, faith and success reflected the words spoken Thursday at a memorial service in honor of the former Dallas Cowboys coach. The service at Highland Park United Methodist Church preceded a citywide service at a downtown symphony center. Another service was held in Mission, the South Texas town where Landry was born and raised.

Lewis is back and professing innocence

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - It took Ray Lewis only 1 minute and 40 seconds to tell the world he was innocent. Speaking softly to a roomful of reporters, the Baltimore Ravens star linebacker made his first statement since being charged with the stabbing deaths of two men outside an Atlanta nightclub after the Super Bowl. "You've heard many times before from my attorneys and from a lot of other people, but now you get to hear it from me. I am innocent," Lewis said Thursday.

Lewis was released Tuesday on \$1 million bail from an Atlanta jail where he had been since he was charged. He flew home Thursday and came directly to the Ravens' training facility.

Fish ink Fiedler, will likely lose Marino

DAVIE, Fla. - Jay Fiedler, a backup quarterback throughout his five-year NFL career, signed a three-year contract Thursday to compete with Dan Marino for the Miami Dolphins' starting job. The deal virtually ensures that Marino has played his last game for Miami. Fiedler, 28, said he's undaunted by the challenge of succeeding Marino, the most prolific passer in NFL history. Marino, 38, voided the final two years of his contract last week, which made him a free agent after 17 seasons in Miami.

Rising talent Bryant will remain in San Fran

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - San Francisco resigned defensive lineman Junior Bryant, a rising star and a versatile player capable of playing either end or tackle, on Thursday. Mariucci said the team continues to talk with the agent for Jerry Rice in hopes of reaching a new deal that would be more salary-cap friendly. The possibility remains that the NFL's most coveted receiver, who counts \$5.5 million against next season's cap, could finish his career elsewhere if the sides fail to reach agreement. Mariucci did say there's still plenty of time to work out a new contract.

NCAA institutes new football rules

INDIANAPOLIS - The NCAA has adopted football rule changes for the 2000 season designed to protect defensive players from possibly harmful blocks. The committee expanded the definition of an illegal block to include any high-block block by two offensive players when the initial contact clearly occurs beyond the neutral zone. Previously, such a block could have been considered legal if the contacts were simultaneous.

Another rule change involved the so-called "crack-back" block. Previously, offensive players positioned more than seven yards in any direction from the middle offensive lineman at the snap, or in motion toward the ball at the snap, were prohibited from blocking below the waist toward the original position of the ball behind or within five yards beyond the neutral zone.

Now, the bar, which carries a 15-yard penalty, applies to offensive players in motion in any direction, including the neutral zone and 10 yards beyond.

New Jersey blows it, then salvages a tie

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Scott Niedermayer and Scott Gomez scored third-period goals as the New Jersey Devils blew a two-goal lead and then rallied from two down to tie the Colorado Avalanche 5-5 on Thursday night. The wide-open game that extended the Devils' unbeaten streak to seven (5-0-2) also featured two goals and an assist by Colorado's Peter Forsberg.

Forsberg was playing for the first time since a concussion on Feb. 1. Chris Dingman, Brian Rolston and Alex Tanguay also scored for Colorado, which has only one win in six games (1-3-2). Marc Denis, playing with Patrick Roy out with a sore neck, made 27 saves.

John Madden, Petr Skjora and Randy McKay had the other goals for the Devils. Goaltie Martin Brodeur, who was credited with a goal on Tuesday, added an assist and 18 saves.

Canucks 2, Sabres 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Donald Brashear scored the winning goal while prone on the ice, lifting Vancouver over Buffalo. Martinis Ohlund also scored for

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Vancouver, which broke a two-game losing streak. Felix Potvin made 22 saves for the Canucks, 2-2 on a five-game Eastern road trip.

Senators 6, Lightning 2

KANATA, Ontario - Shawn McEachern, Wade Redden and Grant Ledyard each had a goal and an assist as Ottawa won their third straight home game, beating Tampa Bay, Martin Hossa, Joe Juneau and Rob Zamuner also scored for Ottawa. Vaclav Prospal assisted on McEachern's goal to extend his point-scoring streak to six games.

Canadians 3, Hurricanes 0

RALEIGH, N.C. - Joe Theodore made 26 saves and Martin Rucinsky scored twice for Montreal - which won its fourth straight - with a victory over Carolina. Theodore tied Buffalo's Martin Biron for the NHL lead with his fifth shutout. It was also the Montreal goalie's fourth since Jan. 11 and second in less than three weeks against the Hurricanes.

Spring training fever strikes

High expectations ring out at camps

NEW YORK (AP) — All across Arizona and Florida, teams started breaking out bats and gloves Thursday. Fifteen weeks and one day after the final out of the World Series, spring training began.

"We should be optimistic," Seattle Mariners manager Lou Piniella said in Peoria, Ariz., echoing the thoughts of his 29 colleagues.

"Opening day is six weeks away, and all teams are 0-0 — even the New York Yankees, coming off their third World Series title in four years.

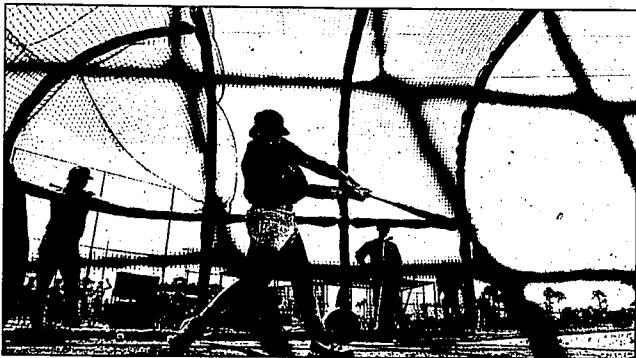
"This is as good as I've felt, to be honest with you," manager Joe Torre, who had prostate cancer surgery during camp last year, said in Tampa, Fla. "I never felt bad going into spring training last year, but I feel better this year."

The New York Mets and Chicago Cubs were given permission to open their camps five days early because they start the season five days ahead of everyone else, opening on March 23 with a two-game series in the Tokyo Dome.

Even teams coming off bad stretches were feeling good. While the Detroit Tigers finished 27.5 games behind the Cleveland Indians in 1999, new manager Phil Garner doesn't care about last year.

"We're going to beat Cleveland," Garner said Thursday in Lakeland, Fla. "They're vulnerable. I used to look at them and say, 'How does anybody beat them?' But we're better and they're vulnerable."

Last year, the eight postseason teams all were among baseball's eight biggest spenders, but Cincinnati and Oakland showed the little guys have a chance by



Above, New York catcher Mike Piazza takes batting practice Thursday at Thomas White Stadium in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Below, Seattle catcher Ryan Christianson tosses a ball during a light workout Thursday in Peoria, Ariz.



staying in races until late September. The Reds are in the spotlight

this spring following their acquisition of Ken Griffey Jr. from Seattle last week.

"Now that we have Junior, I think expectations are going to skyrocket," pitcher Steve Parris said in Sarasota, Fla. "I think as long as we keep the same level head everybody had last year and do our jobs, I don't see any reason why we can't do the same thing again."

The Los Angeles Dodgers will be in the spotlight, too, after finishing 77-85, third in the NL West. A year ago at this time, the Dodgers were talking big. They had signed right-handed ace Kevin Brown to a record \$105 million, seven-year contract and expected to finish first.

"The team's just real eager, I can tell that," Dodgers reliever Dan Naulty, who appeared in 33

games for the Yankees last season, said in Vero Beach, Fla.

In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals were awaiting Monday's arrival of Mark McGwire, who had 65 home runs last season after hitting a record 70 in 1998.

"I predict we stink," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said, "because everything I say, the opposite happens."

Despite an overhauled pitching staff, a new leadoff hitter (Fernando Vina) and the return of a formidable infield, La Russa knows it won't be easy to win the NL Central.

AMERICA'S CUP No Yanks, but coverage sails on

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — ESPN2 has all the cool doodads to broadcast the America's Cup, and more — on-board cameras and microphones, the latest in digital technology and some wild action on the waves.

One thing's not going to be in this picture, though. There's no American boat for viewers back home to root for.

So will Americans more attuned to hoops and hockey care about sailboat races between Italy's Luna Rossa and New Zealand's Black Magic in a sport that some find, um, boring?

"It's been said that the one thing harder than winning the America's Cup is defending it. The same might be true of showing it live in the States with no U.S. entry."

Although San Francisco's AmericaOne lost to Luna Rossa in the dramatic Louis Vuitton Cup finals, ESPN2 isn't tacking away from live coverage of the best-of-9 America's Cup starting today at 5 p.m. MST.

"It is a world-championship event. It is the America's Cup," said executive producer Geoffrey Mason, who crewed aboard defender candidate Nefertiti in the 1992 America's Cup off Newport, R.I.

incredible, and with the right combination of wonderful pictures, heavy wind, big waves and close racing, combined with our unique ability to bring the viewer aboard, it doesn't get any better."

The America's Cup has no problem going on without Americans, which is pretty much the approach ESPN2 has to take.

It's been said that the one thing harder than winning the America's Cup is defending it. The same might be true of showing it live in the States with no U.S. entry.

"I think we paint the picture of it as New Zealand versus Italy. Not two sailing teams, but two countries, now, against each other," said Gary Jobson, ESPN2's

sailing analyst and a former America's Cup sailor.

The storylines are clear. If Italy wins, the Cup goes back to Europe for the first time since 1851. Tiny and remote New Zealand, with the home-course advantage, is trying to become the first non-U.S. team to defend the Cup.

Since he won't be sailing, AmericaOne skipper Paul Cayard will do occasional commentary for ESPN2. There's a bonus — Cayard speaks Italian, having skippered Il Moro di Venezia in the 1992 Cup finals. He'll be able to listen to conversations among the Italian brain trust, picked up by one of the four on-board microphones, and translate so viewers will know what's going on aboard Luna Rossa before Kiwi skipper Russell Coutts does.

Confederate flag's shadow touches the sports world

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The Confederate flag, over the South, is casting its shadow across the playing fields of South Carolina.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference cited the flag this week in moving its tournament to Florida. Several Northeast schools have canceled spring trips to Hilton Head Island.

But marquee events like the women's U.S. Olympic Marathon trials Feb. 26 and the Southern Conference basketball tournament are staying. Sponsors might issue statements saying the flag should come down, but the money and planning involved have so far won out over the NAACP's tourism boycott.

USA Track & Field said Monday that moving the trials would be a "great disruption" for the more than 200 qualifiers.

The Southern Conference, which for weeks discussed compromise with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said it had signed contracts with Greenville's Bi-Lo Center for the March 2-5 tournament and could not easily find an available arena out of state.

"There wasn't any other solution," John Block, Furman's vice president of intercollegiate athletics, said.

When the NAACP announced its boycott last summer, field director Nelson Rivers III said that in sports, the civil-rights group wanted to "make South Carolina the Arizona of this part of the decade." Arizona lost a Super Bowl in 1993 because it did not have a holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

While University of South

Carolina sports administration professor Tom Regan said it's unlikely the big events would be canceled or moved, organizers must confront questions from competitors, fans and the media.

Craig Masback, executive director of USATF, said athletes and board members raised the issue. "We have a very diverse membership," he said. "We felt it was important to speak out."

Those who support the flag, which has flown over the Statehouse since 1962, say it honors Southern heritage. Opponents say it is a symbol of racism and slavery. State legislators, with the sole power to lower the banner, are struggling with what to do.

The Southern Conference presidents voted in November to write Gov. Jim Hodges asking that the flag come down. Commissioner Alfred White said the league would consider removing its 2001 tournament, also scheduled for the Bi-Lo, if the flag remained.

South Carolina basketball coach Eddie Fogler is a flag opponent and Gamecocks football coach Lou Holtz stood alongside Hodges this week when the governor announced his plan to put the flag at a monument on Statehouse grounds.

"It has had an affect on our recruiting," Holtz said.

Dwight James of the NAACP's South Carolina chapter said his group had succeeded in raising the issue in the sports world. "The flag touches many things," he said.

Dr. Lonnie Randolph, who was leading the sanctioned effort for the NAACP, said that the boycott is forcing major sporting events to take notice.

"It's always gratifying to see groups stand up and do what's right," he said.

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What matters
Percent of answers Sept. 18 to 31 who say they have a certain opinion about an issue

Education, job training for workers	67%
Making sure everyone gets a fair share	67%
Working longer hours for working parents to meet responsibilities	65%
Employer loyalty to hard-working employees	65%
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Colorado won't probe U.S West merger

DENVER—The Colorado Public Utilities Commission has rejected a request by AT&T Corp. to re-evaluate its approval of the proposed \$45.8 billion merger between Qwest and U.S West.

In a split decision, the three-member commission decided not to review its Jan. 7 approval, which requires the new company to submit to periodic audits to ensure the local phone network is being properly maintained.

"Given the commission's previous decision, I was not surprised at the outcome," said Diane Roth, assistant vice president for government affairs at AT&T.

Roth said AT&T may appeal to the U.S. District Court, but no decisions have been made.

AT&T asked the commission to re-examine the merger and impose stronger customer service requirements on the merged company. AT&T said regulators in other states are demanding that U.S. West bolster its service performance before they will approve the deal with Qwest.

The Colorado commission is the only one in the U.S. West's 14-state region—which includes the Magic Valley—to have approved the merger, which could be completed later this year.

Aqua Vie opens new mid-Atlantic office

KETCHUM—Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Thursday it has opened an office in Mineola (Long Island), New York.

The office anticipates placement of product in several thousand retail locations within New York's five boroughs within the next 45 days. Aqua Vie's mid-Atlantic office will serve as a sort of beachhead, coordinating sales and distribution east of the Mississippi, said Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive officer.

He said talks are ongoing concerning distribution of Ketchum-based Aqua Vie's Hydrators at a major New York metropolitan airport, as well as with an international airline for distribution in its in-flight beverage service. Gillespie said the availability of the product in the greater metropolitan Miami area will commence during the week of Feb. 28, and additional retail points along the eastern seaboard can expect to see product in mid-March.

IDACORP subsidiary gets order from Tokyo

BOISE—IDACORP Inc. subsidiary Northwest Power-Systems Thursday announced it has received an order from Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) for 2000 units of the Boeki Ltd. for two fully integrated, prototype residential fuel cell systems to be field-tested in Japan this year.

The purchase order is the first step in a cooperative exploration of the fuel cell system market in Japan by Bend, Ore.-based NPS, Tokyo Boeki, a privately-held trading company, and Corona Ltd., Japan's leading maker of home heating and air conditioning appliances, IDACORP said.

The collaborative effort will include testing of the fuel cells in Corona's fully functional test home in Japan. Also, Corona and Tokyo Boeki will conduct an exhaustive technology and market feasibility study targeted for a June 30 completion. Field testing of the fuel cells will continue through the end of 2000, the Boise company said.

"From this project we expect to learn about the market requirements that will help open the market in Japan to our fuel cell systems," said Alan Guggenheim, president of NPS.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan listens before the House Banking Committee Thursday.

Does inflation lurk?

Yes, says Federal Reserve chairman

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Thursday declared the current good times "unprecedented in my half-century of observing the American economy." But he cautioned that inflation dangers still exist and put financial markets on notice to expect further interest rate increases.

Presenting the Federal Reserve's twice-a-year report on the economy to Congress, Greenspan said conditions are remarkable with the 9-year-long expansion, a record, turning in exceptionally rapid growth that has driven unemployment to a 30-year low of 4 percent.

Ninety minutes before Greenspan spoke, the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices were unchanged in January and that when the volatile energy and food sectors are excluded, the Producer Price Index fell by 0.2 percent.

Even though inflation has remained low outside of a burst in energy prices, Greenspan said, this favorable condition cannot last unless the growth rate slows to less than the 4 percent-plus gains of the past three years.

Greenspan tied his worries to the tight labor markets and fears that workers will begin to demand higher wages that could set off an inflationary spiral. Since last

June, the central bank has been trying to slow the economy, raising a key interest rate it controls by a full percentage point.

However, Greenspan said Thursday there is little evidence that those four quarter-point increases in the federal funds rate have had much impact.

"To date, interest-sensitive spending has remained robust and the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) will have to stay alert for signs that real interest rates have not yet risen enough to bring the growth of demand into line with that of potential supply," Greenspan said in testimony to the House Banking Committee. "Achieving that alignment seems more pressing today than it did earlier."

Analysts believe that the FOMC, the group of Fed board members in Washington and Fed regional bank presidents that sets interest rate policy, will boost rates for a fifth time March 21 and very likely will raise rates a sixth time in May.

"Mr. Greenspan is telling us to expect higher interest rates," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "He is warning that this economic prosperity will be jeopardized unless we contain the imbalances."

In response to questions, Greenspan told the committee he was concerned about the recent rise in oil prices, which have pushed the per-barrel price above \$30 for the first time since the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

Greenspan said oil inventories have fallen to exceptionally low levels, leaving the

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Main Street, e-Street at odds on the information highway

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON—If electronic commerce is the revolution, then state and local sales taxes may be the monarchs facing the gullotine.

A Main Street retailer faced with Internet competitors can start a Web site and join the revolution. But the Supreme Court has ruled twice that states cannot compel retailers to collect sales tax once a sales crosses state lines. And the Internet is all about obliterating boundaries.

"The existing system of sales tax will not work in the 21st century," said Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, a Republican. "It is unthinkable complex and incompatible with the direction of commerce in the world."

Forty-six states, the District of Columbia and thousands of cities and counties collect sales taxes.

A strong economy has boosted sales tax receipts. But as more sales move to the Internet, state and local officials fear that sales tax collections will fall sharply.

Some Republicans promoting the Internet including Arizona's Sen. John McCain and Ohio's Rep. John Kasich want the gullotine.

"Only Congress can authorize one state to compel sellers in another state to collect Net taxes. And the American people would never stand for it," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

But the federal Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce that's exploring recommendations for Congress about Internet sales taxes is strongly divided as it heads to Dallas for its final meeting March 20-21.

"It's a real war," said Virginia Gov. James Gilmore, a Republican who is the chairman of the commission and who wants to exempt Internet commerce from sales taxes.

At least 13 of the 19 commission members have to agree for the commission to make recommendations to Congress.

Leavitt, who with Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk is one of Gilmore's chief adversaries on the commission, predicts there won't be a consensus. He wants the states to enact their own reforms and ultimately collect sales taxes from out-of-state retailers.

Kirk has said he's fighting to protect what could be "a very serious erosion" of state and local tax bases.

"None of us wants to pay taxes," Kirk said in an interview last fall. "But you certainly don't want the phone to go unanswered when you have a fire, or when you have a need for police."

Dean Andal, also a member of the commission and a chairman of California's tax-administering Board of Equalization, favors putting the status quo into explicit legislative language. Under a 1992 Supreme Court

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Opening doors to world business

Seminar, trip to Canada set the stage

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Magic Valley businesses have will have two chances this spring for help in snaring a piece of international action.

A one-day seminar close to home and a five-day, state-sponsored trade mission to Canada both seek to open foreign-trade opportunities to Idahoans.

The 2nd annual International Trade for Idaho Businesses Seminar on March 2 will introduce local businesses to exporting, and lead them through the process of developing an international business plan. The Mini-Cassia Development Commission, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, U.S. and Idaho departments of commerce, Idaho's Department of Agriculture and several Magic Valley businesses are sponsoring the event.

The highlight: Managers from the Idaho-Mexico and Idaho-Asia trade offices will speak on building international business in their geographic areas of expertise.

"This is a great opportunity for businesses interested in exporting to become familiar with opportunities in such areas as Taiwan and Mexico," the Agriculture Department's Laura Johnson said in event promoters' statement.

The seminar will profile two Magic Valley businesses successfully active in international trade—Pickett Equipment of Burley and Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. of Twin Falls.

"I look forward to sharing practical information to companies looking to expand their market on an international scale," said the Twin Falls plant's Tamara Hamilton-Harney, who participated in a state-led trade mission to Asia last year.



"This seminar is for those companies that are currently involved in exporting or a company that is looking for more information on exporting opportunities," said Todd Chittenden, Mini-Cassia's economic development specialist.

Lunch speakers Armando Orellena, Idaho-Mexico Trade Office manager, and Eddie Yen, Idaho-Asia Trade Office manager, will discuss the state's international trade strategy. Following the presentation, both men will be available for prescheduled, one-on-one meetings with companies looking at exporting, event promoters said.

The second approaching opportunity for Magic Valley businesses requires a larger investment.

Idaho's Gary Mahn, Commerce Department director, and Pat Takasugi, Agriculture Department director, will lead a delegation of up to 10 companies interested in developing or expanding their presence in the Canadian market. Any industry is welcome.

The stops: Vancouver, British Columbia, and Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta.

Gov. Dale Kempthorne, too, will meet with the delegation's government and commercial members on portions of the late-May trade mission.

The commercial contingent could include some Magic Valley interests.

But the state's recruitment just started. It already Clear Springs Food Co. of Buhl, which ships trout to British Columbia, has expressed interest in going along, said Karl Tueller, deputy director of the Commerce Department.

Growers of Idaho might participate, potentially including Magic Valley producers, said Johnson, the Agriculture Department's marketing manager. Eastern Idaho's onion industry and northern Idaho's nursery stock are other possibilities.

"But nobody has signed up yet," she said Thursday.

Appointments in each city will be available through the U.S. Embassy's "Gold

Trade seminar agenda

Here's the agenda for the 2nd Annual International Trade for Idaho Businesses Seminar, to be held March 2 at the Burley Inn and Convention Center.

8 to 8:30 a.m.—Registration and continental breakfast.

8:30 to 9:15 a.m.—Introduction to exporting and international business plan development; by Idaho and U.S. departments of commerce.

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.—Building International business opportunities; by Idaho Department of Commerce.

9:15 a.m.—Opportunities in Asia; by Eddie Yen, Idaho-Asia Trade Office manager.

9:45 a.m.—Opportunities in Mexico and Central America; by Armando Orellena, Idaho-Mexico Trade Office manager.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.—South-central Idaho success stories; featuring Pickett Equipment of Burley and Hamilton Manufacturing Inc. of Twin Falls.

11:30 a.m. to noon—Value-added agriculture opportunities; by Idaho Department of Agriculture.

1 to 2 p.m.—State of Idaho International trade strategies; by Commerce and Agriculture departments, Yen and Orellena.

2 to 2:30 p.m.—Questions and answers by trade office managers.

2:30 to 6 p.m.—Companies' one-on-one time prescheduled with trade office managers.

Advance registration is \$10 prior to Feb. 24.

Registration is \$15 at the door.

For information and to register, call the Mini-Cassia Development Commission at 679-6232 or the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 679-4793. The commission can fax a registration form for the seminar and for one-on-one appointments with Idaho trade office managers.

Make checks payable to Mini-Cassia Development Commission and mail to P.O. Box 640; Heyburn, ID 83336; or send credit card information by fax to 679-4794 or by e-mail to MDCDC@mini-cassia-id.org.

Source: Mini-Cassia Development Commission

Mission to Canada

Idaho's business mission to Western Canada

Itinerary:

March 22—Travel to Vancouver, British Columbia.

March 23—Company appointments in Vancouver.

March 24—Company appointments in Vancouver; travel to Calgary, Alberta.

March 25—Company appointments in Calgary.

March 26—Company appointments in Calgary; government meetings in Edmonton; Alberta; return to Boise.

Estimated costs:

Airfare—\$650

Hotels—\$600

Appointments (if arranged by U.S. Embassy; optional)—\$1,500

Participation fee (includes receptions, breakfast briefings, ground transportation)—\$250

Register by March 1; call Damien Bard at 334-2470 or Greg Russell at 332-8553.

Source: State of Idaho.

Key" service, which will tailor business contacts to meet Idaho companies' marketing goals. The special treatment will add to the cost of the trip.

Briefings will be held at each stop to provide a business, political and economic overview of each region. Business receptions will provide an opportunity to network with potential partners and decision-makers, trade mission sponsors said.

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Web's next big thing is small

The Washington Post

The Internet industry is behaving as if it's going to transform mom-and-pop merchants into e-commerce billionaires—never mind that most big Web sites are still hemorrhaging money, or that small sites typically draw fewer visitors than your living room.

Fearful of missing this wave, venture capitalists have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into two dozen Web sites with such names as AllBusiness.com, Work.com and OnVia.com. They are electronic service centers, providing advice and tools to help small companies do busi-

ness on the Net.

"This space is heating up," said Michael Shulman, chief executive of AtYourOffice.com, a start-up with 40 employees in the Washington suburb of Rockville, Md. "It's going to be a huge business in terms of the potential for profit. We offer a free human resources management tool for small businesses, a background-screening service for new hires, and tools that most small businesses have not been offered before."

How hot are small-business portals? Two weeks ago, NBC Internet Inc. paid

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MARKETS

Daily markets roundup

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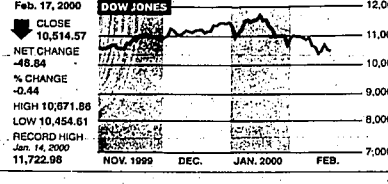
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Nasdaq soars yet again

NEW YORK (AP) - The Nasdaq composite index surged past 4,500 for the first time Thursday as technology stocks rebounded last Thursday.

Web

Continued from D6 \$225 million in stock to acquire AllBusiness.com. OnVia.com is on track next week to become the first of these sites to go public.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Thursday: Oil prices rose as demand for heating oil increased.

METALS/CURRENCY

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Thursday: Gold prices rose as investors sought safe havens.

MUTUAL FUNDS

NEW YORK (AP) - Selected world fund prices, Thursday: International funds saw mixed performance.

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Sell Chg, and other performance metrics.

Steelworkers criticize Kaiser over record

Union challenges on environmental issues

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — As Kaiser Aluminum Corp. and the United Steelworkers met in Pittsburgh to try to resolve a 16-month-long labor dispute, the union challenged the company's environmental record at a smelter north of here.

Steelworkers members began distributing thousands of eight-page color fliers to residents near the Mead plant. At a news conference Wednesday, union officials accused Kaiser of consistently violating air and water quality standards at Mead since the dispute began Sept. 30, 1998.

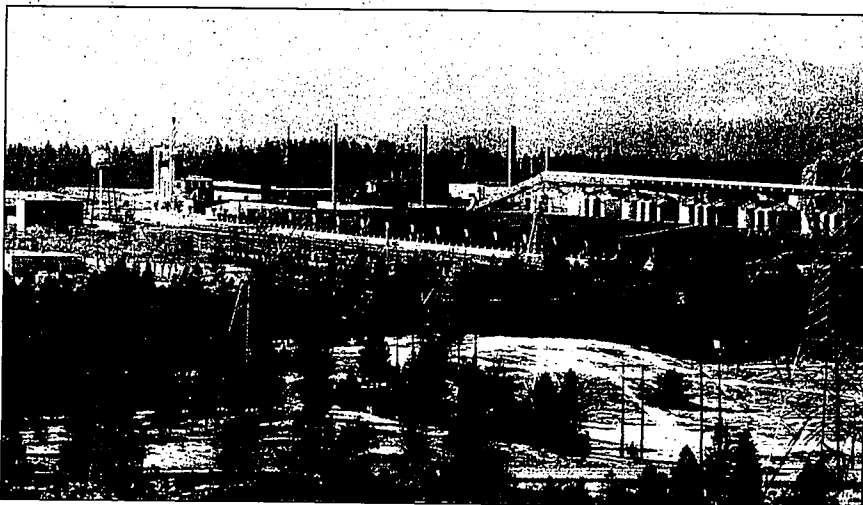
"We think there are some very serious problems here, and they need to be addressed," said Diane Heminway, an environmental research consultant hired by the union to look into the plant's record.

Scott Lamb, a spokesman for Houston-based Kaiser, disputed the allegations, calling them a "gross distortion."

"The Mead plant has operated during the labor dispute in substantial compliance with local state, and federal regulations," he said. The majority of the pollution episodes cited by the union have been isolated incidents that have been fixed, he added.

The state Department of Ecology has fined Kaiser \$169,200 during the dispute over violations at Mead. All the fines have been paid, agency spokeswoman Jani Gilbert said.

Later this month, the Ecology Department will announce two new fines over alleged water-quality violations at Mead. The department also issued two notices of air-quality violations sent out last Friday could eventually result in fines, she said. The company has 30 days to respond to those allegations.



As Kaiser Aluminum Corp. and the United Steelworkers met Wednesday in Pittsburgh to try to resolve a 16-month-long labor dispute, the union challenged the company's environmental record at the Mead Smelter in northern Washington state. Steelworker members distributed thousands of eight-page color fliers to residents near the Mead plant.

"We have been ratcheting up our penalty amounts, hoping to get them to comply," Gilbert said. "We have not gotten the progress out of Kaiser we had hoped for."

Steelworkers have tried to monitor environmental performance from outside the plant. A video tape played at Wednesday's news conference showed thick black smoke pouring out of a Mead smokestack.

Heminway said the video shot Aug. 17 demonstrates problems the plant is having with a \$50 mil-

lion carbon-baking furnace Kaiser installed in 1997 to replace older equipment.

Kaiser officials have said the plant had startup problems that have since been corrected.

Negotiators for both sides held a second day of talks in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, with tentative plans to conclude the sessions today. Union spokesman Jon Youngdahl said the talks focus on company proposals to increase productivity.

The most recent negotiations concluded Jan. 27 in Houston.

Key issues include wages, benefits and job security, including company demands for job reductions and contracting-out work.

The dispute began as a strike after labor contract talks collapsed. Last January, Kaiser locked out 2,900 union employees at five plants, including two in the Spokane area and others at Tacoma, Gramercy, La., and Newark, Ohio.

The plants have continued to operate using replacement workers.

In the four quarters since the dispute began, Kaiser has reported total losses of \$132 million. That compares with profits of \$53 million in the four quarters beforehand.

Kaiser had originally planned to release its latest quarterly earnings report Jan. 25, but delayed the release pending new information about insurance claims from an explosion that knocked the Gramercy plant out of commission last July.

Earnings will be announced sometime later this month, Lamb said.

Lawyers say death was mercy killing

SPOKANE (AP) — Prosecutors said a Spokane woman charged in her husband's death was romantically involved with a man facing charges in the same death, which their lawyers have described as a mercy killing.

Defense attorneys for Dianne Rhodes, 49, and John Fiedler, 21, said the couple's relationship was "totally irrelevant." They argued Wednesday that the two were carrying out the wishes of the terminally ill Paul Rhodes when he was killed with a dose of morphine.

Dianne Rhodes, Fiedler and Angela Boyette, 27, are charged with second-degree conspiracy and second-degree murder in the Oct. 12 death of Paul Rhodes.

The three were arraigned Wednesday in Spokane County Superior Court, and each pleaded innocent. Their trials are scheduled to start April 7.

Superior Court Judge Greg Spolt also reduced Rhodes' bail from \$500,000 to \$100,000 and Fiedler's from \$500,000 to \$50,000.

Rhodes and Fiedler were already free on bond before being arrested and booked into jail last month. Boyette was freed on \$20,000 bond earlier this month.

Familial members have argued that the trio were carrying out Paul Rhodes' wishes, but prosecutors say he asked them to stop once the morphine injections began.

Court, Deputy Prosecutor Larry Steinmetz said Fiedler and Rhodes were dating each other before Paul Rhodes' death and continued afterward.

Steinmetz refused to elaborate on how the relationship might have played a role in Paul Rhodes' death.

Fiedler was living in the house with the Rhodesses, Steinmetz said.

Supervisors delay Grand Canyon project vote

The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A long-running fight over a future southern gateway to Grand Canyon National Park isn't over yet after all.

Later Wednesday, instead of voting on a key rezoning proposal, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors sent it back to the county's Planning and Zoning Commission. Supervisors were told they could approve or reject the plan as it stood but, given substantial changes since the commission approved the plan last year, under law it was due review by the commission. Once it clears that hurdle again, the supervisors could take it up again — perhaps as soon as mid-March, one official said.

The zoning change for the 272-acre site of the proposed Canyon Forest Village is necessary before the project can go ahead. The planned \$530 million development would include 1,270 hotel rooms, 1,100 housing units and 270,000 square feet of commercial space along the state highway leading into the Grand Canyon's South Rim.

It's the entry point for 90 percent of the nearly 5 million people who annually visit Grand Canyon National Park. The project already won the approval of the U.S. Forest Service in November, allowing Scottsdale developer Tom DePaolo to get the land up for rezoning.



The proposed marketplace of Canyon Forest Village is shown in this artist's rendering, date unknown. Northern Arizona business leaders have been locked in a fight with a developer over the future of the southern gateway to Grand Canyon National Park for years.

Board approval, DePaolo said, still would be only "20 of 30" with more approvals still needed from local, state and federal officials on the construction plans. He hopes to start building the

project's first phase between 2003 and 2005.

Some environmentalists and other opponents fear the development will threaten underground water supplies in Flagstaff,

Williams and Tusayan, where many canyon visitors stay.

They also are concerned the additional hotel rooms and retail space will cripple their businesses.

Environmentalists, loggers at odds over redwoods

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Loggers and environmentalists are divided over President Clinton's suggestion to create a national monument for some 400,000 acres of timber lands that would include the jewels of the California forests — the giant sequoia redwoods.

The president-told Agriculture Secretary Daniel Glickman he is considering placing new protections, including the formation of a national monument, on the vast old-growth groves that lie on national forest lands outside the protected Kings Canyon, Sequoia and Yosemite national parks.

"I want to ensure that those majestic cathedral groves, which John Muir called 'nature's mas-

terpiece,' are protected for future generations to study and enjoy," Clinton wrote, asking Glickman on Tuesday to make recommendations on the issue within 60 days. Timber interests said existing protections are sufficient. They noted that logging already has declined in recent years, and that the president's proposal would accelerate that decline.

Kent Duysen, the general manager of Sierra Forest Products, a Tulare County-based company that has logged in the area for years, said placing large amounts of acreage off limits would boost the fire danger.

"We've really only got 16,000 acres of groves, and they want to make a land grab of 400,000 acres under the guise of protecting the

giant sequoias. It's all going to burn. It's leaving science and people out of the process," Duysen said. "Basically, it would reduce what we cut out of the Sequoia National Forest by about two-thirds. You can't run a sawmill on one-third."

The Forest Service regulates logging on national forests, including most of the lands that would be covered by the proposed national monument.

But environmentalists said the Forest Service's regulation has been lax, noting that logging has been permitted up to the edge of the Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite national parks. They favored Clinton's plan as a long-term protection for the sequoias.

"The Forest Service allowed

timber cutting right near the sequoia national groves. There were huge clear cuts, and they had the audacity to call this 'grove enhancement,'" said Barbara Boyle, regional director of the Sierra Club for California-Nevada-Hawaii.

"Over half of the sequoias are not permanently protected. They're mostly those in the national forests that are adjacent to the national parks. They need protections, and we've advocated this for years," Boyle said.

Clinton noted that he has authority under the 1906 Antiquities Act to establish or expand national monuments — an authority he has exercised several times in California, Arizona, Utah and elsewhere.

Washington looks at privatizing rest stops

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — If Washington state can't afford to keep highway rest areas open, maybe Ronald McDonald can, some Republican legislators have suggested.

The state Department of Transportation has proposed closing half of Washington's 41 rest stops because of a financial crunch.

That has some suggesting that companies like McDonald's or Starbucks might pay for the right to operate rest areas, which would remain free of charges to motorists. Privatization is the best answer, Senate Republican Floor Leader Stephen Johnson, of Kent, wrote in a letter to state Transportation Commission Chairman Connie Niva.

The DOT recently proposed the temporary closures as a way to save \$1.5 million in maintenance costs over the next 18 months. The department was hit hard by the passage of Initiative 695, which reduced car taxes to \$30 a year per vehicle and will cost the state \$750 million in revenue each year.

In the letter, Johnson proposed asking the federal government to waive rules that prevent private businesses from maintaining state rest areas. Johnson and Don Benton, R-Vancouver, co-sponsored a bill authorizing the private takeover, but the bill died in committee. Rep. Roger Bush, R-Spanaway, sponsored similar legislation in the House.

Benton, the Senate Republicans' transportation leader, said the Transportation Department needs to look for alternatives. Closing rest stops is simply punishing voters for giving themselves a tax break, he said.

"Their customer is the motoring public and they should be looking for ways to continue to provide services to the motoring public," Benton said in an interview Wednesday.

"We have a terrific opportunity here to provide a better service with no cost or almost no cost to the taxpayer, and it should be explored, at the very least, on a pilot basis."

Democratic transportation leaders in both houses say Republicans are going overboard with their privatization efforts.

House Transportation Committee Chairman R. Bruce Fisher, D-Tacoma, said the biggest problem is that if the state privatizes its rest areas, it will have to repay the federal government for the cost of building them.

Any business that sets up shop in a rest area would have to hire state workers and not bring in its own crew, she said.

Senate Transportation Vice-Chairwoman Georgia Gardner, D-Blaine, said the issue will come up when budget discussions begin in a few weeks, but lawmakers are more concerned about rescuing highway projects. The Transportation Department did a good job assessing which rest stops to close, she said.

Bill pushes for Olympic coin

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Rep. Merrill Cook, R-Utah, introduced a bill Wednesday to allow the U.S. Mint to issue nearly one-half million gold and silver coins to commemorate the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games.

Cook's bill would mandate a \$35 surcharge on sale of the \$5 gold coins and a \$10 surcharge on the \$1 silver coins.

Half of that surcharge would go to the Salt Lake Organizing Committee to help it stage and promote the Games. The other half would go to the U.S. Olympic

Committee to help pay for athlete training.

The coins could raise more than \$3 million each for SLOC and the USOC.

Cook said in a letter to House members that coin programs such as the one he is proposing, have been a part of every modern Olympics since 1952. "The medals generated by these programs serve as an important source of revenue for the training and support of our U.S. Olympic athletes, and for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee in its role as host of the Games," Cook said.

Study shows decline in pesticide illness

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A state study shows that the number of pesticide poisonings in California has decreased over the last two years, but environmentalists and farm workers say the problem is likely far worse than the official statistics suggest.

A report released Tuesday by the state Department of Pesticide Regulation for 1997 and 1998 shows an overall statewide decrease in the number of illnesses caused by pesticide use.

The 1997 data shows 1,319 reported cases of pesticide illnesses, down 16.5 percent from 1996. The decline continued in 1998, with 998 illnesses reported.

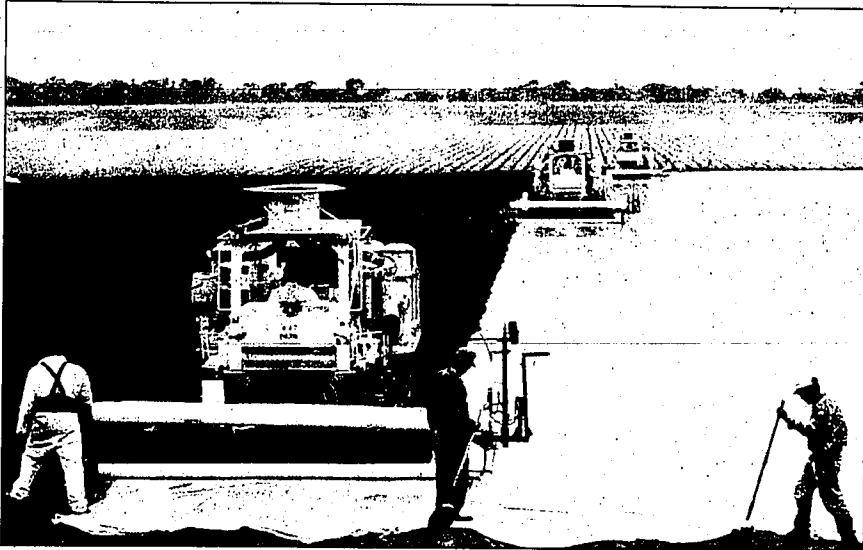
"There's more than two-and-a-half million commercial pesticide applications every year, and that's not counting when people at home using bug spray, for example," said the department spokesman Glenn Brank.

Officials responsible for enforcing pesticide regulations in big farming counties like Tulare, Kern and Fresno were pleased that, given the high concentration of farm workers who come into contact with pesticides on a regular basis, the number of reported illnesses has decreased.

"We're a big agricultural county with maybe 5,000 farms and between 30,000 and 40,000 field workers and a lot of (pesticide) applicators — of course we'd like to see the numbers go down, but the county does pretty well for the size of the industry here," said Bill Appleby, deputy agricultural commissioner for Tulare County.

Tulare County logged 193 reported illnesses over the two-year period covered by the report, ranking second behind Los Angeles County, which reported 258 illnesses — all but five of which were unrelated to agricultural pesticide use.

"It's because we have the biggest population — we have about 20 percent of the total non-agricultural related illness but we have 30 percent of the population," said Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner Cato



Application tractors inject methyl bromide into a Driscoll Strawberry Inc. field near Salinas, Calif., in this Oct. 1, 1998 file photo. Pesticide poisonings have dropped statewide in 1997 and 1998 compared to previous years.

Fiksdal.

Non-agricultural pesticides include over the counter bug spray, bleach, disinfectants and chemicals used in large-scale urban pest control efforts, Fiksdal said.

Fresno County came in a close third with 188 total reported pesticide illnesses.

In 1997, Tulare County reported 130 agricultural related illnesses. In 1998 that number dropped to just 33.

County officials attribute 1997's higher than expected num-

ber of poisonings to an incident where 62 orange pickers were sickened during the May harvest. Workers were treated for excessive sneezing, sore throats and runny noses, Appleby said.

Overall, California farmers are encouraged by the report, said Bob Krauter, a spokesman for the 85,000-member California Farm Bureau Federation.

"The trend is obviously heading in the right direction," Krauter said. "It's probably a reflection of a lot of different things, but I think there is a

greater use of reduced-risk pesticides and greater awareness of safety when pesticides are used."

The decrease also may be the result of greater restrictions imposed by state pesticide regulators, Brank said.

Still, farm labor activists and environmentalists say the report fails to fully gauge the number of workers sickened by pesticides every year because just a fraction of the cases are ever reported.

The state gathers its information either from reports that doc-

tors are required to file with the Department of Pesticide Regulation each time they treat pesticide poisoning victims, or from worker compensation forms stricken workers file with the state.

"Many doctors don't know about the reporting requirements and many pesticide illnesses are not diagnosed because workers don't always go to the doctor if they're sick," said Justin Ruben, the San Joaquin Valley organizer for the watchdog group Pesticide Watch.

Spokane vet of WWI dies at age 106

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Peter Gorseth, an American honored by France last year for his service in the months following World War I, has died at age 106.

Gorseth died of natural causes in the nursing home of the Spokane Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Monday.

Gorseth was a 25-year-old farmer in Irene, S.D., in 1918 when he was drafted and sent to France as a veterinarian's assistant.

It was an important job in a war in which horses and mules moved guns, supplies and armies.

He arrived in Bordeaux, France, on Nov. 12, 1918, one day after the fighting stopped. He worked the next seven months in a makeshift vet clinic earning \$24 per month.

Last February, the French government tracked Gorseth down and awarded him the Insignia of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor — the highest decoration the French government can give to a non-national.

The French have attempted to award the honor to all living American veterans of the war — estimated at fewer than 1,500.

"It's nice, but I don't know if I earned it," Gorseth said at the time.

Gorseth settled in Spokane in 1937. His wife, Anna Marie, gave birth to their son, Royce Gorseth, a year later.

He ran an ice cream store, worked at the Ceiger Field commissary, then as a plumber's helper, an electrician's helper and finally as a groundskeeper at Riverside Park Cemetery. He retired in '63.

A service for Gorseth was scheduled Feb. 22 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Spokane. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie; his son, Royce, and his daughter-in-law, Annette.

Gambling becomes big issue among Western states

Nevadans pledge to cooperate in face of competition

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Leaders from the casino industry, tourism and government consider expanded gambling in California a serious threat to Nevada.

They also agreed during a day-long meeting in Reno on Wednesday that continued cooperation among the often rival factions is crucial to the future of Nevada's tourism industry.

"We are looking at the gorilla on the doors of the University of Nevada, Reno economics professor Bill Eadington said.

Eadington, who heads UNR's Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, said Nevada's gambling- and tourism-based economy, which gets half its visitors from California, faces a firestorm of competition after the expected passage March 7 of Proposition 1A in California.

The measure would legalize Nevada-style slot machines and would more than double the roughly 20,000 slots already operating without state or federal approval. It also would expand Indian gambling.

Wall Street analysts and others estimate a 13-to-20-plus-percent cut in northern Nevada gambling

revenues, which help finance many public programs and services.

"There's clearly greater awareness of this problem and there is greater willingness to work together to overcome the challenges" the region faces as a destination, and that is key to the area's survival, Eadington said.

The forum followed a similar meeting a year ago after the passage of Proposition 5 in California in 1998 that would have expanded Indian gambling. Courts struck that down as a violation of the state constitution.

Proposition 1A amends the constitution and is supported by Gov. Gray Davis and most tribes. It also allows renegotiation in 2003 of the compacts the tribes sign with the state for gambling, which could open the door to even more slot machines.

Eadington said he also is concerned that other businesses, from race tracks to bars and club duels, will lobby for similar gambling later, which could expand gambling even wider.

Sam Roth, Brown vice president and general counsel for Reno-based slot maker International Game Technology, painted a less threatening picture than Eadington.

—IGT stands to benefit from legalized gambling in California, but is equally concerned about Reno's health, she said.

She predicted a 13 percent



Ferenc Szony, CEO of the Sands Regency, listens to a speech outlining the possible threat to Nevada gaming by California Indian Gaming Wednesday in Reno, Nev.

reduction in northern Nevada gambling revenues in about 18 to 24 months, but felt the area would recover the losses in about two years.

"If I were in Laughlin, I'd be singing a different tune," she said. The southern Nevada community already has been stung by Arizona Indian gambling and faces a big hit from Southern California.

Michael Rumbolz, president and CEO of slot maker Anchor

California proposition has a real chance of passing

Los Angeles Times

To drive along Route 2 in rural Connecticut, where the 23-story Foxwoods casino resort suddenly appears above the woods like some Emerald City, is to contemplate the future of California.

The \$1 billion-a-year casino business was launched by a struggling Indian tribe that just 15 years ago was growing lettuce and running a pizza parlor.

Today, the Indian-run Foxwoods Resort Casino is the largest in the world, with 5,900 slot machines — far more than any Las Vegas casino — three hotels and showrooms that host the likes of Luciano Pavarotti and Rod Stewart.

Just as the 1993 legalization of slot machines in Connecticut changed the state's landscape, passage next month of Proposition 1A would inexorably alter the face of gambling in California.

With the measure's expected approval on March 7, California's Indian tribes will be authorized to have roughly the same number of one-armed bandits as the Las Vegas Strip.

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Los Angeles Times

The state's slot machine epicenter will become the Palm Springs region, where the Agua Caliente Indians plan to remake their existing downtown casino into a \$100 million facility and are eagerly contemplating a second casino. Three other Indian casinos are just a short car hop away.

Detractors counter that passage of Proposition 1A would mar the laid-back ambience of Palm Springs. Statewide, gambling critics add, Nevada-style gambling would become all too accessible, exacerbating associated social problems and opening the door for much more gambling than is immediately anticipated.

"Slot machines are easily the most addictive form of gambling," said former California Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, a leading opponent of Proposition 1A.

California would become the third-largest gambling state in the nation, after Nevada and New Jersey. If voters reject it, federal agents could move to shut down 38 casinos that are operating without government permission.

"The container had been torn in a number of places, as if the people inside had been trying to claw their way out," she said. "Longshoremen had to remove 35 containers before reaching the one containing the stowaways."

Feinstein also warned of the threat of terrorism through the nation's ports, including the transport of weapons and munitions.

Air Force looks for cause of crashes in Arizona; other F-16s remain grounded

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AP) — The F-16 fighter jets flying out of this suburban Phoenix base are flown hard, much as they would be in combat, a commander said after yet another crash.

Meanwhile, all F-16s at the base were grounded pending additional information as to what went wrong.

"An F-16 flown by Maj. Anthony Barrell crashed during a training mission over the Barry M. Goldwater bombing range in southwestern Arizona. Barrell ejected safely.

Cause of the crash, the eighth since fall 1998 involving an F-16 flying out of this base in Glendale, had yet to be determined.

The \$20 million jet was part of the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke, the world's largest F-16 training base, flying about 180 sorties a day.

Brig. Gen. John Barry, who turns over command of the base on Tuesday to Col. Stephen Sargeant, said that with availability of the vast 2.7 million-acre Goldwater Range, Luke flies its planes the way they are flown in combat.

"So, if they're going to start showing the cracks sometime in the system, they're probably going to show here," Barry said.

Four of the earlier Luke crashes were blamed on engine problems, specifically with cracked augmentor ducts — the afterburners.

One was deemed pilot error, another was a landing gear problem. Cause of the seventh had yet to be determined. There also have been F-16 crashes in Utah and New Mexico.

On Wednesday, Barrell's F-16 was flying an air-to-air training mission as part of a four-jet formation. Before the start of an aerial engagement, Barrell radioed he had a problem and turned the jet toward the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field to recover, a base spokesman said. He ejected en route to Gila Bend.

Barry said Luke has been allocated an extra \$20 million to cover engine repair and maintenance and to add spare engines, in addition to its regular \$250 million budget.

Security problems plague U.S. ports

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The deaths of three illegal immigrants crowded into a can-wrapped cargo container and stashed on a ship headed for Seattle are horrific evidence of the critical crime and security issues at the nation's ports, according to U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

"We need much more coordinated federal oversight and additional personnel and technology at America's seaports," said Feinstein, D-Calif., Wednesday during the public session of the Intergovernmental Commission on Crime and Security in U.S. Seaports.

"Not to do this is really to create a No. 1 target for those who would wish to put our country in harm's way," Panel co-Chair Raymond Kelly, commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service, said increased trade during the past decade has amplified the shortcomings at the

nation's ports.

The commission's aim, he said, is to create solutions that are "workable, cost effective and sound."

Feinstein cited numerous security lapses at U.S. ports, including the nearby Port of Oakland. She said some of the nation's largest illegal drug and automatic weapons seizures had occurred at the port on San Francisco Bay.

"The reason so many illegal drugs flood our seaports is simple: It is often cheaper for a drug smuggler to hide a large load of illegal drugs among legitimate ship cargo than to break it up, distribute it among various 'mules,' have them sneak it across the border, and then have to consolidate it," she said. In addition to drugs and weapons, Feinstein discussed immigrant smuggling aboard ships — in cargo containers the size of tractor-trailers.



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1999	Pontiac	Sunfire SE Sedan 4-Door #P2874	\$12,690	\$10,780
1999	Pontiac	Montana Extended Wagon #P2882	\$23,435	\$18,890
1999	Pontiac	Grand Prix SE Sedan 4-Door #P2695	\$15,995	\$14,950
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4-Door #P2837	\$15,315	\$12,900
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4-Door #P2835	\$14,540	\$12,500
1999	Pontiac	Grand Am SE Sedan 4-Door #P2776	\$15,300	\$12,780
1999	Pontiac	Bonneville SE Sedan 4-Door #P2696	\$20,220	\$16,975
1999	Oldsmobile	Intrigue GX Sedan 4-Door #P2787	\$18,550	\$14,390
1999	Oldsmobile	Intrigue GL Sedan 4-Door #P2853	\$20,190	\$14,885
1999	Oldsmobile	Cutlass GL Sedan 4-Door #P2871	\$17,030	\$14,800
1999	Oldsmobile	Cutlass GL Sedan 4-Door #P2861	\$15,255	\$12,950
1999	Oldsmobile	Alero GLS Coupe 2-Door Leather #P2850	\$17,520	\$14,977
1999	Oldsmobile	Alero GL Sedan 4-Door #P2830	\$14,815	\$12,800
1999	Oldsmobile	88 LS Sedan 4-Door Loaded #P2716	\$19,955	\$16,985
1999	Dodge	Neon Highline Coupe 2-Door #P2872	\$12,025	\$9,850
1999	Chevy	Monte Carlo LS Coupe 2-Door #P2878	\$18,055	\$14,580
1999	Chevy	Metro LSi Sedan 4-Door #P2873	\$9,700	\$8,700
1999	Chevy	Malibu Sedan 4-Door #P2863	\$15,665	\$12,690
1999	Chevy	Malibu Sedan 4-Door #P2862	\$16,675	\$12,850
1999	Chevy	Lumina Sedan 4-Door #P2854	\$15,350	\$12,800
1999	Chevy	Lumina Sedan LTZ 4-Door #P2842	\$16,600	\$14,300
1999	Chevy	Cavalier Sedan 4-Door #P2876	\$13,230	\$10,980
1999	Chevy	Cavalier Sedan 4-Door #P2856	\$12,130	\$9,985
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1997	Chevy	Pickup 2500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #0120A	\$20,135	\$18,995
1997	Chevy	Pickup 2500 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 #0079A	\$20,900	\$18,700
1997	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2881	\$21,170	\$17,500
1996	Plymouth	Voyager Wagon #P2867A	\$13,065	\$11,300
1996	Chevy	Tahoe Wagon 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2879A	\$24,105	\$18,700
1996	Chevy	Blazer Sport Utility 4-Door 4x4 LT #P2800	\$20,455	\$17,500
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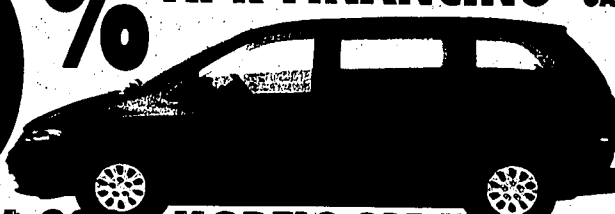
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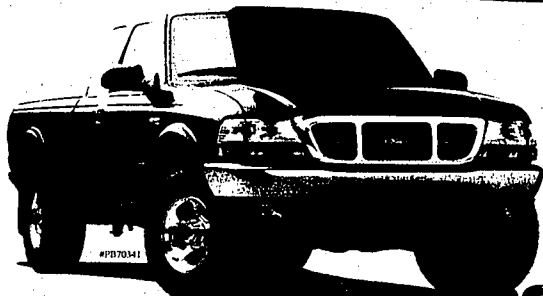


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1997 JEEP WRANGLER
\$0 DOWN \$269 MO.
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1998 FORD F-150 4x4
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\$24988 OR
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