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Leroy Kohntopp was a farm boy from Idaho serving aboard the USS Maryland in Pearl Harbor when the Japanese came and put two bombs into the battleship. After the war, Kohntopp returned to his hometown to continue farming, and to raise five children. "Our motto is 'Remember Pearl Harbor: Keep America Alert,'" he said.

Pearl Harbor survivors embrace life

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - What if fate lent you tomorrow?
"Pearl Harbor was nothing compared to being married to a redhead for 60 years," says Dave Bettencourt with a laugh. It's a quip that the ex-Marine from Twin Falls clearly relishes, now two generations past the watershed event of the 20th century of which he was a part.

"Pearl Harbor changed the way I looked at the world," said Ralph Eaton, a Navy veteran of the Japanese attack that plunged America into World War II. "To see what people can do to other people, well, it makes it different. You're not the same."

Different, but how? Several local Pearl Harbor survivors recently talked about the extra years that circumstance - luck, skill, happenstance, providence - had given each of them. Sixty

years to make a life. "Pearl Harbor was just the beginning," said Gale Mohlenbrink of Buhl, another Navy veteran of the battle. "For



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"How do you know how one event might have changed your life?"
- Gale Mohlenbrink



"A Japanese plane flew close enough that I could see the gunner grinning at me."
- Ralph Eaton



"I worked in the signals office and it didn't come as much of a surprise to anyone."
- Ray Roessler



"The good Lord was looking after me."
- Richard Hansing



"The 60th anniversary really won't have any effect on me. It was just something that I was a part of."
- Dave Bettencourt

those of us who were in the fighting for the rest of the war, there were a lot of bad days." Almost a year to the day after Pearl Harbor, Mohlenbrink had

his ship - the heavy cruiser Northampton - torpedoed out from under him during the battle
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Veterans from both sides gather in Hawaii

Former enemies take in emotional reunion

The Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - Kunio Iwashita, a Zero fighter pilot during World War II, says it was only on Sept. 11 - six decades after the attack on Pearl Harbor - that he realized how Americans must have felt back then.

"I was very impressed with all the flags on buildings and cars, with the patriotic Americans showed after Sept. 11," said Iwashita, who was visiting relatives in Boston that day. "I realized what a big, strong country America is. I had no idea about that" in 1941.

Iwashita, who flew against Americans in the Pacific and heads a group of fellow Japanese World War II fighter pilots, was among veterans from both sides gathered for today's 60th



Japanese Air Force Maj. Gen. Sachio Sawada signs an autograph for retired Air Force Col. Dewey Gray Thursday at Hickam Air Force Base near Honolulu, anniversary of the most infamous sneak attack of the 20th century. This year, the gathering takes place in the shadow of another war, triggered by a surprise attack that has been likened to

Pearl Harbor. At a Pearl Harbor event on Wednesday, fellow veterans applauded as Iwashita embraced one of his former enemies, Jim Daniels, 86, of Kailua, Hawaii. They all shook hands and stood at attention as a bugler played taps at the close of a three-day seminar on war issues.

Dozens of survivors will gather today for a Navy service aboard the USS Arizona Memorial, held each year at 7:50 a.m., the time the Dec. 7, 1941, attack began. Later in the morning, about 3,000 people - including an estimated 800 Pearl Harbor survivors - will attend a service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

President Bush will mark the anniversary across the country with a speech aboard an aircraft carrier in Norfolk, Va. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor killed 2,390 Americans and plunged the United States into World War II.

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College ponders leaner budget

Early retirements could help ease cuts in funding

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Early retirement seems like the kinder, gentler way to reduce salary spending during Idaho's current economic downturn.

That's what College of Southern Idaho officials thought, but the idea has opposition.

"There is some resistance on the part of public schools to using PERSI (Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho) to support staff reductions due to the impending shortage of teachers," CSI Executive Vice President Jerry Beck said Thursday.

If PERSI were to allow long-time CSI employees a few years short of the "Rule of 90" to retire without penalty, then the one-time-only plan would apply to everyone in the system statewide of equal status, Beck said.

CSI officials met with Gov. Dick Kempthorne at a regular monthly meeting with other college and university administrators earlier this week. A main topic of discussion was how each school would cope with 3 percent cutbacks from this year's budget as well as a projected cut in next year's budgets.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer had hoped to get the go-ahead on early retirement, but he said Wednesday an answer is at least a month away.

He also said he had hoped the governor would be able to offer hope after warning CSI earlier of a 10.7 reduction in state money next year.

"But we heard things are
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Taliban reportedly surrender at Kandahar

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Taliban forces began handing in their weapons in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on Friday as part

of a surrender deal with opposition forces, according to Pakistani news services close to the Islamic militia.

The report, by the Afghan Islamic Press, could not be independently verified immediately.

The news service quoted Taliban leaders in Kandahar as saying they had ordered their fighters to give their weapons to a commission made up of Muslim clerics, local tribal elders and some opposition commanders.

In Washington, Haron Amin, a spokesman for the northern alliance, said he was unaware of the report that a surrender was in progress.

The reports come a day after the Taliban agreed to surrender Kandahar, their last bastion and birthplace, if their warriors were not provided and safety was guaranteed to leader Mullah Mohammed Omar who once vowed to fight to the death.

America said it would not accept any deal allowing the cleric to go free.
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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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 Yesterday:
 High 46°
 Low 6°
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 McCall 32/16
 Salmon 32/12
 Sun Valley 35/16
 Idaho Falls 32/14
 Pocatello 38/20
 TWIN FALLS 42/22

Shows today's weather. Temperature above today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
▲ 42°	▼ 22°	▲ 42° ▼ 24°	▲ 36° ▼ 18°	▲ 32° ▼ 16°	▲ 34° ▼ 20°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Times of clouds and sunshine today; a couple of spots in and near the mountains will have a rain or snow shower this morning. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the mid-40s in the valleys of the west.

Boise: A mixture of clouds and sunshine today. High 44. Partly cloudy tonight with areas of fog possible after midnight. Low 28. Any fog or low clouds will be followed by some sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A few spots will start this morning with fog; otherwise, partly to mostly sunny today. Highs mainly in the 40s. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog possible late. Lows 10-30.

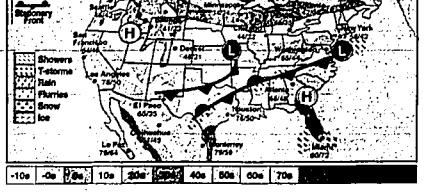
Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy this morning with a stray sprinkle or flurry, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine this afternoon. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the low 40s in Salt Lake City.

Northern Idaho: A couple of rain and mountain snow showers in the area this morning, then clouds and breaks of sunshine this afternoon. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the upper 40s in the lowest valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 84° in Tampa, FL Low -11° in Williston, ND

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.
Calgary	20	10	21	11	W	13
Edmonton	20	10	21	11	W	13
Regina	16	0	17	7	W	10
Saskatoon	16	0	17	7	W	10
Winnipeg	12	-4	13	-5	W	6

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.
Acapulco	89	70	90	72	W	82
Amsterdam	52	43	53	44	W	45
Bangkok	83	71	84	72	W	81
Beijing	71	53	72	54	W	55
Berlin	41	32	42	33	W	34
Buenos Aires	82	54	83	55	W	56
Calcutta	80	49	81	50	W	51
Hong Kong	74	68	75	69	W	70
Jerusalem	50	40	51	41	W	42
Johannesburg	81	63	82	64	W	65
London	54	47	55	48	W	49
Mexico City	72	43	73	44	W	45
Moscow	18	12	19	13	W	14
Paris	46	34	47	35	W	36
Rio de Janeiro	80	68	81	70	W	71
Rome	50	32	51	33	W	34
Sao Paulo	84	66	85	67	W	68
Sydney	75	55	76	56	W	57
Tokyo	48	34	49	35	W	36
Warsaw	25	15	26	16	W	17
Zurich	36	27	37	28	W	29

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.
Boise	44	28	45	29	pc	30
Bonners Ferry	36	29	37	30	pc	31
Burley	41	26	42	27	pc	28
Coeur d'Alene	38	22	39	23	pc	24
Elko	41	25	42	26	pc	27
Eugene, OR	42	26	43	27	pc	28
Hagerman	41	25	42	26	pc	27
Idaho Falls	39	24	40	25	pc	26
Kalispell, MT	33	22	34	23	pc	24
Lewiston	46	30	47	31	pc	32
Malta	32	11	33	12	pc	13

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Surrender

The deal and apparent subsequent surrender marked the final collapse of the militant movement that imposed strict Islamic rule on Afghanistan for five years.

The report to "he surrenders made no mention of any resistance by Taliban fighters. Instead it reported some Taliban personnel as saying that they were following the orders of Omar.

Until the surrender deal was cut on Thursday, Omar had ordered his men to defend Kandahar to the death.

However, the Taliban reversed their hardline position after top opposition tribal leader, Hamid Karzai, agreed to guarantee Omar's safety if he denounced terrorism.

Battle for Tora Bora

Anti-Taliban troops supported by U.S. bombers are advancing on Osama bin Laden's suspected mountain fortress, Tora Bora.

Bin Laden supporters More than 1,000 of bin have firing positions. Laden's followers are inside caves and believed to be hiding behind cliffs in cave system.

Afghan pact begins to fray

KABUL, Afghanistan - The Iranian-backed pact to bring peace to Afghanistan came under attack Thursday from several old guard commanders of the Northern Alliance, which won the dominant share of power in an interim government.

Northern Alliance dissenters included Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, an Uzbek warlord in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, commander Ismail Khan in the western city of Herat, and at least two other alliance leaders in Kabul.

The Iranian-backed Hezb-i-Wahdat Party, whose Shiite Muslim Hazara fighters waged fierce battles in the civil war for control of Kabul during the early 1990s, also expressed reservations about the deal signed near Bonn, Germany on Wednesday.

However, facing intense pressure from foreign governments and the United Nations, the commanders appeared willing to try to resolve their differences.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell called on all Afghan warlords to put aside rivalries and endorsed the interim administration.

Francis Vendrell, deputy to the chief U.N. mediator of the deal, said he did not believe that unhappiness among Northern Alliance commanders would block the scheduled Dec. 22 change of power in Kabul, but might create problems in enforcing the agreement.

Marines go on alert at base near Kandahar

Southern Afghanistan (AP) - U.S. Marines went on alert late Thursday and fired mortars around their base in southern Afghanistan to repel what a spokesman said was "almost certainly" an attempt by Taliban forces to probe their defenses.

A UH-1N Huey helicopter crashed near the airstrip here at Camp Rhino, and Marine spokesman Capt. Stewart Upton said two servicemen received minor injuries, one of them on the ground.

He said the cause of the crash was under investigation.

Before the crash, small arms fire reverberated through the desert base along with the crisp blast of mortar rounds being fired. Flares lit up the flat, dusty desert around Camp Rhino where journalists crouched in trenches.

Cave battles intensify

The Washington Post

JALALABAD, Afghanistan - Despite another day of heavy bombing by U.S. warplanes, Osama bin Laden's guerrillas held their ground Thursday against 1,000 Afghans attacking their mountain stronghold of heavily fortified caves and bunkers.

As the battle for Tora Bora entered its third day, the Pentagon confirmed that 30 to 40 U.S. Special Forces were in eastern Afghanistan to help coordinate the hunt for bin Laden and the remnants of his al-Qaida organization. Dozens of CIA operatives also were believed to be in the area as well.

Now that the Taliban has offered to surrender its southern bastion of Kandahar, the White Mountains - where Tora Bora is located - could become the final battlefield in the U.S.-led war against bin Laden and his Taliban protectors. The radical Islamic militia's swift collapse since early November has left an estimated several hundred bin Laden loyalists apparently trapped and cut off from resupply in the mountain range about 55 miles southeast of here.

"We have taken the center of the base, but there is still severe fighting," field commander Hajj Ayub told reporters Thursday at the front, where intense U.S. air

CSI

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absolutely as had they thought they were going to be," Meyerhoeffer said.

A reduction in around \$1.6 million next year in state allocations, combined with around a \$400,000 increase in costs including benefits, insurance and electricity, means CSI will lose at least \$2 million, officials say they need to maintain the status quo.

To recover the money, Meyerhoeffer said he thinks the college could save \$600,000 to \$700,000 by not replacing several employees who are eligible for retirement. And up to another \$800,000 could be collected from raising tuition and student fees, he said.

But officials are scratching their heads about how to come up with another \$600,000 or \$600,000.

"That's what we're sitting around the table exploring," Beck said.

Internal reorganization after the retirement factor has played out could give some relief, Meyerhoeffer said. At least, officials will be looking to correct with small efficiencies "clear across the institution," Beck said.

"We've sent a letter out to the department heads to get with all their people to discuss ideas on how to save money," Beck said.

Beck said he has already instructed ways to reduce student attri-

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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CORRECTION

A Thursday story about a Goetting County Commission meeting incorrectly cited Paul Faulkner's profession. Faulkner is an associate real estate broker with Muffley Realty.

The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

Ashcroft defends U.S. anti-terror tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft defended military courts, detentions and a host of other anti-terrorism measures Thursday, saying they are necessary to thwart terrorists who are on U.S. soil "waiting to kill again."

"One option is to live in a dream world that requires us to do nothing different," Ashcroft told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "The other option is to fight back."

Ashcroft's appearance came amid growing criticism from Democrats and civil liberties groups about relaxed wiretapping rules, detentions of hundreds of Middle Eastern men whose names have not been disclosed, and the Bush administration's plan to use military tribunals to try foreign terrorists.

Holding up an al-Qaida terrorist manual, Ashcroft said members of Osama bin Laden's network are exploiting America's openness. "Terrorist operatives infiltrate our communities, plotting, planning and waiting to kill again," he said.

Ashcroft said the Bush administration's stern new policies are fair and accused his critics of trying to scare the public into

Man opens fire at Indiana factory, kills one

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — A man opened fire Thursday at the simulated wood factory where he worked, killing a co-worker and wounding several others before committing suicide, authorities said.

State Police officials said one person was slain inside Nu-Wood Decorative Millwork Factory. A SWAT team later found the gunman with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"He was dead when they found him," Sheriff's Capt. Julie Dijkstra said. Authorities said five people were treated for gunshot wounds, but their conditions weren't immediately known. Earlier, the mayor and hospital administrators said they feared 30 to 35 people had been shot.

Workers told authorities an automatic weapon was used and some injuries appeared to be shotgun wounds. The shooting jolted this northern Indiana community. An elementary school kept students inside and Goshen College, a small school run by Mennonites, also told its students and faculty to stay indoors.

Police and SWAT teams surrounded the factory and cordoned off the area. Twelve nearby plants were evacuated, and at least a dozen ambulances lined up near the complex in an industrial park on the edge of town.

"The place is smothered in cops," said Chris Barouska, a parts manager at a neighboring Ingersoll-Rand factory. "Completely surrounded."

By late afternoon, people could be seen leaving the building with their hands on their heads and rescue crews removed people on stretchers.

Goshen, a community of 20,000 people, is about 100 miles east of Chicago. Nu-Wood makes a polyurethane-based product that resembles white pine and is used as decorative-trimming by homebuilders and remodelers.

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Brief summaries of the controversial new Justice Department measures

Among the anti-terrorism initiatives:
Military tribunals: Military tribunals will be used to try suspects who aren't U.S. citizens. A two-thirds vote would mean a conviction. Evidence could be kept from the defense and no appeals to civil courts would be permitted.
Secret detentions: The Justice Department is interviewing more than 15,000 young men, mostly Middle Easterners, seeking information about terrorists. Although U.S. Attorney's Office investigators are told not to look into a subject's visa status beforehand, prosecution for visa violations is urged.
Visas for informants: The "Responsible Cooperators Program" rewards those who provide information

on suspected terrorists with help in obtaining U.S. visas and citizenship, and in solving visa problems.
Attorney-client privilege: Monitoring mail and voice communications between prisoners and attorneys would be permitted if the attorney general suspects terrorism. The attorney and defendant must be informed.
Secret detentions: The Justice Department is declining to release names or charges against many of 1,100 people who have been detained in the course of its investigation of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.
Noncitizen detentions: Noncitizens now may be held by immigration officials for up to a week without charges. The old limit was one day. They may be detained indefinitely if deemed threats to national security.

"Each action taken by the Department of Justice as well as the war crimes commission ... is carefully drawn to cover a narrow class of individuals — terrorists," Ashcroft said.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Americans want action. "Do any members really believe that in this time of crisis, the American people really care whether the attorney general took the time to pick up the telephone and call us prior to implementing these emergency measures?" Hatch said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said the tribunals present "enormous potential for abuse" and pressed Ashcroft for details about what rights defendants would have and whether the trials would be held in secret. Ashcroft promised "full and fair proceedings" but said military trials would be closed if necessary to protect national security.

believing that civil liberties are in jeopardy. "Your tactics only aid terrorists for they erode our national unity," said Ashcroft. "They give ammunition to America's enemies."

The committee chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said Congress should have more say in the new policies. "The need for congressional oversight is not to protect terrorists," he said. "It is to make sure that our government has good reason before snooping into our bank records, our tax returns or our e-mails."

Buoyed by recent polls showing the public generally supports the tactics, Ashcroft said his critics are uninformed. "Charges of kangaroo courts and shredding the Constitution

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NATION

Space shuttle Endeavour blasts off into space

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Space shuttle Endeavour Thursday raced toward its docking with the international space station Friday to deliver the fourth crew to live in the orbiting outpost.

The shuttle is delivering the space station's newest crew. American astronauts Carl Walz and Daniel Bursch and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Onufrienko, the new station commander, will stay until May.

Endeavour will be the ride home for Alpha's current residents: commander Frank Culbertson and cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhurov and Mikhail Tyurin. They have been living aboard Alpha since August.

Besides ferrying up a load of station supplies, the shuttle also carried New York City police and fire department badges and patches, and flags from the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. Also on board were thousands of small American flags, which after Endeavour's return will be given to the families of those killed on Sept. 11 and to survivors of the attacks.

Nation in brief

DNA evidence casts doubt on Boston Strangler identity

WASHINGTON — The identity of — the — notorious Boston Strangler was cast into doubt Thursday by new DNA evidence that fails to link the man who confessed to the string of 1960s rape-murders to the last victim.

A team of forensic scientists who exhumed the body of Mary Sullivan "over a year" ago revealed that tests on her clothing and remains found DNA from two individuals other than Sullivan.

Neither finding was a match for Albert DeSalvo, whose body was exhumed six weeks ago.

Patch promises to fix holes in children's hearts

WASHINGTON — Children born with a severe hole in the heart won a breakthrough treatment Thursday: the first patches that can seal those holes without open-heart surgery.

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patches can be threaded into the heart through tiny incisions in the groin, a far easier therapy than the grueling surgery many toddlers and young children have faced until now.

"It's pretty remarkable to see just how this works," said Dr. Stuart Portnoy of the Food and Drug Administration, which approved the patches Thursday. Portnoy called the patches a breakthrough that could help hundreds of children a year.

Striking N.J. teachers trade classrooms for jail cells

FREEHOLD, N.J. — History teacher Barbara Guenther hasn't missed a day of class in 37 years. Now, she is spending her days in a 9-by-9 jail cell, locked up along with scores of other striking teachers in a bitter lesson in civil disobedience.

Among them is Arline Corbett, 57, a veteran teacher who jokingly says she is so law-abiding she still has the "do not remove under penalty of law" tags on her old mattresses.

By the end of the day Thursday, nearly 240 striking

teachers — in well-to-do Middletown Township had been jailed this week for violating a back-to-work order. They are the first New Jersey teachers to be locked up in 23 years, and some 500 more could follow suit.

The teachers, who make an average of \$56,000 annually, are fighting a move to increase their health care premiums by up to \$600 per person, per year. Currently, they pay \$250.

Bush signs order giving four-day weekend holidays

WASHINGTON — President Bush is giving federal workers a four-day weekend for Christmas.

Bush ordered the government to close on Christmas Eve so workers can have that day off, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"Federal employees have shown remarkable strength and courage through the stressful time since the attacks on Sept. 11," Fleischer said. "The president encourages federal workers to enjoy the holidays and spend time with their families."

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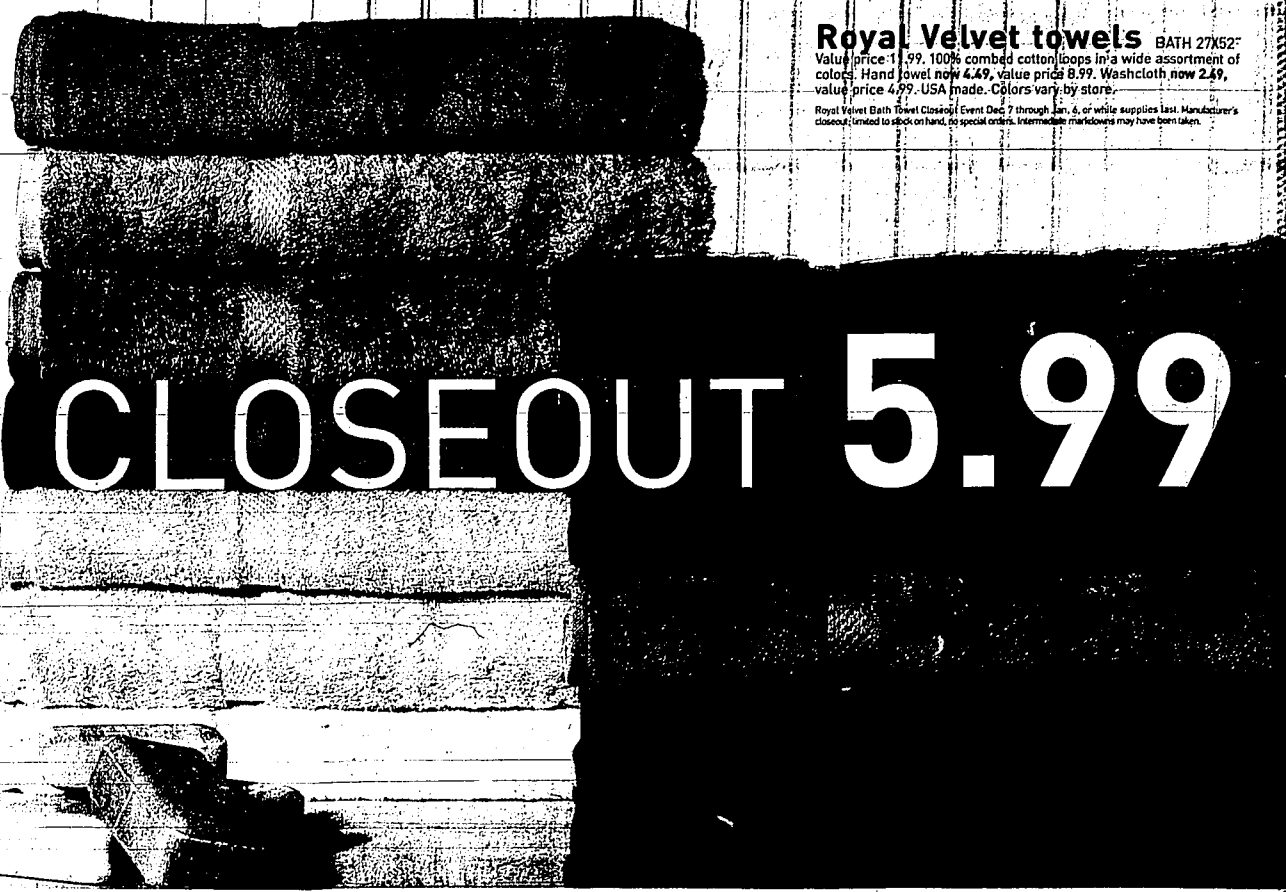


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Secret Service stops man with Idaho plates

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Secret Service arrested a 26-year-old man Thursday who it said carried a foot-long knife outside a White House gate and had a cache of loaded weapons - including 1,000 rounds of ammunition - in his pickup truck parked nearby.

William Duncan, with recent addresses in Boise, Arizona and North Dakota, is being held in the District of Columbia control cell block and will be charged with having prohibited firearms and ammunition in the District, a law enforcement official said.

Uniformed Secret Service officers at the White House's southwest gate, which is mostly reserved for use by President Bush's staff, noticed the man "acting suspiciously and inappropriately" just outside the gate around 7 a.m. EST, Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin said.

Officers approached the man, patted him down and found the knife. He then volunteered that he had more weapons, directing officers to his parked truck opposite the Treasury Department on the far side of the White House complex.

Officers found an SKS assault

rifle in plain view on the front seat, Mackin said. Also in the truck, which had Idaho plates registered to Duncan, were a Remington rifle with scope, a .22-caliber handgun, a Kevlar helmet, bulletproof vest, several other knives, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and a small container of black powder that can be used for explosives.

At least two of the guns were loaded, Mackin said. Officials shut down the street for nearly two hours while they checked the pickup truck.

Mackin, who declined to confirm the suspect's name before formal charges are filed, said the man had no prior record on file with the Secret Service and, in his interview with agents, made no threats to the president or anyone else protected by the Secret Service.

There was no indication that the suspect was at the White House to make trouble during Bush's appearance later Thursday at the lighting of the national Christmas tree, Mackin said.

"The president was never under threat and continued his day without interruption," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Albion approves beer licenses for businesses

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION - The City Council approved the city's beer licensing ordinance to match state and county licenses.

Alcohol licenses are now in effect from Aug. 1 to July 31 each year.

Council members approved beer licenses for the Albion Cafe, Annie's Saloon, Albion Village Gas and Grocery and the Go-It-Go Deli, prattling the license fees to Aug. 1.

Because the date for the regular January meeting is New Year's Day, the council agreed to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3. The newly elected mayor and councilman will be sworn in that night. Council members also agreed to close the city office Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1.

Mayor-elect Don Danner asked council members if the city's Gem Community action plan was current. Danner said he'd been told the recertification had not occurred this year. However, the city can still apply for the recertification, he said.

In other business:

- The resident Cassia County Sheriff's Department deputy reported November had been a quiet month;

- Councilman Darren Smyer asked if the budgeted donation to the Albion Improvement and Recreation Committee had been sent;

- A \$3,500 limit was set for the purchase of equipment needed in the city office; and

- The council agreed to electronically make bond payments to USDA Rural Development.

Yellowstone sets opening for snowmobiles Dec. 17

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - Officials plan to open Yellowstone National Park to snowmobiles on Dec. 17, weather and road conditions permitting.

The opening date is likely to hold if the current weather continues. Six to eight inches of snow were forecast for Mammoth Hot Springs on Thursday.

Most Yellowstone roads are opened to snowmobiles during the winter. An exception is the route from the North Entrance at Gardiner, Mont., to the Northeast Entrance at Cooke City, Mont., which park officials try to keep open to automobiles year-round.

Snowmobilers in the park must have a valid state driver's license. A learner's permit is acceptable when the rider is supervised within the line of sight by a licensed

person older than 21.

Services at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge are scheduled to be open from Dec. 17 to March 10. Winter services at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel are scheduled for Dec. 21 to March 3.

Warming huts will be open throughout Yellowstone during the winter season and snacks and hot drinks will be sold at the Canyon and Madison huts, according to park officials.

Snowmobile access this year will be capped at historical numbers. The National Park Service plans to cut snowmobile numbers by half next winter and ban them completely beginning the winter of 2003-2004.

The Park Service has been reviewing the ban since it settled a lawsuit filed by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association.

Hagerman views plans for new sewage system

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - With the completion of the city's sewage facility plan, city leaders now have a blueprint for how to go about upgrading the sewer system.

George Wagner and Mark Holtzen with J.U.B. Engineers in Twin Falls showed the plan to city leaders at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The plan, a project that engineers and city officials have been working on for most of the year, details how the system currently works and what needs to be done to accommodate projected growth and remain within state and federal compliance.

In his report, Holtzen said Hagerman's sewage system values are under existing National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit limits. Also, because the system has not reached capacity, there is a little room to accommodate for growth.

The report also outlined what upgrades would be needed. Those include surface aerators on one of the system's cell and expanding sewer service to the west side of Hagerman.

City leaders will review and comment on the report before it is sent on the Idaho Department

of Environmental Quality.

Also Tuesday, councilman James Scott said the city was awarded a \$1,200 grant from the Robert W. and Carol Reed Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation. The money, which will be coupled with a \$1,200 donation from the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce will be used to finish off the first phase of the recently built pocket park.

The pocket park is a joint effort between the city's Gem Community and Revitalization Committee. Scott said the two groups plan to use the money to

finish off the landscaping and to purchase and install a picnic table, bench and concrete garbage container.

In other business, city superintendent Richard Scruggs said that he had been working with an engineer from J.U.B. to get work and cost estimates compiled for repairing the bridges in town.

Scruggs said that city leaders should consider starting repair work next year. He estimated that the job would be expensive, adding, "We need to get started fixing these bridges or we will fall behind."

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Investigation finds messages posted to Web site came from Supreme Court

MIDDLETON - A string of almost 200 messages left on a Web site set up by opponents of Ida-West Energy's proposed natural gas-fired power plant near Middleton originated at the Idaho Supreme Court offices.

The messages, ranging in length from a single letter to just a few words, violated a policy barring state employees from using computers for personal or political purposes, said Patricia Tobias, administrative director of the court.

Sometime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Oct. 17, 187 messages were posted consecutively on the site's message board, designed to foster debate about the plant.

The first messages were two or three words long: "approve it," "permit it," and "we like power."

By the 37th post, the sender was posting individual letters: "a" through "z," then "aa" through "zz" and so on.

Tobias said on Wednesday that she needed more information to find out who posted the messages at www.moveitplant.com. The site is sponsored by Citizens for Responsible Land Use, the group trying to stop the proposed power plant.

Official seeks special prosecutor for investigation

CALDWELL - Canyon County Prosecutor David Young is trying to find a special prosecutor to investigate allegations that a meeting during which county officials discussed the proposed natural gas-fired power turbine in Middleton violated the state open meetings law.

Critics of the plant claim the public was not given proper legal notice of the Sept. 25 meeting of the Canyon County Commission and the county Planning and Zoning Commission.

Actions taken at that meeting, opponents charge, should be voided. If a violation of the open meetings law is found, those involved could also be fined up to \$150.

Last week, the planning commission approved the permit needed for Ida-West Energy Co. to build the 273-megawatt Garnet Energy power plant of 30 acres near the Boise River about a mile southeast of Middleton. The plant would help Idaho Power Co., a corporate affiliate of Ida-West, cover a projected 250-megawatt shortfall in power capacity in mid-2004.

Magistrate rules Lapwal man will stand trial for murder

LEWISTON - A Dec. 20 arraignment is scheduled in 2nd District Court for Joseph O. Robinett of Lapwal, charged with second-degree murder for the beating death of Craig Stouffer.

Nez Perce County Magistrate Kent Merica ruled on Wednesday that there was enough circumstantial evidence

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to warrant a trial on allegations that Robinett beat Stouffer so badly on Sept. 19 that he died on Oct. 5 in a Lewiston hospital.

Guest says Hilton waiter discriminated against her

SALT LAKE CITY - A black woman from Minnesota has accused an airport hotel waiter of using a racial slur and initially refusing to serve her a drink.

The Utah Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is demanding the Salt Lake Airport Hilton take steps to ensure that the alleged racist treatment shown a black customer is not repeated.

LeDora Hankton, of Columbia Heights, Minn., said she checked into the Hilton on June 30 with her daughter, who was competing in a Junior National Volleyball tournament. Later that day, Hankton went into the Hilton's Club 11.

She said it took several minutes to get the attention of a white bar employee. When she asked for a drink, he allegedly demanded proof she was a guest of the hotel and then insisted she buy a private club membership—something Hankton says he did not require of white customers.

"He told me that they only allowed one of 'my kind' in at a time," Hankton said. "Later on, he began to say things like, 'We don't know how to deal with your kind (in Utah) because there are only 200 people in the whole state who look like you.'"

Dancing ministers may have violated BYU's honor code

PROVO, Utah - Three Brigham Young University students may be put on probation at the school after they tried to subvert a city ordinance that regulates dancing.

The Provo ordinance says any public dance must have metal

detectors, surveillance cameras and state-certified security guards.

There's an exemption for church functions.

So two BYU students, Charles Clawson and John Hash, got themselves ordained as ministers with the Universal Life Church, a 10-minute process on the Internet, and held a post-Halloween bash.

The Universal Life Church doesn't require anything more than the name and addresses of its ministers.

—compiled from wire reports

Grizzly management plan hits glitch

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The first test of a plan for managing Idaho's grizzly bears quickly hit a snag with the state Fish and Game Commission.

That panel voted 5-2 on Nov. 29 to reject the plan developed by a committee of sportsmen, environmentalists and ranchers. It addresses grizzlies in eastern Idaho.

Commissioners said the plan was too vague and did not properly address who pays for bears once they are delisted.

"They have valid concerns," said Mark Orme, a Forest Service biologist on the committee. "Now we've got to decide what to do."

His group was created by the Legislature to write a plan for

when the bears are dropped from the Endangered Species List. States must have a management plan before the federal government delists a species.

The premise is the public, not legislators, can best address local interests such as ranching.

The plan outlines every aspect of bear management from how to deal with problem bears to the eventual creation of grizzly hunts.

By law, the plan must be reviewed by the Fish and Game Commission and the public before going before the Legislature.

At least one member of the grizzly committee understands that concern.

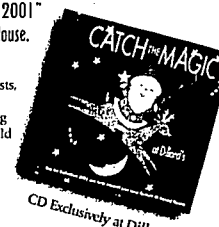
"We handed them an unfunded mandate," Jim Gerber said. "We basically said, 'Here is a species that costs \$140,000 per year to manage without any revenues from it, and there probably won't be any hunting for 10 years.' So they said, 'No thanks.' That's not really a surprise."

The committee has no authority to force the federal government or the state to foot the bills.

Jim Caswell, head of the state Office of Species Conservation, said the committee cannot solve the money question; its role is to clarify management.

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Day of Infamy

Six stories of men who came home



Gale Mohlenbrink
Navy seaman first class

His ship: The USS Northampton was at sea on Dec. 7. Mohlenbrink remained stationed at Pearl Harbor.

What he saw: Mohlenbrink took cover from gunfire popping through the water toward the dock where he stood. From across the harbor, he watched while men aboard ship tried to defend themselves with ammunition that often never reached Japanese planes but instead fell to earth before detonating.

After Pearl: The Northampton went down on Dec. 1, 1942, in the battle of Tassafaronga, sunk by Japanese torpedoes.

Mohlenbrink guesses he swam for 3 1/2 hours, surrounded by sharks, burning fuel and bursting ammunition. Rescued, he later served in the Atlantic aboard the destroyer USS Edison. The destroyer saw many battles, including the invasion of southern France. He was discharged in 1947. He later worked in lumber yards and building-supply businesses.

Today: At age 77, he lives in Buhl.



Leroy Kohntopp
Navy fire controlman second class

His ship: The USS Maryland was hit by Japanese planes, but was in low water and only sank about eight feet, allowing many to escape. Underwater welders eventually repaired the ship.

What he saw: At the time of the attack, Kohntopp was serving in the plotting room below decks. The USS Oklahoma, lying alongside the Maryland, was hit and rolled over. Oil fires blazed everywhere. Kohntopp ran topside, where he helped fight fires. No one slept that night. They cleaned up for days afterward.

After Pearl: Shortly before the Maryland returned to action two years later, Kohntopp received a commission and a stateside assignment working on fire-control tactics and training. After returning home, he farmed in the Filer area.

Today: Now 84, he lives in Filer.



David "Ray" Roessler
Army sergeant

Where he was: A member of the Army's 24th Signal Co., 24th Infantry Division, Roessler was stationed above the harbor.

What he saw: Roessler tells of watching a parade for a visiting Japanese envoy just days before the attack. On Dec. 7, he witnessed the first wave of Japanese planes pounding Wheeler Airfield with gunfire and bombs. Roessler shot at a low-flying plane with a .45-caliber pistol. "That was about like throwing beans at him."

After Pearl: He saw action in Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, and in Okinawa and New Guinea. He was discharged in June 1945 and later recalled in May 1951. He served until he retired in 1966. He returned to Idaho and ran a well-drilling business.

Today: Roessler, 80, lives in Gooding.



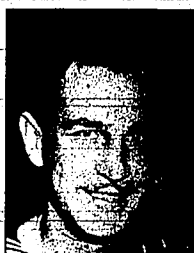
Richard Hansing
Navy machinist's mate second class

His ship: The USS Nevada, a battleship, took eight direct bomb hits and a torpedo hit. But because its gunpowder had been removed before the attack, it survived the battle and eventually was repaired.

What he saw: Hansing had just finished his shift in the engine room and had changed into tropical shorts and white T-shirt. The call to general quarters came over the ship's loudspeaker, followed by the wail of the ship's alarm. He recalls men scrambling out onto deck to fire anti-aircraft guns, and then more scrambling to replace those who had been strafed.

After Pearl: Just 10 days later, Hansing put to sea aboard the heavy cruiser USS Northampton. He survived 28 more battles, including Guadalcanal, and survived the sinking of the Northampton.

Today: Hansing, 80, lives in Twin Falls. He retells the Pearl Harbor story in grade schools and hopes to reach every local school. "I tell them to keep your nose clean. No drugs, drinking or smoking."



Ralph Eaton
Navy rangefinder third class

His ship: The USS Henley, a destroyer, survived the attack with no loss of life. The ship suffered only slight damage from a strafing attack.

What he saw: Eaton worked on one of the Henley's batteries. He recalls frustrated shipmates at one point throwing potatoes at low-flying Japanese aircraft.

After Pearl: The Henley was sunk off New Guinea, with Eaton aboard, in 1943. He served out the war on another destroyer, the USS Pritchett. After the war, he worked as a farmer, a barber and a letter carrier.

Today: Eaton, 81, lives in Twin Falls.



Dave Bettencourt
Marine Corps sergeant

His ship: The USS Tennessee was sandwiched on the inside of Battleship Row, surrounded by sinking battleships. The ship suffered slight damage herself, but crewmen fought countless fires. The Tennessee survived the war and was sold for scrap in 1959.

What he saw: At 7:55 a.m. Dec. 7, 1941, Bettencourt had stood on the Tennessee's aft overhang, leading an eight-man detail raising the ship's flag. His back was to the USS Arizona.

After Pearl: Bettencourt went on to fight in many battles in the Pacific. Too many to count, he says. He was discharged in 1948 and farmed in California.

Today: He's 80 years old and lives in Twin Falls.

Other Idaho Pearl Harbor survivors

- Tony Sabala, Jerome
- O.C. Kelley, Twin Falls (USS Maryland)
- Dale Magnus, Plinehurst (USS Cummings)
- Steve F. Phillips, Challis
- Patrick O'Connor, Pocatello
- Pershing J. Hill, Idaho Falls (USS Nevada)
- Harold F. Beebe, Pocatello
- Robert Olsen, Chubbuck
- Chris Harama, Pocatello (USS Detroit)
- Irvin Satterfield, American Falls (USS Argonne)
- Bill Harten, Idaho Falls (USS West Virginia)

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On that day of infamy, Douglas C. Phillips, 84, watched from the USS Ramsay on Dec. 7 as the torpedoed USS Utah capsized and sank.

"The whole world changed for us," said Phillips, who is from Easton, Md.

The world changed again for Americans after terrorists attacked New York and Washington on Sept. 11. And among this week's visitors to Pearl Harbor were people connected to that 21st-century day of infamy.

Emergency workers from New York, here as guests of the state and merchants, met Pearl Harbor survivors at a reception on Monday.

"To me, it was like a dream come true," said firefighter Bruce Vannosdall, 46, whose squadron lost six members at the World Trade Center and whose father fought in World War II. "It's a total honor."

This anniversary is probably the last that will be attended by a large number of survivors, said Harry Butowsky, a historian for the National Park Service in Washington.

"They just took life and they lived it to its fullest," Butowsky said. "They had terrible memo-



World War II and Korean War veteran Robert E. Thomas of Baton Rouge, La., looks at Toshihiro Minohara of Niigata, Japan, as he gets his picture taken in front of the Arizona Memorial Thursday at Pearl Harbor.

ries, but they got over it. They didn't live their lives with hate."

Even today, Hank Freitas, who was on the USS Tangier, a sea-

plane tender tied up next to the USS Utah, gets emotional being near the scene of the attack.

"I cry," said Freitas, 80, of

Walnut Creek, Calif. "I was out at Pearl Harbor yesterday and I cried from the time I got there to the time I left."

Life

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where I would have been serving was hit by one of the first kamikazes.

"Everyone was killed. I would have been killed too."

Instead, Kohntopp had earned a stateside transfer - and eventually, the Navy commission.

"I worked hard and I earned the right to move up," he said.

"Pearl Harbor was a bad day," said Ray Roessler of Gooding, a Army signalman who watched the attack from nearby Schofield Barracks, which was also a target of Japanese bombs. "But later in the war, I was in an outfit that went ashore at Leyte and Luzon and Okinawa."

And like many GI's, he had a young family at home waiting for him.

"My son was born while I was still away," Roessler said. "There

were times when I wondered if I ever would get to see him."

Few of the locals - soldiers, sailors and Marines - were married or even had serious sweethearts at the time of Pearl Harbor, but they all became family men after the war, and they all wonder from time to time how different their world might have been.

An "It's a Wonderful Life" reverie? Perhaps.

"A day doesn't go by when I don't think about my kids" - five of them - "and think how proud I am of them," Kohntopp said. "And I sometimes wonder if things might have been different."

Eaton, who served on the destroyer USS Henley at Pearl Harbor - it was later sunk - recalls a shipmate who was killed

and wonders how his friend's life might have played out.

"I remember during the attack a guy shook my hand and wished me luck," he said. "We both wondered if it was going to end right there."

The fact that it didn't defined life for this elite segment of the Greatest Generation.

"I joined the Army to be a professional soldier," Roessler said. "Pearl Harbor was just part of the job."

"I think about Pearl Harbor, I think about the people I knew; and I'm very proud to have been part of it," Mohlenbrink said. "But it was just part of my life."

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Study: Japan broke code before war

Los Angeles Times

TOKYO - Toshihiro Minohara made a startling discovery while digging through the U.S. National Archives in College Park, Md., last summer.

While researching secret codes used prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor 60 years ago, the young Japanese American professor stumbled upon a document, declassified by the CIA about five years ago, that proved that Tokyo had succeeded in breaking the U.S. and British diplomatic codes. A few microfilm documents, showing the Japanese translations of the telegrams, were attached.

Minohara knew he was on to something important. For decades it was widely believed that Japan, then a developing country with a fierce rivalry between its army and navy, hadn't been up to measure when it came to code-breaking, particularly the documents of the Americans.

"We are so damned arrogant," said Donald Goldstein, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh and co-author of "At Dawn We Slept: The Untold Story of Pearl Harbor." "It's very possible they could have broken our code, so why shouldn't they have?"

Further research by a colleague in Japan confirmed the findings - and may shed light on the mind-set that caused Japan's last holdouts for peace to opt for

war just weeks before the attack, Minohara said this week.

When Minohara sent fellow Kobe University teacher Toshiro Hattori to check Japan's diplomatic archives in Tokyo, He was an optimistic. Most of the secret documents were burned after being read in wartime Japan. Those that remained were confiscated by the United States during the occupation that followed Japan's 1945 defeat; they are now housed in U.S. archives.

But Hattori unearthed a folder marked "Special Documents," containing 34 communications that would have been easy to overlook - and apparently have been by other Japanese researchers numerous times. They are simple typed pages, written primarily in English, of U.S. and British diplomatic discussions and telegrams, many from U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull to various U.S. ambassadors.

The contents of the documents have long been known to historians the world-over, but some even pop up on the Internet. But their appearance in the Japanese archives reveals that Tokyo knew what was going on in Washington, in the weeks before Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, killing more than 2,000.

Minohara says his findings may shed light on why the few doves in the Japanese Cabinet dropped their opposition to war.

History Channel plans coverage

NEW YORK (AP) - The History Channel, the cable network that has built a solid business living in the past, is producing its first live programming ever today to mark the 60th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

The network will cover the memorial service on the USS Arizona in Hawaii, one of the 21 vessels sunk, beached or damaged in the sneak attack that drew the United States into World War II. Joan London and Josh Rinswanger anchor, starting

at 10:30 p.m. MST.

Earlier Friday, The History Channel will be live from the Day Museum in New Orleans, where a new "Pacific Wind" is being unveiled.

"This is such an important day that it should be given the proper recognition," said Abbe Rivkin, the network's chief executive.

The History Channel documentary, "Tora, Tora, Tora: The True Story of Pearl Harbor," was among the year's highest-rated programs and it will be repeated this evening at 7 and 11 p.m.

Dec. 7, 1941: A moment frozen in time

By Calvin Woodward
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - It took 60 years for Bernice Kinsler to understand completely the tears that flowed during a family reunion at a New York City hotel on Dec. 7, 1941.

She was 12 then and confused when word spread of the attack on Pearl Harbor. "Suddenly all the women started crying," she said. "I remember asking, why all of them?"

On Sept. 11, 2001, she finally, deeply, understood. "The flashback was overwhelming," said Kinsler, a retiree in Sun City, Fla. "I started to cry. In that instant I knew what they felt."

The mists of six decades have hardly diminished memories of the exact moment when Americans heard about Japan's attack on the United States.

As with only a few other transcendent events in a lifetime - the assassination of John Kennedy, perhaps man landing on the moon, now the terrorist attacks - people remember where they were and what they were doing.

"There aren't many days in your life you can do that," said Alf Jacobson, 77, of New London, N.H., who counts Pearl Harbor, high school graduation, his wedding day and JFK's death among them.

Dec. 7, 1941, was a lazy Sunday - a day for God and football on the radio. Ralph LaPerche, then 19, played pinocle with a buddy in Rhode Island. Joe Connors was at a Savannah, Ga., movie house with his dad.

"I was at a tea party, dressed in my pretty dancing clothes when we got the news," says Elizabeth Estelle of Phoenix. "I thought, 'They're going to kill all our eligible young men.'" (She found one, John, and they wed shortly before he went overseas to fight in 1943.)

Many of those who can still remember that awful day were children then, of an age that allowed only the barest comprehension of what had taken place. Warner Bartlett, then 6, recently interviewed while waiting for a bingo hall to open in Las Vegas, said he did not know what a harbor was, much less Pearl Harbor.

Like the children of Sept. 11, they drew pictures of American flags and planes going up in flames. Unlike many children today, they had close-knit communities to embrace them - World War I veterans on the block who could tell them about sacrifice streets where kids in the guise of "junior commandos" could roam freely, picking up scrap for the war effort.

"There were no crisis counselors called in," said David Wright, who was growing up in Tukaloona, N.H., in 1941. "My father was in the Navy, the guy up the street got gassed in the Marine Corps, a couple of guys had been in the Army."

"The old-timers were perfectly willing to talk about it."

In Pittsburgh's Polish Hill neighborhood, priests walked the neighborhood, offering solace, recalls Kitty Dlugonski, now 84. "Everyone felt sorry for each other."

At the White House, President Roosevelt had just finished his lunch when he got a call at 1:40 p.m. about the assault in Hawaii, where it was morning.

"Similarly, many families had barely risen from their noontime Sunday meal - then the special meal of the week - when they found out, too."

The attack killed 2,390 Americans and drew the nation into a world war that would claim more than 405,000 U.S. lives.

"I made our generation grow up really fast," said Jean Davis, 75, of Denver, who had gone to the movies that day in her native Spokane, Wash. "We were all adults in our teens."

"Although they were caught by surprise, people remember that the mood was already thick with expectations of war, not like the blindsiding of Sept. 11."

"They remember much from that moment 60 years ago. Associated Press reporters found when they asked people across the country to recall it."



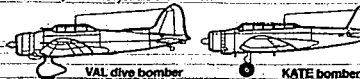
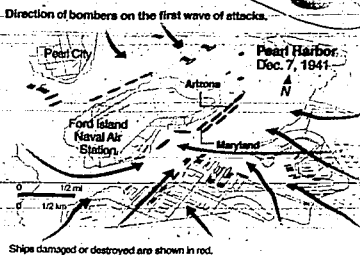
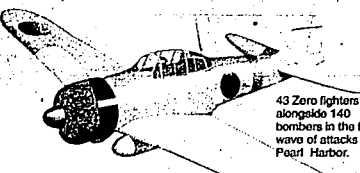
The battleship USS Arizona belches smoke as it topples over into the sea during a Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in this Dec. 7, 1941, photo. The wreck of the Arizona still rests on the ocean floor at Pearl Harbor.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt appears before a joint session of Congress appealing for a declaration of war against Japan in Washington, D.C., in this Dec. 8, 1941, photo.

Pearl Harbor remembered

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the attack that led the United States to declare war on Japan in World War II. Japanese pilots who participated in the attack have in recent years talked of their experience.



SOURCES: Naval Historical Center; "Pearl Harbor," by H.P. Wainwright AP

and my dad jumped out of the car and went over and bought a newspaper. "He stood, looked at it for a minute, got back in the car with tears running down his face. He said, 'Pearl Harbor has been attacked. We're at war,' and he

put his arms around me and held me. I don't think anybody said another word all the way back home."

The Radio
In Birmingham, Ala., Reba Vaughn, then 19, was listening to

Where were you?

For many of those alive then, the Pearl Harbor attack has been a wild memory carved forever. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing when:

1. Franklin Roosevelt died, April 12, 1945?
2. U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb, on Hiroshima, Aug. 6, 1945?
3. Cuban missile crisis started with President Kennedy announcing discovery of Soviet missiles in Cuba capable of reaching America, Oct. 22, 1962?
4. Kennedy was assassinated, Nov. 22, 1963?
5. Man landed on the moon, July 20, 1969? (4:17 p.m. EDT landing)
6. John Lennon was murdered, Dec. 8, 1980?
7. President Reagan was shot, March 30, 1981?
8. The space shuttle Challenger exploded, Jan. 28, 1986?
9. The federal building in Oklahoma City was bombed, April 19, 1995?
10. Suicide hijackers flew airliners into the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and crashed in Pennsylvania, Sept. 11, 2001?

a church service on the radio when news broke in. She says she remembers that moment probably more vividly than any other in her life.

"It was pure scary," she said from Panama City, Fla. "We were shocked - shocked like we were on Sept. 11." Her husband went off to war for three years.

After Sept. 11, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno told his players that three events were frozen in his mind: Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt's death on April 12, 1945, and the killing of Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

He was two weeks short of 15 when he heard about Pearl Harbor on the radio, while listening to football. (He thought it was a New York Giants-Washington

Redskins game, but those teams were playing the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Eagles respectively that day.)

Those who didn't hear about it on the radio reached for one fast.

Mary Snyder, now 88 and a retired nurse, was told by visitors to her Flint, Mich., hospital room, where she had given birth to a boy on Nov. 28, back when maternity stays were longer.

"We turned a radio on right away and we learned the sad news and I was frightened and scared," she said. "Just having a baby magnified things."

"Sept. 11 stirred up those old feelings for the first time since the war."

The Headmistress

For Marge Partridge, the first word of trouble came during dinner at her central Maine prep school. The girls knew something was wrong when the headmistress came into the dining hall.

Mrs. Owens never ate with the children. She had come to break the bad news.

"I think it hit our parents worse than a bunch of kids at a prep school," said Partridge, then 14. Later in the war, she had friends and boyfriends overseas. "That's what had my attention."

At Worship

Denis J. "Dee" Kiely Jr. was 6, attending a civilian mass in Vallejo, Calif., a Navy town. His father had gone to sea the day after Thanksgiving aboard a submarine tender.

A Navy officer came in and whispered to the priest, who in turn announced that all leaves and liberties were canceled and all military personnel must report to duty.

"My mom, of course typical Navy wife, at that time kind of solidly, but I know it jolted her. Then she turned to us and whispered something like 'I think we're at war.'"

After the officer left, the priest told the congregation: "Ladies and gentlemen, we've just received word that the Hawaiian Islands have been attacked by the Japanese, and I believe we're at war."

Kiely saw his father once during the war - Christmas 1942. He grew up to serve 30 years as a Marine fighter pilot, retiring as a colonel.

At Play

Joe Connors, 10, went with his father to a Sunday matinee soon after Savannah's blue law against Sunday screenings had been lifted.

Halfway through, a man stood up in front of the flickering screen and told all military people to report to bases. After the movie, father and son stopped at a firehouse and while Joe waited outside, his friend Billy Sheen pulled up on his bike.

Pearl Harbor was bombed, Billy said.

"What's Pearl Harbor?" Joe asked. "Back at his Catholic school, he recalled. 'The nuns had you pray every time you breathed.'"

Japanese bury memories of Pearl Harbor

By Tom Infield
Knight Ridder News Service

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - The young couple from Tokyo had come to Hawaii before. The man had been here twice; the woman, three times.

But until their trip together two weeks ago, they had never visited the USS Arizona Memorial, the principal monument to the 2,400 Americans killed at Pearl Harbor. Something about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States made the final want to see the memorial. Maybe it was that, for the first time, they could picture Americans as victims of war.

For that is how the Japanese see themselves - as war victims. It is a view that remains a sore spot in Japanese-American relations 60 years after Japan's surprise attack at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Satoko Kawahito, 28, said she had grown up on stories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - the Japanese cities destroyed in 1945 by U.S. atomic bombs. She studied World War II in junior high school but remembered little, if anything, about Pearl Harbor.

She seemed taken aback by an exhibit depicting the scope of her nation's assault on the U.S. Pacific Fleet - in which 350 Japanese planes sank or damaged 21 American warships within two hours, including the battleship Arizona - still lying on the bottom of the harbor - six decades later, with a thousand men entombed inside.

"I was surprised," she said, standing with her husband, Norikuni, 29, inside the Arizona memorial museum. "It made me sad."

Today, the 60th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, Americans will hold solemn ceremonies of remembrance across the nation.

In Japan, the anniversary will go largely unnoticed.

Yujin Yaguchi, a historian at the University of Tokyo, said that every year on Dec. 8 - when the anniversary falls in Japan - he asks his students whether they know the significance of the date. "Only a few students can answer," he said. "There is a widespread loss of memory about Pearl Harbor."

"Suffering tends to be remembered, regardless of which countries we are talking about," Yaguchi said. "Hiroshima and Nagasaki are always very well remembered in Japan, whereas the day of the Pearl Harbor attack is not."

Daniel Martinez, historian at the Arizona memorial, said this "I find it alarming that the nation does not know where their nation went in 1941. They certainly bear responsibility for the outbreak of the Pacific war. To ignore that is to ignore history."

Bush's decision may leave blame with officials

HONOLULU (AP) - President Bush's decision to skip ceremonies for the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor is viewed by some as a setback to those seeking exoneration for the U.S. commanders held accountable for the success of the surprise attack.

The president is considering whether to restore full honor to the late Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Gen. Walter C. Short, the officers in charge at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. A Pentagon commission is expected to make a recommendation in the matter.

At the 50th anniversary of the surprise attack, in which 2,390 people were killed, the first President Bush rejected the idea of restoring the Army and Navy commanders to the ranks they held before the surprise attack. In the wake of the attack, President Clinton failed to act on the matter, even after an overwhelming vote of Congress supporting Kimmel and Short.

Bush was invited to Pearl Harbor this week but has decided to observe the anniversary aboard an aircraft carrier in Virginia.

Historians have spent decades debating the officers' responsibility in the Pearl Harbor attack, with some saying the time has come to exonerate them.

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Modified dams mean more fish, more power

After years of study, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced last week that it will ditch the idea of breaching four dams on the lower Snake River. Instead, the agency will modify dams with steps to improve runs of endangered salmon.

Despite the loud objections of environmentalists, the agency's decision is a reasonable conclusion that satisfies various interests. Though dam breaching had plenty of friends in the previous administration, it has always been a bad idea for our regional economy.

Once again, the election of a president with a common-sense approach on natural resources is reaping benefits for the West.

The four dams - Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite - have contributed to Western growth for decades. Removing them would cut into electrical generation, irrigation and barge access to Idaho's only port, at Lewiston. As California's summer-time crisis showed, even a modest loss of energy production can create economic disruption.

Environmentalists and dam critics may cry a river over salmon shortages, but salmon and dams can coexist. This year's salmon run has seen record numbers over both the Bonneville and Lower Granite dams,

the first and last tally points for traveling salmon.

That evidence still isn't good enough for hard-line ecos, who remain steadfast in their support of dam breaching even though they can't guarantee it would help salmon recovery. For them, it's dam breaching or nothing at all.

On the other hand, the Corps of Engineers' decision defends the economy, while making changes in dam operation to enhance salmon runs. The agency will work on improving surface bypass collection systems, fish guidance and turbines. It also wants to install structural changes that can reduce harmful levels of gases dissolved in the water below the dams and possibly increase river flows and spills.

In short, the Corps of Engineers shows a much more flexible approach that enhances use of the river while still protecting it.

Salmon have always been a part of the Northwest landscape, and most would agree it's important to find a way for them to flourish. But dam breaching was never a reasonable way to achieve that goal. As the agency that built the dams years ago, the Corps of Engineers made a wise decision to keep them in place, and modify them for easier salmon passage.

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Clinton let bin Laden slip away from justice

President Clinton and his national security team ignored several opportunities to capture Osama bin Laden and his terrorist associates, including one as late as last year.

I know because I negotiated more than one of the opportunities. From 1996 to 1998, I opened unofficial channels between Sudan and the Clinton administration. I met with officials in both countries, including Clinton, U.S. National Security Adviser Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger and Sudan's president and intelligence chief.

President Omar Hassan Ahmed Bashir, who wanted terrorism sanctions against Sudan lifted, offered the arrest and extradition of bin Laden and detailed intelligence data about the global network constructed by Egypt's Islamic Jihad, Iran's Hezbollah and the Palestinian Hamas.

Among those in the networks were the two hijackers who piloted commercial airliners into the World Trade Center. The silence of the Clinton administration in responding to these offers was deafening.

As an American Muslim and a political supporter of Clinton, I feel now, as I argued with Clinton and Berger then, that their counterterrorism policies fueled the rise of bin Laden from an ordinary man to a Hydra-like monster.

Realizing the growing problem with bin Laden, Bashir sent intelligence officials to the United States in February 1996.

The Sudanese offered to arrest bin Laden and extradite him to Saudi Arabia or, barring that, to "baby-sit" him - monitoring all his activities and associates. But Saudi officials didn't want their home-grown terrorist back where he might plot to overthrow them.

In May 1996, the Sudanese capitulated

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to U.S. pressure and asked bin Laden to leave, despite their feeling that he could be monitored better in Sudan than elsewhere.

Bin Laden left for Afghanistan, taking with him Ayman Zawahiri, considered by the United States to be the chief planner of the Sept. 11 attacks; Mamdoud Mahmud Salim, who traveled frequently to Germany to obtain electronic equipment for al-Qaida; Wadih El-Hage, bin Laden's personal secretary and roving emissary, now serving a life sentence in the United States for his role in the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya; and Fazul Abdullah Mohammed and Saif Adei, also accused of carrying out the embassy attacks.

Some of these men are now among the FBI's 22 most-wanted terrorists.

The two men who allegedly piloted the planes into the twin towers, Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi, prayed in the same Hamburg, Germany, mosque as did Salim and Mamdoud Darakazani, a Syrian trader who managed Salim's bank accounts and whose assets are frozen.

Important data on each had been compiled by the Sudanese.

But U.S. authorities repeatedly turned the data away, first in February 1996; then again that August, when at my suggestion Sudan's religious ideologue, Hassan Turabi, wrote directly to Clinton; then again in April 1997, when I persuaded Bashir to invite the FBI to come to Sudan and view the data; and finally in February 1998, when Sudan's intelligence chief, Gutbi al-Madhi, wrote directly to the FBI.

Gutbi had shown me some of Sudan's data during a three-hour meeting in

Khartoum in October 1996. When I returned to Washington, I told Berger and his specialist for East Africa, Susan Rice, about the data available. They said they'd get back to me. They never did. Neither did they respond when Bashir made the offer directly. I believe they never had any intention to engage Muslim countries - ally or not. Radical Islam, for the administration, was a convenient national security threat.

And that was not the end of it. In July 2000 - three months before the deadly attack on the destroyer Cole in Yemen - I brought the White House another plausible offer to deal with bin Laden, by then known to be involved in the embassy bombings. A senior counterterrorism official from one of the United States' closest Arab allies - an ally whose name I am not free to divulge - approached me with the proposal after telling me he was fed up with the antics and arrogance of U.S. counterterrorism officials.

The offer, which would have brought bin Laden to the Arab country as the first step of an extradition process that would eventually deliver him to the United States, required only that Clinton make a state visit there to personally request bin Laden's extradition. But senior Clinton officials sabotaged the offer, letting it get caught up in internal politics within the ruling family - Clintonian diplomacy at its best. Clinton's failure to grasp the opportunity to unravel increasingly organized extremists, coupled with Berger's assessments of their potential to directly threaten the United States, represents one of the most serious foreign policy failures in American history.

Mansoor Ijaz, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, is chairman of a New York-based investment company.

Industrial farms fail in sustainability

I applaud *The Times-News* for providing insightful articles recently in the Nov. 24 *Ag Weekly* section. It was so refreshing to read newsworthy information instead of the usual drizzle supplied in the editorial section by commentators such as Dennis Avery. Articles in the *Ag Weekly* section highlighted current agricultural issues such as the increase in specialization and the impact of the globalization of trade. Also, along with Jeff Rast's regular column on "Organic Frontiers" was an article about the profitability of sustainable agriculture.

While articles in the *Ag* section mentioned that folks support agriculture, they failed to distinguish that what most folks support is the now-eroding model of the small family farm. Unlike the large-scale industrial model, the small farm demands attention to sustainabil-

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ty. "Sustainability" is being able to operate in a manner that ensures a healthy supply of resources, including land, air, community and water. The large-scale model operates under the false equation that bigger is better and that bigger is the outcome of that equation. What that classic economic equation fails to include is the true cost of all of the supporting resources that need to be sustained. How much does it cost to renew groundwater levels, restore endangered species or guarantee a clean environment for our children? So far, the industrial model has failed in its responsibilities of renewing essential resources and, because of this, contains costs that remain unaccounted for. Instead of the current unsustainable industrial model, we need agriculture that, in the words of Wendell Berry, "provides economic decentralization, economic justice and environmental responsibility." Here in the Magic Valley, we must

keep the moratoriums in place. We must demand of our industries that they be truly sustainable and go beyond the out-moded thinking. There are many costs confined animal feeding operations incur which are not discussed. What is the ethical cost in drastically shortening an animal's life through a hot diet and constant light exposure, and what are the costs of discarding its offspring as the waste product of that false economic equation? What are the costs to the community's infrastructure for maintaining services when transient populations arrive and work long hours away from home? The blanket statement that CAFOs are good for the economy demands close scrutiny and examination by our lawmakers because they have proved not to be good for us. They are not about agriculture - they are about greed.

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Ranchers don't have right to land

The editorial about public lands grazing that appeared Dec. 3 in *The Times-News* is mistaken on several points. Ranchers have no contractual, legal right to use public lands; they are granted 10-year grazing permits that are a revocable privilege. While cows and sheep may have arrived in the West with the earliest white settlers, they continue to destroy water quality, wildlife habitat, hunting and fishing.

Livestock use of public lands costs American taxpayers \$500 million per year in subsidies. Because of financial and environmental costs, Western Watersheds Project believes it is time for a public debate about how, as Americans, we can provide a graceful end to this archaic and destructive use of our public lands.

Western Watersheds Project seeks to bring restorative change to public lands by using all legal means to ensure that ranchers and public-lands managers comply with the law. Western Watersheds Project appeals of 176 Bureau of Land Management grazing permits on 78 allotments in Tootle, Rich and Box Elder counties in Utah would have been unnecessary if ranchers and the BLM were living up to the law.

Appeals and litigation are not the only ways Western Watersheds Project works to bring beneficial change to public lands. As a partner in the National Public Lands Grazing Campaign, Western Watersheds Project supports a voluntary new program that would provide a payment in federal funds to ranchers of \$175 per animal unit month to give up their grazing permits. Because this buyout price is more than 2 1/2 times current market value for a federal permit, it offers ranchers a sound alternative to selling private property. Western Watersheds Project believes this generous proposal will make it possible to end the contentiousness surrounding ranching on public lands, just as the Grand Canyon Trust's buyouts in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument have shown. Six cattle ranchers near Mackay are interested in selling their grazing permits because of pressures to comply with new regulatory requirements by the Forest Service and BLM. If an agreement with Western Watersheds Project is reached, it will result in the end of livestock use on 125,000 acres of public land and the restoration of that land for the benefit of recreation, wildlife and fisheries. Western Watersheds Project members are proud to be part of a long-term effort to improve public lands. We also welcome the opportunity to offer an alternative to ranchers who are in a financial bind.

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Mallard Fillmore



Dems who blame Bush for recession ignore basic economics

There's a little dirty from the 1961 Broadway musical "Carnival" that says something, in a different context, about the class warfare fought by Democrats against Republicans:

The rich put cream on their noses.
The rich drive shiny black cars.
The rich go here, the rich go there;
It's close to the truth, but far from fair.

Far less cleverly than Bob Merrill's lyrics, Democrats have decided to reprise their long-running class warfare strategy, which never changes and often succeeds with the untutored.

A recession having been declared, Democrats plan to run commercials blaming it on President Bush. Why not? It worked with the president's father, who presided over a recovery but never got credit for it because the major media ignored the economic turnaround until after the 1992 election.

Predictably, Democrats will focus on the supposedly "unfair" breaks the Bush Administration has been giving "the rich" through current and proposed tax cuts.

They will ignore huge new spending brought on by the terrorist attacks and pork barrel spending by both parties.

Low-income people have a different perspective that can be instructive. They are losing money and sometimes their jobs because of what has happened to "the rich."

In an odd twist, the pro-high tax and pro-big spending New York Times carried a story Nov. 29 about how limousine and taxi drivers, waiters and hotel bellmen have suffered because "the rich" are spending less than before Sept. 11. Economists estimate that 75,000 service and other blue-collar New York City workers have suffered badly in the last three months. This does not include an estimated 80,000 workers who've been laid off during the same period.

Are the layoffs and economic hardship of these people occurring because "the rich" are getting too many tax breaks? Not according to the Times. The newspaper reports that "the rich" have cut back on their spending because they have less money to spend. If this formula works one way, surely it must work in reverse. When "the rich" have more money to spend, they spend more money, thus employing and prospering more people at the lower end of the economic ladder. It then follows that the more "the rich" are taxed, the less money they have to spend.

Every job I've ever had has been with a company that earned more money than I did and do. Those companies were, and are, rich, at least compared to me. I wanted the opportunity to also be rich if I had the will, and the skills, and was willing to take the necessary risks offered by a free society.

No poor person ever hired me. Neither have I been employed by anyone who earned less than me.

The only people able to hire workers are those who earn and have more capital than their employees. If a company's income drops due to an economic downturn and/or high taxes, one of its first steps is to lay off workers in order to save money. If it earns and keeps more money, it's able to hire more people who will, along with the company, pay more to the federal treasury. Employees might receive pay raises if the company prospers and the stockholders are happy.



CAL THOMAS

This is basic economics. It is difficult to understand why so

many people have bought into the fiction that by "soaking the rich," those with less will somehow do better. The only way I can benefit from the government's taxation of others is if government gives me some of other people's money. I will never be able to take enough from others to significantly bet-

ter myself. Given the right tax and other incentives, my company and I will earn more and ultimately pay more in taxes to government. That has been the history of earning and taxation in modern America. We used to teach these things

before a sense of entitlement and guaranteed outcome replaced individual responsibility and equal opportunity. Ask those New Yorkers who are making less, or not now making anything, if they'd rather have the rich making enough to spend again. Republicans have an opportu-

nity to successfully counter the Democrats' misinformation campaign. That will be an early challenge for Marc Racicot, the new chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Dog's winter carnival debuts in Ketchum

KETCHUM - An Olympic Dog Log Toss. It may sound formidable, but it's actually a fun way of perfecting your skills at flicking dog droppings off the trail with your ski pole.

This and other fun events will be part of the Dog's Winter Carnival, which debuts Sunday. The carnival, open to pooches and their two-legged companions, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at the southern end of the Harriman Trail across from Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters.

The TNRA is seven miles north of Ketchum on Idaho Highway 75.

The carnival will feature games such as the Leaping Lizards Agility Course, a skijoring demonstration, talks by veterinarians on winter health care for dogs, a shopping bazaar and a long list of prize prizes.

For information, call the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2117.

Filer gets new fire truck, saves \$2,700 on cost

FILER - The aged fire fighting fleet will have to make room for a new addition after City Council members accepted the low bid on a 2002 Freightliner fire truck Tuesday.

More than \$67,000 has been set aside from the city's budget for the past two years. The money will pay for the truck's chassis, and serves as a down payment on the entire truck. That payment will earn the city a \$2,700 discount taken off the total cost of \$208,223.

Features on the new truck include foam suppression capabilities and additional equipment space. The fireman cab also has top mount controls and high sides. The existing trucks, 1968 and 1977 models, lacked many features that now come as standard equipment.

The new truck will be ordered and should arrive sometime late next year. Payments on the balance of \$128,000 for the truck will begin when it is delivered.

In other business, the council approved several beer and wine, amusement, day care and mobile home park licenses.

The council also approved the establishment of water/sewer rates by resolution. Rates were previously established by ordinance.

CSI renting out winter recreation equipment

TWIN FALLS - For the first time, the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program is renting its winter recreation equipment to CSI students and the general public.

Program director Bill Studebaker says the program is the only rental shop in this area that has a complete line of winter camping rentals.

These rentals include snowshoes, snow shovels, FIEPS orientation beacons, telescoping poles, four-season tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, snowboarding backpacks, stoves and more. The Outdoor Program can facilitate group outings and training in various winter sports.

Interested people should call or come to the Outdoor Program office to check on availability and prices.

The office is located on the main floor of the CSI Taylor building, across the hallway from the CSI bookstore.

The phone number is 733-9554, Ext. 2697. The best time to call is between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Weather cancels Wendell craft show

WENDELL - The sixth annual Goding craft show scheduled for today and Saturday at the Goding Accelerated Learning Center has been canceled.

Sharon Cheney, a board member of the Goding County Historical Society, said organizers had canceled the show because of bad weather. The show is sponsored usually by the Wendell Optimists and Goding County Historical Society.

Compiled from staff reports

Judge delays cancer center ruling

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fifth-District Judge Roger Burdick wants more information before deciding whether to grant judicial confirmation of the lease of a local hospital's cancer center.

Before the lease of the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's cancer center to St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute of Boise can be finalized, it must be approved by a judge to make sure the lease does not need to be approved by voters.

Hospital must provide information on assets in lease

Burdick Thursday requested more information on the equipment and assets involved in the lease and took the issue under advisement. The judge will review the new information and prepare a "finding of fact and conclusions of law and order," said Kent Taylor, the attorney for Magic Valley Regional.

Hospital officials are hoping the judge will make a decision soon. "We're hopeful he'll make a

quick ruling on this so we can move forward," said hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar.

Taylor said he expects the judge will make a decision early next week.

The lease has been available for viewing at Taylor's office, but he said no one has asked to see the document.

In October, after considering testimony from the public at a hearing earlier that month, Twin Falls County Commissioners Bill

Brockman, Gary Grindstaff and Marvin Hempleman approved a resolution that says "it is in the best interests of the county and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center" to file a petition in district court to obtain the judicial confirmation.

Mountain States doctors have offered oncology services at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital for more than 20 years. Magic Valley Regional is currently pursuing the purchase of the clinic's inpa-

tient services, a 44-bed operation that includes admissions, intensive care, the upstairs pharmacy, biomedical (equipment for inpatient services), housekeeping and respiratory therapy, as well as the clinic building and property.

Magic Valley Regional is also looking at buying the clinic's laboratory, radiology, pathology and same-day surgery departments, along with the open MRI the clinic and hospital purchased together.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

THE LIGHTS GO UP



Rick Bray, a worker with Boy's Electric, strings a set of Christmas lights on a tree in City Park. Twenty-four of the park's evergreen trees will shine with the lights through the holiday season.

Cassia P&Z considers hogs, dairy

By Mate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County planning and zoning commissioners heard proposals Thursday night for expansion of a dairy and a hog farm.

Duane and Ralene Searles' proposed plan to build a new dairy, half a mile from their existing dairy south of Burley, would quintuple the animal units permitted at the site,

County Administrator Tim Hurst said.

"I advised the Searles to visit with you to see if there was any likelihood of receiving a zoning variance before they apply," Hurst told commissioners.

Both the planned and existing dairy are in an area zoned agricultural/residential. Zoning ordinances allow no more animal units than those which already exist on the Searles' property, Hurst said. However, the new

dairy would not be far from the southern border of a confined animal feeding operation overlay zone, where zoning ordinances allow a much higher concentration of animals.

"This is only yards away from the actual CAFO zone, right?" Commission Chairman David Gerrat asked. Hurst said it was.

With the new dairy, the Searles would have 4,000 animal units, as opposed to the 800 they

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Big Valley shows positive reading scores

By Shaq Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The teaching methods at Big Valley Elementary School seem to be having a positive effect on children.

"Whatever Big Valley is doing, it's a positive influence on these kids," said Jodie Mills, Minidoka County School District's data coordinator, as

she presented test scores to the School Board at a special board meeting Thursday night.

School staff made presentations on the things they are doing at Big Valley.

Gwen Leone, a sixth-grade teacher, talked of the Results Based Model program, new to Big Valley this year.

The old way of dealing with a problem, such as a child who constantly disrupts class, was to

categorize the child, which doesn't change the behavior, Leone said. Under the RBM, a team assesses what the problem is and why it is occurring, then works to find solutions.

The student, parents, teachers and administrators are involved on the assessment team, looking at the problem and finding a solution.

"Every case is taken care by

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Expert: Team up to fight meth use

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Methamphetamine can literally scramble a user's brain, and it's only through tenacious cooperation that communities can hope to repair the damage and stave off chaos, an expert on the drug said.



Dr. Alex Stalcup

Meth holds its addicts in a grip that's hard for others to comprehend, said Dr. Alex Stalcup of San Francisco.

"Imagine you were really, really, really hungry. But everywhere you went, people were pigging out on your favorite food, but if you eat any of that food, you'll get arrested. That's what it's like being addicted," he said.

Stalcup, who has visited Idaho numerous times over the past few years, will lead a series of seminars in Twin Falls next week.

The only other illicit drugs on par with the heinous effects of methamphetamine are heroin and the crack or injected forms of cocaine, Stalcup said. But meth is far easier to make or get than the other drugs, he said.

"Meth addiction is a treatable disorder, it's just that it requires some real changes in how it's approached," he said.

The problem is that law enforcement, the courts, schools and the medical community have each been fighting traditional battles against meth - and losing, Stalcup said.

Those institutions need to join forces to form a web of defense against meth, he said.

While police can work at get-

Drug seminar

Methamphetamine expert Alex Stalcup of San Francisco will be presenting a series of seminars next week in Twin Falls about the drug, its effects and ways to clear the drug out of communities and rehabilitation addicts.

All meetings will be held in room 277 of the Taylor Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Monday

A session open to the general public will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics will include a general overview of the problem and some possible solutions.

Tuesday

A day-long session will be held by invitation only for probation officers, public and private counselors and clinicians.

Wednesday

A general session will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon. This will also be by invitation only for elected officials, police officials, medical experts, the judiciary, school district officials and other professionals.

ting the drug off the streets, medical experts and counselors can design treatment programs specific to the challenges of meth addiction, he said. And the courts can make sure addicts who have gotten into trouble with the law hold up their end of the treatment programs, Stalcup said.

"The courts can hold their feet to the fire."

Stalcup - who has long specialized in chemical dependency and addiction treatment - said it was Idaho narcotics officers who first asked him for help.

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Centennial board gets new leader

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The group planning Twin Falls' centennial celebration in 2004-2005 is seeing another leadership change.

Centennial Commission Chairman Mark Stubbs has resigned his post, and commission members voted unanimously Wednesday night to replace him with Ken Edmunds.

People at the meeting said Stubbs, local attorney and former state legislator, resigned because he plans to move out of state. He had been appointed to lead the centennial commission in April, after the resignation of former chairman Jeff Gooding.

Edmunds, a project consultant with Neilsen and Co., is now in the position of overseeing and prioritizing projects and events for the centennial celebration. But making decisions and firming up the direction the committee will take does not mean a lot of changes, he said.

"I'm really not trying to change anything," Edmunds said.

"I plan to proceed with the ideas already in place," he said, referring to a rolling set of minutes put in place by Stubbs. "But I will try to structure (the planning stages) by keeping things as

"I plan to proceed with the ideas already in place."

- Ken Edmunds, new president of 'Twin Falls' Centennial Commission

simple as possible. We need to solve problems as they come and then move on."

In other business Wednesday, the commission voted to submit a letter of commitment for a one-on-one cash match of a \$10,000 public art grant for a centennial art project. The match can come from a collaboration of one or more organizations, government agencies, individuals or businesses.

The art proposal will be written by the Magic Valley Arts Council for a project yet to be determined.

Following a discussion about an Idaho history manuscript written by Lynn James, the board voted against funding and officially acknowledging the book as part of the centennial project.

"At this time we don't feel that we can properly deal with the

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

SERVICES

Charley L. Robbins of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today in the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel; burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery; friends will all from 9-10:30 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Chapel.

Ruth V. Mitchell of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Ellen B. Jensen of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Building, 520 Villa Dr., Heyburn; burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

Corky Curtis of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; interment will follow at the Declo Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 12-12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Suzelma May Anderson Crowley of Twin Falls; service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls West Stake Center on Harrison Street; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; viewing from 5-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m. today; friends will also be greeted

from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church in the relief society room.

Ralph Southwick of Provo, Utah, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lindquist's North Ogden Mortuary, 2140 N. Washington Blvd., North Ogden, Utah; friends may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary; burial will be at the Ben Lomond/North Ogden Cemetery.

Ardeth "Penny" Roller of Twin Falls, memorial service and celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral

Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Walter Raleigh Messley of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Buhl Christian Church; interment at West-End Cemetery will take place following services; the family will greet friends from noon until the time of the service Monday at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary of Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Margie Oline Hoover

TWIN FALLS - Margie Oline Hoover, 66, of Twin Falls died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, at her home.

The service is pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Mildred Mary Florence Homan

TWIN FALLS - Mildred Mary Florence Homan, 78, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

A prayer vigil and rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

9, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at Guadalupe Chapel with interment to follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Ronald C. Dunn

LINCOLN City, Ore - Ronald C. Dunn, 83, of Lincoln City, Ore. and formerly of Burley died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, in Lincoln City, Ore.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.



Environmentalists sued the Bush administration Thursday to block the president's efforts to accelerate energy exploration on federal land, including the Mussentuchit Badlands in Utah, shown here.

Suit seeks to prevent fuel search

WASHINGTON (AP) - Environmentalists sued the Bush administration Thursday to block the president's efforts to accelerate energy exploration on federal land.

The lawsuit claims the Bureau of Land Management and its parent agency, the Interior Department, broke the law by not assessing the environmental and cultural damage that could be done or consulting with Indian tribes before opening a dozen parcels in southern Utah to oil and gas exploration.

The environmental groups that filed the suit in U.S. District Court in Washington said contracts were cut in an effort to speed up the processing of oil and gas leases.

In doing so, the Bush administration has "embarked on an aggressive stealth campaign to open up public lands for resource development," said Johanna Wald, attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, which filed the lawsuit in conjunction with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

"We filed this lawsuit to protect those lands and to stop BLM before it gets started," she said.

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- Johanna Wald, attorney with the National Resources Defense Council

Recent BLM directives say the agency should "look for opportunities to improve and streamline the management of the (National Environmental Protection Act) process for all energy resource proposals."

The 12 leases cover about 10,500 acres in four parts of southern Utah - the Lockhart Basin south of Moab, the Comb Ridge and Butler Wash area, Montezuma County in the southeastern corner of the state, and two leases in the Mussentuchit Badlands near Capitol Reef National Park.

SUWA attorney Steve Bloch said the lands are homes to frag-

ile species of plants and animals, delicate soils, historic Indian ruins and artifacts and spectacular scenery, all of which could be irreparably harmed if oil or gas development is permitted on the land.

SUWA has asked Congress to include 2,400 acres of the disputed land in wilderness areas. Development on the land would prohibit a wilderness designation.

The environmental groups are asking a judge to revoke the leases and require BLM to conduct the necessary environmental and historic analyses.

Wald said a victory in the case would force the administration to conduct the studies whenever it issues oil and gas leases.

BLM spokesman Celia Boddington said the bureau does not comment on pending litigation.

Four of the 12 parcels at issue were bought at the Sept. 6-7 auction by Lowe Partners of Midland, Texas. Two others were bought by Yates Petroleum Corp. from Artesia, N.M. Six others were bought by agents either buying the land for themselves or unidentified companies.

OBITUARIES

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PAUL

Gooding. He was a trucker at heart, driving his big red Kenworth. Known as "Big Red," he loved model trains, trucks and playing pinocle. Bob was working with J & W Trucking at Hazelton. He had lots of very good friends at Bellevue, Halley and Gooding, especially Jim and Carol Finch of Gooding.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Gooding.

Bob is survived by his mother, Ruth Schoessler and her sister, Schaeffer, both of Gooding; his sons, Trent Schoessler of Gooding and Lael and his wife, Justine Schoessler of Kimberly; his brother, Ken and his wife, Kathleen, both of North Basin, Nevada; his sister, Helen Turner of Hansen; his stepchildren, Lou and her husband, Jon Bolton, Steve and his wife, Tona Highberger, all of Monte and his wife, Kelley Bohannon of Kimberly; eight grandchildren and four step-grandchildren he thought of as his own. He has many aunts and uncles and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl; a brother-in-law, Gary Turner; and an infant son.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Gooding United Methodist Church with Reverend Michael Gregor officiating. Interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Julia Bohon Sampe

Julia Bohon Sampe, 97, passed away in Sacramento, Calif. on Dec. 3, 2001.

She was born in Benbow, Mo., Dec. 5, 1904 to Frank and Pet Bohon. In 1911 she moved west with her parents who were farmers on the new Minidoka project. Julia graduated in the Heyburn area, graduating from Heyburn High School in 1924. She was on the Heyburn girls' basketball team.

Julia graduated from Albion State Normal in 1927, but soon decided that teaching school was not her thing. She married Arnold H. Sampe Oct. 10, 1928, and settled in Paul where she continued to live until recently when she was staying with her son, Arnold in Sacramento. During her years in Paul, Julia raised her family and extended her love of cooking to the Paul school children. Later she cooked for several Paul and Rupert restaurants. When the Minidoka County Senior Center was being established, she became a volunteer. She later held the site manager's job at the Senior Center for 15 years. She was active in the Methodist Church, a local bridge club, the Royal Neighbors, and was a charter member and past matron of the Paul Eastern Star.

Julia is survived by three sons Arnold G. Sampe and Ronald P. Sampe (Carol) of Sacramento, Calif., and Harold F. Sampe (Bonnie) of Twin Falls. Five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren and the dog, Charlie. In addition to her husband, three brothers, Noble, Milo and Jack Bohon and one sister, Tina Chugg, preceded Julia in death.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at the Paul Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, and one hour prior to the service at The Hansen Mortuary Chapel, Rupert.

GOODING

Robert 'Bob' Schoessler

Robert 'Bob' Schoessler, 62, a resident of Gooding, died Wednesday, December 5, 2001 in Center, Colorado.

Bob was born on October 28, 1939 in Burley, Idaho; the son of Carl and Ruth Jensen Schoessler. They lived in Rati River for a time before moving to Bellevue where he graduated high school. He served with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Texas where he met and married Dorothy Forbes. They farmed for several years east of Gooding. To this date they had two sons, Trent and Lael. Bob and Dorothy were intermarried. Bob married Lois Highberger on March 16, 1992 in

TWIN FALLS



Betty Reese Fouts

Betty Reese Fouts, 81, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, from complications of surgery.

Betty was born on September 21, 1920 in Heppner, Oregon; the daughter to Noah and Leona Clark, and was married to the family farm. Betty married Bud Herman Fouts on October 3, 1938, and they had a son, C.L. Reese. They later divorced, and she married Ronald Dale Fouts on October 3, 1970, combining the two families. Betty was a member of the Amazing Grace Fellowship Church in Twin Falls. She loved the Lord and her passion was teaching bible study.

Betty is survived by her son, C.L. (Maryanne) Reese of Twin Falls; Phillip Fouts of San Jose, CA, and Phyllis (Bill) Turpin of Merced, CA. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Tammy (Robb) Soucie, Jennifer (Jason) Butler, Brian Turpin and Daniel Reese, and two great grandchildren, Coulton Soucie and Gaige Butler.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Dr.

JEROME



Herb Wisecaver

Herb Wisecaver, age 83, peacefully passed away Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, 2001 at Creekside Holley Homes in Jerome, Idaho.

He was born Sept. 19, 1918 near Buhl, Id. to Fredrick and Emma Jauregui Wisecaver. Herb married Juanita Mary Butler on March 18, 1947 in Elko, Nevada. To this union four children were born: Gary, Carl, Ann, and Bob.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Juanita, his wife of 31 years, and his twin brothers, John Wisecaver, Santa Monica, Ca. and Joe Wisecaver, Castleford, Id.

Herb married Verneta Buntin on Oct. 23, 1978.

Herb farmed for many years around the Twin Falls, Buhl, Hansen and Kimberly areas and eventually purchased a farm near Heyburn, Id. Herb served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and was honorably discharged as Sgt. 1st Class in 1946. Herb was a kind and loving person to all who came in touch with him. Family, friends, neighbors and even strangers will remember that slow-talking man with the wonderful grin that made you feel special just by being near him. After his retirement from farming, Herb started working with wood. He made many beautiful things, including folding stools, toys, and many wonderful wooden toys.

Herb is survived by his wife, Verneta Wisecaver, Jerome, Id., Gary Wisecaver, Boise, Id. and his daughter, Gail (Craig) Lyne; Carl Groesch, Rupert, Id. and her children Jake Groesch, Elizabeth Groesch; Ann (Michael) Marin, Boise, Id. and their sons Jason and Jeremy Martin; and Robert (Bob) Wisecaver, Heyburn, Idaho; Verneta's children: Alton, Henry, Corveta, Oregon; Sonny Henry, Wendell, Id. and Susan Medford, Twin Falls, Id.; a total of 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren will remember that slow-talking man with the wonderful grin that made you feel special just by being near him. After his retirement from farming, Herb started working with wood. He made many beautiful things, including folding stools, toys, and many wonderful wooden toys.

A special "Thank You" to the Hospice nurses, and staff at Holly Homes. You cared so very much for Herb and he cared so very much for you.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2001 at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 East 3rd and Fillmore, Jerome, Id. with Pastor Peter Page officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to services. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, Id.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans at 805 W Franklin, Room 205, Boise, Id 83702

Kemphome opens street near Capitol

BOISE (AP) - The Kemphome administration announced on Thursday that it will reopen Jefferson Street on the south side of the state Capitol to traffic next week and look for more visually appealing barriers to protect the building from potential vehicle bombers.

State Police Superintendent Ed Strickfaden said discussions with federal officials and review of the state and federal documents convinced him and Adj. Gen. John Kane to recommend that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne act.

"There's always risk, but it's an acceptable risk to open Jefferson now," Strickfaden said.

The concrete barriers now blocking the street and the Capitol Boulevard link between Jefferson and Bannock Street will be moved to line the Jefferson Street sidewalk from 6th to 8th streets. That maintains a blast-barrier between vehicles and the building. Parking will still be permitted on Jefferson on the east third of the block.

But State Street on the north of the Capitol will remain closed, and the concrete barricade will remain around the rest of the building. Officials said they are looking for something more aesthetically like huge concrete flower containers to replace the concrete barriers.

The state also signed the licensing agreement with the local highway district giving it authority to close the streets, which were blocked off on Nov. 2. The agreement runs through 2002. Strickfaden rejected the sugges-

"We've gained in experience."

- State Police Superintendent Ed Strickfaden

tion that the original street closure was an overreaction although he acknowledged that it and the other measures were implemented rapidly while the state was on high alert. He also said that while the administration had not ignored the public criticism of the security crackdown, "it can't drive our plan either."

"We've gained in experience," he said. "We've had additional dialogue."

Kemphome has consistently said that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast and their fallout left him no choice

but to adopt the security recommendations made by Kane and Strickfaden. A number of the measures mirror those his administration proposed 2.5 years ago only to see them rejected by lawmakers.

All three said before and at the time the Capitol was barricaded, public access controlled and state troopers and the military posted as guards that there were no direct or indirect threats to the state, the building or any person in the state. They said the crackdown was based on unspecified warnings from federal officials.

Last week, however, Kane disclosed in an interview with THE Idaho Statesman that "there were two instances here in Idaho at the same time that led us to believe there could be a threat against Idaho."

"When you add all those up along with all the daily threat warnings we get in the classified case coming through the military, I lobbied very, very hard for the governor to do what we did."

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Board considers end to burn moratorium

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A deadline that concentrates the burning of stubble in northern Idaho grass fields into 45 days may be scrapped next year.

Members of a smoke management board are considering the change in response to a late harvest that forced farmers to burn about 7,000 acres in four days this year. That meant bigger pillars of smoke and a glut of complaints to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's field burning hotline.

"The 45-day window doesn't appear to help with overall smoke management issues," said Dan Redline, a Department of Environmental Quality air quality analyst. "It's not necessarily a constructive tool for trying to pro-

vide the best burn days for growers."

Burning fields helps rid crops of disease and stimulates the following year's growth.

Redline, an adviser to the local smoke management board, said he would work to develop alternatives to the window for the next season. He said the sentiment on the board "made up of three growers and three field burning opponents" is unanimous to drop the timeframe restriction.

"As long as burning is permitted, it gives them a chance to spread it out over a longer period, to pick the best possible days to burn," said Art Long, a board member and longtime clean air advocate.

Woman faces charges for replacing milk with soap

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A mother who provided soap-filled bottles to nurses caring for her hospitalized infant has been charged with child abuse.

The woman, Jacosa Lofquist Lynn, 22, was supposed to be filling the bottles with breast milk. Lynn was charged with one count of misdemeanor child abuse Wednesday in 3rd District Court.

Lynn's mother-in-law delivered several bottles of purported breast milk to LDS Hospital on Nov. 16. The infant, who was 7 days old at the time, was born seven weeks premature and had been hospitalized since birth.

A nurse in the intensive care

unit became suspicious when the infant began vomiting after feeding briefly from one of the bottles. When a physician called Lynn, she told him the bottles contained medicated soap, according to court documents. About 30 minutes later, Lynn brought another bottle containing soap to the hospital for doctors to examine.

Deputy Salt Lake District Attorney Kent Morgan alleged the South Salt Lake woman knew the bottles were filled with soap but still had them delivered to the hospital.

The soap caused the infant to vomit and have diarrhea.

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are allowed to have now. A mature dairy cow in Cassia County equals one animal unit and a heifer equals eight-tenths of an animal unit.

Commissioners agreed to inspect the site on Dec. 14. They will meet at 1 p.m. at the county commissioners' office in the courthouse.

In other business, Brad Sanders asks the commissions to approve a change to his permit to allow for 4,800 sows. Buyers are not interested in smaller operations, he said. "They won't even look at anything under 4,800."

The hog operation would be at 850 South 700 West. That's close to Oakley but out in the middle of nowhere, Commissioner Randy Robinson said.

According to county ordinances, Sanders will have to apply for a conditional-use permit, Assistant County Attorney Kerry McMurry said.

The commission will hear Sanders' application Jan. 3.

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Scores

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taught to their own classes.

The library is accessible for the children throughout the day, Paul said, allowing them to read multiple books during their reading time.

The latest IRI scores, from fall 2001, show the effects. In the second grade, 28 percent are below grade level in reading, 43 percent are near grade level and 30 percent are at grade level.

In the third grade, 13 percent are below grade level, 49 percent are near grade level and 38 percent are at grade level.

"I'm excited to see the winter scores," Mills said.

If those who are near grade level move up to read at grade level, Big Valley may reach the goal of having 90 percent of students reading at grade level, Mills added.

"Whatever you people are doing, keep doing it," Mills said.

Fourth-graders also performed at Thursday's meeting, singing Big Valley's school song and a variety of patriotic tunes.

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case," Leone said. "Every student in our school can benefit."

Good citizenship is also a focus at Big Valley, said Stan Bruns, music teacher at the school. He talked of a mediation program in which two students from each classroom are trained to mediate between their classmates.

Mediation allows both parties to see how the other one feels, Bruns said, and teaches students better ways to deal with conflict.

Susan Paul presented the board with information about the 90 percent reading goal at Big Valley. The staff are working together to achieve the reading goal.

"It takes 100 percent of us," Paul said. "The success of these children is our responsibility."

In the mornings, all aides are used in grades two and three to work on reading skills. Fourth-through sixth-grade classes give up their aides to have them work with the lower grades in the morning, Paul said.

Three separate part-time aides have been hired with Idaho Reading Indicator funds as well, Paul said. Fourth-through sixth-grade teachers also help in the lower grades when art is being

Centennial

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book's literary aspects where the Centennial celebration project is concerned," said Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive Kent Just.

"It's not a final 'no,'" said Edmunds, "and (James) may want to resubmit at a later date."

The commission will have a long contest, with entries being accepted on Jan. 15. Entries must be original compositions with lyrics specifically written about Twin Falls. All entries must be postmarked May 31, 2002.

Applicants must be Twin Falls County residents or former residents who lived in the county a minimum of one year. A cash

prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winning entry. Top award winners will receive special recognition, and winners will be notified by June 30, 2002.

The commission decided that it, not the composer, will retain all rights to the song.

Edmunds said he plans to put an executive board in place by Thursday's meeting, scheduled for Jan. 6. Preparations will be made then for a centennial kickoff event to coincide with the arrival in Twin Falls of the 2002 Winter Olympics torch relay.

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STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT



United States Air Force Lt. Gen. General Bruce A. Wright, formerly of Castleford, receives his third star in a special ceremony Wednesday at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Pinning him are his wife, Kern, and U.S. Space Command Gen. Ralph Eberhart. Wright's brothers are local cardiologist Wayne Wright and local contractor Steve Wright. The three-star general will become the new vice commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, the lead command for fighter and bomber aircraft based in the continental United States, according to an Air Force news release.

Organizers call Festival of Trees a success

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY - Although weather put a slight damper on this year's Festival of Trees, organizers are still calling it a success.

The festival brought in \$34,000, said Bruce Beck, chairman of the Cassia Health Care Foundation. More than 200 people attended the Nov. 28 gala and between 4,500 and 5,000 people viewed the decorated trees and watched local entertainers during the four-day festival.

Attendance was down about 1,500 due to snow and bad weather, Beck said. However, a few more trees and other decorated items were donated than in past years, he added.

Money raised at the festival will purchase a fetal heart monitor for Cassia Regional Medical Center and go toward scholarships for high school seniors in both Cassia and Minidoka counties, Beck said.



Kalyrn Cotten and her mom, Jerri, looked through the decorated trees at Burley's Festival of Trees. Kalyrn was happy to talk to this Santa decoration, but not so happy to talk to the live Santa, who was available for visits during the festival.

This is the second year the festival has been located in the former Roper's building in downtown Burley. Merchants say the Christmas spirit has been good this year, Beck said.

"They've enjoyed having it downtown," he said of the festival.

Beck said he appreciates the support of Jim and Bette Roper, who donated the use of their building. Community support was also great this year, Beck said.

"It's just been a good year," he said.

Many people are involved, including people behind the scenes, such as those who help set up or deliver the trees.

"It takes all of them to make it work," Beck said. "That's what makes it great."

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Scholarships for students continuing their education in a medical field are also awarded, Beck said, and some money is used for aiding local search and rescue units.

Officers take children Christmas shopping

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - Police officers are taking 16 underprivileged children Christmas shopping Saturday.

The "Shop with a Cop" program gives boys and girls, whose families don't make much money, the chance to buy Christmas presents for their families. A law enforcement officer will help each child pick out gifts.

The 16 children will go shopping at Kmart on Saturday. At least 20 other children will go to Wal-Mart Dec. 15, said Dave Howerton, assistant store manager at Wal-Mart.

Local schools and churches find children for the program each year. Ranging from ages 3 to 12, all of this year's children come from families who need help this winter. In one family, both par-

ents have been out of work for more than a year. In another family, an 18-year-old man has been working to take care of his brothers and sisters since their parents passed away, Howerton said.

Parents drop off their children early in the morning for a breakfast provided by the store, said Tina Zemke, unit pricing manager at Kmart. The children meet their law enforcement mentors and Santa Claus. Each child receives a back-pack full of little gifts: oranges and apples, winter gloves and school supplies. They then walk around the store with their personal police officer and find gifts for each member of their family. The children can spend about \$25 on each person, Zemke said. The two stores conduct the program in slightly different ways, but the basic format is the same.

Part of the purpose of "Shop with a Cop" is to improve the

image of law enforcement officers in the eyes of the participating children.

"A lot of these underprivileged kids see the police in a bad light. They may have had the experience of police raiding their home or placing their mother or dad under arrest," Martinez said. Taking these children shopping gives police an opportunity to reverse those negative associations.

The program is satisfying, not only for the children, but for the officers and members of the store staff who get involved.

"It's really neat to see kids get excited. You just keep track of how much they are spending and ask them questions, what does your dad like? Would your mom like this?" Cpl. Juan Martinez of the Rupert Police Department said. People who have participated have fun and feel good about

what they have done, Cassia County Undersheriff Cary Bristol said.

Local sororities, clubs, high school students and churches have raised money for the program. Charitable organizations within the participating police departments and sheriff's offices, Wal-Mart and Kmart have given money as well. Employees from those stores have held bake sales and raffles so more children could participate, Zemke and Howerton said.

Kmart started the program years ago, giving regional stores the option to participate, Zemke said. This is the first year that a Wal-Mart store has participated.

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Meth

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"The cops on the front line were saying, 'We can arrest our way out of this.'"

Two Magic Valley judges said they're also glad Stalcup is helping promote a fresh approach to the meth problem.

"He's not an alarmist," said 5th District Administrative Judge Roger Burdick. "He's saying, 'Wake up, here's the problems you're dealing with. Here's some things I've found over 20 years that work, and here's some things that don't work.'"

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ple to seek the help they need to overcome this addiction."

Idaho has, for the most part, taken a purely punitive approach to the meth problem, Burdick said, by simply throwing most meth offenders behind bars.

"Prison alone isn't helping, it's not going to cure or really help anyone," he said. "We've got to get to a combination of rehabilitation and punitive mode."

Idaho has its heart in the right place, with many dedicated addiction counselors trying to curb the problem, Stalcup said.

But counselors using methods that might work for alcoholism or other addictions are often stumped when they come up against meth, he said.

"The gold standard in rehab has long been the 28-day program. It might take as long as a year to rehabilitate a meth

addict."

And even after a person is past the initial craving stage, the lingering effects of methamphetamine on the brain and body can make full recovery nearly impossible, he said.

Recovering addicts can suffer from severe depression, apathy and even paranoia. If those problems aren't treated medically, the addict is almost certain to give into temptation the next time meth becomes available, he said.

Clean and sober "halfway houses" in the community might be effective because they force addicts to deal with the real world while still having a drug-free haven to come home to, Stalcup said.

A quick response is also important, Stalcup said. Addicts who get arrested or into other serious trouble almost always have a

"moment of clarity" when they can clearly recognize their problems and the consequences, he said. For meth addicts, the clarity usually lasts for about three days. So getting the addicts in front of a judge and ordered into treatment program within that time is vital, Stalcup said.

Despite the challenges, Idaho has plenty of good programs and people ready to deal with meth, he said. It's just a matter of getting them to all work in unison.

And most meth users should be eager to participate, given a good chance, Stalcup said.

"I've rarely met meth addicts who didn't want to quit. The love affair is over very quickly with that drug, it just burns you out."

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IDAHO/WEST

Nevada rancher finds himself in trouble once again

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada rancher battling what he considers government tyranny was convicted for the second time in a year Thursday for illegally grazing his cattle on national forest land.

Cliff Gardner, 63, could face up to six months in prison for his latest conviction in a dispute that began in 1994 when the Forest Service revoked his federal-grazing permit.

"If we want to remain on the land, we don't have a choice but to put those animals out there," Gardner said.



'You've already destroyed us. It's cost us hundred of thousands of dollars.'

- Cliff Gardner

"We were targeted and we were persecuted because we stood up against the tyranny of the government," said Gardner, a fourth-generation who maintains a "socialistic government" is eroding rights of land owners across the West.

U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben found him guilty of spite emission crimes by Gardner and his wife Bertha after government restrictions on grazing have allowed a dangerous buildup of rangeland grasses.

McKibben fined Gardner \$1,000 in February for a conviction last year on the same charge. The judge refused the Justice Department's request at that time to impose the maximum

penalty of \$5,000 and six months in prison but warned a stiffer penalty awaited Gardner if he broke the law again.

Gardner acted as his own attorney at the orthodox trial on Thursday. He refused to pass through railing dividing the audience from the proceedings, saying he did not recognize the federal court's jurisdiction.

McKibben initially ordered two bailiffs to bring Gardner forward to the defense table and a bailiff put a hand on Gardner's arm before the judge agreed to let him speak from the front row.

At one point the judge asked Gardner again to come forward

so he could see a map being discussed by a witness. But Gardner replied, "I'm not a part of this proceeding."

Mrs. Gardner later took the witness stand, crying with trembling hands as she read from a piece of paper.

"Everything is at stake right here and now, including our health and safety and the future of our ranching operation," she said, adding her son was nearly killed and her neighbor badly burned while fighting a 1996 rangeland fire.

"This is what happens when the range is not grazed. This is what happens when the Forest Service ignores the safety of ranchers, persecuting ranchers because they oppose federal

bureaucratic tyranny," she said. Forest Service officials testified they spotted at least 90 cattle with Gardner's "slash-J" brand in August on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest lands where Gardner once held a grazing permit.

Gardner lost his permit in 1994 when he refused to comply with the agency's decision to reduce the size-of his grazing area. He maintains the Forest Service has no power under the U.S. Constitution to regulate the lands where his family has been ranching for more than a century.

"It is abundantly clear he does not recognize the jurisdiction of this court," Deputy U.S. Attorney Brian Sullivan said Thursday. "It is unfortunate he has taken this

position and dug himself in. But they have taken certain actions and they have to live with those actions."

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Group wants cattle expelled from state land

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — With a landmark court victory in hand, a Southwest environmental group wants to raise \$1 million so it can kick cattle off tens of thousands of acres of Arizona and New Mexico.

On Nov. 21, the Santa Fe-based group Forest Guardians won a case before Arizona's Supreme Court that upheld a decades-old policy of giving ranchers a monopoly on 8.3 million acres of state school trust land.

The court said people with no intention of raising livestock could still bid on the 10-year grazing leases, which cover about 10

percent of the state. An Arizona Daily Star review of State Land Department records has found that 497 grazing leases in Pima County covering 205,068 acres will expire in 2002.

Environmentalists say the decision will let them rest land that has been overgrazed to resemble "moonscapes" and end a subsidy for "cowboy socialists" that short-changes the state's public school system.

But the ruling outraged many local ranchers. They feared it could limit their businesses and promote housing development on ranches

that have hosted livestock since Arizona's territorial days and grazing by other animals for eons longer.

For the King family, the ruling means land they've ranched for four generations, since 1895, is up for grabs. In Altar Valley, 35 miles southwest of Tucson, the Kings run cattle on about 50,000 acres, most of it school trust land.

"I don't believe I've abused this land, be it state land or our own private land. We care for it just the same," Pat King said. "We've done lots of conservation work and we're very proud of it."

Couple seeks to change Idaho law on rangeland

POCATELLO (AP) — After a car crash that involved horses on range land, Nicole and Brad Christensen want to change the state's open-range law.

"I remember every second, every smell, every sound; but I never saw a horse," 20-year-old Nicole Christensen said.

The couple sustained bruises and Brad broke his right hand in three places. Two horses were killed.

Because of Idaho's open-range law, the Christensens were also responsible for the damage caused by the accident.

A 1907 law says owners of domestic animals cannot be found guilty of negligence if a motorist collides an animal as long as the crash occurred in open-range territory.

After three days in the hospital, the two found themselves in the hole for \$4,500 in medical bills and car repairs. Insurance covered \$18,000 in medical bills and paid out \$9,500 for the totaled car.

The owner of the horses has not asked to be reimbursed.

Brad Christensen is a junior at Boise State and a lobbyist for Associated Students of Boise State, the governing body for all student organizations at the university. He plans to try to persuade the state's lawmakers to tinker with the law.

"The current law doesn't allow any avenues for motorists to take action," he said. "Our purpose is not to eradicate open-range laws; that would be preposterous."

He said he would like the Legislature to consider three factors — restricting open range from heavily traveled roads, and roads with speed limits in excess of 50 mph; and adding a nighttime clause that would hold the livestock owner partially responsible.

the West, although several states are taking a second look, according to Barbara Foster, spokeswoman for the National Conference of State Legislatures. Oregon recently revamped its open-range law, making state highways ineligible.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, said the Farm Bureau would be opposed to any changes in the law.

"The insurance alone would be a very big burden," he said. "The bottom line for ranchers is pretty thin, and that's just another thing they'd have to do that would make it harder to survive."

FEN-PHEN/ REDUX USERS

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The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Lanford Wilson's bittersweet two-actor romance, "Talley's Folly," tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center on the Twin Falls campus. The production will continue Dec. 14-15.

Deck the halls

The Twin Falls Junior Club's Holiday Home Tour is scheduled Sunday afternoon, featuring five decorated homes.



Country star

Nashville diva Pam Tillis will sing in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University Wednesday night.

Stars of Boise

The holiday lighting event, "Winter Garden Aglow, Scary Nights," will be featured from 6-9 tonight through Jan. 2 at the Idaho Botanical Garden on Boise's east end. The opening lighting ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. today.

Mannheim

"Scamrolling Through the Holidays," multimedia magic choreographed to the sounds of Mannheim Scamroller, will play at the Faulstich Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls each Friday, Saturday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. "Season of Light," a look at the history and meaning of many seasonal traditions, is shown an hour earlier on the same nights.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C5-8

COMFORT AND JOY



Andrew Alburger, with Renee Knappenberger, stars as Scrooge in Company of Fools' production of 'A Christmas Carol' playing Thursday through Dec. 30 at the Liberty Theater in Halley.

'A Christmas Carol' becomes a holiday tradition

By Karri Boesick
Times-News correspondent

HALLEY - Company of Fools is starting a new Christmas tradition in the Wood River Valley.

It's staging Charles Dickens' beloved "A Christmas Carol" for the second year in a row. And it likely won't be the last time, if director Denise Simone has anything to say about it.

"We had such an amazing response last year," she said. "Obviously, people love tradition—we never tire of 'The Nutcracker.' So, why not 'A Christmas Carol'?"

Why not, indeed? If TV can run umpteen versions of "Scrooge" and "Scrooged," surely there's a place in the heart of Idaho for the telling and retelling of the familiar tale by Charles Dickens that has become almost as commonplace as the biblical story of the child in the manger and "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Especially the sweet, childlike retelling of the story offered up by Company of Fools.

As with last year, the 50-minute production will be based on Douglas Jones' adaptation. Jones also wrote the adaptation of "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Pied Piper," and "The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse."

Humboldt

- **What:** Company of Fools will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Halley.
- **When:** Thursday through Dec. 30. Performances will be Thursdays through Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 and 30, at 3 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets are \$8; kids 3 and under admitted free. You can purchase tickets at the door or at The Mint in Halley between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Or you can charge them by phone at 578-9122 or on-line at www.ticketweb.com

that the Fools have staged in past years. Andrew Alburger will play Ebenezer Scrooge, the crochety old miser who is content in his ways until he receives jarring visits from the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future.

John Glenn portrays Cratchitt; Renee Knappenberger, Belle; Jennifer Perry, Christmas Past, and Richard Rush, Marley. Halley Elementary School fourth-grader Everett Wilson Ford and fifth-grader Russell Simone Frazier take turns playing Tiny Tim. A backdrop resembling a pop-out

Christmas card sets the stage.

"It's a whole different cast from last year and that always brings a new element to the play," said Simone. "It's not like we're doing the same piece again."

Uttering Tiny Tim's immortal words, "God bless us, every one" is a dream come true for Everett, who saw the production from the audience's side last year.

"My heart just leapt when the teacher got an email about the tryouts," he said proudly. "There's a lot of power on stage, you know. And I love to act and dance and sing. I didn't remember the lines from last year—I had to memorize them again. But I memorized them in four days."

Wilson, fresh off "The Pied Piper," had it a little easier. She played violin with the production last year and says she memorized the entire play.

"It's about a man who hasn't found the joy of Christmas, the joy of being kind, who hasn't allowed himself to open up to other people," she continued. "If my friends come to see me, I hope they go away realizing that Christmas is about being kind and loving. Tiny Tim says, 'God bless us, every one' because everyone has a purpose and everyone's important."

And what of Scrooge himself? "Before I became immersed in the play, I

never saw that everyone was happy in life except for Scrooge," Alburger said. "The others didn't have money, but they were happy with their friendships. And that's something Scrooge didn't understand. It's great he's able to accept what's wrong and come out a better person."

As with last year, Company of Fools will augment the staging of "The Christmas Carol" with some special events to help audience members get in the Christmas spirit.

On Thursdays and Sundays, the Sun Valley Summer Symphony Conservatory will perform Christmas music a half-hour before the production. On Fridays and Saturdays, community carolers made up of singers from such groups as the Caritas Chorus will perform.

On Dec. 14 and 24, there will be a holiday gift show and sale held in the E.G. Willis Building and the Blaine County Historical Museum will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. with cookies and cocoa.

And on Dec. 22, audience members may join carolers as they walk through the streets singing Christmas carols en route to the Povey Pension for cocoa and cookies.

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'The Nutcracker' comes back to Burley

By Anie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - No Christmas season is complete without the sounds and footsteps of "The Nutcracker," and this weekend children and adults alike can see Clara & Company in action at the King Fine Arts Center.

Performances are planned for Saturday afternoon and Monday night.

Guest artists will join the local dancers of Burley's Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts. It's the 13th year that the studio has done the Tchaikovsky holiday classic.

"The guest certainly enhances the performance," said Jennifer Sager, who is directing the ballet.

The role of the Sugar Plum Fairy will be danced by Jenny Lynn Bowden. Bowden, from Scottsdale, Ariz., received her training in classical Russian ballet from the Nina Marlow School of Ballet.

She has danced with Ballet Arizona and Burlynn Ballet Company in Scotland and is now a principal dancer with the

If you go

- **What:** Centre Stage Studios of Burley will present Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."
- **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley.
- **When:** Saturday at 2 p.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** \$8. Tickets are available at the door or by phoning 678-4117 or 436-6464.

Brigham Young University Theater Ballet. Bowden has 12 years of "Nutcracker" experience.

The Cavalier will be played by Troy Edward Bowles, a native of Preston who received his dance training at the Ballet West Conservatory, the Virginia School of the Arts and the University of Utah. He has danced principal roles with many companies and performed as a dancer and stuntman for Disney's "Tarzan Rocks" at Walt Disney World in Florida and in the stage production of "Once

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Students sing sounds of Christmas

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho students, under the direction of music professor Carson Wong, will present their annual Fall Choral Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The performers will include 30 members of the CSI Chamber Choir, Madrigal Ensemble, Men's Chorus, and Women's Chorus. CSI music professor Sue Miller will accompany the groups.

Wong says the singers will perform "Christmas works" by Mozart, Brahms, Lodovico Viadana, Daniel Pinkham, Benjamin Britten and other noted composers. Admission is a suggested \$3 donation to the music scholarship and activities fund. A portion of the proceeds will be CSI vocal students travel to Salt Lake City in April to participate in John Rutter's "Magnificat."



Mattie B. Washburn, 14, daughter of Cliff and Lynn Washburn of Oakley, was selected by audition to play the leading role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" ballet, presented by the Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts.

Photo courtesy of the Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts.

WEEKEND

'Pearl Harbor' reaches video store shelves

Combined wire services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

'Pearl Harbor'

Just in time to mark the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor comes this sprawling, explosive yawnfest. The only thing the movie offers is expensive visual effects used to recreate the battle; stars Ben Affleck, Kate Beckinsale and Josh Hartnett are stuck in a lifeless story, woodenly spouting soap-opera dialogue. The two-disc DVD set doesn't pack a big range of extras. The best bonus is the History Channel's 'Unsung Heroes,' an informative documentary account of Pearl Harbor. The making-of-documentary is standard promotional fare. In it, Defense Department officials note that the military supported the production and allowed it to be shot at the scene of the attack because the Pentagon viewed the film as a testament to the victims and survivors. The filmmakers say they strove to create a passionate fictional story to set against the historical attack and infuse the events with humanity. Better luck next time. DVD. (Disney)



Ben Affleck stars in 'Pearl Harbor.'



Director John Carpenter depicts a futuristic Martian frontier town in 'John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars.'

'Walt Disney Treasures'

A Disney-ophile's delight. Four two-disc sets, nicely packaged in metal cases, offer a wealth of material from the Walt Disney vaults. The best two are collections of Disney shorts. 'Mickey Mouse in Living Color' gathers 26 short cartoons from the 1930s starring the studio's main mascot. 'Silly Symphonies' has 36 of Disney's short musical cartoons, including 'Three Little Pigs' from 1933. 'Davy Crockett' features all five episodes of the Fess Parker frontier series that Disney aired in the 1950s. 'Disneyland USA' is a bit of nostalgic Americana that's only for serious Disney devotees; it features various TV shows on the company's first mega-theme park, which opened in 1955. DVDs. (Disney)

'Britannia Hospital'

Not quite as weird as movies come, but close. Lindsay Anderson reteams with Malcolm

McDowell for this vicious satire depicting modern medicine as an indifferent institution that puts Frankenstein-like research ahead of patients' well-being. 'Britannia Hospital' was the third in Anderson's 'Mick Travis' trilogy. McDowell also starred in the earlier two films, 'If...' and 'O Lucky Man.' The DVD has an interesting conversation with McDowell reminiscing about Anderson, who died in 1994. DVD (Anchor Bay)

'Summer Catch'

Just curious: Is Freddie Prinze Jr. the only official heartthrob currently available for teen romances? The ubiquitous star of all too many such movies, he shows up yet again in a movie

about Getting the Girl. In this uninspired baseball romance, he's Ryan Dunne, a pitcher and the son of a gardener. (Fred Ward) in Cape Cod, who dreams of professional ball.

When trouts are held in his town, Ryan finds himself the poor boy in a collection of major brats and hotshots, including Billy 'Bru' Brubaker (Matthew Lillard), all aspiring for professional contracts. Of course, he falls for a girl, a local upper-class dish named Tenley Parrish (Jessica Biel) whose family spends its summers in Cape Cod. Will Ryan get signed by the majors? Will he win Tenley's heart? If you're even wondering, this movie's for you. Contains crude sexual humor and situa-

Rentals	Hot videos
1. 'Planet Of The Apes,' FoxVideo.	Christmas,' Universal Studios Home Video.
2. 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas,' Universal Studios Home Video.	2. 'Shrek,' DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
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5. 'Lara Croft: Tomb Raider,' Paramount Home Video.	5. 'Barbie In The Nutcracker,' Artisan Home Entertainment.
6. 'Legally Blonde,' MGM Home Entertainment.	6. 'Dr. Dolittle 2,' FoxVideo.
7. 'Swordfish,' Warner Home Video.	7. 'Cats & Dogs,' Warner Family Entertainment.
8. 'The Animal,' Columbia TriStar Home Video.	8. 'Magic Gift Of The Snowman,' Goodtimes Home Video.
9. 'Dr. Dolittle 2,' FoxVideo.	9. 'Save the Last Dance,' Paramount Home Video.
10. 'Along Came A Spider,' Paramount Home Video.	10. 'Cast Away,' FoxVideo.
	2. 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas (Full Frame),' Universal Studios Home Video.
	3. 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas (Widescreen),' Universal Studios Home Video.
	4. 'Shrek (Special-Edition),' DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
	5. 'Lara Croft: Tomb Raider,' Paramount Home Video.
	6. 'Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace,' FoxVideo.
	7. 'Snow White And The Seven Dwarves,' Walt Disney Home Video.
	8. 'Swordfish,' Warner Home Video.
	9. 'Legally Blonde,' MGM Home Entertainment.
	10. 'The Patriot,' Columbia TriStar Home Video.

Sales

1. 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas,' FoxVideo.

DVD sales

1. 'Planet Of The Apes,' FoxVideo.

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tions. PG-13.

'John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars'

Set in a futuristic Martian frontier town, and pitting leather-clad marshals with 'Terminator'-style weaponry against townsfolk possessed by alien ghosts, director Carpenter's latest gore 'n' guffest is little more than a classic Western at heart. But, with comely Natasha Henstridge as the flawed law-woman hero and sullen rapper/imitator Ice Cube as her adversary-turned-ally against a gang of blood-thirsty zombies, who could ask for anything more?

Sure, the premise is preposterous, the dialogue cliché and the shaky, orange-toned ghost-
P.O.V. annoying as heck, but the film's visceral pleasures - quip-quip, bang-bang, splat! - should be sufficient for aficionados of maestro Carpenter's horror oeuvre. Contains obscenity, drug use, sexual banter and extensive carnage. R.

'American Outlaws'

In this unspeakably mediocre movie, Frank and Jesse James, and Cole Younger (played by newcomers Gabriel Macht, Colin Farrell and Scott Caan) turn into bankrobbers to put up a fight against railroad baron Thaddeus Rains (Harris Yulin), who's teamed with dastardly Allan Pinkerton (Timothy Dalton) and buying everyone's land at virtual gunpoint.

The rebels use the money to finance the lives of their disen-

franchised former brethren. The movie, directed by Les ('Encino Man') Mayfield, follows a predictable course of bank robberies punctuated with 'adorable' back-and-forth among the boys. There's no escaping the hackneyed plot or Mayfield's conventional hand. Contains cowboy violence. PG-13.

'Execution of Justice'

98 minutes. Tim Daly, Peter Coyote. This docudrama is based on the true story of the assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, said to be the first openly gay elected official in the United States. It also focuses on the 'Twinkie Defense' that enabled Dan White to serve only five years in prison. R (profanity, violence) (CC)

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'Ocean's 11' hits area theaters this weekend

Combined wire services

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

'Amelie'

If you're looking to fall in love, or just-to feel good about the world and the people in it for a couple of hours, look no further than this delightful, intoxicating confection by Jean-Pierre Jeunet ("The City of Lost Children"), the sweetest, funniest, most petulant and most inventive popular entertainment of the year. In a performance that will steal, break and warm your heart, gamine-Audrey Tautou plays a waitress who discovers that her true destiny is to help destiny along by altering the lives of those around her so they can find their bliss. In the process, we find plenty, while Amelie discovers that destiny has its own agenda. The film is beautifully constructed, designed and photographed. Rated R; nudity, sexual situations. 2 hours. In French with English subtitles. R.

'Behind Enemy Lines'

A film that might as well be called "Top Gun Goes to Bosnia." Hot-shot flyboys rule one more time, proving to the world that once a lone American gets riled up, adversaries on foreign shores, no matter how numerous, had best look to their laurels. Owen Wilson and Gene Hackman star. Director John Moore's first theatrical feature, after a career of what's described as 'innovative' commercials. (146. PG-13, for war violence and some language.)

'Black Knight'

Can you imagine what happens when Martin Lawrence, playing an employee of a medieval theme park in south central L.A., is mysteriously transported to 14th-century England and finds himself leading a rebellion against an evil king? Of course you can, and that's the problem with this fish-out-of-water comedy, whose script seems to have been copied from "The Princess Bride." Lawrence pulls all his usual pop-eyed faces and flop-sweat desperation moves; but the movie never rises above its tired Connecticut Yankee concept. Rated PG; language, violence. 1 hour, 35 minutes.

'Domestic Disturbance'

Hollywood endangers children again. John Travolta plays a man who's been fighting to wrest his 12-year-old son (Matt O'Leary) from the clammy clutches of his wicked stepfather (Vince Vaughn). The best thing one can say about this splashy job is that it's over soon enough. With Teri Hatcher and Steve Becker. (130. PG-13, for violence, brief sexuality and language.)

'Ghost World'

Thora Birch and Scarlett Johansson star as misfit best friends in this dry, ironic and sharp-edged adaptation of the Daniel Clowes' comic book. Steve Buscemi turns up and turns in a great performance, as a middle-age misfit of another stripe. 1 hour, 51 minutes. Rated R (sexual situations, language, adult themes)

'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone'

A remarkably faithful copy of the book that treats the text like holy writ. It's easily the best film of director Chris Columbus' lightweight but lucrative career ("Home Alone," "Mrs. Doubtfire," "The Sandlot"), and its crack production staff including costume designer Judianna Makovsky, cinematographer John Seale and production designer Stuart Craig) have recreated Hogwarts and environs with a fine visual pro. Copies, however, don't properly position responses of other agony or ecstasy; copies don't leave much to object to or



Brad Pitt (left) as Rusty Ryan and George Clooney as Danny Ocean star in Warner Bros. Pictures' and Village Roadshow Pictures' 'Ocean's Eleven.'

get excited about. Ideally, a film will extend or even transcend the book's emotional territory and bring a touch of cinematic poetry to the proceedings. But to get that, you have to take risks, and risk is something no one associated with this project wanted anything to do with. Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. With Robbie Coltrane, John Hurt, Ian Hart, Maggie Smith, Alan Rickman and Richard Harris. (2:33. PG, for some scary moments and mild language.)

'Heist'

Writer-director David Mamet revisits the crime-and-con underworld in this clever, albeit unoriginal, thriller. Gene Hackman plays a master thief compelled to do one last job before sailing into the sunset with his much younger wife (Rebecca Pidgeon). His crew of Delroy Lindo and Ricky Jay is supplemented by Sam Rockwell, the headbanded nephew of his regular sponsor, Danny DeVito, and that turns the job into a complex game of whom-do-you-trust so unpredictable as to be predictable. Still, the performance by Hackman, the ra-tat dialogue and our love of the game keep this involving, if not compelling. Rated R; language, violence. 1 hour, 47 minutes.

'K'PAX'

A pleasant enough entertainment raised above its station by the quality of its acting. While the story line gets increasingly questionable, the fact that Kevin Spacey and Jeff Bridges are taking it seriously makes a good deal of difference. The film's plot device is familiar. On the one hand, here's a strange gentleman (Spacey) claiming to be a visitor from another planet. On the other, here's a caring psychiatrist (Bridges) who doesn't think that's possible. With Alfre Woodward. Directed by Iain Softley. (200. PG-13, for a sequence of violent images and brief language and sensuality.)

'Life as a House'

Kevin Kline is an architect who, upon learning he is fatally ill, decides to build his dream house and rebuild his relationship with his angry, alienated teenage son (Hayden Christensen). The script by Mark Andrus is less interested in saving his job than in bare wood than in spray-painting it with obvious conflicts and characters whose eccentricities are strictly sitcom-level. Kristin Scott Thomas, as Kline's ex-wife, and Jena Malone, as the girl who raises his son's pierced eyebrow, give performances as understated as Kline's, but the construction is just too prefab to support them. Rated R; language, drug use, sexual situations. 2 hours, 4 minutes.

'Monsters, Inc.'

After Pixar's two "Toy Story" movies and "A Bug's Life," one has the feeling everyone who works at the computer-animation studio is just a bit big kid. Pixar's fourth feature features the question of how the monster got in the closet anyway: He was sent through a portal to collect the frightened screams of little children, which the energy company Monsters, Inc., uses to power Monstropolis. With the movie's top scream collector, the hairy, scary Sulley (John

Goodman), is sabotaged by his many-tentacled rival (Steve Buscemi), he and his eyeball on an assistant Mike (Billy Crystal) find themselves with an adorable - and verboten - human toddler (Mary Gibbs) in their hands. They've got to get her back to her world before the boss finds out. If "Inc." seems more workmanlike than its predecessors, it compensates in wit and in technological breakthroughs - most of which you may never notice, so convincing is this world. Rated G; nothing objectionable. 1 hour, 26 minutes.

'Ocean's Eleven'

Forget every other heist movie that came out this year - this one's got the goods. With a cast of astonishingly talented actors under the astonishingly talented Steven Soderbergh's direction, the movie is everything you'd hope it would be: fun and fast-paced, slick and spontaneous, light and full of laughs. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and Julia Roberts are clearly having a ball bouncing off each other, never taking themselves too seriously despite their

Hollywood heavyweight status. In a remake of the 1960 Rat Pack movie, Clooney stars as the leader of a crew of criminals in an elaborate Las Vegas casino robbery, who tries to steal back his ex-wife in the process. PG-13 for some language and sexual content. 114 minutes.

'The One'

That Ariel of martial arts, Jet Li, goes head-to-head with his doppelganger in a sci-fi no-brain-

What's Playing

Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley 'Amelie,' Magic Lantern 'Behind Enemy Lines,' Magic Lantern	'Serendipity,' Odyssey Theater 'Shallow Hal,' Twin Cinema 'Spy Game,' Twin Cinema 'Thirteen Ghosts,' Twin Cinema
Burley 'Behind Enemy Lines,' Century Cinema 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,' Sun Valley Opera House 'Life as a House,' SkiffTime	'Monsters, Inc.,' Century Cinema 'Oceans 11,' Magic Lantern 'Out Cold,' Magic Lantern 'Spy Game,' SkiffTime Cinemas 'Waking Life,' SkiffTime Cinemas
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or spanning multiple universes. They walk alike, they talk alike, at times they even stalk alike. You could lose your mind, and you will. Hard rock, soft brains, flying feet; the stuff that a snarky 16-year-old's dreams are made of. (1:27. PG-13, for

intense action violence and some language.)
'Out Cold'
Idiotic fun about a ski instructor named Rick (Jason London, Please see MOVIES, Page C4.

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WEEKEND

Variations on theme work wonders for actor

Knight Ridder News Services

Sometimes it's easy to pinpoint the movie when an actor becomes a star. Julia Roberts, for example, became a star with "Pretty Woman."

For George Clooney, Roberts' co-star in "Ocean's Eleven," the moment of ascendancy is harder to pin down.

The path from TV star to movie star is rarely smooth — in fact, it used to be virtually impossible — but Clooney has pulled it off more gracefully than most. And what's heartening about his career is that he's done it not by concentrating on roles and projects calculated to hit a bull's-eye at the box office, but by choosing roles in which he believes.

Clooney had been kicking around the movie and TV industry for a decade before landing the role of Doug Ross in "ER" in 1994.

As the main heartthrob of that season's most popular new series, Clooney had the perfect platform on which to display his trademark blend of gravity (Ross was a pediatrician dealing with life-threatening situations, after all) and roguish sexual charm.

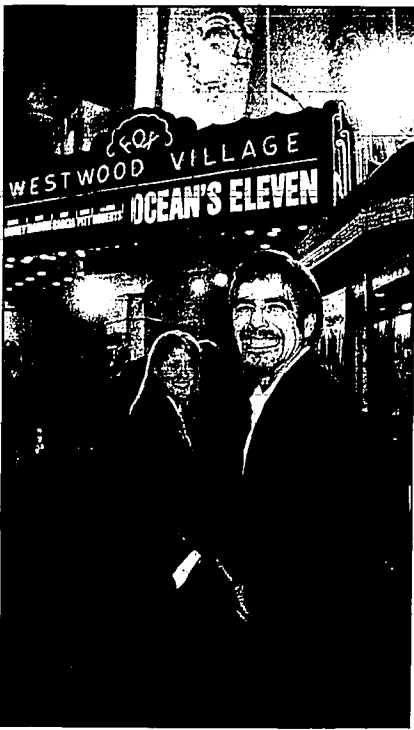
It was a potent combination, one that has fueled almost all of Clooney's subsequent roles with the notable exception of the fishing-boat captain in "The Perfect Storm." In fact, it's possible that the guy has only a limited range.

But like certain other stars, Clooney has shown the ability to choose roles that allow him to work slight variations on his established persona.

This could get wearisome after awhile, except that Clooney has been extremely savvy in attaching himself to projects strong enough that he doesn't have to carry the whole thing.

Greatly, he was feeling his way at first. Let's ignore his first four film credits — "Combat Academy" (86), "Return of the Killer Tomatoes!" (88), "Red Surf" (90) and "The Magic Bubble" (93) — which represent the work of a struggling actor who'll take any role just to keep working.

With a couple of years of "ER," under his belt Clooney appeared first in the high-body-



"Ocean's Eleven" cast member George Clooney arrives to the premiere of the film Wednesday in Los Angeles.

count vampire movie "From Dusk Till Dawn" (95) and "One Fine Day" (96). Interestingly enough, those two films embrace the extremes of the Clooney persona. In "Dusk" he was a violent thug, but a smart, talky one. In "One Fine Day" he was a single dad thrown in with a single mom (Michelle Pfeiffer), a set-up that allowed him to try out his bad-boy charm on the big screen. Clooney's next two films were,

to put it charitably, mistakes. His role as an anti-terrorist specialist in "The Peacemaker" and as Batman in "Batman and Robin" were clearly misguided attempts at star-making. "Peacemaker" was a flat-footed nuclear terrorist drama that left no room for Clooney's sense of humor, while "Batman and Robin" was so awful, as to be reviled by just about everyone who saw it.

Moreover, it was painfully obvious that those projects were born not of any sort of commitment on the part of the moviemakers, but simply to fill the Hollywood pipeline. Clooney apparently recognized that and hasn't made the same mistake since.

Consider his subsequent choices:

- "The Thin Red Line" (98): Clooney has a brief role as an officer lecturing the troops. It's pretty clear that he just wanted to work with legendary director Terrence Malick. It sent a signal that from here on out he wanted to work only with the best.

- "Out of Sight" (98): His first collaboration with "Ocean's Eleven" director Steven Soderbergh. Based on the Elmore Leonard novel, it effortlessly blends crime-and-romance (Jennifer Lopez was the love interest). The result was one of the most underappreciated movies of that year. Very sexy, very funny.

- "Three Kings" (99): David O. Russell's satire/drama, set in the Persian Gulf War, featured Clooney as a burned-out U.S. Army officer who decides to grab millions in stolen Kuwaiti gold. He's perfect as a career military man with a maverick streak; moreover, here was a movie that was actually brimming over with real ideas and issues.

- "The Perfect Storm" (2000): OK, so no Massachusetts fishing boat captain ever had the perfect teeth Clooney displays in this wildly successful outdoor adventure from director Wolfgang Petersen. But give the guy credit for trying on a role that defies all of our expectations of what a George Clooney should be.

- "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (00): Clooney gives a brilliant comic performance as a talky '30s chain-gang escapee who's always sure even when he isn't right. Here's a star having fun destroying his own image as a smooth, glib leading man. And by working with the Coen Brothers Clooney sent a message that he wants to mix it up with the film industry's more idiosyncratic auteurs.

Remake seems better than the original film

The Dallas Morning News

Maybe the secret is to remake a bad movie.

The new "Ocean's Eleven" improves on all aspects of the original Rat Pack flick. Whereas Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and cronies acted smug, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, and friends act cool. The current flick is better written, better paced and (infinitely) better directed. (Steven Soderbergh, no less.)

The few superior remakes that exist reflect the director's pivotal role. Early versions of "Magnificent Obsession" (1936) and "Imitation of Life" (1934) were done as straight-faced sob-fests. Douglas Sirk slyly remade each film — "Obsession" in 1954, "Imitation" in 1959. He milked each film for every possible tear, with "Imitation of Life" (1934) score done as straight-faced sob-fests.

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"Red Dust" (1932) starred Clark Gable in all his youthful pomposity.

"Mogambo" (1953) starred Gable in the full bloom of middle-aged pomposity. The plots were the same, but co-stars and settings were different. The remake's African location was far more exciting than the original's Indochina rubber plantation. John Ford's direction was an asset, and Ava Gardner's down-home sexuality proved the perfect chaser for the Gable swagger.

The recent Chris Rock programmer "Down to Earth" was the second reincarnation of the fantasy about a likeable lug who is called to heaven too soon and must return to Earth in the body of a despicable millionaire. Although some viewers prefer 1941's "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," the tale's first reincarnation, 1978's "Heaven Can Wait" with Warren Beatty, had sharper comic timing and a more convincing romantic angle. "Love Affair" also has had three incarnations. The original 1939 version got the best reviews, while critics smeared Beatty's 1994 version. But the first remake, 1957's "An Affair to Remember," is the most fondly remembered, thanks to "Sleepless in Seattle's" hype and Cary Grant's carefree performance.

A minority of Phil Kaufman loyalists, including this observer, prefer Kaufman's 1978 remake of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" to Don Siegel's revered 1956 original. The second version had wondrous San Francisco atmosphere and wonderfully weird performances from Donald Sutherland, Brock Adams, Jeff Goldblum and Veronica Cartwright. But the third version in 1993 almost sabotaged the career of promising indie director Abel Ferrara.

Rumors have surfaced that Kaufman may be re-doing Alfred Hitchcock's 1941 hit "Suspicion," in which treacherous Joan Fontaine won an Oscar for suspecting that true husband Cary Grant was out to do her in.

Kaufman's remake, if it materializes, should be faithful to the original story's ironic ending, which Hitchcock was forced to change.

The often quotable Grant said that "Suspicion" represented perfect casting because "anyone who knows me realizes that I couldn't be married to Joan Fontaine for more than 24 hours without wanting to wring her neck."

Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Affleck are probable stars of Kaufman's possible remake. According to Hollywood scorekeepers, Ben & Gwyn have been considerably friendlier than the Grant/Fontaine duo.

If Hitchcock is not sacred (anyone remember Gus Van Sant's woe-gone "Psycho" remake), neither is Orson Welles' "The Magnificent Ambersons" is destined for a cable television revival.

Hollywood continues to remake foreign-language films with mixed results ("Sommerberg," "Three Men and a Cradle," "Father's Day"). Next week's entry, the Tom Cruise thriller "Vanilla Sky," is a remake of Spain's "Open Your Eyes."

Before dismissing remakes, it's necessary to remember that the John Huston/Humphrey Bogart classic "The Maltese Falcon" is technically a remake. Ten years before Falcon's 1941 delivery, the same Dashiell Hammett story was released under the less poetic title of "Dangerous Female."

But for contemporary audiences, the new "Ocean's Eleven" stands tall enough to reiterate that remakes can have lives of their own.

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from "Dazed and Confused") who's still pining for the girl that got away. Employees at an Alaskan ski resort take to their snowboards to stop a greedy developer (Lee Majors). Rated PG-13, crude humor, profanity, drugs.

'Serendipity'

A blithe and unapologetic fairy tale about affairs of the heart, it's a spun-sugar confection that's so light and airy it threatens to simply float away. Based on a smooth, eager-to-please screenplay by Marc Klein, it has weapons that add some heft to its fluffy charms. In director Peter Chelsom it has a filmmaker with a feeling for eccentric comedy that's far from standard, and in John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale it has stars who are appealing and believable enough to make buying into this artificial scenario a viable option. With Jeremy Piven and Molly Shannon. (1.27. PG-13 for a scene of sexuality, and for brief language.)

'Shallow Hal'

This staggeringly earnest, wholly sentimental film about seeing beyond surface appearances comes from filmmakers who are clearly expected to persistently appeal to our better natures. So what are brothers Bobby and Peter Farrelly doing telling the story of the famous one of the title (Jack Black), a misguided creature who is interested only in beautiful women when a bit of brainwashing allows him to see rotund Rosemary (Gwyneth Paltrow in a fat suit) like she was, well, Gwyneth Paltrow unsuited. The problem is not that the Farrellys

want to be telling us that 'the brain sees what the heart wants it to feel,' but that he can't do it successfully. With Jason Alexander. (1.54. PG-13, for language and sexual content.)

'Spy Game'

In 1975's "Three Days of the Condor," Robert Redford played a young, idealistic CIA agent who can't believe he's been thrown over by his own government. In this smart, topical thriller from director Tony Scott, he's a retiring agent with no illusions. When his former protege, played by Brad Pitt, is about to be sacrificed for the sake of a trade agreement in China, he takes matters into his own carefully gloved hands. Scott tells much of the film in flashback, recounting covert operations in Vietnam, Cold War Berlin and 1985 Beirut. Yet the movie, primarily through Redford's confident performance, maintains a twisty sense of fun, as we attempt to anticipate who's playing whom. Rated R, violence, language. 2 hours, 7 minutes.

'Thirteen Ghosts'

The 1960 William Castle shocker is scarier than ever as a family, already rocked by tragedy, becomes trapped in an amazing glass and steel mansion, part of an unexpected inheritance from a rich, mysterious uncle. Too grisly for children. With Tony Shalhoub, F. Murray Abraham, Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard, Shannon Elizabeth and Rah Digga. (1.30. R, for horror violence/gore, nudity and some language.)

'Waking Life'

An old-fashioned, newfangled



Thora Birch stars in 'Ghost World.'

head trip of a movie, in which director Richard Linklater sends a nail (Wiley Wiggins) on a stroll through his own subliminal dreamscape. He makes stops to talk to theorists, college professors, coffee-shop philosophers, stoned dreamers and BS

artists, all of whom were filmed and then turned into animated approximations via a computer program. The result is innovative, experimental, silly and stimulating, sometimes all at once. Rated R, language. 1 hour, 37 minutes.

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Saturday
Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 275 E. Third N., Burley.

Saturday
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 \$7. Call 324-7366.

Wednesday - Boise
Pam Tillis will sing in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$28 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Jan. 2 - Utah
SheDaisy will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

Jan. 19 - Utah
Riders in the Sky will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Jan. 24 - Boise
Ty Herndon will sing at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 950-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 17 - Boise
George Jones will sing at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50 and \$39.50, can be reserved by

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phoning (800) 950-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Tonight and Saturday
Armageddon will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight and Saturday
Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tuesday - Boise
Pigface, Godhead and Gravity Kicks will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 950-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 28 - Boise
Sum 41 and GOB will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 950-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 31 - Boise
They Might Be Giants will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 950-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

CLASSICAL
Dec. 18
The Magic Philharmonic

Orchestra will present its Christmas concert, conducted by Roger Turner, at 7:30 p.m. in the King Fine Arts Center, Burley. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$15 for families, are available at the Book Plaza in Burley, the Book Store in Rupert, or by calling Peggy Soulsby at 678-3833.

Dec. 21
The Langroise Trio will perform at a holiday-Italian-style dinner at 7 p.m. in the Eighth Street Center. Dinner-and-show tickets are \$32, and can be reserved by phoning the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

Dec. 31 - Utah
Utah Symphony will present a New Year's in Vienna concert at 10 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$24, \$30 and \$37, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 4-5 - Utah
Violinist Sarah Chang will perform with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$22, \$26, \$33, \$37 and \$43, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 18-19 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Hector Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique" at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$22, \$26, \$33, \$37 and \$43, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 24 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform a program of Beethoven, Stravinsky and Vivaldi at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$25 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

CELEBRATIONS
Tonight through Jan. 2 - Boise
The holiday lighting event, "Winter Garden Aglow, Starry Nights," will be featured from 6-9 p.m. nightly at the Idaho Botanical Garden, 2355 N. Penitentiary Road (east on Warm

Springs Boulevard to Penitentiary Road). The opening lighting ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at the garden. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, ages 6-12. Children 5 and under are admitted for free. For more information, call (208) 343-8649.

Sunday
The Twin Falls Junior Club's Holiday Home Tour is scheduled from 1-7 p.m. The tour includes five decorated homes this year. The tickets are \$6 per person, which also enters you in a drawing. For more ticket information, call 735-8087 or 735-9707.

Dec. 14-15
The first annual Holiday Celebration, sponsored by the Art of Dance Foundation Inc., will be held at 7 p.m. at the NextStage Theater in Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25 reserved, \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under, are available at the door. The Art of Dance Academy will present excerpts from "The Nutcracker," and the performance will include Washington, D.C. opera singer Michelle Kunz, Mary Poppen's Sun Valley Children's Choir, and holiday music sung by Chad and Beth Stuart.

Dec. 15
The Buhl Holiday Light parade will be held in downtown Buhl, starting at 7 p.m., following by holiday caroling by the West End Community Singers at the Eighth Street Center at 8 p.m. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

Saturday
Randy Egner will play from 7-9 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Saturday
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight and Saturday
Desert Rain, also known as Kid Prozak and the Neuroleptic Cowboys, will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Ramona Lounge, 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

Saturday
The Twin Falls School District Orchestra and Melanie Cook's dancers will perform from 1-4 p.m. in the Canyon Cafe Food Court at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.

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Sullivan tribute show, will play two shows a night at Cactus Pete's Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show at \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays and \$19.99 on Saturdays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$7.50 on weeknights and Sunday and \$10 on Saturday. For reservations and information, call (800)-821-1103. There will be no shows on Monday and Tuesday.

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David Santistevan will play from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

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Milestone will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Sunday
The College of Southern Idaho Chamber Choir, Madrigal Ensemble, Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus will perform their Christmas concert at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Admission is a suggested \$3 donation.

Monday
Jam session will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Monday and Wednesday
Canyonside Creek School will perform at 1:30 p.m. in the Canyon Cafe Food Court at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.

Tuesday and Wednesday - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform a "Tribute to Band Bands," 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$27, \$33 and \$41, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Wednesday
Cold Shot will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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Events

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2787, or online at <http://www.art-tix.org>. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. The production continues Dec. 14-16, 19-23 and 26-30.

Sunday

The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance with music from 2-5 p.m. at the center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Dec. 28 - Boise

Tony Ferrado will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 950-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 28

Mini-Cassia Community Concerts will present Three Mo Tenors at 7:30 p.m. in the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. Admission is by season membership only; they are \$31.50 for adults, \$15.75 for students and \$94.50 for families, available by phoning Susan Tuft at 678-1798.

DANCE

Tonight

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

Saturday

The Roseland Band will play from 8-11 p.m. at the West End Senior Center, 1010 Main, Buhl. Cost is \$3 per person.

Saturday and Monday

Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts will perform "The Nutcracker" at 2 p.m. Dec. 8 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday at Premier Dancewear, 1225 Overland Ave., or by phoning 678-4117 or 436-6484. Tickets can also be purchased from dancers in "The Nutcracker" or at the door.



Saturday, Sunday and Thursday - Utah

Ballet West will perform Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," choreographed by William Christensen, in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Performances are Sunday at 2 p.m. and Dec. Saturday, Sunday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10 to \$55, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-

Night Music," 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, 28, 30 and Feb. 1 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 3, Capitol Theater, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which range from \$30 to \$132, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

FOLK MUSIC

Dec. 14 - Utah

Glenn Yarbrough will perform a Christmas concert with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abrahamson Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$27, \$33 and \$41, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abrahamson Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.



THEATER

Tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Lanford Wilson's "Talley's Folly," 8 p.m., Room 119, College of Southern Idaho Fine

Arts Center, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission, and \$3 for students and senior citizens, may be purchased at the Fine Arts box office between 1 and 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday, or by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2788. The production continues Dec. 14-15.

Saturday

Musical tribute, "Pearls in our

Harbor," a fund-raiser for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the West End Ministerial, will be held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center, 200

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Spotlight

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Thursday
Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," 7 p.m. Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$8, are available weekdays at The Mint box office. The production continues Dec. 14-16, 20-23 and 27-30.

K A R A O K E

Tonight
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert.

Tonight and Saturday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday
Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Saturday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Nightly except Sunday and Monday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Sunday
Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 6-10 p.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Tuesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's East Restaurant, 275

E. Third N., Burley.

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Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside Bar, 197 Highway 30 W., Burley.

Wednesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Thursday
Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge on Idaho Street in Paul.

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Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 Highway 30 W., Burley.

A C R O B A T I C S

Jan. 21 - Utah
The Peking Acrobats will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$11, \$15, \$17 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-



2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 31
Acrobat Tomas Kubinek will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls; an Arts on Tour presentation. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and children, are available by phoning 733-9554, Ext. 2288. Season tickets are also available, at \$35 for students and children, \$40 for seniors and \$45 for adults.

A R T S H O W

Through Dec. 20
"Shadows and Dust," artwork by Bruce Parks, will be exhibited at the Gail Sovern Gallery, 400 First Ave. N., Ketchum.

Through Dec. 30
The Magic Valley Arts Council will sponsor a woodturning exhibit through the month of December in the Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Through Jan. 26
"Sustained Chord," an exhibition of recent work by Cheryl Shurtleff and Richard Young, Please see CALENDAR, Page C8

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WEEKEND

Got Oscar film? Start campaigning

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It's coming up on the season for Oscar campaigning, the Hollywood equivalent of running for class president.

Although nobody likes to talk about their chances until they have a gold statue in hand, actors, directors and others with awards-worthy achievements try generally to raise their public profiles.

They make themselves more available for interviews, turn up at special screenings of their movies, and accept honors at film festivals or other industry events they might shy away from if not for that shot at an Oscar.

"It's a good time to give somebody an award," said Kim Masters, contributing editor on Hollywood matters for Esquire magazine. "They'll show up to collect the good-eyelash award, the well-groomed fingernail award or the be-kind-to-canaries award. People are definitely on their best behavior."

Studios blanket Hollywood trade papers with ads pitching films for awards consideration and send video copies to awards voters, even for films that have little chance of grabbing nominations.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has tightened rules on Oscar campaigns, trying to keep the focus as much as possible on the films themselves. After a studio sent out fancy boxed sets of videos a few years ago, the Academy began insisting that videos be packaged simply, with no extras that might unduly influence voters.

Still, awards season has

become an affair more drawn-out than the NBA playoffs. Each year brings new ceremonies and industry honors, making it difficult to rein in the studios' fierce jockeying to position films for Oscar gold.

Awards feed awards, with films gaining momentum as they pick up honors.

Major critics circles this month begin picking their award winners. The American Film Institute has added a new awards show, with nominations in mid-December, just before Golden Globe nods are announced Dec. 20. Guilds for actors, directors and other film trades honor top achievements in their fields.

It's all a long buildup to the Oscar nominations Feb. 12 and the awards presentation March 24.

Often reluctantly, stars agree to interviews to keep their names and films in the industry limelight. Actors never know when or if they'll have another performance that could bag them an Oscar.

"You can't deny the emotion of wanting to win something," said Will Smith, who takes his shot at serious acting respectability in the title role of "Ali," which opens later this month.

"But you just try to avoid thinking about it. That's not why you're out to do a project. What I can say is, this is the work of my career. I've never done anything even remotely comparable."

Stars tend to clam up when bluntly asked about the Oscar outlook.

"I really don't want to have a conversation about that, and I'll tell you why," said two-time Oscar winner Kevin Spacey, a possible contender again for "The Shipping News." "Aside from the fact that it's tacky, I also think that when film companies abuse that word (Oscar), audiences resent it and critics resent it when they start seeing that word shoved down their throat... I had that happen last year, and the film didn't merit it."

Spacey was referring to "Pay It Forward," which had been on the early awards radar because of its cast, which also included Oscar winner Helen Hunt and past nominee Haley Joel Osment. The movie fell by the wayside once it screened for critics and awards voters.

Other actors echo Spacey, saying campaigning and discussing their Oscar chances can be crass.

"I honestly bow out of that stuff. It just doesn't feel right," said Nicole Kidman, who has two films - "Moulin Rouge" and "The Others" - with awards prospects. "Let the studios go and do it. And you just say, 'I love my movies.' It's that simple."

Six years ago, Kidman had solid Oscar buzz for "To Die For" but missed out on a nomination.

"I don't want to go through that again. I just don't want to talk about it, honestly. With 'To Die For,' I was told, yes, you'll be nominated. Then I wasn't," Kidman said. "You have to concentrate on the work ahead, and anything else that comes along is icing on the cake."

Nutcracker

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Upon a Mouse" at Tokyo Disneyland. Bowles has danced on the Rosie O'Donnell television show and is a two-time Utah state gymnastics champion.

Mattie B. Washburn, 14, daughter of Cliff and Lynn Washburn of Oakley, was chosen to dance the leading role of Clara, who dreams her nutcracker doll turns into a beautiful prince.

"Mattie has been dancing since she was 3 years old," Sager said.

Other dancers from Centre Stage Studio appearing in leading roles are Alexie Robinson, Hilary Parrish, Hailey Smith, Felicia Horsley, Whitney Liz Goodrich, Sydney Smith,

Kimberly Seal, Melanie Turner, Talea Parish and Kyrie Moon. Appearing in the adult roles will be Richard Moncur, Jeannette Baker Davis, Carl and Nadine Kloepfer and Alyssa Van Tassel.

Times-News correspondent Arnie Thompson can be reached at 678-0025.

Calendar

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will be on display in the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The exhibit is free. The gallery is open Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 1-9 p.m. The Herrett Center is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

Through Jan. 30

"The Art of Hells Canyon," paintings of the Canyon County landmark by six artists, will be on display at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N.

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PLANETARIUM

Today, Saturday and Tuesday

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays" has returned to the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. "Season of Light," a look at the history and meaning of many of our seasonal traditions, is also being brought back after a two-year absence. Matinee presentations of "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars" will also be shown throughout the season.

"Steamrolling" can be seen at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, "Season of Light" at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and "WSKY" at 2 and 4 p.m. Saturdays until Christmas. Additional afternoon showings of the holiday productions will be presented between Christmas and New Year's.

Admission to all shows at the Faulkner Planetarium is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students of all ages, and \$9 for families, up to two adults and five children. Late admissions and children under 4 are not admitted to the planetarium shows. The Herrett Center is located on North College Road in Twin Falls. For information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

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The big question: Whatever happened to HDTV?

Knight Ridder News Services

PHILADELPHIA - Promises, promises.

For several years, the television industry has been hinting that a bold new technology was coming to our living rooms, the best thing to hit TV since the introduction of color.

But so far, high costs, industry sniping and poor publicity have kept high-definition TV from reaching critical mass in the marketplace.

Undaunted, the industry is forging ahead with plans to sell America on HDTV.

Retailers are devoting more space to HDTV units and in-store displays. Major networks are broadcasting more programs in the sharp-looking, sweet-sounding format. And cable companies, longtime HDTV holdouts, have begun taking baby steps toward delivering it to consumers.

The chicken-and-egg problem - which comes first, HDTV programs or HDTV sets? - finally appears to be working itself out.

Now comes the sales pitch. "You want the best. Here's how you get the best," said Rick Aspinwall, store manager at Circuit City on Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia.

At Sears stores, you can see a college football game each Saturday in the HDTV format. At Best Buy, big-screen HDTV monitors and explanatory posters take up almost a third of the rear wall. Circuit City has included the technology as one of six "hot, high-tech" products featured in its current Expo promotion.

It's about time, say some HDTV aficionados, who complain that efforts to raise public enthusiasm for the new format have been halfhearted.

Isadore Wernick, a retiree in Northeast Philadelphia, spends plenty of time watching TV, and has an interest in getting HDTV. But he says finding out more about it from his cable company, Comcast Corp., and from some electronics stores has been no easy task.

"They are doing a very poor job of marketing," Wernick said of Comcast, which launched HDTV service in the Philadelphia region Nov. 1.

Wernick said that when he walks into a store and asks about HDTV sets, "nobody knows anything about these things."

Yet the stakes for the industry are significant. According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the Arlington, Va., trade group that represents manufacturers of TVs and other electronic goods, \$21 billion worth of digital-TV sets will be sold this year - most of them capable of displaying HDTV - and revenue is expected to grow sharply in years to come.

So what's so special about HDTV?

A regular television image is made up of about 216,000 pixels, or dots, on the screen. An HDTV image has more than two million pixels.

As a result, an HDTV viewer can see the dimples on a golf ball. Colors appear more vibrant. Objects look real enough to touch.

"Look at the clarity," said Earl Knight, who was at Circuit City

on Friday with his wife, Ima, to finish the paperwork on the purchase of a \$6,000, 60-inch Sony HDTV set.

"You owe it to yourself to treat yourself. She'll probably argue with me about it later."

Then there's the sound - with proper equipment it can surround the viewer - which is to die for.

"It's a product we think is

going to be very popular with consumers," said Mike Luftman, a spokesman for the Time Warner Cable division of AOL Time Warner Inc. "It really transforms the viewing experience, especially with sports and movies."

A major hurdle facing HDTV is the cost of the equipment. HDTV monitors start around \$1,000, and many cost thousands more. A

tuner to decode the HDTV signal costs about \$500, although Comcast sells a Motorola-built unit for \$300 as part of its HDTV package.

Couch potatoes who subscribe to Comcast should also prepare to fork over at least \$10 extra per month for digital-cable service - HDTV programming is not available on the company's analog service.

Other obstacles to the proliferation of HDTV until recently included conflicting technical standards and a paucity of programming. Those, however, have mostly been overcome, said Peter H. Putman, a video consultant in Doylestown, Pa.

Now, Putman said, "it really is more of a PR problem than anything else."

Putman said salespeople often

tell potential customers that the only way they can get HDTV is by buying a direct broadcast satellite subscription, a dish, and a tuner, at a cost of several hundred dollars, not including the thousands spent on an HDTV-capable TV set.

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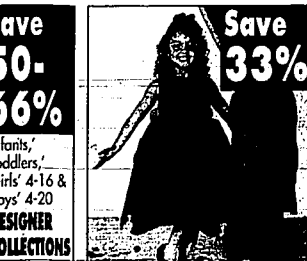
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Ziegler is a 1998 graduate of Burley High School.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held 7-9 p.m. that evening in the Star Ward LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W., Burley.

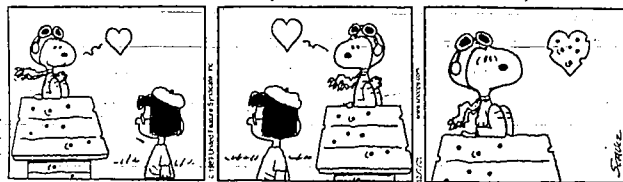
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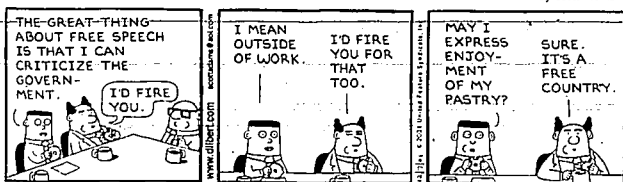
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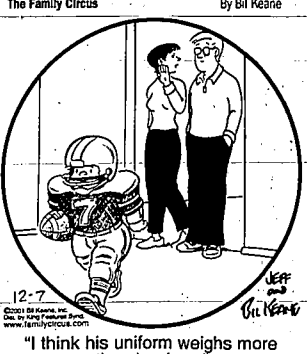
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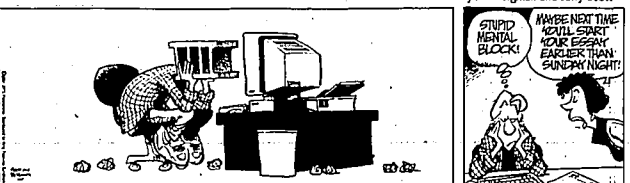
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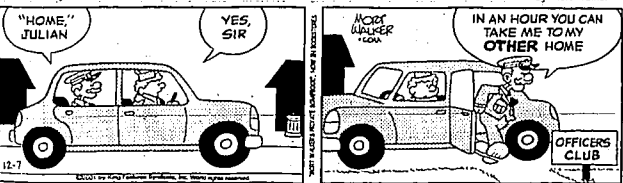
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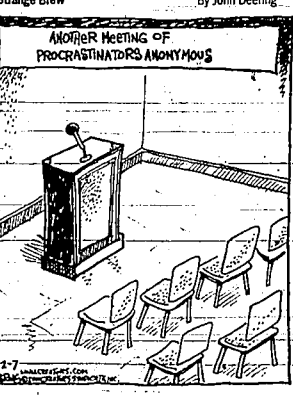
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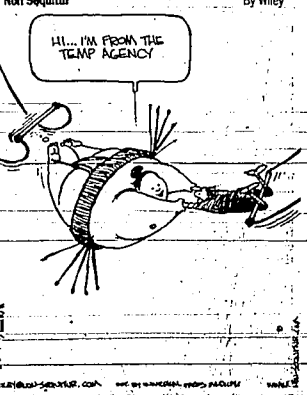
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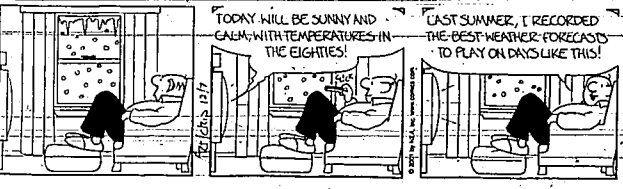
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Charity project spreads joy to needy

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your column about appropriate gifts for seniors. Like many families, we, too, have wrestled with the "what do we get for people who have everything?" gift dilemma. Last year, our family finally hit upon a solution. We discussed it with our grandparents. They agreed that we would be more charitable for us to give something to people who lack everyday necessities.

We adopted a battered children's shelter. Those little ones are truly refugees. They need everything from toothbrushes and hairbrushes to baby formula and diapers — not to mention toys and games.

To our delight, our neighbors got involved in our project. For weeks, on Thursdays, neighbors brought in toys, clothes, and hairbrushes to baby formula and diapers — not to mention toys and games.

DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Famed musicians headline concert to aid children of terrorist attack victims

LOWELL, Mass. — Don Henley and David Crosby helped raise \$300,000 for children of Merrimack Valley victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The two singers headlined a concert Wednesday night at Tsongas Arena, which U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., organized to help children of his district pay for future education expenses.

"This seems to be a much more direct and satisfying way to participate and I have every faith that the money will go exactly to the right place," said Henley, a solo artist and member of The Eagles.



Singer Don Henley, left, and rock legend David Crosby led a benefit concert Wednesday at Tsongas Arena in Lowell, Mass.

Twenty-eight families in Meehan's 5th District lost relatives in the Sept. 11 attacks. About 30 children lost parents. Meehan said it was a not-for-profit education foundation Meahan created to oversee distribution.

"They've had a real blow and they deserve some help," said Crosby, best known as a member of Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Meehan said it was an opportunity "for our community to let these local families know how much we care about them."

couple of years, with back-to-back multi-platinum albums, a string of hits, dolls made in their images, a recent tour and a new holiday disc in stores.

Knowles told the E! Entertainment network that it's time for the group to go on hiatus, but they're not breaking up.

"Destiny's Child" plans hiatus to pursue individual projects

NEW YORK (AP) — The members of Destiny's Child plan to be "Independent Women," taking time off from the group to concentrate on solo projects.

Already, lead singer Beyonce Knowles has a featured role in the upcoming "Austin Powers" sequel, and Michelle Williams and Kelly Rowland have discussed solo albums.

The Grammy-winning trio has been omnipresent over the last

police for special treatment when the theft of her personal belongings was being investigated.

"My cell phone was stolen. I had jewelry stolen," Judith Regan, publisher of RepanBooks, a division of HarperCollins, said on Wednesday. "My American Express card was stolen. There were thousands and thousands of fraudulent purchases. It's a grand larceny case."

The theft occurred on Nov. 28 at a Fox News studio in Manhattan. Regan said security officials at Fox News told her to call the police, which she did.

What the New York Police Department decided to do after that is their business, she said, adding that she never used her connections with Commissioner Bernard Kerik to get preferential treatment.

Disregard unsolicited career advice from relative, Cancer

IF DECEMBER 7TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are introspective, romantic and possess extrasensory perception. You have been emotionally hurt in the past, but you still take chances on romance. Next year, emphasis will be on change, travel, variety of experiences and possibly marital status. March and December will be outstanding for you in 2002. During those months, you regain financial and emotional stability. Next month, in January, you may see successful domestic adjustment, will be happier, as result.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Change of work methods emphasized; employment picture undergoes transformation. Romance stable, advice, creative juices stir. Written word will play major role. Gemini involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): All quiet on the "Western front!" Harmony restored; domestic adjustment results in peace at home. Marital status will figure prominently. Greater degree of financial stability results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may not have information required to make real estate decision. Focus also on partnership, marriage and civic activity. Define terms, avoid self-deception. Pices represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Relative could offer unsolicited advice concerning business, career and money. Follow your own instincts; you have what it takes and will prove it. Relationship intensifies; Capricorn involved.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): Look beyond the immediate. Protect valuables, don't give up something for nothing. You are on verge of gaining international recognition. Aries, Libra persons play outstanding roles.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lunar cycle high. You will be at right place at crucial moment almost effortlessly. Take initiative, highlight original thinking. You will exude aura of sensuality, sex appeal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Questions arise concerning partnership, marital status. Living quiet. You involved — you will finally be comfortable. Backstage maneuvers relate to current situation. Cancer native involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Celebrate! Obstacles overcome, popularity on the rise. Many of your desires are fulfilled; you might not be able to wish for more. Social activities accelerate; Sagittarius plays role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Study Scorpio message for vital information. Career gets underway. Don't give up something creative endeavor. You win despite odds; result is exciting output. Repairs made.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Write, advertise and publish. Be analytical in regard to romantic interest. Don't give up something of value for temporary thrill. Virgo involved. Tonight, you will understand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hidden resources come to light. Behind home, hang pictures and serve delicacy to guests. Domestic adjustment involves finance and marriage. Taurus, Leo and Libra figure in scenario.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): What seems a "sure thing" might not be. You can add information obtain answers, not evasions. Define terms, play waiting game. Time is on your side. Another Pisces involved.

Wichita Falls, Texas, finds new title better than fair-to-middlin'

Knight Ridder News Service

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — To the average Joe here, average sounds — well — better than ordinary.

And when you're a city best known for tornadoes, a manmade waterfall and being the miserably hot summer home of the Cowboys, you take recognition where you can get it. Even if it's being named "the city's Most Average City" by Advertising Age, an industry magazine for the advertising and marketing trade.

Sure, it's just a statistical proclamation, but it just might mean free samples of potato chips or even first crack at a new brand of tires.

For most of the 140,516 "metropolitan" Wichita Falls residents, the new moniker merits a shrug.

"What the heck does that mean?" asked Wichita Falls resident John Manning. "I've downed a cold one in the parking lot of the Bar-L Lounge; a funky beer and barbecue joint with a tropical motif and a down-home atmos-

phere.

"I don't think we're average. We may be a little sleepy, but I don't think we're like the rest of the country."

But while the average man on the street couldn't care less, Wichita Falls is more boosterish residents see it as something to celebrate.

"I haven't heard a negative," said Joe Tom White, the city's lone radio talk show host and occasional TV news promoter. "The attitude is, if we're average, so be it. We're not Dallas, we're not Vernon and we're not Hicks, either, like Texas Monthly once said. We view it as meaning we're mainstream and there's nothing wrong with that."

Advertising Age has determined that the Wichita Falls area stands closest to the national averages for ethnic balance, household size and median age. But more important, the magazine suggests that Wichita Falls may become the new outpost for re-marketing products because of its demographic base.

The project created so much excitement among our neighbors that we collected enough for two shelters. There were pillows, socks, underwear, coats, cold medicines, books, towels, baby clothes, etc. Each child also got a large gift basket, including a nonbreakable tree ornament to help him or her remember this holiday. The cost was small when spread over so many families, but the rewards couldn't have been greater. We felt our project embodied the true spirit of Christmas. It sensitized our children to the needs of others all year long.

Because it was one of the best holidays we have ever had, we're repeating the drive again this year. When people join together, everyone can make a difference.

SANTA'S HELPERS

IN PHOENIX — Santa's helpers are helping raise the Red Cross and the fund for the families of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

We take to mind, I hope that readers will be sensitive to the needs of charities in their local communities this year. Because monies that would ordinarily have been donated to local charities were diverted to the East Coast tragedies, many charities in other parts of the country are having difficulty raising enough to meet their budgets for 2001. Remember, folks, charity begins at home — and by that I mean the communities in which you dwell.

DEAR ABBY: You should be arrested for printing that hilarious story about Bud the St. Bernard. While I was driving alone on the freeway, I remembered reading about him in your column and began to laugh hysterically. I'm sure that other drivers thought I was mad!

What a dog! The woman who was stared down by Bud didn't get the message. For some reason, Bud didn't approve of her and cleverly spooked her away. That great animal should have been arrested.

STILL LAUGHING.

ENCINO, CALIF.

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: Whether Bud approved of her is beside the point. The woman was a guest in his owner's house. As long as the owner is home — and presumably in charge — the owner is supposed to be the one who decides who is welcome.

If Bud had been my dog and pulled that routine, he would have found himself in the doghouse in more ways than one.

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L.M. Boyd

weight he lost overnight.

Q. Which is the earliest sort of tree to grow back after a forest fire?

A. The aspen, usually.

Q. How do you account for the statistical fact that Boston, Mass., has about twice as many heavy drinkers and half as many teetotalers as any other city of its size nationwide?

A. It draws dry's end drinkers from all the colleges around it.

What word in English has the most definitions? Our Language man says it's "set" with 58 as a noun, 126 as a verb and 10 as an adjective.

Chinese Emperor Li Yuan, founder of the Tang Dynasty in the seventh century, collected concubines, more than 3,000 of them. What do you collect?

An ancient Arab tradition says there are three ways to conclude a contract — on paper, with gold, or by gun — and one of them, on to her expectations.

The sloth both conceives and delivers while hanging upside down. What I tell you the sloth never cleans itself. It turns a dull green eventually. That's algae in the fur. It even takes the sloth a long time to sneeze.

"A woman not in love is like an unlighted lamp." The painter Vincent Van Gogh said that, or words to that effect.

A bird's first chore of a winter morning is to try to regain the

THE PENGUIN BOASTS GREATEST NUMBER OF FEATHERS — MORE THAN ANY OTHER BIRD

Q. Which bird has the most feathers?

A. The penguin, research reveals.

Item No. 5999C in our Love and War manuals is the observation by that literary lady Jessamy West: "For a woman, there are no 'great' lovers. There is only the man she loves. And she does not have to be a mathematician to feel that the more he is a 'great' lover, the less he is hers."

Hogs eat snakes, all kinds of snakes. Pass the ham.

First dance that allowed a man to put his arms around a woman in public was the waltz.

Q. What's an "uncensored abridgment" of a book?

A. It's a term common to the American publishing trade. Dumbed down, "uncensored" means the dirty stuff has been left in, an "abridgment" means the dirt stuff has been cut out.

If a widow's marriage was a happy one, she would do well to remarry as soon as reasonably appropriate. So say the matrimonial experts. The more time that passes, the more she tends to idealize her first husband. Eventually, she reshapes her memory of him so much that no other man could possibly live up to her expectations.

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UP CLOSE

College of Southern Idaho

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Crystal Hardcastle is no pushover. Raised-on-a-cattle-ranch tucked away in the southeast corner of the state, Hardcastle learned that if there's one thing that'll get you ahead in life - it's hard work.

"I cut the hay, I baled the hay, I hauled hay, I hauled pipe and I loved it," she said.

That work ethic transferred to athletics, where Hardcastle starred at Bear Lake High School, leading the Bears to five state championships during her tenure.

It also earned her a scholarship to the College of Southern Idaho, where Hardcastle, who turns 20 on Saturday, is now a sophomore.

Though the shortest player at 5-foot-4 on a team with eight players 5-11 - or - better, Hardcastle's grit shows through in the statistics. She is the team's second-leading rebounder behind 6-3 Belinda Stubbs and is 12th in the league with 5.8 boards per game.

"I want that ball and Coach is always talking about 'if we get that rebound, we're going to win this game.' That's the incentive right there. I want to win."

Head coach Kendall Grant marvels at Hardcastle's desire to play.

"Crystal is a coach's dream, just a great kid," he said. "She's going to give you everything she has in practice and on the floor. No matter what is going on outside of basketball, she shows up on the court."

Even playing through pain, Hardcastle injured her back "a couple of years ago," when she landed awkwardly after falling off a haystack.

"(The fall) jammed two or three of my vertebrae together," Hardcastle said. "I got to the point where I couldn't even sit down."

A hard fall during practice re-aggravated the injury and to this day, Hardcastle undergoes daily physical therapy. The pain comes from an out-of-place S1, or Sacral vertebra, located between the tailbone and hip bone that acts like a shock absorber for the spine.

"It's really painful," she said, groaning. "But my back is doing better."

And so is the team, which is off to a start and currently on a four-game winning streak.

"We're coming together," she said.

That wasn't the case last season, where infighting and egos resulted in a disappointing 18-30 year.

"It was hard coming from my team at home," she said. "Coming here, it was the whole 'team' thing. (Back home), we did things as a team, we got along as a team, we played as a team. Then you get here and you have superstars from all of these high schools and you get them all together and it's like, 'Oh, I'm the best' or 'No, I'm the best.'"

That isn't the case this year, she said.

From CSI, Hardcastle has her eyes on living in Hawaii, or "somewhere warm."

"I like being the underdog and having people overlook me," she said. "That's a kind of nice because when they're not worried about me that's my chance."

And it's a good bet she'll excel.

Ricks makes last regular season appearance Saturday

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The 15th year of the way Scenic West Athletic Conference basketball has been played begins its farewell tour

tonight at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Golden Eagle men and women open the conference season at home with North Idaho and Ricks colleges. For the Cardinals, it's probably the last time they'll play two games over a weekend with CSI on the schedule. For Ricks, it's the last time the Vikings will play a regular season game at CSI, period.

"After this season, Ricks hangs up its sneakers for good as the

Vikings become mere memories assimilated into Brigham Young University-Idaho. Announced in June-2000, the new four-year school is not offering intercollegiate athletics beyond this season.

And with Treasure Valley Community College - CSI's current travel partner - also dropping out of the SWAC after this season, North Idaho and CSI are the logical choices for new travel mates. Though the announce-

ment is yet to be made official. After this season, the 10-team league will shrink to nine teams with the Community College of Southern Nevada, out of Las Vegas, set to join the league next season.

For now, the coaches and players say they just want to get the regular season going. A topsy-turvy preseason saw the CSI men (9-2) drop two games including a home overtime loss to No. 15 Schoolcraft College on Nov. 15.

SWAC openers

Tonight: NIC at CSI
Saturday: Ricks at CSI
Tip-offs
Women play at 6 p.m.
Men play at 8 p.m.

But the team rallied a week ago in sweeping its own Arctic Circle Classic.

Please see CSI, Page D2

CSI opens SWAC season

Minico bests TF 59-51; Bodensteiner scores 26

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - In a game of ebb and flow, the Minico Spartans used a couple of big surges at the ends of both halves to down the visiting Twin Falls Bruins 59-51 Thursday night in a girls Region III basketball matchup.

The first wave came with about two minutes left in the first half when a Kim Vriesman bucket drew the Bruins to within 25-22 after trailing by double digits throughout most of the second quarter.

But the Spartans (1-0 Region III, 4-2) and sensational guard Clare Bodensteiner rallied to end the half with a 12-2 run, taking them into the recess up 37-24.

Bodensteiner drilled a pair of 3-pointers in the stretch to finish the half with 18 of her game-high 26 points.

"I'm disappointed with our effort in the first half," Bruin coach Lawrence Pfeleferle said. "But we made a run to cut it to three but then we just didn't compete as hard as we would have liked."

And as Bodensteiner went off in the first half, Twin Falls star Kim Strunk struggled to get open as Minico's Whitney Martin applied smothering defense on the standout senior.

Strunk had just three points and didn't score a field goal in the opening 16 minutes but managed to snare eight of her game-high 13 rebounds in that time. "Kim struggled out there," Pfeleferle said. "But we just didn't get the production we needed from other people."

Minico coach Clint Straatman said keeping Strunk out of the scorebook was a key.

"She's a good player and we wanted to keep her from going off," Straatman said. "In the foul-plagued second half, the Bruins held Bodensteiner in check and limited the Spartans to just four field goals.

The Bruins (1-2, 4-3) were whittled for 17 fouls and Minico made just enough of its free throws to maintain the lead, struggling to just a 14 of 26 performance from the stripe.

"I was really pleased with how we played," Straatman said. "It's just too bad that we got taken out of our game."

The Bruins again cut the lead to three



Twin Falls post Kim Strunk fights for a rebound under the Minico basket with Spartan Monica Jensen. The Spartans took a 59-51 win in the Region III matchup. Stanford-board Clare Bodensteiner led all scorers with 26 points.

Four QBs make Heisman finals

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Pick a quarterback, any quarterback, then try to figure out why he should win the Heisman Trophy.

The way the season played out, even the four finalists seem reluctant to step up to the podium Saturday night and accept the college football's top individual prize if their name is called.

"In a perfect world, the Heisman Trophy winner comes from behind and wins the last game with a great play," Florida's Ben Grossman said.

Grossman couldn't come up with one against Tennessee last week. But he's not alone. The other finalists - Miami's Ken Dorsey, Nebraska's Eric Crouch and Oregon's Joey Harrington - didn't finish in a blaze of Heisman glory, either.

Heisman hopeful

Ken Dorsey of Miami is among a list of college quarterbacks in contention for the 2001 Heisman Trophy.

Player	Yds.	TDs	Int.	Comp.
Dorsey	2,652	23	9	184
Harrington	2,232	23	9	184
Crouch	2,052	23	9	184
Wuerffel	1,836	23	9	184

Throw for a career-best 344 yards against Penn State this season.

SOURCES: AP; University of Miami AP

incomplete 2-point conversion pass, and the Huskers to Colorado, 62-36. Miami barely beat Virginia Tech 26-24 after the Hokies missed a 2-point conversion, and Oregon held off Oregon State 17-14 on a rain-soaked field.

Source says Giambi to don pinstripes for seven seasons

ESPN.com News Service

NEW YORK - On a day on which baseball commissioner Bud Selig went before Congress to plead poverty, rumors swirled that the Yankees and Jason Giambi had already agreed to make him one of the richest players in baseball.

One source told ESPN Radio's Dan Patrick that the parties had already reached agreement. This much is confirmed: The sides have agreed on a seven-year contract but are still negotiating the money, which is expected to be from \$122 million to \$125 million.

That figure would place him among the top-five most highly paid players in the game.

Yankees manager Joe Torre called Giambi in recent weeks in hopes of luring him to New York. This past season, the 2000

American League Most Valuable Player batted .342 with 38 home runs, 120 RBI and a league-leading 129 walks.

He was second in the 2001 MVP balloting to Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki.

First baseman Tino Martinez, one of four Yankees starters that has been with the club since Torre took over, is a free agent. Torre also called Martinez to let him know the team is pursuing Giambi.

On Wednesday, Torre signed a new three-year contract worth over \$16 million.

Giambi has told Torre he wants to play first base, not designated hitter. According to an AL scout, the Yankees think of Giambi as an average first baseman. Torre told New York reporters he would try Giambi at first base, but Oakland manager Art Howe told a newspaper he thinks the Yankees may have something else planned.

The Yankees, according to the New York Post, even traded outfielder Famer Yogi Berra to contract Giambi with his own sales pitch for the Yankees.

Question and Answer

1. What do you want to major in? Right now it's just liberal arts. But I'm really interested in something along the lines of clinical justice.
2. What are your favorite movies? Pearl Harbor, "Braveheart," and "Dumb and Dumber."
3. If you had to pick between Cleveland, Fresno Angels or U2, which do you choose? "Cred."



Cody Ohl

On the air

National Finals Rodeo
Friday: ESPN2, 10 p.m.
Saturday: ESPN2, 10 p.m.
Sunday: ESPN2, noon, 10 p.m.

National Finals Rodeo Ohl bucks for all-around crown going into NFR

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Cody Ohl knows how to win world titles. He showed that by capturing two calf roping crowns in 1997 and 1998.

Now he's got a chance to do something few cowboys have done - win an all-around world title in the National Finals Rodeo.

Ohl leads fellow calf roper Trevor Brazile by more than \$40,000 as the lucrative rodeo begins a 10-day run today at the UNLV campus arena. It's the first time he has come into the finals with the money lead, after earning \$227,064 on the rodeo circuit this year.

His position is different than in 1999, when he came into the finals trailing in money and ended up second.

"I'll get to see what's going on in front of me," said Ohl, who rides out of Stephenville, Texas. "I won't be the one who has to gamble."

A lot is at stake in the season-ending rodeo, where a record \$4.6 million is at stake and standings can change quickly with a string of good performances.

The nightly winner in each of the eight different events gets \$13,522, and a bonus of \$34,678 awaits each of the average winners at the conclusion of the rodeo.

That means Ohl will have to keep a close eye on his competitors, even though he seems to have a comfortable lead in the money standings.

Brazile, of Pueblo, Colo., is closest at \$183,314, but Ohl's biggest

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SPORTS



Picabo Street, from Sun Valley, races in the women's World Cup downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta, in November.

Last peek at Picabo

Street storms ahead to Salt Lake City

By Ron C. Judd
The Seattle Times

Viva Picabo. Just a month ago in Salt Lake City, our wounded women's winter sports superhero started doing something we never, ever thought we'd see: Picabo Street doing the game of diminished expectations.

A downhill gold medal to cap off the most distinguished career in U.S. women's skiing? Absolutely, for sure, hell yeah, Street said. But she wasn't attached to the notion with that same, target-scanned, locked-and-loaded, permission-to-fire bravado we've grown accustomed to. Street, the former World Cup downhill champ and dual Olympic medalist, was focused on less lofty goals: She wants to carry the flag for the U.S. team in the Opening Ceremonies. And ski well. And not get hurt.

Our first impression: Logical enough. The woman is 30. Battle-scarred, to the max. Engaged to a former U.S. ski team technician (marital tip: No waxing arguments at the table). She has a bunk out. She's older. Wiser. Maturer.

Second impression: Somebody hold this imposter down while we shake her and scream into her face: "GIVE US PICABO BACK!"

Well, we didn't, but she is. The real Picabo is alive and well in there, waiting for the right moment to bust into the open. The scoresheets don't lie: While most of us were out treadmilling off excess pumpkin pie, they staged a pair of World Cup downhill at Lake Louise last week. Finishing with one gold and five the next was one Picabo Street. She lurked less than a second back — the kind of place a pack-of-wolves-would-hide-just-before sneaking up on you and ripping out your neck.

Anyone who thinks her best World Cup finishes in three years were luck, serendipity, or some combination of the two hasn't been around long enough to know better.

This carefully paced reemergence from a devastating March 13, 1998 wipeout that destroyed her knee and shattered her femur is about as coincidental as the platter arrangement of the canapes at a board meeting of Martha Stewart, Inc. It's all scripted, baby — right up there inside the helmet of one of America's great female sports icons.

Unfortunately, she is known as



Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

63 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame goes nautical today, traveling from Charleston, S.C., to Jacksonville, Fla., aboard a U.S. Coast Guard cutter. Runners will carry it south to Orlando, where it ends the day.

March to the Medals: Thieves who swooped parkas and jackets meant for International Olympic Committee members apparently concluded the merchandise wouldn't do them much good. Police in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City found the gear floating in a canal Thursday. It was stolen last week.

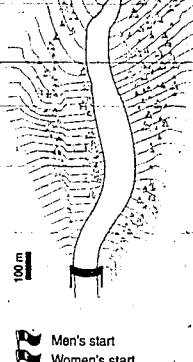
much today for her resolve in struggling up the comeback trail as for the time she's spent on top. She's been injured so often, the AFLAC duck knows her by name. Torn tissue has a long memory. Ask anyone who makes a living careening down an ice-encased mountain at 85 mph — your brain never forgets that first really bad crash. Nor does whatever remains of your ACL.

But winning is addictive. You don't win nine World Cup downhill in a row and forget how it feels to be queen of the mountain. You never forget the rush, and when it's gone, you do what it takes to get it back.

In this case, that's been a lot. The latest crumpling of the vaunted Street superstructure had her down and out for two years, and off the World Cup circuit for almost three.

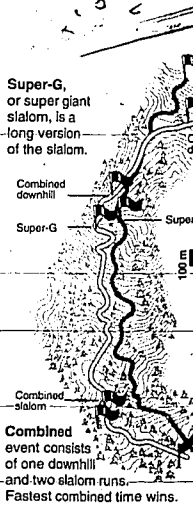
There can be no question that some of the swagger that made America fall in love with her has been replaced by cast tissue — or that the adrenaline rush she gets when her skis run fast is now mixed with several parts-per-million fear and doubt. More than once, she's finished a race and

Deer Valley
Slalom has the shortest course and sharpest turns of the alpine events.



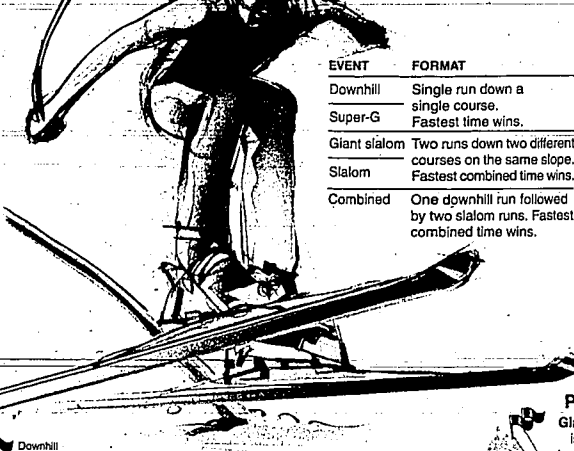
Men's start
Women's start

Snowbasin
Downhill has the longest course of the alpine events.



Combined slalom
Combined downhill
Super-G
Super-G

Mountain time



EVENT	FORMAT
Downhill	Single run down a single course.
Super-G	Fastest time wins.
Giant slalom	Two runs down two different courses on the same slope.
Slalom	Fastest combined time wins.
Combined	One downhill run followed by two slalom runs. Fastest combined time wins.

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Schedule may change due to weather.

Park City
Giant slalom is held on a longer course than slalom, with wider turns.



One to watch

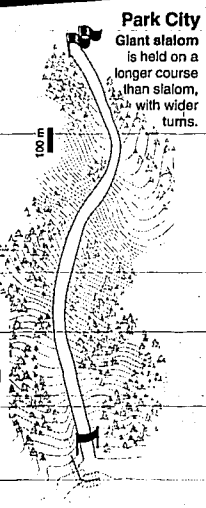
Less than a month after reaching the pinnacle of her sport with a gold medal in the super-G at the 1998 Nagano Games, American Picabo Street was seriously injured in a crash during a World Cup race. The mishap

Boasting some of the lightest, fluffiest snow in the world, Utah's Wasatch Mountains play host to the skiing world's main event, the Olympic alpine competition. The dry, powdery nature of the 500 inches of snow that sheets Utah's Rocky Mountain range each year is attributed to warm moisture that rises from the Great Salt Lake into the cold, winter air. The alpine events will be staged at three venues, all within 50 miles of Salt Lake City.

kept her out of competitive skiing for nearly three years, but Street recovered and now returns to the Olympics with her sights set on gold.



Picabo Street



SOURCES: International Olympic Committee; U.S. Olympic Committee

uttered the words big-time sports stars aren't supposed to know: I was afraid.

It's natural. It's human. And to most recovering ski racers, it's the death knell.

Picabo Street has never been a "most." Don't expect her to start now. Deep down, she believes her greatest moment is yet to come.

Her first-place finish, against a world-class field in a Nor-Am race on Snowbasin's Olympic downhill course late last season was no accident — proof to herself, at least, that she can turn it on when she needs to and beat the world's

best. Her just-off-the-pace finishes in Canada were no accidents, either.

The Olympics begin in 10 weeks. They will be Picabo's last stand, one chance for the story-book ending. For her, every World Cup race between now and then is little more than an Olympic training run.

This is a risky business: She rides a fiber-optic-thin line. She knows she must push it hard enough to get the World Cup edge back — but hold it all together long enough to avoid the unthinkable. It's like driving with

one foot on the pedal, the other just above the brake.

All the while, she tells us she's reached a point where the journey is as important as the destination, where carrying the flag would mean as much as ... blah blah blah.

The rare truth is that Street has been sweating and working and gunning for three years for one single race — a special February moment high on Mount Ogden, an hour's drive from home in Park City. She knows she's one of those rare champions who can put all the pieces together on that

one, historic run — mixing what she calls in her new book "a lot of hard work and a little harmonic convergence" to cross the finish line into history.

Count on this: Barring injuries before then, Street will hit the Wildflower course at Snowbasin on Feb. 11 with both feet on the gas. It's the only way she can imagine hitting the exit to a career that's been nothing short of a thrill ride for U.S. ski fans.

Yeah, it could be a recipe for disaster. Or nothing short of Olympic immortality.

Heisman

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12 interceptions. He also played courageously in the loss to the Vols, taking hit after hit — but completing 33 of 51 for 362 yards, with two TDs passing and one rushing.

Catch: No sophomore has won the Heisman and critics say he's a product of Spurrier's system that trusts quarterbacks big numbers. Plus, Florida lost its last game and finished 9-2.

Crouch
Pitch: May be the most versatile, and he has a Heisman-defining play. The Huskers wouldn't have been 11-0 before the Colorado loss without his gutsy play. And when in the loss, he led a comeback that came within 12 points late in the third quarter after his

team fell 32 points behind in the first half. He ran for 1,115 yards and 18 TDs, and passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores. In the 20-17 win against Oklahoma on Oct. 27, he was on the receiving end of a trick play that resulted in a 63-yard TD.

Catch: Not the most accurate passer, even though the Huskers rely on the option. He threw more interceptions (10) than TD passes (7). Also, the shocking 26-point loss to Colorado may cost him votes.

Dorsey
Pitch: His team is 11-0 and will play for the national title. His stats are strong — 184 of 318 for 2,652 yards with 23 TDs and nine interceptions. Miami's other Heisman winners — Vinny Testaverde in 1986 and Gino Torretta in 1992 — also won the award on undefeated teams playing for the national title.

Catch: Four interceptions in an 18-7 win at Boston College, a game the Eagles were poised to win before a freak interception was

returned for a TD in the final seconds. In the 26-24 win at Virginia Tech, he had several chances to put Miami comfortably ahead but overthrew wide-open receivers. Perhaps the least charismatic of all the contenders.

Harrington
Pitch: He's Mr. Excitement of the bunch — three fourth-quarter comebacks in guiding the Ducks (10-1) to the outright Pac-10 title and the best regular-season record in school history. Received pre-season Heisman hype when school boosters paid \$250,000 for a 10-story-tall poster of the quarterback on the side of a building in New York. Backed up by two 1,000-yard rushers, he still threw for 2,414 yards, with 23 TDs and just five interceptions.

Catch: Hardly any national TV exposure, and an inadvertent interception that led to the Ducks' only loss, 49-42 to Stanford. In his last game, he struggled on a down-pour, completing 11 of 22 passes for 104 yards and no TDs.

Pengs end two-year losing streak at Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Stephane Richer had two goals and an assist, and Johan Hedberg made 28 saves as Pittsburgh beat Boston.

Milan Kraft and Jan Hrdina also scored for Pittsburgh, which last beat the Bruins two years ago and snapped a seven-game losing streak in Boston.

Martin Lapointe scored the lone goal for the Bruins, who lost for the first time in six home games.

Kraft broke a 1-1 tie with 1:02 left in the second period when he took a pass from Alexei Morozov and wristed a shot past Byron Dufoe. The Penguins, who went 2-0 in their four-game road trip, scored only seven goals and entered with the NHL's fourth-lowest goals total with 56.



Bruins right wing Martin Lapointe, bottom, and Penguins center Robert Lang tangle Thursday during their game in Boston.

Lightning 1, Blue Jackets 0
TAMPA, Fla. — Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 27 shots for his fifth shutout of the season, and Fredrik Modin scored his 100th NHL goal as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 1-0 on Thursday night.

The Lightning have won five straight home games, tying the second-best stretch in team history.

Maple Leafs 6, Rangers 3
NEW YORK — Gary Roberts scored three goals to lift Toronto over New York and become just the sixth player to score 350 goals and amass 2,000 penalty minutes.

Mats Sundin added a goal and an assist in the third period, and Shayne Corson also had a goal for Toronto, which tied the Rangers and New York Islanders atop the Eastern Conference with 37 points.

Mark Messier, Andreas Johansson and Vladimir Malakhov scored for New York.

Islanders 2, Flyers 0
PHILADELPHIA — Mariusz Czerkawski scored twice, and Garth Snow made 33 saves for his 13th career shutout as New York beat Philadelphia.

The win snapped a four-game winless streak (0-2-2) for the Islanders.

Capitals 3, Thrashers 3
ATLANTA — Dmitri Khristich scored two goals, and Olaf Kolzig made two saves in the final seconds of overtime as Washington tied Atlanta.

Dainius Zubrus also scored for the Capitals, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Predators 4, Senators 2
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Defenseman Andy Delmore scored two power-play goals as the Nashville beat Ottawa for the 100th victory in franchise history.

The fourth-year team reached the mark in only its 27th game, something only Florida (223) achieved quicker among recent expansion franchises.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier — at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport:

November 2001: 2,449
That's an 18.6 percent decrease from the 2,985 SkyWest boardings in November 2000, when the total was up 7.7 percent from November 1999's.

January-November 2001: 29,199
That's an 8.6 percent decrease from the 31,930 boardings in the first 11 months of 2000. By that time a year ago, boardings were running 2.7 percent above the comparable 1999 total.

(Those totals don't include charter flights.)

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

TF mall looks for temporary merchants

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Mall is looking for more temporary merchants.

Mall managers will host an information seminar from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the food court for people who are interested in the temporary retail business.

Attendees will learn about products being sold nationally, availability of space at the mall and costs, a mall press release said. The mall describes temporary retail as an inexpensive start to becoming self-employed in retail.

For information, contact Brent White, general manager, or Heather Barrett, executive assistant, at-733-3000.

Twin Falls Canal Co. will increase assessments

TWIN FALLS — After three consecutive years of holding assessments at \$18 per share, the Twin Falls Canal Co.'s board will increase assessments to \$19 for the 2002 irrigation season.

Substantially lower earnings from hydroelectricity generating plants within the company's canal system combined with the cost of renting water to supplement the meager irrigation system forced the increase, said Vince Alberdi, canal company general manager.

"To compound the earnings shortfall, the company spent \$70,800 to rent water. Facing the uncertainty of the 2002 irrigation season, \$147,500 was deposited in the Water Bank to rent water for next year," the canal company said in a statement. "The \$1 assessment increase will help offset the rented water expenses."

Potato group wants participation from women

TWIN FALLS — Blackfoot-based Potato Growers of Idaho is urging women to contribute to its lead ship. Women from PGI met in Pocatello recently to discuss women's involvement in the potato industry.

Emma Atchley, from an Astoria seed farm, told women they were capable of their own decision making and should trust themselves, their knowledge and abilities, PGI said in a statement.

Tim O'Connor, president of the National Potato Promotion Board, said two of the past three chairmen of the NPPB have been women. He urged women to become involved in whatever way fits their circumstances.

Paula Parks, an NPPB board member, said she sees farm women drive trucks, organize and run crews, keep books, market crops and raise children. Parks urged women to use their strengths by serving in the potato industry. She said women are the consumers — the people buying the product. They create the market and should have representation in the industry. She expressed appreciation to PGI Executive Director Keith Esplin for his "woman friendly" attitude and encouragement to be involved, PGI's statement said.

"PGI will actively seek women farm managers' input in its revision process," new PGI President Karen Koopman said. "Qualified women will be sought to serve on executive and state board positions throughout the state of Idaho."

Compiled from staff reports

Pushing toward progress

M-C businesses anticipate good things from chamber

By Lorraine Cawener
Times-News correspondent

HEVBURN — New Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce leaders and members seem to be on the same page about where they want the chamber to go in the coming year.

A Rupert hospital administrator, a Burley theater owner and a Paul hardware store owner will

take the reins as the chamber's new executive committee members.

Members say Carl Hanson as first vice president and Robert Harris as second vice president will bring a good mix of leadership and could take the chamber to accomplish what members are looking for.

With this mix of communities

and professional backgrounds — retail, entertainment and medical — Steve Thompson, marketing director for Snake River Plaza, said he sees a lot of positive opportunities for the chamber.

"The thing we all want is to improve our existing area economy. We want to support and keep intact the existing base and build on that," Thompson said.

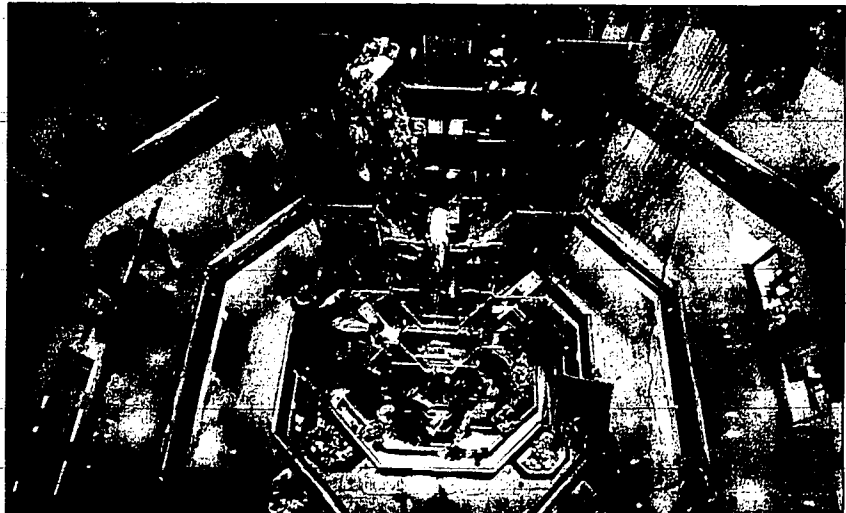
"With their kind of progressive, proactive leadership I think that will happen."

The board of directors and executive committee are all on the same page, he said.

Brenda Bailey, manager of chamber member Personnel Plus, said she sees the chamber as the strength of the entire Mini-Cassia.

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Sales fall short of expectations



A sparse crowd is in a multilevel shopping center on Chicago's Magnificent Mile, Nov. 23. Feared of a dismal holiday shopping season deepened Thursday, as the nation's big retailers said their November sales dropped short of expectations.

Country's mall-based merchants say they are particularly hard-hit

Combined wire reports

NEW YORK — Fears of a dismal holiday shopping season deepened Thursday as the nation's big retailers said their November sales dropped short of expectations. Even big discounts failed to move wary consumers, and unseasonably warm weather only made matters worse.

Discounters and other moderately priced stores, particularly Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Costco Wholesale Club, had the strongest results as consumers, worried about job security, shopped cautiously. Mall-based merchants, particularly apparel and department stores, suffered once more.

Most notably, Gap Inc., whose business has dropped precipitously, saw its sales at stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, plummet 25 percent, worse than the 17 per-

cent decline analysts expected. Gap — which is about to enter the Twin Falls market with an Old Navy store — warned that fourth-quarter earnings would be "considerably worse" than the 6 percent share loss reported in the third quarter, excluding a tax-related charge.

Federated Department Stores Inc. met expectations, but said it still anticipates December same-store sales to be down 11 percent to 14 percent.

"Thanksgiving weekend was extremely subdued, and holiday will also be at least subdued," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Report, based in Montclair, N.J. "There was lack of traffic in the malls, and there was a sea of red ink at the stores."

Jeffrey Feiner, a managing director at Lehman Brothers, said stores had to discount more heavily than usual to get con-

sumers into the stores, but sales nonetheless were slightly below expectations. His index of 22 major retailers showed a same-store sales gain of 1.3 percent, instead of the 3 percent Feiner expected.

Unseasonably warm weather, which stifled demand for winter apparel, exacerbated an already difficult situation for retailers.

Wal-Mart had a 4.3 percent gain in same-store sales, coming in at the low end of analysts' projections. Total sales were up 12.8 percent.

Sears reported a 1.3 percent decline in domestic same-store sales, better than the 3.4 percent drop expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call. Total domestic sales were unchanged.

Target included an extra week in this year's figure. Adjusted, its same-store sales for November

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Top retailers

Here is a look at the percentage change in major retailers' sales from the same month last year.

November 2001

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	4.3%
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	1.3%
Kmart Corp.	2.6%
J.C. Penney Co. Inc.	0.6%
Target Corp.	11.4%
Federated Department Stores Inc.	0.9%
May Department Stores Co.	0.6%
Gap Inc.	25.0%
The Limited Inc.	7.0%
TJX Cos.	3.0%
Saks Inc.	2.9%
Dillard's Inc.	4.0%

Note: Sales include those from stores open at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

SOURCE: Compiled from AP wire reports

Federal regulators report Qwest customer service improvements

DENVER — Federal regulators say Qwest Communications International Inc. improved the quality of its installations, repairs and network during 2000, company officials announced.

The Denver-based phone company said a new Federal Communications Commission report shows Qwest, formerly U S West, improved in six of seven local service categories in Idaho and the other 13 states it serves.

"They are still not in complete compliance with all of the local requirements," but they have made significant improvements," said Ken Reif, director of the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel.

Customer satisfaction is key to Qwest winning approval from state regulators to offer long-distance service in its 14-state service area, which includes much of the Magic Valley. The company

Money in brief

also must prove it has opened its local exchange network to competitors.

AS US West, the company was fined millions of dollars by states throughout the region for failing to meet service-quality standards. "We said our goal was to provide the highest-quality service in the industry," and the FCC's report proves we are well on our way to achieving that goal," Chief Operating Officer, Afshin Mobebsi said.

The Communications Workers of America, which represents 370,000 Qwest employees, and a group representing 21,000 Qwest retirees have endorsed the company's efforts to re-enter the long-distance market. Qwest is expected to file for re-

entry early next year.

Albertson's sells New England Osco Drug stores

BOISE — Albertson's Inc. announced Thursday it would sell 80 of its Osco Drug stores in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire for \$240 million to Maxi Drug Inc., which does business as Brooks Pharmacy.

Subject to government review, the sale is expected to close in January.

Brooks Pharmacy is the oldest drug store chain in New England, with annual revenues of more than \$1 billion. Based in Warwick, R.I., the company has more than 5,000 employees and operates 250 stores in six states.

southern New Hampshire," said Michel Coutts, president and chief executive officer of Brooks Pharmacy. "Boston represents an excellent strategic fit, which will complement our existing stores."

Boise-based Albertson's — which has a couple of Magic Valley stores — is the nation's second-largest food and drug retailer with annual revenue projected at about \$38 billion this year. It has more than 2,500 stores and 232,000 employees nationwide.

Besides Albertson's and Osco Drug, its banners include Jewel-Osco, Acme, Sav-on Drugs, Max Foods, Super Saver and Seessels' by Albertson's.

Kmart offers discounts to military personnel

TWIN FALLS — For the first

time, Kmart Corp. will offer a discount to military personnel and their families Saturday and Sunday.

Throughout the retailer's "Military Appreciation Weekend," active and reserve military personnel, retirees and their families will receive a 10 percent discount on eligible merchandise at Kmart stores including those in Burley and Twin Falls.

"Holiday seasons are a time to reflect, a time to give thanks and a special time to obtain shopping lists for our families and friends, yet this year many military families will be separated," said Charles C. Conaway, Kmart chairman and chief executive.

Military identification cards can be used to obtain shopping lists at any Kmart location — compiled from staff and wire reports

MONEY

Firm takes new technology to market

The Associated Press

POCATELLO - Technology developed at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory can use liquid nitrogen for everything from cutting meat to cleaning out storage tanks...

now in the hands of the NitroCision company.

The laboratory licensed the technology in 1998 to a company called ZawTech but took it back when ZawTech failed to meet the terms of its agreement.

The machines that use the process act like a pressure washer but with liquid nitrogen instead of water.

Laboratory officials and community leaders gathered this week to discuss the prospects for the company, which already employs 10 people and is hiring two more.

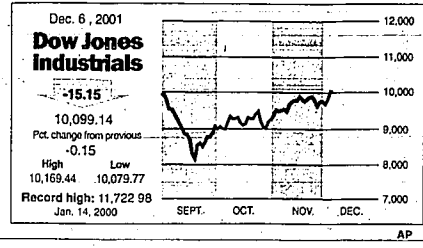
"The road to commercial success is not always straight and can be bumpy at times," said Lyman Frost, NEEL technology transfer director.

NitroCision, a subsidiary of TruTech, an environmental cleanup company that has been

in business for three years. Ron Wamecke, who heads both, saw the technology as something that fit in with work TruTech was already doing.

Wamecke said he has contracts in Washington, New Mexico, New York, Idaho and Colorado.

"We want to stay here; we want to grow here," he said. "There are a number of opportunities. We are really optimistic about getting a good start on our sales."



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rose 1.1 percent, unadjusted they added 13.5 percent.

"We are slightly below our plan for the month," said Cathy Wright, manager of external financial communications at Target.

Other selected November sales figures for leading retailers:

* Kmart Corp., same-store sales down 2.6 percent; total sales down 1.9 percent.

* J.C. Penney Co. Inc., same-store sales at department stores up 0.6 percent; total sales down 2.8 percent.

Board forces restaurant's status inside

Knight Ridder News Service

INDEPENDENCE TWP., Mich.—This is the town where Big Boy has become a big problem.

Where the plump, well-coiffed fiberglass fella should be holding his burger-laden tray up high outside his namesake restaurant on Dixie Highway, but instead is shoved inside between two booths, with a pinstriped tie at his feet.

Welcome to Independence Township — where 3,000-square-foot homes dot the landscape but a 7-foot-tall, red-checkered slice of Americana can't.

It doesn't matter that Michigan

is the headquarters of Big Boy Restaurants International and is home to 160 of its restaurants, the most in the world.

Independence zoning officials decided this fall the Big Boy statue violates the township's 11-page sign ordinance — which allows one ground sign per business.

The statue counts as a second sign, said Beverly McElmeel, director of building and planning for the township.

"You could have your Big Boy statue out there and you wouldn't even need your ground sign," McElmeel said.

Big Boy Restaurant owner John Nannini said he is stumped, not

sure of what he'll do next. "It's an icon. It's the restaurant," Nannini said. "It's tradition."

But it's not the first time a restaurant mascot has been targeted.

In the late 1990s, Westland officials forced Brny's restaurant to take down its 10-foot-tall fiberglass burger-and-coffee-holding Buster the Donkey after restaurant owner John Bray opened a new place.

"I didn't want to be fighting over the donkey but all the residents wanted to," Bray said. "They were very mad about it. It was like a landmark to them."

Stocks falter after two-day rally, but Dow stays around 10,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street took an expected break from its two-session rally Thursday, held back by disappointing retail sales reports and light selling as investors locked in their recent gains.

The major indexes ended the session mixed unchanged, and the Dow Jones Industrials remained above 10,000 — a level that until Wednesday had not been seen since Sept. 5. Analysts were pleased with the stability, saying that investors were feeling more comfortable about staying in the market.

Light projections from chipmakers Intel and Advanced Micro Devices after the market closed increased the likelihood that the good mood would continue.

The Dow closed down 15.15, or less than 0.2 percent, at 10,099.14, cutting short a 350-point run that began Tuesday.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index gained 7.43, or nearly 0.4 percent, to 2,054.27 — its second straight session to close above 2,000, a level not seen since

before the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.25, or 0.3 percent, to 1,167.10.

"We ran the one-minute mile this week; we're getting a little bit of a breather," said Bryan Piskrowski, market commentator for Prudential Securities Inc.

"The market is showing some great resiliency here. That's a testament to the bullish bias that's re-emerged on Wall Street."

Investors had been expecting anemic retail sales, but the extent of the softness — it was the weakest November since 1992 — surprised some. Discount retailer Wal-Mart fell 95 cents to \$55.62 after reporting November sales that came in at the low end of expectations.

But Gap rose 62 cents to \$14.20 despite reporting a 25 percent drop in November sales at stores open more than a year.

Tech stocks, which have fueled much of the market's recent advance, were mixed. Cisco Systems, which issued an upbeat forecast Wednesday, rose 25 cents to \$21.75.

Zoning

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use standard sterilization and needle-disposal procedures.

People or owners of businesses concerned by an incoming business should voice their concerns at planning and zoning hearings on special-use permit requests, Orton said.

Orton will go over the zoning comments received from BID members and pinpoint any conflicts.

"I've got some good direction here, but until I see the results, we won't know for sure how everything will work out," he

said.

In another matter, the BID has received backing from the school district to turn the one-way Second Avenue from highways back to two-way roads under city control. Crowley said teachers are talking to parents about it.

The first step in that effort is to have the city take over responsibility for the one-ways from the Idaho Transportation Department. Crowley plans to take signatures in support of the change to the City Council Dec. 17.

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Poll shows views on Muslims improving

The Associated Press

The image of U.S. Muslims improved significantly in the eyes of their fellow Americans after the terrorist attacks, despite fears that the opposite would occur, according to a survey released Thursday.

Fifty-nine percent of Americans had a favorable view of U.S. Muslims in November, compared to 45 percent in March, according to the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

Conservative Republicans showed the most dramatic change, with 64 percent feeling favorably toward the group, compared to 35 percent in March.

The survey finds clear evidence that Americans are heeding President Bush's call for tolerance, the report's authors said.

Muslims — and members of other religions who were mistaken for Muslims — were targets of hate crimes after the hijackers struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Along with other political and religious leaders, Bush urged Americans not to blame their Muslim neighbors for the destruction.

Regarding motivation for the attacks, 49 percent of Americans blamed political beliefs, while 30 percent felt religion motivated the hijackers.

Most respondents — 89 percent completely or mostly rejected the idea that the attacks were a sign God was not protecting the United States. Evangelists Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson had made that argument, then later apologized for the remarks.

Meanwhile, 85 percent of respondents said they supported the war in Afghanistan. More than half felt the United States should continue the military, while just 25 percent felt the military was doing too little to avoid civilian casualties.

The poll of 1,500 adults was conducted Nov. 13-19, and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The Washington-based Pew Forum conducted the poll as part of conferences on religion and other issues.



A relative of 2-month-old Besmellah, who died during the night from cold and starvation, holds his shroud-wrapped body before burial at the Maslakhi refugee camp near Herat, Afghanistan, Wednesday.

Chaos stymies relief

Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — As millions of hungry and sick Afghans wait for help, rival warlords and bandits have made large parts of the country so lawless that local and foreign aid workers can't deliver desperately needed supplies, relief officials say.

The possibly catastrophic combination of food shortages and lack of security is most severe in northern Afghanistan, where three factions of the Northern Alliance are jockeying for power, the officials say.

Citing concerns about tensions between the factions, the United Nations withdrew its sole foreign staff member this week from Mazar-e-Sharif, which was seized from the Taliban on Nov. 9. The international Committee of the Red Cross and other aid agencies, however, are not discussing leaving.

In the past, tensions between the ethnic groups who make up the alliance have escalated into large-scale bloodshed, but there appears to be no evidence of open conflict in Mazar-e-Sharif at the moment.

U.N. security officials say privately that they are also concerned about a number of Taliban soldiers unaccounted for, and perhaps roaming areas of the north, after the fall of Kandahar, their holdout city in the region.

Uzbekistan plans to reopen bridge

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) — Uzbek President Islam Karimov told parliament Thursday that his government intends to reopen the only bridge across the river border into Afghanistan, potentially opening the way for bigger humanitarian aid deliveries.

The Friendship Bridge spans the Amu Darya River and joins Termez, in Uzbekistan, to the Afghan town of Hairat, about 40 miles from Mazar-e-Sharif, the largest city in northern Afghanistan.

The Soviet army built the bridge for its war in the Afghanistan, and used it to withdraw after its defeat against U.S.-backed Afghan fighters 12 years ago. It has been closed since 1997, when the Taliban took power on the other side.

Uzbekistan has balked at opening the bridge to let humanitarian aid flow faster into Afghanistan, citing security concerns. Aid groups say the refusal has severely hampered efforts to get food and other supplies in, and governments including the United States have pressed for it to be opened.

Those Afghan leaders predict that 2 million Afghans risk death from starvation and exposure in the coming months despite international aid pouring into the war-torn country.

The United Nations estimates that 6 million to 7 million Afghans inside the country depend either completely, or in part, on foreign aid to survive. The United Nations' security officers have judged only three cities safe for the return of the organization's foreign staff: Kabul, the capital, where about 30 foreign U.N. staff members now work; and Herat and Faisalabad, which each have about seven foreign U.N. workers.

Taliban surrender hinges on leader

By Laura King The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Among the Taliban, Mullah Mohammed Omar's word was always law. Now, as the purist Islamic movement collapses, its leaders are desperately trying to salvage safety for the bearded, one-eyed cleric who led them to rule — and to ruin.

Cornered in their last military stronghold of Kandahar, the southern Afghanistan city that is also their spiritual home, the Taliban are offering to lay down their weapons — but at a price.

Under the still-murky terms of a surrender accord announced Thursday by the Taliban and tribal leaders opposing them, Omar's safety would be guaranteed. The leader of Afghanistan's incoming interim government, Hamid Karzai, said it still hadn't been decided whether the Taliban leader would be arrested, as the United States demands.

President Bush quickly let it be known he wouldn't countenance any deal that left Omar but refused to hand over Osama bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks — at liberty.

"The president believes very strongly that those who harbor terrorists must be brought to justice," said White House spokesman Art Fleischer. Asked whether Bush believed that category included Omar, he replied: "Yes."

In seeking to strike a deal, the Taliban have very little leverage. Kandahar has been under intense American bombardment for nearly two months, and a contingent of more than 1,000 U.S. Marines is backing up anti-Taliban tribal forces who have been advancing on the city.

Even so, the Pashtun tribesmen closing in on Kandahar have little desire for a battle to the death with the Taliban, their ethnic kin. And the surrender pact set the national TV reporter, picked only a day earlier by Afghan factions as head of an administration that will govern for six months while a new post-Taliban order is forged.

Throughout the confrontation over bin Laden, Omar has been a highly visible yet profoundly enigmatic figure.

From his customary seclusion in Kandahar — where his young disciples coalesced to form the Taliban movement — the 41-year-old cleric issued pronouncements that were sometimes contradictory and confusing, but never strayed from an essential message: The Taliban would not yield.

Earlier this month, he described the struggle for Kandahar as an opportunity for martyrdom — one that he urged his fighters to seize.

Karzai said as part of any deal to save himself, Omar would have to renounce terrorism. The United States replied, in essence, that such a renunciation would be too little, too late.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in Washington that the Bush administration would not accept any deal that allowed Omar to remain free and "live in dignity" anywhere in the region.

And he suggested that any accord that failed to bring Omar to account could lead to an abrupt end to American support for anti-Taliban tribal forces.

"Our cooperation and assistance through those people would clearly take a turn south if some of these were to be done in respect to the senior people in that situation that is inconsistent with what I have said," Rumsfeld said.

The Taliban, unsurprisingly, portrayed the offer to surrender Kandahar as a self-sacrificing move on Omar's part.

"Mullah Omar has taken the decision for the sake of the people, to avoid casualties and to save the life and dignity of Afghans," the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said in the Pakistani capital.

Hours before the surrender accord was announced, Karzai had told The Associated Press he would offer amnesty to ordinary Taliban fighters — but not to Omar, the man who once declared himself Amir-ul-Momineen, or true leader of the Muslim faithful.



Mullah Omar

WAR ON TERROR

Pentagon looks into mistaken bombing deaths of three U.S. soldiers

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has ordered an investigation into the mistaken bombing in Afghanistan that killed three U.S. soldiers.

The Army Green Berets were killed and 20 other Americans were wounded Wednesday when an Air Force B-52 dropped a one-ton bomb near them. The soldiers had called in the airstrike to hit Taliban forces they were fighting near the militia's southern stronghold of Kandahar.

Six anti-Taliban Afghan fighters were also killed and another 18 were wounded.

A sixth anti-Taliban fighter died after being evacuated for medical treatment to the USS Bataan, located in the Arabian Sea. Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Thursday, "It's a terrible tragedy and our heart goes out to the families and the friends of those fine people." Rumsfeld said Wednesday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

The Pentagon identified those killed as Master Sgt. Jefferson Davis, 39, of Watuga, Tenn.; Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Peithory, 32, of Cheshire, Mass.; and Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of Frazier Park, Calif. All were members of the Army's 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

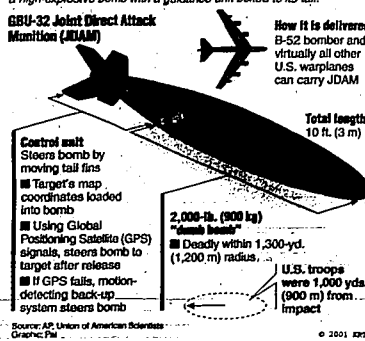
Clarke said the bodies of the U.S. soldiers were being taken to Germany for later transport back to the United States. One of the U.S. wounded was taken to a U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, while others were being treated in the region or had been treated and released back to their units in Afghanistan, she said.

The injuries to the Americans "vary from moderate to severe," a statement from U.S. Central Command said.

Eighteen Afghan anti-Taliban fighters were being treated on U.S. Navy ships in the Arabian Sea, the statement said. Eight were on the USS Peleliu and 10

Satellite-guided 'smart' bomb

U.S. troops in Afghanistan were hit accidentally by a "smart bomb," a high-explosive bomb with a guidance unit bolted to its tail.



Source: AP Wirephoto of American Satellite Graphics Inc.

aboard the USS Bataan. Pentagon officials said they could not immediately explain what went wrong in the deadliest "friendly fire" accident of the war. Whatever the cause, it illustrated the danger to U.S. forces calling in airstrikes.

"This is one of the potentially most hazardous type of missions that we use as a primary tactic," said Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Directing airstrikes on Taliban and al-Qaida targets has been one of the most vital — and dangerous — jobs for U.S. special forces troops in Afghanistan. Calling in airstrikes usually is done by specialists called forward air controllers, often Air Force members, who are specially trained for the job. They use a variety of technologically advanced devices to pinpoint targets and tell U.S. planes when and where to shoot.

One of their basic tools is a laser range finder, which gives a readout of a target's precise coordinates. Using encrypted radio transmissions, the forward air controller can give those coordinates to the bomber crew, which then enters them into a satellite-guided smart bomb's guidance system.

Some devices can transmit the coordinates directly to the bomber. Others allow the soldiers to send more detailed information — including digital photos or video — to pilots or commanders.

A senior defense official at the Pentagon said that one theory of what happened Wednesday gaining attention is that the coordinates of the Special Forces troops who called in the air strike were mistakenly loaded into the satellite-guided bomb, instead of the coordinates for the Taliban forces they were attacking.

Another senior defense official noted that the Central Command has concluded preliminarily that

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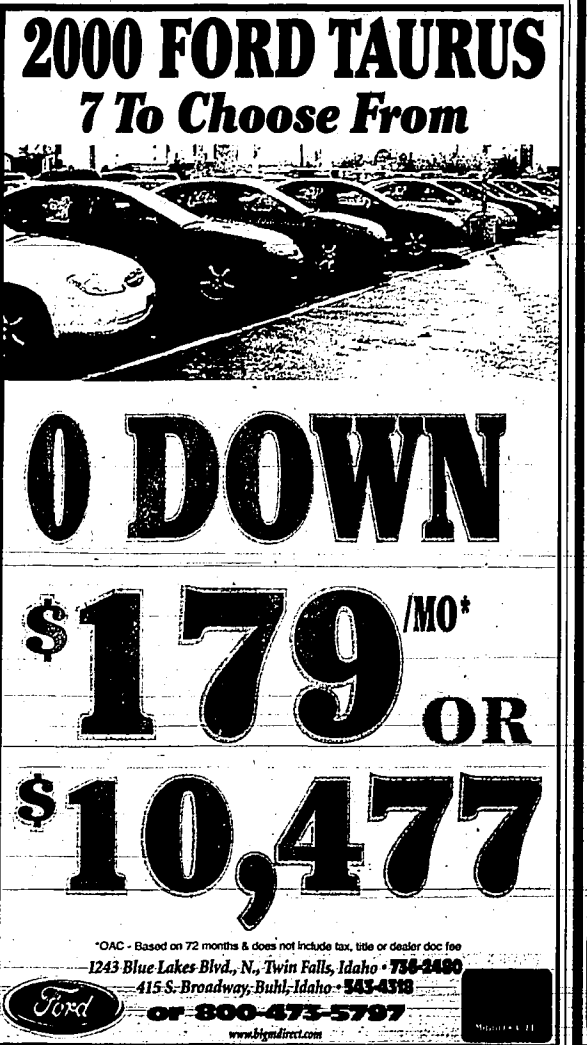
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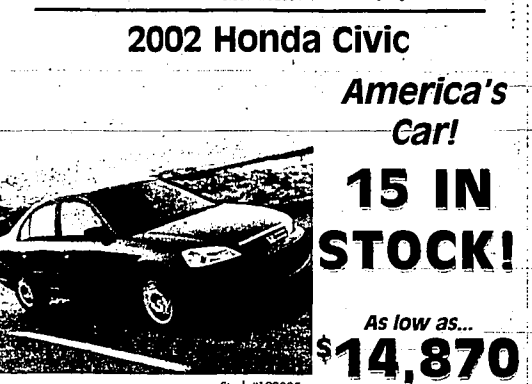
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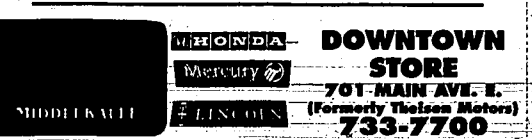
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ROUTE 860
100-300 Borah West
100-300 Wiseman

ROUTE 862
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ROUTE 872
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100-400 Robbins

ROUTE 876
800 Blk. Briarwood
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ROUTE 883
400-600 Ridgeway
900-1200 Wendell

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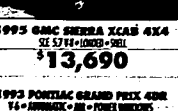
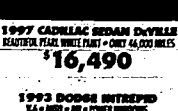
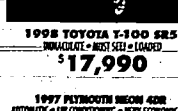

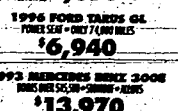
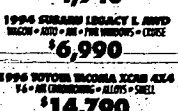
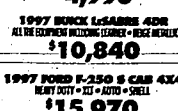
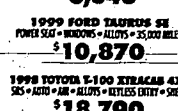

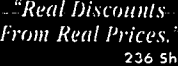



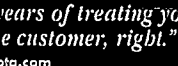
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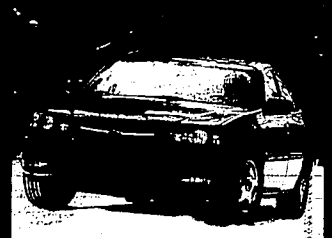
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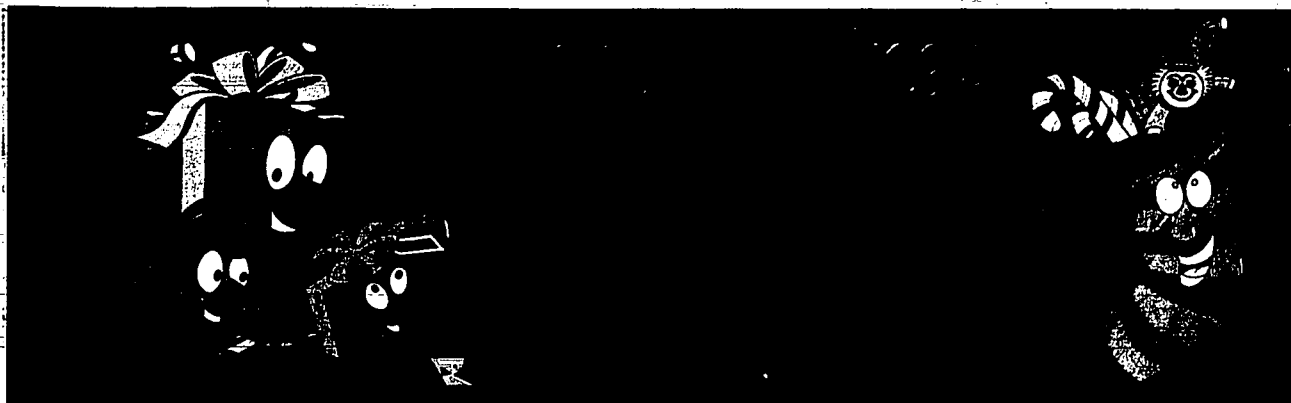
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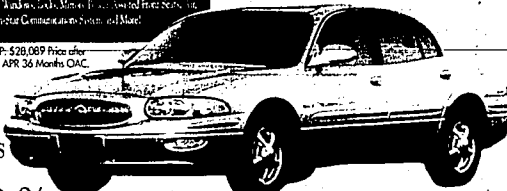


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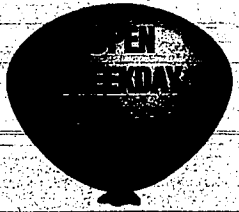
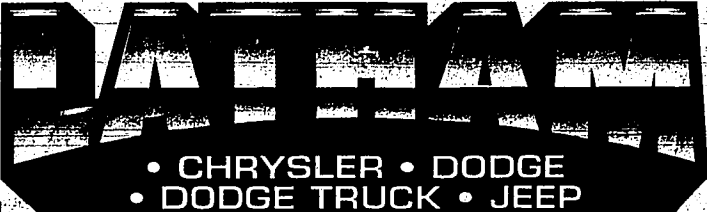


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