

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny with west winds 10-20 mph. High, 55. Partly cloudy tonight, low, 30.

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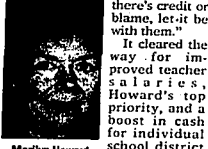
GOP wants Democrat to decide allocation

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE - Frustrated by persistent criticism from their colleagues and a seemingly unbreakable deadlock among themselves, legislative budget writers on Thursday urged the nation's most Republican Legislature to let Democratic State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard decide the specific allocation of nearly \$1 billion in state public school aid.



Appropriations Committee in proposing the unprecedented action. "There isn't a member of this committee that hasn't come under criticism every day of this session for setting policy," Geddes said. "It doesn't appear that we can come to any agreement. The Department of Education, they're the folks who run the education system. If



there's credit or blame, let-it be with them." It cleared the way for improved teacher salaries, Howard's top priority, and a boost in cash for individual school district operations. The decision served to underscore the absence of any coherent legislative plan of action this session, unleashing 105 lawmakers.

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House crafts new tax-cut bills

The Associated Press

BOISE - The House went back to the drawing board after negotiators failed to resolve a \$24 million disparity - and an even wider philosophical divide - between the House and Senate positions on election-year tax cuts. But Senate leaders said three new proposals introduced and passed by the House late Thursday - one for cuts totaling \$27 million and two others for more than \$28 million - were still far from the mark and were likely to fail on Friday.

"They've used every dang excuse in the book, they're out of cash and now they're going to stonewall," an angry and frustrated House Revenue and Taxation Chairman Dolores Crow of Nampa said. She was one of three House and three Senate members who struggled through stonewalled talks for more than two hours on Wednesday and about an hour more on Thursday before giving up on finding a compromise between the House-passed \$41 million tax-cut plan and the \$17 million in cuts left in the bill after Senate amendments. "We worked hard. We came close to a consensus. We didn't make it," Senate Local Government and Taxation Chairman Jerry Thorne said.

Gas prices crimp cops



Officer Trevor Norenberg of the Twin Falls Police Department fills up his patrol car at the EnCo of Idaho, Inc. Rising gas prices are putting a dent in the department's budget.

High fuel costs won't trigger cutbacks in patrols

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Rising gas prices have some law enforcement agencies watching their fuel budgets burn up faster than they anticipated. "We're getting hit hard," Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore said. The Twin Falls Police Department budgeted \$28,284

for gas and oil changes this year. DeVore doesn't know how much of that's been spent so far, but it's more than he planned, he said. At this rate the gas budget will dry up before the end of the budget year in September, and the police department will have to work with the rest of the city to find a solution, DeVore said. But that solution won't include a cutback in patrols or

any other change in service "because we don't think we can," he said. The crunch is also being felt at the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, which had spent three-fourths of its gas and maintenance budget four months into the budget year. "The unanticipated costs are definitely going to hurt us," Sheriff Wayne Tousey said. His deputies travel more than

750,000 miles a year on patrols throughout the county, and this year he had \$104,000 budgeted for gas and vehicle maintenance, Tousey said. Of that amount, \$77,000, or 74 percent, was spent by the end of January when it should have lasted into the summer, he said. With the money nearly gone, Tousey plans to ask the county

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U.S. economy roars ahead

The Associated Press

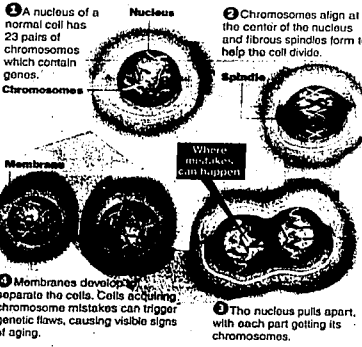
WASHINGTON - The red-hot U.S. economy, powered by heavy spending by consumers and the federal government, was roaring ahead at an annual rate of 7.3 percent in the final three months of 1999, the fastest growth rate in nearly 16 years, the government reported Thursday.

The October-December rate of increase in the gross domestic product, the nation's total output of goods and services, represented the strongest quarterly performance for this long economic expansion, which began in March 1991. Economists were left to marvel at the economy's strength at a time when other recoveries have long since faltered. This recovery

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How cells divide

A new study suggests that aging may be caused by mistakes in the transfer of genes and chromosomes during cell division. Here is an illustration of the how cells divide.



Source: Science

Emily Holmes/AP

CELLS GONE BAD

Study suggests genetic errors trigger aging

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Hair turning gray? Skin wrinkling? Muscles weaker? The inevitable signs of aging may be caused by a failure of quality control in your chromosomes and genes, a new study says. Dr. Richard A. Lerner and his team at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., compared the effects of aging on 6,000 genes and found that 61 key genes went through dramatic changes from the age 8 to 90. It is these changes, he said in an interview, that cause the dramatic symptoms of aging. "There are checkpoint genes that have to do with quality control in a cell," said Lerner. "These genes decide after a cell divides if it is good enough to

live or not." When the checkpoint genes fail, mistakes in DNA are perpetuated because the flawed cells then make new cells with the same genetic flaws, or worse. This cascade of genetic problems can eventually cause a loss of function that may include the typical symptoms of aging. Thus, said Lerner, it is the "mismanagement" of these checkpoint genes "that is responsible for aging." Lerner said the study, appearing Friday in the journal Science, eventually could lead to finding ways of controlling the aging process. But, for now, the work just gives science a new understanding of why all people age, from what he called a common disease - aging.

Former Jerome sheriff dies at 74

By Jay Hovser
Times-News writer

JEROME - The passing of a man who served his community as sheriff and as a city councilman triggered sadness and words of tribute this week.

Elza Hall, 74, died Wednesday at St. Alphonsus Medical Center. His son-in-law Jim Campbell said the family has received a deluge of calls from people who remembered Hall with fondness. "He was an old-time sheriff," said Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid. "He had moral fiber.



Elza Hall

He was a man of his word, and if he shook your hand and gave you his word, that was the end of it." Campbell said in the 24 hours after Hall's death, several people visited his home sharing stories of how Hall helped them personally when they struggled with the law.

"He didn't always arrest the kids or give them tickets, but he'd talk to them, and they respected it," Campbell said. He said it was important to Hall to let kids know what they should and should not do. "He was like everybody's grandpa," he said. "He had a big loud voice but a kind heart." Campbell's wife, Beth, said her dad went the extra mile to help straighten people out, even helping them financially at times. "He'd arrest them and then loan them money. But every one

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 46 Low: 23 Mostly sunny today and partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

Treasure Valley High: 61 Low: 35 Mostly sunny, with light winds. Partly sunny and mild on Saturday with highs in the mid-60s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 51 Low: 20 Partly cloudy today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Saturday with highs in the 50s.

Eastern Idaho High: 56 Low: 26 Partly cloudy, with warm, with winds 10-15 mph. Mostly sunny on Saturday with highs in the 50s.

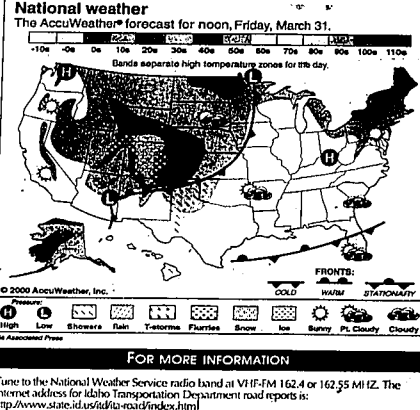
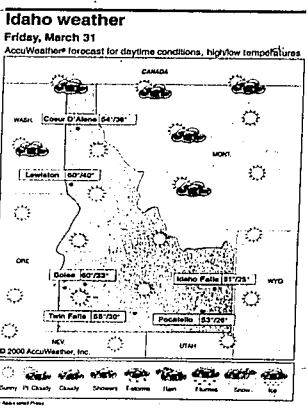
Northern Idaho High: 64 Low: 39 Partly cloudy, with light winds. Mostly clear tonight and partly cloudy and warm on Saturday.

Northern Utah High: 50 Low: 28 Partly cloudy, with winds at 25-35 mph. Partly cloudy and warmer on Saturday.

Northern Nevada High: 53 Low: 29 Mostly sunny, with winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy and warmer on Saturday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday High/Low forecasts and weather icons for each day.



UV INDEX, ROAD INFORMATION, and SKYWATCH sections with specific details and times.

FOR MORE INFORMATION section with radio and internet links for weather updates.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns for Twin Falls, Idaho, and precipitation data for yesterday and the month.

Table with columns for Idaho, Highs/Lows, and Comfort factors for various cities.

The Nation

Table listing weather forecasts for various cities across the United States.

Officials say gunmakers collude against Smith & Wesson Sheriff

WASHINGTON - Connecticut prosecutors, suspecting collusion by the firearms industry to punish gunmaker Smith & Wesson for its promise to improve handgun safety...

Nation: Powerful storms unleashed heavy rain, hail and half a dozen tornadoes in Southeast Georgia on Thursday, toppling trees, power lines...

Continued from A1. of them paid him back. It would drive (his wife) Virginia crazy sometimes, but they all paid him back," she said.

Fuel

Continued from A1. commission for help within the next month, but if that doesn't work he will try to find money elsewhere in his budget, he said.

Volcano erupts in Japan

DATE, Japan (AP) - A Japanese volcano erupted today amid spewed hot rocks, gas and ash over the snowy countryside of Japan's northernmost main island.

Education

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Circulation information for Daniel Wallock, circulation director, including phone numbers and rates.

Economy section with text about the longest U.S. history in February and celebrated its ninth birthday this month.

Education section with text about budget writers' week and the aid package totals \$873.5 million in general tax receipts.

Times-News telephone directory listing various departments and their contact information.

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Continuation of the Education section text, discussing budget cuts and legislative actions.

NATION

Economy boosts Social Security

Program will stay financially healthy for a few more years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to the strong economy, Medicare will have an additional eight years, until 2023, before cash runs short to pay benefits to aging baby boomers. And Social Security will remain financially healthy an extra three years, until 2037, trustees of the programs said Thursday.

"The fundamental shortfall still does exist, but the good news is that the problem is a little bit more manageable," said Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, who serves as trustee along with other administration officials and two private experts. President Clinton took credit for the progress during a visit to

a senior citizens' center in Queens, N.Y. This means the commitment to fiscal discipline and good government can make a difference to families," Clinton said.

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— Lawrence Summers, treasury secretary

Administration officials tried to retain a note of sobriety, reminding that the huge baby boom generation — those born between 1946 and 1964 — will be retiring well into the 2020s and living longer in retirement than their parents.

"It would be a mistake, a big mistake, I believe to kick the can 20 years down the road," by delaying reforms, said Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel.

On Capitol Hill, however, the good news prompted Republicans to renew attacks on Clinton's proposals to commit future income tax surpluses to bolster the nation's retirement programs.

"Instead of that failed approach, we should work on a real plan that saves Social Security and creates personal savings accounts for all Americans," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

In recent years, a looming financial crunch had prompted a frenzy of reform ideas. But even before Thursday's report, the prospects for fundamental

Medicare and Social Security changes this election year were dim, with members of Congress loathe to compromise.

There was little talk of major reform Thursday. Nevertheless, Democrats renewed their call to add new prescription drug benefits to Medicare.

"There is no excuse now for inaction on prescription drugs," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D.N.Y.

This is the third consecutive year that both Social Security and Medicare have shown improvement in their long-range financial outlook.

For Medicare, it was the best report card in 25 years. The health insurance program for the elderly and disabled had been projected to run short of cash in 2001, lending urgency to lawmakers' struggle over historic legislation to balance the federal budget back in 1997.



Hanser Muniz Perrosa, a best friend of Elian Gonzalez, sits with other classmates near Elian's empty chair which has a sign that reads 'This chair is untouchable.' Perrosa and the other students hope to accompany Elian's father on his trip to the United States.

FBI hunts for wind-blown documents

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — FBI agents picked through paper strewn across the pavement Thursday, looking for any sensitive files that may have been blown out of the bureau's sixth-floor office by the tornadoes that struck Fort Worth this week.

"At this point we don't know if we lost sensitive files. It's hard to say if this will jeopardize cases," FBI spokeswoman Lori Bailey said.

The storms Tuesday killed four people and caused an estimated \$450 million in damage. The building that housed the FBI's office near downtown will have

to be razed, city officials said. Wearing disposable gloves, some 20 agents searched through even the smallest scraps of paper scattered outdoors.

"We did lose some information, some documentation from cases, possibly some evidence," Bailey said. "Work papers may have been on desk tops when the storm hit."

The sensitive files are believed to be safe because cabinets and other security mechanisms were intact, but the FBI will inventory its documents to determine for certain whether any confidential papers are missing, Bailey said.

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Elian's father applies for visa; Miami exiles prepare for fight

MIAMI (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's father asked for a visa Thursday to come to the United States and take the boy back to Cuba, as dozens of anti-Castro activists linked arms outside the 6-year-old's Miami home, practicing resistance techniques.

The attempt to get a visa hit a procedural snag, however. The father's lawyer asked the State Department for a visa, only to be told that applications must be submitted to the U.S. diplomatic mission in Havana.

"The only person that has the legal and moral authority to speak for Elian Gonzalez is his father," Gregory Craig, an American lawyer for Juan Miguel Gonzalez, said in Washington.

Gonzalez is ready at a moment's notice to come to the United States.

Craig said he asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service to allow the boy's father and other Cuban relatives to stay as long as it takes to complete the appeals process. A federal appeals court in Atlanta has scheduled the case for May 11.

Meanwhile, on the street in front of the house in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood where Elian has been staying with his great-uncle, dozens of demonstrators linked arms and formed two rows.

"We will not let Elian's civil rights be violated," said Ramon Saul Sanchez, head of the Democracy Movement, an anti-

Castro group. Sanchez instructed the demonstrators on nonviolent protest, telling them that if the police arrive, they should remain seated and hold out their fists if they were to be handcuffed.

Over the past few days, demonstrators have vowed to lay down their lives to prevent Elian from being taken away.

In other developments:

• Elian's Miami relatives met again with U.S. immigration officials, who have demanded that they promise in writing to turn over the boy if they lose in court. The INS had wanted to revoke Elian's right to stay in the United States unless the relatives signed.

• Breaking with the Clinton administration, Vice President Al Gore backed legislation in Congress that would grant permanent resident status to Elian and to his father. If that were to happen, the boy's fate would be decided by the courts and not by the INS. Gore's presidential rival, Republican George W. Bush, said he supports similar legislation.

The standoff began in November, when the boy was rescued while floating on an inner tube after the boat carrying him and his mother from Cuba sank. His mother, who was divorced from his father, died along with 10 others.

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Gun-drawing cop gets desk duty

NEW YORK — A plainclothes officer who, with gun drawn, chased a man through a crowded Brooklyn schoolyard has been given desk duty, and the incident has drawn a promise from Police Commissioner Howard Safir to review department policies when officers should draw their guns.

Monday, two plainclothes officers from the Brooklyn North Gang Unit chased a man the officers said they had spotted smoking marijuana, into the schoolyard. One child scraped his knee, thinking for safety and another, suffered an asthma attack.

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NATION

Date-rape death sends four to prison

DETROIT (AP) — Four men were sentenced to up to 15 years in prison Thursday in one of the nation's first trials involving a death linked to a "date rape" drug.

The men were convicted March 14 in the death of 15-year-old Samantha Reid of Rockwood. In January 1999, Samantha asked for a drink at a party and was given a soft drink spiked with the drug known as GHB. She became violently ill, lost consciousness and died the next day. A friend also ingested the drug and was briefly in a coma, but survived.

GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990 and more than 5,700 recorded overdoses, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Army checks out harassment case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is investigating a complaint by its most senior female officer that she was sexually harassed by a fellow general, defense officials said Thursday.

The accusation was made by Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, 52, the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence. She is the first female three-star general in the history of the Army and is due to retire this summer.

Army officials refused to comment on the matter, saying it was Army policy not to discuss an ongoing investigation. Defense Secretary William Cohen's spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, also refused to comment.

Maj. Gen. John G. Meyer Jr., the chief Army spokesman, said he could not confirm that Kennedy had filed a complaint of sexual harassment. Meyer said Kennedy had informed his office that she would not comment.

The matter was first reported in Thursday's editions of the



Claudia Kennedy

Filed sexual harassment charge.

Washington Times, which said it had not learned the identity of the accused general. The Times did not say when Kennedy lodged her complaint, but it said the allegation stemmed from an incident in her Pentagon office in October

1996 when she was a two-star major general and was in the post of assistant deputy chief of Army intelligence. The newspaper quoted an unidentified Army source as saying Kennedy accused the general of "inappropriate touching."

The Times said the Defense Department inspector general's office was investigating the accusation and had interviewed people who were on Kennedy's staff in 1996. Susan Hansen, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said the Defense Department inspector general's office was not investigating the matter. Other defense officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition they not be identified, said the investigation was being handled by the Army's own inspector general.

The Times said a former officer told its reporter that he was interviewed by the accused general's defense lawyer, who asked him about Kennedy's "demeanor on a certain October date in 1996 and about her office layout."

Helms, UN Security Council spar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms, playing host to the Security Council, appealed to delegates Thursday to "disagree agreeably and proceed in friendship." Council members matched the conservative Foreign Relations Committee chairman in civility, but still bristled at U.S. terms for a U.N. overhaul and reduced American payments.

All 15 members of the Security Council showed up for the unprecedented daylong gathering, arranged by Helms, R-N.C., after he became the first American lawmaker to address

the Security Council at U.N. headquarters in New York in January.

In an afternoon session billed as a "roundtable discussion," delegate after delegate said they support some form of U.N. overhaul to make the organization more effective. But U.S. mandated terms, tying future U.S. payments to some of the changes, drew criticism — the strongest from top U.S. allies.

"We don't like it — withholding money that is due," said Peter Van Walsum, the Netherlands representative. He said that

while most of the 188 countries in the United Nations wanted improvements in the system, "we do not like to do so under pressure."

British delegate Jeremy Greenstock said that the United States must understand that it should view its contribution as an investment and, "like any good investment, it is going to take some risk."

Robert Fowler, Canada's delegate, said, "Not only is the United Nations not perfect. It will never be perfect. It is not Microsoft."

Army sends more troops to Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said Thursday it is sending an extra 125 Army soldiers to Kosovo to help monitor a border area in southern Serbia where Albanians have been accused of provoking Serb forces.

Spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Defense Secretary William Cohen also ordered the Army to send 14 tanks and six 155 mm artillery guns to a 1st Armored Division company in Skopje, Macedonia — just across the border from Kosovo — as a deterrent to "mischievous" in southern Serbia.

The 1st Armored Division unit has been in Skopje since January without its normal set of tanks and artillery. Bacon said he could not immediately explain why they had been sent there without the weapons. The moves reflect a growing American and NATO concern about the potential for a flare-up of ethnic violence in the Kosovo Valley, a predominantly ethnic Albanian area adjacent to Kosovo.

Ventura urges Congress to pass trade deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling it the "biggest economic decision of the 21st century," Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura urged Congress to pass China trade legislation during a hearing Thursday on Capitol Hill.

"If you don't forge ahead to open China's markets, rest assured the window of opportunity will be lost," he told mem-

bers of the House Ways and Means Committee. "The Europeans would like nothing better than for the U.S. Congress to continue fussing over this agreement."

The Clinton administration hoped that Ventura's star appeal would help win support for granting permanent normal trade relations with China. The

legislation, which would open the way for China to join the World Trade Organization, faces an uncertain future in the House.

Opponents include labor unions, critics of China's human rights record, leaders of the Reform Party, which Ventura quit last month, also oppose normalizing relations with China.

NBC cancels 'God, the Devil and Bob'

NEW YORK (AP) — Even God gets canceled if he can't pull in the ratings.

NBC has pulled the plug on "God, the Devil and Bob," the cartoon that several network affiliates — including KTFI in Twin Falls — refused to run because of its controversial subject matter, the network said Thursday. The show was can-

canceled because of low ratings, not because of the boycott by affiliates, spokeswoman Maria Battaglia said. The midseason replacement comedy featured God as a character, drawn to look suspiciously like the late, Grateful Dead singer Jerry Garcia, who meets Bob in a bar and helps him tackle moral dilemmas.

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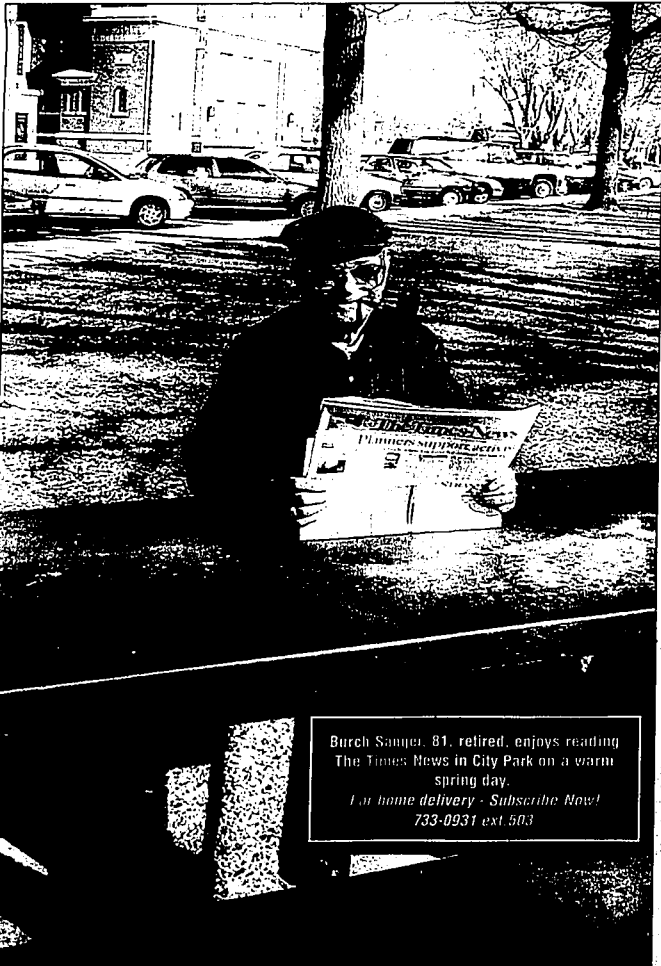
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NATION

Bush continues to push education theme



Senate Energy Committee Chairman Sen. Frank Murkowski, right, accompanied by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison meets reporters at a gas station Thursday in Washington D.C. to discuss Senate action to suspend the 4.3 cent federal gas tax.

Leader pushes for gasoline tax rollback

WASHINGTON (AP) — Majority Leader Trent Lott pushed the Senate toward a vote Thursday on legislation to roll back temporarily 4.3 cents of the federal tax on a gallon of gas, a move with little chance of House passage and not much relief anyhow for motorists coping with spiraling prices at the pump.

But GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush favors the idea and Republicans are making it more fodder for action in this election year by referring to the tax as the "Gore tax" because Vice President Al Gore cast the 1993 tie-breaking Senate vote to make it law.

Suspending the tax, said Alaska Republican Sen. Frank Murkowski, "represents us doing something and the administration doing nothing."

Lott, R-Miss., faced an uphill fight Thursday to gain the 60 votes necessary to overcome the bipartisan opposition to his legislation, which would eliminate the 4.3-cent-a-gallon tax for the rest

of the year and suspend the entire 18.4-cent federal gas tax until January if gas prices top \$2 a gallon.

"We need to do something on an immediate basis so people aren't hammered," Lott argued.

The debate came a few days after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to boost production by 1.7 million barrels of oil a day, which could trigger a slow price decline to follow the recent drop from \$34 a barrel five weeks ago to \$26.45 a barrel this week. U.S. officials say the crude price could drop another \$2.50 a barrel by late summer.

Opponents to Lott's bill, including many Republicans, said the proposal would jeopardize about \$7 billion a year in money for highway, bridge and mass transit projects that are high priorities on Capitol Hill. Lott, however, said his bill would replace the lost money out of projected budget surpluses.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — On a campaign day that took him from finger painting to fund raising, George W. Bush borrowed from former rival John McCain and the Clinton administration in formulating ideas for supporting teachers and ensuring classroom discipline.

Bush, the Republican presidential candidate, also gave a glimpse Thursday into how he will select a No. 2 for his ticket as he rolled out another \$3 billion in federal education proposals. Campaigning at Milwaukee's Fritsche Middle School with Gov. Tommy Thompson, Bush was asked about the open spulation that surrounded Bob Dole's 1996 pick of a



George W. Bush

running mate. Thompson, who was passed over by Dole, had complained at the time about the indignity of the process.

Bush said he had not yet put a strategy in place, but promised "a quiet effort to screen potential candidates" by a selection committee of people who can "keep their counsel."

"There does not need to be a lot of needless leaks, rumors and gossip," Bush said.

In a discussion with a dozen education policymakers in the Fritsche library, Bush enumerated his plan for a big expansion of the "troops to teachers" program for turning highly skilled retired military personnel into math and science teachers.

"Senator McCain talked a lot about this in the course of the primaries and I appreciate him bringing this issue to our collective attention," Bush said of the program begun during President Clinton's first term.

Bush proposed increasing funds from \$2.4 million to \$30 million per year. Among his other proposals, which would bring the total cost of Bush's education agenda to \$13.4 billion over five years were:

- An additional \$400 million each year for state programs that currently get \$2 billion annually from Washington to recruit new teachers or retain existing ones.
- A tax deduction of up to \$400 a year for teachers who buy school supplies with their own money.
- A "Teacher Protection Act" to "shield teachers from meritless lawsuits when they enforce reasonable classroom rules."

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Clinton accuses Republican leaders of sabotaging pact

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton accused congressional leaders on Thursday of sabotaging his hopes of securing a nuclear weapons pact with India and Pakistan.

"They have no guilt and no shame," he said.

"During a trip to South Asia last week, Clinton failed to make any arms control deals. India and Pakistan both refused to reverse their nuclear weapons programs and Pakistan's military leaders refused even to promise a quick return to democracy. In part because of the nuclear rivalry between India and Pakistan, Clinton has called that region among the world's most dangerous. Clinton told a Democratic audience in Manhattan that upon his return last week he was angered by Republican criticism that he did not "get anything" for his trip.

Such criticism ignores a critical fact, he said: "I lost all leverage I had when the Republican Senate defeated the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," Clinton said.

"It's a real gall, man," Clinton said to applause. "That requires a lot of moxie, you know?"

Laughing, Clinton continued: "One of their great strengths, by the way, is they have no guilt and

no shame. I mean, they'll say anything."

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, has called Clinton's trip "a bust."

House Republican Whip Tom DeLay has also said Clinton has little to show for his week of diplomacy in South Asia.

Nuclear testing in 1998 — first by India and then by Pakistan — shook the Indian subcontinent and the world. Since then, both countries have tested both medium range and short range missiles, Pakistan as recently as last month.

Last year, Clinton lost a bitter, 51-48 vote for ratification of the test ban treaty. Only four Senate Republicans voted for the treaty.

The United States thus became the first nuclear power to specifically reject the 15-nation agreement on ending nuclear weapons testing, and Clinton called the vote "reckless partisanship."

The president had campaigned hard for the treaty, saying it was a vital gesture to countries with nuclear aspirations. The United States has voluntarily stopped the kind of testing covered by the treaty.

Congress, staff have taxes to pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress and their staffs owe about \$2.6 million in unpaid taxes, one of the highest rates of tax nonpayment of any part of the federal government, according to IRS data released Thursday.

The nonpayment rate as of October 1999 for the House of Representatives was 8.4 percent, while that in the Senate was 7.5 percent. This same Congress, as part of the 1998 Internal Revenue Service reform law, made nonpayment of taxes an immediate firing offense for the agency's workers.

Members of Congress and their staffs have an obligation, like all taxpayers, to pay their taxes in full and on time," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-De., who frequently gets extensions to pay taxes but is not running around as a spokesman.

The agency did not release the names of those who owe.

The total for most civilian agencies of the executive branch was 6.2 percent, but some Cabinet agencies were much higher.

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It's time to ask whether 911 center should be disbanded

Cracks are widening in the public image of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

The city of Twin Falls has long complained about the service it gets. Cr-a-aack! Wendell, too. Cr-a-aack! Shoshone, Hagerman, and Kimberly. Cr-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a!

These communities have reason to complain. They think they aren't getting their money's worth. That's troubling, because SIRCOMM commands an estimated operating budget of around \$1.5 million per year.

Kimberly is the latest city to sound off. City leaders are chomping on a bill of at least \$75,000 presented by Twin Falls County, which handles collections from emergency-service agencies within the county. Mayor Jim Sorenson says his constituents have already paid their

After years in action, the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center should function better than it does.

Gooding and Lincoln counties appeared to offer attractive economies of scale. New technology could let dispatchers pinpoint a caller's location, while the valley's wide, flat topography seemed to invite unified service.

So what is SIRCOMM's hang-up? In our view, the blame shouldn't go to the hard-working, often-unappreciated dispatchers who answer your call when trouble strikes.

Instead, blame SIRCOMM's basic structure. It's a goulash of agencies, ranging from tiny rural fire departments to the valley's biggest police force. This Balkanized client list is riven with parochial rivalries that transcend the Magic Valley's long-standing northside-southside rift.

The city of Twin Falls pays more than anyone for SIRCOMM service, but it wants to handle some non-emergency calls in-house. The current plan is to improve service by taking some of the load off of SIRCOMM.

That's a noble idea, but should Twin Falls have to pay top dollar to SIRCOMM - then pay again to field non-emergency calls to lighten SIRCOMM's load? Should any of the valley's communities be forced to pay for a service they find unsatisfactory?

As complaints mount, it's appropriate to ask whether a consolidated regional dispatch center is a fatally flawed idea.

While Silicon Valley creates a new millionaire every hour, the rest of America has been trudging along on a never-ending efficiency death march. From Syracuse, N.Y., to South Bend, Ind., to San Antonio, Texas, employees chant out the cadence of pre-millennial capitalism: cheaper, better, faster. What is driving them down this arduous, emotionally empty path?

Some blame Wall Street. They argue that Americans are working harder and longer to fill the maw of profit-hungry shareholders and greedy CEOs plumping up the value of their stock options. Still others blame foodborne corporations ready to flock to wherever environmental restrictions and worker protections are most lax.

Yet few among the disaffected Dilberis and anti-corporate activists are willing to admit that it is they, not share-

Fight boycott with boycott

Your Sunday lead story makes it appear that the majority of Magic Valley town shop brokers have joined to boycott Smith & Wesson because that company had the audacity to agree to modify its products in an effort to safeguard against kids killing other kids.

I note, however, that all of those cited plan to sell the Smith & Wesson firearms they have on hand. A more meaningful protest against the company might be to take all of its weapons off your shelves

School better than reported

As a dedicated, hard-working student of the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center, I am offended by your story in the March 22 edition of The Times-News.

We are not "students that are unable to graduate from regular high school." This is a high school. It is not a step down from "regular" schools. In fact, my grades have gone up tremendously since switching from Gooding High School. People may say this is attributed to an easier curriculum, but there is nothing further from the truth. Not only are we working at accelerated speeds with the exact same curriculum as "normal" high schools but we have stricter policies pertaining to attendance, behavior and respect.

Our test scores portray us not as delinquents but as gifted and intelligent students. Recently our juniors scored higher as a whole on the ITBS tests than Gooding High School. Teachers here are genuinely concerned about students, and we don't feel like "just another face in the crowd."

We are not here because we "can't graduate" from other schools but because we have a choice and prefer to be here. We have more opportunity here than we could ever have being a statistic at an overpopulated high school.

BRANDI HENDERSON
Gooding

Dr. Mary will be missed
I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation that Dr. Mary Groda-Lewis chose to live and work in Twin Falls. We were very fortunate to have her practice medicine here, which

benefited many residents in the Magic Valley area. Dr. Mary took her oath upon her graduation sincerely. Not only was she a wonderful doctor but a friend to many.

RUBY HENDRIX
Twin Falls

Kudos for hunting class

My son and I just completed an 18-hour Hunter's Education course in Jerome put on by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The course focuses on hunter safety, ethics, rules and regulations. It's all too often that all you hear about this department is negative, but I must say that our experience was wonderful. The course was everything I expected and more. It was professionally handled and also focused on what not to do if hunting is to survive for future generations.

I don't hunt often. It's very hard to find time, but I support hunting and the right of every American to own a gun and hunt if they desire. If my son decides to go hunting (and I hope he tries it at least once), I feel comfortable that he goes well prepared because of this course and the instructor that taught it, Mr. Mike Todd. I had never met Mr. Todd prior to this course but my hat's off to him and Fish and Game for their efforts and commitment to protecting our children and our rights. If we as hunters don't police ourselves, there won't be a future for hunting in Idaho and our future generations will suffer for it. These people have a very difficult job with very limited funding, and I for one am going to do whatever I can to support them in their efforts. I challenge all of the hunters in Idaho to do the same.

SCOTT L. BYBEE
Jerome

Teaching kids the wrong lessons

This is a letter to the parents of the skateboarders who broke the law and now become better hunters and citizens. It is a pleasure being in your class.

Thank you for giving up your evenings to help educate the future hunters of Idaho. Thank you for caring and thank you for helping my son and I become better hunters and citizens. It was a pleasure being in your class.

DEBBIE BERKLEY
Wendell

Life, liberty and the pursuit of cheap stuff

Today, ordinary Americans enjoy a level of material prosperity unmatched by most of history's potentates. Yet Americans seem more anxious, more cynical and more downright exhausted than at any time since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. There's a palpable yearning for something deeper and more enduring than big screen TVs, Caribbean cruises and gourmet cookware. American industry may be more competitive than ever before and American workers more prosperous, but where is the joy, the hope, the contentment?

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holders or avaricious moguls, who have produced this dispiriting state of affairs. Every discontented employee is both producer and consumer. As producers they are fed up and worn out, but as consumers they are, quite literally, impossible to satisfy.

And it is those demands, reverberating through every nook and cranny of the economy, that leave so many feeling like they work in well-ventilated, nicely carpeted sweatshops. As producers they bemoan the grinding pace of their jobs. As consumers they demand 59-cent tacos, \$199 coast-to-coast flights, instantaneous delivery, a never-ending cascade of new products and, oh, yes, don't forget, 24/7 tech support. The protesters at the World Trade Organization talks in Seattle were chasing the wrong culprit. It's not faceless corporations that are responsible for capitalism's sometimes rapacious instincts. It's us. A chicken in every pot has become two SUVs in every garage. American consumers have rewritten the Bill of Rights: life, liberty and more cheap stuff.

At the beginning of the 21st century, the essential conflict is not between totalitarianism and democracy, nor is it between marauding corporations and helpless employees. It is between our consuming, acquisitive and materialistic selves and our family-rearing, communi-

ty-building, spiritual selves. You don't have to wear Birkenstocks, belong to the Sierra Club or drive a rusting Volvo to sense the need for a little less stuff and a little more satisfaction in our lives. Each of us can choose whether to shop for bargains at "Giantcorp" or save a little personal service from "Mojito and Pop Inc." Each of us can say no to that special assignment that will mean more late nights and fewer family nights. Each of us can decide whether having our spouse work is an economic necessity or the price we've been seduced into paying for more things. Chances are, the wheel of progress will keep turning, even if you're no longer strapped to it.

John von Neumann, the Hungarian-born physicist and computer pioneer, once remarked that materialism had saved America from foolish ideologies. Americans, he observed, are nothing if not pragmatic. No Quixotic causes here, just the enthusiastic pursuit of things.

But what if the foolish ideology is materialism? Maybe we've all worked too hard to acquire too much while enjoying too little. Perhaps the way to ring in the new millennium is for our covetous consumer sides to give our weary producer sides a break. There'll be more than enough cheap stuff to choose from tomorrow.

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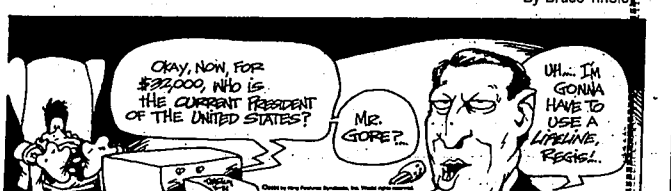
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Gore and Bush tie for the coveted Blatant Hypocrisy Award

Never mind the sob for Denzel Washington. The guys the Oscar judges really snubbed were Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Either poseur should have won Best Actor in the Role of Reformer.

In their audition for the presidency, these 2000 wannabes can out-act Brando, Beatty or Barrymore at faking sincerity. Almost every day, with amazingchutzpah, Gore or Bush looks a camera in the eye and swears as president he'll reform the campaign fund mess.

When Al and George preen as reformers, I'm reminded of a couple of souses leaning over a bar and agreeing they should really sober up. Then they order another round.

Obviously Gore and Bush would like you to forget their money-grubbing pasts. Just accept that they're punists as jealous about reform as John McCain, Jesse Ventura, Russell Feingold or Bill Bradley.

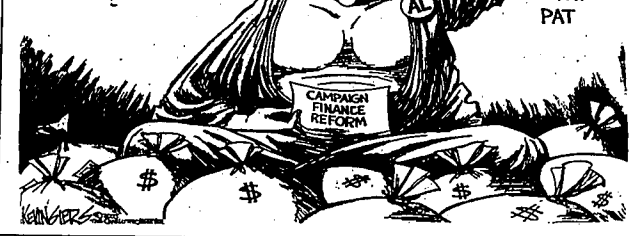
At first, trying to decide which candidate more richly deserved the 2000 Hypocrisy Award, Gore seemed a shoo-in.

Prince Albert made more than 50 fund-raising calls from the Oval Office, was hip-deep in the Clinton money bazaar and famously passed the tin can at a Buddhist temple. That was the old, bad Gore. The new, angelic Gore is selling a plan to clean up the system he flagrantly abused.

On his first presidential day, he'll press Congress to (1) ban unlimited "soft money," (2) create a \$7 billion fund to bankroll elections, (3) force disclosure of people behind independent attack ads, (4) provide free TV time for candidates.

Pardon me, Al, but isn't it peculiar that you're springing these marvelous ideas after seven

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years of begging for bucks? "I know I am an imperfect messenger," said Gore with bowed head. "I understand the doubts whether I am personally serious about campaign reform."

But Gore sweeps away his sor did past with a cheerleader's bombast. "If you entrust me with the presidency, I will lead. I will fight!"

To my cynical ears Gore sound like Bonnie and Clyde leading a movement for bank reform.

Clearly Gore poses as a reformer to inoculate himself against Bush attacks. "He's trying to get the monkey off his back," said a skeptical Larry Wilkinson, director of the Center for Responsive Politics.

But wait, before handing Gore the Hypocrisy Award, don't overlook the snake-oil chicanery of George W. Bush.

No surprise that Bush lambastes Gore's plan as a "hollow sham" because the vesp won't "fully disclose" his part in the Clinton-Gore '96 campaign "excesses."

But Bush's own claim — "A Reformer With Results" — is laughably phoney. He loves the status quo. He'd ban soft-money

from unions and corporations but let rich Republican tycoons give unlimited wads of dough — a loophole you could drive a Brinks truck through.

What makes the born-again act by Gore and Bush galling is that they can't stay away from the campaign slot machine.

Bush is hitting the fat-cat circuit again after blowing most of \$70 million in the primaries. Next month at a Washington holiday soiree, he'll collect \$14 million that beats his daddy's one-night record.

In the 2000 race for Reform Hypo, I'd say Gore and Bush get a draw.

Face it, they're illegitimate contenders for John McCain's mantle. Each makes toadying phone calls to McCain, hoping Saint John's magic will rub off. Bush may offer McCain the No. 2 slot, while Gore tries to imitate the war hero's humor.

No secret that Bush and Gore strategists figure McCain voters —

those rebellious independents who roiled the primaries — will tilt the 2000 election.

But in truth, their reform blather is a striptease. Nothing serious will be done to slow the money madness.

Even when the House passes a modest ban on soft money, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Senate leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., stomp out the fire. When McCain says, "We're all corrupt," they sneer that he's a hot-tempered spoilsport.

There's one hope. This fall TV screens will be dominated by hatchet ads against Bush or Gore from shadowy, independent groups who'll raise millions from anonymous givers. Maybe the nasty TV bedlam will create a mutiny against the money sleaze.

Until then, you'll be hammered by Al and Dubya swearing they're truly, cross-their-hearts, campaign reformers.

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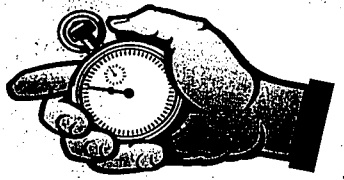
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Pocatello woman dies in rollover

HAZELTON - Icy roads were blamed for a one-vehicle rollover Thursday on Interstate 84 that killed a Pocatello woman.

Roberta Mae Chandler, 32, was pronounced dead at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where she was airlifted after the early-morning crash about a mile east of the Hazelton exit, the Idaho State Police said.

Chandler lost control of her Chevrolet Blazer around 3:45 a.m. and rolled into the median. She was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected, the ISP said.

Public television runs early literacy shows

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Public Television will begin a six-week telecourse series Saturday introducing guidelines for teaching literacy in kindergarten through second grade.

Teachers, child care providers and parents may obtain information about teaching literacy to young children. "Teaching Early Literacy" will air 8 a.m. Saturdays.

Each hour-long session focuses on different aspects of teaching reading and writing. Tips offer suggestions to make reading more comprehensible for students, such as making a correlation between life experiences and reading. The authors, and creating the most comfortable environment for second-graders to begin writing.

Jury finds Burley man guilty of drug trafficking

BURLEY - After a three-day trial and about 7 1/2 hours of deliberation, a jury late Wednesday night found a Burley man guilty of trafficking cocaine.

Miguel Rocha, 51, of Burley had been charged in September with two counts of trafficking cocaine. Counts of failing to affix a tax stamp. A confidential informant allegedly bought 29.1 grams of cocaine for \$1,000 and another 29 grams for \$700 at Rocha's residence. Jurors went into deliberations at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday and returned to the courtroom at 12:30 a.m. with a verdict. Evidence during the trial included tapes of the alleged transactions recorded by surveillance equipment placed on the confidential informant.

Trafficking cocaine carries a minimum three years in prison and at least a \$10,000 fine. Rocha will be sentenced at a later date.

Snowmobilers might have scared elk from herd

SUN VALLEY - Two snowmobilers may have scared away two herd of elk wintering in the Trail Creek area just north of Sun Valley.

Forest Service employees say two sets of snowmobile tracks were seen in the area over the weekend. The elk, by contrast, are nowhere to be seen. It's not certain whether the elk wandered away on their own or whether the snowmobilers frightened them off. This is the time of year when elk most often wander because they have not recovered from winter. Trail Creek is off-limits to snowmobilers, as is the Lake Creek and Eagle Creek areas, said Kurt Nelson, with the Ketchum Ranger District. Deer Creek near Halley is also sometimes closed to snowmobilers when elk and deer are wintering there.

Bear wanders onto ski mountain in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley got its usual spring break week from Boise, Twin Falls and New York.

Then it got an unexpected visitor - a bear who one witness said apparently went to check out the skiing for himself, skidding his way down a portion of Olympic Way and run before clambering into the woods. Olympic Way is an easy run located near the River Run Lodge. Resort employees said the bear hasn't belted up to the ticket window yet to buy a lift pass or to the rental shop to check out a new snowboard. There are no plans at this time to take action to prevent close encounters of the bear kind, said Sun Valley's marketing director, Ted Sibbald. Kurn Nelson, with the Ketchum Ranger District, said it is about time for bears to be coming out of hibernation. Left alone, the bear should cause no problems, he said.

Compiled from staff reports



Nancy Chöcker, a greenhouse technician for Moss Greenhouse in Jerome, holds up a cutting from a rosebush Lucy Stricker planted 100 years ago. The offspring of Lucy's rosebush will be sold to raise money for Twin Falls' centennial celebration in 2005.

Everything comes up roses

Offspring from bush helps Twin Falls centennial celebration

JEROME - The rambler rosebush cuttings sit in pots off to the side of the humid greenhouse. The plants are nearly naked of leaves and hardly noticeable.

At first glance, a person wouldn't know he was looking at a piece of history.

But the cuttings are a piece of history. They were taken from a 100-year-old rambling rosebush Lucy Stricker planted back in 1900 on the side of her home in the Hansen area. And although Lucy may be gone, a part of her lives on in her roses. The offspring of Lucy's rosebush will one day bloom with fragrant pink roses just like the bush Lucy planted 100 years ago. And the Twin Falls

Centennial Commission plans to make the roses a centennial symbol and sell the rosebushes to help pay for Twin Falls' birthday celebration in 2005.

The commission plans to sell 25 bushes, for \$100 each or maybe more, depending on how many people are interested. Buyers can have

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Chemical spill blocks I-84 traffic

Transportation department cleans up 5,000 lbs. of fertilizer

EDEN - A chemical spill Thursday on Interstate 84 near the Eden-Valley exit was big enough to draw the attention of three state agencies.

The accident occurred at

about 2 p.m., blocking one east-bound lane for nearly two hours while crews from the Division of Environmental Quality, Idaho State Police and Idaho Transportation Department cleaned the chemical off the road.

A Cenex Agronomy Center pickup was pulling a trailer full of nitrogen urea, a fertilizer which was destined for a grain field, said Steve Bowen, manager of the Kimberly Co. facility. Wind was a factor in the accident, he said.

A truck passed the pickup, the tarp-covered trailer began to whip around, tipped over and came back upright, dump-

ing about 5,300 pounds of the snow-white chemical onto the roadway.

There were no injuries, Bowen said.

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An Idaho Transportation Department snowplow cleans up a fertilizer spill Thursday on Interstate 84 near the Eden-Valley exit.

State police investigate Cassia deputy's accident

BURLEY - Idaho State Police will investigate an auto accident involving an on-duty Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy who was responding to an emergency.

Deputy George Warrell Jr., a candidate in the race for county sheriff, said from his home Thursday that he hit a vehicle broadside while he was headed to a one-car rollover accident south of Burley.

Warrell, 53, and the other driver, 37-year-old Julie Thurston of Burley, were taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center. Warrell said he was checked and released, having suffered only bruises, although he reported Thursday he was "sore all over."

Thurston was in stable condition Thursday afternoon, according to hospital officials.

Warrell, 53, said this is his first auto accident as a deputy.

ISP will investigate the accident because of a policy that prevents agencies from handling events involving their own personnel, said sheriff's department Capt. Jim Hagens, who also is running for sheriff. Hagens said he had little information regarding the accident since state police are handling it.

An ISP accident report was not available late Thursday, and the investigating officer did not return a message left on his voice mail.

Warrell had been dispatched to a one-car rollover accident around 8 p.m. at milepost 13 on Idaho Highway 27. Warrell said his patrol car collided with Thurston's vehicle at the intersection of Highway 27 and 16th Street.

The incident will be investigated by the ISP as a typical motor vehicle accident, in determining whether any citations are to be given, Hagens said.

Term limits won't stop career yet

Jerome County commissioner faces challenger

JEROME - Term limits won't end Roy Prescott's county government career just yet, but he'll have to beat at least one challenger to keep his job.

John D. Elorrieta of Eden said he decided to run for Jerome County commissioner when he realized term limits would prevent Prescott from seeking reelection. His quest for office became a real race, however, when a district judge ruled that county commissioners statewide could participate in elections regardless of term limits.

The action stems from a Power County case that is examining the constitutionality of term limits at the county level. The judge has suspended term limits for commissioners until the case is finished, which could take as long as two years, Prescott said.

Prescott filed for reelection to the District 3 seat on March 24.

Despite the unexpected competition, Elorrieta is continuing his campaign

undaunted. He faces a five-year incumbent who, as the commission's chairman and only full-time commissioner, has been much like a county administrator.

Elorrieta is Prescott's only challenger so far, but the filing period for the May 23 primary won't end until 5 p.m. today. Both Prescott and Elorrieta are Republicans.

Elorrieta said two issues in particular prompted him to run for the office: Jerome County's economic concerns and its legislative void.

"The community shouldn't put all its economic eggs in one basket, he said - or, in this case, all its milk in one bucket. Dairies make a good economic backbone for the community, but they can't carry the county alone, he said.

"Common sense dictates that we need to have more economic diversity in Jerome," he said. "Pinning all our hopes on one industry is unwise."

The community especially needs to promote business diversity on the north-south strip between Interstate 84 and the city center, he said.

Elorrieta said he also hopes to improve Jerome's standing with the Idaho Association of Counties, the second issue he said promptly.

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Comparing the candidates

Jerome County Commissioner, District 3

| Name | Roy Prescott | John D. Elorrieta |
|------------|--|---|
| Age | 52 | 33 |
| Education | BS business applied science, minor political science, Brigham Young University | BS political science, Idaho State University; doctorate from University of Utah Law School |
| Experience | Last five years as Jerome County commissioner; 13 years on planning and zoning commission; seven years on board of directors of National Cattle Association; chairman of SIRCMAI board; on board of directors for regional landfill; on board of directors for CSI housing | Administrator of D.E.T.O.U.R., a juvenile offender program; two years working in Jerome prosecutor's office; on planning and zoning commission; internship with federal magistrates in Salt Lake City; internship with Salt |
| Goals | Continue current projects; develop feasible long-term water plan | Encourage economic diversity; increase county's participation in Idaho |

Bill aims at dairies

Counties could get money from operation violations

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BOISE - Legislation passed by the Idaho House Thursday requires dairies to put any profits made while in violation of state operating standards into the local county's current expense fund.

Final legislative approval in the 48-15 vote sends the measure to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne who must sign the bill to make it law. The Senate approved the measure by a much more resounding 32-0 vote two weeks ago.

Dairies are forced to relinquish any profits made on days they are found to be in violation of Department of Agriculture procedures. But currently, the owner is allowed to choose a charity to get the money.

The measure passed Thursday's sponsors drafted by Sen. John Sandy, R-Idaho Falls, makes the dairy's home county the beneficiary.

"These dairies can give the money to their charity of choice and then they become the hero of that charity," Rep. Bill Stevenson, R-Rupert, the measure's House sponsor, told his colleagues.

But opponents of the bill questioned whether the change was needed.

"If you had a dollar to invest, would you put it in the hands of government or put it in the hands of a charity trying to do good for people?" Bill Sall, R-Kuna, asked when debating

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Minidoka seeks levy for building troubles

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

RUPERT - It's seems to be a never-ending cycle. Potholes need to be fixed. Busses need repair. How about a new roof to stop that leak in the cafeteria?

These are a fraction of the issues Lew Roberts has had to deal with lately. Roberts, the director of operations for the Minidoka County School District, is one of many district officials hoping that a supplemental maintenance levy passes next month. The vote takes place April 25.

Roberts said the levy is needed to keep school property from deteriorating and to give students a proper learning environment. "A lot of these things cover the safety for these schools," Roberts said. "The big push is to continue to maintain our buildings. We want to keep an effective, studious climate."

School officials have said the levy will not raise property taxes, and money from the levy cannot be used for faculty raises. The proposed levy would bring in \$1.89 million over the course of two years and would replace an existing levy that expires this year.

During a Thursday tour of three county schools, Roberts pointed out some of the problems.

At Acquistin Elementary, boxes of copy paper were stacked in the corner of the girls' restroom because of the lack of storage space. Tables and equipment in



Heyburn Elementary Principal Greg Lowe stands in front of louvers that have hung from the windows of the school since 1962. The louvers are metal ventilation slats, designed to work like blinds. However, some of the slats are hard to turn and pose a possible fire hazard. If a supplemental levy for the Minidoka School District is passed, money from the levy

could be used to take down the louvers, Lowe said. The chemistry lab at Minico High School are the same as they were nearly 50 years ago. And antiquated shutters, or louvers, outside of Heyburn Elementary pose a possible fire hazard.

Heyburn principal Greg Lowe said many of the single-paned

windows are still in place at the school, built in 1937.

"We would like to fix all of the old windows in this building," Lowe said. "They're not energy-efficient at all."

Lowe said the last levy helped fix up roofs and said additional

levy money could ensure that all classrooms have sinks. "We finally got a hold on the leaks in the roofs. With flat roofs, you have to keep on top of that," Lowe said. "The sinks are needed for the kids to wash their hands after their art projects."

record during his tenure - creating the regional 911 call center, bringing paramedic-level ambulance service to Jerome and expanding the fairgrounds, for example - speaks to his ability to work with other commissioners and get things done.

Prescott said many more challenges lie ahead.

"Looking to the future is just as much a responsibility as looking at the present," he said. "I think we're at a point in time when Jerome is really going to change, and we need to coordinate that change for good."

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Poll finds Idaho citizens back Clinton proposal

BOISE (AP) - A statewide poll concludes that 57 percent of Idaho citizens - with a majority in support of conservative politicians - also back the Clinton administration's proposal to preserve up to 60 million acres of roadless forest nationwide.

The mark jumps to almost two-thirds, 64 percent, when they were asked if they support protection of the remaining 8 million acres of roadless tracts in Idaho's

national forests, said John McCarthy, Idaho Conservation League conservation director.

And in an unusual turn, the poll found two-thirds had a favorable rating for Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, who has opposed such set-asides of federal ground. Presidential candidate George W. Bush was a two-to-one favorite among them. "The level of support is solid and real, and contrary to what roadless area opponents

have been saying, it's the majority view in Idaho," McCarthy said.

Polls about roadless views were conducted in 11 states with a good deal of wildlands within their borders. Montana had the lowest percentage of approval for the Clinton initiative, with 53 percent either strongly or somewhat supporting it. Idaho was second with 57 percent. The highest was Wisconsin with 63 percent.

Roses

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them planted in their yard, or choose a special place in the city. The commission will place a plaque in front of each bush explaining its significance and thanking the donor.

The commission hopes to raise \$5,000 this year and another \$5,000 next year.

Jeff Gooding, centennial commission chairman, said although Stricker didn't live in Twin Falls, she did a lot for the area.

"I think it is a celebration of this part of the valley," Gooding said. "I just look at this and say, 'This needs to be celebrated.' It doesn't bother me that she didn't live in Twin Falls."

Nancy Chocker, a greenhouse technician for Moss Greenhouses in Jerome, was asked by the commission to get the cuttings from the budding relic at its Stricker Ranch home. Right now, the cuttings are only six inches tall. But with care, in five years they will be fully grown bushes blooming with pink roses.

"I took cuttings off the rose-bush last summer and I brought them back here and I rooted them through this last fall and winter," Chocker said. "They aren't that beautiful now, but when they bloom they can be really pretty."

Chocker said she plans on get-

ting some more cuttings today. She estimates she'll be able to get at least 50 more plants for the commission to sell. She said they

really do represent a piece of history.

"They are as hardy as our settlers were," Chocker said.

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issues, and I base that on the fact that I've lived here all my life," he said. "I have a real passion to make Jerome a community you can raise a family in and one that also has jobs available when kids grow up so they'll stay here."

Prescott said the most pressing concern facing the region is water. He supports recharging the aquifer to enhance water supplies. The trick is getting people to the table and defining where, how and when to initiate recharging in volumes that will have a positive impact, he said.

Prescott also said he is eager to finish projects he has started, including a multi-use park east of U.S. Highway 93 north of the Snake River Canyon rim.

He said the commission's

committee writes legislation on issues important to Idaho counties. Elorrieta said Jerome needs to have more of a voice in that group.

"It is important for Jerome to have representation on the committee so they can have input on proposed legislation from the beginning of the process rather than simply ratifying what the committee proposes," he said.

While Elorrieta and Prescott maintain a friendly relationship, only one of them can win. Prescott said his experience makes him the man for the job.

"I think I'm sensitive to real

Chemical

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The DEQ was called as required whenever a hazardous material spill occurs, said Greg Beck, DEQ reclamation project specialist.

Beck and representatives from the state police and the Transportation Department had a conference call to determine how to handle the spill.

A snowplow and a sweeper moved the chemical to the side of the road. Nitrogen urea is non-toxic and there was no danger of human harm, Beck said.

As a precaution, a worker wearing safety gear operated the clean-up equipment.

A problem with the chemical would occur only if it were raining, he said. The rain could cause the chemical to seep into the ground.

After the chemical was piled by the side of the road, Cenex was still able to recover it and use it, Bowen said.

The chemical could have been a minor irritant if passing vehicles stirred it into a cloud, Beck said.

"Eyes would burn momentarily," he said.

The name of the driver of the Cenex vehicle was unavailable Thursday, an ISP spokesman said, noting the accident report was not finished late Thursday.

The Twin Falls DEQ office has said they will follow-up the investigation tomorrow to make sure the clean-up is completed.

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Dairy

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against the bill.

Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby, questioned whether counties will begin actively seeking out violators and call the Department of Agriculture.

"I think that smells bad," she said.

But bill supporters said that counties lack the manpower to seek out violators.

"This really seems like a far better way to determine where the money will go," Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said.

In addition to changing who gets the money, the measure also provides that the duration of a

suspension or revocation of operating licenses or permits for the sale of milk will be determined by the director of the Department of Agriculture.

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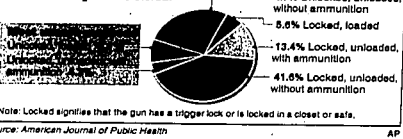
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Growing up with guns

An estimated one-third of children in America — about 22 million — live in households that have at least one firearm. Here is a look at the percentage of these children, based on how those guns are stored.



Note: Locked signifies that the gun has a trigger lock or is locked in a closet or safe. Source: American Journal of Public Health

Senate okay raises for Idaho judges

BOISE (AP) — After surviving a withering attack from critics in the House, pay raises and retirement improvements for Idaho's judiciary were cleared the state Senate Thursday.

After unanimous approval, an amendment of the changes in the retirement program focused primarily on the difference between pensions for magistrates, who are covered by the same plan as regular state employees, and pension for district and appellate judges, whose system is intended to accommodate shorter periods of service later in life.

Advocates for both maintained the improvements were critical to attracting and retaining quality legal experts to deal with a caseload that not only is increasing in number but also complex. The state budget can accommodate the pay hike, Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Geddes said.

of service, 60 with 10 years of service, 55 with 15 years of service or at any age after 20 years of service. Those falling short of the full retirement criteria still could retire early at up to 75 percent of the pay rate for the highest office they held, but they also would have to commit to serve as a senior or pro-tem judge 35 days a year for five years without compensation.

Many homeowners keep guns unlocked

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One-third of U.S. homes with children have at least one firearm and nearly half of them keep the weapons unsecured, a study found.

surveys were administered by the National Center for Health Statistics. Firearms are present in 35 percent of U.S. homes with children representing more than 11 million homes with 22 million children younger than age 18, according to the study.

Legislative budget writers backtrack on office plan

BOISE — One day after slashing the budget for the state's new endangered species policy office, legislative budget writers on Thursday relented somewhat under pressure from the Kenthorne administration and the timber industry.

Legislature in brief
But House Appropriations Chairman Bob Geddes said "there is agreement among all parties that this would satisfy the need."

lawmakers by letter on Wednesday afternoon that the office not to be staffed with legal and technical experts who can deal with the anticipated legal challenges to any actions it may take or issues it may face in on.

Thursday. The resolution attempts to resolve the debate over new facilities at the Nampa complex. Some groups have the highest office alternatives to the institution while there has been disagreement over the size of any new building.

Forty-three percent of such homes kept one or more guns in an unlocked place and without trigger locks, and guns were kept loaded as well as unlocked in 9 percent, according to researchers at Rand Corp. and the University of California, Los Angeles.

The findings underscore the need to make adults more aware that firearms are accessible to many children and that the need to keep the weapons out of their hands, said Dr. Mark A. Schuster, a UCLA pediatrician and the study's lead author.

Firearms are present in 35 percent of U.S. homes with children — representing more than 11 million homes with 22 million children younger than age 18, according to the study.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Completes for Thursday

Signed by Governor

- SB1295 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires prior notice by prosecutors that the death penalty will be sought in first-degree murder cases.
SB1372 (Education) — Revises teacher contract standards and requires schools to provide...
SB1380 (Education) — Brings occupational...
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SB1404 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Clarifies that active members of the state...
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SB1438 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Deletes language...
SB1445 (Revenue and Taxation) — Extends...
SB1452 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Deletes requirement...
SB1467 (State Affairs) — Requires the...
SB1501 (Appropriations) — Makes...
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SB1643 (Business) — Deletes requirement...
SB1654 (Business) — Requires prior...
SB1658 (Business) — Allows bond or...
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SB1678 (Transportation and Defense) — Authorizes...
SB1679 (Transportation and Defense) — Provides for...
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Financing for dangerous patient facility wins approval

BOISE, Idaho — Authorization for the state's \$9 million 60-bed facility for dangerous patients at the State School...

Special legislative panel failed to resolve

A special legislative panel failed to resolve that dispute last year so Gov. Dirk Kempthorne finally threw his support behind the 60-bed option that Health and Welfare Department officials say is needed to safely house...

Former lieutenant governor purchases commission

LEWISTON (AP) — David Leroy, former state lieutenant governor, has returned to his hometown with a document some locals say was stolen 135 years ago.

placed under house arrest, Lyon crossed the river into Washington Territory and showed up in Boise about two months later.

It is a presidential commission, dated Feb. 26, 1864, and signed by Abraham Lincoln, appointing Caleb Lyon as the second governor of the Territory.

Lincoln's connection to Idaho seems to stem from several men who befriended or helped Lincoln during his political campaigns in Illinois, and then headed west.

Man seeks damages after fatal crash

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Hayden Lake man is suing a woman whose driving killed his family in a fiery Interstate 90 crash two years ago.

Moments later, Robert's pickup slammed into the Jeep, pushing it into an oncoming truck. The Jeeps were killed instantly and the Jeep burst into flames.



Old Norm turned Gov. Bob Filer in July of 1958 as a child bride. The couple still reside on the farm where they started their life together.

As Norm was growing up with her siblings, Martha, Albert and Eileen, she was exposed to hand-me-downs from her older brother...

Introduced in Senate
SB1511 (Finance) — Authorizes a special account for amassing cash to buyout the lease-purchase agreement on the state liquor warehouse...

If you wish to express your sympathies to old Norm, the requests, in lieu of flowers and cards, that cash would be acceptable.

IDAHO/WEST

Coeur d'Alene fights bad publicity with good publicity

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decided they, too, can use the First Amendment to their advantage.

They are hiring a human rights coordinator with public relations experience whose job will include publicizing all the good and decent things people are doing in Coeur d'Alene.

It's the latest tactic in a battle that has seen locals first try to ignore the white supremacist group Aryan Nations, and then stage counter-demonstrations. The end result was national media coverage showing pictures of swastika-wearing extremists marching down the main street.

"Good deeds and positive activities never garner as much attention as the remarks of a crazy who doesn't represent anybody," said Jonathan Coe of the Coeur d'Alene Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Steve Judy will choose the coordinator, who will work with the news media, advertising agencies and religious groups to develop programs that promote respect for others. The goal is to focus media attention on positive activities, rather than hate marches.

Among other things, the coordinator will set up a Web site, organize public meetings and answer queries from the media about hate groups.

Money for the full-time post of coordinator was donated by the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University. Founder Greg Carr is an Idaho native.

Richard Butler, leader of the Aryan Nations, ridiculed the notion of an Aryan-buster. "For white people to have to hire somebody like that because other people want to remain white is interesting," he said.

The Idaho Panhandle is a region of beautiful lakes and forested mountains that draws thousands of tourists and retirees. The elegant Coeur d'Alene Resort on the city's lakefront has 18 floors of rooms to fill, at rates of up to \$2,500 a night.

In Kootenai County, tourism in 1999 accounted for 5,800 jobs paying \$66 million in wages. With the region's timber and mining industries suffering, tourism is a major reason the population of the county



Counter-demonstrators. Left, affg with members of the Aryan Nations white supremacist group in Coeur d'Alene in this July 3, 1999, file photo. Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decided they, too, ought to be using the First Amendment to their advantage. They are hiring a 'human rights coordinator' whose job will include publicizing good things happening in the city.

jumped from 69,000 in 1990 to 98,000 in 1997. Many of the newcomers are moving into \$500,000 homes springing up all over the area.

At the same time, Idaho has gained a reputation as a hate-group stronghold. A recent report by the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity identified 11 white supremacist groups in Idaho, 10 of them in the Panhandle.

Among them is the Hitler-loving Aryan Nations, which moved to a ranch in the area in the 1970s and declared it was creating a white homeland.

City leaders fear that marches by the Aryan Nations in 1998 and 1999 are scaring away tourists and business opportunities. A 1998 parade attracted about 90 Aryan Nations supporters and 1,000 counter-demonstrators. Last summer, about 80 white supremacists and 200 opponents scuffled in a park. A week later, after winning a permit on First Amendment grounds with backing from the ACLU, a few Aryan Nations supporters marched down Sherman Avenue to the screams of thousands of protesters.

Last year, resort owner Duane Hagadone donated thousands of dollars for legal advice in a fruitless attempt to draft a law that would ban the Aryans from marching while preserving First Amendment rights.

At the state level, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed spending up to \$100,000 to change Idaho's image as a haven for racists. "The idea that this soil is now used as a verbal battleground for hatred and to display swastikas is not Idaho," he said at a rally in Coeur d'Alene last year.

In Coeur d'Alene, some merchants were enthusiastic about the idea of countering bad publicity with good.

"We have a really bad reputation," said Cathy Shortridge, owner of several stores in the Coeur d'Alene Resort Shopping Plaza. "Everywhere we go, people mention, 'You live up there with the Aryan Nations.'"

But others wondered whether fighting back against the white supremacists might be counterproductive.

"Ignore them and eventually they will go away," said Sandy Jirovski, manager of a recreational vehicle park.

Utah judge orders suspect to stand trial on sex charges

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Accused child molester Jay Toombs was twice admitted to sexually fondling young boys, according to testimony Wednesday.

First District Judge Clint Juddkins ordered Toombs, 43, of Cache County, to stand trial on four counts of fifth-degree felony aggravated sexual abuse of a child — each count carrying a possible prison term of up to life. A pretrial hearing is set for May 15.

Cache County Attorney Scott Wyatt said the charges are appropriate because there are two victims and multiple instances of abuse.

Evidence during Wednesday's preliminary hearing included a tape-recorded conversation between Toombs and one boy's mother in which Toombs can be heard denying that he had oral sex or other intimate contact with the alleged victim.

But Toombs admits on the tape, "I only fondled him ..."

Also, the defendant told a sheriff's investigator it had been "quite a few years" since he had been sexually involved with any young boys and that he had skin-to-skin contact with only two of them, according to testimony.

The alleged crimes against two boys occurred in the early 1990s. Three Mormon bishops reportedly knew of allegations against Toombs but never reported him to authorities.

"He has been abusing boys for decades, but nobody came forward," alleged Cache County Attorney Scott Wyatt.

Wyatt said he could not prosecute the bishops because the statute of limitations had expired on Utah's fail-to-report law.

Bishops, priests and pastors are not required to report abuse they learn directly from a perpetrator, but must report it if the knowledge comes from any other source, Wyatt said.

Gay scholarship donors don't mind being identified

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Weber State University plans to release a list of donors to the Matthew Shepard scholarship fund to anyone who asks in writing for the information.

The fund was created in memory of Matthew Shepard, the gay Wyoming college student beaten to death in 1998, and so far has drawn \$56,000 from 203 contributors.

The scholarship will provide \$2,000 to a Weber State student who serves the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities. The first recipient will be selected this spring.

The program has come under criticism from some faculty, alumni and donors. But it has received so much publicity that supporters raised more money faster than they expected, creating a surplus that could be used to boost scholarships or create a second annual award.

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What's Goin' on

31/Today

• Highway 101 will perform two shows, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. The dinner show prices start at \$17.99; there's a \$7.50 cover charge for the cocktail show. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

The second annual Sun Valley Documentary Film Festival will be held at four sites around Blaine County, featuring "Speaking in Strings" at 11:30 a.m. and "Don't Look Back" at 2 p.m. at the Sun Valley Opera House, Sun Valley Resort; "Target Shoots First" at 2 p.m., "Carnival of the Menuhins" at 4:30 p.m., "Capturing Music" at 7 p.m. and "Let's Get Lost" at 9:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater, Hailey; "The Last Klezmer" at 2 p.m., "Message to Love" at 4 p.m., "Brian Wilson: I Just Wasn't Made" at 7 p.m. and "Ballad of Ramblin' Jack" at 9:30 p.m. at the Magic Lantern, Ketchum; and "Leonard Bernstein: Reaching for the Note" at 7 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities, Ketchum. Individual film tickets are \$7; a series pass is \$75. For further information, call the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491.

1/Saturday

• Idaho folksinger Rosalie Sorrels will perform at 8:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Tavern, 280 N. Main St., in Ketchum. Tickets are \$10.

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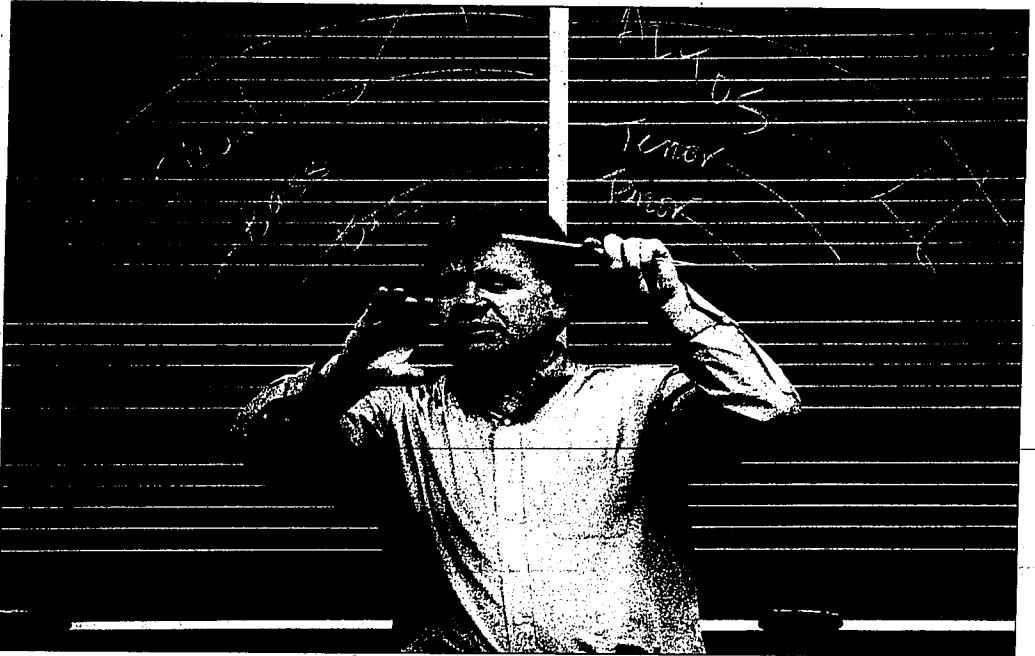
2/Sunday

The New Theater Company will present "The Taffetas," 7:30 p.m., Boiler Room, Sun Valley Resort. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under, are available by phoning the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2135.

The second annual Sun Valley Documentary Film Festival will be held at four sites around Blaine County, featuring "Radiohead: Meeting People is Easy" at 1 p.m. and "Let's Get Lost" at 3:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Opera House, Sun Valley Resort; "Carnival of the Menuhins" at 2 p.m., "A Stravinsky Portrait" at 4:30 p.m., "What's Happening! Beatles in the USA" at 7 p.m. and "Brian Wilson: I Just Wasn't Made" at 9:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater, Hailey; "Speaking in Strings" at 2 p.m., "Straight No Chaser" at 4:30 p.m., "Don't Look Back" at 7 p.m. and "Better Living Through Circularity" at 9:30 p.m. at the Magic Lantern, Ketchum; and "Ella Fitzgerald: Something to Live For" at 7 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities, Ketchum. Individual film tickets are \$7. For further information, call the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491.

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New era for local music



Joe Casperson will make his debut as the director of the Magic Valley Chorale this weekend.

BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

Casperson conducts his first Magic Valley Chorale Concert

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Second-nature is always a hard habit to break, says Cricket Harrison.

"Carson (Wong) had ways of doing things that had become so familiar to us that we didn't give some of them a second thought," said Harrison, an alto and soloist for director Joe Casperson's inaugural concerts with the Magic Valley Chorale this weekend. "I think it's good for us as a choir to have to stop and think and do things differently once in a while."

Casperson will conduct the Chorale in Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah" Saturday night and Sunday afternoon in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. He succeeded Wong, a CSI music professor who retired in December after 19 years at the Chorale podium.

"I'm excited about it," said Casperson, who's also the vocal director at Twin Falls High School. "Mendelssohn is one of those unusual 19th century composers who actually led a happy life, and his music reflects that fact."

But "Elijah," Mendelssohn's 1846 oratorio about the Old Testament prophet, can also be a handful: Three hours long, in its

If you go

• **What:** The Magic Valley Chorale, under the direction of Joe Casperson and accompanied by Sue Miller and the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra, will present Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

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

• **When:** Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are available at Everybody's Business, Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, or from any Chorale member or at the door.

complete form, and full of some challenging vocal gymnastics.

"I think Brahms' 'Requiem,' which we did last year, is more challenging technically, but there are some difficult sections of 'Elijah' too," Harrison said.

"Elijah" is probably the second-most popular classical choral work in the business, after Handel's "Messiah."

"Elijah" and "Messiah" were the twin

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About Mendelssohn

Claim to fame

A talented pianist, composer and champion of Romantic-era music, Mendelssohn was a prodigy whose imagination about real things led to his compositions.

Life and times

Born in 1809, the son of a Prussian noble and courtier of Germany, Mendelssohn and his brother, Felix, grew up in the home of their parents, the emigrants of Wuppertal.

Roots

Grandson of a famous 18th-century philosopher, son of a noble who spent years of his fortune in the East Indies, Mendelssohn returned to his family's roots in Wuppertal.

Young and restless

Child prodigy, Mendelssohn made his concert debut at age 12. Within 12 years, even though a couple of dozen piano pieces and a handful of comic operas by the age

Love story ...

Married for 31 years to Fanny Schlegel-Schelling, daughter of a French Protestant minister.

Mentors ...

Bach, Handel and Mozart, three classical composers — long dead by the time Mendelssohn came along — who taught him melody, which he carried over to his own.

Good works ...

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" (1826), a setting of Goethe's 18th-century play (1814, 1817), the oratorio "Elijah" (1846), and several pieces of chamber music.

Great works ...

Italian Symphonies (1817)

Final exit ...

Died at age 38 of a stroke.

— SOURCES: Britannica.com, BBC

A sketchy version of 'The Man Who Would be King'

By Desmond Ryan
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

"The Man Who Would Be King" is one of the glories of John Huston's fertile late career. Huston's adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's story is full of lively irony, but he surely never imagined its themes could sustain an animated feature.

"The Road to El Dorado" echoes the Kipling tale, with two charming rogues getting into one scrape after another as they dream of untold wealth. Arriving in a remote and fabled land, they are mistaken for gods and by the naive and gullible natives.

It's a story that works better in its adult mode and Huston used it to explore his favorite subject — the corrupting power of greed.

When it's reduced to plot points for kids in "The Road to El Dorado," pleasant pleasures and prattlers replace sardonic wit. Kevin Kline and Kenneth Branagh do the voices of less than hardy adventurers Tullio and Miguel with more energy and conviction than the script deserves.

The film is slowed down by a

Flix

'The Road to El Dorado'

• **Who's in it?** Voices of Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh, Armand Assante.

• **What's it rated?** PG.

• **Where's it playing?** Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, SkiTime Cinemas of Ketchum.

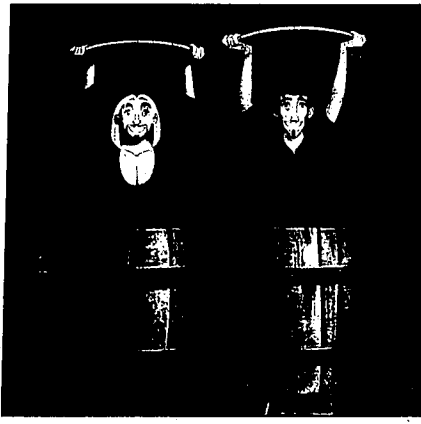
• **Should you go?** "The Road to El Dorado" is amiable children's entertainment, but hardly worth a major detour.

quagmire of a middle act that essentially repeats predicaments and is sure to prompt restless squirming and demands to visit the refreshment stand.

"The Road to El Dorado" is the latest salvo from DreamWorks in its ongoing and thus far unsuccessful struggle to dislodge Disney from total domination of mainstream animation.

It has a few imaginative sequences, but technically —

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Kenneth Branagh and Kevin Kline provide the voices for two treasure-seeking goofballs in "The Road to El Dorado."

Three share Oscar pick honors

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

BURLEY — Meet Jean Taylor, movie shark. The 48-year-old Burley resident, who sees "three or four movies" every month, won the Times-News Pick-the-Oscar Contest for the second consecutive year.

Taylor shared the honors with Heather Redman of Twin Falls, 26, who won the contest in 1998, and with another Cassia County resident, Lisa Knight.

Each correctly forecast three of the five top awards, and guessed the tiebreaker — the winner for best original screenplay (Alan Ball, for "American Beauty").

"I keep up with movies," Taylor explained. "And I play the odds."

Not so Knight. "Just a guess," said the 38-year-old. "I didn't see any of

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WEEKEND

Creepy crawly: Insect lessons come to Sun Valley

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Leave your flyswatter at home next time you visit the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

Ladybugs meet the paintbrush and cockroaches the carver's knife at the center's newest exhibit.

"Observation/Revelation: Plants and Insects through the Lens of Art," runs through May 27 and includes a variety of slide lectures, children's films and crafts classes. Admission to the gallery is free.

Rarely has the lowly bug been portrayed so magnificently. Ann Friedman, director of visual arts at the center, said she put the exhibit together after she saw a lot of the artists she knew working with insect motifs.

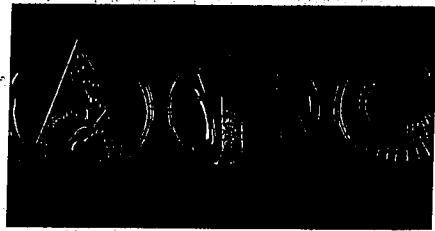
It's not necessarily a new idea - Egyptians included sacred beetles in complex tomb paintings; Illuminators decorated borders of manuscripts with insects during the Middle Ages. And

To learn more

Sun Valley Center for the Arts is offering several special programs in conjunction with its Insect exhibit. **Seattle jewelry artist Keri Stiemmons** will present a free slide lecture on 4,000 years of jewelry imagery at 7 p.m. Thursday at the center for the Arts, 191 7th St. Elizabeth Stiemmons, who has presented the lecture in museums in many distinguished venues including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, will also discuss the research that led to her own "Insectopedia," a set of 26 brochures that meld insects and alphabet. **A free "Insects in Fact and Fiction" film series** will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 4 through 25. April 4: "James and the Giant Peach," an 80-minute children's film featuring

Salvador Dali painted ants, grasshoppers, and praying mantes during the surrealistic movement of the early 20th century. **But bugs, for the most part, have never been the focal point of the art as they are here.** "The idea of using human figures to represent life and death

and transition has fallen in and out of favor the last few years. There are so many paintings of nudes that tend to debase women and glorify men that artists start-



Keri Stiemmons will discuss her 'Insectopedia' jewelry-insect project during a free slide lecture Thursday at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

ed to shy away from using the human body," Friedman said. "Bugs are another way of expressing those same ideas of life and death and transition." A few Idahoans are among the 19 artists featured in the display: Lisa Holley, of Sun Valley, details insects in delicately rendered silverpoint drawings, a

medium used extensively during the Renaissance. Boise artist Renda Palmer reveals the beautiful texture of beetles in her drawings the size of a large lamp or vase. Boise artist William Carman paints jewel-like bugs juggled by odd figures, such as an exaggerated muscle man.

Chorale

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peaks of the Victorian choral repertory - or its Old and New Testaments," music historian Michael Oliver wrote.

But it's long, sentimental, and until relatively recently, out of fashion with big-name choral groups. "No audience, not a trace of it in Salt Lake City (where Caspersen used to work), is going to sit through all three hours of 'Elijah,'" he said.

This weekend's audiences won't have to. Caspersen has pared the oratorio down to accentuate the Chorale's vocal strengths.

"We sung 'Elijah' before," said Harrison, who is the pastor of Twin Falls' Valley Christian Church. "And I think the key is choosing the right songs."

"Elijah" traditionally is sung by an armada of voices like the 150-strong Chorale that performed the "Messiah" in December. It's closer to half that number for this production, which presents some challenges in itself.

"At one rehearsal we had just two tenors," Caspersen

recalled. "One sang the first part and the other the second." Those voices will swell this weekend, though. Harrison will be joined by fellow soloists Rebecca Turner, Robert Newman, Jon Hunt, Gina Lay, Rhonda Wong and Jack Van Buren.

"There's some fine talent in this choir," Caspersen said. Saturday night's performance will start 30 minutes later than usual, at 8:30, because several members of the Chorale and the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra will be in Idaho Falls attending the state high school music competition during the day on Saturday.

Caspersen included, who has a daughter participating. "We're just hoping there's none of those April snowstorms that sometimes have in Idaho Falls," Caspersen said. "If so, I might have an announcement or two to make at 8:30."

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Oscar

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them this year."

Knights Redman and Taylor will win two tickets apiece for the movies of their choice - and popcorn to go with it. **Gitanjali Hayward** and **Lisa Etheridge** and **Drew Pettit** of Twin Falls also correctly predicted three of the top five winners, but they missed the tiebreaker.

In all, 138 readers entered the

Top Oscars

Winners of the major awards handed out at the Academy Awards Sunday night:

- Best picture: "American Beauty"
- Best actor: Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"
- Best actress: Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"
- Best supporting actress: Angelina Jolie, "Girl, Interrupted"
- Best original screenplay: Alton Ball, "American Beauty"

contest. Collectively, they did were just over 40 percent right - most thought Annette Bening and Denzel Washington would win best actress and actor,

respectively, and few predicted Michael Caine would be the best supporting actor. That's one of the lowest percentages in the seven-year his-

tory of the contest.

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Road

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especially in its backdrops - the animation is as unprepossessing as the story is routine.

Miguel and Tullio are both a few ducats shy of the full amount, and they are lucky enough to be accompanied on their assorted misadventures by a horse who is smarter than both of them.

While running a dice scam, they come into possession of a map of El Dorado.

To escape some outraged gamblers, they become unwilling stowaways on the flagship of the explorer Cortes.

Cortes is introduced as a principal villain, but disappears from the movie for a long stretch after the hapless twosome makes off in a longboat and lands in El Dorado.

There - like Sean Connery and Michael Caine in "The Man Who Would Be King" - they enjoy being deified. With the help of a shrewd native girl, they scheme to make off with the alabaster loot.

Of course, there are obstacles to be overcome and lessons to be learned.

"The Road to El Dorado" is far less ambitious than the

beautifully produced and religiously correct "Prince of Egypt," which launched DreamWorks as a serious player in animated features. Elton John, Tim Rice and composer Hans Zimmer, the trio who made an inspired contribution to "The Lion King," reunite here with entirely forgettable results.

ANNIVERSARY



Joe and Mary Lou Ross

of Twin Falls and Vicki and Rex Hansen of Filer. They have nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

They have lived in the Buhl and Twin Falls area. He farmed and worked for Rangens in Buhl until going to work for the Twin Falls School District at the high school in 1977.

He retired in 1993. She worked at various jobs throughout the valley. The Ross' children are Rick and Jeanette Ross

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DVD creeps up on VCRs, CD players

BESTSELLERS

The Dallas Morning News

The DVD invasion continues. Since its national launch in August 1997, DVD (digital versatile disc) players have started out-

With nearly 3 million DVD players in use in the United States, the format already has replaced laserdisc, becoming the next big thing in home entertainment.

DVD players have two primary formats: one for the computer, the other for home theater systems. When the term DVD is used, it usually refers to the home theater application.

"The technology hasn't been utilized as well in the computer realm as in home entertainment," says Brad Wright, owner of Performance Audio/Video in Flower Mound, Texas.

"This format was defined to be truly multimedia. It can hold data or audio/video. A DVD disc will store 17 times what a CD-ROM will, so obviously there is a lot of advantage to that. I think as it costs less to produce equipment and discs, and the cost comes down, that end will begin taking off, too."

In the meantime, DVD is rapidly gaining a foothold in the video market. Advanced technology provides a near-studio-quality picture, while the audio is generally considered superior to anything on CD.

Two-sided discs contain up to eight hours of play, and, as with

DVD glossary

• **DVD:** Digital versatile disc or digital video disc. A format that holds video, audio and computer data.

• **Aspect ratio:** The ratio of the width of the picture to the height. (Most movies are 1.85 times as wide as they are tall, for an aspect ratio of 1.85:1.)

• **LBC:** Stands for letter-boxing. Letter-boxed DVDs are movies that are seen in the wide-screen format, as viewed in theaters. Black strips block off the top and bottom of the television screen.

• **Pan & Scan:** Movies that have had the sides chopped off to fit the television format rather than the wide-screen format in which they were filmed. The scene shifts back and forth to keep the action in view.

• **DTS:** Digital Theater Systems digital sound — an optional audio encoding

compact discs, viewers can skip through movie scenes rather than doing the pause-and-search, fast-forward method required with VCRs.

DVD players are available with multidisc changers for hours of back-to-back movie viewing, in TV/CD/DVD combinations and come with progressive scanning features. DVD discs are praised for their compact storage and sturdiness.

"There's really no comparison," Wright says. "You have convergence of video and audio on video. The picture quality is so superior and there are so many special features on the DVD discs that make it worthwhile."

"Once you start getting into this

stuff, it's just addictive." DVD discs, which have become common enough that you can rent them at Blockbuster, are packed with extras such as commentaries, documentaries, behind-the-scenes looks at how special effects were achieved and much more to attract and enthrall the movie buff. Scenes can be viewed from as many as nine angles and can be paused on an individual frame to study the crisp, clear image.

"To me, the special effects are what makes this so incredible," says Scott Durragh, business development manager for PageMart in Dallas and an avid DVD enthusiast. "You can get clean still photos. There isn't a lot of white noise like you find on

video.

"If you want to look at special effects, you can look for things like wires on the spaceships in the old 'Star Wars' movie. It's completely searchable, and you get a table of contents so you can refer to a specific scene," he says.

Durragh's home theater system is equipped with Bose surround sound, and he claims the audio tracks are so authentic that the windows of his home shake when the jets roar through the sky in the movie 'Top Gun.'

"The sound quality is just phenomenal," he says. "It's better than anything you can get off a CD."

"The technology has other benefits in addition to providing bells and whistles. Terminator 2: Judgment Day" was the first DVD to be released with an audio track for the blind. The disc contains the same music, dialogue and special effects as the original, but includes precise narration of what occurs during the action-heavy sequences.

"All of that is possible on this format," says Wright. "Some (companies) use it, some don't. The point is, it's out there and it's continuing to grow."

Movie studios are supporting the format, with about 7,000 titles available on disc. Disney just jumped on the DVD bandwagon, announcing plans to release both classic and new animated features on DVD, and Columbia Pictures recently became the first movie studio to abandon the laserdisc market entirely to concentrate on DVD.

Publisher's Weekly

Hardcover fiction

- 1. "The Brethren," by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "Carolina Moon," by Nora Roberts (Putnam)
3. "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende (HarperCollins)
4. "Bridges Jones: The Edge of Reason" by Helen Fielding (Viking) (F-H)
5. "Gap Creek" by Robert Morgan (Algonquin)
6. "The Lion's Game" by Nelson DeMille (Warner)
7. "Tough Cookie" by Diane Mott Davidson (Bantam)
8. "Day of Reckoning" by Jack Higgins (Putnam)
9. "Beowulf" by Seamus Heaney, translator (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
10. "Deep South" by Nevada Barr (Putnam)

Nonfiction/general

- 1. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
2. "Eating Well For Optimum Health" by Andrew Weil (Knopf)
3. "Body for Life" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins)
4. "Tuesday With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
5. "Relationship Rescue," by Phillip C. McGraw (Hyperion)
6. "How to Know God" by Deepak Chopra (Harmony)
7. "The Rock Says..." by the Rock, with Joe Layden (Regan Books)
8. "The Millionaire Mind" by Thomas J. Stanley (Andrews McMeel)
9. "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius" by Dave Eggers (Simon & Schuster)
10. "The Bodyguard's Story" by Trevor Reese Jones (Warner Books)

Mass market paperbacks

- 1. "The Testament" by John Grisham (Dell Island)
2. "The Cider House Rules" by John Irving (Ballantine)
3. "Certain Prey" by John Sandford (Ballantine)
4. "Bittersweet" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
5. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
6. "False Pretenses" by Catherine Coulter (Signet)
7. "Witness in Death" by J. D. Robb (Berkley)
8. "Rain" by T. C. Andrews (Pocket)
9. "SSN" by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg (Berkley)
10. "The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon" Stephen King (Pocket)

Remote controls supply more buttons than ever

The Dallas Morning News

A scant two decades ago, remote controls were a novelty that had just started catching on. Today, many people wouldn't dream of turning on the television without one.

Although remote controls have been available for TVs since the 1950s, they didn't take over American viewing habits until the 1980s. Now they run our lives.

"They can do anything you would want to run from the chair," explains Neal Koch, a sales associate with Ed Kellum & Son Appliance Co. in Dallas. "People have the TV, the stereo, tape deck, VCR, CD player, cable box and the satellite dish. Everything is done by remote now."

Although remote controls are designed to simplify things, that isn't always the case. Although it may sound tantalizing to have the world at the push of a button, there's a bit more to it than that, Koch cautions.

"Most remote controls have a lot of features that you won't use every day, and it takes some prac-

tice to see what you can really do," he says. "It's a lot like having a computer: You can get the most powerful machine out there, but if you don't know how to work it, it doesn't matter. That's what frustrates a lot of people. They don't take the time to learn what all the remote controls can do."

For the casual browser who will use the remote only for watching television, channel surfing and programming the VCR, Koch recommends sticking with the original that came with the equipment.

He believes that much of the consumers' frustration comes from not knowing what they're getting. Many aren't realizing what they've got. Unlike the three- or four-button remote controls of decades past, today's products are frequently as complex as the objects they operate. Often, the various features on the remotes are not explained properly at the time of purchase, and the consumer ends up confused. Like any other piece of electronic equipment, contemporary remote controls require time, patience and, to the chagrin of many, reading the manual.

Tiny audio player shakes record industry

The Dallas Morning News

Last summer, a 2-ounce plastic music box brought the American record industry to its knees.

When a judge ruled that the tiny Diamond Rio MP3 Player could not be regulated as a digital audio recording machine, the floodgates opened for development of a new genre of personal music devices.

Since then, electronics outlets have begun marketing a slew of gadgets that play MP3 music files distributed on the Internet or ripped from CDs on home computers. Powerful manufacturers such as RCA and Sony have prepared their own entrants, while lesser-knowns are

adding digital voice recording, FM radio and personal calendars. More than a half-dozen digital music players now crowd electronics shelves where the Rio once stood alone.

But as 1999 draws to a close, it is clear that the Recording Industry Association of America, the leader in the Rio court case, is prepared to continue its battle against MP3 files being traded on the Internet in violation of copyright laws.

With the cooperation of most major manufacturers, a coalition of industry giants is poised to begin encoding their music products. In other words, the anything-goes MP3 landscape is about to change.

HIGH FIVE

Combined wire services

- TV
1. "The Academy Awards," ABC.
2. "Countdown to the Oscars," ABC.
3. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC.
4. "ER" NBC.
5. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Thursday" ABC. (From Nielsen Media Research)

Hot 5

- 1. "Say My Name," Destiny's Child, Columbia.
2. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B), Arista. (Gold)
3. "Breathe," Faith Hill, Warner Bros. (Nashville).
4. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
5. "Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync. Jive. (From Billboard magazine)

Albums

- 1. "Supernatural," Santana, Arista. (Platinum)
2. "Unleash the Dragon," Sisco, Dragon. (Platinum)
3. "Dr. Dre — 2001," Dr. Dre.

Aftermath. (Platinum)

- 4. "On How Life Is," Macy Gray. Epic. (Platinum)
5. "BTNHResurrection," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Ruthless. (From Billboard magazine)

Hot country singles

- 1. "How Do You Like Me Now?!" Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
2. "The Best Day," George Strait, MCA Nashville.
3. "Lessons Learned," Tracy Lawrence. Atlantic.
4. "Love's The Only House," Martina McBride, RCA.
5. "Been There," Clint Black (w/Steve Wariner), RCA. (From BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.)

Country albums

- 1. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
2. "Latest Greatest Straitest Hits," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
3. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
4. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
5. "Platiny Grill," Lonestar. BNA. (Platinum) (From SoundScan)

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WEEKEND

Slew of new movies hit video



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Antonio Banderas directs wife Melanie Griffith in 'Crazy in Alabama,' a comedy-drama set in Los Angeles and the Deep South during the 1960s.

Combined wire services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this weekend:

• **"The Sixth Sense" (PG-13)** – Brilliantly deliberate pacing and mo-eratic, contemplative timbre make this movie truly engrossing and touching. Writer/director M. Night Shyamalan builds atmosphere, brick by brick, until a very powerful design becomes clear.

• **"The Omega Code" (PG-13)** – This \$7.2 million movie, financed independently by Paul Crouch, televangelist and founder of Trinity Broadcasting Network, centers on arcane Bible codes and a struggle for the key to the ancient city of Jerusalem.

Basically, it's a biblical prophecy thriller, in which Dr. Gillen Lane (Casper Van Dien), a motivational speaker and mythology expert, becomes an unwitting pawn for wealthy businessman Stone Alexander (Michael York), who has dastardly plans to rule the world. But with all due respect, this is for the convert-ed only. Contains some crowd violence and building explosions.

• **"Body Shots" (Unrated)** – Director Michael Cristofer and writer David McKenna (who made "American History X") have created a sizzly ensemble piece about four testosterone-drunk males (including Sean Patrick Flanery and Ron Livingston) who go out female-hunting in the L.A. nightclub scene and wake up with news that one of their bunch is accused of rape.

Contains sexual battery, obscenity, nudity.

• **"Crazy in Alabama" (PG-13)** – Debuting director Antonio Banderas and screenwriter Mark Childress dumb down Childress' book for this occasionally satisfying, more frequently uneven black comedy.

Melanie Griffith, coiffed in obvious black wig and chunky lipstick, plays a willful lady from the Deep South who, in the summer of 1965, slices off the head of her abusive husband

Contains violence.
 • **"Last Night"** – 96 minutes. Don McKellar, Sandra Oh, Callum Keith Rennie, Sarah Polley, David Cronenberg, Tracy Wright, Genevieve Bujold.
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Phantom Menace arrives

A bit of video history will be written as George Lucas' "Star Wars: Episode 1, The Phantom Menace" is released the first time film fans around the globe are able to enjoy a new release in the same week.
 The 1999 box-office champ is being released next week in the United States and Canada. The pan-and-scan format of the two-hour, 13-minute movie is listed at \$24.98. Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment and Lucasfilm Ltd. also are releasing a wide-screen, video collectors edition (limit of 1.5 million) at \$39.98 that includes an additional 12 minutes of behind-the-scenes documentary footage, a 48-page booklet and a strip of 35mm film from an original theatrical movie print. No DVD release is scheduled for this year.
 "Episode 1" is closing in on \$1 billion at the box office, second only to "Titanic" with a \$430 million gross in North America and \$492 million internationally, as of March.

and heads to Hollywood to make it big.
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- Dancing to live music by the ponsons is planned at 8:30 p.m. today at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 S. Highway 77 in Union. Tickets are \$5. No one under 21 will be admitted.
- The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. at the 24 V Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.
- Pure Country will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis, 1007

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- Bredren will play reggae from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
- Daron Novotny will be play from 8 to 8 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S.,

Twin Falls.

- Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.
- Desert Rain will play country, contemporary and classic rock from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Iron Mountain Inn, 325 N. Highway 20, Fairfield.
- Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Outlaw in Fairfield. No cover charge.
- Dance to the band sounds of the '40s and popular tunes of the '60s from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the old Southwest School building, 401 W. 21st St., Burley. Admission is \$2; must be at least 16 years old. For more information, call 678-8033.

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

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- Randy Egner will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- Marcus Eaton and Lobby will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.
- Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.
- Folksinger Rosalie Sorrels will perform at 8:30 p.m. at the

- Rosevelt Tavern, 280 N. Main St., Ketchum. Tickets are \$10.
- Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.
- Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.
- The Sidkicks with Buck and Mitch will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna Bar, 9 E. Main, Declo, for a benefit for the bar's owner.
- Full Moon Music Madness will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Folk music, astronomy and art displays highlight April entertainment

1: Idaho folksinger Rosalie Sorrels will perform at 8:30 p.m. at the Rosevelt Tavern, 280 N. Main St., in Ketchum. Tickets are \$10.

1: "A Geologist's Collection" is on display at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3059.

1: "The Search for Life in the Universe" is showing at the Faulkner Planetarium. Show times are 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$3 for senior citizens and \$9 for a family. For more information or for information about other planetarium shows, call 736-3059.

1: "Observation/Revelation: Plants and Insects through the Lens of Art" is on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities in Ketchum. For more information, call 726-9491.

1: The Sun Valley Center for the Arts Documentary Film Festival featuring the works of Albert Maysles and Robert Drew is being held at the Magic Lantern Cinema. Tickets are \$5 for center members and \$7 for non-members. Call 726-9491.

1: The Magic Valley Chorus will perform "High" at 8:30 p.m. April 1 and 3 p.m. April 2 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$5 general admission or \$3 for students and

April arts calendar

senior citizens, are available at area ticket outlets or at the door.

4: "Student Annual," by CSI art students, will be on display at the Herrert Center Jean B. King Gallery through May 4. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 736-3059.

7: The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Utah State University's "Swingin' Through World War II," a musical revue, at Burley's King Fine Arts Center. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seats and \$10 for general admission, and they're available by phoning 678-6868. Tickets may also be purchased at The Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley, at The Book Store in Rupert, or at Little Red Hen in Twin Falls.

8: The Sun Valley Chamber Artist Series will present the Orpheus Quartet, a young chamber ensemble based in Germany, at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Snows on Sun Valley Road in Ketchum. Tickets are \$12 for Sun Valley Center members and \$15 for non-members. Students 18 and under are free. For more information, call 726-9491.

12: Arts on Tour will present duo-pianists Anagnoson & Kinton

at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$12 for adults and \$8 for students, are available at area ticket outlets or at the door.

14: Community Concerts will present the Arcata String Quartet at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

15-16: The 24th annual Magic Valley Early Iron car show will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on April 15 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 16 in the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors citizens, are available at the door.

16: The Spring Sing '99 Choral Concert is set for 3 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation is requested.

19: The CSI Theater Department will present "Two Gentlemen of Verona" at 8 p.m. April 19-22 and 26-29 in Fine Arts Theatre 119. Tickets are \$5 general admission or \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call 733-9554.

21: The Jazz Ensembles & Combo Concert is set for 3 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation is requested.

21: The Twin Falls Police Benefit Association will present Bobby Bare and Highway 101 in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Gymnasium. For ticket information, call 736-7692.

24-25: The El Korah Shrine Circus will perform in the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. Shows are scheduled for 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. each day. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12, are available at Albertson's stores or at the gate.

27-29: Magic Valley Little Theater will present Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid" April 27-29 and May 5-7. For more information, call 736-7136.

30: The Symphonie Band and Wind Ensemble Concert is set for 3 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3

donation is requested.

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WEEKEND

Melons will shatter: Gallagher brings his zany show to Boise

Saturday

Gallagher will perform at the Bank of America Center in Boise at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, \$50, \$25 and \$27.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

311 will play Salmair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Salmair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 West at Exit 104.

Upcoming

April 7: Arturo Sandoval and his band and Paul Tilotson will headline the opening night of the Gene Harris Jazz Festival in the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, \$17 and \$21, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

April 7: Chuck Mangione and the River Jazz Orchestra, Ernie Watts, Nikki Harris and Curtis Stigers will headline the second night of the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, starting at 7 p.m. in the

Out of the Valley

Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$14, \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

April 7-8: Pianist Fazil Say will perform with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$33, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 7-8 and 12-15: Ballet West will present "Evening of Ballets II" - Balanchine's "Four Temperaments," Hans van Manen's "Solo" and Birgit Cullberg's "Miss Julie" - at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$10-\$65, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

April 14: Don Williams will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18 and

\$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

April 14-15: Pianist Andre Watts will play with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23, \$27 and \$33, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 20: Violinist Shlomo Mintz will play with the Utah Symphony at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$18, \$26, \$36 and \$44, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 21-22: Kurt Bestor with perform 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 (801) 355-2687. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 20-22: The El Korah Shrine Circus will play the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 4:30 and 7 p.m. daily. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766

April 25: Beck will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets which are \$28, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

April 28-29: Violinist Elmar Oliveira will perform with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$33, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 29: Opera Idaho will perform Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" at 8 p.m. in the 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.

May 5-6: Pianist Derek Han will perform a program of Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$33, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

May 11: Utah Symphony will perform an all-Mozart program

with violin soloist Ralph Matson at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$14, \$22 and \$29, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

May 12: Chuck Mangione will perform with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$18, \$26, \$34 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

May 13: David Lenz will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50-\$28.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

May 16: Trisha Yearwood will sing at the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24.50 and \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

May 16: Styx and REO Speedwagon will play the E Center in West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, \$31.75 and \$40.25, can be

reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lane, West Valley City, Utah.

May 17: Trisha Yearwood will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$19.50 and \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

May 17: Smashing Pumpkins will play Salmair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Salmair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80 West, Exit 104.

May 19-20: Jose Feliciano will play with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$19, \$23, \$29 and \$36, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

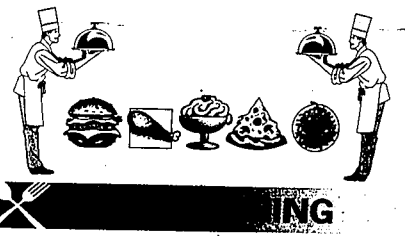
May 26: Smashing Pumpkins will perform at the Bank of America Center in Boise at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.



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Heat reach playoffs again Hingis hands Seles worst loss ever

MIAMI (AP) — Tim Hardaway had 16 points and eight assists as Miami clinched a playoff berth for the fifth straight year with a 105-80 thrashing of the Bulls.

NBA A foolish technical foul and an unfortunate encounter with a rookie ruined Vince Carter's night.

dealt Atlanta a record-tying home defeat. Penny Hardaway handed out 11 assists as Phoenix improved to 2-2 since league assists leader Jason Kidd went out with a broken ankle.

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Martina Hingis had no mercy. The crowd had no compassion. Monica Seles had no chance.



Monica Seles of Sarasota Fla., grimaces during her match with Martina Hingis of Switzerland Thursday at the Ericsson Open, on Key Biscayne, Fla. Hingis defeated Seles 6-0, 6-0.

Nets 107, Raptors 103 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —

Suns 118, Hawks 74 ATLANTA — Rodney Rogers scored 21 points and Shawn Marion added 18 as Phoenix

Timberwolves 122, Rockets 90 MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett scored 25 points and Terrell Brandon added 21 as Minnesota shot 60 percent from the field and dealt Houston its eighth straight road loss.

The worst loss in 534 matches for Seles raised the question of whether she still has passion for the game.

Playoff-starved Blues beat Bruins

BOSTON (AP) — Jochen Hecht scored twice and Roman Turek made 20 saves as the St. Louis Blues beat Boston 3-2 on Thursday night.

NHL Hans Jonsson scored 2:25 into overtime, but Washington earned a point for the regulation tie to pull even with New Jersey for the Eastern Conference lead.

Lightning 6, Senators 3 TAMPA, Fla. — Zac Bierk made 33 saves and Vincent Lecavalier scored his team-high 23rd goal as Tampa Bay beat Ottawa to snap a five-game losing streak.

Today, after a match like this? Seles, 26, said. "It's tough." Hingis, aware that Seles wasn't moving well, mixed her shots masterfully and committed only five unforced errors in the 39-minute run.

Penguins 4, Capitals 3, OT WASHINGTON — Pittsburgh's

Washington's Chris Simon scored his 29th goal with 6:08 left in the third period to force overtime. Jeff Halpern and Richard Zednik also scored for the Capitals, 18-23 in their last 23 home games and 29-85 overall

Wayne Primeau, Jaroslav Svejkovsky, Marek Posmyk, Brian Holzinger and Todd Warriner also scored for the Lightning. Posmyk's goal was his first in the NHL. Chris Phillips, Sami Salo and Vaclav Prospal scored for the Senators.

Gambill. Top-seeded Andre Agassi plays No. 6 Gustavo Kuerten in the other semifinal today.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

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By Steve Moore



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YOURSPORTS

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Owen earns high martial arts honors

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - Keith Owen of Martial Arts America recently received his fourth stripe Blue Belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (a ground fighting art) from Professor Pedro Sauer.

Sauer is one of the most respected Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioners in the world. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is ranked as one of the hardest martial arts in which to receive the black belt ranking. The average time to

black belt is 10-14 years of ground fighting training. Four stripe blue belt is a middle ranking, making Owen one of the most advanced practitioners in the state of Idaho. He has been studying for six years.

Special Olympians win in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Eight Special Olympics Idaho athletes and three coaches traveled to Anchorage, Alaska March 9-12 for four days of winter sports competition.

In all, the Idaho athletes returned with six gold medals, four silver medals, four bronze medals and three fourth place ribbons. The pre-games were a trial run for the 2001 World Winter Games.

Nordic skiers James Clark, American Falls, Chad Moe, Lewis-Clark, Nolan Scott,

Blackfoot, and Brian Lyon, Moscow, joined alpine skiers Suzanne Bell and Christopher Fronk and snowshoers Ralph Curtis and Chris Blair, all from Burley, on the trip.

Coaches Charlette Presnell from the Lewis-Clark team, Jim Clark from the American Falls Gems and Terry Kinkead from the Burley Bobcats also attended the pre-games.

Chris Blair took gold in all three of his snowshoe events. Ralph Curtis received a silver and two bronze medals, Suzanne Bell

a silver medal and participant ribbon, and Chris Fronk a bronze and fourth place ribbon.

More than 750 athletes from 23 states and three Canadian provinces competed in Alaska. Winter sports included Alpine and Nordic skiing, figure skating, speed skating, snowshoeing, snowboarding and floor hockey.

For more information on the upcoming 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games, visit www.2001worldgames.com online.

Rapids sweep week's soccer matchups

Rapids (U11 Boys) 2, Twin Falls (U12 Boys) 2

The Rapids' Conner Watkins produced the only goal in the first half of the match. But Andy Legg started off the second half with a quick goal to tie the score.

Adam Kolojechick-Kotch put the Rapids up by one but the game ended in a 2-2 tie with a second goal by Legg. Ted Wunderlich and Kody Graham controlled the midfield for the Rapids with Art Cortez recognized for excellent defensive play. Chris McMillan played a strong midfield game for the U-12 boys. The match was sponsored by the Physician's Center and Southern Idaho Distributing (Snapple).

Rapids (U12 Girls) 8, Burley (U14 Girls) 0

Danielle Willerts scored within the first five minutes, followed in

close order by a two goals by Lucy Miller.

The Rapids came on strong again in the first five minutes of second half with Bea Wunderlich scoring with an assist from Willerts. Julia Hodges added two more goals followed by goals by Abbey Waters and Bea Wunderlich. In the first half, the defense was lead by Ashton Ford, Beth Howell and Quincy Heithecker. In the second half, Adrienne Browning and Sarah Stanley led the defense and assured a shutout. The match was sponsored by Brose Chemical and Lamb Weston.

Rapids (U14 Girls) 6, Castelford Co-Ed 0

An older and more experienced Rapids U-14 girls dominated the Castelford Co-ed team with goals by Justine Williams, Lauren Adrigney and Kimberly Sanchez in the first half of play.



Katie Wunderlich, Melissa McCoy and Whitney Fjeld scored in the second.

A strong defense led by Darc Ward and Allyson Emmons kept Castelford scoreless. The game was sponsored by Doug McCoy Construction.

Rapids (U16 Girls) 4, Buhl (U17 Girls) 0

Paula Alania scored two goals and Mallory Tortorelli and Milia Palauni added one apiece.

Amey Whitmore registered the shutout. Coach Skip McFarlan noted the outstanding defensive play of Lilly Spencer, Jodi Benson, and Palauni.

TF wrestlers step it up at elite tourney

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls freestyle wrestlers attended the Idaho Express Wrestling Tournament at Centennial High School March 25.

"This is probably the best tournament that our kids will see besides the state tournament this year," said coach Scott Thompson. "Our team might not have had as many goals this week, but we had a lot more kids

in each bracket and better competition. These are the tournaments that will make our kids better."

Freestyle clubs from Oregon, Washington and Idaho attended the tournament. The Twin Falls team traveled to Pocatello High School Saturday.

Results from the tournament were as follows: Zayne Slotten, Bantam, 45 lbs., 2nd; Sawyer

McMillen, Bantam, 55 lbs., 2nd; Brady McNew, Bantam, 60 lbs., 6th; Colton McNew, Bantam, 60 lbs., 3rd; Zak Slotten, Midget, 70 lbs., 4th; Justin Evens, Novice, 130 lbs., 9th; Brain Thompson, School-Boy, 110 lbs., Injury Def; Thomas Widam, School-Boy, 125 lbs., 4th; David Emery, School-Boy, 150 lbs., 4th; Brady Calvert, Cadet, 154 lbs., 3rd; Ben Paxton, Cadet, 167 lbs., 3rd.

Soldier Mtn. team competes at Bogus Basin

BOISE - Five members of the Soldier Mountain Alpine Team recently competed in the Annual Cranston Cup races at Bogus Basin.

Skyler Stevenson posted a time of 54.78 to win the overall first-place finish by seven-tenths of a second. Team-members Zack Ercanbrack, Cody Ercanbrack and Ryan Foster, meanwhile, moved up considerably in the event rankings.

On the girls' side, Brionne Wood, Jerome, completed the race in 1:20.81. Participants at the two-day event are members of the USSA Intermountain Division, which includes 144 boys and 195 girls ages 7-17.



Members of the Soldier Mtn. Ski Team, pictured from left, are: Ryan Foster (Wendell), Zack Ercanbrack (Jerome), Skyler Stevenson (Wendell), coach Andrej Derazinski, Cody Ercanbrack (Jerome). Not pictured: Brionne Wood, Jeph Eckles.

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GOING THE DISTANCE



TWIN FALLS - Nathan Liesen of Three Creek was recently promoted to the rank of low yellow belt by Master Jay Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts. Liesen travels 50 miles one way each week to participate in martial arts training. The next step for Liesen in the exam for high yellow belt. Pictured: Second degree black belt Kenneth Mayfield, Nathan Liesen and first degree black belt Burton Webb, Jr.

PAIR PROMOTED



TWIN FALLS - Kerla Hollifield was recently promoted to low red belt, and her granddaughter McKenz Killey advanced to low green belt. The pair train together Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7 a.m.

YOUTH RANCH WINNERS

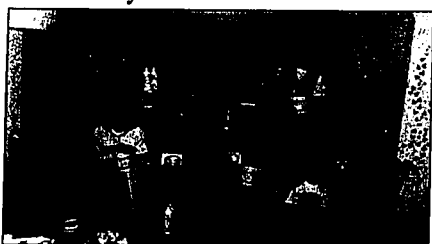


RUPERT - Top, The Santos Metal & Recycling team from Twin Falls recently won the 20th Annual Idaho Youth Ranch Basketball Tournament for seventh and eighth grade boys. Team members included (back, l-r): coach Dennis Bowyer, Casey Street, Corey McCombe, Jon Bowyer, Craig Lavitt, coach Graydon Stanley, (front, l-r) most valuable player Cory Albertson, Eric Snow, Graham Stanley, Damon Jeham and Anthony Patterson.
 Above, The Doc's Pizza-sponsored team from Rupert finished second. Team members were (back, l-r): coach Leland Tracy, Cory Warburton, Rollie Jones, Kody Bingham, Matt Schenk, Mike Grant, Michael Konrad, coach Jerry Tominga, (front, l-r) Layne Tominga, Eric Killey, most valuable player Travis Noble, Jared Tracy and Nathan Eames.

NBHA hands out year-end awards

TWIN FALLS - The National Barrel Horse Association has announced its year-end award winners.

Top five results for year-end:
 Open- 1D: Jaime Koepnick, Susan Neaman, Nancy Varin, Robyn Johnson, Sarah Lockwood.
 2D: Tie/Sherry Juker and Kris Benko, Marcello Heil, Tie/Tiffany Carder and Kim Leirman.
 3D: Alicia Jo Robertson, Sherry Juker, Tie/Kris Benko, Susan Neaman and Marcello Heil.
 Youth- 1D: Tie/Brandy Rodig and Krista Sheefer, Andrea Sparks, Carissa Benko, Tie/Ace Laudert and Cassie Vierstra.
 2D: Carissa Benko, Katie Vierstra, Dillon Neaman, Chelsia Ewing, Dillon Neaman.
 3D: Tie/Katie Vierstra and Carissa Benko.



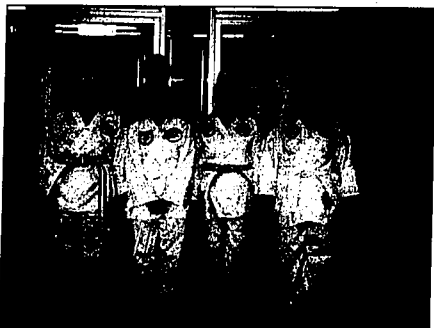
Top row, left to right: Jaime and Karen Koepnick, Sara Lockwood, Krista Sheefer, Brendy Rodig, Susan Neaman. Bottom row: Kris Benko, Sherry Juker, Nancy Varin, Carissa Benko, Katie Vierstra, Darby Robertson, Alicia Jo Robertson, Cassie Vierstra.

CLEMENTS FAMILY ADVANCES



TWIN FALLS - Matthew (age 4), Emily (9) and Stephen Clements (6) were recently promoted to the next belt level at Master Jay Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts. All three are students at Lighthouse Christian School. Troy and Lori Clements are the parents of the trio.

MORNING KICKING CREW



TWIN FALLS - Master Jay Hartwell is proud to announce the promotion of the Morning Kicking Crew. The group meets for class Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 a.m. at Intermountain Martial Arts. Pictured from left to right: Front row: Julie Pollow, Lindsay Paulsen, Kay Sheaffer, Cassie Sheeffer. Back row: Don Rider, Bart Hutoehsen, Donna Tolman.

Paul Stankowski holds on to early BellSouth lead

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Paul Stankowski, who missed the cut in his last two events, shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-shot lead in the unfinished first round of the BellSouth Classic on Thursday.

Stankowski completed his round less than an hour before darkness halted play with 39 players still on the course and having to return this morning to complete the round. The round was delayed for just under two hours shortly after it began because of lightning during a thunderstorm.

"I didn't have much affect on the course, which dried out quickly," Stankowski, who won this event in 1996 when it was played at the Atlanta Country Club, took the lead on the hilly, 7,259 TPC at Sugarloaf course with a strong putting game.

"I didn't hit the ball really well," he said. "I struggled with the driver, but the fairways are so big and there's not a whole lot of rough. It was one of those days that could have been a 72 in a heartbeat, but I am thankful it was not."

"It was more like my 'D' game but it was my 'A' putting game. I riddled it well. I chipped it well. It was fun to get the ball in the hole."

He had plenty of challengers. Phil Mickelson, winner of this year's Buick Invitational, led a group at 67 that also included

Golf

Kenny Perry, Blaine McCallister, Steve Jones, Jay Don Blake and Jean Van de Velde, the French golfer playing his ninth event in the U.S. as he prepares for the Masters next week.

Nick Price headed a group at 68 that also included Gary Nicklaus, son of Jack Nicklaus. Gary has missed five cuts in nine tournaments this year with his best finish a tie for 28th in the Holla Classic. His round included an eagle on the 541-yard 14th when he chipped in from 40 feet.

"It was the best ball-striking round I had all year," Nicklaus said and only two or three shots all day."

Also deadlocked at 68 were Joey Sindelar, Gabriel Hjertstedt, Dave Stockton Jr., John Huston, Brian Henninger, David Peoples and Tom Scherzer, who completed his final hole as play was suspended for darkness at 6:59 p.m.

Stankowski, who started on the back nine, rolled in a 6-foot birdie putt on No. 10, then scored from 15 feet on No. 12 and 30 feet on No. 13.

Playing a bogey-free round, he added two more birdies at No. 1 from 4 feet and No. 2 from 25 feet, then finished it off with a 6-footer for another birdie on No. 6.

Defending champion David Duval struggled to a 73. Paul

Azing led a group of nine at 69, defending Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal shot 71 and Justin Leonard 72.

Late bloomer leads first round of senior major

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Put the corporate outings on hold. Jim Ahern is on a roll.

Ahern, whose success at top-dollar golf camps far outweighs his success as a tour pro, is close to catching up. He shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday for a one-stroke lead over Tom Kite and Walter Morgan in the first round of the Tradition.

Only a handful of others were close as the Cochise Course at Desert Mountain, set up for the first Senior PGA major of the season, played tougher than Ahern could remember.

"If you drive it in the rough here, you've got problems," said the resident of nearby Paradise Valley. "They've got some thick rough. They had to be spending some money on fertilizer here, I'll tell you, because that rough is tough."

Larry Nelson was alone in fourth at 68, with Jay Sigel, Bob Dickson, and Vicente Fernandez at 69.

NCAA recruiting plan irks coaches

Knight Ridder News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — There is little argument about the huge role summer basketball has become for big-time high school prospects. But there are dueling truths about what the off-season has become, and the resulting debate about how to police that time promises to be a contentious issue between the NCAA and college basketball coaches.

The NCAA has a proposal in the works that would eliminate the summer evaluation period in men's basketball while increasing the number of evaluation days during the academic year from 40 to 70 in an effort to make high school coaches more involved in the process. But the National Association of Basketball coaches and executive director Jim Haney disagree with the premise, yielding only to reduce the number of summer evaluation days from 24 to 20.

The upside to events such as the ABCD All-Star Camp held in July at Fairleigh Dickinson or comparable all-star camps sponsored by Nike is increased exposure leading to expanded opportunities for more athletes. With the first signing period occurring in November, before the high school seasons even begin, many athletes consider

the summer their most important time to show off their talents. But there is little doubt that there is a sordid side involving shoe companies, street agents, and runners who attempt to steer players to certain schools and subvert the academic goals of scholarship.

The NCAA believes that eliminating the summer period will help it regain control of the recruiting process.

"We recognize it may not be the most popular of all the amendments," NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said here Thursday. "In addressing these issues with our coaches, we still feel we can change the summer culture. We need to change that culture and the best way is to start a new culture, not to tweak the old one."

There was little support for his stance, however. Not from coaches or from people who run summer camps.

"The idea that you take the college coaches out of the summer only strengthens the opportunity for those who want to step in and do the thinking for the prospect," Haney said.

"I don't agree with cutting that out," said former Georgetown coach John Thompson, long a critic of NCAA policies. "You're putting them right back in the hands of people you can't control. The

need will be there. You're not eliminating the need by removing coaches."

Leigh Klein is the associate director of Five Star, a system of instructional camps that high school players can pay to attend. But Five Star is also part of the recruiting process because the sites are open to college coaches when they occur in the open evaluation time frame.

"Adidas doesn't sponsor these things because of college coaches. They don't care about that," Klein said.

The implication is they care about making money off potential future clients or consumers. That is why few believed banning coaches would threaten the camps. "It's naive to think if you cut off the summer recruiting that the camps won't exist," Air Force coach Reggie Minton said.

And neither will high school coaches, although Klein would not concede that they are any more virtuous than the AAU coaches who run teams in the summer. "There are high school coaches who if you want to recruit their kid, you have to pay them," Klein said. "And they're supposed to be the good guys? Summer coaches aren't all bad and high school coaches aren't all good. It's not a universal."

Seven U.S. boxers qualify for 2000 Summer Olympics

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — World champion Ricardo Juarez led a parade of seven U.S. boxers into the Olympics with semifinal victories Thursday night at an Americas qualifying tournament.

The parade got off to a stumbling start when Brian Victoria, the world 106-pound champion from Waipahu, Hawaii, was outpointed 4-1 by Ivan Calderon of Puerto Rico, a New York City Golden Gloves champion in 1995-96.

Five judges scored the fight on paper because of computer failure. All the other bouts were scored by computer.

"There can't be any better feeling than, as of now, you're going to Sydney, Australia," Juarez, of Houston, said after battering Andres Ledesma of Colombia 17-3 at 125 pounds.

"I've been dreaming about it since I was a kid," said Juarez, who will turn 20 on April 15.

The first American to get to the Olympics was Jose Navarro of Los Angeles, who edged Carlos Valcarcel of Puerto Rico 9-8 in a bout immediately following Juarez' loss.

"When Brian lost, that hyped me up," said Navarro, who outscored his opponent 6-3 in the third round. No scoring blows were recorded in the fourth round. "I thought I scored two or

three points in that round," the surprised Navarro said.

The other Americans earning trips to Sydney in September were Clarence Vinson, 119, of Washington, D.C.; Marshall Martinez, 132, of Fontana, Calif.; Ricardo Williams, 139, of Cincinnati; Jermain Taylor, 156, of Little Rock, Ark.; and Jeff Lacy, 165, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Heavyweight Michael Bennett of Chicago, a world champion, and super heavyweight Calvin Brock of Charlotte, N.C., also won semifinals, but they also must wait in Saturday's finals at Exposition Hall to qualify for the Olympics.

The 29-year-old Bennett, the oldest member of the U.S. team, hurt Mike Simmons of Canada with body punches and won 9-4.

Brock knocked down Victor Bisbal with a left hook in the fourth round and stopped him. Brock was leading 13-1 after three rounds.

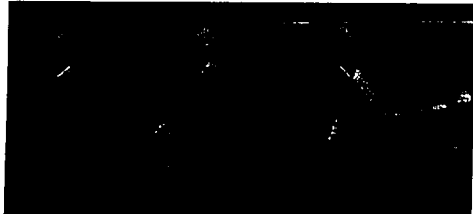
Vitoria and two other Americans beaten on Wednesday, Michael Simms Jr. of Sacramento, Calif., a world 178-pound champion, and Dante Craig, 147, of Cincinnati, can still qualify for the Olympics in tournaments April 17-22 at Mexico City or May 23-38 at Buenos Aires.

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Wildcats' center plans return for his senior year

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Admitting that he was torn in both directions, Arizona's 7-foot-1 center Loren Woods announced Thursday that he would not leave school for the NBA and would return for his senior season.

"By me coming back, I'll definitely be a better player," Woods said. "But I think I'll also be a better person. By me growing up and maturing in a year, it will be a huge difference than if I would have gone to that level this year—emotionally, having things on and off the court. I'll definitely be more mature after another year."

Woods' decision means that all seven players who played regularly for the Wildcats will return for a team that shared the Pac-10 championship and was the No. 1 seed in the West in the NCAA tournament.

"If we're not preseason No. 1, then there's something wrong with the polls," said Woods' teammate, Richard Jefferson, who briefly toyed with the idea of turning pro but decided to return next season.

In addition to the returning players from this season, Arizona will have the services of tough power forward Eugene Edgerston, who sat out a year to get his teaching degree, as well as what-ever freshman recruits coach

Lute Olson can get.

Woods led the Wildcats in scoring at 15.6 points per game, and was one of the most prolific shot blockers in the country. He tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon. But he missed the final seven games because of a compressed disc in his lower back. The injury would have prevented him from participating in any full-scale tryouts for NBA teams.

He said he expects a complete recovery by next season.

Woods kept his decision a mystery throughout his long statement during a news conference at McKale Center, until the very end. When he announced it, several teammates and friends cheered and applauded.

Woods insisted he didn't make up his mind until about 40 minutes before the news conference, even though Olson said earlier this week that he thought the big center would be coming back.

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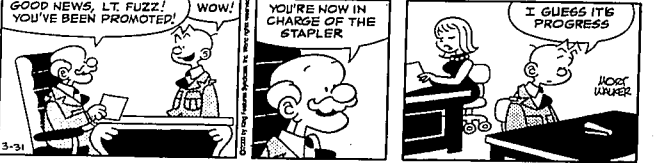
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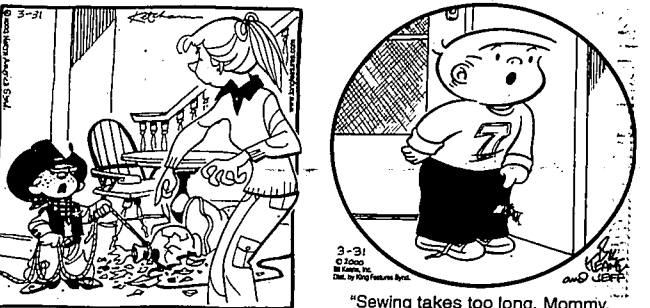


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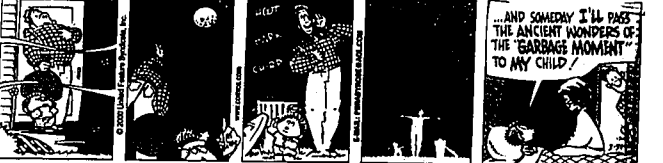
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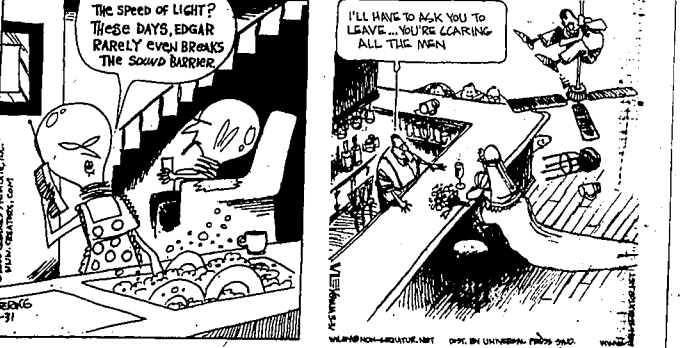


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MONEY

BT, AT&T, Microsoft form mobile multimedia alliance

Bridge News

LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC, AT&T Corp. and computer software company Microsoft Corp. have teamed up to deliver mobile phone multimedia services, the companies said Thursday.

They will work together to develop new wireless broadband applications that will allow subscribers to access e-mail, play interactive games and listen to music on their mobile phones.

The new product is aimed at both global consumer and business markets, with trials of some services expected to start this fall. Commercial rollout is planned soon after successful completion of trials.

Microsoft said the new software can be used on BT's and AT&T's existing and next-generation high-speed mobile data networks.

The new link-up extends the existing relationship between BT and Microsoft into the broad-band mobile arena. BT and

Microsoft have already announced they are developing software and consumer mobile applications for use on existing mobile networks.

Kendra VanderMeulen, senior vice president of product strategy and development at AT&T Wireless Services, said "The roll-out of our third generation wireless networks will go hand-in-hand with the development and delivery of new applications, providing our customers with the ability to communicate in new and powerful ways as these services become available."

AT&T will use the Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution (EDGE) network, and BT, together with its international joint venture partners, said it will deploy Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) networks.

These networks will allow the U.K. and U.S. telecoms companies to provide global roaming capabilities and high-speed wireless Internet protocol services, BT said.

There is a deduction for everything

Knigt Ridder News Service

Everybody's got a story. And, as income tax time nears its end, they're telling them to their accountants.

You've got nude dancers looking to cut their taxes to the bare minimum. A police officer trying to deduct expenses related to his ventriloquist's dummy. And a budding novelist who tried to write off trips to brothels.

Accountants and others hear all kinds of questions and requests in the hunt to pay the least amount of taxes. Some asked-for deductions, while they may sound strange, are allowed. Some that sound reasonable aren't. In any case, that doesn't stop the questioning.

Key Harris probably has seen more oddball cases than most. Each year for the past four years Harris, a newsletter editor, has helped compile the nationwide "List of Wacky Tax Court Cases" for his parent company, the Illinois-based tax law firm CCH Inc.

"We get some quirky little factual situations," Harris said of the annual list. "It's crucial to show that the tax laws are interpreted."

Tax preparers have their share of unusual and outright weird cases. A police officer trying to deduct expenses related to his ventriloquist's dummy. And a budding novelist who tried to write off trips to brothels.

Some with exotic dancer diets looking to take it all off - income tax-wise - are asked if the costs of the costumes used in their work can be deducted.

They can - the costumes are considered uniforms for business purposes.

But other people trying to claim dry cleaning or nonuniform fancy clothes as business deductions are usually out of luck.

Strippers don't have to keep at apparel.

Since a 1994 court ruling, a number of Akron dancers have sought deductions for breast implants, according to Lee Noble, district manager for the IRS, Office in Akron, Ohio, and Ken H&R Block offices.

In the 1994 case, a stripper who performed in Indiana under the name Chesly Love was allowed a \$2,000 deduction on her 1988 return because she obviously got the implants for business purposes and not for purely cosmetic reasons, a tax court judge ruled.

There are other tax tales, as well. Consider one person who needed a refund really, really quickly. Noble remembered a client, a couple of years ago who was filling out tax forms. A sheriff walked into the office and asked for the couple, whom he was about to arrest. The customer quickly signed the paperwork to get H&R Block's Rapid Refund loan - which was then used as bail money.

"There are all sorts of needs for that money," Noble said. Besides the occasional bail payment, people use the refund loans for things as rent and car payments.

The Akron Beacon Journal's annual tax call-in program can also generate some unusual questions.

AKron CPA Michael Kolk remembered one in particular. The caller, who was serious, wanted to know if he needed to pay taxes on embezzlement income.

"You do. Absolutely," Kolk

said. The IRS will penalize anyone who doesn't declare income, on top of any criminal charges that are filed when a person is caught embezzling from an employer.

Pat Horning of Bruner Cox CPAs said a man called him and wanted to know if he could deduct the cost of cementing over his backyard.

"I said 'The whole yard?' The guy said, 'yeah,'" Horning remembered.

Seems the guy was starting a kennel. Not only that, but he bred dogs and wanted to know if he could deduct the cost of having one of the breeders spayed, Horning said.

In both instances, Horning said, the expenses could be deducted.

As for CCH Inc.'s Fourth Annual List of Wacky Tax Court Cases, here are some selections:

"An aspiring writer who visited brothels and paid for prostitutes as part of research for a book had certain business deductions disallowed by the IRS. However, a tax court allowed some exceptions.

The court found that some aspects of the novelist's activities were business-like. The personal pleasure the writer, a former Treasury Department budget analyst, derived from the activity did not disqualify it as a business. He was allowed to deduct some travel expenses.

But the court disallowed some substantiated expenditures for visiting brothels and prostitutes, saying the payments he made were so inherently personal that they could not be deducted.

• A San Francisco police officer

who patrolled with a ventriloquist's dummy named "Officer O'Smarty" was not allowed to deduct amounts he spent to influence a public referendum to save the puppet. The dummy dressed in a uniform, with a badge and water pistol, was used by the officer to make himself look less formidable to the public. But his bosses tried to get him to stop using the dummy. The officer put the issue to a public referendum and won. But the tax court ruled the officer could not deduct advertising expenses related to the campaign.

• A tax accountant was convicted of willfully failing to file tax returns over 13 years. The accountant had a neurological disorder that caused him to sleep for all but four hours a day. He had filed his own returns on time for years, but failed to do so from 1980 through 1992. When he found the IRS was investigating him, he filed his 13 delinquent tax returns in eight days. The accountant argued his failure was innocently inadvertent. But an appeals court said there was sufficient proof his disorder had prevented him from achieving personal and professional accomplishments. The conviction included six months in prison, a fine and an assessment.

What do the professionals learn from all this? If there's anything Harris has taken in from compiling the information, it's that for people to win a legitimate case against the IRS, they need to keep good records to document their expenses.

"The taxpayer says every once in a while," Harris said, "(but) not very often."

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to kick in another million dollars. Without positive recognition, Idahois will have a difficult time recruiting the talent it needs for high-tech industry and tourists, he said.

The irony is that there are not enough people in certain areas of

the state and yet there's high unemployment elsewhere, he said, referring to Sun Valley's need to import workers from the Twin Falls area.

Times-News correspondent Karen Bessick can be reached in Halley at 578-2111.

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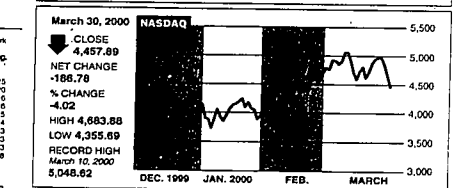
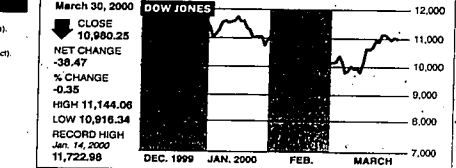
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Tech stocks falter, hitting Nasdaq for fifth worst drop

NEW YORK (AP) - The Nasdaq composite index narrowly averted its worst day in history Thursday, ending a volatile session by recovering some of the losses it had suffered in the previous days. The index fell 167.78 points, or 4.57 percent, to 3,647.89. This was the fifth largest drop since the index began its ascent in 1999.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 20.60 to 1,487.92 and the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 11.43 to 531.57. Analysts note that the tech sector's decline is being driven by concerns over earnings and a shift in investor sentiment.

On Thursday, several factors derailed the high-tech sector, pushing the Nasdaq well into market watchers' definition of a correction - a reversal of an upward trend.

At the core, investors hoping to capture profits continued a sell-off of stocks that have performed especially well this year. What's more, with the end of the first quarter on Friday, mutual fund managers dumped technology stocks so quarterly reports won't show falling high-tech names.

Wireless communications company Qualcomm fell 12 1/2 to 145 15/16 and network equipment maker Cisco Systems fell 2 7/16 to 72 5/8.

The psychological nerve of the market is slowly beginning to unravel a bit, said Brian G. Beltski, chief investment strategist at George J. Baum & Co. in Kansas City, Mo.

The market's swoon followed the announcement that Tiger Management, a family of hedge funds, will soon shut down. Tiger was run by renowned money manager Julian H. Robertson Jr., who was once among the world's largest hedge fund families with \$21 billion in assets.

Robertson made his name and his fortune by investing in under-valued industrial or transportation companies. His resistance to technology stocks in recent years, his funds' downfall - Tiger recently had about \$6 billion in assets - and subjected him to criticism from some investors.

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Afrikaner Resistance Movement leader Eugene TerreBlanche makes comments outside the Potchefstroom court Thursday 77 miles west of Johannesburg, where the Neo-Nazi leader turned himself in to serve a one year prison sentence for the assault of a black gas station attendant.

White supremacist will begin jail term

POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa (AP) — Riding up on a black horse with martial music booming in the background, Eugene TerreBlanche — a neo-Nazi white supremacist widely despised by blacks — defiantly turned himself in Thursday to begin a one-year prison term for assaulting a black man.

Volcano watch goes into fifth day

Rumble warns Japan of impending eruption

The Washington Post

TOKYO — A nerve-wracking volcano watch went into its fifth day Friday as Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, as cracks opened in Mount Usu and more than 100 quakes or tremors every hour shook the area.

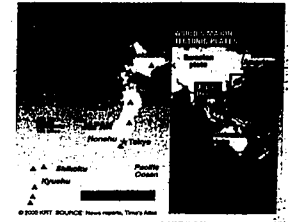
the last time. Hiromu Okada of the Usu Volcano Observatory surveyed the volcano from a helicopter Thursday and reported 100-yard long cracks appearing on its snow-covered slopes.

"Twenty-three years ago the eruption came shortly after the quakes started. The longer duration of the quakes this time is causing a lot of anxiety," said Yoshio Nagasaki, mayor of Abuta, one of three towns carrying out evacuations.

Officials expanded the danger zone Thursday as the Self-Defense Forces helped truck people out of the area.

"I wish it would just erupt and get it over with," Toshiko Oishi, 69, told reporters in Date.

Her wish was echoed by many other evacuees who slept on tatami mats moved into gymnasiums, where they could still feel the trembling from the volcano.



Officials fear that any size of eruption will melt the snow on Mount Usu, causing deadly mudslides.

Interior minister says Russia controls Chechnya

URUS-MARTAN, Russia — Russian soldiers searched a mountainous district of Chechnya on Thursday for 27 comrades who were missing after an ambush — an attack that again demonstrated the vulnerability of Russian forces in the rebellious republic.

Regulator approves naming Bern, Switzerland accounts

BERN, Switzerland — The Swiss bank regulator on Thursday approved the publication of names on 26,000 Holocaust-era accounts in a final push to find the heirs of victims.

accounts, justice will be done to victims of the Holocaust who during the war held their assets in Swiss banks," said Kurt Hauri, president of the commission.

Hauri said the decision clears the way for rapid implementation of the \$1.25 billion settlement reached two years ago between banks and Jewish organizations and Holocaust claimants in New York under U.S. District Judge Edward Korman.

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