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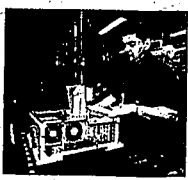
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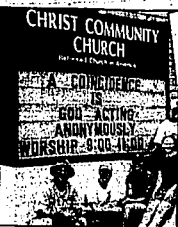
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Flame on: Torchbearers will talk about what it was like to run in today's Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay.

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Here comes the torch



Bob Teska, a counselor at Lincoln Elementary School in Caldwell, carries the Olympic torch Friday in Caldwell. It heads to Twin Falls today.

Twin Falls throws all-day party

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - When it comes to Olympic fun, Twin Falls knows how to party.
The town will stage a five-ring circus today - Olympic rings, that is - to fan a flame that has traveled all the way from Greece. Skydivers, steeplechase and a long list of entertainers will put on an all-day show at various venues.
"The stage has been set for Twin Falls to be one of the most

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Olympic-spirited stops along the relay," said Mary O'Connor, Chevrolet Olympic Relay national spokeswoman.
Planning for today's event began months ago, with a meeting between then-Mayor Elaine

Steele and Chevrolet dealer Randy Hansen. Volunteers, local businesses and school children have worked since then to bring off the citywide party.
At a kickoff event Friday, Mayor Lance Clow sang the praises of the party planners and their jam-packed slate of entertainment. Randy DeBerger, who travels with the Relay Corvette Signature Car and rates torch parties, said Twin Falls' celebration will probably be one of the

biggest on the tour.
The flame will come by caravan from Mountain Home this morning. Then runners will take over, carrying it across the Perrine Bridge at 10 a.m.
The torch relay will wind its way through Twin Falls, reaching the College of Southern Idaho for a cauldron-lighting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Then it will turn north again, returning to Interstate 84 to continue its journey to Salt Lake City.



Eric Vanscholck, 5, of Caldwell, looks for approaching runners in Caldwell.

Widow of first soldier lost lights Olympic flame in Boise

The Associated Press
BOISE - The Olympic torch relay sped across rural towns in southwestern Idaho Friday, then crisscrossed through the capital city to the widow of the first American soldier killed in Operation Enduring Freedom.
Nearly 100 people carried the torch from Caldwell to Nampa and then through Boise's neighborhoods. Alex Spangler, walking with his seeing-eye dog, Galloway, descended the steps of the Statehouse and brought the torch to Judy Andrews to light

the Olympic cauldron before thousands of people. "It's an honor, a privilege and it's great to be back in Idaho," she said. "It's a great moment, bittersweet."
Her husband, Evander, was the first U.S. soldier to die in Operation Enduring Freedom.
The torch left Atlanta in Dec. 4 on a 13,500-mile journey. It ends with the lighting of the cauldron on Feb. 8 for the opening ceremony in Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City.
The torch leaves Boise early today and heads to Mountain Home and Twin Falls.

Scientists question long-range waste plan

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - A panel of scientists says the Energy Department's plan to store nuclear waste in Nevada is fraught with uncertainties.
Indeed, the scientists say, no

matter where the waste is put, it will be impossible to avoid unexpected problems over the more than 10,000 years the material will be highly radioactive.
The findings of the oversight board come as the White House prepares, possibly within weeks,

to give the go-ahead for the Yucca Mountain waste project in Nevada. The Energy Department signed off on the site earlier this month.
The scientists emphasized in a letter sent to congressional leaders and the department that they

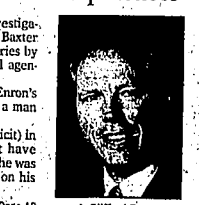
were making no judgment on whether Yucca Mountain, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, should be designated for long-term burial of 77,000 tons of nuclear waste.
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Former Enron exec takes own life

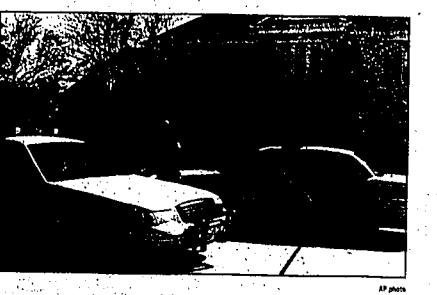
Vice chairman questioned some of firm's financial practices

Los Angeles Times
HOUSTON - The Enron saga slipped from scandal to tragedy Friday as J. Clifford Baxter, a former vice chairman of the company who "complained mightily" about some of its off-the-books partnerships, was found shot dead in his car, an apparent suicide.
Baxter, 43, was one of five high-ranking Enron executives identified in a whistle-blower's letter as objecting to accounting maneuvers that ultimately pushed the company into bankruptcy.

His death leaves a void for investigators who had hoped to interview Baxter in connection with several inquiries by Congress, regulators and federal agencies.
Mitch Taylor, an executive in Enron's trading operation, called Baxter a man of "extremely high integrity."
"I don't believe he was (complicit) in anything that may or may not have gone on here," Taylor said. "But he was the vice chairman. It happened on his watch. I'm sure he felt horrible."
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J. Clifford Baxter



Police gather Friday outside the Houston home of J. Clifford Baxter.

Deadline looms for tire owner

State can take man to court over pile north of Shoshone

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - A court date and a deadline have come up for the man who seems to have walked away from the pile of tires north of town.
If Tom Floyd, owner of the now apparently closed Idaho Tire Recovery Inc., misses today's deadline in his agreement with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the agency can decide whether to take him to court. Lincoln County already has gone that route.

The county is seeking a preliminary injunction against Floyd to prevent the chance that ITR would bring more tires to the site. The court hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

By today Floyd is reported to have reported to the DEQ how many tires he has removed from the mounds of tires on the property alongside Idaho Highway 75, ironically the route for the Sawtooth Scenic Byway.

Lincoln County permitted the site for a maximum 100,000 tires. In October, the site had an estimated 600,000 to 1.3 million tires, county records say, and piles are closer to the Big Wood River than the required 200-foot setback.

Risk of inextinguishable fire and the resulting toxic smoke and water-polluting runoff are among the hazards the pile poses.

Floyd signed a consent decree with the DEQ in mid-November, agreeing to remove an average of 25,000 tires a month until he had no more than 100,000 tires at the site. He was to have supplied the state with a site assessment seven days after the decree went into effect Nov. 19.

Floyd has not supplied the site assessment. The official deadline for Floyd's report documents the first wave of tire removal is today. In an e-mail sent to The Times-News earlier this month, Floyd said he was giving the tire pile to Lincoln County and that ITR was no longer in business.

Bill Alfred with the DEQ in Twin Falls said if the first removal deadline is missed the department will consult with its attorneys to decide how to proceed. Court action is one option.

Who ultimately will be responsible for cleaning up the tire pile remains a question: If Floyd succeeds in walking away, would cleanup fall on the property owner, county or state or some combination of all three?
"When we have exhausted all avenues with ITR, then that's when we start talking to the property owner," Alfred said.

The property was formerly owned by Craig Hadden of Shoshone who sold the property to Neil Richards of Richfield, county records show.

In other developments, the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District is looking for a new contractor to collect tires brought to the regional landfill or its transfer stations.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	44/22°
High/low	36/20°
Normal high/low	35/14°
High/low last year	35/14°
Record high	56° in 1992
Record low	2° in 1989

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.56"
 Normal month to date: 1.05"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 3.50"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 4.12"

Humidity: 43%
 Barometric Pressure: 29.87 in.
 Pollen year in Twin Falls

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
▲ 42°	▼ 28°	▲ 34° ▼ 18°	▲ 30° ▼ 14°	▲ 28° ▼ 14°	▲ 30° ▼ 20°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy and windy at times today with a low rain and snow showers. Snow levels will average 3,500 feet. Highs in the 30s to mid-40s. Mostly cloudy tonight with a few snow showers possible.

Boise: Mostly cloudy and windy today with a low rain and snow showers. High 42. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with the chance for a snow shower. Low 26.

Northern Nevada: Clouds and limited sunshine today with a gusty wind and a low rain and snow showers. Highs mainly in the 40s. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a low snow showers possible.

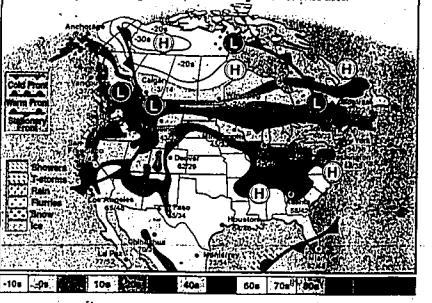
Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy and windy in the north today with a low rain and snow showers possible; clouds and some sunshine in the south. Highs in the 30s and the 40s.

Northern Idaho: Mostly cloudy, windy and chiller today with several inches of snow in the mountains; a low rain and snow showers in the lower valleys. Highs 50-44. Mostly cloudy tonight with snow showers.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 86° in Cape Canaveral, FL Low -24° in Doyleville, CO

NATIONAL WEATHER



Shown are recent positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

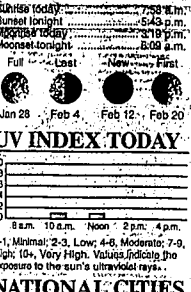
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:58 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 5:43 p.m.
 Moonset today: 3:19 p.m.
 Moonrise tonight: 1:08 a.m.

Full ☾ Last ☾ New ☽ First ☽

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	58	42	s	55	44	s
Atlanta City	54	33	s	55	35	s
Baltimore	58	32	s	55	35	s
Bilings	43	22	c	32	14	c
Birmingham	63	40	s	67	44	s
Boston	52	35	a	49	35	a
Charleston, SC	62	46	c	71	49	c
Charleston, WV	56	32	s	61	36	s
Chicago	50	34	s	52	38	s
Cincinnati	62	29	s	57	31	s
Dayton	64	34	s	59	34	s
Denver	43	26	s	50	34	s
Des Moines	65	34	s	70	42	s
Detroit	54	22	c	7	-10	a
El Paso	65	34	s	70	42	s
Falmouth	41	22	c	7	-10	a
Forto	61	34	s	60	39	c
Houston	64	45	c	72	37	c
Indianapolis	55	32	s	54	37	s
Jacksonville	68	37	s	73	53	s
Kansas City	61	37	s	61	38	s
Las Vegas	69	40	s	57	38	s
Little Rock	58	34	c	62	42	c
Los Angeles	65	48	c	61	48	s
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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	23	8	a	14	-10	a
Edmonton	22	15	a	21	2	a
Halifax	29	13	a	14	5	a
London	15	1	a	14	5	a
Montreal	15	1	a	14	5	a
Ottawa	15	1	a	14	5	a
Regina	1	-18	a	1	-24	a
Saskatoon	5	-11	a	5	-16	a
Vancouver	37	30	s	38	21	s
Victoria	41	28	s	30	13	s
Winnipeg	2	-8	c	5	-15	c

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	73	s	100	72	s
Ahmedabad	75	48	s	70	46	s
Auckland	7	-1	a	7	-1	a
Bangkok	95	73	s	93	73	s
Beijing	5	-18	a	5	-18	a
Bombay	27	18	s	27	18	s
Buenos Aires	84	70	a	81	70	a
Calcutta	27	18	s	27	18	s
Hong Kong	15	8	s	15	8	s
Jakarta	27	18	s	27	18	s
Johannesburg	78	62	c	79	63	c
London	50	41	s	52	45	s
Los Angeles	65	48	c	61	48	s
Moscow	25	19	c	30	27	s
Paris	48	45	c	55	46	s
Rio de Janeiro	87	77	a	87	77	a
Rome	57	43	s	61	45	s
Seoul	40	34	s	38	19	s
Sydney	65	50	s	65	50	s
Tokyo	47	46	c	52	41	s
Warsaw	31	27	s	43	34	s
Zurich	45	38	s	47	48	s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.	
Boise	42	26	s	30	18	s
Bozeman	30	20	c	30	18	s
Butte	32	20	c	30	18	s
Coeur d'Alene	34	22	s	30	18	s
Elko	41	25	c	35	18	s
Eugene, OR	40	22	s	40	22	s
Hagerman	43	25	s	43	25	s
Idaho Falls	32	23	s	29	12	s
Kellogg, MT	33	14	c	26	8	c
Lawton	42	28	s	36	24	s
Malad	40	29	s	36	24	s
Malta	26	4	c	11	-7	c
McCall	30	18	s	30	18	s
Mission, MT	36	19	s	36	19	s
Pocatello, OR	42	23	s	40	30	s
Portland, OR	40	23	s	40	30	s
Richland, WA	43	27	s	39	19	s
Salmon	32	16	c	32	16	c
Salt Lake City, UT	40	24	s	36	29	s
Spokane, WA	38	32	s	38	28	s
Staley	38	19	s	38	19	s
Sun Valley	38	18	s	38	18	s
Yellowstone, MT	28	10	s	24	0	f

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Available on parking Torch Day

These lots will be available for parking during Olympic torch festivities on Saturday:

- Home Depot - 1650 Polo Line Road E.
- Magic Valley Mall - Southeast parking lot - 1485 Polo Line Road E.
- Old Navy - 1900 Bridgeway Blvd.
- Johnny Carino's - 1951 Blue Lakes Blvd.
- Holiday Inn - 1910 Fillmore St.
- Commercial Tire - Polo Line Rd. and Fillmore St.
- Hanezco Fabrics - Behind Costco - 1800 blk. Fillmore St.
- Road behind Target - 1600 blk. Fillmore St.
- Bar Baza - 1500 blk. Fillmore St.
- Doeva - 1500 blk. Fillmore St.
- Office complex across from Fillmore Post Office - 1400 blk. Fillmore St.
- Department of Labor - 711 N. College Road
- Health and Welfare - 601 Polo Line Road

Additional parking will be available at the College of Southern Idaho - 315 Falls Ave.

Use roads marked in blue as detour routes around the "Four Corners" event site. All parking lots are accessible via the blue roads.

Source: Event Organizers, Twin Falls Police Department

Everything you need to know about Torch Day

CSI Ceremonies

Larry Gebbert of Boise's KTVE-TV and Doug Maughan of the College of Southern Idaho will lead the main Torch Relay ceremonies in the CSI parking lot.

- ### Events
- 10:05 a.m. - CSI Jazz
 - 10:20 - CSI Band
 - 10:35 - Salt Lake Olympic Committee
 - 10:50 - Welcoming remarks
 - 10:57 - Coke Community Canvas Awards
 - 11:04 - "Celebrate Humanity" videos
 - 11:07 - Chevy representative
 - 11:14 - Patriotic songs, CSI Choir/Band
 - 11:21 - "Light the Fire Within" video
 - 11:24 - Local and celebrity torchbearers
 - 11:27 - Torch relay video.
 - 11:30 - Flame arrives
 - 11:32 - Lighting of the cauldron
 - 11:33 - Interview with final torchbearer
 - 11:36 - Salt Lake 2002 message
 - 11:38 - Proclamation by mayor
 - 11:40 - Presentation of certificate by mayor
 - 11:42 - Themo song
 - 11:45 - Community celebrations promotion, presentation of business-school contest awards
 - 11:50 - Twin Falls High School Drum Corps
- ### Facilities
- Restrooms will be available in CSI buildings and area businesses.
 - No public food booths will be open at CSI.
 - No seating will be provided at the College of Southern Idaho, so bring your lawn chair.
 - The stage will be south of the library, in the far southwest corner of the parking lot.
- ### Four corner festivities
- Events are planned all day in the parking lots at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Polo Line Road.
- ### Music
- Bands will play all day in an 8,000-person tent.
- 8 a.m. - Abordne
 - 8:45 a.m. - High Risk
 - 10:30 a.m. - Standards
- ### Food
- An international food fest is planned.
- ### Bouncing boards
- The Max-Air Snowflayers will perform extreme air acrobatics on trampolines with snow suits and snowboards. Show times are 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and noon near Bama & Noble beside the Magic Valley Ball.
- ### Viewing party
- Randy Hansen Autoplex will serve as a "torch-row viewing area" for people to watch the torch enter the city. Inside, a motor home will broadcast highlights from the relay and house interactive games and exhibits.
- ### Target corner
- Children can make miniature bobbeds and Olympic ring toss games in the Home Depot Kids Workshop tent on the Target corner. Meanwhile, local groups will have booths and giveaways, and school choral groups will perform.
 - Ernie Siles will perform traditional cowboy music and trick roping at 1 p.m. at the Target corner. Magicians and clowns also are scheduled.

Torch Day

Planning your day

■ The torch

The Olympic flame will be carried over the Perrine Bridge and through the city between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on its way to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, set for Feb. 8-24 in Salt Lake City.

- Forty-five area residents are among 11,500 inspirational torchbearers carrying the torch across the country.
- The flame travels with the relay, and 13,000 different torches are used during the two-month trek.

■ Dress warmly

Today's forecast is 60 percent chance of snow and rain showers, total accumulation one to three inches, partly cloudy and breezy in the afternoon, highs in the upper 30s, west winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, a 20 percent chance of snow.

- Show your colors - Olympic relay chairwoman Elaine Siles encourages everyone to fly flags and wear patriotic colors.

■ Getting Around

- Organizers suggest that everyone be in place by 9 a.m.
- Police will regulate traffic and direct people to designated parking lots.
- Transit IV will provide free shuttle bus service from 10 a.m. to noon around the CSI loop and from noon to 5 p.m. among three sites - CSI, Four Corners and the Lynwood Shopping Center.
- KIXX 104.7 FM will broadcast parking updates.

■ Handicapped areas

The public parking lot at CSI will be the front end handicapped. There are no social handicapped facilities being set up at CSI, but handicapped parking is available. A handicapped area is being created in front of Target. Access will be from the Officemas side, for anyone with handicapped tags or stickers.

■ TV coverage

- KMYT-TV will air a half-hour special at 6:30 p.m.
- NBC-38 TV will feature the relay between 8 and 10 a.m. and will air events live between 11 a.m. and noon.

■ Questions?

- More than 100 volunteers - wearing blue vests and red name tags on the blue straps - will answer questions of all kinds.
- Police will have a lost child booth at the Target corner.
- For more information, call the City Information Center at 735-HELP.
- Learn more online at www.saltlake2002.com.

■ Benefit breakfast

Breakfast will be served to the public from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with proceeds going to Magic Valley Safe House. MK103 will broadcast live from the Lynwood from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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At the Lynwood

■ Skydiving

The U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights will jump from 12,500 feet, performing a 35-minute show and landing in the Lynwood parking lot (Filer Avenue side). There will be a jump around 10 a.m. and another around 2 p.m.

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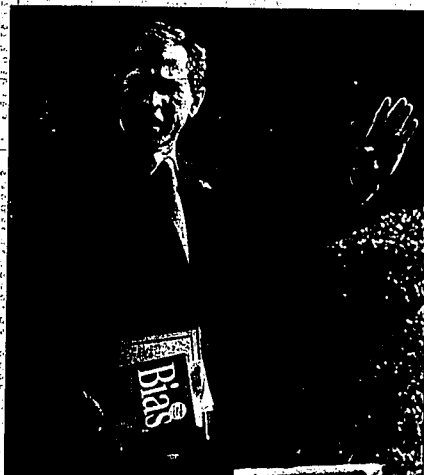
The Times-News reported incorrectly about members involved in mediation involving Jerome Chase Co. and Gooding County officials.

Although Pam Washer, a Gooding County planning and zoning commissioner, was initially invited to participate, she declined the offer.

Friday's story on Frenchman's Island incorrectly described Cassia County law requiring Neil Larsen to send letters to residents informing them of his petition for a zone change. The petition required Larsen to send letters to residents within a half-mile radius of the island.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

CURRENT READING?



President Bush walks out of the White House in Washington Friday as he heads to Portland, Maine, where he is focusing on border and harbor security. Slung beneath Bush's right arm is the book 'Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distorts the News,' by former CBS News correspondent Bernard Goldberg.

Does book speak volumes about Bush's view of media?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush didn't talk to reporters Friday before leaving the White House, but he carried a book that might speak volumes about his views on the media.

Its title: "Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distorts the News."

The book, by former CBS News

correspondent Bernard Goldberg, accuses television news executives of tilting liberal in how they report the news. It was tucked beneath Bush's right arm as he walked to Marine One to begin a trip to Maine.

A reporter shouted a question about the Middle East, but Bush said he could not hear above the helicopter's roar.

Judge sentences hockey dad convicted in death to prison

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A man who beat another father to death during their sons' youth hockey practice was sentenced to six to 10 years in prison Friday for involuntary manslaughter.

Thomas Junta, who had faced up to 20 years, was sentenced after his victim's son asked the judge to "please teach Thomas Junta a lesson."

Junta, 44, sat handcuffed, with his head hung low, as Michael Costin's three sons, sister and mother spoke. He sobbed as his lawyer talked about his own 12-year-old son, Quintin, who witnessed the July 5, 2000, fight at a suburban Boston ice rink.

Junta's only comment during the hearing was nearly inaudible.

"I'd just like to apologize to both families and thank my family for all their support of me," he said. He called no witnesses.



Thomas Junta

Costin's middle son, Michael, told the judge: "No matter how much of a sentence that you give to Thomas Junta, my dad got more."

The case drew national attention as a deadly example of the growing problem of parental rage at youth sporting events.

During the trial and sentencing, prosecutors painted Junta as a bully, a 270-pound truck driver who picked on a much smaller man. Supporters described him as a "gentle giant," a devoted husband and father who fell victim to "a very bad set of circumstances."

Enron

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Baxter had stepped down from the company in May, just seven months after winning the vice chairman's post, saying he wanted to spend more time with his wife and two school-age children.

"He left here because he was frustrated," Taylor said. "He felt he was going to be burdened with the responsibility for things that occurred but given none of the responsibility to change them."

Baxter's red-brick mansion in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land was guarded Friday by three police officers. A U.S. flag adorned the front door and the shutters were closed. Friends dropped in throughout the day, greeted by hugs.

"We are suffering the loss of our husband, father and best friend," the family said in a statement.

Last weekend, Baxter's wife, Carol, reacted angrily when approached by a reporter about the unfolding crisis.

"People are being investigated. People are being sued," Carol Baxter said outside her home.

"This is going to follow people for the rest of their lives — people who didn't do anything wrong."

Baxter's body was found by a police officer about 2:30 a.m. in a black 2002 Mercedes sedan parked near the Sweetwater Country Club, less than two miles from his home.

He suffered a single gunshot wound to the head, and a revolver was found by his side, police said. Police said he also left a suicide note, but declined to disclose its contents or say where it was found.

A local justice of the peace ruled Baxter's death a suicide but ordered an autopsy as part of the investigation.

Baxter spent a decade at Enron during the years it morphed from a middling operator of natural gas pipelines into a "new economy" company that placed high-tech bets through its computerized trading operation on a wide range of energy and other com-

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modities.

Baxter zoomed up through the company in the slipstream of his good friend Jeffrey A. Skilling, who resigned as Enron's chief executive mysteriously in August for unexplained personal reasons.

A former Air Force captain, Baxter cashed out \$28 million in stock gains from the sale of nearly 800,000 Enron shares from 1998 to early 2001, according to an analysis by Thomson Financial/Lancer Analytics. Since then, Enron's stock price has plunged from about \$81 a share, the best price Baxter commanded, to mere pennies.

Baxter and other current and former Enron executives have been sued by angry shareholders, whose investments are virtually worthless. The lawsuits allege the executives were presenting a falsely positive view of the company's financial health to boost the stock price.

Baxter, although no longer with the company, would have been afforded legal representation for his work with Enron, a company spokesman said.

Enron issued a terse statement Wednesday: "We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of our friend and colleague, Cliff Baxter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends."

Skilling expressed sadness at Baxter's apparent suicide.

"Mr. Skilling is devastated by the loss of a very dear friend," said Judy Leon, a spokeswoman for Skilling.

Baxter was among those Enron executives mentioned in an Aug. 22 memo by Sherron S. Watkins about Enron's growing financial problems. "Cliff Baxter complained mightily to Skilling and all who would listen about the inappropriateness of our transac-

tions..." Watkins wrote.

Last week, Skilling denied that he had ever had conversations with Baxter or other Enron officials about accounting problems at Enron.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Olympics celebration

What: Mark Lindsay, the headline act of Twin Falls' Olympic torch celebration, will sing.
Where: In a tent at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.
When: Mark Lindsay will sing at 5 p.m. today. Live music will be provided by a number of acts between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
How much: Free.

Jazz Summit

What: The seventh annual College of Southern Idaho Jazz Summit will be held with a concert featuring guest clinicians Brent Edstrom, Rob Tapper, Andy Piamondon, Jeff Rew and Joe Covill.
Where: Fine Arts Center.
When: The Jazz Summit will be held all day today. The concert featuring guests will be held at 7:30 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door. Children 10 and under get in free.

'Monty Python'

What: "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" will be shown. The 1975 movie has been remastered with 24 added seconds.
Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. today and Sunday. There will also be a midnight showing today.
How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees. The midnight showing is \$4 for all seats.

'Babes in Toyland'

What: The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland."
Where: The King Center in Burley.
When: 7:30 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets, which are \$8 for preferred seating, \$5 for general admission and \$3 for economy seats, can be reserved by phoning 678-6868.

'Cabaret'

What: Laughing Stock Theater will present Jay Presson Allen, Ralph Burns and Joe Masteroff's "Cabaret."
Where: nexStage Theater in Ketchum.
When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday.
How much: Tickets, which are \$28 and \$36, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum or at the door. Ticket prices include complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

World Film Series

What: The 14th annual World Film Series will continue with Lukas Moodysson's "Together."
Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 1:30 p.m. Sunday.
How much: Tickets, which are \$7.50, are available at the door or at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, Everybody's Business and Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark in Twin Falls.

'Sustained Chord'

What: "Sustained Chord," an exhibition of recent work by Cheryl Shurtliff and Richard Young, will be on display.
Where: The Jean B. King Gallery at the Harrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: The gallery is open from 1-9 p.m. today.
How much: Free.

Fly Two Void

What: Fly Two Void will play.
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: \$3 cover charge.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	85 %
Salmon Falls Creek	124 %
Oakley Basin	135 %
Big and Little Wood	87 %

Seeing stars



Adam West, most well known as the actor from the original 'Batman' series, signs autographs for fans at the Chevrolet Signaturo Car signing event at Randy Hansen Chevrolet in Twin Falls on Friday morning. The event was one of the Kick-off parties to bring in the Olympic Torch Relay in Twin Falls.

Celebrities kick off torch events

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On Torch Day Eve, three celebrities added their names to the Relay Corvette Signaturo Car and welcomed the public to a citywide Olympic torch party.

To sign the one-of-a-kind Chevrolet Corvette Z06, singer Peter Cetera, high-jump gold medalist Dick Fosbury and actor Adam "Batman" West traveled to Twin Falls from their homes in Ketchum.

And no, West does not live in a bat cave there.

In fact, West is on the road a

good chunk of the time, doing voice-overs for TV shows like "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy." During his Friday stop, he referred to the Twin Falls torch gala as a "remarkable celebration."

Cetera, who will soon be back in the studio recording a Christmas album, was also happy to take time out to celebrate the Olympics. He has a daughter on the U.S. Snowboard Team, he said, adding, "I don't think she will qualify this time, but she's only 18, so she has a lot of time."

The 6-foot-4 Fosbury was asked how he invented the famous "Fosbury Flop." He first learned

to jump in the old scissors style, he said, but he was getting terrible results, so he talked his coach into letting him experiment. When he stopped sitting up and started lying flat on his back, he jumped his way to an Olympic record — 2.24 meters, or 7 feet, 4 1/4 inches — and took home the gold in 1968.

More than 100 people — including local dignitaries, torchbearers and Ms. Senior Idaho Violet Lundgren — gathered at the Randy Hansen Chevrolet dealership with the three car signers on Friday to kick off the city's two-day torch celebration. Some 50 VIP guests were treated to a

Dutch-oven breakfast at the dealership prior to the program. And a total of more than 400 people stopped by the dealership throughout the morning.

The signaturo car — covered with names such as Diane Sawyer, Eminem, Martin Sheen and Willie McCovey — will be raffled off on e-Bay to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. A patriotic quilt donated by Friends of the Twin Falls Sewing Center, on display during Friday's program, will also be raffled off, to raise money for Valley House.

The torch will be carried through Twin Falls between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. today.

T.F. grad will perform with 'Golden Knights'

By Carol Stephens
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One of the "Golden Knights" who will be performing above — yes, above — the Lynwood Shopping Center today, is a Twin Falls High School graduate.

The U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights will be doing free-fall performances that will bring them to a landing in the Lynwood performing lot. One of the performers, Staff Sgt. Will Milling — known as 'Willie' in school — graduated from TFHS in 1983.

Two performances are planned, one at 10 a.m. and one at 2 p.m.

Milling entered O'Leary Junior High School in the eighth grade when his dad, an Army man, was assigned to the National Guard in Twin Falls. After graduating from Utah State University, Milling said

he followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Army.

"I've been all over," Milling said, such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Europe and Korea. It was when he was coming back from Korea last May that he was assigned to the Golden Knights.

Milling said he hadn't applied, and he wasn't interviewed. "The Department of Army just assigned me. They liked me, I stayed, and I'm happy as can be."

Besides free-fall training, Milling handles administrative duties, such as "making sure we get paid and our bills are up to date," according to the team member announcing the Golden Knights at a Friday night reception for the group.

"I'll have done my AFF (Accelerated Free Fall) and be qualified in everything by the time I get back to Yuma,"

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Snow helmets gain in popularity

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — There are more helmets than ever on the heads of skiers and snowboarders.

"There has been an increase across the board. At first it was just kids, but now adults, kids, skiers and boarders are wearing helmets," said Jody Burrows, one of the owners of Pomerelle Mountain Resort.

Popular acceptance and use of safety devices usually lag behind the introduction of new technology, said Kyla Kelly, director of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition.

"At one time cars didn't have seat belts," Kelly said.

She hopes helmets will become the norm for skiers and snowboarders just as seat belts have become the norm for drivers and passengers.

Expert skiers have helped boost the popularity of snow helmets, Kelly said. Because almost every Olympic skier and snowboarder wears a helmet, concerned mothers have an easier time persuading their children to wear them. With streamlined contours, glossy finishes and an image boost from professional snow riders, helmets are definitely cool.

When asked why she likes to wear her helmet, 6-year-old



Christian Hansen, 10, of Burley tries on a snow helmet at Pinetree Sports. Hansen likes wearing a helmet because it's "cool," and because it keeps his head warm.

Native of T.F. will translate at Olympics

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Learning to speak Polish is paying off for Twin Falls native Ryan Edmunds — who looks forward to using his second-language skills during the Winter Olympics next month.

As an assistant to the Polish National Olympic Committee, the Brigham Young University junior will be given the opportunity to put his language skills to work at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

"I wanted a chance to practice speaking while getting the opportunity to be close to the games," said Edmunds, who also speaks Ukrainian, Czech and some Russian.

At the Olympics, each country has its own committee that is responsible for supplying information related to the games and to the athletes, Edmunds said.

The committee makes schedule plans and is in charge of the selection process for its nation's athletes.

Participants who come to the games are generally unfamiliar with the region or the way that a particular city organizes the games.

Therefore, the committee needs to help in organizing housing, transportation, "and a billion other things," Edmunds said.

The assistant's job is to help explain protocol, assist at the national office, drive athletes vans and translate.

The Polish team will have 16 assistants, but until the team arrives in America, committee delegates will not know what they will be doing, nor when.

However, from estimates based on previous games, volunteers will be working from 20-40 hours each week during the games.

And while most of their time will be spent running the office and translating, there will be some notable benefits.

In the volunteer position, assistants will be the only workers who will have access to the Olympic village.

"We also have clearance for all the events," Edmunds said, and only medical personnel share this status.

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Ryan Edmunds

SERVICES

C. Glade Johnson of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today in the Twin Falls LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive North, Twin Falls; visitation will be held one hour before the service today at the church; interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, Jerome).

Rex Wells of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park.

Corban Preston Carson of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the View 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E., Burley; burial will follow at the View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Robert Eugene Barigar of Buhl, memorial service with a potluck dinner to follow at 2 p.m. today at the Eighth Street Center, 200 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl.

Harry Timothy O'Crowley of Carey, service at 1 p.m. today at the Carey LDS Church; friends may call at the church from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. today; burial in Carey Cemetery (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).

Lucinda Lucy M. Fairchild of S. Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Oakley and Albion, service at 3 p.m. today at the Oakley State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 North Center; interment will follow at the Basin Cemetery; friends may call before the service today at the church, (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Home, Burley).
Louise C. Nuttle of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Elsie P. Allen of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th and Almo; burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

DEATH NOTICES

Harold Reno
RUPERT - Harold Reno, 71, of Rupert died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

Services are pending under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Maxine P. Hines
SANTA ANA, Calif. - Maxine Hines, 85, formerly of Burley died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at a Santa Ana, Calif., nursing home.

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

Survey: Bring arts to valley

Wood River residents support culture center

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Momentum picked up this week for an ambitious new privately supported arts and culture center in Sun Valley with the release of a survey in which Wood River Valley residents said they broadly and strongly support the proposal.

The survey, conducted by Audience Strategy and Communications of Denver for the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, involved 14,000 questionnaires placed in Blaine County postal boxes, and another 900 sent via mail to members of the arts center.

Of 1,048 responses returned by non-members and 597 from members, only 10 percent were opposed to the facility, while the majority rated their support at

six or above on a scale of 10. Conducted in July, the survey follows by one week a meeting of more than 60 representatives from arts and culture groups in the Wood River Valley who also expressed their support of a proposed culture campus.

The project, which would involve a cluster of buildings for various uses, would be located on five city-owned acres on Sun Valley Road adjoining Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

The marketing specialist for the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Kristine Bretall, said the organization is "very pleased with the outcome" of the survey, which, she said, was designed "more than anything to see what the community temperature is" about supporting construction of such a campus. She declined to reveal the cost of the survey but said it was "expensive."

One of the organizers of last week's ad hoc meeting on the arts center, Dan Drackett, a wealthy semi-retired advertising consultant, called the new survey and its results "a blessing." He said the community clearly wants

a major arts and culture center. The next step, Drackett said, is a study to be conducted by a Minneapolis firm, Artspace Projects, to determine what sort of facilities the community needs. Thereafter, financial feasibility will be studied to determine private financial support for the project.

Drackett foresees a phased-in development of the project as financing is produced.

He also says that the proposed project has another large advantage - "All arts groups here like each other," which means fewer obstacles and literally no inter-group bickering.

In other findings of the survey released this week:

- Fifty-three percent rated arts and cultural programs in Blaine County as excellent.
- Twenty-three percent would donate more money for arts and music programs for children.
- Fifty-two percent reported spending more than \$500 a year on arts, music, theater and other cultural groups in the county.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9331, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 a.m. for next-day publication. The email address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Pratt; brother, Robert Pratt, sisters Lillian Pratt, Ruby Lynn McCadams and Opal Bowling, brother-in-law, Fred Kesterson and her husband of 64 years, Luther Albert Kesterson.

Aline is survived by sister-in-law, Ethel Fagan; daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Paul Griffith of Reno, Washington; daughter and son-in-law, Janice and David Henderson, of Twin Falls, Idaho; six grandchildren, Karen Aline Bakken, Janet Frampton, Kelly Griffith, Marcie Dawn Bennett, Arnold Wright Mason III, Ramona Aline Henderson; and nine great-grandchildren, Jennifer Bennett, R.J. Bennett, Kyle Bakken, Amanda Bakken, Adam George Griffith, Nicole Griffith, Nathaniel Frampton, Eleanor Louise Frampton and Madelyn Frampton and several nieces and nephews.

Contributions in Mrs. Kesterson's memory made be made to the United Methodist Church, Baker City, Oregon, Twin Falls Reformed Church, Twin Falls, Idaho or Hospice Visions Inc. of Twin Falls, Idaho in care of Coles Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Pine Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814 on Saturday, February 2, 2002 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City, Oregon. Local arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Aline Pratt Kesterson

Aline Pratt Kesterson, 90, of Twin Falls, Idaho and a former Baker City resident of many years, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2002, at Bridgeview Estates.

Aline was born September 19, 1911, in Gretna, Tennessee. She married Luther Kesterson in Poteau, Oklahoma and they lived their early married years in Muse, Oklahoma. Aline's job was being a housewife and raising their two daughters, Norma Sue Griffith and Janice Faye Henderson. After their daughters were grown, she worked as fill-in at the school cafeteria in Halfway, Oregon. She was also a child care provider in Baker City.

Their daughter Norma Sue Kesterson Griffith was born in Muse, Oklahoma. In 1942, Luther, Aline and family moved to Wright City, Oklahoma, where Luther worked as a Saw Filer. Their daughter Janice Faye Kesterson Henderson was born there.

Aline and Luther moved to Ponderosa, Oregon where Luther worked as saw filer. The family lived there for several years until the mill at Ponderosa closed down. Aline so enjoyed Ponderosa as it was a wonderful community.

Aline moved with Luther to Halfway, Oregon, where Luther worked as a Head Saw Filer at the mill in Halfway, Oregon until his retirement. While living there, Aline worked as a fill-in at the Halfway School Cafeteria.

Luther and Aline retired in Baker City, Oregon and lived there from 1970 to 1996. Aline had a great love for Baker City.

In May 1996, Luther and Aline moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, to be by their daughter Janice Henderson. In February 2000, Luther and Aline moved to Bridgeview Estates Assisted Living after living with their daughter, Janice for approximately four years. Luther died April 13, 2000. Aline adjusted to life without Luther, but never got over missing him.

Aline enjoyed going fishing with Luther and one of their favorite places was up towards Coconopoc above Halfway. They did some camping along with their fishing with their good friends and Aline's sister Opal and brother-in-law, Henry. Aline loved playing games and Aggravated with their Baker City friends. Aline enjoyed groups at Bridgeview including Exercise Class, Current Events and was a regular and the Bingo Games. Aline was active in the Methodist Church while living in Baker City and she attended church while living in Twin Falls at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. She also, enjoyed attending Sun Shine Circle. She had some lovely friends while living at Bridgeview.

RUPERT



Emma Mayer Schaeffer

Emma Mayer Schaeffer, an 84-year-old Rupert resident, passed away January 24, 2002, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert.

Emma was born August 6, 1917, in American Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Gottlieb and Anna Mayer. She married her sweet heart Henry Schaeffer on October 16, 1940 in Paul, Idaho. Witnesses were their mothers Anna Mayer and Caroline Schaeffer. They farmed in Paul and hunt project areas. Emma helped her husband farm. She loved her garden, flowers, raised chickens and rabbits. She loved to sew and was known for her cooking; especially her German dishes. She loved camp-

ing and fishing. The family looked forward to her famous homemade pancakes made over the campfire. Many good times were had around the campfire laughing and singing. Though she loved her family dearly her greatest love was for her Lord and Savior, Jesus.

She was survived by her children, Ronald Schaeffer, Logan, Utah; Juanita Schaeffer Zimmerman, David Schaeffer and Angela Schaeffer Hardy, all of Rupert; Steve Schaeffer of Paul; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers John Mayer of Layton, Utah; and Rhinold Mayer of Twin Falls; and one sister Helen Becker of Aberdeen, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Henry Schaeffer, her parents, live brothers, three sisters and one granddaughter Trina Schaeffer.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 28, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Rick Zimmerman, officiating. Friends may call Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

CALDWELL



Robert A. French

Robert A. French, 73, of Caldwell, died Thursday, January 24, 2002, at home of natural causes.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 29, 2002, at the Hagerman Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Mr. French was born October 16, 1928, at Fairfield, Idaho, the son of Cecil and Willie Warren Carmichael. He was raised by his grandmother, Fannie French and attended schools in Gooding and Bliss.

He married Wanda Loyd in November of 1950. In 1952, they moved to Lone Pine, California where he worked for Pittsburgh Plate Glass for 21 years. They moved to Jerome in 1972 where he was a dairy farmer for 4 years and later worked for the Jerome water district for 14 years until retiring. They moved to Missouri where they lived for five years and then moved to Caldwell in 1997 where he has since resided. Wanda passed away in 1997. Robert enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Dietrich school presents comedy

DIETRICH - Dietrich School will present the comedy, "Good Morning Miss Vickers" at 7 p.m. Monday at the Dietrich Elementary School.

The comedy is written by Stephen Levi and is about high school students who become trapped in a "time bubble" in an old school and are haunted by the ghost of an old school teacher, Miss Vickers.

Admission is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. The play is directed by Laura Dilworth and Connie Anderson.

St. Luke's negotiates deal with Ketchum CEO

KETCHUM - St. Luke's Regional Medical Center officials are negotiating with the chief executive officer of the Ketchum hospital in order to retain him.

Kerry George, spokesman for St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, said hospital officials hope to sign Jon Moses to another contract.

Moses oversaw the hospital after two hospitals in Sun Valley and Hailey merged to become one in November 2000.

Blaine Manor receives grant at luncheon Tuesday

HAILEY - The Blaine Manor received a \$51,000 grant at the Idaho Community Foundation's Southwestern Region community luncheon Tuesday.

Of that amount, \$50,000 came from the Deer Creek Philanthropic Gift Fund and \$1,000 from the Kissler Family Foundation Philanthropic Gift

Valley in brief

Fund, according to a Blaine Manor news release.

The money will be used to develop the Blaine Manor Foundation "to facilitate a comprehensive and integrated long-term care delivery system for the Wood River Valley," the release said.

Blaine Manor is a 25-bed skilled nursing facility in Hailey. Blaine Manor is in the process of using focus groups and long-term health-care consultants to identify community needs, the release said.

Public TV digital conversion will come to Magic Valley

BOISE - The Magic Valley will most likely get its digital conversion equipment installed for Idaho Public TV in spite of budget problems, said Peter Morrill, who heads up the state agency.

Morrill met with the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Friday and told it the third phase of digitalization must continue or risk losing the entire system. The federal government has mandated the system. The Magic Valley is the last area in the state where equipment has to be installed.

However, the agency will take a \$175,000 budget cut if IFAC goes with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget. That means longer downtime if transmitters break because a digital engineering position would be removed from the budget, Morrill said. It also probably means reducing broadcast hours

and programming

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, had earlier expressed concern about the Magic Valley losing public television. If the conversion did not continue forward. But after attending the IFAC presentation, he said he thought it likely the conversion would continue.

Sawtooth Society reports 2001 grant tally

KETCHUM - The Sawtooth Society reported that it gave \$91,200 in grants in 2001 to benefit the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The nonprofit organization also reported that Congress appropriated \$5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for use by the U.S. Forest Service to buy conservation easements on private property in the SNRA.

The Sawtooth Society said its 2001 grants went to the Forest Service, which used the money for trail, trailhead, camp sites, educational programs and materials, an outdoor amphitheater, fences, and a volunteer coordinator.

Private, mostly community-based organizations received grants from the society for various projects. The projects included winter use agreements, purchase of emergency medical equipment, fighting noxious weeds, cleaning up vandalized electrical equipment that posed environmental problems and volunteer work.

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Mom says giving in sets bad precedent

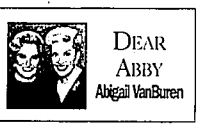
DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years. You are usually right on the money. While having my morning coffee today and reading your column, I came across your reply to "Mother Under Pressure."

I couldn't believe you advised that woman that her 10-year-old daughter should be allowed to shave her legs so she could fit in with her friends.

What's next, Abby? When her daughter comes home and says her friends are having sex, doing drugs, drinking alcohol, then she should join in this irresponsible behavior? Do you not think parents should have standards and maintain them? By the way, my daughter, who will be 17 next month, agrees with me. I'm disappointed in you, Abby.

OUTRAGED MOM, ERWIN, TENN.

DEAR OUTRAGED MOM: I advised the mother as I did out of compassion for the girl. When a girl asks her mother for permission to shave her legs, it is usually because she is self-conscious. And as a formerly furry child myself, I know how embarrassing that can be. I do not equate that decision with having sex, doing drugs or drinking alcohol. Shaving, when done correctly, is



DEAR ABBY

harmless. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl writing in response to "Mother Under Pressure," who was debating letting her 10-year-old daughter shave her legs.

The girl should be allowed to shave. I know how hard it can be to be different, and she will have to shave sooner or later - so she may as well save herself some embarrassment.

I had an 11-year-old friend who was not allowed to shave, and even her friends were talking behind her back about how odd she looked.

Please tell "Mother Under Pressure" that we girls are under pressure, too.

- BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR BEEN THERE: That's true, and when a child is made fun of by having sex, doing drugs or drinking alcohol. Shaving, when done correctly, is

DEAR ABBY: I want to say how right you were in your advice to "Mother Under Pressure." My mother wouldn't let me shave my legs until she finally gave in to my begging and pleading midway through seventh grade.

She resisted because she didn't want me to "grow up too fast."

I still clearly remember the shame and humiliation I felt about my hairy legs during gym class. It was devastating to my self-confidence at that age.

When my two daughters were young, I made it clear that it was their decision to make whenever they wanted to shave. One started in fourth grade and the other in fifth grade.

You are absolutely right about girls wanting to blend in at that age. Shaving is a harmless way to do so.

- GAIL D., BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR GAIL: Thank you for the support. I would like to add one thing, however. If a girl is just beginning to shave her legs, an electric razor and a few pointers on how to use it are a wise investment. That way there will be fewer scars on her legs later on.

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Some say torch relay slights S.V.

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — If there was a license plate to sum up the Sun Valley area, it might read "Famous Olympians."

More than two dozen Winter Olympians have called Sun Valley their home, as well as a few summer Olympians. And it's likely more would have been added to that roster had World War II not taken place.

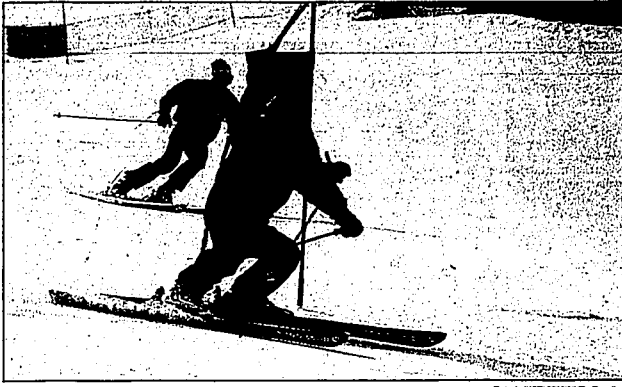
Still, Sun Valley is registering a mere blip in the Olympic torch run that parades through Twin Falls on Saturday, even though some local observers say the area may have more Olympians per capita than any other place in North America.

Ketchum engineer Dick Fosbury, who changed the world of high jumping forever during the 1968 Mexico City games with his patented "Fosbury Flop," was a last-minute addition to the Twin Falls torch relay. He backed into Twin Falls' relay much as he backed over the high jump pole when former Olympic luger Bud Feltman relinquished his torch-carrying duties.

Some Sun Valley area residents, already upset that Sun Valley would not see the torch, talked of snuffing the torch with fire extinguishers when they learned that Feltman had been selected to carry the torch in Twin Falls, said Mike Wilson.

Feltman, who now lives in Park City, Utah, was accused of faking his own death, committing insurance fraud and misleading Sun Valley-area investors in 1985.

Fosbury, who was nominated by the president of the U.S. Olympians alumni group on which he serves, was delighted to take Feltman's place. He said he was surprised no other Sun Valley Olympians were chosen to carry the torch and "very disappointed" that the torch didn't



Michel Rudgoc, who owns the Christiania Restaurant in Ketchum, was the most successful U.S. ski coach when it came to winning medals.

pass through Sun Valley, as it did go through Squaw Valley and other winter resort areas.

"One of the schools here had a fund-raiser a while back for which they contacted over 30 Olympians. So we're obviously loaded up here," he said.

The only other Sun Valley-area resident chosen to carry the torch through Idaho was Rod Tatsuno, a ski and snowboard instructor who spent the first three years of his life in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II. Tatsuno said he will donate his uniform and torch, which Sun Valley Company is buying for \$375, to the Ketchum/Sun Valley Heritage and Ski Museum.

Fosbury says he's looking for a place for his — perhaps at the Sun Valley Lodge, which already boasts a picture of his medal-winning high jump.



Megan Gerety attended the Community School while training on Baldy. Her hopes for an Olympic medal ended abruptly at Val d'Isere in 1992 when she collided with a Norwegian coach preparing a training run.

Sun Valley Olympians

Here's a list of Winter Olympians who have called Sun Valley home:

1928: John Heaton, silver medal for the crest. Charlie Proctor, a Nordic skier who later helped design Sun Valley's downhill ski runs.

1932: John Heaton tried again for a medal in the crest, and Audrey Peppé competed in ice skating.

1936: Don Fraser and Dick Durrance competed in alpine ski events and Audrey Peppé in ice skating.

1940: Don Fraser and Bill Janss, who bought Sun Valley Resort from Union Pacific Railroad in 1961, were named to the U.S. Olympic team as were Gretchen Fraser and Audrey Peppé. But the games were cancelled by World War II.

1944: No games due to World War II.

1948: Gretchen Knutig Fraser became the first American to win an Olympic ski medal, snaring a gold in alpine skiing at St. Moritz, Switzerland. She earned a silver in alpine combined at the same Olympics. Also competing were alpine skiers Arno Jeannette Wirtz, Andrea Lawrence Mead, Paula Kahn, Brynhild Gramson, Don Amick, David Fairies and Booke Blinn.

1952: Andrea Mead Lawrence, who trained at Sun Valley for more than 10 years, became the first American to win two golds in alpine skiing in the same game to this day. She still is the only American to have two gold ski medals. Janette Burr Johnson and Betty Bell also competed in alpine ski events.

1956: Lynn "Back" Levy competed in the Nordic combined.

1960: Al Vincioletta competed in the Nordic combined and Chuck Ferries in alpine events.

1964: Doree Fryberger competed for the U.S. hockey team; Tom Newby and Bud Feltman; in luge; Chuck Ferries, in alpine skiing; and Judy Fuller, in pairs skating.

1968: Linda Sue Fratianne competed in figure sking and Edward Gillette in Nordic skiing.

1972: Susale Corcock won a bronze medal in downhill at Sapporo, Japan. Twins Terry and Tyler Palmer also competed in alpine ski competition.

1976: Pete Patterson competed in downhill, along with his sister, Susie Patterson. Alison Kaseal competed in Nordic combined and Bob Fisher-Good in slalom.

1980: Pete Patterson competed in all three alpine ski events, coming in fifth in downhill — the best showing yet for an American man — after doctors told him he'd never ski again due to a broken back, broken femur and knee injuries. Linda Sue Fratianne won a silver medal in figure skating. Christi Cooper got her

first crack at slalom and giant slalom, along with Abbi Flaher-Good and Maria Markich, and Alison Kaseal competed in Nordic competition.

1984: Christie Cooper won a silver medal in giant slalom at Sarajevo. Also competing: Alpine skiers Matt Lahn and Maria Markich.

1988: The Crest competed in downhill and Paul Puckett in slalom and giant slalom at Val d'Isere. Megan Gerety's chance to compete was wiped out when she was injured in a collision with a Norwegian coach preparing a training run.

1996: Picabo Street won silver in Lillehammer. Nordic racer Laura Wilson placed 10th in the 5-kilometer Nordic relay. And Paul Puckett competed in slalom and giant slalom.

1998: Picabo Street, still serving her 1998 World Cup championship in downhill, came back from an injury to win the gold in Nagano. Also competing: snowboarder Verie Van Et, biathlon team member Ntala Skinner and Nordic racer Laura Wilson. Murfy Davis won a bronze in the Paralympics held on the same courses immediately following the regular Winter Olympics.

Sun Valley also has become home to several men who made their marks in the Olympic ring, of course.

Among them: Stein Eriksen of Norway; Christian Pranda of Austria; Lail Odmark of Sweden and Ruben Macaya of Argentina. Michel Rudgoc, who owns the Christiania Restaurant, is one of the most successful coaches the U.S. Olympic ski team has ever had.

Sun Valley's Olympic moments don't end with the Winter Olympics, of course.

Summer Olympians include Dick Fosbury, whose "Fosbury flop" carried him to a gold medal in the high jump in 1968. Gabrielle Anderson-Schnepp captured America's attention with her struggles to win the last-place marathon finish in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Ruthie Mathes helped inaugurate the rough and tumble sport of mountain biking in the 2000 Sydney games.

And Dora Torres, the Tae-Bo instructor who won nine Olympic medals in four Olympics, has spent an increasing amount of time on the slopes of Sun Valley. She rents her property out to a home. Last year Torres shed her first to compete in her first ski race — the Bill Janss Celebrity Race to raise money for Sun Valley's Ski Education Foundation. This year she's been training to ski in Sun Valley's cross-country tracks and snowboard on Baldy.

MISSIONARY

TWIN FALLS — Elder Justin C. Heatwole has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Kingdom of Jamaica.

Heatwole will speak in



Justin Heatwole

sacrament meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 14th Ward Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

Heatwole graduated in 2000 from Twin Falls High School, where he was active in the National Honor Society, basketball and football. He plans to pursue a medical profession after his mission. His parents are Virgil Heatwole and Cindy Warren, both of Twin Falls.

Formerly jailed boxer rallies crowd to fight hate

BOISE (AP) — Thirty-five years after he was unjustly convicted of murder and robbed of his chance at a boxing title, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is still a champion.

Holding two middleweight championship belts above his head, he told a crowd of more than 3,000 at the Boise State University Pavilion Thursday night never to surrender to despair.

"You have to seize every opportunity. You have to dare to dream," Carter said to the cheering crowd, explaining that he was given the belts by two boxing federations in honor of his struggle for freedom.

Carter, who is black, was unjustly convicted of a triple murder in a New Jersey bar. He was given three consecutive life sentences based mainly on racial bias, not evidence.

At the time of his arrest, he was the No. 1 contender in the middle-

weight division. But Carter never got his title shot because he spent the next 19 years in prison fighting for his release and his dignity.

When he got to prison, he was angry and resentful and fought every rule. But he finally realized the way he would ever be free of torment was to drop his hate and rage behind and embrace hope.

"Hate put me in prison. Love busted me out," he said. "I knew if I was going to survive, I had to change my mind."

Carter did not talk much about the exhaustive court appeals he went through for 19 years or what it felt like to finally be released in 1985, when a federal judge overturned his conviction.

Instead, he talked about the importance of finding peace with yourself and never giving up hope, no matter what the situation.

Knights

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Milling said. He has been training in Yuma, Ariz.

He says he loves free falling. "It's hard to explain, you're in control and so alive. I want to keep training. I want to do more, more, more," he said.

He has fond memories of life in Twin Falls, such as flip diving off the cliffs at Dierkes Lake and being the first male cheerleader at TFHS.

Trip Craig, a friend of Milling, had some memories of his own.

"Back then it was all right to take a gun to school," Craig said. "After school, we'd go out Pole Line (Road), out to what was then country, take the shot-guns out of the trunk, and go camping hunting."

"His dad could scare the life out of you," Craig said. "I think he was a colonel, but not sure. Anyway, he was also a preacher. You never back-sassed him."

Milling said his dad, after 32 years of service in the Army, has retired.

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — If you've ever had a problem, you might just find the solution at the Invent Idaho competition today at Big Valley Elementary School.

Projects ranging from an underground garbage removal system to a dry erase marker with an eraser on the end will be out for public viewing today from 1 until 3 p.m. in the Big Valley Elementary gymnasium.

Minidoka County students in first through eighth grades today are competing in the local contest. Winners from today's event advance to the regional competition in Idaho Falls in February. Winners from that level move on to Boise for the state competition later this year, contest organizer Tammy Broadhead said.

The competition is similar to a science fair, Broadhead said, but projects are inventions. The goal

Take a peek
The public may view entries in the Invent Idaho competition from 1 until 3 p.m. today in the gymnasium at Big Valley Elementary School, 202 16th St. in Rupert.

is to solve a problem. Students can only spend \$12 on a project.

"They have to be very creative and resourceful," Broadhead said.

There are five categories — working models, non-working models, adaptations, games and Jules Verne. The Jules Verne category is for futuristic ideas.

Judges look for student initiative, Broadhead said. Parents can help, but "the ideas have to come from the kids."

Students are encouraged to come up with inventions which benefit people. The state winner last year, Broadhead said, was a game that taught sign language.

Idaho's 'Golden Gate' needs expensive repairs

LEWISTON (AP) — A lot of troubled political waters have passed under the Dent Bridge since it was built three decades ago, spanning the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

But now that the Dworshak Reservoir and dam finally seem to have been accepted as part of the upper Clearwater, the bridge itself is in trouble.

Clearwater County bought the suspension bridge from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It has been called Idaho's Golden Gate. A graceful steel span linking the high country over steep

forested breaks, the bridge remains a crucial backcountry trestle for logging traffic and recreationists.

But it needs \$1 million in painting alone, and there are some concerns about its structural integrity.

For all its beauty and utility, the bridge has become a financial drain, Clearwater County commissioners say.

"It's a liability that's grown to where the county can't afford it," Commissioner Ric Hood said.

The bridge is on the principal route between Orofino and Elk

River. Corrosion has developed in least one of the anchor walls where the bridge's huge cables are secured in bedrock.

While there are apparently no indications of imminent danger, the situation warrants attention to ensure future safety, Hood said.

But the cost of paint and maintenance alone, he speculates, could bankrupt the county. The small Dent Bridge trust account has a balance of just \$345,000.

Hood hopes the commissioners can find alternative sources of cash.

Redding, Megan Harper and Crystal Hensen knew they had a problem with messy rooms. So they invented the "Nifty-Spifty Carry-out," and entered it in the contest.

The carry-out is a drawer on wheels which can slide underneath other items, like a bed. It can be used anywhere, Darrington said — the bedroom, bathroom or a sewing room.

The girls created a blueprint before beginning to build. Building it was the hardest part, Darrington said — "definitely the hardest part."

Tammy Broadhead was happy to see all the entries. The competition encourages students to "take a simple problem and find a simple solution."

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Group touts tax figures to back anti-snowmobile stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservation groups that want snowmobiles banned from Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks released figures Friday that they claim prove towns along the parks' border don't need snowmobiles to thrive.

But the Chamber of Commerce in West Yellowstone, Mont., a major destination for winter

snowmobilers, said the tax collection figures cited were taken out of context and paint a misleading picture.

Community leaders have suggested if snowmobiles are banned or restricted from the park — a proposal the National Park Service currently is considering — local economies could be devastated.

The figures released Friday by The Wilderness Society and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition show tax collections from West Yellowstone tourists in March 2001 jumped considerably from March 2000, despite an early end to the snowmobile season in the park last year because of poor snow conditions.

"The change in access (to the park) did not hurt at all the local economy," Betsy Buffington, a spokeswoman for The Wilderness Society, said in a conference call with reporters.

West Yellowstone collected \$109,000 in sales taxes during March 2001. That was a 63 percent increase over March 2000, when the snowmobile season was in full swing.

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Training has required that volunteers attend one three-hour training session monthly since last March, and are now awaiting the arrival of the Polish delegates.

Another bonus will include free tickets to their choice of concerts in the downtown Medals Plaza.

Edmunds, with his wife, Kari, plans to attend the Foo Fighters concert — and there's a reason for that.

"Dave Matthews was already sold out," Edmunds said.

Edmunds is majoring in zoology and plans to apply to dental school this summer.

Ryan Edmunds is the son of Ken and Jane Edmunds of Twin

Falls.

Jane Edmunds said she and her husband won't be able to attend the international events she said she guesses they'll have to "live the Olympics" through (Ryan's) eyes," she said.

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Helmets

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Cara Hansen of Burley replied, "Because it's rainbow."

Scott Duncan, a ski patrol leader at Pomerelle, notes the children of most parrollers wear helmets. A good helmet not only protects, it also insulates. A snow helmet can make a cold and windy day bearable, without impairing one's vision or hearing.

"Many of the serious injuries we see are head injuries," said Brad Sawyer, another ski patrol leader. Helmets could prevent many of these injuries, he said.

The most common skier's head injury is a concussion, the brain slapping against the inside of the skull, Duncan said.

A helmet can help guard against concussions but will not

make anyone invincible, he warned.

While helmets do make skiing and snowboarding safer, nothing can replace experience and a healthy respect for danger. People should make time to read the skier's responsibility code, and take classes if they are not familiar with the slopes, Kelly said.

Senate prepares to repeal term limits

BOISE (AP) - House and Senate Republicans went behind closed doors on Friday to deal with a request for the number of voter complaints about the repeal of the 1994 term limits initiative. Leaders wanted to make sure members were following the state's open records law after a Boise television station requested the records. In the closed Senate caucus, the members also gave the go-ahead to repeal the term limits law. The House overwhelmingly approved the repeal on Thursday by a vote of 50 to 20, three more

votes than needed to override Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's promised veto. Earlier Friday, advocates led by Post Falls stockbroker Don Morgan launched a radio advertising campaign against the state Senate, where repeal supporters say they have the votes for to pass the bill but are uncertain if they have the two-thirds supermajority needed to override a veto. "We are going to bring the people to bear on the Senate,"



Morgan said. A vote by the full Senate could come before the end of next week. Even if Kempthorne's veto is overturned, making Idaho the first state to repeal statewide term limits, there is certain to be yet a fifth public vote on the issue in November. Morgan has guaranteed the movement will get the 43,700 signatures needed to again put the legislative repeal before voters. Morgan has called lawmakers

arrogant for trying to assert their will over that of the voters. Term limits critics contend outside interests and one wealthy patron, who briefly lived in Idaho, sold the proposition to voters without any significant opposition. They claim it would severely impair the ability of local governments to fill offices. While the matter of term limits has been approved by voters in one form or another four times between 1994 and 1998, the support for the concept declined in each vote.

School safety plan meets with questions

BOISE (AP) - Senate Education Committee members on Friday were cool to a colleague's five-part plan for helping school districts pay to finance building safety improvements. Republican Sen. Darrel Deide of Caldwell said proposals he and another lawmaker developed during the past year might help resolve the lawsuit behind a judge's ruling that the Legislature has failed in its financial responsibility. "We've got to have something that's long term, far reaching," the former Caldwell School District superintendent and former Education Committee vice chairman said. If the proposal is accepted, Deputy Attorney General

Michael Gilmore said 4th District Judge Deborah Ball likely would wait to see whether the steps outlined by Deide on Friday address the problem. He also said it probably would not satisfy the attorney for the school districts that brought the suit. A year ago Ball ruled that the state's system for ensuring all public schools provide safe, learning-conducive environments was unconstitutional. She refused to order a solution then but said in October that one could be forthcoming as soon as February. Idaho is the only state that requires a two-thirds majority vote for approval of property tax-financed school bonds and that also provides no state tax dollars for school buildings.

Historical Society proposes funding source

BOISE (AP) - State Historical Society Director Steve Guerber concedes there is no cash to maintain the state's efforts to preserve records and historic buildings next year. But he told the budget writers Friday that the society's board of directors will meet the problem head-on in the 2003 session by proposing a permanent source of cash dedicated solely to society operations. Guerber also said that this spring former Attorney General David Leroy and a number of business and civic leaders will announce creation of the Foundation for Idaho History to provide cash for programs to augment those the foundation operations with state and federal money. Legislators quickly fixed on the

foundation as a possible source of cash to cover the 17 percent reduction Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has ordered for the coming budget year. "Their greatest fear," Guerber responded for Leroy and the others, "is if they create this foundation, it will be your excuse to fund this agency." Kempthorne's austere budget blueprint, if approved, will eliminate the last \$60,000 earmarked for maintaining the more than 50 historic buildings the society has in its charge throughout the state. The other \$50,000 was cut out last fall as part of the governor's effort to keep this year's budget in the black. Experts say the state should be spending \$240,000 a year to maintain those buildings, some 150 years old. Not even half that amount

has ever been spent as maintenance demands mount. "We've been hurting for a long time," Guerber said. "We're running out of gum." And while the governor made a point in his State of the State address of pointing out what a tourist draw the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebration will be, his budget cutting will eliminate the modest \$110,000 the state had put toward the events. Guerber said federal officials have suggested some additional federal money might be diverted to Idaho if there was some demonstration from the state of a real financial commitment of its own. Guerber has already laid off three people and ended 50 years of free public access to the state historical museum as his office

has had to cope with a reduction in federal support on top of the state cuts. He provided no specifics about a new revenue source for the agency. The Fish and Game Commission got the cold shoulder several years ago when it proposed a surcharge on camping and other outdoor gear to finance nonhunting and nonhunting programs. Public Television General Manager Peter Morrill put the panel on notice that the cost of converting its signal to digital may not end with the \$600,000 sought in the 2002-2003 budget. He said federal regulators could require the state to replace all its translators - the devices that extend the reach of the television signal beyond transmitters so it gets to the remote areas of Idaho.

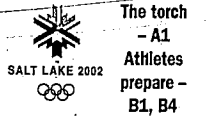
L-C college eyes cutting rodeo program

LEWISTON (AP) - Lewis-Clark State College President Dene Thomas is suggesting that the state's only team-level rodeo program be turned into a club to help save the college money. But supporters argued that would eliminate scholarships and funding for the sport. Colleges and universities around the state are having to grapple with the idea of a 10-percent budget cut next year. Thomas' idea for the rodeo program is to turn it into a club sport, which would keep it in the same division, the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. The University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Boise State University all have club rodeo teams, she said.

S.L.C. Olympic bid leader remains battered and bitter following ordeal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Two weeks before his indictment on Olympic bribery charges, Dave Johnson was offered a deal: Plead guilty to a charge and cooperate. His lawyer told him he'd probably get just 30 days of home confinement. But Johnson, by then ousted from his \$200,000-a-year job as senior vice president for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, would have to sign a sweeping confession of bribery and deception drafted by the U.S. Justice Department. "I can't do it," Johnson told his lawyer, Max Wheeler. So instead, a federal grand slapped Johnson and his former boss, Tom Welch, who was president of the Salt Lake City bid and organizing committees, with 15 felony counts of bribery racketeering, fraud and conspiracy. The charges are punishable by up to 75 years in prison. The once-acclaimed bid leaders were accused of playing international

criminally wrong. I didn't even know the Travel Act existed." He accused federal prosecutors of trying to ruin him, even checking his credit report for signs of financial distress. Most of all, Johnson feels betrayed by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt and other Olympic trustees who, when the scandal unfolded in late 1998 and early 1999, branded the bid leaders criminals and disavowed knowledge of their dealings. "The hypocrisy was unbelievable from a person who raises money for a living." Leavitt said Friday he had sympathy for the fallen bid leader. "I was required to clean up a situation that had clearly gone awry. Whenever you do that, there are inevitable bad feelings. I don't harbor bad feelings toward Dave. I hope he is able to move forward with his life. He deserves to be recognized for the contribution he made. He worked hard," Leavitt told The Associated Press.



Legislative log

- Completes for Friday**
Legislative action complete
HCR11 (Revenue and Taxation) - Urges Congress to permanently repeal the estate tax.
- Confirmed by Senate**
Paul Agidius, Moscow, to the State Board of Education.
Laird Stone, Twin Falls, to the State Board of Education.
Patricia Story, Boise, to the State Building Authority.
Philip Reberger, Boise, to the State Building Authority.
Del Ray Holm, Roberts, to the Commission on Pardons and Pardon.
- Introduced in Senate**
SB1329 (Health and Welfare) - Revises the definition of stillbirth for compiling vital statistics.
- Introduced in House**
HB487 (Revenue and Taxation) - Clarifies the contingency requirement for land of more than five acres devoted to agriculture to qualify for a property tax exemption.
HB488 (Revenue and Taxation) - Establishes the method of assessing rural home site developments, in counties with populations of less than 100,000, for taxing purposes.
HB489 (Environmental Affairs) - Eliminates the requirement that a Washington State Basin Project Commission representative be from Spokane County, and allows the position to be selected by the governor of Washington.

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Should Congress increase fuel economy requirements?

Yes

Tightening standards will reduce pollution, save money

NICHOLAS L. CAIN

Imagine if there was a simple thing we could do that would clear the sky of toxic air pollution, reduce the threat of global warming and improve our homeland security.

Now imagine if this simple change could save Americans billions of dollars each year as well. Does that sound too good to be true? Well truth is stranger than fiction. We can ameliorate many of our energy-related woes with the stroke of a pen: By updating fuel-efficiency standards for cars and trucks.

Improving corporate average fuel efficiency standards - also known as CAFE - is the single biggest step we can take to reduce our dependence on imported oil and improve our energy security. And, according to a report released last summer by the Union of Concerned Scientists, by phasing the higher standards in over 10 years, automakers can reach this goal with relative ease.

Bringing fuel-efficiency standards up to 40 miles per gallon would save consumers an estimated \$9.8 billion a year on fuel costs while reducing the amount of global warming gases and toxic air pollution we pump into the atmosphere by hundreds of millions of tons.

Even better, updating these standards could cut our oil use by 3 million barrels per day - that's far more than we currently take from the Persian Gulf. And, in under 10 years, this simple change would save more oil than is thought to exist under the entire Arctic wildlife refuge.

There is a bill now in Congress that updates these standards and sets us on the road to energy independence. But, despite the many benefits, some are fighting this common-sense solution and pushing to leave CAFE standards where they are - stuck in the mid-1970s.

Opponents of updated CAFE standards have long questioned whether the technology exists to make these improvements happen. But according to the Union of Concerned Scientists report, "Drilling in Detroit: Tapping

Automaker Ingenuity to Build Safe and Efficient Automobiles," by 2012 automakers could meet these updated standards without harming the safety or comfort of our cars or trucks.

How will they do it? As the report shows in great detail, the lion's share of the fuel savings can be made through improving drivetrain efficiency. And, as car manufacturers continue to innovate, we will be able to do even better. Using hybrid gas-electric technology, the Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that cars and trucks might be able to get 55 miles per gallon by 2020.

Updating CAFE standards would also have another crucial benefit: It will reduce our dependence on oil. Cars and trucks account for nearly 70 percent of our current oil consumption.

And, when it comes to energy security, oil is America's Achilles' heel - not only must we maintain a supply imported from overseas but we must protect the pumps, pipelines and storage tanks required to move, process and store petroleum.

Though improved fuel-efficiency standards won't solve all of our oil-related problems, the less oil we use, the safer we are.

CAFE standards have already been overwhelmingly effective: In

2000 alone American consumers saved more than \$90 billion while keeping 700 million tons of global warming pollution out of our atmosphere. But the original schedule for these standards ended in 1985 and since then, neither Congress nor the federal government has done anything to spur innovation.

Bringing fuel-efficiency standards up to date will save us billions of dollars at the pump, reduce the amount of pollution in our sky and make our nation less dependent on imported oil. Now that the technology is ripe and the costs low, it is time to act in the public interest and improve fuel-efficiency standards.

Nicholas L. Cain is communications director for the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Society.

No

Fuel-efficient cars cause drivers to use more, not less

ERIC PETERS

"Good gas mileage" is a value - but is it the most valuable thing about a new car or truck? How about vehicle size? Or good performance? Or the ability to carry heavy loads, and so on?

These are values, too. The question is: Should you the consumer be the one who determines which values are most important - or should that be the job of politicians, government bureaucrats and special interest groups?

Some believe the government should put fuel economy at the top of the list, and force the automakers to design and build their vehicles accordingly - even if that means safety, size, perfor-

mance and capability must be sacrificed to meet the edict of good gas mileage uber alles.

For years, this has been done via Federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy requirements. Under CAFE, each automaker's combined fleet of cars and trucks must meet a certain (and arbitrarily chosen) averaged fuel economy figure - it's now 27.5 miles-per-gallon for passenger cars, and 20.5 miles-per-gallon for "light trucks," SUVs and minivans.

If its fleet average fails to reach those mandates, the automaker is punished in the form of "gas guzzler" penalties and taxes that drive up the cost of its vehicles.

To satisfy the fuel economy rules, the automakers have had to do several things that have distorted the new car and truck marketplace, altering the way it would be absent the artificial pressure exerted by CAFE.

One such measure has been the "downsizing" of typical passenger cars - which, on average, has lost about 1,000 pounds since the 1970s. The automakers have also had to build and offer for sale so-called "loss leader" subcompact models that are not especially profitable.

Of course, the economic costs of the loss leaders are transferred to buyers of other models in the form of

generally higher sticker prices on the more popular models - as the automakers, like any other business, must make a profit in order to continue operating.

And the public also pays in other ways. The smaller, lighter vehicles we have today are also less safe than they would otherwise be - simply because massize is an inherent safety cushion that no air bag or other safety add-on can compensate for. A big car - by the laws of physics - is almost always more crashworthy than a small car.

But the public, as a result of CAFE, has had to sacrifice safety on the altar of fuel efficiency - a curious twist on the "blood for oil" slogan. It has been estimated that several thousand motor vehicle fatalities occur each year as a result of CAFE-downsized cars that would not otherwise have occurred.

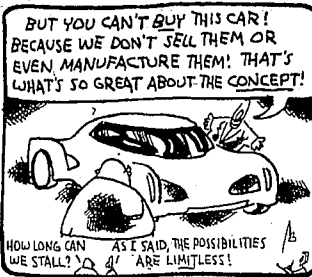
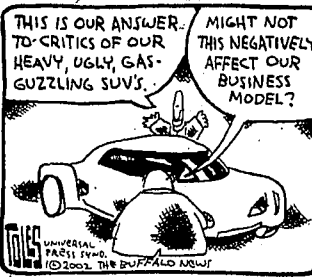
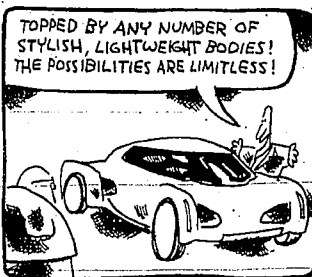
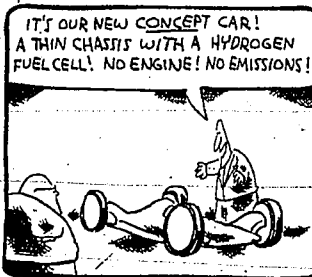
And the technological improvements the automakers have developed to improve the efficiency of their cars and trucks - such as fuel injection and overdrive transmissions - have simply encouraged people to drive more rather than less.

Our dependence on "foreign oil" is at an all-time high. By every measure, federal fuel economy requirements have been a massive failure - yet the government, sub-thumping politicians and certain special interest groups that claim to represent "the public" continue to insist upon raising CAFE requirements to as high as 40 mpg for passenger cars, and to perhaps 30 mpg for "light trucks," SUVs and minivans.

Yet, if 20-plus years of CAFE edicts have done nothing to decrease U.S. fuel consumption - what basis is there for believing that even higher CAFE requirements will do anything but continue to distort the new car marketplace, decrease safety, increase costs and limit consumer choice?

The government doesn't tell people where to live, or what kinds of homes they ought to live in. People choose what's right and best for them. That's how it ought to be with cars, too.

Eric Peters is a nationally syndicated consumer columnist.



LETTERS

Sen. Craig makes big faux pas

Where have I been? All this time, I thought Sen. Craig represented the entire state of Idaho and now I read in *The Times-News* that he doesn't represent Blaine County.

Is this a new law that I wasn't aware of? I don't think so. Could it be because Blaine County is predominantly Democratic? The rest of the state sure isn't. So why did he make a statement like that? Last time I heard, we still has the two-party system; otherwise, we'd be a dictatorship.

I think Sen. Craig made a big boo-boo when he made that statement. Makes you wonder what his attitude was when Cecil Andrus was elected governor for two terms.

ELIZABETH HERMAN

Buhl

Winter snows cause elk problems

The abundant snowfall last month made our holidays bright but also made life more difficult for other valley residents. Elk wintering in our valley looked for easy browse when their winter range became buried in deep snow. There were several locations where the elk browsed on aspen and other ornamental trees and shrubs on private property.

Because the Wood River Valley is home to abundant elk herds, such conflicts in winter will occur. On a community level, we can better serve local elk

herds get through this winter by observing the following:

- Don't feed the elk without first consulting the Idaho Department of Fish and Game about whether the conditions warrant feeding.
- Don't harass or chase the animals.
- Give wintering elk and other wildlife distance to avoid unnecessary stressing of the animals.
- As the snow settles, more people climb higher on the slopes on foot or with snowmachines. Scope slopes with binoculars and assure that vulnerable elk or other wildlife is not present before recreating there.
- Contact the Idaho Agricultural Extension Service office in Halsey at 788-5585 for advice about ways to protect your trees and shrubs, such as wrapping tree trunks.

In terms of the bigger picture, proactive planning and zoning decisions that help protect winter range from development will have benefit for the future of our elk herds. We can do our part by educating our neighbors about the needs of an elk herd and how our actions can impact them and by supporting continuing conservation education efforts. Landscaping degradation by elk can be avoided by planting species that are unpalatable and will not attract elk and deer.

We consider these magnificent animals an asset to our valley and need to act in an informed and consistent manner as a

community to assure their health and safety.

CATHY BAER

Ketchum

(Editor's note: Cathy Baer is a member of the citizens interests committee of the Wood River Elk Management Group.)

Some streets do need a new name

When it comes time for the "powers that be" in Twin Falls to rename their streets, here are some suggestions for the once beautiful Bridgeview Avenue:

How about "No Bridgeview Avenue," "Great Wall of Nielson Avenue," "Back of Building View Avenue" or "Brick Wall View Avenue"?

BLANCHE PETERS

Town Heters

Jerome

Jail isn't kindergarten playground

Brenda Hoover, I would like to live in your world, a world where inmates would actually pay \$600 to \$800 a month. Maybe then our deputies could get a pay raise with the surplus of money in the county budget.

Here in the real world, things aren't so rosy. The Twin Falls Jail is overpopulated and the county is forced to pay other counties thousands of dollars to house the overflow (so much for a salary increase).

Inmates don't have to pay for shampoo, soap, etc. They are given soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, comb, pencils, paper and

envelopes. The county pays to mail two letters per inmate per week.

Inmates are fed three nutritionally balanced meals a day. The meals are prepared by inmate workers, stored in warmers and served to the inmates. There are plenty of people who would love to have three meals a day, especially ones prepared and served to them.

Inmates go to recreation each morning unless circumstances in the jail do not permit. The equipment may not be abundant, but if inmates did not use it to escape, there would be more. If inmates want treadmills, stationary bikes and steam rooms, they need to pay to join a gym. You get what you pay for.

Inmates are called every morning to exchange their clothing items. If inmates choose to sleep during the exchange, it is their own fault. Nobody is going to hold their hand and walk them over to the clean clothes.

The county picks up the tab for health-care expenses incurred by inmates.

Inmates receive a bill for these expenses; guess how many inmates actually pay the county back?

Inmates have money to buy candy, food, toiletries, etc. Family members who come in to have a check signed by an inmate and find they have to place the funds on the inmate's account refuse to leave the check. They are terrified the money will go to pay back the county for housing the inmate.

Are you afraid an inmate might get made fun of? Jail is not a kindergarten playground where hurt feelings are easily taken care of with "I'm sorry, wanna play?" Did these inmates consider their victim's feelings when they committed their crimes? If you give respect, you get respect.

Finally, please do your homework before bashing the county. Did you know Twin Falls County meets all Idaho jail standards?

TERRY LEWIS

Jerome

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Senate fights tax breaks for companies

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate refused to give recession-strapped companies a new three-year tax break Friday, dealing Republicans a setback in their drive to add more tax cuts to a Democratic economic stimulus bill.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the provision would have cost \$66 billion over the next 10 years, worsening the government's already shaky fiscal outlook and possibly encouraging businesses to post-

pone job-creating investments. "We're trying to stimulate the economy by putting the emphasis on short-term proposals, and we're trying to limit the overall cost," Daschle said.

The action came a day after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said that stimulus legislation was not vital to the nation's economic recovery. With polls showing Americans are concerned as much about the economy as the war on terror, most lawmakers said they weren't

ready to give up yet. Debate is to resume next week.

"We ought to show the American people we are doing all we can to make this happen," said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

Smith's amendment would have allowed businesses to immediately write off 30 percent of the cost of new investments over each of the next three years. The bill sponsored by Daschle would provide this 30 percent bonus depreciation in only one year.

Despite support from President Bush and much of corporate America, the amendment fell 21 votes short of the 60 needed to overcome a Senate budget rule.

All Democrats who voted opposed the amendment, joined by a lone Republican, Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island.

Republicans said they would rewrite the provision so that the tax break would apply for two years instead of three, something that could draw more Democratic support.



Gabreal Nybo hugs a friend Friday in Kellogg after stepping out of the Silver Mountain ski area gondola.

Rescuers find skiers on Idaho mountain

KELLOGG (AP) - Two Montana men missing since Wednesday at the Silver Mountain ski area were found in good condition Friday.

Shoshone County Sheriff Chuck Reynolds said ski patrol members found Michael Ormandy, 27, and Gabreal Nybo, 30, of Missoula, near the top of the mountain.

"They are cold, wet, hungry and dehydrated," Reynolds said, adding the men were otherwise OK.

The two came down the mountain and were reunited with family members on Friday afternoon. "I do feel lucky," Ormandy said. "I made a pretty silly decision and it turned wrong for me."

Nybo expressed gratitude for rescuers who braved avalanche conditions to find them.

About 60 people searched in snow and wind on Friday.

Winds were gusting to 60 mph near the top of the mountain, and

as much as 14 inches of snow had fallen, Reynolds said. The ski area had been forced to close Thursday and Friday because of the weather, he said.

One man was found Friday morning in a makeshift shelter, while the other had apparently left earlier to get help, Reynolds said. He was found nearby.

The men were last seen around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, said Pat Nowak, an assistant manager at the ski hill. They came to Silver Mountain with two women, split up to ski, and were supposed to meet the women back at the lodge at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The women called authorities late Wednesday afternoon after the men failed to show up. A rescue team went up the mountain for several hours that day but stopped because snow and high winds had created avalanche danger.

The men were experienced in the outdoors, Reynolds said.

Yucca

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The panel, created by Congress as a technical watchdog in the search for a nuclear waste site, acknowledged that it had found no single issue "that would automatically eliminate" Yucca Mountain as a waste repository, eligible to accept much of the nation's waste, including that from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

But the 11-member board said the Energy Department's analysis of the facility depends largely on computer models that try to predict performance thousands of years in the future - and that poses scientific uncertainties that must be considered.

Despite 13 years of scientific study of the Yucca site, there remain "gaps in data and basic understanding" of how the volcanic rock and hydrology - as well as the man-made barriers that would contain the waste - will perform over tens of thousands of years, the panel said in its report released Friday.

As a result, the board has "limited confidence" in the DOE's predictions that the site will provide the protection that is anticipated over many centuries. At the same time, the panel acknowledged "eliminating all uncertainty associated with (future) performance would never be possible at any repository."

Policy makers will have to decide "how much scientific

uncertainty is acceptable," said the board in letters sent Thursday to the Energy Department and congressional leaders.

Two weeks ago, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announced he has concluded "that the science behind this project is sound and that the (Yucca) site is technically suitable" to keep highly radioactive waste from commercial power plants and the federal weapons program.

He said he planned to give a formal recommendation next month to President Bush to go ahead with the project, which is strongly opposed by Nevada officials who have argued that the government is ignoring safety concerns.

Tires

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Terry Schultz, the waste district's executive director, said he plans to discuss alternative contractors with the district's board of directors this week. Tires brought to the landfill and transfer stations for disposal are being stored on site until a new contractor is chosen, Schultz said.

The waste district paid Floyd to take the old tires Magic Valley residents brought to the district and paid to have disposed of properly. Floyd operated a business where he sold the tires for recycling.

Take a break Crossword on page C6 today

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SPORTSQUOTE

“This is just me being me. You know, my best maybe just isn't good enough. And that's OK, that's human.”

—Picabo Street, who sat in the snow and cried, after finishing 33rd in a World Cup Super G race, meaning she won't get a chance to defend her Olympic title at the Salt Lake City Games

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College basketball
 - CSI at Colo. NW, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's college basketball
 - CSI at Colo. NW, 5:30 p.m.
- High school boys basketball
 - Valley at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
 - Gooding at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
 - Wood River at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball
 - Northside Conference Tournament, at Carey HS JV championship: Shoshone vs. Dietrich, 4:30 p.m.
 - Carey vs. Richfield, loser out, 6 p.m.
 - Shoshone vs. Dietrich, winner's bracket, 7:30 p.m.
- Magic Valley Conference Tournament, at Murtaugh HS
 - Murtaugh vs. Oakley, 4:30 p.m.
 - Raft River vs. MVC, 6 p.m.
 - Hagerman vs. Castledorf, 7:30 p.m.
- High school wrestling
 - Red Halverson Invitational, at Minico, 9 a.m.
 - Gooding Invitational, 10 a.m.
 - Builey JV Tourney, 9 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls Legion holds meeting on Monday
TWIN FALLS — A meeting for American Legion Baseball parents and board members will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in Room G2 at Twin Falls High School. For more information, call Dusty Tenney at 734-2288.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



SALT LAKE 2002

Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

The torch arrives in Twin Falls today at

9:55 a.m.

13 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The flame stays in Idaho all day, starting in Boise and passing through Mountain Home, Twin Falls and Pocatello, then crossing the Fort Hall Indian Reservation before an overnight stay in Idaho Falls.

March to the Medal: Former Olympic bid leader Dave Johnson remains bitter over being charged in the scandal that helped Salt Lake win the games. This week, the Justice Department appealed a federal judge's decision to dismiss the case, leaving it far from resolved.

Celebrities stoke Olympic flame

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So what gets the former frontman of the band Chicago and two-time Grammy award nominee Peter Cetera excited these days?
How about talking about his 18-year-old daughter Claire and her chances of making the U.S. Olympic snowboarding team?
“You know, I started snowboarding with her when she was a kid,” Cetera said. “And I just saw her at a couple of World Cup

races this year down in Park City, (Utah) and up in Canada. And then to have your daughter turn into one of the top alpine snowboarders in the world, and to see how fast they go — I was stoked.”
Cetera, who moved to Sun Valley in the 1990s, was joined Friday in Twin Falls by two other Blaine County residents — movie and television actor Adam West and 1968 Olympic high jump gold medalist Dick Fosbury — for an appearance at Randy Hansen Autoplex.
The trio shook hands, signed



Dick Fosbury Falls today from 10 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. The Corvette has been travel-

ing across the country with the torch since it left Atlanta on Dec. 4. Approximately 500 former Olympians and celebrities have signed the car. It will be on display at the Winter Olympics when the torch finally reaches Salt Lake City Feb. 8.
“I'll be carrying the torch tomorrow but I wanted to participate in the Corvette coming through town as well,” Fosbury said. “And all these names that are on there, it's very exciting.”
Fosbury also said he hasn't started getting butterflies in his

stomach about carrying the torch.
“I don't get nervous until about five minutes before the competition,” he said. “I think I'm well-trained for it and I think I'm ready to go.”
West, who played “Batman” in the 1960s television series, said one of the reasons he moved to Sun Valley about 15 years ago was for the skiing.
Being a part of the torch relay celebration is just an added perk, he added.

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Acroboardics

Salt Lake-based trampoline troupe hits Magic Valley

By Ethan Stone
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Craig Peterson's got the life.
A water-ski performer starting out at the age of 6, Peterson moved on to professional snow skiing, freestyle aeriels and mogul skiing before competing on the world tour for 10 years. There, he was crowned world professional aerial skiing champion, U.S. National combined freestyle skiing champion, and snagged eight world records. In 1979, he landed a 1,440 move, which is four complete rotations while flying through the air. Then he tossed a quadruple backflip in 1980 — only the fifth such person in the world to do so.
Now, Peterson is the owner and operator of Max-Air Snowflyers, a traveling troupe of some of the best skiers and snowboarders in the world. They perform high-flying tricks on special trampolines or off custom-made portable ramps, and have toured such places as Mexico, Alaska, Florida, and fairs and amusement parks worldwide.
Friday, Twin Falls was the latest stop on the Max-Air tour. The Snowflyers performed three shows at Center Court in the Magic Valley Mall Friday, and will continue the exhibition today in front of Barnes & Noble at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon as part of the Olympic torch relay festivities around Twin Falls today.
Joining Peterson Friday were



Craig Peterson, owner of Max-Air Productions, does a trick on his 220 skis off a trampoline at the Magic Valley Mall Friday afternoon. The Max-Air show also features snowboard trampoline stunts and will perform again today at the mall in front of Barnes & Noble.

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Max-Air Snowflyers
Where: Barnes & Noble at the Magic Valley Mall
When: Today, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon
Cost: Free exhibitions

Last-second basket gives Spartans win

By John Derr
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Minico led just three times, but the last lead was the most important.
A tip-in by John Fennell — originally waved off then put up on the scoreboard — gave the Spartans a 52-50 victory over the Twin Falls Bruins in a 5A Region III boys basketball battle Friday night.
Neither team shot well and the turnovers were high. Both coaches credited the defense of the other.
“You are going to get that at the end of the season. Two teams that know each other well. Hopefully we can make some plays down the stretch,” said Minico coach Mike Graefe.
The teams stayed close throughout. The Bruins (5-11, 13 Region III) pushed the lead to six points on three occasions, but each time Minico (11-4, 4-1) would come back. The score was tied on 10 occasions.
The last time came a 1:36 mark of the final period. The Bruins, who were playing with two starters on the bench with five fouls (Leigh Castillo and Andy Coats), ran 40 seconds off the clock before getting fouled. Unfortunately they missed both free throws, but got a break



Twin Falls Cole Easter and Minico's Taylor Duncan fight for the ball in their Region III boys basketball game Friday night at Twin Falls High School. Minico earned a close, 52-50 win.

when the Spartans turned the ball over.
With 15 ticks left, the Bruins ran the play they wanted a get a shot in the paint, but it didn't fall.
“We executed and got a good shot,” said Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt.
The Spartans got the rebound and instead of calling a time out, they went for the basket.
“We talked about it during the time out: We needed to get a stop and I asked if we wanted a time out. Ryan (Hepworth) said fets go,” added Graefe.

Street won't defend gold; Van Ert makes U.S. final cut

The Associated Press

Huddled over to hide her face, Picabo Street sat in the snow and cried.
She finished 33rd in a World Cup super-G race Friday, meaning she won't get a chance to defend her Olympic title at the Salt Lake City Games.
But it was better news for another Idaho Olympian Friday, as women's snowboarder Sondra Van Ert picked up a wild-card spot when the U.S. Olympic snowboard team was officially announced on Friday.
Van Ert, a parallel giant slalom rider, finished 12th in the 1998 Olympics. She is the most experienced racer on the snowboard team, and has won four medals in World Championship competition. She joins Boise's Lisa Kosglow, who'll represent the Gem State in snowboarding in Salt Lake City.
For Street, it was her fourth straight poor World Cup showing in the super-G and prevented her from making the U.S. team in that event. She did qualify for the Olympics in the downhill.
“You know, I was thinking at the top today that this is my last super-G,” said Street, who will

Idaho Winter Olympians

- (Athletes with Idaho ties with event, date and venue where each will compete at the 2002 Winter Olympics starting Feb. 8)
Picabo Street, Sun Valley - Women's downhill, Feb. 11 (Snowbasin, Park City)
Janet Peterson, Boise - Freestyle aerials, Feb. 10, 19 (Deer Valley)
Sondra Van Ert, Ketchum - Women's snowboard, Feb. 14-15 (Park City Mtn. Resort)
Lisa Kosglow, Boise - Women's snowboard, Feb. 10, 14-15 (Park City Mtn. Resort)
Tessa Bonnot, Sun Valley - Cross country skiing, Feb. 9, 12, 15, 19, 21 (Soldier Hollow)
Dane Spencer, Boise - Slalom skiing, Feb. 21 (Park City Mtn. Resort); Feb. 23 (Deer Valley)
Warner Hoeger, Chris Hoeger, Boise - Luge, Feb. 11-13, 15 (Utah Olympic Park)

race in Saturday's downhill, then skip World Cup events next week in Are, Sweden.
Gerog of Germany won Friday's race in 1:20.20 seconds, edging Renate Goetsch of Austria by 0.01 seconds.

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SPORTS

Senators defeat struggling Wood River

HAILEY - Gooding defeated Wood River 54-42 Friday night in Sawtooth Central Idaho boys basketball in Hailey.

Henry Lozada led Gooding with 19 points. Willie Mullins added nine points for the Senators.

Gooding had an excellent job of keeping us out of offense," Wood River coach Jeff Larson said.

Dylan McHenry had nine points to lead the Wolverines. Wood River (1-14, 1-7 SCIC) travels to Jerome tonight.

Hansen 50, Hagerman 48 HAGERMAN - Chase Funk scored 20 points and Miguel Dos Santos added 13 as the Hansen boys basketball team held on to beat Hagerman 50-48.

The Huskies hit 13 of 30 free throws in the win. Hagerman (7-9, 4-4) travels to Oakley.

Kimberly 66, Buhl 50 KIMBERLY - Cody Gibbons scored 23 points to lift Kimberly over in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys basketball Friday night.

"Buhl got out and played well coming off a loss Thursday night," Kimberly coach Roger Keller said. "We didn't have an advantage game, but we hung in there and had a good fourth quarter."

Kimberly (9-6, 5-1 SCIC) hosts Gooding tonight.

Local sports

BURLY 70, Jerome 48 BURLEY - In Great Basin boys basketball play Friday night, Burley defeated Jerome in a landslide 70-48.

Bobcats. Jacob Kay added 12 points. Burley (9-7, 2-4 Great Basin) hosts Skyline on Tuesday.

Wendell 55, Shoshone 48 WENDELL - Cory Chandler led all scorers with 17 points to help Wendell defeat Shoshone 55-48 Friday night.

Wendell (14-2, 2-0 Canyon Conference) hosts Valley on Wednesday.

Magical Valley Christian 54, Bliss 50 OT TWIN FALLS - With six seconds left in overtime, Jared Blot made two free throws, clinching

the game for Magic Valley Christian. John Jarvis scored 17 points to lead the Conquerors. Andy Folkert added 13 points and Cody Griffith had 12 for MVC.

"The game was really close," MVC coach DuWayne Krause said. "We kept our composure and executed well down the stretch."

Calib Burk led all scorers with 27 points for the Bears. MVC (2-1, 0-11 Magic Valley Conference) goes to Twin Falls Christian Academy on Feb. 5.

Community School 63, TFCFA 56 KETCHUM - Catching a hot hand in the fourth quarter, The Community School boys got upset-minded Twin Falls Christian Academy 63-56 Friday in Ketchum.

Josh Stanek led all scorers with 23 points for the Cutthroats (6-6, 4-4 Northside), who also got 14 points from Adrian Charbonnet. Raymond Miller scored 22 points, and Tyler Jordan had 16 for the Warriors (7-7).

The Community School visits Bliss on Tuesday.

Castleford 60, Raft River 41 CASTLEFORD - Elvis Medina poured in a game-high 24 points, including three 3-pointers, as Castleford blew out Raft River 60-41 Friday in Castleford.

"Everybody contributed," he said. Bryce Greenwood led Raft River with 14 points.

The Wolves (16-1, 8-1 Magic Valley Conference) are at second-place Murtaugh on Tuesday.

Girls basketball Rigby 44, Jerome 41 RIGBY - Rigby took an early lead in the second quarter and wouldn't let go, defeating Jerome 44-41 in girls basketball on Friday night.

"We came back real well and we had our chances to close at the end, but we just couldn't pull through," Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said.

Vanessa West led the Jerome Tigers with 11 points. Injuries kept the Tigers' leading scorer, Jennifer Pond out of the game.

Jerome (14-6, 7-3 Great Basin) hosts the winner of Blackfoot/Bonneville on Thursday night.

Wrestling Spartans top Halverson RUPERT - The Red Halverson Memorial Tournament began Friday at Minico High School.

Eighteen teams from around Idaho participated in the tournament. Minico led all teams with 87 points. Blackfoot is just one point back with 86 points.

Seven Minico wrestlers advanced into the semifinals. "We had a pretty good day to start out," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "We lost two matches in the first round."

Then we lost a couple close matches that we didn't need to lose." The tournament resumes today at 9 a.m.

PRICE, Utah - The College of Southern Idaho women won their third straight game Friday night, escaping with a 66-60 victory at the College of Eastern Utah.

Trensha Biggers scored nine points to lead the Lady Golden Eagles (11-7, 4-4 Scenic West Athletic Conference). Jodi Reber added eight points and Kristi Hill scored seven.

McKell Warburton scored a game-high 12 points to lead Eastern Utah (6-14, 1-7), which lost its eighth in a row.

After watching its 32-29 halftime lead erode into a seven-point deficit at 52-45 with just under nine minutes left in the game, CSI took back the lead at 56-55 on a Reber jumper amid an 8-0 run.

A Warburton 3-pointer snuffed it at 59-58 with 2:23 left but Southern Idaho made eight-of-10 free throws down the stretch to come away with the victory.

"That's what won us the game," CSI coach Kendall Grant said. "Under the pressure, Belinda Adams, Amanda and Crystal Hardcastle were awesome."

The win draws CSI even in the conference at 4-4, one game behind Dixie State and Snow college, which are both tied at 5-3 for fourth place heading into tonight's game.

Southern Idaho came out on fire, running out to a 12-2 lead before giving it all back in a hail of 3-pointers - four in all - that saw the game tied at 14-14 midway through the first half.

They came out great the first 3 minutes," Grant said. "Belinda played some great defense and

Declo bullies Wildcats

Homets keep pace in SCIG

FILER - Declo surged ahead in the race to keep pace with Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys leader Kimberly Friday night, while Filer fell a little short.

A little short from the free-throw line. A little short from behind the point line. And a little short on the offensive boards.

Spencer Glenn finished with 19 points and Billy Alphin added 10 as the Hornets surged to a 50-40 win over Filer. The win moved the Hornets (7-9, 6-2 SCIC) within a win of Kimberly (9-7, 5-2) into a tie for second.

The win also split the season series between the two teams with each winning on the other's home floor.

"This was a very big game for us," Glenn said. "It was one that we needed and it puts us closer to first in conference which is what we want to be. Hopefully Filer and Kimberly lose one."

Declo overcame a sluggish first quarter by dominating the offensive boards and holding Filer to just 16 first-half points. The Hornets grabbed 15 offensive rebounds in the first two quarters while scoring 26 points, many coming on short jump shots by Glenn.

"The rebounding was a big part of the game," Declo coach Loyd Garey said. "That's something that you try and instill in

the kids but it's something that they've got to practice inside themselves. When we couldn't get our shots to fall our offensive boards kind of pulled us through."

The Wildcats cut Declo's lead to seven, 44-37, in 13:30 seconds to play on back-to-back 3-pointers by senior Matt Severo. But forced to foul to try and stay in the game, Filer sent Tre Jones to the free-throw line four times in the final minute where he went four of four to build Declo's back to 10. The Hornets made 18 of 23 attempts at the line for the game.

"To their credit they played great defense," Filer coach Gary Moon said. "And look at what they did at the free-throw line. We only hit 10 out of 21 at the line. And we missed some easy shots."

The Hornets never trailed and their lead was hardly threatened in the defense. Filer coach Gary Moon said. "We got the ball throughout the game and when they did break it, had trouble getting the ball to Tim Hughes. The 6-foot-3 senior finished with 10 points to pace the Wildcats."

"I thought we did a lot better job in the second half," Moon said. "We got the ball inside a little more and we got to line more. We tried to be more aggressive, but we just never got real close."

Filer meets Wood River next Friday while Declo faces Sugar-Salem on Tuesday and Kimberly on Saturday.

CSI women escape Eastern Utah with win

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

then off every-when with turnovers." Both teams exchanged the lead 10 times through the 3-Times Valley Conference game of the first half before Angela Williams gave CSI the lead for good with a 3-pointer.

CSI also got big contributions from its bench with Jacyl Jackson (six points) and Biggers helping out when CSI struggled late to score.

"Jacyl kept us close in some pretty tough games," Grant said. "Trensha just got up at the end, Reber hit a key shot in the corner and Belinda hit her free throws in the clutch."

"Everybody pulled together," CSI faces Colorado Northwestern Community College tonight at 5:30 p.m. Going into Friday's game with (six points), CSI has won two of its last two games.

But CSI has lost at CNCC the last two seasons.

Grant refused to comment on the status of sophomore guard Melanie Croser, who didn't travel with the team this weekend following an apparent rules violation. The coach did say that Croser was still on the team, however. Croser was unavailable for comment. ... It was CSI's third consecutive win over Eastern Utah.

Celebs

Continued from B1 "Skiing is how I really first discovered Idaho," West said. "I'm from a farm over in Washington state and we used to come here when I was on the ski team at Whitman College. I spent years in Los Angeles, but we kept a base of operations in Idaho. This is our home."

Approximately 450 people were on hand Friday morning to watch the community meet and greet the three stars.

"Twin Falls is incredible the way we support things," Hansen said. "The biggest fear I had was spending all this time on getting something like this here and then not have the community support it. But today the community really came out in force."

Hansen holds favor at Magic Valley Tournament

By Joe Sunnen Times-News writer

MURTAUGH - The biggest obstacle standing in front of the Hansen High girls basketball team and another Magic Valley Conference title might be themselves.

For the second straight year the Huskies cruised through the regular season with hardly a stumble, dropping just one game to Valley while running through the Magic Valley Conference competition undefeated.

Talented, balanced and deep, Hansen is clearly the team to beat when the conference tournament starts today at Murtaugh High School. A better question might be who's No. 2?

"I think the kids are looking forward to the tournament," Hansen coach Rick Abel said. "We've set some goals this season that go beyond the conference tournament, like winning the district title and doing better than

we did at last state season. I think we expect to be successful." Top-seeded Hansen (18-1, 12-0 MVC) opens with a bye in the first round. In all, seven teams will be competing for two automatic berths to the M.A. G.C. State Tournament Feb. 13-16. The third-place finisher will meet the No. 3 team from the Northside Conference for the final berth state.

The top two teams from the Magic Valley conference advance to meet the top two teams from the Northside at the District Four Tournament again at Murtaugh for seeding at the state tournament.

Raft River (12-8, 8-4) enters the tournament as the second seed and will meet No. 7 Magic Valley Christian (2-17, 0-12) in the opening round. The Trojans finished second at last season's tournament after falling to Hansen 43-42 in the championship game.

Hagerman wrapped up the third seed with a win against

Magic Valley Conference Tourney

Where: Murtaugh High School When: Starts today at 4:30 p.m. through Feb. 2. Cost: \$4 for adults, \$3 for students with activity cards. Cost covers admission into all of the day's games.

First round matchups No. 1 Hansen - bye No. 2 Raft River vs. No. 7 Magic Valley Christian, 5 p.m. No. 3 Hagerman vs. No. 6 Castleford, 7:30 p.m. No. 4 Murtaugh vs. No. 5 Oakley, 4:30 p.m.

Oakley on Thursday. The Lady Pirates (12-10, 7-5) face No. 6 Castleford (3-16, 2-10). Hagerman beat Castleford twice during the regular season.

"I feel pretty strongly about our chances," Hagerman coach Diana Finney said. "I think we're in the right bracket. We kind of hit a low

CSI

Continued from B1 Renaldo Knowles lay-up off a broken inbound play sealed the win for Eastern Utah.

Katelynas led CEU with 16 points. Skyler Wilson added 14, Patrick Stinnert had 12 and Knowles and Anne Reynolds scored 11 each.

Jack May clinched in 23 points and Josh Williams had 16 for CSI, which saw third team All-American member Ricky Clemons score just 12 points on four of 20 shooting.

Beach said CSI's defense disap-

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peared late. "We scored 90 points tonight and lost the game because we couldn't guard tonight," Beach said. "Bottom line is we played without Tim Ellis (eight points) and Ricky Clemons (and, we're not going to beat good teams at their home when we're not on the same page.)"

Ellis didn't start Friday for an undisclosed violation of team rules. CSI tries to rebound at Colorado Northwestern Community College tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Rams' Warner says he'll be ready for Sunday's game

Knight Rider News Service

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner said his sore ribs won't keep him out of the NFC Championship game Sunday.

Warner, who missed most of practice on Thursday, was backing taking all the snaps with the first-string offense during the team's abbreviated practice on Friday.

"It felt good," Warner said beyond the arc pushed the lead to six midway through the third, but Heworth's throw with an old-fashioned three-point play and the Spartan deficit stayed at four after three.

Twin Falls went up by five with two minutes left, but Taylor Duncan's throw made it 30-29 to tie the game for the final time.

go off the rim," said Fennell, who finished with 13 points. A half court attempt went off the glass and the game was over. "It was two really good teams that fought it out to the end," said Vogt. "We showed what we can do and we can repeat it."

Spartan victory overshadowed a great performance by junior Brett Miller, who came off the Bruin bench with Coats in foul trouble to score a team-high 18 points including four from beyond the arc.

"He has done that all year. What a great feeling to have a

guy like that who can come off the bench and provide some offense," added Vogt. Castillo paced the Bruins in the first period, scoring eight of his 14 points as the Bruins led 15-14 after one. Minico took it second lead at 20-18 midway through a low scoring second period off two free throws by Heworth, who finished with a game-high 19 points.

Brett Kleinkopf and Miller nailed back-to-back 3-pointers and Twin Falls led by four at the break.

Another Miller shot from

Minico

Continued from B1 That's what they did. Pushing the ball quickly up the court, Kody Cole went for the drive but the Bruins got a piece of it. Fennell tipped it up against the glass, caught it again and converted.

Immediately one of the officials called it off, saying he heard the buzzer, but the refs still two-tenths of a second left on the game clock. After a conference the scoreboard changed, putting Minico on top.

"I didn't think I was going to make it, I thought it was going to

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Capriati defends Australian Open title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Jennifer Capriati fought off four match points in the second set and beat Martina Hingis 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2 Saturday to win her second consecutive Australian Open title.

The top-seeded Capriati fell behind 0-4 in the second set and cursed at the chair umpire. But Capriati then staved off three match points — at 3-5 and 5-6 — to force a tiebreaker.

She survived one more at 6-7 in the tiebreaker and finally took the set when Hingis hit a backhand wide. Hingis threw her racket after letting Capriati back into the match.

Capriati breezed in the final set. At the end, she dropped her racket, ran over to touch hands with her father, Stefano, blew kisses, and walked back on court, shaking her head in apparent disbelief.

The 2-hour, 10-minute struggle contrasted with last year's final, when Capriati beat Hingis 6-4, 6-3.

This time, Hingis took big leads in the first two sets before weakening in the third. It was her third consecutive loss in an Australian Open final, and her



Jennifer Capriati of the United States plays a backhand during her women's singles final match against Martina Hingis of Switzerland at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne on Friday.

fifth in a major final since her last Grand Slam event triumph, at the 1999 Australian Open.

In 95-degree heat, Capriati at one point took refuge in a tunnel

entry and Hingis put an ice pack on her neck between points in the second-set tiebreaker. The players were allowed a 10-minute break after the second

set. Capriati came back from 1-5 to 4-5 in the first set but then lost her serve.

In the second, she lost her serve for 0-2 in the second game, in which she screamed a protest over a line call and demanded that the referee be called.

From 0-4, she recovered to 3-4 by breaking Hingis twice, was broken herself for 3-5, and then hit a backhand winner to save a match point. She broke for 4-5 on a double fault and forehand error by Hingis, and held for 5-5.

Serving at 5-6, she yielded another match point with a double fault but survived it and one more when Hingis hit forehands long. Finally she held for 6-4 with a forehand down the line.

Hingis gained one more match point in the tiebreaker with a backhand volley, but missed a backhand for 7-all.

Capriati then hit a winning forehand down the line, took the set when Hingis hit a backhand wide, and vigorously shook her fist several times.

The two traded early service breaks in the final set before Capriati won the last five games by pressing Hingis into errors.

She finished it with a spectacular lunging forehand crosscourt serve return.



Idaho's Picabo Street speeds down the course on her way to take the 33rd place in the women's ski World Cup super-G race in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Friday. Picabo Street failed to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team in the super-G, losing the chance to defend her 1998 gold medal in the event.

Protesters say SLOC hinders them in their demonstrations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Animal rights protesters following the Olympic torch relay said Friday that games organizers are conspiring with police to block their protests against a rodeo.

The rodeo is set to take place Feb. 9 to 11 during the Olympic Arts Festival, a companion event to the games.

Members of the Utah Animal Rights Coalition, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and other groups maintain rodeos are cruel to animals. They're using the torch relay as a vehicle to broadcast the message.

Protesters follow closely behind the torch, driving a van, dubbed the "Tiger Truck," with 100-inch screens showing footage of animals used in rodeos.

At a press conference Friday, activists said police in about a dozen U.S. cities have forced them off the torch route. Noting that they haven't been charged with any crime, the activists say they are detained at what appears to be SLOC's request.

They gave reporters a video tape the activists say shows Salt Lake Organizing Committee employees helping police force their truck away from the torch while other vehicles are allowed through.

Olympic committee suspends Bobsledder after drug test

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Bobsledder Dave Owens was suspended from Olympic competition for two years after testing positive for a banned steroid, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Friday.

Owens, 33, of Tulsa, Okla., tested positive for testosterone in July. He was undergoing testosterone replacement therapy for testicular cancer and applied for a waiver from the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission in April.

The waiver was denied. Owens has retired from the sport. "The choice to use testosterone hormone therapy ordered by my doctor to live a normal life was an easy one," he said in a statement issued by the Anti-Doping Agency. "However, I deeply regret that this incident may reflect negatively on my teammates, the sport of bobsled and

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the Olympic movement." The U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation will impose the sanction, which begins the date of the test.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency is an independent group that conducts drug tests and oversees disciplinary decisions for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Utah unveils Innovative medals plaza arch

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah is known for its arches — its red sandstone rock formations, that is.

But during the Winter Olympics next month, those might be overshadowed by a fanciful yet functional creation serving as a curtain for the games' medals plaza.

The Hoberman Arch, unveiled Friday, was designed by sculptor and engineer Chuck Hoberman, known for his slightly spiky expanding and contracting mechanical toy spheres.

The arch, 36 feet tall, 72 feet wide and weighing 15,000 pounds, will form the retractable opening to the plaza. The semi-circular structure has an aluminum skeleton webbed with transparent hard plastic that will allow light to shine through.

Hoberman's structures already grace museums around the world, but "the Olympics is in its own strata," he said. "As the world's largest unfolding structure, I hope it will be a fitting tribute to the physical power and movement that will be displayed by the 2002 Olympic competitors."

The design reflects the request of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for a structure that could close completely but open wide to show the entire stage.

The arch also had to be sturdy enough to withstand heavy winds, Hoberman said. The overlapping panels are pulled up or down by six steel cables attached at key points on the arch's underside.

Hoberman doesn't know what will become of the structure after the games, but hopes the SLOC will find a good home for it. "We don't want it to end up in the dumpster," he said.

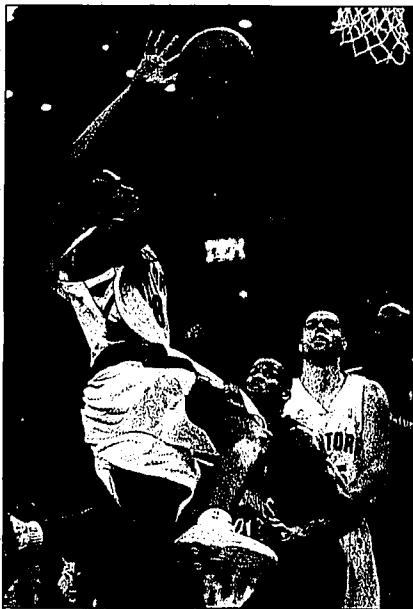
Raptors down Timberwolves 107-100

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter had 19 points and five other Raptors reached double figures as Toronto beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 107-100 on Friday night.

Antonio Davis added 18 points, Keon Clark had 16 and "10 rebounds and Jerome Williams added 13 rebounds and 10 points for the Raptors, who were criticized by Davis after their loss Wednesday to New York.

Chauncey Billups had 17 points and Wallis Johnson added 16 for the Timberwolves, losers of two straight and three of five since winning 12 of 13.

Kevin Garnett went 5-for-14 from the field, finishing with just 15 points for the Timberwolves, who never led. Minnesota leads the NBA in field goal percentage, but shot 43 percent against Toronto.



Raptors guard Jermaine Jackson drives to the hoop over Minnesota players during their game in Toronto on Friday.

Tinsley started the Pacers' parade to the foul line.

Davis Wesley led Charlotte with 20 points and Jamaal

Magloire added 19 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

76ers 106, Celtics 90

BOSTON — Allen Iverson set a FleetCenter scoring record with 47 points as Philadelphia reached 500 for the first time in more than two months.

Dikembe Mutombo had 15 points and 17 rebounds and Derrick Coleman had 11 and 11 in his first game back after missing four with a foot injury. The Sixers (21-21) have beaten Boston eight consecutive times.

Paul Pierce had 30 points and 13 rebounds and Antoine Walker had 18 points for Boston, which had won five of its previous seven games.

The defending Eastern Conference champions won for the sixth time in seven games to reach 500 for the first time since they were 8-8 on Dec. 2.

Pistons 107, Hawks 90

ATLANTA — Chuck Atkins scored 21 points and Corliss Williamson added 20 for Detroit, which has won four of five and five of seven.

The Pistons hit 30 of 33 free throws, including a combined 24-of-25 effort from Atkins, Williamson and Jerry Stackhouse. Atkins hit all six of his 3-point attempts.

The Hawks, with leading scorer Shafer Abdur-Rahim serving the second game of a three-game suspension, have lost two straight and eight of nine. Nazr Mohammed scored 16 points after missing his first seven shots. Jason Terry finished with 15.

high for Anaheim and matched the most given up by the Stars.

Blackhawks 2, Blues 1

CHICAGO — Jocelyn Thibault made 25 saves as the Chicago Blackhawks defeated St. Louis 2-1 Friday night and snapped the Blues' franchise-record 10-game winning streak.

Peter White's breakaway goal midway through the second period stood up as the game-winner for Chicago, 11-31 in its last 15 games.

Pacers 90, Hornets 81

INDIANAPOLIS — Jalen Rose scored 23 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, and the Indiana Pacers made six free throws in the final minute to hold off Charlotte.

Charlotte cut an 18-point first-half deficit to four points in the third quarter and trailed by six after a rebound basket by Jamaal Magloire with under two minutes to go.

The Hornets had a chance to cut into that lead after Indiana failed to get the ball across the time line, but Jermaine O'Neal blocked a shot by Baron Davis. Two free throws by Jamaal

Yzerman scores 658th goal in Red Wings victory

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Yzerman moved into a tie for seventh place on the all-time goal scoring list and also had an assist as Detroit beat Phoenix.

Yzerman's goal, his 13th of the season, came with 48 seconds left in the first period, breaking a 1-1 tie.

Yzerman's goal tied him with Mark Messier of the New York Rangers on the career list. Both have 658 career goals.

Manny Legace, making only his 12th start of the season, picked up the victory in net for

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the Red Wings, who are now 7-1-2 in their last 10 games.

Sabres 4, Lightning 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Taylor Pyatt scored twice and Martin Biron made 21 saves to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 4-1 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday night.

Pyatt got the first multi-goal game of his two-year career.

Hurricanes 1, Panthers 1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Ron Francis scored the 503rd goal of his career in the second period as Carolina tied Florida for its NHL-leading 19th overtime game.

Mighty Ducks 6, Stars 1

DALLAS — Hours after firing coach Ken Hitchcock, the Dallas Stars were dealt their most lopsided loss of the season, 6-1 by the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Friday.

The six goals were a season

At the mall on Friday, the jumpers' heads came precariously close to the ceiling.

"When I first got here, I was thinking, 'It ain't gonna fit!'" Peterson said with a laugh. But the floor-to-ceiling distance was measured at 20 feet, the "absolute minimum" height for Snowflyer trampoline performances.

"The hardest part of it isn't the physical aspects," Peterson said. "You know that physically, there's no way you'll hit the roof. It's the mental part that gets to you."

During one of the Snowflyers' 20-minute performances, spectators watched as Peterson, Vaughn, Jorgensen, and Ramsauer flipped, spun, and grabbed on snowboards and skis. Applause broke out as Ramsauer performed a "back full-

full," (a backflip with two rotations), and Jorgensen and Vaughn displayed their snowboarding prowess by spinning "misty flips," (front flips with a spin), "rodeos," (backflips with a spin), and other baroque tricks. Peterson even nipped the ceiling while launching a huge backflip on 220-centimeter-long skis.

Safety is one of Peterson's biggest concerns. The trampolines are padded with double-thickness around the edges, as is the stage. The performers are well-trained and consistent in their tricks, and use custom-made equipment designed specifically for trampoline use.

"I call it the McDonald's theory of consistency," Peterson joked. "We've got consistent people, who know what they're doing

and are able to do it three or four times a day, without fail. It's the difference between a showperson and a dare-devil."

Peterson, a Level 4 U.S. ski trainer, trains the Snowflyers at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, Utah. He's worked with Austrian champions, the winner of the Australian X Games, Austrian national champions, top U.S. ski professionals like Tanner Hall and Paul Cotter, and even Bulgarian tumbling professionals.

But winning competitions isn't everything, Peterson said. "You don't have to be a champion to be in-a show," he said. "You're just out here having fun."

And what does Peterson do for fun while he's not "working?" Barefoot waterskiing.

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Street was 2.61 seconds back, then sat nearly motionless for 10 minutes in the finish area, sobbing. A young teammate, Jonna Mendes, finally came to lead Street away as other skiers continued to arrive.

The 30-year-old Street eventually emerged with a smile. "This is just me being me," she said. "You know, my best maybe just isn't good enough. And that's OK, that's human."

Street will have her shot at an Olympic medal in the downhill, which always has been her best event, the surprise super-G gold at the 1998 Nagano Games notwithstanding.

Downhill "is more natural for me," said Street, who has come back from her third major injury to register two-top 10 downhill finishes in World Cup this season. "There are certain risks that you have to take in super-G that I'm just not ready to take."

Mendes thinks Street has a good chance to add to the downhill silver medal she won at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, five years after recovering from her first knee injury.

Downhill is still where it's at for Picabo Street. "Now she can focus only on that and ski fast." Street has nine World Cup downhill victories in her career.

Flyers

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Adam Jorgensen, who's billed as the "best snowboard trampolinist in the world" and has been performing with the group for six years. He first caught Peterson's eye while jumping on a trampoline with friends at the backyard of a house that Peterson rented out. Since then, he's traveled across North America with Max-Air.

"It's really fun," Jorgensen said. "I've been everywhere, doing something I love to do."

With the Snowflyers were Chris Vaughn and Steve Ramsauer, both high school students from Sandy, Utah. Vaughn is the 2002 Utah Winter Games snowboarding slope-style champion. Both work part-time for Peterson and Max-Air.

She dominated the event in 1995-96, before crashing at Vail, Colo., on Dec. 6, 1996. Again she returned to the top of the sport, with her triumph at Nagano.

Street has made it clear this is her final season but has wavered on whether she'll retire immediately after the Salt Lake City Games or after the World Cup circuit closes later in 2002.

"Nothing," Street said, "is definite."

Also joining the U.S. snowboard team was J.J. Thomas, who with Van Er, picked up final wildcard spots Friday.

Twelve of the 14 spots were predetermined based on results in qualifying events over the past several months.

Ross Powers and Shannon Dunn, winners of bronze medals in the 1998 Olympics, were the top qualifiers on the halfpipe team. Jeff Greenwood and Rosey Fletcher were the top qualifiers on the parallel giant slalom.

The rest of the slalom team includes Boisean Lisa Kosglow, Lisa Odynski, Chris Klug and Peter Thormidke. The rest of the halfpipe team includes Tommy Czeschin, Danny Knas, Kelly Clark and Tricia Byrnes. The Thomas tied with Czeschin for the third and final automatic spot, prompting coaches to award him the final halfpipe spot.

Newcomers take on old hands in NFC

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles are new at this championship game stuff. The St. Louis Rams are loaded with players who have been this far — and beyond.

"Not only do the Rams have 25 players who won the 2000 Super Bowl, but they also have two players who were with last year's champion Baltimore Ravens. This is an experienced bunch."

"We expected to get to this point with this team," said safety Kim Herring, who along with linebacker O.J. Brignace was with Baltimore a year ago. "Last year in Baltimore, we just hoped to get to the playoffs and then ride it out."

"This year, the team we have has an offense. No disrespect to last year's team, but we were all defense and won games 5-3 and 13-10. This year's motto is 'Let's go blow people out.' That's our mentality."

A difficult mentality to match for a club playing Sunday in its first NFC championship game since 1990. The Eagles, by contrast, have seven players who have been this far — none, of course, with Philadelphia.

Could that be a significant disadvantage for St. Louis?

"We don't get caught up in what people say," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "People are going to count out who they want to count out."

"The level of confidence is at a high right now. That's because we have been playing well together and we are all coming together and knowing what our goal is and trying to do actions to get to that point. It's an exciting feeling for us."

This will be the third postseason game for Mike Martz as head coach of the Rams. Philadelphia's Andy Reid will be in his fifth. But both are in their first conference championship appearance as a head man.

Martz was the offensive coordinator during the Rams' run to the title two years ago, while Reid was an assistant coach with Green Bay.

Rams quarterback Kurt Warner, the league MVP for the second time in three seasons, practiced Friday and said he will start against the Eagles, though he might have some pain from his sore ribs.

"It takes a little bit of your focus and you want to get as healthy as you possibly can to be able to focus on that. But I'm ready to play."

Receiver Ricky Proehl, a 12-year veteran who has more NFL seasons than anyone on the Rams, believes team has an edge.

"It does help," he said, "of playing in the Super Bowl two years ago. "Having a veteran football team with guys that have been through this definitely helps. We don't see any of it as a distraction; it's exciting and on a national stage and that's what you want to be a starting player. We're one step from going to the championship football game of the NFL."

None of the Rams believes it will be an easy step, particularly



Philadelphia's Brandon Whitting (88) and Bobby Taylor, top, take down Bears runningback Anthony Thomas during their NFC Divisional Playoff game Jan. 19 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

AFC coaches: Two guys named Bill

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bill Cowher interviewed for a job as the New York Giants' secondary coach 13 years ago. The interviewer? Bill Belichick.

Such are the vagaries of the NFL — like most coaches, these two have crossed paths before.

They'll meet up once again Sunday with serious stakes: Belichick brings the New England Patriots to Pittsburgh for the AFC championship game against Cowher's Steelers.

Back in the 1988 season, Cowher was Marty Schottenheimer's special teams coach with the Cleveland Browns.

because the Eagles are 8-1 on the road, went into Chicago and easily handled the Bears in the second round of the playoffs, and have a spongy defense that allowed only 208 points this season.

Then, again, no Rams think they won't get to the big game in New Orleans, either.

When Schottenheimer left in early 1989, Cowher was in limbo, so he interviewed with Belichick, then the Giants' defensive coordinator, for the vacant job in New York. He was offered the post and was about to take it, when Schottenheimer was hired by the Kansas City Chiefs and offered Cowher the job as defensive coordinator.

Still one of the NFL's youngest head coaches at 44, Cowher has coached the Steelers for 10 years, the league's longest current tenure with one team. His record is 105-67; he's reached one Super Bowl (losing in 1997) and this

"As a defensive unit, they catch your attention," said Proehl, who caught the touchdown pass against Tampa Bay that lifted the Rams into the Super Bowl. "They play hard and fast for 60 minutes and will be a challenge for us."

Remember this when considering the importance of having been



Bill Cowher

will be his fourth conference championship game.

Belichick worked most of his coaching life under Bill Parcells with the Giants, Patriots and Jets. He was 37-45 as the head coach with Cleveland from 1991-95, going 1-1 in the playoffs, and is 17-16 in two years as the head coach in New England, including 1-0 in the playoffs.

There: The last three NFC champions — the Falcons, Rams and Giants — weren't exactly veterans at this sort of thing. Their rosters were almost totally devoid of Super Bowl experience. "When you get on the field," Eagles safety Brian Dawkins said, "that stuff is forgotten."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ted Williams in serious but stable condition

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Hall of Famer Ted Williams was resting comfortably Friday, recovering from flu-like symptoms that sent him to the hospital.

Williams was listed in serious condition after being admitted to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida with a high temperature and below-normal blood pressure on Thursday.

The hospital declined to release additional details at the request of the family.

"He is in serious but stable condition and is resting comfortably," Shands spokeswoman Kristi Lam said.

A later news release added that Williams "is responding favorably to care."

Stars fire Hitchcock; GM Gainey reassigned

IRVING, Texas — Ken Hitchcock's message just wasn't getting through anymore.

The Dallas Stars fired Hitchcock on Friday, less than three years after leading the team to its only Stanley Cup championship with his demanding style centered on defense.

The 50-year-old Hitchcock led the Stars to two Stanley Cup finals appearances — winning the title in 1999 and going back the next year — and five straight division titles. He was 277-160-60-6 since taking over with 43 games left in the 1995-96 season. His postseason record is 47-33.

Rick Wilson, in his 10th season as a Stars assistant, was made interim coach for the rest of the season.

"It isn't something that arrived in a flash," general manager Bob Gainey said.

Gainey — the only other person to coach the Stars since their move to Dallas for the 1993-94 season — also decided to move into a consultant's role now rather than at the end of the season as planned. Assistant GM Doug Armstrong, who was being groomed for the job, took over immediately.

Panthers hire Fox as new head coach

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — John Fox came to the Carolina Panthers with a good reputation and a great recommendation.

Following a 1-15 season and the firing of George Seifert, the Panthers on Friday hired Fox as their new coach, hoping the New York Giants defensive coordinator can pump energy into the team.

Fox, never a head coach at any level, got a glowing review from Wellington Mara. The Giants owner reminded Panthers owner Jerry Richardson he had also recommended Virce Lombardi and Tom Landry for head coaching jobs during their careers.

Fox was actually Carolina's third choice for the job. They were spurred by both Steve Spurrier, who went to the Washington Redskins, and Tony Dungy, who went to the Indianapolis Colts.

Pitino spends night in hospital for illness

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino spent Thursday night in a hospital undergoing tests for an undisclosed illness.

Pitino, 49, said Friday he felt sick during his team's 77-71 loss to Charlotte on Wednesday night.

The team arrived home about 11:30 p.m. MST on Thursday, and Pitino checked himself into Jewish Hospital in Louisville later in the day.

"It was nothing minor in my mind. It was something I had to get checked out right away. I went through probably more testing in the last 36 hours than I have all my life," he said.

Pitino said the tests revealed nothing seriously wrong. He said he would be back on the sidelines Saturday, when the Cardinals are host to DePaul.

Mariners trade Bell to San Francisco

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners traded third baseman David Bell to San Francisco on Friday for infielder Desi Relaford and cash.

Bell agreed to a one-year contract with an option, avoiding a salary arbitration hearing. He is guaranteed \$2.25 million and will make \$1.75 million this year with a mutual option of \$3.5 million. He has a \$500,000 buyout clause and \$500,000 in performance bonuses, including \$100,000 each for 300, 350, 400 and 450 plate appearances.

Bell made \$2.2 million last season with the Mariners, who didn't have a place for him after acquiring third baseman Jeff Cirillo from Colorado in a trade last month.

The Giants didn't have a regular third baseman last year after trading Bill Mueller to the Cubs in the offseason. San Francisco traded Russ Davis at third along with Ramon Martinez.

Bell hit .260 last year with 122 hits, 15 home runs and 64 RBIs.

Relaford, who has played six years in the majors and was originally drafted by Seattle, agreed Jan. 11 to a one-year contract worth \$1,275,000 with the Giants. He was acquired from the New York Mets with outfielder Tsuchiyoshi Shinjo last month for left-handed pitcher Shawn Estes.

Relaford, 28, hit .302 with 27 doubles, eight homers and 36 RBIs in 120 games for New York last season. He also has played for Philadelphia and San Diego.

WBC sanctions Lewis-Tyson fight — anywhere

NEW YORK — The Lennox Lewis-Mike Tyson fight has the blessing of the World Boxing Council even if it isn't sanctioned by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

"The World Boxing Council ordered this mandatory fight, which will be sanctioned by our organization in any city or country where it is held," WBC president Jose Sulaiman said in a statement released by his office in Mexico City.

It would be a major pay-per-view bout and figures to be a bonanza for Las Vegas.

The Nevada Commission is to meet Tuesday on whether to license Tyson for the heavyweight championship fight set for April 6 in the MGM Grand at Las Vegas. It is a WBC mandatory heavyweight title defense against the top-ranked challenger for Lewis, who also is IBF champion.

U.S. boxing judge Williams wins libel suit

LONDON — An American boxing judge won a libel suit Friday against a British tabloid newspaper, which alleged she may have taken money to score in favor of Evander Holyfield in his heavyweight title bout against Lennox Lewis.

The fight on March 13, 1999, was ruled a draw. Lewis won a rematch later that year.

A British trial court awarded Eugenia Williams "substantial damages" from the Mirror Group Newspapers. The exact sum was not disclosed.

The newspaper group also apologized to the American judge and was ordered to pay her court costs.

Compiled from wire reports.

Waldorf leads, Daly thrills, teen Tryon spurs along

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — In his debut as the youngest rookie in PGA Tour history, 17-year-old Ty Tryon already reached one of his goals.

"I made it to the weekend," he said.

True, but only because it was too dark to finish his second round Friday.

Unless he makes eagle on his final three holes when he returns today — that would be more amazing than earning his PGA Tour card despite having two years of high school remaining — Tryon's first tournament of the year will end most unceremoniously.

On a day when Duffy Waldorf holed some long putts to take the lead and John Daly sent the raucous crowds into a frenzy, the teen-ager spluttered along and remained at 6-over-par for the tournament when play was suspended by darkness.

Not many watched Waldorf, as they missed him chipping in for a birdie from 25 feet, then following birdie putts and also a 35-footer for eagle. It added up to his second straight 6-under 65 and putting him at 130 at the halfway point.

He has a one-stroke lead over Vijay Singh (65) and Rory Sabbatini (64).

The best finish of the day belonged to Davis Love III. He was 2-over and simply wanting to finish his round so he wouldn't have to join the other 25 players who have to return Saturday morning to finish.

Instead, Love hit driver on the 332-yard 17th hole to 6 feet and made eagle, then hit out of the



Ty Tryon, 17, of Orlando, Fla., hits from the second tee box during the second round of the Phoenix Open Friday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Tryon in the youngest player to ever qualify for a PGA event.

bunker to 5 feet for birdie on the 18th to finish at 69 and make the cut.

Chris DiMarco (64) and Skip Kendall (66) were at 132.

Daly was another stroke back on the leaderboard after a 65, but he was the easiest guy to find on the TPC of Scottsdale. Just look for the mammoth crowds, beer in hand screaming at the top of their lungs.

Goosen holds one-shot lead after two rounds

PERTH, Australia — U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen conquered blustery afternoon winds Friday to take a one-shot lead after the second round of the Johnnie Walker Classic at Lake Karrinyup.

Goosen was the only golfer to conquer "the Fremantle Doctor"

winds, shooting a 4-under 68 to move to 6-under 138 in the joint European, Australasian and Asian PGA tours event.

The European tour Order of Merit winner from South Africa moved as high as 8 under before two late bogey.

Goosen's effort was tempered by withdrawals by Scotland's Colin Montgomerie with a back injury, and Australia's Aaron Baddeley with tonsillitis.

Clark takes lead in South African PGA Championship

PRETORIA, South Africa — Tim Clark shot a 5-under-par 67 Friday to take a three-stroke lead after two rounds of the South African PGA Championship.

Clark, the South African Open champion, moved to 11-under 133. Fellow South Africans Don

Golf

AP photo

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Simpson will speak at chamber's banquet

GLENN'S FERRY - Congressman Mike Simpson will speak at the Glenns Ferry Chamber of Commerce's annual installation banquet tonight at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Glenns Ferry. At the banquet, the chamber installs its new officers and gives out the Citizen of the Year Award. The award recipient's identity is kept secret until that night. Simpson speaks at 6 p.m.; a no-host bar opens at 6:30 p.m.; dinner is at 7 p.m., catered by the Carmela Winery. Cost is \$150 per person. Simpson will be unable to stay for the entire event, his spokeswoman said.

Zions Bancorporation reports positive numbers

SALT LAKE CITY - Zions Bancorporation ended its fourth quarter with a positive showing, earning \$71.9 million, or 78 cents per share, for the quarter. The numbers also reflect an upward trend for 2001, in which Zions net income totaled \$283 million, or \$3.07 per share. Operating cash earnings were \$337.3 million, or \$3.66 per share, an increase of 13.3 percent. Zions Bancorporation and its subsidiaries are located in eight states, with several Zions First National Bank locations in Magic Valley.

Paper manufacturer offers notes for debt

BOISE - Boise Cascade Corp., which has a Corrugated Container Operations plant in Burley - has made the public offering of \$150 million of 7.5 percent notes to repay debt and for corporate operations. The notes are due in 2008 at 99.8 percent of their face value, officials with the Boise-based company said Friday.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. is leading the offering. The notes are being issued under a registration filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Boise Cascade is a major distributor of office products and building materials, and a manufacturer and distributor of paper and wood products.

J.C. Penney will shift merchandise jobs

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co. is shifting back-room operations such as merchandise receipt from its department stores to 14 regional support centers nationwide.

The decision is part of the Plano-based department store chain's effort the past two years to centralize merchandise buying and give the chain a more uniform selection of merchandise in its stores, which include stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

It also addresses a goal of getting merchandise into stores faster, said Rita Trevino Flynn, a Penney spokeswoman. The transfer of tasks such as receiving, unpacking, tagging and preparing merchandise for floor display from 1,080 store back rooms to the support centers will shorten the time it takes to stock stores by 30 percent, she said.

Some employees will lose their jobs, but how many isn't yet clear because the process will take until well into 2003 to complete and some people will move into other Penney jobs, Flynn said.

Several of the regional centers will be operated by outside supply chain services companies for Penney.

IDA-CORP promises to report quarter results

TWIN FALLS - Boise-based IDA-CORP Inc. said Friday it will report its fourth-quarter results before the stock markets open Feb. 1.

The company - parent of Idaho Power Co., which sells electricity in much of the Magic Valley - will hold an analyst conference call at 2:30 p.m. that day to discuss the fourth-quarter earnings and outlook for 2002.

Anyone may listen in through a live Web cast on the Internet. Conference call logistics will be posted on the company's Web site, www.idacorpinc.com, by Tuesday. A replay of the call will be available on the company's Web site for 15 days.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Companies try to buy TV stations

Broadcasting company faces lawsuits

 By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Since Twin Broadcasting went out of business two weeks ago, local PAX and UPN viewers have been wondering when they can again watch their favorite shows. And some employees have been wondering if they will get money to which they say they're entitled.

After Twin Broadcasting, which operated PAX (KDDI, Channel 55), laid off 13 employees in May, the channel continued to operate until about two weeks ago, said Mike Stocklin, president of est (Entertain-

ment Sports Information) Broadcasting, a Montana company that provided management services for Twin Broadcasting.

Licenses for Channels 43 (UPN) and 58 were owned by North Rocky Mountain Television, and the Channel 55 license was owned by Twin Broadcasting. All three were operated out of the same facility in Twin Falls. Now at least three broadcasting firms are negotiating to buy the licenses for the three stations, Stocklin said. PAX owners are particularly concerned

about getting it back on the air, he said. "They recognized it was well received," Stocklin said.

In fact, it was so well received that many customers began to call their cable providers when it went off the air.

PAX is a strong service with a significant following, said Russ Young, manager of CableONE in Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia.

"There is frustration in the community," Young said. "We are very concerned about this. People are paying for this. They think

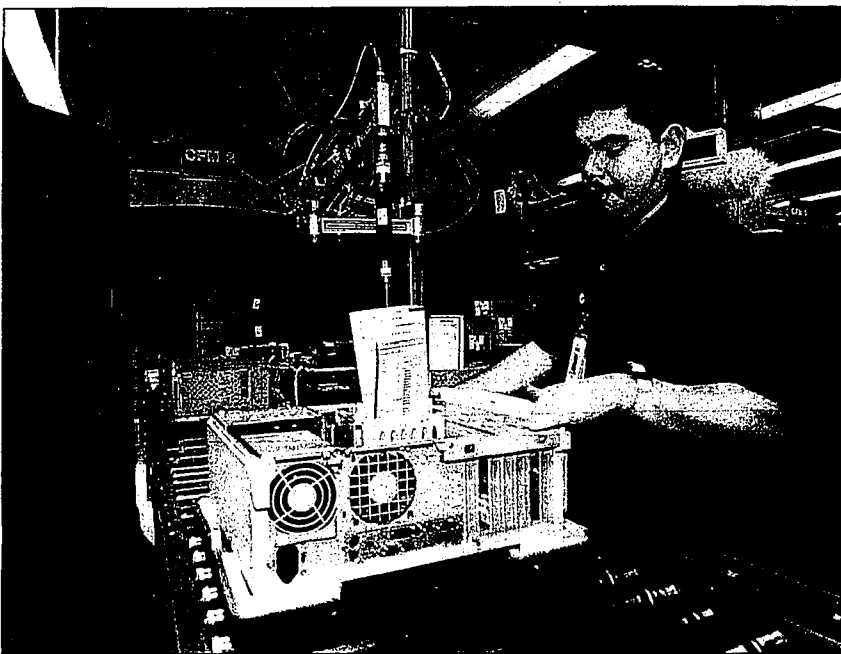
it is something we are involved with."

Young wanted to assure cable customers that negotiations are under way to get PAX and the other affected stations up and running again. "As soon as somebody can get it back on the air, it will be back on," he said. "They have to get authorization from PAX to be the new operator in the area."

While cable customers are frustrated about not getting channels they are paying for, one former employee of Twin Broadcasting is also frustrated about loss of income.

Former sales manager Kathie Dunlap. Please see TV, Page B7.

FASTER INTERNET ACCESS



Richard Sustaita sends a Dell personal computer down a production line after installing a motherboard at the Dell Computer Corp. manufacturing facility in Austin, Texas, last year. Dell Computer Corp. founder Michael Dell has said for some time that better bandwidth carrying so-called rich content is a key catalyst for future PC demand, especially in the United States, where about 60 percent of households have personal computers.

Dell wants U.S. to set broadband as priority

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Chairmen from four of the country's largest technology companies - Dell Computer Corp., Intel Corp., Motorola Inc. and NCR Corp. - urged Vice President Dick Cheney and other senior White House officials this week to take up the cause of high-speed Internet access as a national economic and security priority.

The industry executives want President Bush to set the country on a course to ensure that all Americans have access within a decade to Internet connections many times as fast as those currently available.

They warned that the country risks falling behind its international rivals unless it builds a new generation of so-called

broadband technology that could dramatically cut the time it takes to download information and entertainment from the Internet.

"Broadband is a bit like electricity: if you don't have it, you're toast, and the U.S. has really got to get ahead of this," said Michael Dell, founder and chairman of Dell Computer, which this month became a new Twin Falls employer.

Dell and three other industry executives met with Cheney, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card and Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge at the White House to discuss broadband technology development, as well as the issue of technology exports.

None of the administration officials commented publicly on the meeting, and press secre-

taries for Cheney and Bush had no immediate response.

Dell said Ridge took a keen interest in the question of how to speed the nation's Internet use.

"He was very interested in broadband," Dell said.

"When you're dealing with this challenge of connecting together all these various law enforcement agencies, and the State Department has one snippet of information, INS (the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) has another one and a local police department has another one, how do you get all that connected together at light speed so that, when you find somebody who's doing something they're not supposed to, you have all the information, as opposed to just a piece," Dell said.

"This has been a real problem in some of the issues that he (Ridge) is dealing with," Dell said. "A connected economy is a secure economy, and he took great interest in it."

The security angle is a new twist on a standard Dell stump speech about the merits of better computer connectivity.

Greater bandwidth can carry increasingly sophisticated content that will require more powerful computers and processors.

Dell has said for some time that better bandwidth carrying so-called rich content is a key catalyst for future PC demand, especially in the United States, where about 60 percent of households have personal computers.

It's particularly noteworthy now with the PC industry mired in its worst slump in 15 years.

Payless plans closures

MV stores stay open

 By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Topeka, Kan.-based Payless ShoeSource Inc. said Friday it has completed a previously announced restructuring study and plans to close more than a hundred stores.

But Payless' three stores in Twin Falls and its one in Burley are not on the list for closure. All four will remain open, said Tim Reid, director of corporate communications.

The restructuring study was designed to improve alignment of business functions, speed up decision-making and cut operating expenses, Payless said in a statement.

Consistent with those objectives, the company anticipates taking a fourth-quarter charge of about \$70 million pre-tax, \$43 million after-tax, and \$1.94 per share on a diluted basis. The cash portion of the charge is estimated to total \$43 million.

The charge will include the previously announced estimate of \$18-20 million, cash, pre-tax, for restructuring the corporate

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Union Pacific will trim up to 2,000 jobs

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. - Union Pacific Corp. will trim up to 2,000 jobs this month in a cost-cutting drive.

The company announced the move decision in reporting a profit of \$275 million, or \$1.06 a share, for the fourth quarter, soundly beating analysts' expectations despite the slow economy.

The number of jobs eliminated will depend on how strong the economy is, Executive Vice President Joe Young said.

The railroad cut 2,000 jobs last year, leaving it with under 48,000 workers.

Spokesman John Bromley said the attrition numbers for 2002 are based on projections and do not specify where or what kinds of jobs would go unfilled.

They would be achieved through normal operations and retirements, he said.

Kmart, SEC probe letter raising accounting questions

The Associated Press

DETROIT - Kmart Corp., which filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this week, said Friday it has begun an investigation after receiving an anonymous letter claiming to be from employees that expressed concern about unspecified accounting matters.

The nation's third biggest discount retailer - which has stores in Burley and Twin Falls - said it had contacted the Securities and Exchange Commission about the letter and its own investigation and is cooperating with the regulatory agency.

The disclosure comes amid heightened sensitivity in the wake of the collapse of the energy trader Enron Corp. amid questionable accounting practices.

Kmart said the letter was addressed to the SEC, Kmart's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and the company's board of directors.

"The letter has been referred to the audit committee of the board of directors, which promptly engaged outside counsel and accounting consultants to conduct an independent investigation," the company said in a news release.

After receiving the letter, Kmart said it contacted the SEC and notified it about its own investigation. Kmart said the SEC has authorized a private investigation, and Kmart plans to fully cooperate with it.

An SEC spokesman said Friday that the agency had no immediate comment on the matter.

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Prepaid card pours in Starbucks profit

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE - Bolstered by its stock offering in Japan and a surprisingly strong response to its new prepaid card, Starbucks beat Wall Street expectations and posted a record first-quarter profit.

A one-time \$13.4 million gain from the October initial public offering of Starbucks Coffee Japan helped the Seattle-based specialty-coffee giant - which has a Ketchum store - post a profit of \$68.4 million, or 17 cents a share, for the quarter ended Dec. 30, up 40 percent from \$49 million, or 12 cents a share, a year earlier.

Minus the IPO proceeds, which amounted to 2 cents a share, profit increased by 22 percent and matched analyst estimates of 15 cents a share.

After introducing the stored-value Starbucks Card in late November, the company sold 2.3 million during the quarter, many

of which were holiday gifts.

Card purchases aren't recognized as revenue until customers actually redeem the card, so Starbucks sold \$32 million of the cards during the quarter, only \$9 million in transactions counted toward quarterly sales.

The rest will be accounted for as customers use the cards, which Starbucks said likely will boost January sales. When customers reload cards, they add an average \$5 above the original value.

Orin Smith, Starbucks' president and chief executive, said the card "has really caught on in a way that we never could have imagined." The company is considering ways to expand it to include customer-loyalty programs and partnerships with other companies.

"Simply put, we view the Starbucks Card to be one of the most important initiatives in our history," Smith said.

Total sales for the quarter rose 21 percent to \$805.3 million, with sales at stores open at least a year increasing 2 percent.

The quarter was very much as advertised, said John Ivancko, an analyst for J.P. Morgan in New York. "It was encouraging how strong traffic gains were in the quarter, ... and the company clearly had a significant amount of success with the gift card."

Given the strong response to the Starbucks Card, Ivancko said, the company's goals for the fiscal year seemed a bit conservative.

Starbucks reiterated it expects a yearly profit in the range of \$4 to \$5 a share, with same-store sales growing at the low single digits. Starbucks also said it would open at least 1,200 new stores in fiscal 2002 and plans to identify four new international markets by year's end - two in Europe, one in Asia and its first in Latin America.

Blue chips climb, techs slip

Enron collapse sparks calls for reform

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors gave blue chips another comfortable boost Friday but nudged tech shares slightly lower as they dealt with conflicting signals about the economy.

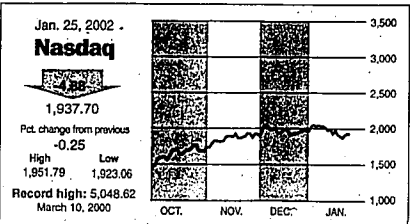
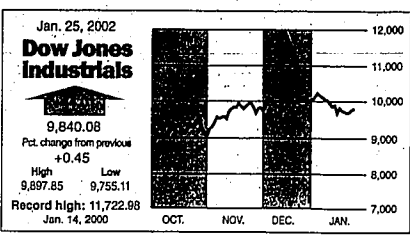
Working in Wall Street's favor were comments Thursday by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who said the recession could soon be over. But with many companies still unable to confirm a pickup in business, the market's gains were limited and, in many cases, were more attributable to bargain-hunting than a shift in investor sentiment.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 44.01, or 0.5 percent, at 9,840.08, according to preliminary calculations. The Dow pulled out a three-session winning streak, advancing 65 Thursday on a record high of 11,722.68 and gaining 17 Wednesday due to bargain hunting.

The broader market was narrowly divided. The Nasdaq composite index slipped 48.83, or 0.3 percent, to 1,937.70 while the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended up 1.13, or 0.1 percent, to 1,133.28.

"The only way the market can get going is if earnings accelerate, and don't just sit around at the bottom," said Gary Kaltbaum, market technician for Investors' Edge Partners in Orlando, Fla. "If companies say, 'Things aren't getting any worse, all that does is bump up stocks a bit. In order to get things going, you have to have growth again, and we just don't have that yet.'"

On Friday, blue chips enjoyed widespread gains, which analysts attributed largely to cheaper prices and somewhat to Greenspan's comments. Procter & Gamble rose \$1.36 to \$79.14. Honeywell climbed \$1.10 to \$52.70 and Caterpillar gained \$1.10 to \$32.50.



Better-than-expected earnings helped other stocks, including Lockheed Martin, up 59 cents at \$50.

In tech trading, PMC-Sierra rose \$2.20 to \$24.40 after reporting a fourth-quarter loss of 15 cents a share, beating estimates by a penny. And, Goldman Sachs raised its rating on the maker of semiconductor equipment.

But disappointing reports and outlooks kept the tech sector from advancing. Filter capacitor maker JDS Uniphase fell 73 cents to \$7.16 on a wider-than-expected loss.

Computer maker Gateway slid nearly 18 percent down \$1.4 to \$5.22, after announcing Thursday

it will cut 2,250 jobs and close 19 stores and several offices as it deals with sluggish sales and declining market share. Gateway earned 2 cents a share, meeting Wall Street's expectations.

Additionally, several investment banks, including Morgan Stanley and Bank of America, downgraded Gateway's shares.

Stocks have largely fallen this month amid a lack of positive news from companies. Analysts said the selloff wasn't surprising given how strongly investors snapped up shares late last year based on hopes of a rebound in profits rather than evidence of growth.

By Steve Thomms
 Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Like many other scandals in American history, the collapse of Enron is generating cries of outrage and calls for stronger government supervision of the nation's businesses.

But while it processes the ingredients necessary to provoke change — greedy plutocrats, innocent victims and glaring regulatory lapses — no leader of either major political party has volunteered to lead a post-Enron crusade for reform.

President Bush could emulate Theodore Roosevelt, turn against his allies in the moneyed class and boldly turn a page of history. But he appears more intent on avoid-

ing political damage from his ties to the bankrupt Houston energy broker than launching a crusade against reform. Except for his war against terrorism, boldness against others, especially fellow business executives, is not Bush's style.

Some congressional Democrats seem eager to take the lead, but their party leaders appear reluctant to launch a crusade against their own big donors. A new push for regulation also could risk reviving the stereotype of Democrats as champions of big government at a time when private industry is still widely considered the most efficient source of economic growth, jobs and upward mobility.

Nevertheless, the largest bankruptcy in American history is forcing both the White House and

Congress to consider the first major push in a generation to tighten government regulation of business.

Congress on Thursday kicked off the first of as many as 11 separate investigations into Enron. Two Bush administration interagency task forces are working feverishly to determine whether new rules and laws are needed to regulate corporate finance and pensions.

"A lot of people have been hurt and there's a strong incentive to act," said George Edwards, a political scientist at Texas A&M University. "The American public is overwhelmingly going to support bills that purport to do something about this. There will be some regulatory change."

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Bill Mogensen owned Twin Broadcasting before North Rocky Mountain Television became the principle stockholder about a year ago. At that time, he became the general manager.

Maxine Mogensen had loaned the company about \$100,000 according to lawsuit.

Stockin replied in a letter to Mogensen's lawsuit. The money was a loan to her son and not to Twin Broadcasting, Stockin said in the lawsuit.

But 5th District Judge Nathan Higer didn't see it that way. He ruled in Mogensen's favor and ordered that Mogensen recover the money from Twin Broadcasting. Mogensen also declined to speak on the record with The Times-News.

The principle stockholder in Twin Broadcasting is North Rocky Mountain Television, owner of the licenses for Channels 43 (UPN) and 58.

The principle stockholder in Rocky Mountain Television is

Kevin Hassee of Aspen Capital Group of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Hassee, who was responsible for paying Twin Broadcasting employees, said he had no comment on the employees who lost their jobs or on any of the lawsuits.

While plaintiffs attempt to collect money they say they were owed, several broadcasting companies are working to obtain licenses to operate the stations. The PAX affiliation is particularly sought after.

Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls and Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, Calif., which are affiliated with Christian Broadcasting of Idaho, are one of the contenders for the PAX license, said Kelly Carlson, chief engineer for C&K Carlson, who was a former Twin Broadcasting employee, said Calvary Chapel is one of several contenders for PAX.

"We hope to know within the next few days who will end up with the PAX affiliation," he said.

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Sales of existing homes reach record high in 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) - American sales, showing amazing resilience during the recession, snapped up existing homes last year and pushed sales to an all-time high. Sales of previously owned homes soared to 5.25 million for all of 2001, a 2.7 percent increase from the 5.11 million homes sold in 2000, the National Association of Realtors reported Friday.

The record 5.25 million homes sold last year surpassed the association's previous record of 5.21 million recorded in 1999, when the economy was booming. Although the country tumbled into recession in March and was dealt another severe blow by the Sept. 11 terror attacks, home-

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Friday

Table of fossil fuel prices for oil, natural gas, and coal.

SHOE

Continued from B6 office and closing four division offices. The charge will include costs of closing 104 existing stores, closing 67 stores operating under the Parade name and 37 Payless ShoeSource stores.

The store closings differ from closings in the normal course of business in that they have a "longer remaining lease term," the company's statement said. The remaining Parade locations will be concentrated in the Northeast and selected major metropolitan areas.

The company now expects the annualized benefits from restructuring to total \$25-30 million, pre-tax, compared with the \$18 million previously announced Friday.

Payless anticipates mid-single-digit negative same-store sales for the fourth quarter. Including the charge, the company expects to post a loss in the fourth quarter.

Kmart

Continued from B6 PricewaterhouseCoopers spokesman David Nestor confirmed that the company also received a copy of the letter. He said the auditor was cooperating with Kmart and its outside counsel.

Troy-based Kmart filed Tuesday for Chapter 11, a move that came after lower-than-expected holiday sales and fourth-quarter earnings, downgrades by credit-rating agencies and a drop in stock price.

Midwest Research said it makes sense that Kmart and the SEC would be attentive to the claims raised in the letter, given the current publicity surrounding Enron's failure.

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Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

Senator: Many detainees will be sent home

Nation in brief

Mourners gather for funeral of first servicewoman killed

GARY, Ind. - Mourners on Friday filed past the flag-draped coffin of Marine Sgt. Jeannette Winters, the first U.S. servicewoman killed since Afghanistan bombing began in October.

She was remembered Friday as a proud Marine and the person who held her family together after her mother's death. Winters' casket was carried by eight Marines in a color guard into the downtown convention center for the funeral.



Sgt. Jeannette Winters

Inside, dozens filed past a stage adorned with flowers, a photo of Winters in her dress uniform, and a poster by elementary school students calling her a "protecting friend."

Winters, 25, was among seven Marines killed Jan. 9 when a KC-130 tanker plane crashed in Pakistan. She was to be buried with full military honors Friday at Calverton Park Cemetery in Merrillville next to her mother, who died of cancer about five years ago.

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba - Many of the Afghan war detainees now held at Guantanamo Bay will likely be returned to their homelands, a U.S. senator said Friday.

The 158 detainees come from 25 countries, Marine Brig. Gen. Mike Lehner told reporters with out identifying the nations. Previously, officials said detainees at this U.S. military outpost were from 10 countries.

Of the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, "many of them will likely be sent home," said Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma, who was part of a delegation of eight representatives and three senators that visited the detention center on Cuba on Friday.

Inhofe said some detainees would be sent home after investigators complete interrogations that began Wednesday. The detainees have not been allowed lawyers.

Bus driver had 75 rounds of ammo during kidnapping

GREENBELT, Md. - A Pennsylvania school bus driver accused of taking 13 children on a curious, 115-mile detour to Maryland with a loaded rifle by his side appeared in court on kidnapping charges Friday and told a magistrate he was "not totally involved" in the episode.

Otto Nuss, 63, agreed to be transferred to Philadelphia, where a hearing was scheduled for later in the day.

Police disclosed that they found 48 weapons in Nuss' house, including three dozen handguns, and 75 rounds of ammunition on the bus.

During a hearing in federal court in Greenbelt, U.S. Magistrate Charles B. Day asked Nuss whether he suffers from mental illness. Nuss replied, "No sir, I'm not insane."

Nuss was captured Thursday just outside Washington after a six-hour odyssey during which he told the youngsters from a Pennsylvania religious school that he was taking them on a field trip to the nation's capital.

American Taliban on trial

In his first court appearance since his capture in December, American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh said he understood that he was charged with conspiring to kill Americans. The punishment for the charges could include life in prison.

Lindh

- 2000 - November Begins Arabic School in Pakistan
- 2001 - April 26 Last contact with family until his capture
- May 15 Leaves the school to travel to the mountains
- Nov. 25 Captive of anti-Taliban forces, questioned by CIA Agent Johnny "Mike" Spann and another agent at fortress that becomes the scene of a prison uprising later in the day. Wounded, takes refuge in a basement.
- Dec. 2 Found by northern alliance fighters. Held in U.S. custody.
- Dec. 9-10 Speaks with FBI
- Dec. 14 Lindh is moved to a U.S. Navy ship off Pakistan
- Jan. 24 Under heavy guard, Lindh makes his first court appearance in Alexandria, Va.
- 2002 - Feb. 6 Preliminary hearing to be held on his court.



The day Lindh was captured.



On his way to court.

SOURCE: Associated Press

Faculty: Lindh admired Taliban, wanted wives

HASSANI KALAN SURANI, Pakistan (AP) - During his six months of study at an Islamic school here, John Walker Lindh expressed admiration for the Taliban and even talked of taking four wives as permitted under Islam, according to those who knew him.

Lindh, known here by his Muslim name, Sulayman al-Faris, is remembered in this Pakistani village 165 miles southwest of Islamabad as a kind and earnest young man, devoted to his religious studies.

But, according to the recollections of some here, Lindh showed the telltale signs of militancy and even shared some of the radical Taliban interpretations of his new faith.

"He often told me that the Taliban's Islam was complete and they don't fear anyone except God," said Mufti M o h a m e d Iltimas, the headmaster of the Madrassa-e-Arabia, or Arabic School, where Lindh studied until May 15.

Iltimas said the 20-year-old Californian also expressed a desire to take four wives - a practice allowed by Islam but discouraged by many Muslim clerics.

"He was speaking seriously," Iltimas said. "He is a man and every man has desires."

Lindh was arraigned Thursday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., on charges including conspiring to kill his fellow Americans. He faces life imprisonment if convicted.

He was captured in November near the Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif fighting with the Taliban and survived a bloody prison uprising a few days later.

During his months studying

Islam in Pakistan, Lindh became fascinated with the Taliban, whose strict brand of Islam banned women from most jobs and education and outlawed movies and television.

Pharmacist Kareem Khan used to provide Lindh with medicine for stomach aches and allergies. "I pointed to a cinema and told Sulayman 'look, it's a movie house,'" Khan said. "His reply was 'No, this is a house of Satan.'"

Sitting in a carpeted room where Lindh studied and sometimes slept during his time at the school, Iltimas recalled that Lindh enjoyed listening to Taliban radio broadcasts whenever someone was available to translate for him.

"He also started to learn Pashtun and even dress like Pashtuns," Iltimas said, referring to the language spoken by most of the Taliban.

Sell the faculty and students were stunned to learn of Lindh's capture

and that he had joined the Taliban. When he left, Iltimas said, he told his friends he was heading into the northern mountains to spend the summer. Lindh left behind a stack of letters, all from his mother, and other personal effects.

"Many were in tears and I, and all the faithful, prayed for his deliverance after the evening prayers at the mosque," Iltimas said.

In the months before Lindh's capture, Iltimas corresponded with the American's mother, Marilyn Walker, who sent anguish-filled letters to the school in search of her son. Then, Iltimas tried to reassure her, that Lindh was well but had no mention of his whereabouts.

"Many were in tears and I, and all the faithful, prayed for his deliverance, prayed for his deliverance."

- Mufti Mohammed Iltimas, headmaster of the Islamic school John Walker Lindh attended in Pakistan

Ashcroft: Canadian man is fifth al-Qaida member in video

WASHINGTON - A Canadian man was identified by the government Friday as the fifth suspected al-Qaida member seen delivering martyrdom messages in videotapes discovered in Afghanistan.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the man, Al Rauf Bin Al Habib Bin Yousef Al-Jiddi, 36, a Canadian citizen born in Tunisia, was identified in part from a suicide letter found in the

rubble of the Afghanistan residence of Mohamed Atef, believed to have been Osama bin Laden's military chief. Officials say Atef was killed by a U.S. airstrike in November.

The Justice Department last week released videos and photos of five suspected members of al-Qaida, including one shown cradling a rifle and one of a Yemeni man who authorities believe was supposed to take part in the Sept. 11 attacks.

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India tests new missile, draws criticism from Pakistan

NEW DELHI, India - India tested a new nuclear-capable missile Friday and announced it will not pull troops back from Pakistan's border, raising tensions with its rival neighbor and drawing international criticism.

Officials said the missile, a shorter-range version of the intermediate-range Agni-1, was successfully fired over the Bay of Bengal from Wheeler's Island off the coast of Orissa state in eastern India. The missile's range is 420 miles.

The test drew immediate criticism from Pakistan - deadlocked in a dispute with India over violence in divided Kashmir - and from the United States, Britain and Germany. All said it sent the wrong signals amid the tension with India's nuclear-armed neighbor.

Indian officials said the test was routine and had no political meaning. They said it was scheduled months ago, well before a deadly Dec. 13 attack on the Indian Parliament prompted both India and Pakistan to mass forces along their border.

Bush considers punitive actions against Arafat

WASHINGTON - President Bush said Friday he was "very disappointed" with Yasser Arafat over an attempt to smuggle weapons to the Palestinians. "That's enhancing terror," Bush said after reviewing U.S. ties to Arafat with his senior advisers.

The options on the table at the White House ranged from suspending diplomatic contacts with Arafat's Palestinian Authority to demanding he guarantee to make arrests in the smuggling episode and try to renew U.S. peacemaking efforts.

"Ordering up weapons that were intercepted on a boat headed for that part of the world is not part of fighting terror," Bush said on a trip to Maine to make a speech on homeland security.

Israeli commandos intercepted the boatload of Iranian weapons. Israeli officials said they were designed for terror attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and other State Department officials were counseling against severing ties. According to a well-placed U.S. official, they favored demanding that Arafat guarantee tough action against terrorism and then the administration would resume its peacemaking efforts.

Arrayed against this view, and pushing for a cutoff, were Vice President Dick Cheney's office and Pentagon staffers, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Israeli soldiers refuse to serve in Palestinian areas

JERUSALEM - Fifty-two Israeli reserve soldiers said Friday they would no longer fight in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, claiming military actions there had nothing to do with security for Israel and were meant to control the Palestinians.

In an advertisement in Israeli newspapers, the soldiers, some with the rank of major, said Israel's stringent travel bans, which confine many Palestinians to their communities, needlessly punish the Palestinians. Israel says the closures are needed to prevent attacks by Palestinian militants.

"We declare that we will not continue to fight a war for peace in the (Jewish) settlements" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, read the ad. "We will not continue to fight on the other side of the Green Line with an intent to control, expel, starve and degrade an entire people."

The Green Line refers to the line separating Israel from the territories it captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

Such public criticism of the military by soldiers has been relatively rare in Israel, though throughout the years, there have been some groups of soldiers refusing to serve, including during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon and during the first Palestinian uprising against Israel in 1987-1993.

Explosion in Bogota kills four policemen and a child

BOGOTA, Colombia - A bomb on a bicycle exploded in front of a restaurant frequented by police in Bogota on Friday, killing four officers and a child, and injuring several other people, police said.

Police deactivated a second bomb in a northern Bogota neighborhood, said police spokesman Sgt. Alberto Cantillo. It was unclear if that bomb was near a police station.

David Hernandez, a paramedic at the scene of the restaurant blast, with blood splattered on his

World in brief

lab coat and glasses, said three police officers and an unidentified woman were taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing and police named no suspects.

The attacks come as negotiations from the government and

Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, rebels are trying to hammer out an agreement for a cease-fire in the 38-year civil war.

French general must pay fine for justifying war crimes

PARIS - An aging general who coldly detailed in a book the atrocities committed by the French during the Algerian inde-

pendence war was convicted Friday in a case that forced France to revisit one of the darkest moments of its recent past.

Gen. Paul Aussarresses, 63, was fined \$6,517 for "complicity in justifying war crimes" in connection with a book he wrote about the seven-year war that ended with Algeria's independence in 1962. He was not on trial for his actions during the war. His publishers were convicted of the

same crime and fined twice as much.

Aussarresses was in court but had no reaction. His lawyers said he would appeal.

In his book, he had detailed methods of torture used against prisoners under his command - ranging from blows to electricity to suffocation with water - and implied that top leaders were aware of the practice. The publication last spring of "Special

Services: Algeria 1955-57" lifted some of the secrecy that has shrouded the conflict. Only in 1999 did France officially call it a war; it had previously been referred to as "operations to maintain order."

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Not the official Olympic column

This is NOT the official newspaper column of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Never mind, it's just a curling stone's throw away from several Olympic venues. Forget that in an earlier professional life I covered the 1984 Olympics at Los Angeles and the 1988 Winter Games at Calgary. And don't even consider the fact that I know someone who knows someone who knows someone who actually helped deliver bribes... er, booty... er, gifts to visiting Olympic bid decision-makers.

None of that matters. Not proximity. Not experience. Not connections. None of it.

The only thing that matters in this regard is money, and I don't have the financial wherewithal to be the official Olympic ANYTHING.

In fact, I'm probably walking on thin ice here just by using the O word. There are probably limitations and restrictions regarding its use of which I'm unaware.

but ignorance of the law being no excuse, next week's column will probably be coming to you from some Swiss slammer. Assuming, of course, that there are slammers in Switzerland.

All of which is why I want to make it very clear right up front that this is NOT the official newspaper column of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Besides, I'm not sure what I could possibly say about the athletes who will be competing during the upcoming Olympics that I can't already say about men and women occupied in non-Olympic endeavors all around the world.

Take Joni, for example. Joni is one of the hardest-working, most dedicated colleagues with whom I have ever had the privilege of working. Bright, good-natured and intensely loyal, she is the ultimate team player, always willing to give that extra effort for the good of the project or the company. She also does an amazing job of maintaining balance in her life as a single mother, finding quality time for friends, family members and her No. 1 priority: her teenage daughter.

Then there's Brian, a neighbor and friend who is going through one of that "agonies of defeat" stuff lately. Despite a long and successful career with his employer, he was laid off as part of the company's strategy for making it through the current economic "situation" (you know, the recession that isn't really a recession). Brian has faced this adversarial turn of events in his life with characteristic wit and good cheer, and he has worked hard for months to find another job. It's been discouraging at times, but he keeps on trying, and you just know that with his talent and great attitude, he's eventually make it back to the medals podium.

And what about the young man I watched during the little league basketball game last weekend? There was a close play, with lots of flailing little league arms and legs, and the ball skipped out of bounds. The referee, who was out of position, made the best call he could, and awarded the ball to the young man's team. But the boy looked at the ref in the eye and shook his head, acknowledging that he had been the last one to touch the ball, and it should instead be awarded to the other team.

See what I mean? It's all around us. Olympian performance and accomplishment - yet a lack of courage in the face of adversity. Olympian sportsmanship and integrity. Olympian kindness and compassion and service. That's the spirit of the Olympics, and it's everywhere.

Whether or you read about it in an official Olympic newspaper column.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer in American Fork, Utah.

Super Bowl Sunday

New Life Community Church holds youth party

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Church kids enjoy a good football game as much as anyone. That's the idea behind the New Life Community Church Super Bowl party for junior high and high school youth.

Young people from anywhere in the Magic Valley are invited. Most people will not be traveling to New Orleans for Super Bowl XXXVI on Feb. 3, but New Life is

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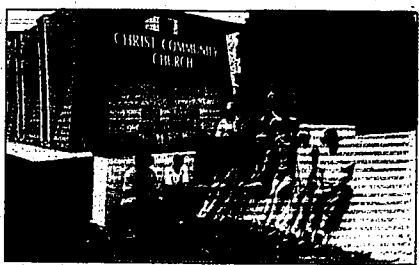
one of the churches in the valley offering the next best thing. The church will air the game on its new 10-by-10-foot big-screen TV, in the church gymnasium.

"There is plenty of room, and the party is free," said youth pastor Terry Mode. "We will be pass-

ing out tickets for door prizes." These include lift tickets for Pomerelle, hunting gear, a tent, CDs, T-shirts, haircuts and gift certificates from area merchants throughout the Magic Valley. There will also be pizza, pop and other refreshments.

"We are throwing a Super Bowl party in a Christian atmosphere," Mode explained. "A lot of folks plan parties for young people but, for some reason, they fail to include the junior high school age group."

He added, "We are trying to remedy that problem by sending them a special invitation."



Kids from New Life Community Church in Wendell visited this Denver church during a youth convention. On Super Bowl Sunday, the kids will gather for a party in a Christian atmosphere.

Tolkien 'Rings' true

New 'Lord of the Rings' film wins Christian fans

By Thomas Wagner
The Associated Press

LONDON - Besides capturing readers' imaginations and thrilling moviegoers, the fantasy epic "The Lord of the Rings" has won high praise from religious groups for what they see as Christian values in the story.

While the extent of the religious element of his work has heated up since the release of the film "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," especially among Roman Catholics and conservative Protestants in the United States, Oxford Sunday Visitor, a Catholic weekly based in Indiana, devoted its entire front page to a picture of Frodo, the story's hero, and said Tolkien "rooted his epic ... in the fertile soil of his own deep orthodox Catholic faith."

Baptist Press, the news agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, published a review of the film praising its "spiritual overtones." And a new book, "Finding God in the Lord of the Rings," co-authored by members of Focus on the Family, a conservative American group, praises the film for the "transcendent truths of Christianity (that) bubble up throughout this story."

The roots of those story elements may lie in the author's life. Born in 1892, John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was only 4 when his father died unexpectedly in South Africa while the rest of the family was on vacation in England. His mother died when he was 12, having raised her children in a rural village outside Birmingham that Tolkien loved. She had been summoned by her own relatives for leaving the Church of England to become a Catholic, so Tolkien and his younger brother became wards of a kindly priest, the Rev. Francis Morgan. Both boys became devout Catholics.



Author J.R.R. Tolkien, in this 1967 file photo, is the subject of new interest with the release of the popular film, "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." Many Christian devotees see their religious beliefs reflected in Tolkien's works.

Tolkien flourished in grammar school, where his language skills allowed him to debate in Greek and Latin. At Oxford, he became an expert in the Old Norse language, and emphasized the growth of English from its Anglo-Saxon roots. He also taught literary classics, including ancient mythology, rarely discussing

works more recent than Chaucer. He married and had four children, one of whom grew up to become a Catholic priest. In addition to being a devoted husband and father, Tolkien also formed several close male friendships. Tolkien tried to convert C.S. Lewis, one of his Oxford friends, to Catholicism, but instead

helped to move Lewis from atheism to fervent Christianity and loyal Anglicanism. Lewis later won fame as the author of "The Chronicles of Narnia," a children's fantasy series that is widely seen as a Christian allegory.

"The Lord of the Rings," written at Oxford from 1937 to 1949, is a three-volume saga about

Frodo, a hobbit from the homely and innocent shire, who must secretly carry an all-powerful ring across the ancient kingdom of Middle Earth to the land of Mordor and destroy it by throwing it into Mount Doom. That has to happen before Sauron, the evil force who knows Frodo has the ring, can obtain it and rule a world that existed before magic disappeared and humans became Earth's dominant creatures.

Like Tolkien, Frodo is an orphan aided by his loyal male friends. During his quest, Frodo is helped and defended by a fellowship including Gandalf, the wizard; Gimli, the dwarf; Legolas, the elf; and Aragorn, the human. The book's page-turning adventure of good versus evil, which has hooked millions of children and adults, has been interpreted in many ways by groups as diverse as hippies and pacifists, conservatives and nationalists.

Tolkien, who died in 1973, denied having written an allegory, saying, "I dislike allegory in any form." At one point, he said he was only writing a fairy tale.

But at the age of 81, the author also wrote to the Rev. Robert Murray, a Jesuit priest, saying: "The Lord of the Rings" is, of course, a fundamentally religious and Catholic work. ... The religious element is absorbed into the story and the symbolism." Many readers don't see religion in the series, which doesn't include churches, religious ceremonies or gods, and doesn't mention "heaven and hell," "sin" or "sin." Still, some Christians believe Tolkien's faith is clearly reflected in the plot, characters and themes of the book, and in the first of director Peter Jackson's films on the epic.

For example, Frodo is seen by some fans as a Christlike figure, who reluctantly carries the ring - a metaphorical cross - in order to save mankind. Frodo's fellowship of supporters also has been seen by some Christians as an allegory for Christ's apostles, with Gandalf, who comes back to life at one point in the story, and the human Vorimir, who is tempted by the evil ring, tries to steal it from Frodo, then confesses his mistakes and gives up his life for the fellowship.

In addition, the book contains little irony, no sexual relationships, and generally portrays its women as pure, innocent mother figures.

Hollywood discovers faith, religion market

By Mark I. Pinsky
The Orlando Sentinel

On a Sunday night last month, a cartoon character in a popular prime-time television sitcom, disguised over changes at the Protestant church where her family worships every week, decided to convert to Buddhism. The episode was appropriately titled, "She of Little Faith."

At the same time this episode of "The Simpsons" aired, on another network, "Touched by an Angel" dramatized the story of a woman who lost a friend in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Paralyzed with fear and anxiety, an angel came to her with the assurance that God would be with her always.

A week later - by popular demand - yet a third network repeated an episode of the comedy drama "Ali McBeal" in which the title character tried to

comfort a minister whose faith was shaken by his wife's murder.

Don't be shocked. These episodes are not an aberration for commercial television, long considered the Devil's playground. Little by little, Hollywood writers and producers are discovering that faith may actually have some entertainment value.

For decades - and for a number of complex reasons, mostly involving fear of offending - prime time programming has consistently avoided religion. This despite the fact that, according to pollsters from George Gallup to George Barna, faith forms such a large part of the lives of most Americans on the other side of the screen.

"It is something new, because religion is the last frontier that commercial television was willing to foray into," said Robert Thompson, professor of media

and popular culture at Syracuse University. "Religion was the one place that they pretty much steered clear of. Popular culture was supposed to comfort people.

Religion, the idea went, made people uncomfortable. Television executives felt that if they reflected the real world in prime-time entertainment, then people would reject it. They really believed that entertainment was an anesthesia to what was going on in the news."

But not all academics agree. "Religion comes and goes on prime time, depending on Hollywood folklore about what attracts audiences," said Quentin Schultz, professor of communication at the evangelical Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. "When the economy goes into a tailspin or something horrendous happens in the news - like the Sept. 11 disasters - television and film writers

sense that spirituality is important to people."

In recent seasons, this cyclical role of religion on television has begun to change, perhaps fundamentally, with the ratings success (or at least survival) of shows built around religion and spirituality, like "Touched by an Angel" and "7th Heaven." Viewers have signaled their willingness to accept a devout balliff in "Judging Amy," a goofy but devout brother on "Maybe It's Me" and a praying president in "The West Wing." Even on a scatological "South Park," Jesus wrestles with Satan - winning only because the Prince of Darkness bets against himself and throws the fight.

"What entertainment producers have figured out, that some religious leaders are still struggling to comprehend, is that this religion is increasingly pluralistic and less tied to creed and

dogma," said Teresa Blythe, co-author of "Watching What We Watch: Prime-time Television Through the Lens of Faith."

"That's why we see story lines involving a lot of different religions. As it became fashionable to portray Buddhist or New Age spirituality, it became more acceptable to portray the varieties of Christian spirituality."

She added, "The new emphasis on spirituality in popular culture is a bridge that can link theologians with stories that lay persons can relate to," she said. "In some ways, I think popular culture is bolder than some pulpits. The struggle to understand how a good God could exist in the midst of terrible evil is a key question in religion. In the last year, I've seen that depicted or 'ally' McBeal" and "ER," but I've heard very few effective sermons on the subject, even after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks."

RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship hosts Zen instructor

TWIN FALLS - Leslie James of the Tassajara Zen Mountain Center... will lead a program on Zen Buddhism...

The service will include Soto Zen meditation, chanting and discussion about the usefulness of Zen in modern life...

Chime trio performs Sunday at Filer Mennonite Church

TWIN FALLS - A chime choir trio, directed by Rebecca Miller from the Filer Mennonite Church, will perform at 10 a.m. Sunday at...

Church news

Rock Creek Community Church, in the shared facility with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview...

Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "I Wish Life Came With An Eraser" Sunday school for all ages starts at 9 a.m.

Divorce, separation support group meets Wednesdays

TWIN FALLS - A DivorceCare group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 30, at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., with child care provided.

DivorceCare is a 13-week seminar and support group for people separated or divorced. For more information, call 733-6610.

Christian writers group meets to discuss motivation

TWIN FALLS - Writers of the Word, a Christian writers group, will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 2 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church on Grandview. Christians interested in writing are welcome.

This month's topic, "Motivation for Writers," will be presented by Agnes YandenBosch. There will be a manuscript review and open forum.

For more information, call Carol Hagerman at 356-2187 or Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115.

Methodist youth organization holds retreat with movies

GOODING - The Junior High Youth Group of the Gooding United Methodist Church has planned a retreat for sixth-, seventh- and...

eight-graders at the church. "Reel to Reel" will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and conclude at noon Feb. 2. Using the movie "Grounding Day" (rated PG) as a teaching tool, those attending will learn how to consider their use of time and address issues of destiny and control. Bring appropriate sleeping attire, sleeping bag, pillows and toothbrush. Admission is free, but donations for food will be accepted.

For more information or to pre-register, call Diana Pauls at 934-5125.

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MISSIONARIES

Four Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:



Elder Michael V. Higbee will serve in the Hamburg Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 12th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

2001, where he was in student government, Boy's State, football, soccer, Chamber Singers and a drummer for Jive. He has been attending Brigham Young University as a pre-med student.



Elder Blake Matthews, son of Heidi and Eugene Matthews of Oakley, will serve in the Colorado Denver South Mission. He will speak at 2:40 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley 3rd Ward chapel, 301 N. Center Ave.

Returned from serving:



Elder Kyle J. Redder, son of Guy and Karen Redder of Burley, served in the Taiwan Taichung Mission. He will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Burley 9th Ward Chapel, 2050 Normal Ave.



Elder Sean F. Edmunds will serve in the Connecticut Hartford Mission. He will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 15th Ward chapel, 3857 N. 3500 E. (Kimberly Stake Center). An open house will be set for 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Edmunds residence, 961 Wildwood Way.

Sean F. Edmunds

Edmunds is the son of Ken and Jane Edmunds of Twin Falls and an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in...

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Congregation will rebuild Nazi-torched synagogue

By Margie Mason The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. - A gem of Jewish architecture that was lost in the Holocaust could soon rise again - half a world away from where it originally stood.

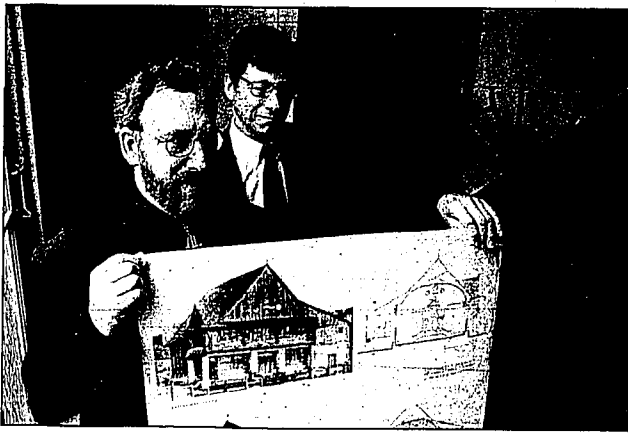
The synagogue in Pzredzbor, Poland, was built in 1636 near the banks of the Pzredzka River. From the outside, it looked like a simple barn, but inside the massive front doors was a spectacular sight - a 40-foot vaulted ceiling carved with Biblical scenes, an elaborate pulpit and timbers adorned with jewels.

"It was the most beautiful place, so beautiful I don't think I paid any attention to the prayers but to the walls and to the ceiling," said Gina Nirenberg Kimmelman, who was just 7 when she went there with her grandmother.

This is the time that Kimmelman prefers to remember - the last moments before the Nazis arrived in 1942, burned down the synagogue and killed off the town's Jewish citizens.

Now Kimmelman, 78, may soon have another chance to sit in that synagogue again, thanks in part to her memories. The Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley is planning to rebuild the synagogue to scale, realizing an ambition members first had 20 years ago as they discussed replacing their existing house of worship.

Wooden synagogues once dotted the landscape of Eastern Europe but only about 10 are left and none are good repair - they are used as barns or sheds. The Pzredzbor synagogue was a Polish treasure. Napoleon is said to have visited it in the early 19th century. Tours stopped there in the 1920s and '30s. Photographs and architectural drawings of it were hidden during World War



Jewish architects Tomas Frank, left, and David Finn have plans for the Pzredzbor Synagogue in Poland, which was burned by Germans during World War II. They have tried to replicate the design of the old wooden synagogue, working from architectural drawings and old photographs. The reconstructed synagogue will be built to scale on the site of the current Beth Israel Temple in Berkeley, Calif.

II, then later preserved in the archives in Warsaw.

Members of Berkeley's Wooden Synagogue Committee unearthed the photographs and drawings of the original building, which was remodeled in 1760. They noted that a large wooden Star of David dominated the outside wall facing the town's center, an unusual feature that showed just how accepted Jews were in Pzredzbor, which was 60 percent Jewish.

Kimmelman, one of only four people known in the United States who remember details of the synagogue, told the commit-

tee about the rainbow of vibrant colors inside the building that the archive photos fail to capture.

"This is the first time a wooden synagogue is (being) rebuilt to house a living, breathing, growing, organic congregation, which is what makes it so special," said Rabbi S. Yair Silverman of the Berkeley congregation. Architects from two firms have used the original drawings to replicate the original design and add features for modern use.

"The building burnt in a fire, and we've been hired to rebuild it," said David Finn, one of the architects. Artists from China,

Italy, the Czech Republic and Jerusalem will complete wood carvings and other ornamental work that models the original structure.

Both Israel's congregations have contributed about \$2 million for the project, and the synagogue committee has submitted grant requests to some 200 organizations seeking the additional \$3.5 million necessary to build the temple.

Silverman hopes to break ground next fall and complete construction in another year.

On the Net: http://www.woodensynagogue.org/

Survey: Christianity and Judaism dominate the U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) - Religions other than Christianity and Judaism are much smaller than often estimated in the United States and "have hardly transformed the religious landscape" as some claim, a new study maintains.

The percentage of Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus has increased, but their numbers remain far below those of religions that are better established in the United States, according to Tom W. Smith of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

The American Jewish Committee published his report, which is based on responses since 1973 to the General Social Survey, a poll that Smith directs. In October, the Jewish committee issued a Smith paper, including the number of U.S. Muslims has been greatly exaggerated. American Muslims took

issue with the report. But Smith repeats his assertion in this month's study, estimating that 1.9 million Muslims live in the United States. Most Muslim groups believe the number is between 6 million and 7 million.

Smith estimates 1.4 million Buddhists are in this country, compared to the 2.8 million to 4 million estimates often used. He also concluded the number of U.S. Hindus is less than 1.2 million, close to other estimates.

In the last decade, 2.6 percent of respondents to the General Social Survey identified with religions outside Judaism and Christianity, compared to 1.3 percent in the 1980s. Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism account for half of those in alternative faiths.

Despite this growing "market share," Smith said, their numbers remain small.

Theology on Tap explores faith in relaxed atmosphere

By Eric Gorski The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The Rev. Brad Noonan has talked for an hour about purgatory, the rosary and the Gospel of Mark when he pauses, as if suddenly remembering where he was.

"Anybody want to get another beer or something?" he says. "Free beer."

To reach Catholics in their 20s and 30s, the Catholic Church is trying to meet them where they feel comfortable - in this case, a banquet hall at the Poudre Canyon brewpub in Colorado Springs. About 40 young adults turned out on a recent Tuesday night to quiz Noonan about prayer, the priesthood and Catholic doctrine over pints of Queen's Blonde and Cascade Amber.

"It was the Colorado Springs

debut of Theology on Tap, a chance for 20- and 30-somethings to hang out and explore their faith in a relaxed atmosphere. There's always a speaker - a priest or an author, typically - and plenty of time for questions and answers.

The five-week program originally ran 2 1/2 years ago in Chicago and has spread to at least 50 dioceses nationwide. It's become one of the Catholic Church's most popular ways to reach young adults, a demographic that only recently has become a point of emphasis yet is crucial to the church's future.

Like many of her peers, Amanda Cole came to Phantom Canyon out of curiosity. The 24-year-old gallery owner said a summer retreat she attended was too formal. This was different.

"I go in and out of appreciating my religion," said Cole, who

passed on the beer - she doesn't even like the smell of it. "I need some help to get back into it."

An estimated 20 million American Catholics are in their 20s and 30s, 40 percent of the adult Catholic population.

The Diocese of Colorado Springs, which covers a 10-county region, includes about 125,000 Catholics. It's not clear how many of them fall into that age bracket, but it's likely to encompass tens of thousands of people. Yet for years, the church focused most of its energy on classes and programs for youth and senior citizens, said Kate DeVries, associate director of young adult ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago, where Theology on Tap began.

"For many years, people in their 20s and 30s were the backbone of parishes," DeVries said. "Parishes were run by young adults. Parishes are still run by those same people, but they're 20

or 30 years older. The baton has not been successfully passed to the next generation."

The church has seemed to recognize this. Spurred by Pope John Paul II's visit to Denver for World Youth Day in 1993, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops formed a committee to write a plan for reaching young adults.

The group conceded in its introduction that it faced challenges, reasoning young adults crave spirituality but don't necessarily look for it in the institutional church.

Among its recommendations were "evangelizing outreach where young adults gather" - the very basis for Theology on Tap. That "go to their turf" strategy is not unique to the Catholic Church. Many evangelical Protestant churches have started coffee shop ministries aimed at teens, for example.

Parents should strive to give children spiritual milestones, book says

The Dallas Morning News

Book "Spiritual Milestones," by Jim and Janet Weidmann and J. Ois and Gail Ledbetter (Cook Communications Ministries, 255 pages, \$12.99).

Everyone has milestones. The authors say Christian parents should strive to build spiritual milestones into their children's lives. They list seven events that can have lasting impact on a young person's life. These begin with baptism and end with marriage. In between, the authors write, parents should teach their children about Communion, prepare them for the trials of adolescence and encourage them to share their faith. Some parents don't feel qualified to provide

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spiritual guidance, the authors write. Take heart. "It is never too late," according to this book. "Whether we seek God's best, we know we'll be led into a fascinating and challenging venture of faith." The authors provide models to help parents initiate discussions with their children. "The intent is to have a discussion rather than a lecture," they exhort. "We've learned that you are open and honest with your children, they will be open and honest with you. The bottom line is we must choose to be intentional in planning and measuring the spiritual growth of our children." -Ed Housewright

Book

"Women and Christianity: Volume I," by Mary T. Malone (Orbis, 276 pages, \$20).

Malone says that most church history books present early Christianity as monolithic and Eurocentric. That's because the visible, institutional history of the church often mirrors the experiences of men.

Instead of writing a history of women, she explores the diminishing roles of women in the early church as well as why the biblical writers and early church historians were pro-men. Her analysis of New Testament women rethinks traditional interpretations of passages, such as the story of Martha and Mary. She even challenges other Christian feminists by not trying to redeem St. Paul for his

well-known views that women should be silent in church and that wives ought to be subordinate to their husbands. Most provocative is her chapter highlighting Amnes, Augustine and Jerome, who elevated virginity over married life because of what she sees as distorted views of sexuality. Malone's arguments are compelling and scholarly. Even if you don't agree with her, this book is evidence of why more light needs to be shed on the lives of early Christian women. -Susan Hogan/Albach

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Group seeks souls, not schism

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Saving souls, not dividing America's Episcopal church, is the goal of the Anglican Mission in America, according to an overseas clergyman who sponsors the young movement.

Archbishop Daturk Yong Ping Chung of Southeast Asia said the mission is bringing Anglicanism to Americans whose denomination has drifted from tradition.

"This is not a separate church," he told 500 followers at the group's annual conference, which concluded Sunday.

The mission draws conservatives who want to remain Anglicans but reject the Episcopal Church, especially over its policy allowing individual dioceses to tolerate homosexual behavior.

In sponsoring the mission and consecrating its bishops, Ping Chung and Archbishop Emmanuel Kolini of Rwanda have defied Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, spiritual leader of the world's 77 million Anglicans. Ping Chung and Kolini met Jan. 8 with Carey, who retires this year, but the Southeast Asian archbishop refused to say what transpired.

The mission, which started in 2000, reports 8,000 adherents, 80 clergy and 40 congregations. Bishop Chuck Murphy III, of Pawleys Island, S.C., said the movement hopes to start 14 to 20 new parishes this year. The Episcopal Church, the U.S. branch of the worldwide Anglican Communion, has 2.3 million members.

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Tammy Faye finds there's life after scandal

By John Tanaaychuk
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

"I was in the bathroom cleaning up doggie wee wee," says Tammy Faye Bakker Messner from her home in Charlotte, N.C. Tammy Faye thrives on letting people know she's normal. Just a regular dog lover, wife, mother and grandmother who now shops at T.J. Maxx and Stein Mart. After a very public fall from grace, Tammy Faye is back, lashes very much intact.

In an hour-long interview to promote her one-woman show, opening today in Miami Beach, Tammy Faye did not cry. This is the new Tammy Faye. Her show, an evening of songs and stories, is called "Doing It My Way," a reference to her life after Jim Bakker and what she calls her more understanding form of Christianity.

"I think it comes from just going through hell," she says. Her biggest fans these days are gay men, not exactly the same crowd she courted as the first lady of televangelism.

"Tammy Faye finally saw the light," says Terry DeCarlo, director of development for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in South Florida. So adoring is the community, according to DeCarlo, that the GLCC is sponsoring a fundraiser with Tammy Faye as a special guest.

Two years ago, Tammy Faye was the subject of a documentary "The Eyes of Tammy Faye" —

which went a long way toward humanizing the woman — who helped build the Praise the Lord Christian empire and then watched it crumble in a sea of scandal.

In 1989, her then-husband, Jim Bakker, was convicted of defrauding followers out of \$158 million; he served five years in prison. Tammy Faye maintains his innocence and thinks PTL fell because of a conspiracy led by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who wanted control.

Tammy Faye herself overcame an addiction to the anti-anxiety drug, Ativan, and five years ago was successfully treated for colon cancer.

The Bakkers divorced in 1992. Eighteen months later, Tammy Faye married Roe Messner, the architect who built the Bakkers' Heritage USA, at one time the third most popular resort destination in the country after Disney. Messner served two years in prison in the mid-'90s for insurance fraud.

But there is life after scandal, and Tammy Faye says she's happy now. Tammy Faye bashing is out of style. If there are jokes to be made about her makeup, Tammy Faye makes them.

Q. Tell me about your show.
A. It's a real you-can-make-it kind of show. I've been through cancer. I've been through the loss of everything in my life, including my reputation. I've been

made fun of. Everything that can really happen to a person, I have really been through, and I've survived. And I've survived with joy. It is like a miracle. It is a miracle. I just think that people need more joy in their lives today.

Q. The stereotype is that Christians are intolerant of gays. Why are you different?

A. How could I not love a community that is so good to me? Not only that, Jesus loves them. And we're supposed to be like Jesus. We're to spread his love. And I think Christians have gotten far away. They've become very condemning. It's just sad to me what has happened to Christians today. I hope I can live my life non-judgmentally and live my life pleasing the Lord.

Q. Do you still have a relationship with Jim Bakker?

A. Oh yes. We have a very nice relationship. I say I like being Jim Bakker's friend and I love being Roe Messner's wife. Roe added another dimension. I'm no longer so driven and so nervous and uptight and so afraid of not being good enough. My husband says "Just be who you are! You don't have to be anyone else."

Q. You still maintain Jim Bakker's innocence?
A. I thought it was unfair. I thought it was a travesty. Jim Bakker did more for the Christian people, probably more than anyone has done. I still

believe he was innocent. We all make mistakes and I'm not saying we didn't make mistakes. But he sure didn't make any criminal mistakes.

Q. You were treated for colon cancer. How is your health?

A. I don't like that word "remission" because it leaves a question mark. This is not even a possibility because of my faith in God. I think people ought to take the negative words out of their lives such as "remission" and start using positive words. Don't leave room for doubt. I don't mind the fact that I had cancer because it opened up a whole new world for me of people suffering with cancer. I've been before groups and let them know that there's a possibility of being totally well with cancer. The Big C is not a death sentence.

Q. Does it bother you that people may laugh at you?

A. Let them laugh. I don't care anymore. I laugh with them. As long as they're laughing at me they won't be laughing at someone else. Let them laugh. Let them make fun, because I'm so beyond that. They're in the minority. They have turned way into the minority and they have no effect on my life anymore.

Q. Do you have any regrets about the permanent eyeliner, lip liner and eyebrows?

A. Not at all. The only thing I kind of regret is the lip liner, because it's kind of gone out of fashion a bit. I just have to wear dark lipstick. I just went and had my eyes relined.



Tammy Faye Bakker Messner

Leaders favor Wales prospect as new archbishop of Canterbury

LONDON — Archbishop Rowan Williams of Wales is the favorite among delegates to the governing synod of the Church of England to be the new archbishop of Canterbury, a survey by The Times showed.

The synod does not elect the archbishop but it provides six of 13 members on the commission that will recommend two nominees to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Williams, 51, a former Oxford University theology professor, is among the more liberal prospects to succeed George Carey, who is retiring in October as spiritual leader to the world's 77 million Anglicans. Williams would be the first non-English primate in three centuries.

According to the responses from 220 of 516 synod delegates, 28 percent support Williams, 19 percent back Rochester's Pakistan-born Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali and 13 percent were for London's Bishop Richard Chartres. Bishops James Lones of Liverpool and Christopher Herbert of St. Albans had 8 percent each.

After Blair chooses between the two finalists, Queen Elizabeth II makes the formal appointment.

Russian Orthodox's leader again opposes a papal visit

MOSCOW — The head of the Russian Orthodox Church has repeated his fierce opposition to a visit to Russia by Pope John Paul, citing Roman Catholic activity in the region. He said he wouldn't meet the pope if he decides to come.

Religion in brief

Patriarch Alexy II said "the Vatican continues to proselytizing on the territories of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, trying to convert people christened as Orthodox or rooted in Orthodoxy." ITAR-Tass reported last week.

Just before, Russian President Vladimir Putin said he would invite John Paul "any minute" as head of state but the pope himself wants better relations with Russian Orthodoxy before a visit occurs.

"Regrettably, that doesn't depend on me," Putin said.

Church chooses theologian to run homosexuality study

CHICAGO — The Rev. James M. Childs Jr. starts work Feb. 1 as director of a four-year study of homosexuality ordered last year by an assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The study will produce a sexuality statement and shape future policy. Liberal Lutherans have been advocating ordination of openly homosexual pastors and blessings for same-sex couples.

Childs is a theology and ethics professor and former academic dean at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He is taking a leave, since the job at Chicago church headquarters is full time.

Childs said the process "will be attentive to God's Word, open, fair, rigorous, and as representative and participatory as possible."

— compiled from wire reports

Archbishop Mart addresses the 'reform of the reform'

The Dallas Morning News

Magazine

Commonweal (Jan. 11). Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, who spent years in Rome, takes on the Curia and those talking about "reform of the reform" of Vatican II. "The Liturgy as Battlefield" argues that although Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger and his cohort don't like the term, they are "restorationists" bent on turning back to Tridentine ways. His arguments, he writes, lack "any theological discussion of the role of the assembly," in worship. Weakland agrees with them on one point — that the new music deserves criticism. But he contends that a return to older forms is not the only answer. He also questions recent documents on placement of the tabernacle and "substituting adoration of the species for participation in the Eucharist at the prime liturgical role of the faithful." The archbishop does not believe that

Religion in the media

Pope John Paul II is among the restorationists.
—Robert Piochek

Web site

<http://www.protectingcreation.org/>
The theme verse for this site is Psalm 24:1: "The Earth is the Lord's and all that it holds, the world and all its inhabitants." Its sponsor, the Interfaith Climate Change Network, promotes "stewardship" of creation and offers linkeminded Internet users tips on ways to act locally and beyond. The network is an effort of the Eco-Justice Working Group of the National Council of the Churches and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life.
Visitors to the Web site can send U.S. lawmakers a form letter urging them to pass a clean-energy bill. One link includes basic advice for congregations

on consuming less energy. Use compact fluorescent bulbs, they're told. Turn the water heater down. Get a specialist to inspect the heating and cooling system. Have an energy audit.
Basic tips for being green at

home are familiar: Walk when you don't have to drive, recycle, plant trees and so on. The site also includes faith-based statements on energy and climate change.
—Paul R. Buckley

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Christian primer program welcomes unbelievers

By Kristin E. Holmes
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — There is at least one place in the church where it is safe to challenge the Bible, doubt the Resurrection, and dismiss the claim that Jesus Christ is the son of God.
No pastor will shout "blasphemy!" No choir member will snicker. No church lady will shake her head in pity and disgust.
Alpha is the place, and thousands are giving it a try.

Alpha is a widely used course in basic Christianity that welcomes atheists, agnostics and skeptics of all kinds. It provides a series of 15 weekly classes that explore the ABCs of the faith and allow people to question and challenge without fear of disapproval.
"Jesus makes some incredible claims about himself," said the Rev. Brian Brewer of the Delaware Valley Christian Church in Mechanicsville, Pa., which offers Alpha courses. "That is something that people need to wrestle with, so Alpha asks those kinds of questions: Who is Jesus?"

More than 750,000 people in North America have taken the course since it began 20 years ago at Holy Trinity in Bromley, Church in London. The free pro-

gram is now offered in more than 125 countries under the banner of Alpha International, a nonprofit organization that equips local churches to run their own courses.

Bright "Alpha Is Here" banners often can be seen flying outside the many Catholic and Protestant churches that have embraced the course. About 2,000 classes are currently offered in the United States, in homes, churches, prisons and schools.

"It's about God as He really is," said Caroline Todd, Alpha's Pennsylvania coordinator. "(The course) shows that God is not a God of sin, judgment, and condemnation as so many Christians have appropriated."
But Alpha has its critics, who question the course's simple view of Christianity, charismatic elements and a theology that offers a conservative view on hot issues such as homosexuality.

Chester L. Gillis, a professor of theology at Gettysburg University, says Alpha is a successful evangelism tool but is naive in its content: "It leaves people with the impression that (Christianity) is all laid out perfectly in uncomplicated fashion, and that's simply not the case. To remove all complexity and ambiguity is probably not healthy."

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TF Library promotes E-Card

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library is giving the word about the new E-Card.

"We want to make sure that everyone in the community has the opportunity to receive a packet and activate the new E-Card at the library," said Annie-Laurie Burton, supervisor of the Twin Falls Library Children's Services. "We have librarians in Adult Services and Children's Services that would be glad to speak to your group about our most recent library E-Card Campaign and also about upcoming activities at the library."

The library received a LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Advocacy Grant through the Idaho State Library to market the library's new electronic services. The grant was for \$3,750, and the library provided a \$4,147 match, said Annie-Laurie Burton, supervisor of the Twin Falls Library Children's Services. The money will be used for the E-Cards, large posters used in the presentations, informational packets and other promotional materials.

"Students and many people in the community have received the library's brightly colored packet,



Annie-Laurie Burton, left and Susan Ash, staff of Twin Falls Public Library, prepare to make presentations throughout the community about the library's new E-Card.

with the electrifying E-Card, bookmarks and other information about the library's Web site and electronic resources. They have come to the library to activate their new cards, check out materials and learn about our services," said Susan Ash, Adult Services supervisor.

The E-Card can take the place of the old blue library card and provides information about the library's Web site. The E-Card is

free to Twin Falls city residents, but like the blue card, there is a fee for non-residents, Burton said. However, anyone can take advantage of the many items available on the library Web site.

If your organization would be interested in having someone give a presentation about the library and its many services, please call Annie-Laurie Burton or Susan Ash at the Twin Falls Public Library at 733-2964.

St. Edward's students make 'Angels'

TWIN FALLS - Students in several grades at St. Edward's Catholic School in participated in the "Angel Project" in December. The "Angel Project" was started by Clapper Publishing of Des Plaines, Illinois with the goal of making angels to commemorate each victim of the Sept. 11 tragedy, said Luke Schroeder with St. Edward's. Clapper Publishing wanted to have an angel for each of the victims to present to their families on Christmas.

The St. Edward's teachers worked the project into their lesson plans and the children set to work and students made 107 angels. The angels ranged from simple cut outs to elaborate thread spool angels.

"We wanted our kids to be able



Photo courtesy of St. Edward's School

to be involved, if only in a small way, by showing that even here in Twin Falls, Idaho we care, pray and feel for all those touched by this tragedy," said Ana Carpenter, first-grade teacher's aide who coordinated the project at the

school. Clapper-Publishing's goals for each victim were far exceeded as of Dec. 10, Schroeder said. It collected 104,314 angels.

St. Edward's angels were mailed Nov. 29 and received at Angel Headquarters on Dec. 1. From there, they traveled via semi-truck Dec. 11 to New York City.

On Dec. 20, the angels were presented at a ceremony and displayed for public viewing at the ABN Ambro Lobby of Park Avenue Plaza and then presented to the families affected by Sept. 11 and to those who have worked at Ground Zero, he said.

For more information on the Angel Project, go to the Web site www.theangelproject.com.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Dog walker - An elderly man in Jerome is in need of someone to exercise his guide dog once or twice a week. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-NEED (6333).

Vacuuming - A volunteer is needed to install a smoke detector and assist with weekly vacuuming for an elderly woman in Twin Falls. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Housekeeping - A woman in Jerome is in need of someone to assist her with housekeeping once a week. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Cleaning - An elderly woman in Twin Falls is in need of someone to clean her bathroom and vacuum her small apartment twice a month. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

Large print books - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of books on cassette and large-print reading material for its lending library. Call 735-0121.

Musical instruments - Twin Falls County HealthNet is in need of two pianos, 10 beginning acoustic guitars, one full set of trap drums and 10 practice drum pads. Call Jamie Valero at 734-3336 or Bonnie Stuckenholz at 825-5887 or 731-5887.

Library volunteer - The Twin Falls Public Library is in need of volunteers to work in technical services preparing new library materials, mending books and withdrawing old materials. Typing skills are helpful. Call Marlene Wright at 733-2964, Ext. 105.

Volunteers - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers to work with fund-raisers, bereavement, mailing and correspondence, patient care and companionship and caregiver assistance. Orientation and in-services are available monthly. Call Flo or Tami at 735-0121.

Hospice volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers for newsletter preparation, patient/caregiver support, office help, fund-raising and

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

children's bereavement program. Orientation and training is available. Call Susan Harris at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061 or stop by the office, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Lunch buddies - Volunteers are needed to be lunch buddies at Gooding County schools. Volunteers will meet with a child twice a month. Call Julie Trader-Wolfe at 934-5567, Melody Kerner at 536-2792 or Tami Becker at 934-4941.

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregiver can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls and Eden areas. Call Carlene at 736-2122, Ext. 320.

Tax assistance - The American Association of Retired Persons is in need of volunteers to learn tax law and help others with income tax returns. Tax-Aide volunteers will receive free training from IRS-certified instructors, and are asked to give a minimum of 40 hours over the 10-week tax season. AARP membership is not required. Call Bob Wunderle at 837-9178.

Meal drivers - The Twin Falls Senior Citizen is in need of volunteer drivers for the home-delivered meals program. Volunteers are needed for one or two days a week. Call Karen at 736-5084.

Volunteers - The Fifth Judicial District CASA Program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Quilts, Towels - The Port of Hope is in need of quilts, towels, fresh produce, fresh fruits and homemade jams. Donations may be dropped off at 425 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call Karen Bach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 724-7078.

Senior companions - The Senior Companion Program is in need of 10 seniors to work in the Magic Valley. Companions will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service assisting homebound or elderly clients complete tasks. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Foster grandparents - The Foster Grandparent Program is in need of 10 seniors to work in the Twin Falls area. They will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service working with new to English language children. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Senior volunteers - The America Reads program is in need of volunteers ages 55 and over to work with children in grades kindergarten through third grade. Call Kathy Scotton at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

Tutors - The College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors to help adult students learn reading, English, math and English as a second language - especially in the Hindi-Cassia and Blaine counties to help with ESL. Call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, Ext. 2536 or toll free at 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

Child advocates - Guardian ad Litem is in need of volunteers to help in the safeguarding the interest of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of men's and women's clothing. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1524 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

SUB WINNERS



Photo courtesy of JOSEPH ALLEN

Mr. and Mrs. Dess Johnson, who reside northwest of Jerome, won a yellow submarine playhouse named "Albort." The playhouse was built by Joseph Allen of Jerome who donated it to Liberty Christian Academy to raffish as a fund-raiser. The Johnson's have 12 grandchildren to enjoy the playhouse.

SERVICE NEWS

Former Gooding resident reports for duty on ship

Navy Fireman apprentice Marguerite Newbury, formerly of Gooding, was transferred to Bremerton, Wash. to sea duty aboard the USS Bridge.

She reported for duty on Oct. 21, 2001 to the ship, where she will be stationed for the next four years.

The 1989 Gooding High School graduate completed boot camp on June 28, 2001 and then graduated from several schools and has specialized in fire

damage control. Her parents are Bert and Joanna Borda of Gooding. Her husband is Scott Newbury, formerly of Wendell, and they have two children, Tiarik and Antoine.

Wardell enlists in Army through delayed program

Jacob A. Wardell, 19, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years. Wardell is the son of Daniel F. and Cherie L. Wardell of Kimberly. He enlisted through the Army's Delayed Entry Program. He will attend basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and advanced individual training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. where he will train as an intelligence analyst.

Wardell is a 2001 graduate of Kimberly High School.

LETTER OF CARE



Sara Oliver of Twin Falls holds a letter she received from New York Police Commissioner Bernard B. Keefe. The letter was in response to a picture she drew and sent to New York police officers after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Photo courtesy of SARAH OLIVER

'Shop Til You Drop' event takes place today

GOODING - "Shop Til You Drop" fund-raiser for veterans will be held from noon until 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at Third and Idaho, in Gooding. Proceeds benefit local veterans. Some tables are still available. For more information, call Diana Pauls at 934-5125.

Free health seminar set at Nazarene church

BUHL - A free health seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl First Church of the Nazarene, 300 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl.

B. J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces weekly winners

RUPERT - Results for the B. J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Jan. 22 were north/south first, Fawn and Warren McEntire; tied for second, Harry Warnke and Bill Novasel and Bill and Norma Goodman; third, Delores Rasmussen and Catherine Carson; fourth, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf; east/west first, Edward Tucker and Tracy Uscolo; second, Jackie Brown and Marie Price; third, Nannette Woodland and Vera Mai; fourth,

Trudy Carver and Nancy Gibson. Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Silver and Gold Senior Center holds hamburger fry.

EDEN - The Silver and Gold Senior Center will hold a hamburger fry from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday at the center, 203 Wilson, Eden. The cost is \$2 per hamburger and \$2.25 per cheeseburger. For more information, call 825-5662.

Great Books club gathers for discussion

KETCHUM - The Great Books book club will hold a discussion at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Community Library, 415 Spruce Ave., Ketchum. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, call the library at 726-3493.

CSI offers two faux-painting techniques courses

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer two classes on faux painting techniques. Faux Painting Techniques Part

I and Faux Painting Techniques Part II shows students how to give their walls texture, depth and character through simple procedures involving little more than the cost of the paint.

Techniques covered in Part I will be spraying, dragging, dragging, subtractive ragging, dragging, wood graining, crackling, color washing and others. Part I will be held from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7 in Art Complex room 112 at CSI. The cost is \$25, plus a \$5 materials fee to be paid to the instructor.

Part II will cover specialty paints, frottage, aging wall covering, reverse stenciling and effects with plaster. Part II is not a prerequisite. Part II will be held from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 14 in Art Complex room 112. The cost is \$25, plus a \$5 materials fee to be paid to the instructor. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

MV Bowhunters Archery Club hosts open nights

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Bowhunters Archery Club will host open nights from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 25 at the indoor range located in the basement of the Elks Building, 205 Shoshone St., Twin Falls.

The entrance is at the outside stairs across the street from Aroma Restaurant.

For insurance purposes, membership will be requested after two practice sessions.

AARP provides free tax service for older people

RUPERT - Free income tax advice will be available for seniors, low-income and handicapped people from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Feb. 1 and every Friday through April 12 at the Mindokoa County Senior Citizens Center, 702 11th Street, Rupert. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Rupert Senior Center at 436-9107.

Last year, the Internal Revenue Service/American Association of Retired Persons volunteers prepared approximately 1.7 million federal, state and local income tax returns for older, low and handicapped income taxpayers, organizers say. When going to a Tax-Aide site, bring last year's tax returns and copies of federal, state and local tax reports; all records of income, including SSA-1099; verifications for special deductions and credits and current federal, state and local tax forms if possible. Tax-Aide counselors are trained to

assist with basic tax forms and questions, but if people who have rolled over an IRA should let them know. People with complex tax assistance needs may be referred to professional tax preparers.

To find a Tax-Aide site location, call the Internal Revenue Service information number listed in the white or blue pages of the local telephone directory, under U.S. Government.

Twin Falls Scout receives Eagle honor today

TWIN FALLS - Jordan Howard, son of Kevin and Nancy Howard of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 7 p.m. today at the LDS Church at 847 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls. Howard has completed 21 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout award, he raised a flower bed with engraved sandstone rocks spelling out "O'Leary Junior High" at the main entrance by the office. Howard is a member of Troop

81 and the sponsoring organization is Twin Falls LDS Seventh Ward.

Howard is a freshman at O'Leary Junior High School. He is active in year-round sports with the Twin Falls Challenger League and with his llama, Doubleduff. He also won the O'Leary wrestling manager last year and has been active in the 7th Ward Scouting and Cub Scouting program for seven years.

DivorceCare recovery starts new sessions

TWIN FALLS - The DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, beginning Feb. 4 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. There is no charge and child care is provided free of charge. People of all denominations are welcome. New participants are welcome at any session. DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separating, going through a divorce or who are currently divorced. Topics include forgiveness, new relationships, facing anger, loneliness, going through a divorce or who are currently divorced. Topics include forgiveness, new relationships, facing anger, loneliness, going through a divorce or who are currently divorced. For more information, call Vickie DeBruin at 734-7751 or Ross and Flo McNurlin at 733-7313.

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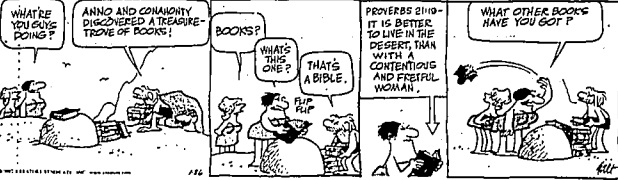
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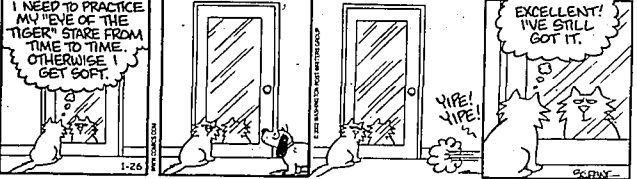
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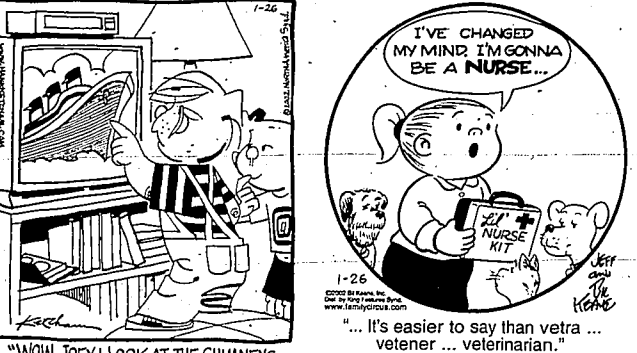
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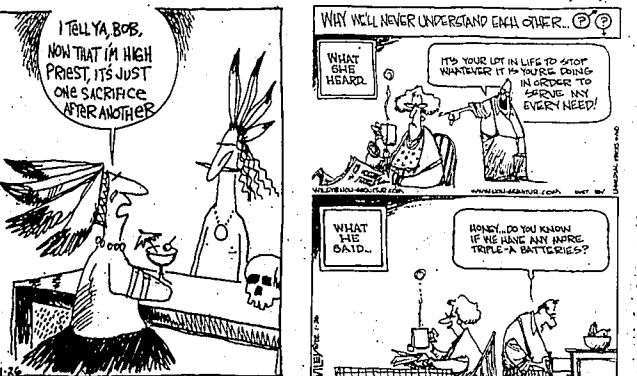
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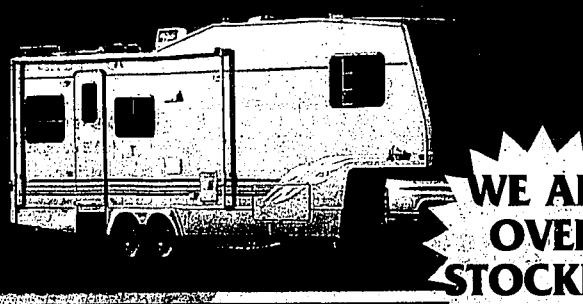
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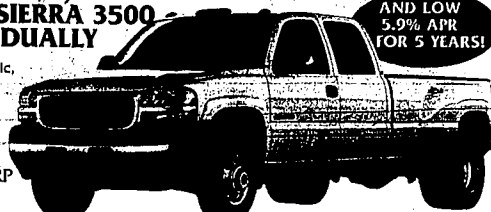
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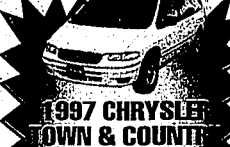
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