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# Murder sentence will stand

## Appeals court rules woman will serve life term for injecting romantic rival with drugs

**The Times-News**  
**BOISE** — A former Twin Falls woman should never be released from prison because of the cold, heinous nature of the first-degree murder she was convicted of, the Idaho Court of Appeals ruled Thursday.  
Vicki Arlene Jensen, 33, is probably simply too dangerous to ever let loose again, according to an opinion released by chief appellate judge Darrel R. Perry. Jensen was charged with first-

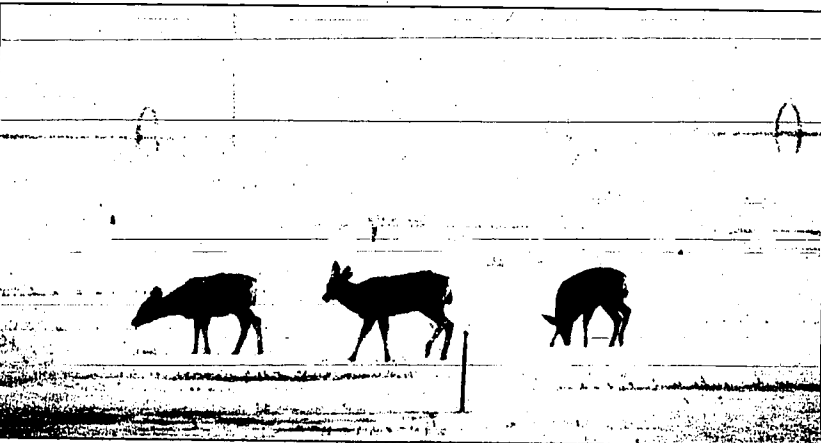
degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the 1999 death of Aleta Diane Ray of Twin Falls.  
Investigators and prosecutors claimed that Jensen had become enraged at Ray because Jensen's estranged husband had taken up a romantic relationship with Ray.  
According to investigators' reports, Jensen recruited the help of her niece Autumn Marie Pauls, 16, and Pauls' ex-boyfriend Matthew Madison Pearson, 18. Investigators concluded that

Jensen, Pauls and Pearson went to Ray's home, where Pauls and Pearson restrained Ray while Jensen injected her with a lethal mix of insulin and methamphetamine. The trio then stayed for about an hour and watched Ray struggle for life before leaving the dying Ray alone with her 3-year-old daughter. Investigators concluded Jensen intended to make Ray's death look like a methamphetamine overdose.  
Prosecutors initially sought the death penalty against Jensen.

But she later agreed to plead guilty to the first-degree murder charge if the conspiracy charge and death-penalty stipulation were dropped. Pauls and Pearson also pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.  
District Court Judge Roger Burdick about a year ago sentenced Jensen to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Pauls was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole after 12 years, and Pearson was sentenced to life with the possibility

of parole after 15 years.  
Jensen later appealed her sentence on the grounds that it was unreasonable and was an abuse of the court's discretion.  
But Perry and the other appeals court judges concluded that Burdick's ruling was sound.  
The plotting, calculating nature of the crime and Jensen's apparent inability to hold her own rage in check outweigh any chances she might have at rehabilitation, according to Perry's opinion.

## MEAGER PICKINGS



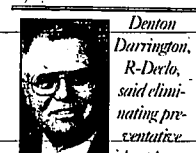
Deer scavenge for food in a snow-covered field just north of Jerome on Thursday. Although Thursday's storm dumped a significant amount of snow on the ground in Twin Falls and Jerome counties, today's high temperatures are expected to climb back into the high 30s to mid 40s, according to the National Weather Service.

## Funds for West fires worry some

**The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON** — Four senior Republican and Democratic lawmakers are pushing the White House to release a pool of wildfire money that Congress approved last year.  
"Without the \$280 million, the House members say, the Forest Service may be forced to halt some critical programs in order to make ends meet."  
"We appropriated that money for a good reason," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said Thursday. "That is to fight these disastrous fires, and we intend to use it for the purpose that it was appropriated."  
Almost three-quarters of the money is emergency funds that paid for last year's fire suppression.  
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## Funding cuts in higher education, health care for poor move forward

**The Associated Press**  
**BOISE** — A 10 percent reduction in state funding for the state's three universities and Lewis-Clark State College cleared the state Senate on Thursday, leaving it just one vote away from the governor's desk.  
Passed on a 25-9 vote, the budget for the 2002-2003 school year incorporated the \$7 million cut lawmakers made in this year's allocation and then cut another \$16 million on top of that. House approval was also expected.  
Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne proposed the cut as part of a budget-wide reduction in spending to cope with an eroding economy and protect last year's record tax cut.  
The school presidents have already said it will force the lay-



Denton Darrington, R-Deer, said eliminating preventive dental care for poor adults will hurt the state later.

off of scores of faculty and reduce class offerings and other programs. They also have authority from the state Board of Education to propose 12 percent hikes in student fees.  
"This is not very pretty at all," Senate budget committee member Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian, told his colleagues. "If it weren't necessary, we wouldn't have

done it."  
It was the same justification Republican budget writers and the governor have given for the more than \$100 million lawmakers cut from basic spending in the \$2 billion budget for next year.  
The House finally approved and sent to the governor the 2002-2003 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Office on Aging. Both were victims of cuts although lawmakers did include cash in the parks budget to make the first payment on the new Billingsley Creek state park and continue the \$1 million annual payment for expansion of Ponderosa State Park.  
Park managers say there will be fewer employees in the parks this summer and the number of programs will be scaled back because of the cuts. The budget for senior services also lost a third of the dramatic increase in spend-

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## Coalition readies for assault; weather hampers effort

Push could come this weekend if sand storms abate, supplies arrive

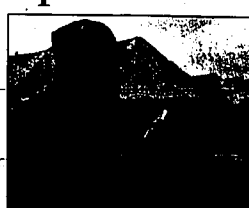
Compiled from wire reports

**GARDEZ, Afghanistan** — Troop trucks, tanks and artillery from around Afghanistan began pouring into this provincial capital Thursday as the U.S.-led military coalition bolstered forces for what it hopes could be a final assault on al-Qaida and Taliban positions as early as this weekend.

While U.S. warplanes stepped up bombing runs over the mountains around the village of Shahikot, 20 miles southeast of Gardez, Afghan leaders started moving an additional 1,000 soldiers from other parts of the country to double the Afghan forces among the allied troops arrayed against enemy positions.  
The Afghan reserves arrived soon after the United States dispatched more attack



Army Pvt. Dave Bayerle patrols the air base at Kandahar Thursday during an intense dust storm. Helicopters to the area. "This is war. We have decided not to come back until we have won." Abdul Mateen Hassan Khel, an Afghan command-



U.S. soldier David Smith, 25, shaves Thursday at the Bagram Air Base north of Kabul. He had been fighting Taliban and al-Qaida forces in the Gardez region of eastern Afghanistan and was wounded in the arm by shrapnel.

der who has contributed fighters to the U.S.-led coalition, said in an interview. "We believe this is the last war in Afghanistan."  
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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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### ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	50/28°
High/Low	50/27°
Normal high/low	50/24°
High/Low last year	58/24°
Record high	64° in 1988
Record low	11° in 1976

Precipitation  
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.25"  
Month to date: 0.44"  
Normal month to date: 0.28"  
Water year to date (Oct 1): 0.31"  
Normal year to date (Oct 1): 5.57"

Yesterday at noon: 53%  
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.60 in

pollen yesterday in Twin Falls  
Grass: Absent Woods: Low  
Trees: Absent Mold: 0.28°  
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
▲ 36°	▼ 20°	▲ 46° ▼ 30°	▲ 52° ▼ 32°	▲ 50° ▼ 32°	▲ 52° ▼ 34°

## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Calgary	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0
Edmonton	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0
Regina	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0
Saskatoon	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0
Winnipeg	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0	Hi 11 Lo 0

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Windy and cold today. Times of clouds and sunshine in the west leaving an inch or two. Highs 29-38.

**Boise:** Cloudy to partly sunny, break and cold today, a few snow flurries, mainly this morning. High 38. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Low 25. Clouds and times of sunshine tomorrow; milder. High 46.

**Northern Nevada:** Breezy and chilly today with clouds and intervals of sunshine; a few spots in the east will have a snow shower this morning. Highs in the 30s and the 40s. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

**Northern Utah:** Mostly cloudy, windy and colder today with snow showers; a couple of inches will accumulate in the mountains. Highs from near 20 in the mountains to the 30s in the lower terrain.

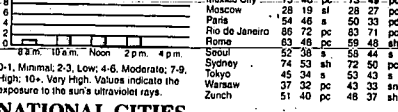
**Northern Idaho:** Cloudy to partly sunny and cold today with a few snow flurries; a couple of spots in the mountains will receive an inch or two. Highs from near 20 in the mountains to 38 in the lowest valleys.

## SUN AND MOON

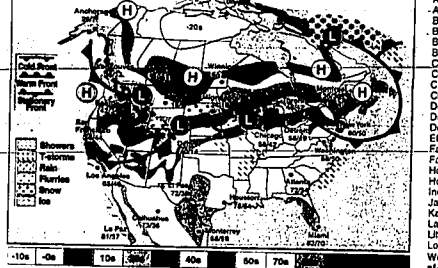
Sunrise today	7:02 a.m.
Sunset today	6:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:23 a.m.
Moonset today	1:26 p.m.

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## NATIONAL WEATHER



## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Atlanta	Hi 74 Lo 24	Hi 71 Lo 27	Hi 71 Lo 27
Baltimore	Hi 68 Lo 50	Hi 66 Lo 48	Hi 66 Lo 48
Boston	Hi 56 Lo 43	Hi 54 Lo 41	Hi 54 Lo 41
Chicago	Hi 58 Lo 42	Hi 56 Lo 40	Hi 56 Lo 40
Denver	Hi 60 Lo 40	Hi 58 Lo 38	Hi 58 Lo 38
Los Angeles	Hi 72 Lo 52	Hi 70 Lo 50	Hi 70 Lo 50
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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Boise	Hi 38 Lo 26	Hi 34 Lo 22	Hi 34 Lo 22
Bozeman	Hi 28 Lo 18	Hi 26 Lo 16	Hi 26 Lo 16
Burlingame	Hi 48 Lo 30	Hi 46 Lo 28	Hi 46 Lo 28
Coeur d'Alene	Hi 28 Lo 18	Hi 26 Lo 16	Hi 26 Lo 16
Elko	Hi 38 Lo 26	Hi 34 Lo 22	Hi 34 Lo 22
Evansville	Hi 48 Lo 30	Hi 46 Lo 28	Hi 46 Lo 28
Hagerman	Hi 28 Lo 18	Hi 26 Lo 16	Hi 26 Lo 16
Idaho Falls	Hi 38 Lo 26	Hi 34 Lo 22	Hi 34 Lo 22
Kalispell	Hi 28 Lo 18	Hi 26 Lo 16	Hi 26 Lo 16
Lewiston	Hi 28 Lo 18	Hi 26 Lo 16	Hi 26 Lo 16
Malad	Hi 38 Lo 26	Hi 34 Lo 22	Hi 34 Lo 22
Maria	Hi 28 Lo 18	Hi 26 Lo 16	Hi 26 Lo 16

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## Dairy

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July. The first violation was in August.  
Revisions to the odor law were passed Wednesday in the state House. The bill now heads to the Senate.  
Patten said he thinks the revisions, if adopted, will have little impact on guidelines the Ag Department has in place for Hafjiger's dairy.  
The department and Hafjiger-

have been working for nearly a year to reduce odors at the dairy. In July, Hafjiger installed new equipment for that purpose.  
The latest action - called a stipulation, agreement and consent order - is the next procedural step in dealing with the issue, Patten said.  
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## Budget

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ing it was originally authorized for this year.  
Among the cuts approved by the Senate Thursday and forwarded to the House were elimination of preventive dental care for 37,000 poor adults and limiting health care for children from working-poor homes to about 12,500 kids.  
Those spending restrictions in the Medicaid budget were opposed by the Senate's three Democrats, and five Republican colleagues.  
Denton Darrington of Declo called eliminating dental care a shortsighted decision that the state will pay for later. And Gary Schroeder of Moscow warned that capping the Children's Health Insurance Program will force poor families to take their children to expensive emergency rooms, where the cost will ultimately fall on local property taxpayers.  
Although Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said the budget is structured so all eligible children

needing health care will be covered.  
But Kempthorne administration officials have declined to guarantee that, and if the cap is hit eligibility for the coverage would be reduced and some children would be denied future care.  
The state will also clamp down on prescription drugs for the poor and on doctor reimbursements for treating the more than 100,000 Medicaid recipients.  
But the spending reduction on higher education was the deepest imposed on any state agency or program for next year.  
Republican Sen. Joe Stegner of Lewiston called that unacceptable and said it would "indicate that higher education is the lowest priority of the state."  
Democrats criticized the financial restraint from education by a time when skilled workers will be needed to bounce back from a slowdown where people are losing their jobs and need retraining. Higher fees will essentially deny teen-agers from poor families the chance at a college education.

## Pared-down stimulus measure nears reality

Los Angeles Times  
WASHINGTON - After months of fruitless partisan bickering, the House Thursday overwhelmingly approved a stripped-down bill to bolster the economy by providing new unemployment benefits and modest business tax breaks - including one eagerly sought by high-technology industries.  
The Democratic-controlled Senate is expected to pass the bill today, and President Bush said he would sign it.  
The 417-3 vote in the House broke a stubborn impasse over economic policy, as Republicans backed down from the more controversial tax cuts that Bush sought to spur job creation.  
Democrats agreed to accept more

limited benefits for the unemployed than they wanted.  
Nearly six months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks hurt an sure has mounted for Congress to move ahead with the short list of anti-recession measures that both parties embrace.  
Bush quickly praised Thursday's House action, even though the compromise bill leaves out some of his top tax-cutting priorities. "We've had too much non-movement on this important issue. And it's time to go. Time to get a bill," he said.  
"This is the last game in town," House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said as he pushed for the bill's passage. "We all play today or we go home to our constituents and say we did nothing to help you, because we let politics matter more than your economic future."  
The congressional debate raged inconclusively for so long that it may have outlasted the recession. Shortly before the House vote, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave Congress an upbeat assessment of the economy, saying, "An economic expansion is already under way."  
The legislation would pump \$51 billion into the economy this year, \$43 billion in 2003 and \$29 billion in 2004, congressional analysts say.  
The compromise measure would allow jobless people who exhaust their 26 weeks of unemployment benefits to get 13 more

## Report: Cloning fixed illness

BOSTON (AP) - For the first time, scientists say they have used the ethically sensitive technology of therapeutic cloning to repair an inherited disease in a lab animal.  
While still far from human use, experts say this demonstrates the potential power of the approach to correct many common ills that affect people.  
Most of the steps in the work have already been accomplished individually in lab animals. Scientists have used cell-based therapeutic cloning to make embryonic stem cells that can develop into many different kinds of tissue, such as muscle or nerves. But until now, they have not been put back into an animal to treat a disease.  
The experiments involved repairing an immune system defect in mice. First, they made clones of the animals to harvest embryonic stem cells. Next, they fixed the genetic defect in these stem cells. Finally they put the repaired stem cells into the adult animals, where they partially overrode the immune defect.  
"This really is a tremendous confluence of very, very challenging technology, wrapping them all together into a model therapy," said Dr. George Daley. "We are the first to do this all the way."

## Fires

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sion efforts. The remainder is supposed to go toward programs this year to rehabilitate forests, conduct research and provide community assistance, among other uses.  
However, other Forest Service programs are being tapped to cover for the missing funds. They include research and programs to fire preparedness and programs to remove hazardous wildfire fuels from forests.  
In a letter Wednesday, Reps. Joe Skeen, R-N.M., David Obey, D-Ore., Norm Dicks, D-Wash., and Young - all leaders on the House Appropriations Committee - asked President Bush to provide the money appropriated last year as part of the interior spending bill.  
"These funds were taken from several critical agency functions," they wrote.  
Office of Management and Budget spokeswoman Amy Call said the administration is working with Congress to determine what the agency's emergency funding needs are.  
"I am sure that we are working with the agency to make sure that all critical functions continue," she said. "No vital firefighting functions will be halted."  
Young said he is frustrated with President Bush's OMB Director Mitch Daniels, who is blocking the funds, because the administration's focus is too narrow.  
"All they worry about is numbers. They put a number on those dollars, and they don't pay much attention to what those dollars mean for America," he said.  
Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, who oversees the Forest Service, also wrote Daniels last week asking him to provide the money. On Thursday, the Forest Service requested inquiries to OMB.  
A day earlier, the civilian head of the Army Corps of Engineers, Mike Parker, was fired because he said Congress just wants to know and could hurt some projects many of them dear to Congress members.  
The Forest Service's silence on its funding issue concerned Young.  
"That is a little ominous," he said. However, "I can understand why the Forest Service is a little reluctant to talk."  
Skeen's top aide George Behan said Daniels just wants to turn off the money.  
"He also wants it to be a branch government. He doesn't understand that Congress is charged, under the Constitution, with disposing of these funds," Behan said.

## Enron spent \$2.5 million lobbying

WASHINGTON (AP) - Enron Corp. belatedly disclosed that it spent nearly \$2.5 million lobbying the Bush administration and Congress in the first six months of last year. That was three times more than the energy trader originally acknowledged, and even the corrected figure may be wrong.  
The disclosure came in a report filed with the House and Senate. Because the report may still be inaccurate, nobody from the company would step forward to sign it.  
Enron stated in the new report that it lobbied regarding "nominations to the Securities Exchange Commission" and "nominations to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission."

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## CORRECTIONS

Thursday's story about odor legislation left out the fact that House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, voted against the measure.  
The Times-News incorrectly reported Thursday information about a ravioli dinner at Nicholas Parish Hall. The event was held Feb. 9.  
The Times-News regrets errors.

# Bush, Senate clash on judge nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans forced a one-week delay Thursday in a racially-charged showdown over U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering's nomination to the federal appeals court, hoping to stave off an embarrassing defeat for President Bush.



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., right, speaks to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, Thursday after a heated exchange over a judicial nomination by President Bush. The committee agreed to delay for one week a final vote on the nomination of Judge Charles Pickering.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, coupled his request for a delay with a withering attack on "extreme left Washington special interest groups" that he said were conducting a "lynching" designed to keep Bush's judicial nominees from gaining approval.

"They want activists on the bench who support their views, regardless of the law," Hatch said. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the administration plans to take the time to determine whether any committee members could be swayed.

Much of the opposition to Pickering has come from civil rights groups who say he supports segregation as a young man in Mississippi. Supporters point to numerous examples of support for civil rights as far back as the mid-to-late-1960s.

Committee rules, any senator can gain a one-week delay simply asking for it.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the panel's chairman, said he remains opposed to Pickering's nomination, a decision he said he made based on hearing testimony and

not on pressure from outside groups.

Still, in a remarkable disclosure, he said one outside group, which he did not name, had called his office to say that "because I was Catholic, I was having a religious test, applying a religious test on

Charles Pickering." He said a Jewish member of the committee also "got a phone call saying the opposition was on religion."

Leahy called such tactics "distasteful." It seemed unlikely a delay would change the minds of any of the Democratic senators on the committee who were poised to scuttle Pickering's nomination on a party-line vote.

But Republicans renewed their call to have the nomination be sent to the Senate floor, where all 100 senators could vote, and where Pickering's supporters say they could prevail.

Hatch's remark about a lynching echoed Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas's angry claim 11 years ago that he was the victim of a "high tech lynching for uppity blacks." Thomas was ultimately confirmed over the objections of liberals, but only after the committee agreed to send his nomination to the floor.

Additionally, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Democrats were using "Pickering as a warmup" for any nominees that Bush names to the Supreme Court.

# Amtrak's president resigns for new job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak President George Warrington, who challenged Congress to more clearly define the mission for the nation's passenger rail company and give it more money, is resigning. Amtrak officials said Thursday.

Warrington is leaving to pursue another opportunity, said John Robert Smith, chairman of the Amtrak board of directors. Warrington will stay on for up to 60 days until an interim successor is named, and a nationwide search is under way, Smith said. Smith did not identify Warrington's new post, but an Amtrak source speaking on condition of anonymity said Warrington will become executive director of New Jersey's bus and rail agency, NJ Transit. An announcement was expected Thursday.

Smith lauded Warrington for his "persistent and visionary leadership."

"Amtrak and its future are larger than any one individual," Smith said. "We have to lose George, but we'll keep the trains running."

Warrington, 49, thanked Amtrak's employees and cited their "outstanding response" after the Sept. 11 attacks. "I may be changing trains, but I still have great confidence in the team driving Amtrak," he said.

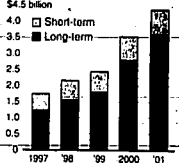
Warrington's resignation was a surprise and comes as the financially troubled national passenger railroad fights efforts to break it up.

His strategy during the four years he headed Amtrak was to have the business grow to fiscal health, but costs rose along with income and ridership. Watchdogs now agree it will not achieve self-sufficiency by the December

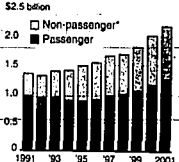
## Amtrak funding

Amtrak has requested \$1.2 billion from Congress for the fiscal year that begins in October. Since 1997, Amtrak's total debt has increased by 155 percent.

## Amtrak debt



## Amtrak revenues



Includes revenue from operating commuter services, mail and express, reimbursable work, state support for train services, commercial development and other miscellaneous sources.

SOURCE: Department of Transportation Inspector General AP

deadline set by Congress. At a Senate hearing Thursday, Warrington acknowledged that Amtrak is facing an immediate cash crunch, which he blamed in part on unwise among potential lenders.

# Lawmakers protest firing of Army Corps head

WASHINGTON (AP) — House lawmakers said Thursday they fired their former colleague, Mike Parker, was fired as civilian head of the Army Corps of Engineers because of his honesty in reporting to Congress would not allow the administration's proposed cuts in water project spending.

Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor, a fellow Mississippian, said Parker simply told the truth: that the administration "purposefully lobbed the budget" knowing that Congress, a staunch supporter of Army Corps projects, would restore the money.

Parker, an assistant secretary of the Army, was fired Wednesday, a week after he told the Senate Budget Committee that proposed cuts could hurt Corps efforts and that he expected that the final budget approved by Congress would be higher.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer on Thursday defended Parker's dismissal, saying that "the president welcomes a diversity of views" while the budget is being put together, but that once that work is done "the president does think it's appropriate for staff to support the administration's policy."

President Bush's plan for the 2003 budget year cuts the Corps' budget by 10 percent to \$4.175 billion, excluding federal retirees' pensions and benefits. The Corps had requested more than \$6 billion.

The plan includes a 16 percent reduction in the construction budget. A House Transportation Committee analysis said that would cause the termination of at least 64 contracts that employ 8,600 people. It would cost \$100 million to eliminate these projects, the committee said.

"If the Corps is limited in what it does for the American people, there will be a negative impact," Parker told the Senate. He added that the budget process had only started and that in the end Congress, strongly supportive of Corps projects because of the money they bring to home states, would have his say.

Rep. William Pascrell, D-N.J., at a Transportation subcommittee hearing Wednesday on the effects of cuts to the Corps budget, said it was "most incredible" that Parker was fired and "it will only make us more resolved in our efforts."

# Study: Early humans weren't conquerors

Los Angeles Times

Spreading out of Africa like starlings, early humans conquered the world by embracing the strangers they encountered around the globe, not by forcing their way into extinction, as many researchers believed, according to a new analysis of human genetic history.

In the textbook view, the founding fathers of modern humanity emerged suddenly from Africa about 100,000 years ago and swept into oblivion all other pre-human species — Neanderthals, for example — that they encountered.

A new and elaborate computer genealogy of 11 inherited traits compiled by Alan Templeton at Washington University in St. Louis on Thursday will present a very different slant on the origins of diversity.

Templeton's work, published Thursday in *Nature*, suggests that "interbreeding, not replacement," was the rule for successive waves of primitive humans migrating out of Africa. By mingling, these ancestral human groups "strengthened the genetic ties between human populations throughout the world," said Templeton, who studies the history and geography of genes.

In his view, the ancient world

was a vast melting pot in which tribes of human ancestors scattered, rejoined and scattered again. As they did so, they gradually intermingled inherited traits across thousands of generations to mix the palette of modern humanity.

Templeton's work is the latest riposte in a 20-year-long debate in which anthropologists, archeologists, molecular biologists and population geneticists have battled over human origins with rounds of research papers scattered like hand grenades.

Several specialists in the field enthusiastically hailed the new study of evolutionary parentage as "brilliant," while others bristled at it as "hocus-pocus" and "nonsense."

For all their differences, both camps agree that the earliest ancestors of humankind evolved in Africa about 2 million years ago, before beginning waves of migration into Europe and Asia.

Where the scientists part company is in deciding how those ancestral groups gave rise to anatomically modern people — with their small pointed jaws, smooth foreheads, high rounded skulls and advanced mental abilities.

Frustrated by the ambiguous

fossil record, researchers have turned to the genes that code for growth and development to flesh out this missing chapter of human evolutionary history.

To reach his conclusions, Templeton combined published data on 11 parts of the human genome. He analyzed mitochondrial DNA — genetic material that each person inherits directly from his or her mother — as well as data from genes carried on the Y chromosome, which is inherited only from fathers. He also looked at genes on other chromosomes that can be inherited from either parent.

His computer analysis detected considerable gene mixing and evidence of two separate waves of migration out of Africa into Asia and Europe — the first between 320,000 and 840,000 years ago and a more recent one between 80,000 and 150,000 years ago.

Other researchers agree that there was generous mixing of valuable genetic traits. But they disagree about when it might have happened.

"If those ancestral populations were all in different valleys in Africa, you would see the same error," said Henry Harpending, an anthropologist at the University of Utah.

# Astronomers say universe is beige in color


WASHINGTON (AP) — Whoops! Call the painter back. The color of the universe is not the turquoise that astronomers said. Try a rather ordinary beige.

Two Johns Hopkins University astronomers announced in January that they had averaged all colors from the light of 200,000 galaxies and concluded that if the human eye could see this combined hue, it would be a sprightly pale green.

But Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry said Thursday that their January conclusion was tripped up by flawed software that was uncovered by color engineers who checked their data.

"It is embarrassing," Glazebrook said. "But this is science. We're not like politicians. If I guess a mistake, we admit we're wrong. That's how science works." The effect of the software error was that the computer-picked-a nonstandard white and mixed it with the other colors to come up with the turquoise. When the error was corrected and replaced with a standard white, beige was the result, Glazebrook said.

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# Error could bolster Bush farm position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional budget analysts made an error in estimating the cost of a Senate-passed farm bill that means the legislation is more than \$6 billion over budget. The mistake could seriously weaken the position of Senate Democrats in their negotiations with House Republicans and the Bush administration over a final version of the legislation.

A House-passed bill complied with the spending limit set by a congressional budget agreement. The error "shows the balance

and broad base that the House bill has," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.

As a result of the error, the Senate bill would increase government spending by \$79.4 billion over the next 10 years, \$6.1 billion more than was allowed under last year's congressional budget agreement.

House Republicans had openly questioned how the Senate bill could create new subsidy programs and increase others and still comply with the \$73.5 billion spending cap.

# Assault

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While U.S. troops scoured caves and cleared ridges of al-Qaida diehards, sandstorms and high winds grounded helicopters and threatened to disrupt the U.S. air and ground offensive. A number of supply flights were delayed or canceled because of the worsening weather. U.S. officials acknowledged pilots and troops on the ground would have a harder time routing the fighters in such bad conditions.

The reinforcements were called in after U.S. commanders realized that they'd significantly underestimated the size and firepower of the al-Qaida fighting force holed up in the Arma mountain range at Shahkot. Pentagon officials claim to have killed as many as 500 enemy guerrillas in six days of fighting — more than their original estimate of the entire al-Qaida contingent in Shahkot. Yet hundreds more continue to resist fiercely with modern weaponry and ancient tactics.

A U.S. military spokesman said Thursday that 100 al-Qaida fighters and their allies were killed during intense fighting on Wednesday but couldn't say whether that included any civilians in the area.

"We might have killed noncombatants," Maj. Brian Hilferly told reporters at the Bagram air base north of Kabul. "But they certainly went in there knowing what they were going into. We haven't seen little kids in a yard and we've blown it up, or women walking around and then shot."

Although Pentagon spokesmen continued to claim momentum in the battle of Shahkot, the arrival of fresh troops appeared to indicate that military strategists believe they need a more robust detachment to finish the job without permitting al-Qaida fighters to bleed away into the snow-covered mountains, as they did at Tora Bora in December.

"The region is difficult to secure," said Said Mohammed Ishtaq, the security chief for Gardez. "This is the last pocket of al-Qaida. They will not leave it easily. They will resist."

Just as at Tora Bora, the terrorist forces have taken refuge in a mountainous and unmappped network, making them hard to find and even harder to pursue. "There are lots of caves — more than Tora Bora, bigger than Tora Bora, more dangerous than Tora Bora," said Ishtaq.

Some of Afghanistan's most powerful militia commanders decided at a meeting in Kabul this week to assist the effort clear out the caves by sending their own troops to join the coalition based in Gardez. Gen. Mohammed Fahim, the defense minister in the interim Afghan government, asked Abdurrahid Dostum of Mazare-Sharif, Karim Khalil of Bamian and Khan Mohammed of Kandahar to contribute forces, according to Ishtaq, who was at the meeting.

Commanders intend "to start a ground offensive in three days," Ishtaq said. Other Afghan sources have said a concerted ground attack was being prepared for Sunday or Monday.

While details about the fighting remained scarce, one defense official with access to battlefield reports described two instances this week in which U.S. warplanes killed relatively large concentrations of al-Qaida fighters.

One came outside a complex of mountain caves. "About 100 to 200 al-Qaida ran out of the caves, probably thinking we were going to bomb them inside," the official said. "We rolled in on them with A-10s" — attack planes designed for striking tank columns.

In another attack, the official said, U.S. forces spotted a convoy of about 50 al-Qaida fighters moving toward the center of the battle zone, possibly attempting to reinforce other guerrillas. They also were hit by U.S. warplanes.



A U.S. soldier takes cover during the beginning of Operation Anaconda Saturday south of Gardez, Afghanistan, in this photograph from Defense Department video.

# Intense fire hit initial forces in Anaconda

Newspay

WASHINGTON — Not even a minute after stepping off the helicopter onto a frigid mountainside Saturday, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Healy and his infantry team came under withering fire from enemy fighters they did not see.

They scrambled for cover on some low-lying ground, regrouped and began firing back. "From that point on, when they would show themselves, we'd take care of them," Healy told reporters by phone from Afghanistan.

But the attack by al-Qaida and Taliban troops kept coming, at times with mortars pouring in 10 seconds apart, through a long day and into a freezing night. Healy and his men were pulled out 18 hours later, low on ammunition and long before they were supposed to leave.

This wasn't how this part of Operation Anaconda, the U.S. led mission to wipe out pockets of al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan, was supposed to start. Healy said his unit was supposed to simply block escape routes while a main Afghan force did the fighting, but the Afghans got pinned down by mortar fire and never arrived.

In addition, instead of being dropped into a safe zone, these troops from the Army's 10th Mountain Division had been set down at the base of an al-Qaida stronghold dug into a mountain ridge. There, the U.S. troops encountered surprisingly well-armed fighters, and found themselves with too little firepower of their own to mount an attack, said Sgt. Maj. Frank Grippe, 39, also of the 10th Mountain Division, based in New York.


U.S. commanders say the American forces have gained the upper hand in the fighting in the mountains south of Gardez, heading into what appears will be a climactic battle. The United States hopes that a victory will go a long way toward eliminating al-Qaida forces in Afghanistan.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday he believes the battle will be wrapped up by this weekend or early next week.

But some defense officials acknowledge the United States underestimated the strength and firepower of the al-Qaida forces when it launched the operation early Saturday. They defend decisions to insert troops into landing zones that turned out to be hostile, saying it is sometimes impossible to know what troops will encounter enemy fire until they are on the ground.

Two days after the battle involving Healy and Grippe, seven U.S. personnel were killed in battles similar to those the soldiers described to reporters Thursday. In the fatal encounters, helicopters inserting troops came under heavy fire — in one instance by al-Qaida fighters who appeared to be lying in ambush and who shot U.S. soldiers almost immediately as they stepped off helicopters.

The circumstances of the most publicized death — that of Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Neil Roberts — remained unclear Thursday. Pentagon sources say he apparently was able to activate an emergency homing beacon after falling out of a helicopter, indicating that he probably survived the fall and died of a gunshot wound later — either from a firefight or from al-Qaida forces who dragged him away.



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# Agriculture Department nominee denies that he cheated government

WASHINGTON - The future of a top Agriculture Department nominee is in doubt after he acknowledged that his Iowa farm was once forced to repay \$17,000 in subsidies to the government.



**Thomas Dorr** - A federal judge ruled Thursday that former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith is entitled to more than \$88 million in damages stemming from a case involving the estate of her late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

## Nation in brief

### Judge: Anna Nicole Smith deserves \$88M from estate

SANTA ANA, Calif. - A federal judge ruled Thursday that former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith is entitled to more than \$88 million in damages stemming from a case involving the estate of her late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

### Defense rests in trial of former radical H. Rap Brown

ATLANTA - The defense in the murder trial of the former black-

power radical once known as H. Rap Brown rested its case Friday without calling him to the stand.

Closing arguments were scheduled for today. Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, now a 58-year-old Muslim cleric, is charged with killing one sheriff's deputy and wounding another in a shootout in Atlanta last March. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The defense contends Al-Amin is a victim of mistaken identity

and a target of a government vendetta connected with his activism during the 1960s.

### Astronauts widen Hubble's eyes to the universe

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Spacewalking astronauts widened the Hubble Space Telescope's eyes to the universe Thursday by installing the most advanced optical camera ever launched for studying the heavens.

James Newman and Michael Massimino made room for the \$76 million Advanced Camera for Surveys by pulling out the last of the 12-year-old Hubble's original scientific instruments.

The new camera will allow Hubble to peer deeper into space, all the way back to some of the early phases of the universe more than 12 billion years ago, when galaxies began to form.

- compiled from wire reports

Senate committee Wednesday he registered tape-recorded comments where he told a brother the government could "raise hell with us."

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, told Dorr there was "a lot of concern about your nomination" and questioned his commitment to government spending on rural development. Harkin said the committee would meet privately later to discuss an Agriculture Department investigation of Dorr.

The farmer from Marcus, Iowa, already was under fire for comments critics have viewed as disparaging to minorities and small-scale agriculture when The Des Moines Register on Wednesday published a transcript of the taped conversation.

On the tape, Dorr was asked if the financial arrangement he used to avoid a \$50,000 limit on payments to individual farms was legal. Dorr replied: "I have no idea if it's legal. Nobody's ever called me on it."

### Judge dismisses rape charges against priest

BOSTON - A judge threw out two child rape charges against the former Roman Catholic priest at the center of the Boston Archdiocese sex scandal Thursday, saying too much time had passed between the alleged assaults and the indictment.

John Geoghan, who is serving a 10-year sentence for fondling a 10-year-old boy, said 1999 charges that he twice raped another boy in the mid-1980s came after the statute of limitations had expired.

Suffolk County Judge Margaret Hinkle agreed. The county District Attorney's office said it was reviewing the judge's order and had made no decision whether to appeal.

Geoghan still faces a third criminal trial for abuse of a child and 80 civil lawsuits.

### Former NYPD officer goes free on \$1 million bail

NEW YORK - A twice-convicted ex-patrolman who won his appeal in the Abner Louima torture case was granted \$1 million bail Thursday in anticipation of his new trial on civil rights charges.

U.S. District Judge Reena Raggi ruled that Charles Schwarz could see freedom for the first time in nearly three years by posting the bail, secured by the equity in his mother's home.

Last week, a federal appeals court ordered a new trial for the white former officer, setting the stage for a jury to once again hear contradictory accounts of who participated in the torture of the Haitian immigrant in a police station bathroom.

Schwarz, 36, has denied he was in the bathroom when Officer Justin Volpe sodomized Louima with a broken broomstick in 1997. After Volpe pleaded guilty, a jury convicted Schwarz in 1999 of violating Louima's civil rights by holding him down during the assault.

### Police say woman allowed hit-and-run victim to die

FORT WORTH, Texas - A nurse's aide hit a homeless man with her car, drove home with him stuck headfirst in her broken windshield, and ignored his cries for help as he bled to death in her garage over the next two or three days, police say.

Chante Mallard allegedly told police she periodically went into the garage, apologizing to him but doing nothing to help.

Mallard, 25, was arrested on murder charges Wednesday. "I'm going to have to come up with a new word. Indifferent isn't enough. Cruel isn't enough to say," Tarrant County prosecutor Richard Alpert told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Heartless? Inhuman? Maybe we've just redefined inhumanity here."

Police said 37-year-old Gregory Biggs probably would have lived had he received immediate help.

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## EDITORIAL

### Expect more rancor with agency's arrival

The news that Planned Parenthood of Idaho has secured a lease in downtown Twin Falls will be played up as a victory for those in the organization. But for many in the area, the organization's arrival likely signals a turn away from civil and respectful abortion debate in the Magic Valley.

Since first announcing their intentions to come to the Magic Valley, Planned Parenthood leaders have tried to address local concerns. Last week, PPI President Rebecca Poedy set out to answer questions so she could "demystify what is commonly spread out" about the organization. She deserves praise for trying to calm some ways of contention. It's doubtful that her efforts will be enough.

Poedy said the organization will not be in the business of performing abortions in this area. Instead, abortions will be referred from here to providers in Boise and elsewhere. But Poedy told a local audience that "we are not pro-abortion," a comment that seems inaccurate at best about the organization's mission.

Planned Parenthood doesn't refer all its clients to abortion providers, but it obviously supports abortion as an option for a pregnant woman. The organization has been in the forefront of opposing Idaho's parental consent laws. And PPI is currently opposing a fetus protection bill in the Legislature, primarily because it argues elevating the legal status of a fetus will erode the foundation of Roe vs. Wade.

Planned Parenthood also aims to teach youth about pregnancy prevention and provides reproductive health services for women in need.

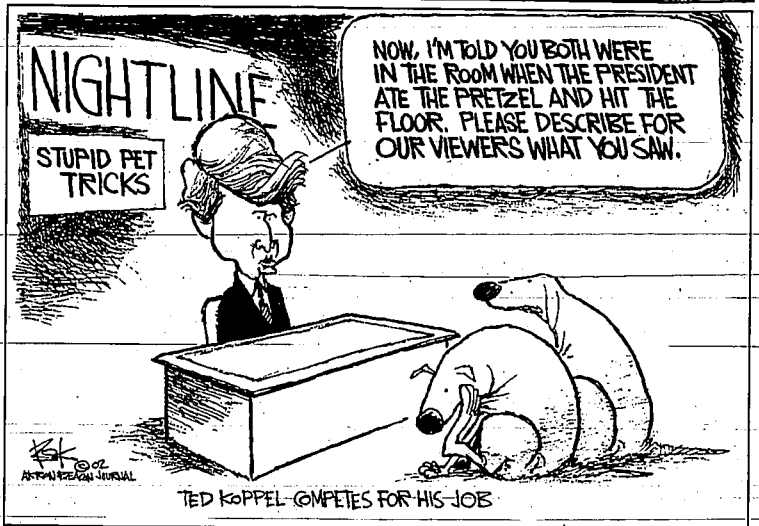
Preventing pregnancies through education is a worthwhile goal. PPI's peer-to-peer outreach program, where trained teens counsel other teens to use abstinence as the way to avoid teen pregnancy, sounds good. And the more these programs include families, the better.

But PPI's programs also include dispensing birth control items to minors, including the "morning-after pill." That's already being done by local physicians, but teen-agers will usually go where the doors are open, the questions are few, and the services are hassle-free.

The organization asserts that there is a dire need for its services locally. But the South Central Health District is meeting those needs quite well. It appears that Planned Parenthood is looking to expand its reach in Idaho. And the place to start apparently is Twin Falls, which is less conservative than eastern Idaho.

Planned Parenthood's arrival, however, may generate political tension in an area that so far has avoided the more rabid aspects of the abortion debate. Already, acrimony has filtered into the local debate.

In many communities, the far extremes of the pro-choice and pro-life movements turn civility into a forgotten virtue. We pray that this community will be wiser.



## Media exaggerates Nightline's impact

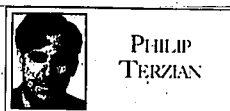
**Y**ou would have to have a heart of stone not to be moved by the prospect of network executives replacing "Nightline" with "Late Night with David Letterman." Since word was leaked that ABC was trying to lure David Letterman away from CBS—casting "Nightline" and its famous anchorman, Ted Koppel, adrift—the print media (as the TV people like to call them) have been beside themselves with concern.

Of course, Koppel was not born yesterday, and for the first week or so he let his friends and admirers at The New York Times do the dirty work. Day after day there were stories about the new "bottom-line" mentality in TV news, the angst of "Nightline" staffers. Ted Koppel's sense of betrayal, the erosion of quality in broadcast journalism, even a long account of the troubled relations between Letterman and the CBS president, Leslie Moonves.

Then the herd of independent minds started moving across the prairie. The Times coverage was followed by sorrowful stories in The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Associated Press and the rest, lamenting the imminent demise of a priceless institution and the displacement of news judgment for profit-mindedness on television.

Finally, Koppel himself took his shotgun down from the wall, and fired a blast across the network bow. In an essay stripped across the top of the op-ed page of The New York Times, he not only declared that the program he has anchored for the past 20 years provides "a genuine public service" but disputed the notion (expressed by one anonymous ABC executive) that "Nightline" is no longer "relevant."

"I would argue," wrote Koppel, "that in these times, when homeland security is



PHILIP TERZIAN

an ongoing concern, when another terrorist attack may, at any time, shatter our sense of normalcy, when American troops are engaged in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Yemen and Georgia, when the likelihood of military action against Iraq is growing—when, in short, the regular and thoughtful analysis of national and foreign policy is more essential than ever—it is, at best, inappropriate and, at worst, malicious to describe what my colleagues and I are doing as lacking relevance."

You could almost hear the great man speaking the words into the camera—followed by, "We'll return after these messages."

Forgive me if I have some difficulty sharing the nation's distress on this one. For not only has Ted Koppel, working three nights a week for \$8 million a year, been treated in all this as some sort of national treasure, but neither he nor his admirers in the print media have said anything to contradict that anonymous executive.

For the fact is that, since the advent of cable TV, "Nightline" has become increasingly irrelevant. If your idea of "regular and thoughtful analysis of national and foreign policy" consists of gathering a trio of retired generals, pop psychologists or airline pilots together for a dozen minutes of nonstop blather, then you can get it on MSNBC, Fox, CSPAN, CNN, PBS, CNBC and a host of assorted outlets, day or night, not to mention the weekend gabfests on NBC, ABC and CBS. In many instances, these programs are

not only as portentous and predictable as "Nightline" but the inebriation (or women) are considerably prettier than Ted Koppel.

Moreover, the arguments on behalf of "Nightline" are, essentially, fallacious. People don't turn to television for "regular and thoughtful analysis of national and foreign policy" because they know they won't find it. They tune in to get a sense of the headlines, and hear what the Afghan foreign minister, or Monica Lewinsky's lawyer, looks and sounds like.

And the idea that network greed is destroying the integrity of television news is a perennial howler. As long ago as 1966, CBS News President Fred Friendly quit in a huff because network President Frank Stanton preferred to broadcast reruns of "I Love Lucy" instead of the Fulbright hearings on Vietnam. Who was wiser, in that instance? Every few years, when a new class of overpaid correspondents is forced into comfortable pensions by heartless executives, we are admonished to remember the golden age of Connie Chung? Frank Reynolds? John Cameron Swayze? Jessica Savitch? J. Fred Muggs?

To be sure, this public humiliation by Mr. Koppel's employer must be considerably galling. Not so long ago, when Michael Dukakis was running for president, it was bruited about in the news magazines that Ted Koppel was contemplating trading the burden of anchoring "Nightline" for public service, and that nothing less than secretary of state would match his talents. To have come so close to being John Foster Dulles, and ending up being displaced by Stupid Pet Tricks, cannot be painless. But then again, \$8 million a year can ease a considerable amount of discomfort.

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## LETTERS

### Is being gay really a choice?

This letter is in response to Spencer Bingham:

I think you need to open your eyes and re-evaluate your thoughts.

No, I am not gay. Yes, I believe in God and yes, I believe God created man in his own image. I am thankful that I was blessed to be able to portray that image.

However, for lack of a better work, have you ever heard of birth defects? Do you ever question mental retardation or bipolar disease, etc.? Do you think these things are by choice or demonic in any way? Do you know for a fact that being gay is a choice? Do you really think that it is yours or my place to judge?

I don't think I have that right.  
PEGGY BEUTLER  
Twin Falls

### Jail plan lacks proper location

It is truly frightening that two of our county commissioners can approve a resolution seeking judicial confirmation and bypass the voters on this jail issue! Unfortunately, the final announcement in the paper the day before the public hearing wasn't adequate notification for residents because we received several phone calls from concerned citizens after we attended the meeting.

It is our understanding that now a judge will decide on the legalities of the proposed site. If this is all cleared, then our two county commissioners have decided for the tax-paying voters of this county to proceed. It is ironic that the people voted on whether to proceed with a \$7 million tech center but were bypassed on a \$29 million jail. There

are still alternatives that need to be considered before this neighborhood is destroyed. There are cost concerns regarding other locations, but the future expansion of this facility and the property-values surrounding it should also be considered.

Most important is the number of children that will be put in harm's way daily. The new elementary school is only a part of the children this concerns; there is also a very active baseball, softball and soccer park right across the street from the proposed site. South Park fields are full of children and their families from spring throughout the summer. To put a jail so close is nothing short of irresponsible.

Mr. Brockman's statement that there hasn't been a problem with the current jail being located downtown was reckless.

An example being a local attorney's office being ransacked and an employee terrorized by three escaped felons a few years ago. There is always a risk associated with this type of institution, and to put it in the middle of several neighborhoods, an elementary school, churches and a park raises that risk considerably. Let's not make the same mistake as the current jail site.

If anyone has any advice or suggestions on how to stop advancement of this site and convince the county to consider the locations not so close to our homes and our children, it would be appreciated.

Because it looks as though our county commissioners are taking this issue right out of the voters' hands.

JAYNE CARY  
Twin Falls

### Keep tabs on bars, drunk drivers

It is about time that bar owners are put on notice. Letting their customers get drunk and allowing them to leave isn't going to be tolerated any longer. Most of the DUIs are leaving local bars. Drivers are not in control after only a couple of drinks. For sure, how many barflys drink only one or two drinks before they leave impaired?

Some maybe not, all bar owners couldn't care less. All they care about is as many customers buying as many drinks as they can throw down in the shortest time. The bar owners doing the most complaining are the establishments that should be checked out even more. Those bar customers are a younger, less-responsible group who half are involved in more than just drinking. At least that's what you hear. And maybe more than half. I have not gone into any bar after the age of 25 years, although when I did, there was more going on in bars than an other business. Here, it is worse than where I came from.

## LETTERS

Cranked up and coked up drunks are mean, aggressive and short-fused—the worst drinkers to be on the road.

Keep up the frequent bar checks and continue to stop drunk driving. Thank you, Cassia and Minidoka police officers.  
PATRICK ROBINSON  
Rupert

### Pair could take salaries to new low

So, Mrs. Newcomb, "aka Celia Gould," is going to run for lieutenant governor. If things go as they generally do in Idaho, she will probably be elected and then, at the end of Gov. Kempthorne's second term, she will be ready to run for governor. Won't that be cozy! Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Newcomb, speaker of the House and governor.

Together, they will be able to cut education funding even further. Once again, exempt agriculture and related industries from disability insurance. Reject the minimum wage and protect the right to work and farm laws.

The answer for lack of funding in education is to hire more "dedicated teachers." The definition for "dedicated teachers" in our state is as follows:

1. Must work cheap.
  2. Never question the state or local school administrator.
  3. Be sure all students get acceptable scores on state- and federal-mandated tests.
  4. And never join an association or organization that will help negotiate wages or working condition.
- Who will we find these teachers? Where knows! Idaho already ranks 50th for starting teachers' salaries.
- Thank you, David Nutting, for your letter to the editor on school-crossing safety. You were right on.
- Mr. Rehder, you missed the point completely, but that is not surprising. You twist things to fit your agenda and way of thinking, then when that fails, there is always the race card.
- KENNETH P. GOLLEK  
Twin Falls

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By Garry Trudeau

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OPINION

# Mideast peace process demands U.S. involvement

It has been nearly a quarter-century since the leaders of the United States, Israel and Egypt met at Camp David and laid out a five-year road map to peace in the Middle East.

Now, after more than a year of escalating violence between Palestinians and Israelis, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has launched yet another effort to revive the stalled peace effort.

But prospects seem dubious for the proposal by the desert kingdom's de facto ruler, under which Israel would give up all of its occupied lands in return for full normalization of relations with the Arab nations.

Similarly going nowhere is the invitation issued by Egyptian President Mubarak for a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

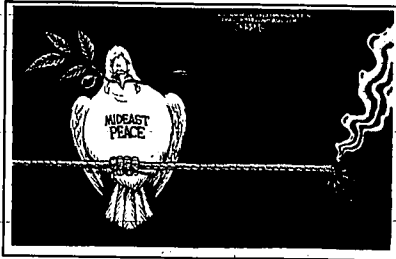
President Bush said he applauded both proposals, and the subject will be on the agenda when Vice President Dick Cheney visits the region next week. But the administration again has disdained a more active role, and the events of recent days have underscored how difficult any renewed peace effort will be.

Israeli soldiers staged raids into Palestinian camps in the occupied West Bank, while Israeli officials indicated the proposal for complete withdrawal was unacceptable to Mr. Sharon.

Mr. Arafat said no plan would get anywhere without a strong leadership role by the United States. The United States says no real talks are possible until Mr. Arafat shows he is serious about curbing Palestinian violence against Israelis.

Presidential press secretary Ari Fleischer set off a brief flap

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by blaming the continuing violence on last year's failed peace effort led by former President Bill Clinton. The White House quickly disavowed his comments and forced Mr. Fleischer to apologize after top Clinton aides noted that Mr. Bush had supported the former president's effort. Meanwhile, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice made clear again that the United States places the main blame for the impasse on Mr. Arafat.

There is plenty of reason to blame the Palestinian leader. After all, he killed Mr. Clinton's plan to create a Palestinian state, ensure substantial Israeli withdrawals and create a shared arrangement for Jerusalem.

The plan was accepted by former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and clearly within the outer limits of what any Israeli leader could accept. It would have given the Palestinians more than they ever had gotten before. By rejecting it, Mr. Arafat has engendered the belief of some critics that he either didn't want an agreement or lacked the political clout to reach one.

When the Clinton plan collapsed, there was widespread concern that renewed violence was inevitable.

Not only has that happened but the situation helped produce the election of Mr. Sharon, who is as much an anathema to many Palestinians as Mr. Arafat is to many Israelis. Besides his role in mounting military attacks on Palestinians, he was an architect of the policy of fortifying the West Bank with settlements to ensure a continuing Israeli pres-

ence there. Those settlements remain a major obstacle to a peace agreement. So does the unwillingness of either Mr. Sharon or Mr. Arafat to make the required compromises. But even if Mr. Arafat deserves the primary blame for the impasse, history backs his contention that, without a stronger U.S. role, progress will be impossible.

After all, it was Jimmy Carter's decision to convene the Camp David summit that led to

the 1978 agreement between the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the late Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. And it was a decision by the first President George Bush to take advantage of good feelings after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to restart the peace effort after it had lapsed for a decade.

Carl P. Leubsdorf is Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News.

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## LETTERS

**Our money only goes so far**

While the cat is away, the mice will play. The teachers went to Boise Tuesday to get the Legislature straightened out -- and while they were gone, the taxpayers in Twin Falls voted another one of their little deals down.

Looks like someone is beginning to wise up that our money only goes so far.

LOYD ELDON COX  
Burley

**Student gets left out**

Do all of our students really get a fair chance at school? A situation has occurred at Twin Falls High where a student wasn't eligible to play sports due to that fact that he failed three of his classes.

The student had surgery the last week of Christmas vacation; therefore, he missed nine of the school days to follow. When he returned to school, he had three days before finals.

The school rules state that for each day a student misses, the student will receive one day to make it up. This student received three days and then took the finals, failing them because he did not receive the proper time to learn all of the new material plus study

for finals.

The student tried out for the baseball team and made it. After four days of practice, the sports director told the coach that the student was ineligible to play because of his grades.

The parents of the student had a meeting with the sports director, who openly admitted that the student was wronged and that he should have been informed by his teachers or the sports director himself that he should have had six more days to complete the work that was to be done.

The student said that if he would be given the chance, he would study and retake the finals to better his grades. After a week of talking with the sports director, he came to the conclusion that it is out of his hands whether or not the student could play.

The parents are now going to the school board to fight for their child's rights and are not going to give up until they have won.

This student should have been given more time to do his work and study for his finals. All of his teachers and the principal of the high school know this and yet never informed him of it.

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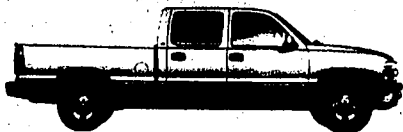
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Interim SIRCOMM director returns to job

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls police captain appointed as the regional 911 center's interim director has been called back to his full-time job.

The joint board of directors of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center decided Wednesday that Capt. Jim Munn should return to his duties at the Twin Falls Police Department. Munn and Lt. Jim Dahl of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office were brought in to replace director Jeff Rodeman and operations manager Gloria Falenborg. Police Sgt. Brian Pike was later added to the interim team. Falenborg and Rodeman were placed on paid administrative leave pending any investigation into allegations of misconduct at the dispatch center. The investigation was wrapped up more than a week ago, but Munn said the joint powers board still hadn't taken any action regarding it. Rodeman and Falenborg were still on leave Thursday, he said.

Munn said Pike had also been called back to the police department, but Dahl and a sheriff's office sergeant will continue to hold the fort at SIRCOMM.

### Annual Paw 'n' Pole set for Saturday in Sun Valley

**SUN VALLEY** - Deck the dog up as Moe, put a curly wig on your own head and come on out to the 17th Annual Paw 'n' Pole event at the Sun Valley Gun Club on Saturday.

The event, which begins at 10 a.m., will feature cross-country and snowshoe races with dog and owner, plus prizes for best costume, funniest pet tricks and more.

The event will benefit the Blaine County Recreation District's dog sled trails.

For information, call 789-2117.

### Grants available to help prevent teen pregnancy

**BOISE** - Grants are now available to community organizations that want to help prevent teen pregnancy.

The Idaho Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention will disburse \$45,000 in awards to help communities fund grass-roots efforts and activities that encourage adolescents to abstain from sexual activity.

The deadline for applying for 2002 grants is April 9. Interested organizations can get an application or more information by calling Deb Krum at the Idaho Association of Cities in Boise at 344-8594, or by downloading an application at [www.idahoacities.org](http://www.idahoacities.org).

In 2001, the governor's council provided \$73,000 to nonprofit organizations, community coalitions and schools.

In Idaho in 2000, 2,700 babies were born to mothers who were 19 years old or younger, an Idaho Governor's Council news release said. In 1999, Idaho spent \$2.2 million in Medicaid costs alone on teen births.

### Sen. Crapo announces intern selections

**HAILEY** - U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo's intern selections this year include Brian Fischenich of Hailey, a law student in Washington, D.C.

The interns arrived in January and will work in Crapo's Washington, D.C., office through the end of April.

"The internship program is designed to give students a hands-on learning experience about the political process," said Crapo, R-Idaho. "These students are a valuable part of our office, and this internship helps them understand how government works."

Duties include legislative support and research, assisting Crapo with constituent response, answering phones and administrative tasks.

Fischenich graduated from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania in January 1998 and is currently attending Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C.

The Congressional Intern Program is targeted for college students who are interested in learning more about the political process and how Congress operates. College credit is worked out on an individual basis with the student's university.

For an application, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov/internship.htm> or call Crapo's Twin Falls office at 734-2515.

Compiled from staff reports

# Bill to pay for tire removal passes Senate

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A bill to clean up a dangerous mountain of tires in Lincoln County cleared the Senate on Thursday with a 24-9 vote.

Sponsored by Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, Senate Bill 1394 would charge purchasers of new tires 50 cents per tire to clean up existing tire messes around the state.

Right now between 600,000 and 1.3 million tires have been dumped near the banks of the Big Wood River at Idaho Tire Recovery Inc., and Lincoln County needs

### How the local delegation

Sen. Robb Barratta, R-Glenns Ferry - Yes  
Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert - No  
Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Oriskany - Yes

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly - Yes  
Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman - Yes  
Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum - Yes

about half of its \$1.6 million yearly budget to clean it up. There are more tires than are permitted, county commissioners say. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is trying to get the owner of the

tires, or past and present property owners, to clean up the pile.

But meantime, the tires remain an environmental hazard. Stennett said if they caught fire, they could burn for two years. In addition, there is runoff into the river from the tires.

Because of the need to dispose of the pile immediately, Stennett said his motivation in crafting the bill is simple: to clean up Lincoln County's problem.

The bill, if it passes the House, would end on June 30, 2004, after \$750,000 has been accumulated and used to clean up the

state's current areas with prominent tire problems. The DEQ will be responsible for disposal. Also, according to the bill, the DEQ is to work with the retailers this summer to negotiate rules for collecting the money.

Stennett said he could have asked the Legislature's budget committee to appropriate some money to clean up the tires, but he knew that request would likely not be honored considering this year's tight budget.

Shoshone's pile is the worst, but other counties, including Bonneville and Lemhi, Please see TIREs, Page B3

# A new face for Idaho



Jerry Brady, left, greets Helen McCracken during a campaign stop at JoAnn Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls. Brady was in town Thursday to announce he will run for governor on the Democratic Party slate.

# Publisher seeks Democratic nomination for governor

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Windblown but no worse for the wear, newspaper publisher Jerry Brady breezed through Twin Falls Thursday to officially announce his plans to seek the Democratic nomination for governor.

It was the third stop of an all-day tour of the state that began in his hometown of Idaho Falls, with stops in Pocatello and Boise. Weather forced him to postpone trips to Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene until today.

Brady, accompanied by wife Rickie, told an audience of mostly Democratic supporters at the Twin Falls airport that there are three words people are going to hear him say over and over during his eight-month campaign: "kids, jobs and fairness."

"Our first obligation is education," Brady said.

In fact, he said it was the current educational climate that convinced him it was time to leave the newsroom and go into politics.

The candidate said it's stu-

### Brady backers

What some Magic Valley people had to say Thursday about Democrat Jerry Brady's run for governor:

"It's nice to see someone admit there's more than one party in this state."  
- Bob Parrish

"I'd like to see someone put people in front of money."  
- Merle Stoddard

"I'm delighted someone's willing to step forward. And he's a very viable candidate, from what I've heard."  
- Carol Stennett

"We're really excited about his candidacy and about his pro-business stance."  
- John Radford, chairman of the Twin Falls Democratic Central Committee

"I think it's time for a Democrat to be elected."  
- Mary Inman

"I love it. This state is suffering from a dictatorship."  
- Richard McCracken

dents who will end up paying the costs after \$33 million was taken from this year's school budget. Universities will take a 10 percent reduction next year. What's worse, he said, is that it didn't have to happen.

"Fifteen months ago, Idaho had a \$300 million surplus," he said. "Today, the cupboard is empty."

He said Kemphorne helped empty that cupboard when he asked for a \$40 million perma-

nent tax cut and then turned around and signed a \$106 million permanent tax cut.

Brady said one way to replenish the state budget is to more aggressively seek out people who cheat on their taxes and make them pay up. He said one estimate suggested Idaho loses at least \$90 million a year to tax evasion and that investing just \$1.5 million in tax collection could return some \$20 million to the general fund.

He said letting people get away with not paying their taxes is unfair to the people who do. He said parents should not be asked to pay more taxes, especially when some of them are working two and sometimes even three jobs in order to pay the bills.

And when it comes to jobs, he said state leaders need to work harder at bringing better jobs to Idaho.

"We need to create more high-quality jobs," Brady said.

For women, the job picture is particularly bleak. He said Idaho is the worst state for a woman to work, with Idaho women earning an average of \$6 an hour - half of what men earn.

But he said even if the economic downturn ended tomorrow, "We will still lack leadership. We will still lack vision."

He said part of the problem is that Idaho is stuck in a time war. He said the phrase "United We Stand" might apply to the nation but not to a state that refuses to enter the 21st century.

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# Asset survey causes stir in Minidoka

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - A question about sex as part of a survey about the 40 assets of the asset-building program has caused the survey to be put on hold in Minidoka County schools.

At the Feb. 25 school board meeting, Aequus Elementary School Principal Terry Garner voiced concern about asking sixth-graders the question,

# Airport considers new runways to solve crosswind problems

By Mark Holmz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Winds from the south can sometimes slap the flanks of incoming aircraft at Twin Falls' airport hard enough to make pilots skittish about landing there.

"You can take off in a light wind to the west and go out for an hour, and when you come back you're not able to land because of a strong wind to the south," said flight plane and experimental aircraft pilot Bob Gillespie. "I've had that happen to me a few times, and I've had to go land in Jerome."

The crosswinds' can come so strong enough to make commercial and freight pilots think twice

about landing, said Steve Story, the air traffic control manager at JoAnn Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

Construction of new runways to take planes out of the crosswinds was one of some possible projects discussed Thursday at a meeting about the airport's future.

The airport's main runway now runs east to west. Strong winds from the south often precede cold fronts into the Magic Valley, Story said. A few times every year, passenger flights have to be diverted back to Salt Lake City because of the crosswinds, he said.

The airport does have a small secondary runway offset at an angle, but Gillespie and some of the other small-craft pilots at the

meeting said it can be just as bad as or worse than the main runway.

To solve the problem, the airport staff would like a new north-south runway to be built within the next five years or so, said airport manager Bill Carberry. Another secondary runway to give small aircraft a break from the crosswinds would probably also be in order, he said.

It's not yet known how much the runways would cost, he said, but the airport would probably have to buy more property to the south to accommodate them.

While the new main runway might not necessarily attract any more large commercial carriers to the airport, Carberry said, it could probably make the busi-

# Forest leader goes ahead with Jarbidge road analysis

By Karen Terrell  
Times-News correspondent

**ELKO, Nev.** - In a surprise move Thursday afternoon, Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Supervisor Bob Vaught announced to the Elko County Commission he was proceeding with a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) analysis on South Canyon Road near Jarbidge.

While the NEPA analysis would stop the county from proceeding with the current repair proposal to a portion of the roadway, Vaught said there is a possibility that interim work of a lesser scale could take place during the study. The target date for completion of the NEPA analysis is July 2003.

During a Thursday meeting with commissioners, Vaught said public scoping, the first step in the analysis, would begin today with the publication of the notice of intent in the National Register. He then proceeded to outline a schedule of public meetings the Forest Service is setting up in Nevada and Idaho.

While commissioners were scrambling to review a letter Vaught had just handed them, the forest supervisor continued to explain his actions.

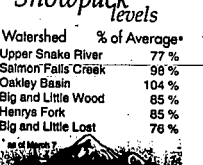
"I am concerned about the recent exchange of letters and the newspaper articles concerning our working relationship in completing the Carpenter Settlement Agreement. It is clearly obvious to me that this controversy has remained contentious for far too long," he said.

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# Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	77 %
Salmon Falls' Creek	98 %
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Henry's Fork	85 %
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# The Times-News seeks dry-skin sufferers

**TWIN FALLS** - Do Idaho winters turn your skin parchment dry? Tell us your story.

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The Bureau of Land Management also plans to build and open a fire-fighting airplane recharging site on the east side of the airport property soon, Carberry said. The site would include large underground tanks the BLM would use to store water and fire retardant that could be pumped into planes designed to dump the liquid on wildfires.

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DEATH NOTICES

John J. Williams
BURLEY John J. Williams, 76, of Burley died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2002, at Gem Memorial Gardens, under the direction of the local veterans. Arrangements are under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

Arthur Roy Payton
ORANGEVILLE, Utah - Arthur Roy Payton, 66, of Orangeville, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, from complications of surgery in a Provo, Utah hospital.

Services were held Monday, March 5, 2002, in Orangeville, Utah. Alberta Chidester - BOISE - Alberta Chidester, 92, of Boise died Thursday, March 7, 2002. Services are pending and will be announced.

Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Sunday, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., and at the church on Monday, from 10 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Service, donations will be accepted at the George Family missionary fund.

Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Sunday, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., and at the church on Monday, from 10 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Service, donations will be accepted at the George Family missionary fund.

Northwest retains perception of racist haven

BOISE (AP) - Although the Aryan Nations' presence is abating in Idaho, the state's reputation as a racist haven persists, the Southern Poverty Law Center said.

The number of hate groups with some presence in Idaho remained static in 2001 at nine. And the seven hate crimes the center reported in the state appear scattered. None were racial.

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tions against Muslims following the September terrorist attacks. "It's honestly hard to say how a certain public perception changes," said Mark Potok, spokesman for the Montgomery, Ala., group that bankrupted the Aryan Nations with a lawsuit. "I think the sad reality is that the Northwest still struggles as some kind of supremacist enclave. It's unfair."

The ascendancy of the Aryan Nations in northern Idaho under Richard Butler began a quarter-century ago, so it is hard to immediately dispel its image, Potok said.

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

TWIN FALLS



Daniel Dion Massie, 49, passed away Monday, March 4, 2002 at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He was born December 23, 1952, in Twin Falls, the son of Claude and Goldie Florence Plaw Massie. He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls; and graduated from Twin Falls High School. Upon graduating, he went into the Automobile Business in the Twin Falls area. Dan worked in Auto Sales for over 23 years.

Dan was well known and had many friends. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time in the outdoors.

He felt that his greatest accomplishment in life was his son, David. He was very proud of David and would often speak of him.

Dan married Cheryl Wallace on Aug. 18, 1973. They were married 27 years and later divorced.

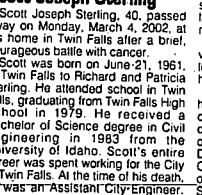
Dan is survived by his son, David of Twin Falls; Sisters: Carol (Ed) Gough of Twin Falls, Ed Betty (Ron) Ray of Twin Falls, Ed Carolyn (Rhett) Butler of Salt Lake City, Utah; Beckie (Ray) of Twin Falls, Ed Man Haines of Twin Falls, Ed Brothers: Clyde (Ruth) Massie of Filer, Id; James (DeAnne) Massie of Filer, Id; Ron Massie of Twin Falls, Id; Lee Wayne (Ger) Massie of Washington.

Funeral Services for Dan will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Falls, Idaho. Timothy Ritchey. Visitation for Dan will be held Friday, March 8, 2002 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation and Private Inurnment are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dan's Memory to the American Heart Association 270 S. Orchard Ave. Boise, Idaho 83705 (208) 394-5056.

TWIN FALLS



Scott Joseph Sterling, 40, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2002, at his home in Twin Falls after a brief, courageous battle with cancer.

Scott was born on June 1, 1961, in Twin Falls to Richard and Patricia Sterling. He attended school in Twin Falls graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1979. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1983 from the University of Idaho. Scott's entire career was spent working for the City of Twin Falls. At the time of his death he was an Assistant City Engineer. He was responsible for the design and development of many new parks in the city, including Thompson Park, Vista Bonita Park, Devoe Brown Park, and the Canyon Rim Trails No. 1 and 2. Scott was also instrumental in the rehabilitation of the Shoshone Falls Park. The Golf Course irrigation system improvements and the CSI tennis courts are also marks of Scott's dedication to the community. He combined his enjoyment of bicycling with his skill as an engineer to help develop the city's bike paths. There were many other city projects in which he was actively involved, ranging from storm sewers, RV dumps, park facilities and renovations. He served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers for many

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years. His volunteer efforts included Paint Magic, the high school Math Counts program, and Western Days. Scott was most at home in the outdoors and around children. He loved bicycling, particularly long rides throughout the Magic Valley. He was an avid river-ratler and enjoyed back packing in the Idaho wilderness. Scott loved children and animals. Children, especially his nieces and nephews, have always been drawn to him because of his quiet, gentle nature. Scott liked simple things. He was kind, compassionate, honest, and very humble. He will be missed greatly, but his legacy will live on through the work he did to help create places for others to enjoy.

Scott is survived by his parents, Dick and Pat Sterling of Twin Falls; his brothers, Tim Sterling of Twin Falls and Rick Sterling of Boise, his sisters, Cindy (Gary) Kingdom of Pocatello and Marc (Michael) Page of Boise; 6 nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. No public visitation is planned.

A prayer vigil and rosary will be held Friday evening at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the St. Edward's School Scholarship Department.

Contributions may be sent to Reynolds Chapel at P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

RUPERT



Mabel "Pat" George, 78-year-old Rupert resident, returned to her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at home, surrounded by loved ones, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on June 11, 1923, in Big Timber, Montana, the daughter of Ernest Riley and Beulah Elizabeth Bush Patterson. She was a graduate of Sweetgrass County High School and a Beauty College in Billings, Montana.

Fifty-nine years ago, "Pat" met and married her sweetheart, Floyd Nutt George, while they were both employed for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington, during World War II. They were married on March 13, 1943, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As a member of the LDS church, "Pat" served in the Relief Society and Young Women's Society missions. She and Floyd were missionaries in the Colorado Denver Mission, serving in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

"Pat" loved life! She especially enjoyed traveling, fishing, games, crossword puzzles, water lights, the smell of burning sagebrush, meadow larks, and the chirping and surprising notes of her red cinnamon rolls!

Many people will miss this lovely, vivacious woman who left a legacy of love and touched all of our lives with her true, "Glad to Live!" spirit. She is survived by her devoted husband, Floyd George of Rupert; six children, Richard (Jasmin) George, currently serving as mission president of the Argentine New Dwayne) Sykes of Orem, Utah, Wendy (Kent) Bangerter South Jordan, Utah, Wayne George of South Jordan, Utah, Dan (Janet) George of Pocatello, Idaho, and Connie Marie (Terry) Dorsey of Brigham City, Utah; her beloved sister, Mary Williams of San Jose, California; two loving brothers-in-law, Vernon Bryan of Kelso, Washington, and Jack Pennartz of Charleston, Arkansas; 39 adoring grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and five sisters. We express our sincere appreciation to Idaho Home Health and Hospice for the outstanding care provided to Pat.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Rupert Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 East 16th, with Bishop Brent D.

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Griffin, officiating. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Sunday, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., and at the church on Monday, from 10 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Service, donations will be accepted at the George Family missionary fund.

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Richard Dedrick, 86-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at his home in Rupert. Richard was born February 18, 1916; to Alton and Edith Dedrick in Farmington, Michigan.

He was raised and attended schools in Farmington, Michigan. He joined the Army Air Corps, serving in North Africa as a tail gunner. He married Marie Rushon June 8, 1942 and six great-grandchildren. Richard was employed by NASA, retiring in 1970. In 1977, he moved to Idaho. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and working in his yard. He was a member of the Catholic Church and attained the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus. He also was an usher, and an altar server at the Catholic Church. Richard was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his two children; Susan Dedrick of Rupert, Idaho and Judi Forscher of Priest River, Idaho. Three grandchildren, Lindamarie Forbes of Burley; Pauline Garth of Declo; Richard Forscher of Rupert; and six great-grandchildren. Skye Householder, Josh Gene Tim Garth, Ashley Garth, and Michael Forbes Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marie, one brother and one sister. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites. Family and friends may attend a Rosary on Friday, March 8, 2002 at 6 p.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Church Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

RUPERT



Thomas (Tom) A. Peabody, age 78, Rupert, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley, Idaho.

He was born September 13, 1923, in Madera, California, to Cecil W. and Francis Yvonne Peabody. He married Virginia Freachia on April 18, 1948 and she preceded him in death on April 5, 1988.

He worked for the California Department of Forestry prior to entering the Army in January, 1943. He was a construction machine operator in the South Pacific during World War II. While in the Army, he served with the 805th Aviation Engineer Battalion, Arkansas; 39 adoring grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and five sisters. We express our sincere appreciation to Idaho Home Health and Hospice for the outstanding care provided to Pat.

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daughter, Janice (George) Jensen of Heyburn, Idaho, two grandsons, Jayson Peabody and Adam Peabody, both of Greeley, Colorado. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Military Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Rupert Cemetery, with local Veteran Organizations participating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street, Rupert, Idaho.

DECLO



Maida Ingram Gillett, 92-year-old Declo resident, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Alta View Hospital in Sandy, Utah.

She was born on July 25, 1909, in Nephi, Utah, the daughter of Marion Emily Park and John Edward Ingram, also of Nephi. She was the youngest of 12 children (five boys and seven girls). She graduated from Juab High School and attended beauty school. She owned and operated a beauty shop in Nephi for five years.

Maida married Joseph Andreas Gillett on August 30, 1933, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in Young Women and Relief Society as well as other capacities. Together, Maida and Joe served in the Anchorage, Alaska Mission in 1972-81. She worked along side her husband in Gillett's Market and in the Declo Post Office for many years.

Maida loved flowers, made beautiful quilts, served with her husband, who was President of the Declo, Idaho Stake, and loved to be around children. She served them unconditionally. She provided a haven of love where her children and grandchildren were welcome. Maida was a gracious and appreciative person, always expressing gratitude to those who helped her. She always found the good in others.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, four sons, Gale (Jolene) Gillett of Declo, Ted (Sharon) Gillett of Paradise, Utah, Dan (Carolyn) Gillett of Declo, and David (DeRae) Gillett of Sandy, Utah; two daughters, Christine (David) Gillett of Provo, Utah; (James) Toronto of Declo, Utah; 34 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; six sisters; and one granddaughter. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Declo Stake Center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 West Main, with Bishop's Counselor Lynn Payne officiating. Interment will follow at the Declo Cemetery.

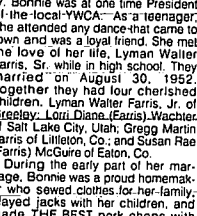
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GREELEY, CO.

Bonnie Lorraine Farris

Bonnie Lorraine Farris, 67, of Greeley, Co. died March 6, 2002 at Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado inpatient unit. She was born on March 26, 1934, in Twin Falls, Idaho to Arba Ewing and Jessie Bonnie (Charr) Robison. As a young girl, she enjoyed softball, roller skating and all of her family.

JEROME



Jerry Leon Kisar, 60, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at his home with family by his side.

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# Citizen advisory committee resolves concern

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Rupert Citizen Advisory Committee concluded Thursday that Mario Aguilar was rightfully cited when he was pulled over by a Rupert police officer and found to be driving with a suspended license.

Aguilar had told the committee in its February meeting he was wrongfully cited. He said he had been told by an Idaho Transportation Department employee that police stopped him while he was in the process of re-instating his license. He would need only to show proof of insurance and proof he had paid to get the license re-instated.

However, Edward Pemble, driver services manager with ITD, said in a letter to City Administrator Roger Bagley that an individual does not have driving privileges until the driver's

license is returned or until confirmation from the driver services office is given that the process is complete.

"We concur with the policy ... that gives authority to the officer to issue a citation based on the findings of running a license check," Pemble wrote.

John Cooper, committee chairman, said a letter with the committee's findings would be sent to Aguilar.

After the meeting, Cooper said another complaint heard at the February meeting dealing with Juan Garza had been taken care of at that time.

Garza had told committee members about an incident on Feb. 3, when police told him to open his car at 2 a.m. because a car outside his house was running.

Cooper said the committee felt the police were doing their job in asking Garza to open his car.

The committee also laid down

some ground rules Thursday, including the procedure for a complaint to go through.

- If a resident has a complaint, that person can tell any committee member or Bagley. That person will decide if there is substance to the complaint, Cooper said.
- If it is a substantial complaint, it will be added to the agenda and a written summary will be given to the committee.
- When the committee has come to a conclusion about the complaint, a letter will be written to the person with the complaint.
- If a resident addresses the committee during the public comment time at a meeting, the committee may choose to address the complaint at the next meeting when it can be looked at more closely before the meeting, Bagley said.

Committee member Frank Rodriguez-Jr. did not bring a complaint before the committee on

Thursday. A city employee who had violated city policy said he was singled out based on what he had done. His wife was also pulled over, but not cited, in a school zone. The complaint also included police officers dropping off their children at school in police cars.

Bagley said the man had violated city policy and had been dealt with; if he was being singled out because of the violation it would not be tolerated.

McGhie said a police officer patrols on-foot the school zone near Memorial Elementary; the officer is not citing people, but informing them of their speed. That may have been why the wife was pulled over.

Civilian riders are not allowed in police cars except under certain circumstances such as ride-alongs, McGhie said. He would address the issue of officers taking their children to school at a meeting this morning.

# Hungry elk raid rancher's hay reserves near Wells

WELLS, Nev. (AP) — Steve Boies made his haystack at dusk and watches a small herd of elk wander down from the hills.

They stop a short distance away and wait patiently on the snow-custed ground, looking back at him. As soon as Boies gets into his pickup and heads home, they will descend for dinner.

Tomorrow night, they'll be back.

This is the worst problem Boies has had with elk in the area since they were introduced by the Nevada Division of Wildlife.

The numbers have expanded to more than 1,100 in the Wells Reserve Area, where his ranch is located.

Boies, who serves on the county's elk advisory committee and recently became president of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, said the elk don't have enough to eat during this harsh winter, which followed two years of severe drought.

So now, the hay he purchased for his cattle is being consumed by the wild animals.

"It's not their fault," he said. "They're just trying to survive."

# M-C entities support drug task force

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The four law enforcement agencies of Minidoka County are working together to apply for a drug task force grant.

The Cassia County commissioners and the Burley, Rupert and Heyburn city councils have agreed to participate in funding the salaries of officers for a task force if the grant is obtained. Minidoka County commissioners have not scheduled a time to consider the proposal. All five entities must agree to support the grant before the application will be submitted, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said.

The grant requires local governments to pay 25 percent of the program's cost for the first three years, with 75 percent of the cost covered by the federal grant. Local entities must then pay 50 percent of the grant in the fourth year, with the other half coming from the federal government. In the fifth year the percentage again shifts so local governments pay 75 percent of the cost and the grant money funds the other 25 percent of the project.

By the fourth and fifth years the task force would begin paying for itself with money and equipment seized from criminals, Hignens predicts.

If the application is successful, the governing bodies will divide the other costs based on population. Cassia County and the city of Burley would pay 50 percent of the local amount, Minidoka County would pay 30 percent, the city of Rupert would pay 13 percent and the city of Heyburn would pay 7 percent, said Minidoka County Attorney Rick Bollar.

The city of Heyburn would contribute \$1,200 in hard costs and \$3,000 in soft money, said Heyburn Police Chief George Wardell III.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office would contribute \$6,750. The city of Burley and Cassia County have agreed to split that amount, each paying \$3,375. The cities and counties would also pay an additional portion of the contribution in "soft money," including fuel, administrative costs and office supplies, Hignens said. Essentially, the cities and counties could use part of their current law enforcement budgets to make up the "soft money."

Prior to the Burley-City Council's Tuesday vote to spend the money, Councilman Dave Ringle said the council would be "foolish" to not support the plan because of the easy access young people have to drugs in the community.

The money would pay for two full-time drug task force officers and pay for overtime work and part-time staff for two months. The other officers, Hignens said, are current members of any local law enforcement department or new employees, Hignens said. In either case, the law enforcement agencies would hire two new officers.

# Many eye Bureau of Reclamation land for grazing

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Grazing was the No. 1 issue discussed at a Bureau of Reclamation public meeting Wednesday.

The meeting was held to gather comments on the planning process for a resource management plan. The plan will cover about 16,000 acres of scattered parcels throughout the Minidoka north side.

The management plan will serve as a blueprint for BuRec's future use, management and development of the 120 parcels, which are part of the Minidoka project but were never developed for irrigation.

In small discussion groups, which were formed from the more than 50 people who attended the meeting, the use of grazing

as a way to control weeds and prevent fires was cited as the highest priority by three out of the four groups.

"The ground that is not being grazed presents a weed and fire danger," said Lloyd Richins, who spoke for one of the small groups. "Grazing would take care of that."

Northside farmer Jim McCall said grazing was at one time allowed on some BuRec property known as Goine Sump, next to his farm.

"When it was grazed there was very little weed problem and it was amazing the amount of wildlife we saw there," McCall said. "There must have been 40 different kinds of ducks." But the property has been fenced off and grazing is no longer allowed, he said. The only type of wildlife he sees there now are starlings.

"With all the starlings we suffer a tremendous loss of crops," he said.

Personal management of property rather than government management is always better, McCall said.

"We need to let farmers and ranchers manage property," he said.

"Grazing has been discontinued," said Leon Bartholomew, whose group also prioritized grazing. "We'd like to see that addressed. Weed control and fire management would not be as much of an issue if grazing was allowed."

Although one small group did not mention grazing as the top priority, noxious weed control, which is a component of grazing, was high on that group's list.

Irrigation water was also high on the priority list of three of the

four groups.

Kevin Shomaker, another spokesman, said his group placed high priority on the importance of Minidoka and A&B irrigation districts' ability to access the area necessary to drain water.

Dan Temple, manager of A&B, said many of the parcels on the BuRec map needed to be transferred or retained for projects such as draining drain water.

The irrigation districts have been working on several locations throughout Minidoka County to eliminate injection wells and establish wetlands for the purpose of storing drain water.

A representative from the North Side Canal Co. shared Temple's concerns, saying four of the parcels border the Milner Dam and he hoped whatever was done with the property doesn't impede the canal system.

# M-C conference call shows Legislature still debates education

The Times-News

HEYBURN — Other state entities are worse off than public education, said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, in a conference call with Mini-Cassia residents Tuesday.

Other agencies have been hit harder, Bedke said of the 4 percent hit on higher education.

"We played the hand as well as we could have," Bedke said.

"These are at worst flat budgets. February revenue numbers are down another million," Bedke said. "The state isn't quite turned the corner yet."

"It's a tough issue. The money just isn't coming in," Bedke said.

If cutbacks had not been approved, property owners would have had to pay the difference with higher property taxes.

Local legislators also heard from Rex Schorzman with Paul

Chemical, who wanted to know if more could be done to regulate restricted-use pesticides which come into Idaho through orders on the Internet. Schorzman said he must maintain a license and go through an audit process, but many suppliers who work through the Internet do not.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, said the issue is one the Legislature is struggling with because of purchases from the

Internet cannot be tracked.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, agreed. It is hard to determine who has the authority to regulate Internet purchases. The problem is bigger than chemical purchases, he said.

The conference call was organized by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. Another call has tentatively been set for 12:30 p.m. March 14 at the chamber office.

# Burley City Council approves method to alter current golf rates

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — City Council members concurred with a request from the municipal golf course pro to allow him to set some short-term promotional rates to boost use at the course.

The four councilmen who attended Thursday's special meeting agreed to let golf pro Mike Williams implement temporary promotional rates.

Brent Kerbs, Dave Ringle,

Curt Mendenhall and Dennis Curtis first voted to suspend the rates of the council to allow approval of an ordinance to approve the ordinance drafted by City Attorney Randy Stone.

"The ordinance allows any specific rate to be in effect no longer than 14 days. Any golf pro must obtain approval for the promotions from the mayor and the City Council president.

Stone said the city could allow

promotions for a longer period of time, but that would require approval from the council.

Ringle is in agreement with the proposed ordinance and urged the mayor and council president to run such requests by the council's golf course committee.

Kerbs concurred.

Mendenhall said the council knows that just because special rates are offered it's no guarantee that more people will golf.

"This is an experimentation," he

said. "We'll be able to find out if it works."

And Kerbs pointed out the ordinance just allows the city to set special rates. It doesn't mean the city has to do so.

"We've put the requirement on (Williams) to increase the rounds of golf played out there," Kerbs said. "This is his idea of one of the ways to do that."

Council members also agreed to buy 240 batteries for golf carts. Each cart uses six batteries.

# Survey

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"Have you ever had sexual intercourse?" The school board decided to delete the question and a follow-up question about the use of contraceptives in sexual encounters.

Health Net officials have since found out that deleting a question invalidates the survey. Joel Rogers at Minidoka Memorial Hospital said officials with Search Institute, which compiles the survey data, will not score the survey if a question is deleted.

A student chooses to not to answer a question, Rogers said.

The same survey was administered in 1999, with students answering the questions about sex along with the other 154 questions. Results showed 6 percent of Minidoka County sixth-graders indicated they had sexual intercourse, Rogers said.

"The good side of that is 94 percent said 'no,'" he added.

Neither Health Net nor the school district received negative feedback about the questions during the 1999 survey, said Health Net facilitator Tammy Hanks.

Health Net officials just completed giving the survey to Cassia County students, where there was a 93 percent participation rate, Hanks said.

Garner is not against administering the survey, as long as parents are aware of the content of the questions. Garner will meet with superintendent Nick Hallett today to discuss the issue.

Garner, who was also principal at Acequia Elementary when the 1999 survey was given, said he had no objection to his attention at that time.

The information gained from the test is very valuable, Garner said. "It is a very important test. We just want to make sure parents are aware of it."

The focus of the survey is not sex, Hanks said. The survey asks many things.

Rogers said Health Net officials have met with Hallett and school board members, who said they will look at the issue again.

Health Net officials will support any decision of the board, Rogers said.

If the survey is not given to Minidoka County students, Health Net officials won't be able to compare the new survey results with those given in 1999. Rogers said Minidoka school personnel have been working very hard on improving asset No. 5, a caring school climate. Results from the survey will allow people to see if the work has paid off.

However, Health Net officials said they understand the concerns of the school board.

# Road

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Vaught said he will continue to do "everything I can to work cooperatively with the county" to authorize road projects along the South Canyon Road. He said the NEPA study would include the current proposal from the county for repairs to the first washout; other proposals which may be forthcoming from the county to repair the entire roadway, water projects, and road plan and maintenance projects as outlined in the settlement agreement.

When asked during a news conference later in the afternoon about previous discussions with the county in which Vaught said the process would not go forward without their consent, Vaught said that concerned "a different

issue." He said the debate then was over whether the county wanted to rebuild the roadway or repair it.

His decision to go ahead and order the NEPA study was made when he decided it "didn't matter if the project was reconstruction or repair."

Vaught said any interim work would have to be agreed upon between the county and his agency, but it would have no effect on NEPA, as the environmental impact study would consider all aspects of the road project. He also said that during the scoping process the entire road repair would be considered as not to "foreclose Elko County" from having input into the project.

Vaught said a thorough and complete NEPA study had to be completed because the South Canyon Road dispute has attracted national attention and the issue would probably ultimately end up in court. He noted that "a doable" environmental study will be essential to rebuilding the road.

Mike Lattin, a member of the Shovel Brigade's road committee, asked Vaught how much the Forest Service has spent in the dispute with the county over South Canyon Road, but got no figure. Vaught indicated he had no idea of the costs.

"You've spent millions of dollars over a two-bit road," Lattin said.

When asked about the cost of

the NEPA study, Vaught again indicated he couldn't answer, but further questioning said \$300,000 had been set aside and the final bill could go higher.

Commissioner Mike Nannini said Thursday night, "Since it was clear where the Forest Service was going, they should have started the study a year ago and now we would be done."

Commissioner Brad Roberts said South Canyon Road has become a "bad rash the forest service wants to go away."

Roberts expressed optimism and surprise over the announcement of the NEPA study, and voiced the opinion that the new federal administration might be giving Vaught "new direction and instruction."

# Brady

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"Our politics have been divisive, negative and exclusive," Brady said.

He said there needs to be more of a balance in the new Republican-controlled Idaho Statehouse.

"We need to open the Capitol to everyone to show our thinking is beyond stone walls," Brady said.

But Brady, 65, has a difficult race ahead of him.

Though he's the only Democrat to officially declare intentions to seek the party's nomination for governor this year — former U.S. Attorney Karl Shurhoff has also been considering the race — Republican Gov.

Dirk Kempthorne will be hard to beat. Kempthorne, who's expected to formally announce his plans to seek re-election later this month, easily won the state's top office in 1998 with nearly 69 percent of the vote over Democrat Robert Hundley, a former state Supreme Court justice.

The formal filing period runs from March 25 through April 5.

Brady grew up in Idaho Falls, where he graduated from high school in 1954. He graduated with honors from Notre Dame, where he served as student body president, and went on to earn a law degree from the University of California. He worked in Washington, D.C., and Idaho for

U.S. Sen. Frank Church and practiced law before returning to Idaho Falls in 1984 to manage his family's communications business.

Brady, whose great-grandfather served as governor in 1909 and 1910, served as publisher of the Post Register and president of the Post Co., which owns the Post Register and KIFI-TV, until he cleaned out his desk Wednesday night to enter the political arena. He said he'll distance himself from the Post Register during the campaign.

He said 13 years of writing editorials for the paper was good training for politics.

"I think I have a pretty good grasp" of the issues, he said.

# Tires

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have tire piles, that need to be cleaned up.

Stennett's bill would allow counties to landfill chipped or shredded tires. The DEQ has even indicated that the tires would only have to be quarantined in order to be buried, Stennett said. Existing state law prohibits landfills from taking tires shredded or whole. Whole tires create air pockets in the landfill, leaving the potential for tires to work their way to the surface.

In 1991 the Legislature passed a bill that prohibited the burying of whole tires. The legislation also dictated that all retailers would charge \$1 per old tire as compensa-

tion for their handling the tires. Stennett said the \$1 surcharge had a sunset clause of five years but that many retailers seem to have continued it indefinitely.

Stennett also works out with retailers how to make sure anyone picking up used tires is bonded, according to the bill.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, said the lack of bonding is how Idaho arrived at the current problem.

Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, objected to Stennett's bill, saying small counties such as Fremont and Teton have no motivation to help out Lincoln County.

"All this bill will do is extract money from one county and give it to a county with a tire problem,"

he said.

But Stennett pointed out that old tires from Fremont and Teton counties have a responsibility because their old tires have already been hauled off and dropped in places such as Lincoln County.

"This is a problem that is everyone's problem," he said.

Though the bill passed easily, Senate Majority Leader Jim Risch, R-Boise, suggested asking everyone who had voted no if they were willing to change their votes should the Shoshone pile catch fire.

The bill is headed to the House, but Stennett admitted he's not sure of its chance for passage there.

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DMV still serves in Jackpot

By Karen Terrell  
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - After listening to arguments from representatives of rural Elko County, the head of Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles reversed her decision to close the DMV office in Jackpot, Nev.

Ginny Lewis, DMV director, told commissioners and others Wednesday the department would continue to provide service in Jackpot, possibly on an "every-other-month" basis.

Currently, DMV employees travel from Elko to Jackpot one day per month, but with the implementation of digitally produced drivers' licenses and a problem with transporting the costly equipment, a decision had been made to stop the service.

Lewis told commissioners the Wells and Jackpot DMV offices would be combined with once-a-month service-in-Wells. Wells is currently served by DMV employees every other month.

She said a low number of people using the services in the two communities had prompted the decision. Her records showed an average of 14 people a month visiting the Jackpot office and five individuals seeking service during Wells office hours.

The DMV service to West Wendover had also been scheduled for elimination, but a review of the number of customers

removed it from the closure list.

Commissioner John Ellison told Lewis that people are concerned because of the distances between the communities and he questioned whether something could be worked out to maintain the service.

Jackpot Advisory Board representative Beth Winans was surprised at the statistics the DMV provided for the Jackpot office. She said that many times people have to wait in line a long time for service. She implored Lewis to take a second look at the plan and suggested the DMV visit the two communities on alternate months.

After further comments, Lewis agreed to maintain service to both Wells and Jackpot. She said the schedule will be worked out with the Elko DMV and the communities would be advised when agency staff would be available locally.

Lewis explained that people in rural areas completing driver's license tests will receive a receipt that will allow them to drive until their permanent license is mailed from Elko. The new license should arrive in two or three days, she added.

"As technology increases, service to individual customers goes down. ... Something is wrong," Commissioner Warren Russell noted toward the end of the discussion. His comment received smiles and nods of approval from the members to the audience.

Castleford will circulate survey to keep resident deputy

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - City officials are hoping that support from Castleford residents will prompt the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department to renew a federal grant to keep Deputy Mike Cooper in town.

Since a grant that helps pay for the sheriff's deputy's service runs out in October, the city and school district are asking the community to answer a survey whose results will be sent to the sheriff's office. The city is hoping the sheriff's office will re-apply for the grant.

Cooper began serving the city in the fall of 2000 with the help of a two-year federal grant administered through the sheriff's department.

Cleanup

Castleford Cleanup Day will start at 9 a.m. on May 18. To serve as a volunteer, call Patsy Kingon at 537-6688.

The city and school district each pay \$8,231.37 toward Cooper's salary.

Officials say the city and school cannot meet the deputy's entire salary by themselves and need the grant money to supplement the cost. And officials say Cooper's presence has done the city a world of good.

"Just having Cooper around has lifted problems in the school," said superintendent Kelley Murphy.

The survey will be distributed to the community in early May

with drop boxes placed for community responses.

In other business: Stolen cars - Cooper said he was working with Buhl police to solve the recent car thefts in the area. Cooper also reminded everyone to remove the keys from their parked cars.

Non-payment shutoffs - The city will be shutting off more water meters in town for non-payments. Turn-off and turn-on dates will be documented in the customer's file.

Arsonic levels - Council members have been invited to a meeting concerning arsenic in water. The meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, in Buhl City Council chambers at City Hall. J-U-B Engineers is sponsoring the seminar.

Cleanup day - Castleford cleanup day will start at 9 a.m. on

May 18. The council is looking for volunteers to help remove debris, garbage, weeds and tree branches and also help the elderly and disabled families.

The council is trying to find organizations to help dispose of the hazardous waste products that residents might have laying around, including old tires and motor oil.

Working with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the council will collect many non-leakable items and store them until September when the Ag Department will have disposal bins in the Twin Falls and Jerome areas.

Fliers will be circulated that specify what materials the city can and cannot accept for disposal.

Shoshone council changes irrigation metering system

By Aimee L. Durand  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - The City Council passed a resolution this week to make the metered irrigation system reasonable to all business owners.

"After months, we have finally agreed on a resolution that will lower rates and feel it is fair to all the businesses involved," Councilman Lee Ross said Tuesday.

Following the resolution, there will be two tables that will deter-

mine how water is billed. Businesses whose irrigation water is metered will be charged according to a table with a lower rate.

Part of the city gets its irrigation water from a ditch and the rest is metered off the city well.

With the billing date starting April 1 and ending Sept. 30, businesses whose irrigation water is metered will pay a lower rate for irrigation, and during irrigation season sewer rates will be averaged, according to information in the resolution.

Years ago, meters were put inside buildings and basements, said Mary Kay Bennett, city clerk/treasurer. The city had to send these meters on a regular basis, and liability issues have made it so the meters had to be moved outdoors.

When the meters were indoors, they measured only domestic water, and a business would receive a separate bill for irrigation. When the meters were moved outside, all water use was tallied on a single bill because there was no way to distinguish

domestic from irrigation water. Due to this, domestic and irrigation water were metered without distinction, inflating water bills.

As a result, some business owners say they feel they are being charged a higher rate for irrigation, information in the resolution said.

In other city business Tuesday, the council passed a motion for preliminary engineering of up to \$5,000 to survey the sewer system for Rocky Mountain Hardware's anticipated expansion to Shoshone.

SERVICES

Jesus Villalobos of Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Immaculate-Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Tiffany Amber Nagel, infant daughter of Gary E. and Christy Ann Pierce Nagel of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Lois Jensen of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the

Church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Bonnie Elaine Easterday of Castleford, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Castleford United Methodist Church (White Mortuary and Crematory, Twin Falls).

Vernon Eldridge Wilson of Phoenix, Ariz., memorial service and interment at 11 a.m. today at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Eldon Duane Bingham of Georgetown, Calif. and formerly of Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at the National Memorial Cemetery, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from noon until 12:45 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Daniel Dion Masse of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; visitation from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Roger Thomas Morris Oler of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Columbia Falls, Mont. LDS Church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Wilbur I. "Tex" Norcross of Gooding, memorial service with a potluck lunch at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Vicki Diane Udy of Katy, Texas, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Phyllis Boley Jimenez of Burley and formerly of Murtaugh, private family service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will take place at a later date.

Jay Greene of Twin Falls and

formerly of Buhl, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

LaRae N. Warr of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Birtley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.; interment will follow at the Oakley Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350

E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Alex Klausner of St. Anthony and formerly of Paul, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Saturday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Ralph J. Andree of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. March 19 at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

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# Alleged plot hurts Montana's image

Group wanted to kill officials, start conflict

WHITEFISH, Mont. (AP) - Police say David Burgert is a trouble-making blowhard and his alleged "Project 7" assassination plot is probably fantasy.

But they are watching their backs. Very carefully. "You never know. A lot of people thought something like the World Trade Center would never happen," Police Chief Bill Dial said. "I take extremist groups seriously. Would they have done it? I don't know. Your guess is as good as mine."

Investigators believe Burgert's group was plotting to trigger an anti-government revolution. Detectives say they discovered it last month when a Project 7 member tipped them off after Burgert beat him up.

According to Flathead County Sheriff Jim Dupont, the conspirators planned to kill judges, prosecutors and police officers in such numbers that the National Guard would be sent in. Then the troops would be killed, forcing the federal government into the fray and sparking a national uprising.

How serious was the plot? Project 7 amassed a huge arsenal—machine guns, 30,000 rounds of ammunition, explosives, night-vision equipment, body armor and hooby traps — that Dupont estimates may have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The police chief will not say how Burgert or Project 7 paid for the arsenal.

Authorities say Burgert's girlfriend, Tracy Brockway, 32, penetrated the Whitefish police department by getting a job as a cleaning woman, and compiled "intelligence files" with extensive personal information on county law enforcement officers and their families.

"When my guys were reading the 'intelligence bulletins,' some were kind of taken aback, but at the same time they laughed," Dial said. He ate junk food and had "bratwursts."

The Project 7 name refers to Flathead County license plates, which all begin with the number seven.

Montana has gotten an image as a haven for anti-government radicals like Unabomber Ted Kaczynski and the Freemen. Flathead County, which borders Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana, is staunchly conservative. Many here work as loggers or miners and are quick to vilify environmentalists and the federal government.

But Dial dismissed any notion that Project 7 is a symptom of righting radicalism directed at law enforcement. "We just view them as criminals, as thugs," he said.

Burgert lawyer Mark Sullivan did not immediately return a call for comment Thursday. But Brockway's lawyer, Gary Dornan, said police seem to be engaging in the sort of conspiracy theories they usually ridicule.

The charges originated with a 17-year-old kid who got in a fight



Above, Flathead County Sheriff Jim Dupont displays some of the weapons and approximately 25,000 rounds of ammunition being held as evidence in Kalspell, Mont., Feb. 15.

Left, David Burgert, center, is booked into the Flathead County Detention Center in Kalspell, Mont., Feb. 8. Investigators say they have uncovered a plot led by Burgert to kill law enforcement officers and local officials.

with Mr. Burgert and went away very angry and immediately gave statements to police officers," Dornan said. "Until now, the 38-year-old Burgert has been a petty, though frequent, problem for local officers. Because he had a criminal record in Alabama and Colorado, Dupont barred him several years ago from joining the county search-and-rescue team. "He has hated me ever since — absolutely hated me," the sheriff said. "The best description of him

is, he's a 16-year-old bully with a big mouth." The police chief in nearby Kalspell, Frank Garner, was supposedly one of those targeted by the group. A 17-year veteran, he said he considered it a credible threat since "not many go to these lengths." Burgert was arrested Feb. 8 on charges unrelated to the alleged plot and remains jailed in Kalspell, the county's largest community with a population of 17,000. He is accused of assaulting

an officer when police came to arrest a friend who had fled to Burgert's home. Brockway is charged with hiding Burgert while he was a fugitive on the assault charge. No one has been charged in the alleged assassination plot. There are two more Project 7 members Garner especially wants to see behind bars, and investigators are building cases against them. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI are also investigating.

# Tribes ask professors for help with controversies

LEWISTON - Two Harvard professors trying to end the animosity between the Nez Perce Tribe and local governments are being asked to help tribes nationwide with mediation.

"We have gotten swamped with requests asking for similar things in Indian country," said Keith Allred, assistant professor in Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Allred and Joe Kalt, Ford Foundation professor of International Political Economy, are in contact with tribes across the country, but are focused right now on Idaho.

The North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance is a group of 23 governmental entities that oppose the tribe's claims of jurisdiction over non-Indian residents and property within the designated area of the 1863 treaty.

The two professors are meeting with both sides this week. The educators hosted a January workshop for them.

## New undercover unit arrests 26 on drug charges

POCATELLO - Bannock County sheriff's officers have arrested 26 people on drug charges after two months of making undercover drug buys and cultivating leads.

The arrests, which began about two weeks ago, are the first made by the county's new undercover narcotics unit.

Sheriff Lorin Nielsen said the unit was created Jan. 1 in response to complaints about narcotics in rural areas of the county.

## Cattlemen vow to contest any reduction in grazing

SALT LAKE CITY - A ranchers group has vowed to go to court to prevent further reductions in livestock grazing in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. A decision on four grazing permits is to be handed down April 1.

The 80 ranchers from southern Utah and northern Arizona contend the BLM violated federal law by making a deal with the conservation group Grand Canyon Trust aimed at eliminating grazing in the monument. Last summer, the Flagstaff,

## West in brief

Ariz.-based trust paid ranchers \$1.5 million to give up their grazing permits on 325,000 acres.

## Man earns sentence for bilking Social Security

COEUR D'ALENE - A Lewiston man accused of scamming \$40,000 from the Social Security Administration and the state Department of Health and Welfare has been sentenced for fraud.

U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge this week sentenced Richard Robert Torres to three months confinement, 30 hours of community service and five years probation.

## Parents settle suit after son died at boot camp

PHOENIX - A settlement has brought an end to a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the parents of a teen-age boy who died at a boot camp for troubled youths last summer, according to the parents.

The boot camp near Phoenix was shut down after Anthony Haynes, 14, died there July 1 of complications of dehydration and near-drowning. Two counselors had put him in a bathtub to cool down after he collapsed in triple-digit heat.

Anthony's father, Gettis Haynes, would not discuss the terms of the settlement.

The lawsuit named the boot camp, its director, Charles F. Long II, and other staff and counselors as defendants.

Long pleaded innocent last month to a second-degree murder charge filed in Anthony's death. He was released on \$100,000 bond.

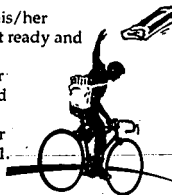
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# Journals remind seniors of appointments, health care

BOISE (AP) - Personal health care journals for senior citizens to remind them of medical treatment or drug prescriptions could save taxpayers in the long run, advocates say.

The Idaho Commission on Aging and Department of Insurance announced Wednesday that journals will be distributed to seniors statewide to record medical visits, medications and their use, telephone numbers of health care providers and other information. It also serves as a record for

beneficiaries to use in reconciling their Medicare statements.

"You may say, 'I didn't get a shot that day. It's not on my log, but I was billed that day,'" Commission on Aging Administrator Lois Bauer said. "The doctor's office will say, 'That's right.' That's one bill that doesn't go to Medicare, one person who doesn't have to pay a deductible.

"The key issue is seniors can become better health care consumers." "We save people money and, in turn, we save the state money."

"Your Personal Health Care Journal" was written with the help of physicians and others.

Bauer said the journal cost \$6,000 for 15,000 copies and she predicts more will be needed. The office also will take out some television ads to alert the public. It received a \$154,900 government grant for the journal and other efforts to educate seniors, she said.

Reducing billing errors and improper payments could save the state millions of dollars, she said.

Each year, Medicare spends more than \$220 billion on benefits for nearly 40 million seniors and other Americans with disabilities. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said the General Accounting Office found the fund lost \$13 billion last year due to improper claims.

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**Dr. Lorraine Targen** received her MD from Creighton University School of Medicine in 1990. She joined the Jerome Family Clinic in 1993 after completing her residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. She enjoys movies, traveling, visiting her two nieces in Montana and being an active member of the Optimist Club.

**Dr. Stephen** received her MD from the University of Minnesota in 1975 and was in private practice in Thief River Falls, Minnesota for four years before joining the Jerome Family Clinic in 1982. She lives in Jerome with her husband and two children. She enjoys running, cross-country skiing, swimming, hiking and camping.

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Declining revenue hit Utah lawmakers hard, too

Legislators cut about \$300 million over next two years

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The 2002 Utah Legislature was about one thing: the lack of money. Faced with financial whiplash from a suddenly slowing economy, lawmakers had to scramble to slash about \$250 million in planned spending in this year's budget and about \$50 million from the \$7.8 billion 2003 budget.

This all had to be done in a session shortened by a third and split in two by the Winter Olympics.

Years of fat budgets and pet projects faded into the past. Instead, lawmakers battled to save funding for programs such as Meals on Wheels and health insurance for poor children.

Constitutionally bound to balance the budget, they cut quickly turned bloody. House Speaker Marty Stephens, R-Earr West, said the state had to dig itself out of its biggest budget hole in 20 years.

The cuts left college campuses in the lurch. At Utah State, Bradshaw, R-Salt Lake City, preferred tuition increases, fewer classes and students taking longer to graduate. She said she also worried that the faculty would be lured to better paying schools out of state.

For this year, higher education saw its state aid cut by \$19.8 million.

For the spending year that



Utah Senate President Al Mansell, left, and House Speaker Martin Stephens answer questions during a news conference Wednesday at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City.

begins July 1, the budget faces a \$10 million cut. However, almost \$1 million in specific higher education programs in next year's budget were funded in a late effort Wednesday.

The cuts come at a time of enrollment growth, and that was basically ignored, she said.

"Students didn't do well," said Patricia Arent, D-Salt Lake City. In public education, lawmakers parted themselves on the backs for limiting the damage.

"Although Utah has the lowest spending per student in the nation, education funding had been steadily gaining ground

until the budget crunch. This year, the money just wasn't there.

In the 2003 budget, education took a 1.3 percent hit as compared to 2002 funding, Sen. Howard Stephenson, R-Draper, said. Although nearly half the state budget goes to public education, it only shouldered 10 percent of the cuts.

The Utah Education Association president said it all could have been much worse. "We have to get back to where we were as soon as possible and move ahead," said Phyllis Sorenson.

Among Utah's new bills:

- A bill allowing the state to study whether police are really profiting from traffic stops. The law would ask those who apply for drivers licenses or state identification cards to disclose their race on their applications.
A bill allowing the state to sue environmentalists for financial losses caused by a court-ordered stop to Legacy Highway construction. The state has been paying \$100,000 a day to a state contractor since the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the project stopped on Nov. 16 while it considers a lawsuit brought against the state.
A bill giving the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge \$15 million to improve wildlife habitat and develop trails.
A bill requiring all adult felons and juveniles considered "serious youth offenders" to submit to DNA testing. Under existing law, the state collects DNA only from people convicted of homicide or sex-related crimes.
A bill rolling back an anti-union law. It would once again be legal, for instance, for a child to sue Michelangelo's "David" or Robin's "The View" if the law banning any public nudity that might be viewed by minors was rewritten to exempt displays that have artistic or other serious value.
A bill providing that homicide charges may be brought for killing a fetus during any stage of its development.
A bill approving an 18-cent price increase on a pack of cigarettes, upping the current 51.5-cent-per-pack tax. The bill would net \$1.2 million in 2002 and \$12 million in 2003.
A bill warning computer users about sexually explicit e-mail spam. It would require the unsolicited e-mails to include "ADP: Adam" in the subject line. The sender must provide an "easy" way for the e-mail recipient to have the messages stopped.

Idaho panel revives gambling study

BOISE - Legislative budget writers re-evaluated themselves again on Thursday and revived a \$60,000 state-financed study of the economic and social costs of gambling in Idaho.

The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee voted 10-6 for the assessment. It will be made as Idaho Indian tribes campaign for passage this fall of an initiative to clearly legalize the electronic gambling machines that have made their reservation casinos so profitable.

Four hours later, anti-gambling interests announced the creation of "Straight Talk: Gambling in Idaho Inc." to sound a legal challenge to the tribal initiative. Republican Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly, an ardent gambling opponent, said the group has just begun raising money to finance

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the court challenge. He pledged that its financial supporters will be disclosed. Noh would not say how much he expected the legal action would cost.

Of the 35 members of the group's advisory committee, only four are from northern Idaho, where all but one of the reservation casinos are located. Only seven are from eastern Idaho where the other is.

House OKs venture capitalism legislation

For the second year, the House approved legislation Thursday to give Idaho a boost into the growing but risky world of venture

capitalism. A 53-13 vote forwarded the bill to the Senate, where its fate was unclear.

A similar bill cleared the House by about the same margin a year ago only to get bottled up in the Senate over concerns about its cost.

"There's absolutely no way we can lose in this proposal," said House Republican Caucus Chairman Dan Mader of Genesee, the measure's sponsor. "If the state could reap more than 4,000 new jobs and \$63 million in tax revenue over 10 years from start-up businesses nurtured by the investment pool the bill would create.

Critics, however, said Idaho has no business guaranteeing a return for private investors. — compiled from wire reports

Drought situation worsens

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah's water situation is grim and getting worse. The state faces its worst drought since the 1930s, and the only thing that may help is several seasons of above-average snowfall.

For forecasters and water officials aren't holding their breath. For the fourth consecutive year, snowpack is well below normal. The soil also is drier than normal, meaning spring runoff will keep into the earth rather than replenish dry reservoirs.

There's no way of knowing for sure if the coming months will bring replenishing rain. "It's going to be at least as significant as any other drought we've had" since the 1930s, said Tage Flint, manager of the Weber-Basin-Water Conservancy District. "We will be asking for significant conservation by all users."

The Virgin River, in southwestern Utah, is running at 4 to 10 percent of its normal flow, said Randy Julander, the snow survey supervisor for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service. Other streams throughout the state have 40 to 70 percent of its normal water. Bear Lake, in northern Utah, holds only 42 percent of its normal water.

Snowpack in northern Utah is 70-75 percent of normal. In southern Utah, it's around 35 percent of normal.

But snowpack figures don't tell the whole story. Years of drought deplete soil moisture. Hot, dry weather the past three springs is causing water to evaporate before it has a chance to flow into the state's reservoirs, said Brian McInerney, a National Weather Service hydrologist.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Thursday

Sent to Governor

SB1157 (State Affairs) - Prohibits interfering with the National Bond Retirement Authority's operations.
SB1158 (State Affairs) - Allocates \$221 million for 2002 operations of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
SB1159 (State Affairs) - Allocates \$1 million for 2002 operations of the Commission on Aging.
SB1160 (State Affairs) - Allocates \$1 million for 2002 operations of the Legislative Council.

Confirmed by Senate

William Patrick Moscow, trade Aeronautics Advisor Board

Introduced in Senate

SB1105 (State Affairs) - Constitutional amendment to allow the National Bond Retirement Authority to state budget reallocation and professional technical staff.
SB1106 (State Affairs) - Amends the Idaho State Constitution and the Idaho administration to make the use of the National Bond Retirement Authority more effective.
SB1107 (State Affairs) - Includes broader education and professional technical institutions in the definition of municipalities for bonding purposes.

Completes for Wednesday

Sent to Governor

HB46 (State Affairs) - Establishes the use, administration and limitations of the Idaho Minimum Income Tax Exemption.

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from black bear and mountain lion attacks.
SB1127 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies the jurisdiction of the State Judicial Registrar, and clarifies the jurisdiction of the State Judicial Registrar.
SB1128 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies the jurisdiction of the State Judicial Registrar.
SB1129 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies the jurisdiction of the State Judicial Registrar.
SB1130 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies the jurisdiction of the State Judicial Registrar.

Association on old liability protection spending.

SB1128 (Commerce and Human Resources) - Changes the requirements for and restricts on collection agencies.

SB1129 (Commerce and Human Resources) - Creates a new professional licensing and disciplinary system for the 1200 professions in each of two consecutive years following a two-year pilot program.

SB1130 (Transportation) - Provides that filing a claim for liability for any traffic accident occurring after December 31, 2001, shall be subject to the provisions of the new liability law.

Killed in House

SB1124 (Education) - Sets the minimum age for professional educators in the state.

Legislative Action Complete

SB1147 (State Affairs) - Calls on Congress to approve a constitutional amendment authorizing revenue for the state.

Introduced in Senate

SB1120 (Finance) - Allocates \$36 million for 2002 operations of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
SB1121 (Finance) - Allocates \$97 million for 2002 operations of the Department of Health Services.
SB1122 (Finance) - Allocates \$177 million for 2002 operations of the Department of Corrections.
SB1123 (Finance) - Allocates \$1.8 million for 2002 operations of the state treasurer's office.

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C. Wayne Haman, Sec. in the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board.

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Legislative Action Complete

SB1146 (Education) - Calls on Congress to make good a 27-year-old promise to pay 10 percent of the cost of educating children with special needs.

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AUCTION CALENDAR

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# Syria endorses Saudi peace plan, but pitfalls remain

By Earleen Fisher  
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Syrian support for a Saudi peace overture to Israel brings the Arab world closer than it has ever been to recognizing Israel's right to exist, but the process is fraught with pitfalls.

The chance for a new peace initiative comes just three weeks from now when the Arab League convenes in Beirut for its annual summit — and it could vanish just as quickly if Israel carries out its threat to prevent Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from attending.

Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose father and predecessor once led the vanguard of hard-line opposition to Israel, has reservations but "expressed satisfaction" with the proposal aired last month by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah. Syria's state-run media said Wednesday.

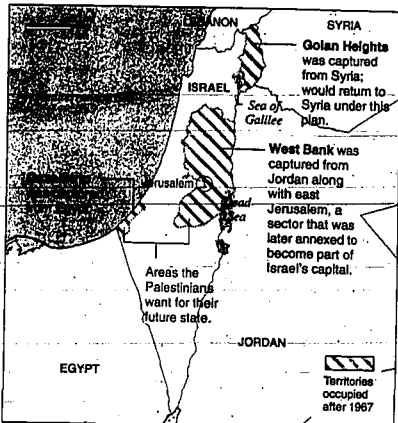
It was the clearest signal yet, coming amid Assad's flurry of visits with other Arab leaders, that Syria would go along with the Saudi proposal if it is presented at the March 27-28 summit.

The Saudi proposal has also found support from the United States and from some Israeli officials. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, both of the center-left Labor Party, have said it has positive elements that deserve exploration.

But despite offering the Israelis wider acceptance by the Arabs — and an alternative to dealing solely with Arafat on Palestinian issues, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and other hard-liners appear to think it offers insufficient guarantees for Israel's security.

## Saudi land-for-peace plan

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah's proposal for peace in the Middle East calls for Israel to withdraw from Arab lands captured in the 1967 war in exchange for "full normalization of relations" with its neighboring Arab states.



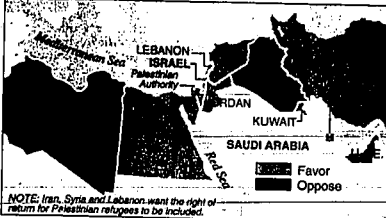
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## Reactions to Saudi Arabia's plan

The Saudi proposal that Israel withdraw from Arab lands captured in the 1967 war in exchange for "full normalization of relations" with its Arab neighbors has been endorsed by key countries in the region.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

Shouebli told the Associated Press on Wednesday, "the first time that the Arabs say as a group, 'We are ready for peace.'" Syria's state-run newspapers offered indirect support Wednesday for the Saudi initiative. Tistrin highlighted the "convergence" of Abdullah's ideas with Syria's national principles, but Al-Thawra, another government paper, expressed reservations, especially over Syria's long-standing demand for the Palestinian refugees' right of return to land inside Israel's pre-1967 borders.

Arafat's attendance is crucial. The Palestinians say Abdullah has assured them he won't even submit his proposal for discussion if Arafat doesn't show up in Beirut.

Some Arab states have tried in the past, more often singly than in concert, to build some kind of bridge to Israel.

Egypt was the first, signing a peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Arafat finally returned to the Palestine in 1994 after signing an agreement with Israel. A few months later Jordan became the only other Arab nation to sign a peace treaty with Israel.

Syria's move does not necessarily mean the Saudi proposal will be adopted at the Beirut summit. But Syria's decision to join Egypt, the most populous Arab country, and Saudi Arabia, the richest, is essential to turning Abdullah's plan into a full-fledged Arab League initiative.

## Israeli leader counters U.S. criticism

JERUSALEM (AP) — Responding to U.S. criticism that Israel had declared war on the Palestinians, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel had the "right of self-defense" and blamed Yasser Arafat for launching a war of terrorism.



Ariel Sharon

"Israel has never declared war on the Palestinians," Sharon's office said in a statement.

"Israel fought back against terror organizations in the framework of its right of self-defense. He who started this war has the power to stop it, but continues to prefer a war of terrorism."

The statement came after Secretary of State Colin Powell sharply criticized Israeli policy. Earlier this week, Sharon announced that for now, he was replacing diplomacy with force and that Israel would strike at Palestinian targets without letup to crush militants involved in attacks on Israeli civilians. Last weekend, more than two dozen Israelis were killed in Palestinian attacks.

Powell told a congressional committee Wednesday that Sharon should re-examine the approach.

"If you declare war on the Palestinians and think you can solve the problem by seeing how many Palestinians can be killed, I don't know that leads us any where," Powell said.

## Witness tells of atrocities by Serb forces

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Serb forces fired machine guns and threw grenades at a column of ethnic Albanians fleeing through a white banner, killing 109 people, a survivor of the 1999 attack testified Thursday in the trial of Slobodan Milosevic.

"It was dark when the shooting began," said Sabit Kadriu, recalling the night of May 2, 1999, when he and thousands of Albanians fled a Serb rampage in northern Kosovo.

Village elders carried a white banner identifying them as civilians, said Kadriu. "We heard grenades, children crying... 109 people were killed that night," he said.

Prosecutors displayed footage of Kadriu's convoy before and after it was shelled. The video, provided by the human rights organization for which he worked, shows villagers gathering on a meadow in daylight, their belongings piled atop tractors and trailers.

Then it shows what Kadriu described as the aftermath of the shelling: scattered bodies of several young men, bullet holes through their jackets, some with head wounds. Nearby, a woman's body lies on a field. Smoke rises from burning houses in the background.

The prosecution also exhibited graphic photographs of 11 members of the Grahali family, from the village of Donje Studimlje, reportedly massacred on May 30, 1999.

The alleged massacres took place as the war in Yugoslavia's southern province of Kosovo was nearing its end. Milosevic, Yugoslavia's former president, is on trial for alleged crimes in Kosovo, Croatia and Bosnia, during the violent breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s, in what is seen as the most important war-crimes trial since the aftermath of World War II.

## Israel broadens assault after Palestinian attacks

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — In a widening conflict, 11 Palestinians were killed and more than 20 injured in fighting Thursday, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in a hotel at the entrance to a Jewish settlement in the West Bank, and an Israeli motorist was shot

and seriously wounded.

Israel broadened its assault on Palestinian targets, raiding two West Bank refugee camps, shelling Palestinian police positions and firing missiles at Yasser Arafat's headquarters as he met there with the European Union's Mideast envoy. The

blast blew out windows in the room where the two met moments before.

Army attack helicopters also destroyed Gaza offices of a radical PLO group and damaged an adjoining Palestinian security installation, witnesses said.



Ballots are delivered to a counting station Thursday in Dublin following the Irish referendum on abortion laws.

## Voters reject plan to clarify Ireland's strict abortion laws

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Voters narrowly rejected a proposed amendment to Ireland's strict anti-abortion laws, official results showed Thursday, in a significant defeat for the government and Catholic Church leaders.

The proposals would have amended the constitution's ban to allow abortions if a woman's life was at risk — but would have barred using threats of suicide by a pregnant woman as grounds for abortion.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern's conservative government backed the measure, and the Roman Catholic Church campaigned heavily in its favor, saying that despite the new exception the proposal would strengthen the prohibition on abortion.

With the defeat, lawmakers will be under new pressure to pass legislation called for by the Supreme Court to allow abortions in all cases when the mother's life is endangered — including by suicide.

The Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy Bill was rejected by a 50.43 to 49.57 percent margin — about 10,000 votes, with 629,041 "no" votes and 618,485 "yes" ballots, Referendum Chief Officer

Peter Green announced to cheers from abortion-rights activists introduced reforms to give women a greater role in local elected councils and in the country's future democratic government.

Musharraf's government has reserved 33 percent of seats in the newly established local councils for women. The government also increased the number of seats for women in the 350-member National Assembly from 20 to 60.

The steps are significant in a country where discrimination and violence against women remain

serious problems. Musharraf said had been touched by the painful stories he'd heard at the convention. "It would move even a male chauvinist," he said referring to a Pakistani musical that depicts the plight of women. "It certainly moved me. I am not a male chauvinist."

Educating women is a key to ending widespread discrimination, Musharraf said. Pakistan's education system is considered among the worst in the developing world, with illiteracy at 51 percent for men and 64 percent for women.

## Pakistani leader promises rights to women

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf vowed Thursday to end discrimination and violence against women and strive to help them attain greater political and economic rights in this poor Islamic nation.

"Political empowerment will enable women to fight for their rights themselves," he said at a convention marking International Women's Day.

The government can assist, he told hundreds of women gathered in the capital, "but it will be your own merit, determination and

courage which will help you rise and get your rights."

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# Explosion at Kandahar depot might have been booby trap

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** - An explosion at an ammunition depot near the Kandahar air base killed three U.S.-allied Afghan fighters Thursday, and the top Canadian officer here said one of the men may have inadvertently tripped a booby trap.

The explosion Thursday morning about a mile south of the air base sent shrapnel and other ordnance screaming over the heads of Canadian troops and the U.S. out to try to help. Detonations from the weapons depot continued into the evening and started a large brush fire, Lt. Col. Pat Stogran said.

Afghan forces said the men were moving a crate at the ammunition depot that they hoped to break down into firewood when they apparently tripped the booby trap, said Stogran, commander of the approximately 750 Canadian troops at the base.

There have been a series of incidents at and around the base since Jan. 10, when gunmen opened fire on a plane carrying 20 al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

**Report: Rebels leave ahead of arrival of U.S. troops**

**TBILISI, Georgia** - U.S. plans to train Georgian troops in anti-terrorist operations have prompted some Chechen rebels to leave the Pankisi Gorge even before the American soldiers arrive, Georgia's deputy defense minister said Thursday.

Gela Bezhuashvili said the government has been conducting a public relations campaign in the tense region along the border with the Russian separatist province of Chechnya about Georgia's growing determination to restore order. U.S. officials have said several dozen al-Qaida-linked terrorists are operating in the region.

Since the announcement last week that the United States would send up to 200 troops, "We have information that a small group of rebels have left Pankisi," Bezhuashvili said in an interview. He predicted many more would follow.

The first U.S. troops are to arrive by the end of the month.

**Wounded soldiers, reporter arrive at base in Germany**

**LANDSTUHL, Germany** - Nine U.S. special forces troops wounded in Afghanistan and brought to Germany for treatment are in stable condition, most suffering from bullet or shrapnel wounds to their arms and legs, a military surgeon said Thursday.

At eight international peacekeepers who were injured in the explosion of anti-aircraft missiles they were trying to defuse arrived in Europe on Thursday for treatment, while their comrades mourned the deaths of five of the troops in the accident.

At least 40 Americans have been injured in a U.S.-led assault on al-Qaida fighters holed up in eastern Afghanistan, who have put up stiff resistance in six days of fighting. Another flight with as many as 16 injuries was expected to arrive at nearby Ramstein Air Base later Thursday.

Also brought to Landstuhl on Wednesday was Canadian journalist Kenna, who has been unconscious since shortly after a grenade was hurled into her car while she was traveling toward the scene of the fighting Tuesday. Kenna, 48, a reporter for the Toronto Star, had suffered serious flesh wounds, Ervin said.

**Europeans move slowly on blocking of terrorist assets**

As the United States moves beyond blocking funds of Osama bin Laden's network to include other terrorist groups, America's most important bloc of allies is being less aggressive.

The European Union has frozen assets of just two of 28 groups on a U.S. list of non-al-Qaida organizations. Out of the dozens of individuals on Washington's list of suspected terrorists, the EU targeted eight. U.S. targets left off Europe's list, published in December, includes the PKK Kurdish rebels threatening Turkey, the Shining Path group in Peru and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

In a 15-nation bloc that often doesn't see eye-to-eye with each other, some EU members cited a lack of evidence that groups were terrorists, legal concerns, and a hesitance to support governments with dubious human rights records, according to diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

**World in brief**

Europe has embraced other anti-terrorism measures with impressive speed since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

But their limited fund-blocking response underscores how hard it is for the United States to build consensus for cracking down on armed groups, terror experts say.

**Al-Qaida sympathizers arrive at war to help, U.S. says**

The Afghan Defense Ministry dispensed intelligence-gathering experts from northern Afghanistan to investigate reports that al-Qaida sympathizers had reinforced the militants' ranks in recent days, intelligence officials said in Gazder.

A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the

extra forces were arriving in small groups from Gardez, Ghazni, Khost and Surmad - as well as a few coming across the border from Pakistan.

Hasankhail said some sympathizers had managed to cross the Pakistani border Saturday and Sunday to reach the Taliban and al-Qaida mountain hideouts. But he said the paths had since been blocked by coalition forces.

"This is the heart of al-Qaida

and the Taliban and when this is finished al-Qaida will be finished in Afghanistan," he said.

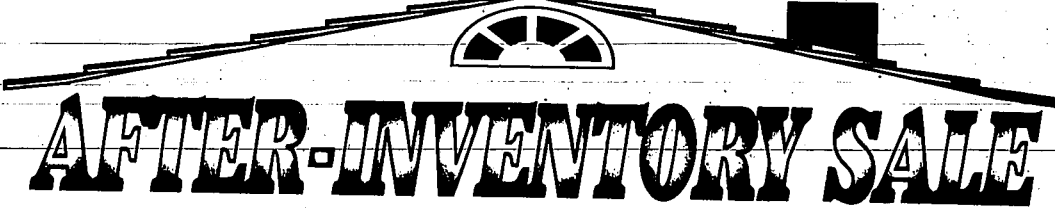
Hafeezullah, of the Surmad town council, said men from the Surmand district may have gone to battle as well to help Saif Rahman, the Taliban commander heading the troops in the mountains.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. forces, has said there was no sign of dug-in al-

Qaida and Taliban fighters trying to flee the region - which commanders say they have encircled.

However, as recently as Tuesday night, Taliban holdouts brought the bodies of at least two fighters from Shah-e-Kot to the village of Surmad for burial, said shopkeeper Abdullah Jan. "There are hundreds of smuggler routes," across the rugged terrain.

- compiled from wire reports



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### All you need

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department explores the wit and wisdom of author Robert Fulghum in "All I Ever Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

### Comedy tonight!

The Oakley Valley Arts Council celebrates Steven Sondheim's and Larry Gelbart's Broadway costume farce "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" tonight, Saturday and Thursday nights in Oakley's Howells' Opera House.



### Proto-punk

Sixties' bad-boy rocker Mitch Ryder and his Detroit Wheels will play two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot through Sunday.



### Praise music

Southern-flavored Christian rockers Third Day along with Bebo Norman will arena-rock the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University tonight.

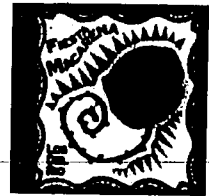


### Joyce's wake

Hailey's Company of Fools will wrap up its musical production of James Joyce's "The Dead" tonight, Saturday and Sunday in the Liberty Theater.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C23, C5.

# Bye bye singles



## Record industry kills off the one song you love

### The Associated Press

The first time you entered a music store, chances are it was because there was one song you had to have.

Maybe it was "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by the Beatles, or Marvin Gaye's "I Heard It Through the Grapevine." Perhaps you obsessed over "Night Fever" by the Bee Gees, "Hungry Like the Wolf" by Duran Duran or 'N Sync's "Bye Bye Bye."

These days, finding that song—without buying many more you don't want—is becoming increasingly difficult.

The music industry is killing off the single. Once the backbone of the business, singles sales totaled 31 million last year, down a whopping 41 percent from 2000, according to Soundscan. It's believed to be the lowest sales figure since the late 1940s, when singles were introduced on vinyl.

Singles aren't even made for many of the most popular songs because music companies think they're so unprofitable.

Among Billboard magazine's 40 most popular songs the week of Feb. 23, only five were available as singles on compact disc. Eighteen were on sale just as vinyl records.

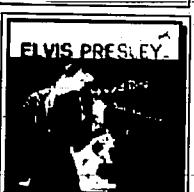
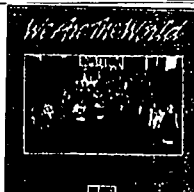
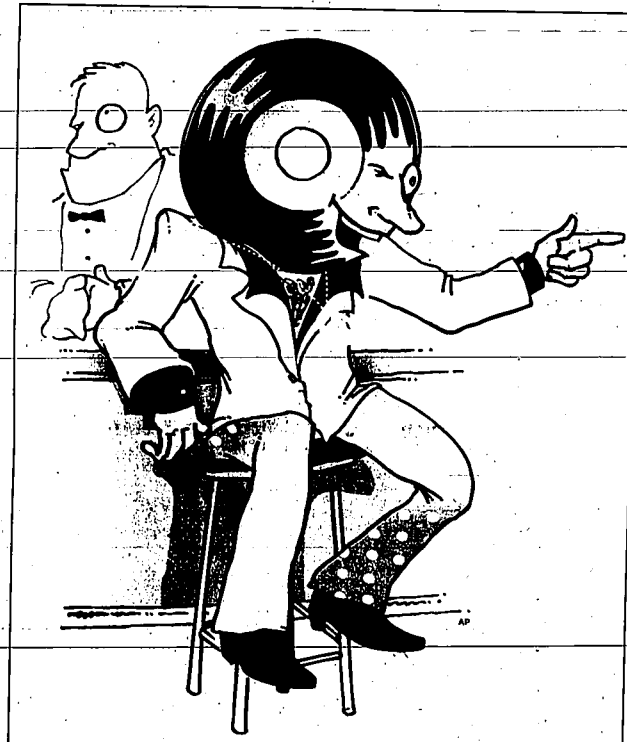
Seventeen songs, including Creed's "My Sacrifice," No Doubt's "Hey Baby," Enrique Iglesias' "Hero" and Alanis Morissette's "Hands Clean," were only available if you bought a full album.

Record retailers complain this alienates fans, particularly young ones, by forcing them to spend more than they want or—worse yet—retrieve songs online.

"I think they're losing a whole generation of record buyers," said Carl Rosenbaum, chief executive of Top Hits, a Buffalo Grove, Ill. company that supplies music to 15,000 stores nationwide.

"You either have to steal it off the Internet or you just don't buy it at all," he said. "The other option is to buy a full CD for \$18. If you're just introducing yourself to an act, you don't want to do that. It's hard to figure out what their thinking is."

Music executives, in turn, blame retailers for discounting singles so heavily it's impossible to make money.



"We can't work it out," said Val Azzi, co-chairman of the Atlantic Group of record labels. "We're not an industry that works together."

If the single dies altogether, the beginning of the end can be

traced a decade back to the start of Soundscan, which provided the first precise measurements of music sales.

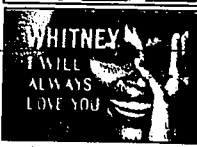
Executives who long suspected that singles cut into sales of the more profitable full-length CDs

now had evidence to back that up, said Jordan Katz, senior vice president of sales at Arista Records.

There's some debate about the extent to which that's true, though.

## All-time best-selling singles

1. "Candle in the Wind" (1997), Elton John, 11 million
  2. Tie: 4 million:  
- "I Will Always Love You" (1992), Whitney Houston  
- "Macarena" (1995), Los Del Rio  
- "We Are the World" (1984) USA For Africa  
- "Whoomp! (There It Is)" (1993), Tag Team  
- "Hey Jude" (1969), Beatles  
- "Hound Dog/Don't Be Cruel" (1956), Elvis Presley
  3. Tie: 3 million:  
- "How Do I Love" (1998), LaAnn Rimes  
- "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You" (1991), Bryan Adams  
- "Gangsta's Paradise" (1995), Coolio  
- "I'll Be Missing You" (1997), Puff Daddy and Faith Evans  
- "Love Me Tender/Any Way You Want Me" (1956), Elvis Presley
- Source: Billboard



Bob Higgins, chief executive of the Albany, N.Y.-based Trans World Entertainment, which owns 950 music stores, said he believes singles hurt album sales in only about 15 percent of the cases.

"Nickelback's 'Silver Side Up' album is currently in the top 10, seemingly unhurt by the CD single for the song 'How You Remind Me.' And Santana sold boatloads of its most recent album despite a succession of singles, he said.

In the late 1990s, there was a brief period when record companies put singles by singers like Mariah Carey on sale for a money-losing 49 cents, artificially boosting sales to secure flashy chart debuts.

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## Ensemble will play 'Suites and Desserts'

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS**—The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble will perform "Suites and Desserts," its third concert of the school year Tuesday, CSI Music Professor Dr. George Haiselt will conduct. The performance was originally scheduled for Sunday.

The concert will open with Alfred Reed's "Festival Prelude." This will be followed by a cowboy march, "Vaquero" by the popular composer and arranger Sammy Nestico.

The band will then play a work by the composer Claude T. Smith, "Emperata Overture." "Honky-Tonk Ragtime," originally written by Willy Faux, is next on the program. It has been arranged for band by the Dutch composer Johan de Meij. The Wind Ensemble will present a special performance of "Three Blind Mice at

### If you go...

- **What:** The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble will perform in concert.
- **Where:** CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, TWIN FALLS.
- **When:** Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Admission is free, although a \$3 donation per person to the CSI Music Activities Fund is requested.

the Night Club Floor Show" as conceived by Carl Frankliser. Special guest stars, the Rodentia Trio, will dance, march and stumble their way into the audience's hearts. Once the farmer's wife chases off the mice, music by the Cuban composer Ernesto Lecuona will follow. Lecuona, best known for his piano piece, Malaguena, also wrote many other popu-

lar works, including the piece that the Wind Ensemble will perform, his "Jungle Drums," also known as his "Canto Karabali."

The concert will close with a performance of one of the favorite works in the band literature, the "Folk Song Suite" by the English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. This richly scored piece contains three movements that are based on English folk songs, "Seventeen Come Sunday," "Intermezzo - My Bonny Boy," and "March - Folk Songs from Somerset."

## Planning an egg hunt? Tell us about it

The Times-News

If your group is planning an Easter egg hunt, put *The Times-News* at the top of your call-list list.

On Friday, March 29, T-N will publish a roundup of Easter egg hunts sponsored by south-central Idaho churches, businesses and organizations. Deadline to submit information about your Easter egg hunt is March 27.

Send the time, date and details to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or you can e-mail us at crump@magvalley.com or fax us at (208) 734-5538. Please include a contact name and telephone number.

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WEEKEND

# Mitch Ryder, Detroit Wheels roll into Jackpot



**ROCK 'N' ROLL**

**Tonight, Saturday and Sunday**  
Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.95 on Saturday and \$14.95 tonight and Sunday. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail shows at \$10 on Saturday and \$7.50 tonight and Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

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

**Tonight and Saturday**  
Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

**Tonight and Saturday**  
Firewater will play rock and country from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Sagebrush Landmark, 325 Main St., Hazelton. No cover charge.

**Saturday - Boise**  
And DiFranco will sing at the Big Easy Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.



**Wednesday - Boise**  
William Topley will play the Big Easy Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Free. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**March 16 - Utah**  
Sno-Core 2002, featuring Adema, Glass X and Earshot, will perform at Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City on Interstate 180 West, take Exit 104.

**March 17 - Boise**  
Concrete Blonde will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at



Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**March 18 - Boise**  
Ben Folds will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**March 20 - Boise**  
Natalie Merchant will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

**March 21 - Boise**  
Iffy will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**March 29 - Boise**  
Bob Weir and RatDog will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**April 1 - Boise**  
Phil Lesh, former bassist with the Grateful Dead, will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$31.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.



**April 3 - Boise**  
Dropping Pool, Coal Chamber and Ill Nino will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**April 7 - Boise**  
Dark Star Orchestra will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which

are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**April 7 - Utah**  
Phil Lesh, former bass player with the Grateful Dead, will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$31, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 320 S. Decker Lake Drive.

**April 21 - Utah**  
Puddle of Mudd will perform at Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17, are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City; take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.



**April 23 - Boise**  
Great Big Sea will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.



**Tonight - Utah**  
Asleep at the Wheel will perform at the Westerner Club in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14 and \$16, can be reserved by phoning (801) 972-5447, or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Westerner Club is located at 3360 S. Redwood Road.

**Saturday**  
Pocketchange will play classic country and rock from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

**Saturday**  
Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east-of-Jerome. Cover charge is \$7. Call 324-7366.

**Sunday**  
Pure Country will play from 7-

11 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. No cover charge.



**Wednesday through March 16**  
Baillie and the Boys will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturdays and \$14.99 on weeknights. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on Saturdays and \$7.50 on weeknights. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

**March 23 - Utah**  
Collin Raye will sing at 7:30 p.m. in the Dee Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Tickets, which are \$19.50 and \$27.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

**April 9 - Boise**  
Lucinda Williams will sing at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**May 11 - Utah**  
Brooks & Dunn will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Delta Center in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$39.50 and \$49.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-7238 or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

**May 1 - Utah**  
Diana Krall will sing at Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning

**Christian**  
**Tonight - Boise**  
Third Day and Bebo Norman will play the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20.50 and \$23, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1766.

**April 3 - Utah**  
Delicious will perform at the Huntsman Center on the campus

of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

**March 15-16 - Utah**  
The Marcus Roberts Trio will perform with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$27, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**March 16**  
The Canyonside Orchestra will perform for Community Jazz Night from 8-10 p.m. at the Castleford School cafeteria. Social hour with desserts will be held from 7-8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, are available by phoning Geianne Choate or any Civic Club member at 537-6511.

**March 28 - Boise**  
The John Scofield Band will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-5827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**April 5-6 - Boise**  
The Gene Harris Jazz Festival will play the Boise State University Pavilion at 7 p.m. The April 6 headliner will be Kevin Eubanks from "The Tonight Show." Tickets, which are \$20 for general admission, \$40 for reserved seats and \$10 for students, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1494.

**May 1 - Utah**  
Diana Krall will sing at Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning

Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**CLASSICAL**  
**Tonight and Saturday - Utah**  
Utah Symphony will perform Dmitri Shostakovich's "Great War Symphony" 8 p.m. nightly, Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$27, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Saturday and Sunday**  
The Caritas Choraire will perform Brahms' "German Requiem" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the gymnasium of the Community School, Sun Valley. Free.

**Tuesday**  
The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Free.

**March 19 - Utah**  
Violinist Joseph Silverstein will perform Sergei Prokofiev's Concerto No. 2 and Brahms' Violin concerto with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$20, \$24, \$36 and \$39, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**March 22-23 - Utah**  
Utah Symphony will play Gustav Mahler's "Song of the Earth" at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$22, \$26, \$33, \$37 and \$43, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**March 23**  
Meredith Monk will sing in Ketchum's neoStage Theater at 8 p.m. Please see EVENTS, Page C3

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Events

Continued from C2  
p.m., the final installment in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series. Tickets, which are \$16, by phoning 726-9491, online at <http://www.sunvalleycenter.org>, or at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E., in Ketchum. Kids 18 and under get in free.

March 29-30 - Utah

Pianist Nelson Freire will perform a program of Wagner, Chopin and Mendelssohn with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$22, \$26, \$33, \$37 and \$43, can be reserved by (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 122 West South Temple.

Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight and Saturday

Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Monday

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

Monday

The Vuarnettes will perform at 5:30 p.m. each Monday through early April at the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$8.

in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert.

March 29 - Utah

Julie de Azevedo will sing at the Golden Spike Events Center in Ogden, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Golden Spike Events Center is located at 1000 North 1200 West; take Exit 349 off Interstate 15.



Wednesday

DJ music will be featured for ladies night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Doors open at 8 p.m. No cover charge for ladies.

Thursday

Dance to DJ music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Alcohol-free environment. Cover charge is \$5 for 18 and older.

April 26-27, May 1-4 - Utah

Ballet West will dance Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," 7:30 p.m. nightly, in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

through Friday, or by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2788. The production continues March 15-16

Tonight, Saturday, Monday and Thursday

The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum," 8 p.m., Howell's Opera House, Oakley. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS. The production continues March 15-16, 18 and 21-23

Thursday

The Sun Valley Company will present Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid," 7:30 p.m., Boiler Room. Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under, are available at the Sun Valley Sports Center, or by phoning 622-2231. Doors open at 6 p.m. The production will continue every Thursday night through mid-March.

March 19-20-21 - Boise

The national tour of Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys," starring Frank Gorshin and Dick Van Patten, will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University, at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, \$32.50 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1110.



March 22-24, 28-30

The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will present Jerry Bock

and Sheldon Harnick's "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:30 p.m. on March 22-23 and 28-30 and 2 p.m. on March 24. College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and children under 12, will be available next month at the Dilettantes box office in the Magic Valley Mall.

KARAOKE

Tonight

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

Tonight and Saturday

Karaoke contest will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday

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

Saturday

P&D Karaoke will be featured at 8:30 p.m. at the Sagebrush Landmark, 325 Main St., Hazelton. No cover charge.

Saturday

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

Sunday

Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 6-10 p.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Tuesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C5.



April 4 - Utah

Pianist Wendy Chen will perform Mozart's Piano concerto No. 21 in C major with Utah Symphony at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$25 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 12 - Utah

Pianist Louis Lortie will play Edvard Grieg's Piano concerto with Utah Symphony at 10 a.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 19-20 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform music from William Shakespeare's plays, by Dvorak, Prokofiev and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. nightly, Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$16, \$22, \$26, \$33, \$37 and \$43, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 26-27 - Utah

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

Wednesday

Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

March 16

Na Buille Celtic Music Concert will be held at 8 p.m. at the Buhl Arts-Council, Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth. The event is made possible by a grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Cost is \$10 per person. All ages are welcome. For reservations or for more information, call 543-2888.

March 23

The Mount-Harrison-Heritage Foundation will present Crestmark Orchestra and Utah State University Sunburst Singers in "The Golden Days of Radio," 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley. Tickets, which are \$12.50 for reserved seats and \$10 for general admission, are available by phoning 678-6868 or at the Times-News Burley office, Welch Music and The Book Plaza

DANCE

Tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday - Utah

Ballet West will dance "An Evening of Ballet," 7:30 p.m. nightly and 2 p.m. on March 16, in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$17, \$21, \$35 and \$50 for the evening performances and \$10, \$17, \$30 and \$40 for the matinee, are available by phoning (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. The production continues March 15-16.

Tonight and Saturday

Dance to disc jockey music from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge from 8-9:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$4 after 9:30 p.m.

Saturday

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

THEATER

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

Company of Fools will present Richard Nelson and Shaun Davey's musical version of James Joyce's "The Dead," 8 p.m. on Sunday, Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$20 for the evening performances and \$15 for matinee, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Robert Fulghum's "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," 8 p.m., Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, may be purchased at the Fine Arts box office between 1-4 p.m. Monday



There's so much to learn about staying healthy

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Baby and Children's Faire Saturday, March 9th • 10 am to 9 pm Magic Valley Mall • Center Court

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- 10:00am - 2:00pm SAFE KIDS Buckle-up Event: Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition provides car safety seat inspections and installations at Randy Hansen Autoplex - corner of Pole Line and Blue Lakes.
- 10:00am - 5:00pm Scavenger Hunt (ages 5-13): Gather the items on your list, available from our vendors, and win great prizes.
- 10:00am - 5:00pm Baby Photo Contest: Bring in your favorite photo of your little one. Prizes will be given in several categories. Photos may be picked up at the end of the day.
- 10:00am - 11:00am Ask A Pediatrician: Physicians will be on-hand to answer your health questions.
- 10:00am Stroller Parade: Stroll into the Baby & Children's Faire in style! Magic Valley Mall Gift Certificates for the best decorated strollers and drivers: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50.
- 10:30am Baby Photo Tips: Photographer Bobi Jo Frostenson from Prisma Imaging shares ideas on getting the perfect photo of your little one. Use the tips to take a photo to enter in the baby photo contest.
- 11:00am Gitter Bags: Handwashing is our best defense against spreading germs. This fun activity will show kids how well they're doing and give tips to improve hygiene.
- 11:30am Crawling Races: On your mark, get set, CRAWL! If your little one is all over the house, then put their talent to work and win great prizes. The fastest isn't the only way to win.
- 12:00pm Daddies and Diapers: So you think you're a quick change artist? Compete in an old-fashion cloth diaper competition.
- 12:30pm Basket Shooting Contests: For the older kids...head around the world or play a quick game of h-o-r-s-e. Sink the baskets and pick up some prizes.
- 1:00pm Pet Partners: Learn dog safety for kids and the Pet Partners from Magic Valley Regional perform amazing tricks.
- 1:30pm Story Time: Join Barnes and Noble in center court for a book and a cookie. Relax after a busy day at the faire!
- 2:00pm Clown 'N' Ministry: Doulos and Checkers present a program of mirth and merriment - fun for the whole family.
- 2:00pm-5:00pm Ask A Pediatrician: Physicians will be on-hand to answer your health questions.
- 3:00pm Fashion Show & Beautiful Baby Contest: Tiny models and their moms show off fancy fashions from participating retailers. You have never seen a show so cute. Then, expectant mothers will compete for the title of "most beautiful baby."
- 4:30pm Shape Down Exercise for Kids: Bring your kids to this interactive demonstration. Learn effective ways to make exercise fun for your child.
- 5:00pm Native Idahoan Tattler Fund Award & Photo Contest Award: It's time for the awards. First, we'll award a full college tuition at an Idaho college or university to one lucky baby born at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center during 2001. Then, see who has the best baby captured on film. Finally, find out if your scavenging skills paid off in our scavenger hunt.
- 5:30pm Baby Food Eating Contest: This one is for the grown-ups. What fun it is to have your child age 1-5 sitting on your lap feeding you the food! There will be age divisions and great giveaways for the winners! Bring your Camera! Bites will be provided.

- 6:00pm American Self Defense: Learn the many benefits of martial arts demonstration, sign up for classes, meet the instructors, and check out the action.
- 6:30pm Scrapbooking: Your photo albums are a continuous celebration of your life, preserving your history and who you are. Don't miss this demonstration by Creative Memories of scrapbooking techniques to start your family album tradition today!
- 7:00pm Healthy Cooking for Kids: A cooking demonstration for you and your kids. Learn how to make eating healthy fun and fast.
- 7:30pm The Standards: The Standards are four brothers from Twin Falls, Idaho (with the fifth on a mission) who sings pop music a cappella. The Standards are on their way to making it big. Just in the last couple of years, they have opened for the hit country group "Lonestar," The Wildly acclaimed Riverdanza, and the group All-For-One. The Group all-Far-One. The Group of five range in age from 27 - 19, all four guys have extraordinary ranges and have unique personalities.
- 8:15pm Lori Head Dance Studio: Hip-hop, Jazz, and modern dance from some seasoned performers from Lori Head's Dance Studio.

Break-out Education Classes

- 11:00am Right From the Start: Building Stronger Families through Infant Massage: Optimizing your baby's health with infant massage introductory class with a question and answer session. Come learn about baby massage techniques that will benefit your baby.
- 11:30am Importance of Immunizations: Pediatrician explains the importance of childhood immunizations.
- 12:00pm Doula and the Importance of a Support Person: What is a Doula and is this type of support person right for me? Learn about a Doula and your support person's role, including a husband, friend or family member.
- 12:30pm Baby Blues: OB-GYN discusses the risk factors and how to prevent and treat the blues after the baby arrives.
- 1:00pm Did You Know?: Learn interesting and little-known facts about your child's development.
- 1:30pm Your Baby's Brain Development: Neurologist discusses how your baby's brain develops throughout pregnancy and in the early years of life.
- 2:00pm Shape Down For Kids: Local expert will help you identify risk factors. Fun exercise for overweight children.

Information Exhibitors

Albertson Foundation, Discovery Toys, Kindermusik, Success By 6, South Central District Health Department, Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation, KIDS Korner, Ident-A-Kid, Step Ahead Learning Center, Prisma Imaging, Creative Memories, American Self Defense, Avon Independent Sales, Physician Center and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

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WEEKEND

# 'The Time Machine' hits theaters this weekend

Combined wire services

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

**'All About the Benjamins'**

Ice Cube is a Miami bounty hunter who's hired to pick up con man (Mike Epps). But when Reggie makes a break for it, the two stumble into Robert Williamson (Curtis). Epps, a rather nasty Scot who's busy stealing \$20 million in diamonds. One groan-inducing familiarity begets another. Bucum and Reggie become temporary partners with complex monetary goals. Bucum wants to catch Williamson and get enough street cred to launch his own P.I. firm. Reggie needs to retrieve the winning lottery ticket he dropped while running away from Williamson's goons. And neither of them is going to say no to those diamonds. The least said about this not-ready-for-'Miami Vice' script, with its requisite speedboat finale, the better. Rated R.

**'A Beautiful Mind'**

This is likely the most successful of the director Ron Howard has ever done, but at the end of the day it's still too much of a too-tidy Ron Howard project. Russell Crowe stars as mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr., who battled schizophrenia and later won a Nobel Prize, with Jennifer Connelly in a career-best performance as his wife. Ed Harris co-stars. (2.09. PG-13 for intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.)

**'Behind Enemy Lines'**

A Navy pilot (Owen Wilson), at odds with his C.O. (Isiah Whitlock Jr.) is shot down over enemy territory in an unidentified Eastern European country. Because he strayed and documented genocide while on a reconnaissance mission, Lt. Chris Burnett is pursued by a secret police force, a traitor and ground troops. Back at the carrier, Admiral Reigan (Gene Hackman) decides to set aside geopolitical rules and launch a renegade rescue mission to save the lone navigator. Rated PG-13.

**'Big Fat Lie'**

In this cute but wholly forgettable comedy vehicle, star Malcolm in the Middle's star Frankie Muniz plays a confirmed liar pitted against a Hollywood hushbot (Paul Giamatti) who steals the kid's short-story assignment and turns it into a best-selling best-seller. But not without a back. Rated PG; mild language. 1 hour, 28 minutes.

**'Black Hawk Down'**

Director Ridley Scott revisits an event most Americans barely remember: the 1993 firefight inspired by Army Rangers and Delta Force commandos in Somalia, in which more Americans were killed in one 15-hour siege than have been lost in the Afghan war. Working from an exhaustively reported book by Mark Bowden, Scott re-creates the events in such vivid, graphic detail you'll leave the theater thinking you were at least nicked. The film also benefits from a fine cast, including Josh Hartnett, Tom Sizemore and Ewan McGregor. Despite all this, it's more reduction than drama; without context, it's all sound and fury. Rated R; graphic violence, language. 2 hours, 22 minutes.

**'Brotherhood of the Wolf'**

Inspired by an actual incident that became legend, French director Christophe Gans has created an intoxicating cocktail of genres that seems to be drunk on movies. It mixes history, myth, horror, romance and martial arts and wouldn't mind a bit if it were compared to Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. Samuel L. Jackson plays a naturalist-philosopher dispatched by Louis XIV to the French countryside in the 1760s to catch a powerful, crafty beast that's been savaging women and children; assisting him is an Inqurist (Mark Dacascos) with motives that would impress Jet Li. The cast also includes the gorgeous Monica Bellucci as a mysterious courtesan, and one nasty-looking creature of indeterminate origin.



The Eloi woman Mara (Samantha Mumba) pleads with Alexander Herdigen (Guy Pearce) to return to his own time before he suffers the same fate as many of her people in DreamWorks Pictures' and Warner Bros. Pictures' 'The Time Machine.'

Rated R; violence, sexual situations, nudity. In French with English subtitles. 2 hours, 22 minutes.

**'Collateral Damage'**

If it weren't for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this Arnold Schwarzenegger action flick would have come and gone without much fanfare, but because it concerns a firefighter whose family is killed in an act of international terrorism on American soil, it received a degree of celebrity. Director Andrew Davis ('The Fugitive') does a solid job with its action sequences and the David Griffiths and David Cronenberg style of a few random stabs at being of interest. With Cliff Curtis, Francesca Neri, John Turturro, John Leguizamo. (1.50. R, for violence and some language.)

**'The Count of Monte Cristo'**

Alexandre Dumas' 19th-century novel about Danes, a French sailor who is wrongfully accused of treason and thrown in a hellhole of prison, has been filmed dozens of times. But this latest version, starring Jim Caviezel as the sailor who plots elaborate vengeance, surpasses and surpasses himself as a dashing nobleman's real rippling yarn. Director Kevin Reynolds ('Robin Hood') and writer Jay Wolpert have taken a few liberties, including making Danes' aristocratic friend (Guy Pearce) his betrayer, giving him a gangster bodyguard in Luis Guzman, but the film's virtues outweigh its by-the-numbers screenplay. Rated PG-13; violence. 1 hour, 58 minutes.

**'Crossroads'**

Britney Spears' first movie is less a film than a logical extension of the brand name. For the teen girls, it serves up a story of a goody-two-shoes who takes a post-graduation road trip with two very different friends from grade school. Zoe Lister-Jones, Bryn Manning and a hunkily handsome dangerous guy (Anson Mount). For the guys, she's a regular gal who wears sweats and pees in the bushes. For her older, older, fans, there are two sexy underwear models and a steamy shower. For everyone else, this is just another marketing meeting, lacking a sincere or original idea. Rated PG-13; sexual situations, language. 1 hour, 37 minutes.

**'Dragonfly'**

A slick, pretentious and thoroughly cummy horror movie starring Kevin Costner as a morose doctor who thinks his wife, presumably killed in a bus accident in Venezuela, is attempting to communicate with him through dragonflies, talking parrots and the fat belly of a cadaver. Directed by Tom Shadyne ('Pardners'), apparently after bingeing on 'The Sixth Sense,' this is so misconceived you have to think Costner must be communicating with a dead agent. Rated PG-13; violence, language. 1 hour, 37 minutes.

**'Focus'**

This is a respectable drama with a morally piquant subject - American anti-Semitism during wartime - but 'Focus' works better as a subject for high-school study rather than lasting art. Adapted from Arthur Miller's first novel, it's about Lawrence Newman (William H. Macy), a rather nerdy human resources manager who meets the grim, invisible specter of anti-Semitism on the job. Moved from his company's front office (he does job

interviews) to a less-conspicuous quiet, Newman is told he doesn't quite look right; his boss is never quite sure he's Jewish or not. Whether he is Jewish or not is immaterial to the story. It's the feeling that counts. And Newman definitely feels unspoken animosity from his colleagues and his neighbors - who have become increasingly heated in their desire to keep the neighborhood free of Jews. After marrying Gertrude Hart (Laura Dern), a woman he was forced to dismiss because his company doesn't hire Jews, Newman has to decide if he's going to take the risk of remaining a coward for the rest of his life. Rated PG-13. Contains sexual situations.

**'40 Days and 40 Nights'**

'Heathers' director Michael Lehmann and new writer Robert Peres peer perceptively beneath the sex-charged wry of a great-looking young San Francisco professional as one of their number (Josh Hartnett) is struck with the earth-shaking idea of giving up sex for Lent as a way of freeing himself of his obsession with their beauty (Vinessa Shaw). She dumped him. Shanny Sossamon is the lovely new girl on his horizon, and Paulo Costanzo is Matt's crass roommate. (1.30. R, for sexual content, nudity and language.)

**'Hart's War'**

If you can get past the '60s-style liberal sanctimony and forgive an explosive distributor for marketing it as a bomb-and-bullets battlefield bombast, you will be entertained by this hybrid of 'Stalag 17' and 'A Soldier's Story.' Cole Farrell is the Yale-educated rich kid who ends up in a German POW camp in World War II and is given the job of defending an officer accused of murder, an officer (Terrence Howard) so dignified and righteously he makes Sidney Poitier look like a homeboy. Nevertheless, the movie, directed by Gregory Hoblit and based on a script by John Katzenbach, has enough twists, and the characters have enough depth and secrets to keep us guessing until the end. Rated R; violence, language; 2 hours, 6 minutes.

**'In the Bedroom'**

Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson give the two most affecting and fully realized performances in any American movie this year in this drama about unthinkable and avoidable tragedy and the grief, regret and blame that results. When their upper-middle-class marriage, as carefully maintained as their New England cottage, begins to crumble as a consequence of the pain inflicted on them, they blame the world, the law and then each other - only to seek comfort, finally, in a way they would never have imagined possible. Todd Field, adapting a short story by Andre Dubus, makes an auspicious directing debut; every detail seems perfectly, sadly right. Rated R; violence, language. 1 hour, 18 minutes.

**'John Q.'**

As an argument for national health care, 'John Q.' is one-sided; as a movie, it's just one dimension despite the best efforts of star Denzel Washington, who turns an

## What's Playing

Brotherhood of the Wolf, Magic Lantern  
'Dragonfly,' Magic Lantern  
'40 Days and 40 Nights,' SkyTime Cinemas  
'In the Bedroom,' SkyTime Cinemas  
'The Mothman Prophecies,' SkyTime Cinemas  
'Queen of the Damned,' Sun Valley Opera House  
'Super Troopers,' Magic Lantern  
'The Time Machine,' Magic Lantern  
'We Were Soldiers,' Magic Lantern

Odyssey Theater  
'Queen of the Damned,' Odyssey Theater  
'Return to Neverland,' Twin Cinema  
'Snow Dogs,' Twin Cinema  
'Super Troopers,' Odyssey Theater  
'The Time Machine,' Twin Cinema  
'A Walk to Remember,' Twin Cinema  
'We Were Soldiers,' Twin Cinema

### Twin Falls

'All About the Benjamins,' Odyssey Theater  
'A Beautiful Mind,' Twin Cinema  
'Big Fat Lie,' Twin Cinema  
'Black Hawk Down,' Twin Cinema  
'Brotherhood of the Wolf,' The Orpheum  
'The Count of Monte Cristo,' Twin Cinema  
'Collateral Damage,' Twin Cinema  
'Crossroads,' Odyssey Theater  
'Dragonfly,' Odyssey Theater  
'Focus,' Lamphouse Theater  
'40 Days and 40 Nights,' Twin Cinema  
'Hart's War,' Odyssey Theater  
'In the Bedroom,' Twin Cinema  
'John Q.,' Twin Cinema  
'Lord of the Rings,' Odyssey Theater  
'The Other Side of Heaven,'

### Burley

'Behind Enemy Lines,' Burley Theater  
'Crossroads,' Century Cinema  
'John Q.,' Century Cinema  
'The Time Machine,' Century Cinema  
'We Were Soldiers,' Century Cinema

### Jerome

'Dragonfly,' Jerome Cinema  
'The Mothman Prophecies,' Jerome Cinema  
'Return to Never Land,' Jerome Cinema  
'The Time Machine,' Jerome Cinema  
'We Were Soldiers,' Jerome Cinema

### Gooding

'Crossroads,' Gooding Cinema

### Shoshone

'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,' Shoshone Showhouse

### 'The Other Side of Heaven'

The adventures of a Mormon missionary from Idaho in Tonga. With Christopher Gorham and Anne Hathaway. Rated PG.

### 'Queen of the Damned'

As directed by Michael Rymur and with the late rock star Anasth in the title role, it's a muddled little biscuit of a movie, a vampire soap opera that doesn't make much sense even on its own terms. Though the previous film based on Anne Rice's popular novels, the Tom Cruise-starring 'Interview With the Vampire,' was far from a success, this brain-dead venture makes it look like a masterpiece by comparison. Stuart Townsend takes on the role of the Vampire Lestat. (1.41. R, for vampire violence.)

### 'Return to Never Land'

Disney makes a so-so sequel to its 1953 animated version of 'Peter Pan,' updating it to Blitz-plagued London. Wendy, though all grown up, still believes in fairies, while her goofy, daughter, Jane, sees herself as, too, too old for such stuff and nonsense. Peter Pan, the Lost Boys, Tinker Bell and Captain Hook work to loosen Jane's stiff upper lip. Not as magical as its predecessor, but it doesn't hurt your teeth either. Voices include Harriet Owen, Blayne Weaver and Corey Burton. Directed by Robin Budd. (1.12. G.)

## Big box office

Last weekend's top-grossing movies:  
1. 'We Were Soldiers,' Paramount.  
2. '40 Days and 40 Nights,' Miramax.  
3. 'John Q.,' New Line.  
4. 'Dragonfly,' Universal.  
5. 'Return to Never Land,' Disney.  
- Source: Exhibitor Relations

### 'Rollerball'

"This inept and incoherent update of Norman Jewison's 1975 roller derby-inspired action drama looks like a WWF offshoot on wheels, only with worse writing. The bland Chris Klein is the game's superstar who develops a moral qualm after he discovers that the corrupt Russian in charge (Jean Reno) plans on upping the ratings ante by introducing actual murder. Rated PG-13; violence, language, brief nudity. 1 hour, 48 minutes.

### 'Snow Dogs'

Put your mind in cold storage and you might get through this cute, dumb, kid-friendly comedy about a Miami dentist (Cuba Gooding Jr.) grasping for roots and purpose in a remote Alaskan town. With James Coburn, M. Siso, Michelle Nichols, Emmet Walsh, Joanna Bacalzo and a gang of big, beautiful huskies, some of them digitally enhanced. Directed by Brian Levant. (1.39. PG, for mild crude humor.)

### 'Super Troopers'

A proudly sophomoric throwback to 'Porky's' and 'Smokey and the Bandit' from the comedy troupe known as Broken Lizard, whose members also star as Vermont state troopers with a decided lack of respect for the uniform, authority and silly laws in general. The plot has them feuding with the local boys-in-blue over jurisdiction and then attempting to save the state from budget cuts, but nobody lets that get in the way of shenanigans, a word that also gets turned into a hilarious skit. Rated R; language, sexual situations, nudity. 1 hour, 43 minutes.

### 'The Time Machine'

The latest incarnation of H.G. Wells' classic tale is barely science fiction; it's more of a love story with special effects, which aren't especially special. Guy Pearce stars as a scientist who builds a time machine to go back to 1899 and prevent his fiancée's death, but he ends up 800,000 years in the future. He finds two groups: people who live above ground, and the monsters who prey upon them from below, who aren't scary. The worst part is the self-referential cuteness that pervades throughout; it rips you from the reverie of watching a fantasy and drops you into back reality. Pop singer Samantha Mumba co-stars as Pearce's futuristic love interest. PG-13 for intense sequences of action violence. 96 minutes.

### 'A Walk to Remember'

With a good girl (pop singer, Mandy Moore) really fall for a bad boy (Shane West) when the two appear together in the school play? Take a guess in this teen-age 'Love Story' that generates some genuine chemistry before resorting to the cheapest possible third-act twist. Rated PG; profanity. 1 hour, 40 minutes.

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# Sun Valley Center explores here-and-gone

The Times-News

**KETCHUM** - An multidisciplinary project examining the transitory and the eternal opens a 2 1/2-month run at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts today.

"The Ephemeral and the Organic" will focus on art, images and music that's not intended to be permanent.

The two artists featured in the visual arts exhibition are among Britain's most celebrated sculptors, Andy Goldsworthy and David Nash. Each is known for his subtle interpretations of the natural world using only organic materials.

"We are very fortunate to be able to show the work of such internationally celebrated artists," said Kristin Poole, the Sun Valley Center's artistic director.

"These artists and the related projects are a perfect match for our community - so many of us are here because of our relationship to the land and these artists challenge us to look further and celebrate what nature offers."

## The Ephemeral and the Organic

Today through May 27

• Art exhibitions, "The Ephemeral and the Organic," with sculptors Andy Goldsworthy and David Nash, Sun Valley Center gallery, Ketchum (opening night reception, 6-9 p.m. today); and "Balancing Acts: Sculpture from nature," an adjunct exhibition by Wood River Middle School students. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

**March 23**  
• Meredith Monk in concert, 8 p.m., nexStage Theater, Ketchum (tickets: \$20).

**March 25-28**  
• Art education for kids with artist

The work of the two sculptors will be on display in the Sun Valley Center gallery today

Jennifer Starkweather. "Exploring the Landscape," for fifth through eighth graders, Free.

**April 4**  
• Slide lecture by Sun Valley Center artistic director Kristin Poole. "Art, Ecology and the Land," 7 p.m., Sun Valley Center, Ketchum. Free.

**April 25**  
• "Rivers and Tides," a documentary film about artist Andy Goldsworthy, 7 p.m., nexStage Theater, Ketchum (tickets: \$8)

**May 11**  
• Art education for adults with artist Don King. "Looking Beyond the Surface...Free, but registration required."

through May 17. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to

5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The gallery is closed on Sundays.

There will be an opening-night reception from 6-9 today, featuring a performance by the Footlight Dance Theater faculty.

Other events will include a performance by a capella vocalist Meredith Monk on March 23 at nexStage Theater; a showing of a film documentary about Goldsworthy on April 25 at the nexStage, and a slide lecture by Poole on April 4 about how artists' views of the land have changed from the 19th century until today.

Two one-day outdoor arts education seminars are planned, one for youngsters with Jennifer Starkweather from March 25-28 and one for adults with Don King on May 11.

Most of the events in the series are free. Tickets to Monk's concert are \$20 and admission to "Rivers and Tides" are \$8.

For information about the series, call the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491. The center is located at 191 Fifth St. E.

## Enter T-N's Pick-the-Oscar contest

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Know who's Oscarworthy? Then predict the winners of this year's major Academy Awards in the ninth annual Times-News pick-the-Oscar contest.

**Grand prize?** Two tickets to your favorite movie and a bag of popcorn to go with it.

The Academy Awards will be handed out in Los Angeles on March 24. Contest entries are due by March 19. Send them to Pick the Oscar, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax them to 734-5538, or e-mail them to crump@magvalley.com. Winners will be notified on March 25.

**Best picture (choose one)**

- "A Beautiful Mind"
- "Gosford Park"
- "In the Bedroom"
- "The Lord of the Rings"
- "Moulin Rouge"

Any other movie that should win?

**Best actor (choose one)**

- Russell Crowe, "A Beautiful Mind"
- Sean Penn, "I Am Sam"
- Will Smith, "Ali"
- Denzel Washington, "Training Day"
- Tom Wilkinson, "In the Bedroom"

Any other actor who should win?

**Best actress (choose one)**

- Halle Berry, "Monster's Ball"
- Judi Dench, "Lord of the Rings"
- Nicole Kidman, "Moulin Rouge"
- Sissy Spacek, "In the Bedroom"
- Renee Zellweger, "Bridget Jones' Diary"

Any other actress who should win?

**Best supporting actor (choose one)**

- Jim Broadbent, "Iris"
- Ethan Hawke, "Training Day"

— Ben Kingsley, "Sexy Beast"

— Ian McKellen, "Lord of the Rings"

— Jon Voight, "Ali"

Any other actor who should win?

**Best supporting actress (choose one)**

- Jennifer Connelly, "A Beautiful Mind"
- Helen Mirren, "Gosford Park"
- Maggie Smith, "Gosford Park"
- Marisa Tomei, "In the Bedroom"
- Kate Winslet, "Iris"

Any other actress who should win?

Tiebreaker: Best original screenplay (choose one)

— "Amelie"

— "Gosford Park"

— "Memento"

— "Monster's Ball"

— "The Royal Tenenbaums"

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How many times do you go to a movie at a theater in a typical month?

How many videos do you rent in a typical month?

## Singles

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To avoid manipulations of its charts, Billboard changed the way it computed the Top 40 to reflect radio airplay as well as sales. Therefore, it was possible to have a hit "single" without a song ever being released as a single.

CD singles, which usually have two or three songs, generally retail for between \$3 and \$4. Many retailers routinely discount them by 50 percent or more, Azzoli said. And there are still music companies that encourage this by secretly giving singles away to retailers to inflate sales, he said.

"If I could get \$5 a single and sell a million of them, hey, there's a business there," Azzoli said.

The demise of the single means more of music's romance is disappearing, just like when colorful album covers were replaced by tiny CD booklets. In a song being released this spring, Elvis Costello waxes nostalgic about collecting stacks of 45s (a phrase already consigned to history, since it refers to the number of revolutions a 7-inch disc made each minute on a turntable).

"Nine-year-old puts his money down," he sings. "Every scratch, every click, every heartbeat."

"Every breath that I held for you,"

Music companies recognize the danger, but "their short-term motivation is to get as much profit as possible," said Ed Christman, retail editor at Billboard. "The fact that young kids aren't buying records is a long-term worry."

It's not easy to find the section where singles are sold at the Virgin megastore in New York's Times Square.

Walk past the display of top albums, go down the escalator and wander to the dance section in a back corner.

It's close to where Jeannie Imperati of North Haven, Conn., was grumbling one recent day when she took her 15-year-old son shopping.

"I'll spend \$100 on CDs just so he can get one song out of each of them," she said.

Her friend, John Cas, said he found the lack of choices in the singles section frustrating.

"Most of the CDs have only one good song out of a dozen," he said. "At 18 or 20 bucks a pop, you want to be able to enjoy the whole CD."

The space that music stores used to devote to singles is dwindling, or disappearing altogether. One worry for Rosenbaum's Top Hits is that the chains he supplies with music, like Eckerd Drugs,

may simply use the space for non-music products.

Now he's distributing golf balls as well as music.

At Arista, Katz is sensitive to concerns on both sides and is among executives experimenting with ways to make more singles available, though maybe not in the way many consumers would want.

In some cases, singles are made available before an album's release but pulled from stores when the album comes out. Arista also makes singles for songs after they have cooled off as a hit.

Pink's "Get the Party Started," currently in Billboard's Top 10, isn't a CD single now but may be in a couple of months.

Labels are also experimenting more with so-called maxi-singles. They may contain five or six songs of often different remixes of the same song -- and are sold for between \$7 and \$8. The cost of manufacturing them are similar to regular singles, so profits are higher.

Some artists also release DVD singles with a video included with the music.

"We have to get kids in the habit of buying music," Katz said. "I'm trying to figure out innovative ways to have singles and albums co-exist."

## 'Sleeping Beauty' seeks actors

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Auditions will be held April 1 for the Missoula, Mont., Children's Theater production of "Sleeping Beauty."

The MCT touring production is scheduled for April 6 at O'Leary Junior High School.

Traveling MCT actor/directors stage a "Sleeping Beauty" production, complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup, from casting to performance in less than a week. Auditions are scheduled from 4-6 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Among the roles to be cast are Sleeping Beauty, the King, the Queen, Spots, Fairies, Trolls, Palace Attendants and Butterflies. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade are welcome to audition and no advance preparation is necessary.

Rehearsals will be held that week from 4-8 p.m. daily.

For further information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-ARTS.

## Spotlight

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**George K's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.**

**Tuesday through Saturday**  
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

**Tuesday and Wednesday**  
Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside Bar, 192 Highway 30 W., Burley.

**Wednesday**  
Rabid Dog Entertainment will play for ladies night at 7:30 p.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

**Wednesday**  
Kronkers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge on Idaho Street in Paul.

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## FESTIVAL

**March 17**  
The 17th annual downtown Twin Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade will roll from near East Five Points - the intersection of Main Avenue East, Blue Lakes Boulevard and Kimberly Road - at noon. The parade will run northwest along Main to the parking lot of Magic Valley High School, in the 500 block of Main Avenue West.

## April 7 - Utah

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## FIGURE SKATING

**Wednesday and Thursday - Utah**  
Disney on Ice Jungle Adventures will perform in Salt Lake City's Delta Center. Shows are at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 4 and 7:30 p.m. on March 5, and 1:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on March 16, and 5:30 p.m. on March 17. Tickets, which are \$5.75-\$26.50 for the March 13 show and \$10.75-\$26.50 for the March 14-15-16-17 performances, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-2000 or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

## ART SHOW

**Through March 30**  
College of Southern Idaho fine arts faculty will display their work at the "Half Time" exhibit in the Jean B. King Gallery of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Free. Center hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 1-9 p.m.

**Through March 31**  
"Labyrinths for Peace" will be on display at the Eighth Street Center, Buhl. Free. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

**Today through May 17**  
"The Ephemeral and the Organic," featuring the works of Andy Goldsworthy and David Nash, will be exhibited at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts,

## PLANETARIUM

**Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday**  
The Faulkner Planetarium will present Buster Black narrating "The Cowboy Astronomer" at 4 p.m. Saturday. Others shows are "Larry Cat in Space," Saturdays at 2 p.m.; "The Dinosaur Chronicles," tonight at 7 p.m., and "WSKY Radio Station to the Stars," Saturday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

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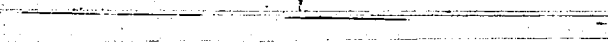
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WEEKEND

Steinbeck's genius resonates a century after his birth

Knight Ridder News Service

In his acceptance speech after being awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in literature, John Steinbeck remarked that "the writer ... is charged with exposing our many grievances, our faults and failures, with dredging up to the light our dark and dangerous dreams for the purpose of improvement."

With the exception of Mark Twain, no other American writer has fulfilled both missions as well as Steinbeck, whose 100th birthday was celebrated Feb. 24. Longtime readers and Steinbeck-come-lately alike will appreciate that new collections published to coincide with the Steinbeck centennial, "America and Americans and Selected Nonfiction" is a timely reminder that the author was much more than a gifted crafter of fiction. "Steinbeck Novels 1942-1952" indicates the breadth of the man's talent, including four novels of such diverse theme and tone that it is astonishing the same writer could concoct them all.

"America and Americans," published in 1966, was Steinbeck's last book printed in his lifetime (he died in 1968 at age 66: "The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights" was published posthumously in 1976). It comprises a series of essays about a native land that alternately delighted and disgusted the author. He worshipped American democracy and grit but deplored his country's burgeoning devotion to material possessions.

"I'm not going to preach about any good old days," he wrote. "By (modern) standards of comfort they were pretty awful. What did they have then that we are losing or have lost? Well, for one thing they had rules — rules concerning life, limb and property, rules governing department, manners, conduct, and rules defining dishonesty, dishonesty,



John Steinbeck wrote 'The Grapes of Wrath'

misconduct and crime. The rules were not always obeyed but they were believed in ..."

Gloomy stuff, but late in life Steinbeck wasn't sanguine about his country's chances for continued greatness. In the various essays and newspaper articles that accompany "America and Americans" in this collection, it's obvious Steinbeck gradually changed his message, moving from focusing on the present to prognosis on the future. He knew his world all too well, and some of his work presented here, now 40 and 50 years old, rings chillingly prescient.

"Consider 'Terrorism,'" written in 1967 while Steinbeck toured Vietnam during the worst days of that awful conflict. Two Viet Cong had infiltrated a village in South-Vietnam—They tossed grenades into a restaurant, killing American GIs but also some of their own countrymen. "I find I have no access to the thinking of the wanton terrorist," Steinbeck wrote. "Why do they destroy their own people, their own poor people whose freedom their verbal outbursts ...? They must be rooted out one by one ... and that may take a generation."

In later pages of "America and

Americans," Steinbeck considered the literature, especially the fiction, of his country. He wrote about Twain emerging in the late 19th century "because (of first) people thought he was so funny, and therefore not dangerous," and how Twain's popularity made it possible for "the great change" that ushered in a sort of literary "golden era" of fiction led by Theodore Dreiser, Sherwood Anderson, Willa Cather, Sinclair Lewis, and later Thomas Wolfe, Ernest Hemingway and William Faulkner. (Steinbeck didn't add his own name to this list, but, obviously, he didn't have to.)

"They learned from people and wrote like themselves, and they created a new and grand thing in the world," Steinbeck wrote. "An American literature about Americans." In this genre, no one surpassed John Steinbeck: Prior to the four works included in "Novels 1942-1952" he had already published some of his finest, best-known work: "The Red Pony" (1933), "In Dubious Battle" (1936), "Of Mice and Men" (1937), "The Grapes of Wrath" (1939). These works established Steinbeck as one of the greatest living American writers, and, beyond that, in an era before television and showbiz-themed magazines as a full-fledged, if reluctant, celebrity as well.

The argument can be made — and "Novels 1942-1952" certainly makes it — that it was after these earlier classics that Steinbeck really hit his stride as an author/moralist. "The Moon Is Down" (1942), "Cannery Row" (1945), "The Pearl" (1947) and "East of Eden" (1952) are staggeringly brilliant works, but yet each is entirely distinct from the others.

"The Moon Is Down," published during the early days of America's participation in World War II, finds a Scandinavian country being occupied by the Nazis. The suf-

fering of the native people, and the emergence of underground resistance, aren't depicted in graphic, over-dramatic ways. Instead, Steinbeck sketches small, significant events, like soldiers destroying a child's snowman or the oidi chance the kids meant it to mock Adolf Hitler. "Cannery Row" is recognized as one of the great comic Steinbeck novels — it always surprises those who know the writer only through "The Red Pony" or "Of Mice and Men" that his work could be slapstick, even a bit bawdy. Here, protagonist Doc and his Monterey buddies flounder about, discussing the meaning of life and enduring trials.

Steinbeck always loved Mexico; he connected emotionally with its culture and its people. He based "The Pearl" on a Mexican folk tale, and no one has articulated better the traditional literary theme that new-found wealth destroys far more than it makes possible. Kino, the poor diver who finds "the greatest pearl in the world" is lost from that moment.

Steinbeck liked the church for the goodness it promised, but he disdained self-appointed "godly" men and women who tried to force their own particular beliefs on everyone else. "East of Eden" is based on the biblical tale of Cain and Abel, using modern-day Salinas Valley brothers as protagonists. There's a lot going on here on different levels — the same — time. Steinbeck pondered the nature of God, the demands of society, the possibilities of love and the responsibilities of family, all the while equating land — any good land — with the concept of Eden. "East of Eden" may be Steinbeck's most ambitious novel, and it ranks with his most successful.

Literati in general, and book critics in particular, are usually loath to admit that the work of their favorite great authors

eventually becomes dated, or at least generally ignored. Among Steinbeck's peers, for instance, honesty should compel recognizing that the fine books of Willa Cather and William Faulkner are now mostly the stuff of assigned school reading lists. Hemingway will always have his adherents, but he is becoming more caricature than legend. This isn't to say these great works and great authors don't deserve ongoing attention. They're just not getting much.

But Steinbeck remains vital, even controversial. His tough-but-sentimental style still resonates with young readers and unnerves adults. Not a school year goes by without some derided protesters demanding that "Of Mice and Men" or "The Grapes of Wrath" be banned from classrooms and libraries so children won't have to read about America the way it was — and the way it still is. These protesters invariably fail, as they should.

Sales figures offer proof Steinbeck also remains important to readers who aren't directed to titles through class assignments.

Recently, "East of Eden," published 50 years ago and not a Steinbeck title ordinarily included for mandatory reading, still ranked at 4,600 on the

Amazon.com sales ranking of some 1.2 million titles.

Powerful writing ought to elicit ongoing reader response. On his 100th birthday, John Steinbeck still packs such a literary punch that it's easy to predict we will be reading his work, and benefiting from it, on his 200th birthday, and long after that.

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Oklahomans make peace with 'Grapes of Wrath'

Knight Ridder News Service

For decades, Oklahomans have struggled with the image of the state's rural poor as represented by John Steinbeck in his classic 1939 novel, "The Grapes of Wrath."

In my own childhood, the Depression was still a very real memory for most adults in the state, which suffered catastrophically after the collapse of an agriculture-based economy in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Oklahomans tended to feel an almost personal embarrassment about the underfed and undereducated heroes of Steinbeck's novel of social upheaval and migration.

The Joad family, who make-up the central characters in the novel, migrate from Eastern Oklahoma to California when they lose their farm. They're crude, uneducated and at times just not very smart.

Part of the problem with "The Grapes of Wrath" — for Oklahomans of the postwar generation may have been that Steinbeck got so much of it right. Thousands of Oklahomans, faced with extreme deprivation, headed west in the late 1930s, references to cousins and old neighbors in California were scattered through my own childhood in the 1960s.

I followed up my teen-age reading of "The Grapes of Wrath" in about 1970 with questions for relatives about their sense of the accuracy of the book. I discovered that Steinbeck had done a pretty good job of capturing the cantan-

kerous rural poof of the state only a few decades earlier; my mother admitted that the impulsive, sometimes self-destructive behavior of Steinbeck's Joads and their neighbors reflected the actions of many of the rural poor she knew in that era.

But the most painful part may have been that word: Okie. Though it already existed, Steinbeck helped make the word "Okie" a permanent part of the English language. Originally a pejorative in California for economic refugees from the Southwest, "Okie" migrated back to Oklahoma as a nickname for residents of the state. The first Okies out in California doubtless forgot the label as they moved into a second generation, and the old home state became nothing more than an occasional Christmas card from nearly forgotten relatives.

But for those who stayed behind in Oklahoma, the label of Okie remained a painful accusation of Joad-like ignorance. Gradually, Oklahomans, experiencing postwar prosperity and plenty — thanks to modern farming methods, increased farm sizes, federal subsidies and a thriving petroleum industry — began to feel some distance from the Joads. One then was able to wear the Okie label with good humor and to look at Steinbeck's book with interest and respect.

A careful critical reading of "The Grapes of Wrath" these days reveals an author who gifts for poetic prose and a knack for creating warm characters who,

although backward, emerge with an almost mythic bravery in the face of adversity.

A little study of the history of the age, however, also reveals that the Steinbeck of "The Grapes of Wrath" wasn't much of a reporter or historian: He makes huge errors of sociology, such as asserting that farmers like the Joads might have been on their land for decades, when, in truth, Oklahoma had been settled so recently, and movement of the tenant farmers that made up most of the state's rural population was so constant, that any real-life Joads probably moved from one farm to another every three years or so.

Steinbeck also propagated that myth that the "Dust Bowl" drought instigated the great migration of farm folk to California. There were numerous factors in the migration, but a

check of the weather records of eastern Oklahoma in the late 1930s, the peak years of migration, proves that drought, which had indeed been severe several hundred miles west in the middle 1930s, wasn't one of them.

Nowadays, Oklahomans can read "The Grapes of Wrath" without being embarrassed by their Depression-era forbears. Those who moved to California, desperate and blindly faithful in their own ability to survive, were indeed heroes on the level Steinbeck painted them. Those who stayed behind and built a prosperous economy on the ruins of a past era were equally brave.

And the children and grandchildren of both can take pride in the courage of both and enjoy "The Grapes of Wrath" for what it is: a novel of human redemption that just happens to be set partly in Oklahoma.

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# Dog encounters aren't always walks in park

**DEAR ABBY:** Many cities have set aside land for use as "dog parks." They are designed to be open places where dog owners can let their pets off leash to run free.

Last Saturday, a woman brought her 18-month-old son into the dog park. Several of us suggested to her that it wasn't a good idea to let the toddler wander free among 20-plus strange dogs. She said he had been knocked down several times by their own dog, and always got up and laughed and chased after the dog.

I am glad their family dog is child-friendly. My dog is not. Children's quick movements, high-pitched squeals and tendency to hit, poke and grab all scare my dog.

Abby, a dog park is designed to allow dogs the opportunity to run free and socialize with other dogs. What might happen in an encounter between a child and



**DEAR ABBY:** Yesterday for the wrong dog terrifies me. Please pass on this request to parents: If you bring your dog to the dog park, leave your babies at home - or at least keep them close to you and away from the dogs.

**-CHILD AND DOG LOVER**

**DEAR C & D LOVER:** Your letter may avert a tragedy. A wise parent will remember that not all dogs are friendly and will closely supervise a dog's encounter with a child until the parents are certain that both the child and the dog can be trusted.

the first time in years, I stopped at a yard sale. As I approached, a man was examining a Colt model 1911 .45-caliber handgun. He waved it around, pointing it at everything in sight.

I asked the owner if he said "The clip is safely in my pocket." When it was my turn to look at the gun, I pulled the slide back and out popped a live round. I'll never forget the look of horror on the faces of the owner and the man who had been waving the gun.

I don't know what made me stop at that yard sale, but I feel if I hadn't, the gun would have eventually fired and perhaps someone would have been killed.

Abby, I have never felt outlawing guns is the answer. Education is.

**-CLOSE CALL IN YUMA, ARIZ.**

**DEAR CLOSE CALL:** I agree.

**CONFIDENTIAL TO BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE:** You say you don't believe in divorce. The relationship you have described is not a marriage. One of the first signs of abuse is isolating the victim so that he or she has no one to turn to. Control - withholding money or freedom - is another warning sign of abuse.

It's understandable that you pray to die, but there is help. As soon as you can find a few minutes away from your abuser, you must call (800) 799-7233. It's the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The counselor can direct you in devising a safe escape plan for you and your children.

Let today be the day you flee toward a life worth living. Do it for yourself and for your children.

# Monkeys don't have feet

**Q. Wasn't Samuel Colt, the inventor of the revolver, sentenced to hang for murder?**

**A.** That was his brother, John C. Colt. He didn't hang, though. He got married in his cell, then stabbed himself to death. He'd killed a printer with a hatchet, John had. I can understand, but he shouldn't have done it.

**Q. Monkeys have no feet. Technically, they're classified as "four-handed."**



**REVISITED L.M. Boyd**

fast? Those who care say Clint Eastwood's is grapefruit juice and white raisins.

Creative people are 35 times more likely than people in general to seek treatment for mood disorders. And among these creative people, the poets are said to be the most vulnerable.

A chimpanzee, too, regards the telephone as a toy, evidently. Lab researchers say a dump left alone with a live instrument has been seen to dial random numbers repeatedly until somebody answered.

All citrus fruits, it's believed, came down from the Chinese oranges.

Two out of three towns nationwide depend entirely on well-water.

# News show co-host says she'll leave show this fall

**LOS ANGELES (AP) -** Cokie Roberts is leaving her Sunday ABC talk show in the fall.

Roberts said she made the decision 18 months ago when she was renegotiating her contract with ABC. She and Sam Donaldson began anchoring "This Week" in 1996.

"We've started very preliminary conversations about what other role I might play at ABC," Roberts said. She will also continue reporting for National Public Radio and writing a column and books.

ABC made no announcement regarding Donaldson beyond November. Roberts said ending her "This Week" duties will give her more weekend time with her family.

"I have three grandchildren, two of whom are in California and one in London, who I don't see anywhere near enough," said Roberts, who is married to journalist Steven V. Roberts.

Roberts, 58, will leave "This Week" after the fall elections and when her two-year contract expires. She's been with ABC News since 1984.

ABC denied a USA Today report that George Stephanopoulos and Claire Shipman had been chosen to replace the 67-year-old Donaldson and Roberts on the show. Roberts and Donaldson replaced David Brinkley as host of the show, which Brinkley launched in 1981.

"Sam and I love working together," she said. "That's really the one real sadness, not working with him every week."

Roberts is the daughter of the late Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., a former House majority leader, and former Rep. Corinne "Lindy" Claiborne Boggs, who served nine terms in Congress. She is working on a book about the women who influenced America's founding fathers.

# Sagittarius: Attention revolves around home

**IF MARCH 8TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ...** you may appear soft on outside, but you have "inner strength." When you love, it is with passion. Cancer, Cancer persons play important roles in your life. You could have these "terrors" in names: H, Q, Z. Before March is finished, you will be rid of burden that was not your own fault in first place. Domestic adjustment and change of residence, marital status. November most memorable!

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Despite delays and initial disappointment, you will rise to the occasion. Lunar position indicates promotion and sensational comeback. Pisces is loved.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Pressure is on due to added responsibility. Your philosophical concepts are highlighted. You gain added recognition, and your prey will be carried out.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Almost as a bolt-out-of-the-blue, you can surprising financial support. People are intrigued with you; your morale soars as result. Aries plays meaningful role.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Take a second chance on romance. Make fresh start in new direction. Consider going into business for yourself. Legal dilemma may be resolved. Leo represented.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Self-revelation! You discover who you are, your purpose in life. Creative endeavors receive recognition; your energy returns. Capricorn, Cancer natives play dramatic roles.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Popularity on the rise. Element of luck rides with you. You could win a contest! You will enjoy doing what you do best. Others vie to entertain you. Sagittarius involved.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Real estate holdings will be worth more than expected. Be thorough, check measurements and

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adhere to safety rules. What had been rejected could now be accepted.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Be ready for change of itinerary. Read and write, submit original format. Furtive serious; don't play games with emotions. Gemini, Virgo will play top roles.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Attention revolves around home, marital status. Music plays; find your rhythm and dance to your own tune. Income potential increases. Taurus, Libra involved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Define terms, avoid self-deception. You will be at right place at special moment. Cycle high; you emerge a victor. Main aura of sensuality, exclusivity.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Secret meeting will be held; this will be to your advantage. Don't tell all; don't confide or confess. Individual you care about will recover. Capricorn represented.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Superior expresses desire to confer with you. Prepare for journey. You will rise above petty differences. Aries, Libra individuals will play featured roles.

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March 13, 10:00am-2:00pm March 27, 10:00am-2:00pm

**Water Department**

**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN MEETING**  
City of Twin Falls Water Department will hold a Source Water Protection Plan meeting on March 21, 2002, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Twin Falls Police Annex Building, 305 S. Avenue East, directly behind City Hall on the corner of 3rd Avenue East and 3rd Street East. Bruce Wickens, Hydrogeologist with Idaho State Department of Environmental Quality, will be the guest speaker. He will speak on hydrologic reports of the area and how they determined the time-of-travel (TOT) zones. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in source water protection to attend. We would appreciate your help in setting up a Source Water Protection Plan. For more information you may contact Mike Schroeder at the City of Twin Falls Water Department, 208-736-1540.

**Employment 736-7251**

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WEEKEND

# 'A.I.,' 'Last Castle' reach area video stores

The Washington Post

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

### 'A.I.: Artificial Intelligence'

Director Steven Spielberg takes up the movie that late director Stanley Kubrick had in mind, but never achieved: a science-fiction saga about artificial intelligence. The result: a movie determined to honor Kubrick's vision but directed, after all, by the man who gave you "E.T."

When a family in the 21st century adopts a sophisticated robotic boy called David (Haley Joel Osmont), the 'mecha' child becomes obsessed with earning his human mother's love. Upon learning he needs to be a real boy, he embarks on an epic mission to achieve humanity. This is the cue for Spielberg's big-top conceit: a futuristic Pinocchio.

Intriguing, inspired, flawed, misbegotten and fascinating—all of these qualities apply to the movie, at one point or another. The performances, by Osmont, Frances O'Connor (as the mother) and Jude Law, as a robotic gigolo, are astonishing. But the movie runs into a flawed conclusion. In a way, Spielberg's desire to realize Kubrick's ideas—yet make his own work—eerily mirrors the dedication of David to be human. It's close, mighty close, but not quite right. Contains some sexual content and violent images. PG-13.

### 'The Last Castle'

At first, there's something compelling about Rod ("The Contender") Lurie's prison-set drama, which amounts to a chess-game faceoff between a ruthless prison warden (James Gandolfini) and his newest prisoner, a three-star general (Robert Redford) unfairly imprisoned.

But the main event—this psychological matching of wits—devolves into a mundane actioner, a middle-of-the-road prison flick with big explosions. The believability factor is stretched pretty thin, particularly by the general's instant and effortless assumption of command over 1,200 non-nonsense inmates at this military

Rentals	Hot-videos	DVD sales
(Compiled from a national sample of reports)	(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)	
1. 'Don't Say A Word,' FoxVideo.	1. 'Peter Pan (Special Edition),' Walt Disney Home Video.	1. 'Don't Say A Word,' FoxVideo.
2. 'Hardball,' Paramount Home Entertainment.	2. 'Atlantis: The Lost Empire,' Walt Disney Home Video.	2. 'Hardball,' Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. 'O,' Lions Gate Home Entertainment.	3. 'Balto II: Wolf Quest,' Universal Studios Home Video.	3. 'O,' Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
4. 'Rat Race,' Paramount Home Entertainment.	4. 'Disney's American Legends,' Walt Disney Home Video.	4. 'Peter Pan (Special Edition),' Walt Disney Home Video.
5. 'Hearts In Atlantis,' Warner Home Video.	5. 'Shrek,' DreamWorks Home Entertainment.	5. 'The Fast And The Furious,' Universal Studios Home Video.
6. 'The Fast And The Furious,' Universal Studios Home Video.	6. 'The Princess Diaries,' Walt Disney Home Video.	6. 'Atlantis: The Lost Empire,' Walt Disney Home Video.
7. 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin,' Universal Studios Home Video.	7. 'A Knight's Tale,' Columbia TriStar Home Video.	7. 'Hearts In Atlantis,' Warner Home Video.
8. 'Atlantis: The Lost Empire,' Walt Disney Home Video.	8. 'D'ora Saves The Prince,' Nickelodeon Video.	8. 'Rat Race,' Paramount Home Entertainment.
9. 'The Glass House,' Columbia TriStar Home Video.	9. 'Baby Take A Bow,' FoxVideo.	9. 'Shrek (Special Edition),' DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
10. 'Jeepers Creepers,' MGM Home Entertainment.	10. 'Exit Wounds,' Warner Home Video.	10. 'American Pie 2 (Widescreen, Unrated),' Universal Studios Home Video.

— Sources: BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

prison. A subplot involving Mark Ruffalo, as the almost-requisite prison snitch fails to add anything original to the movie. Rated R.

### 'The One'


In this very poor man's 'The Matrix,' Jet Li plays double roles as a bad Jet and a good Jet. The movie supposes a multiverse (i.e., lots and lots of universes) in which there are identical versions of everyone in parallel universes. Li plays Yulaw, an extremely powerful man with an evil agenda who has realized that every time he kills a version of himself, his power grows. He's killed 123 now. And there's one left, a look-alike named Gabriel (Li, of course). And that portends a big, long fight. Or a series of them. And this also means a double dose of Li doing what he does best: martial arts fighting stunts. Too bad the movie's so derivative, not only of 'The Matrix' but all of those bad, double-role movies starring Jean-Claude Van Damme or Jackie Chan. This movie is certainly 'One' best forgotten. Contains violence and obscenity. PG-13.

### 'Himalaya'

Like the spectacular mountains that surround them, the Nepalese characters in this arty western are

scenic attractions unto themselves. The story, set in a village in the Himalayas, is about a confrontation between an aging leader, Tille (Thinlen Lhundup) and a younger yak herder, Karma (Gurgon Kyap), over who will lead a caravan of yaks across the

mountains to border salt for grain. Director Eric Valli, a photographer and author turned filmmaker who used Nepalese non-actors for his characters, imbues 'Himalaya' with deep respect for the culture. In Tibetan with subtitles. Contains nothing objectionable. Unrated.



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# S.V. Center features Lewiston novelist

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts' West Word Reading and Discussion Series will continue Wednesday, featuring Lewiston novelist Claire Davis.

Davis, an associate professor of literature at Lewis-Clark State College, will speak and read selections from her work at 7 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E.

A different author will be on hand each Wednesday through early April.

Novelist Judith Freeman — whose latest work is about the Mountain Meadows Massacre — will appear on March 20 and California poet Rigoberto Gonzalez will read from his work on April 10.

The sessions are free and open to the public.

For further information, call the center at 726-9491.

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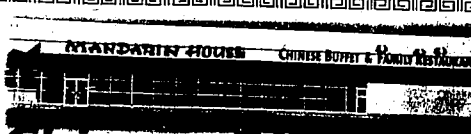
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Section D

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“I’ve always admired him as a player and person, but now I have to say I don’t care about him or what he says, I’m a team player, not a selfish player.”

—Chicago Cub outfielder  
Sammy Sosa on home run  
king Barry Bonds

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**  
Who holds the NBA record for steals in a season?  
...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**College basketball**  
Region 18 Tournament, at St. George, Utah  
CSI vs. Snow/Salt Lake winner, 2 p.m.

**Women's college basketball**  
Region 18 Tournament, at St. George, Utah  
CSI vs. Dixie State/North Idaho winner, 6 p.m.

**College baseball**  
UVSC at CSI, 1 p.m. (2)

### IN-BRIEF

#### MV Babe Ruth holds registrations

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Babe Ruth League will be holding registration for summer league play on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Harmon Park Recreation Building from 6 p.m. to 8:30.

The league is open to boys ages 13-18 and the registration fee is \$60. Interested athletes must have a release form signed by a parent and a copy of their birth certificate at the time of registration.

For more information contact Gary Leavitt at 731-7476 or Linda Bahrman at 733-4600.

#### Declo youth softball deadline is today

**DECLO** - The application deadline for the Declo youth recreation softball program is today.

Practices begin April 8, with the first games set for April 20. The program is for children in grades K-5.

For information about the softball program, contact Dave or Carole Irish at 654-6893 or Cherie Gentry at 654-2730.

#### Competition X hits Pomerelle Mountain

**ALBION** - The 2002 Competition X hits Pomerelle Mountain this Saturday. The race is open to mountain bikers, snowboarders and skiers of all ages and will be run in the giant slalom format with the fastest competitor winning.

The biking competition begins at 10 a.m. and the ski and snowboard races begin at noon. The cost to register is \$5 with sign-ups starting until 11 a.m. Athletes under 18 must have a release waiver signed by a parent.

For more information call (208) 673-5599.

#### College recruiting seminar today at O'Leary JHS

**TWIN FALLS** - The Realities of College Recruiting seminar with Jack Renkens will be held tonight at the O'Leary Junior High School Auditorium in Twin Falls at 7 p.m.

The seminar is free to all District Four student-athletes and their parents.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Alvin Robertson of San Antonio, 301, in 1985-86.

## Bigger schools bully SCIC

**By Scott Thompson**  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - There were no complicated offensive sets and precious little defense, but there was lots of fun at the 4A-5A vs. 3A All-Star games at Burley High School Thursday night. And everyone left with smiles on their faces.

Especially the 4A-5A All-Stars, who swept the 3A squads 81-62 in the boys' game and 59-51 in the girls' contest.

But the night was much more about forging friendships with former competitors and having a good time than about winning and losing.

“It was fun to play with these guys,” said Twin Falls Bruin post Leigh Castillo, who finished with a game-high 17 points. “We’ve been playing against each other all year and now we get a chance to know each other.”

And it wasn’t hard for Castillo to pick out his personal highlight. “Hitting that three, definitely,” he said.

Castillo didn’t make a 3-pointer during the season.

Thursday night about all that didn’t go right for Castillo was missing a heavily contested dunk. “My legs were tired,” he said while laughing. “I must have dunked it in warm-ups too much.”

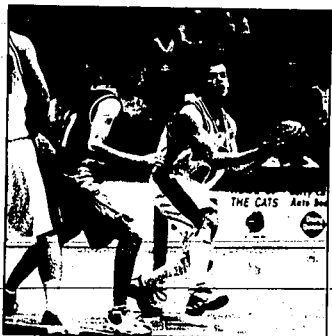
Declo’s Josh Boehler, who had 10 points for the 3A boys team to tie with Gooding’s Seamus Campbell for team-high honors, also failed to convert on a dunk attempt in the helter-skelter game as Castillo was breathing down his neck on a breakaway.

“It’s just about going out there and having fun and trying it,” he said.

Jerome’s Kiel Thibault joined Castillo in double figures for the 4A-5A team, finishing with 10 points and a lot of good memories.

“I had a great time,” he said. “There was no pressure - just a lot of fun.”

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**Filer's Matt**  
Severe passes the ball off under pressure from Burley's Jono Barker in the 4A-5A vs. Class 3A boys All-Star game at Burley High School Thursday.

## Eagles lay Ricks to rest

### CSI faces Snow in semis today

**By Kevin Hall**  
Times-News writer

**ST. GEORGE, Utah** - Like putting an old horse to pasture, the College of Southern Idaho retired Ricks College.

Tim Ellis scored a game-high 24 points and Tony Bobbitt had 20 to lead second-seed CSI past the tired Vikings 96-58 Thursday in their first-round game of the Men's Region 18 Basketball Tournament at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah.

**Region 18 Tournament**  
Today's semifinals  
Men  
CSI vs. Snow, 2 p.m.  
Dixie St. vs. Eastern Utah, 8 p.m.

Women  
CSI vs. Dixie St., 6 p.m.  
Ricks vs. Snow, noon

**Thursday's games**  
Men's first round  
Southern Idaho 96, Ricks 58  
Dixie State 80, North Idaho 63  
Eastern Utah 71, Utah Valley 69  
Snow 89, Salt Lake 85; 2OT

In other first-round games Thursday, fifth-seeded College of Eastern Utah surprised No. 4 Utah Valley State College 71-69 and top-seed Dixie State College survived eighth-seed North Idaho College 80-63.

For Ricks coach Clyde Nelson, the loss ends nine years at the.

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**College of Southern Idaho sophomore Tony Bobbitt shoots over a Ricks College player in the opening round of the Men's Region 18 Basketball Tournament at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah, Thursday. The Eagles cruised by the Vikings 96-58 and will meet Snow College today at 2 p.m.**

## Eagles approach first test of season

**By Joe Sunnen**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - College of Southern Idaho coach Jim Walker can't help but shake his head when he looks at the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings.

There they are, the Golden Eagles, sitting tied for the conference lead after two weeks of play with hardly any practice time spent on the field this season and a pitching staff that's already nursing into an infirmity.

“How are we winning?” Walker said. “I don't know.”

Part of the reason CSI (11-4, 7-1) is caught in a logjam with Dixie State College and Salt Lake Community College atop the SWAC is scheduling. The Eagles opened the year with a young Snow College squad followed by four games against tiny Colorado Northwestern Community College.

The other reason is talent. The Eagles are as talented and confident as any team in the league. Today, that talent is supposed to be tested with a doubleheader against Utah Valley State College at 1 p.m. at Frontier Field, followed by two more on Saturday at noon.

But as has been the case most of the season, CSI is at the mercy of the weather.

“We really want to play these games,” Walker said. “It's a real test in league I think with Utah Valley. They aren't the same team that they were last year, but they have some great pitching. We're pretty good hitters, but I don't know about us when the speed) gets up there a little bit. We're going to see that this weekend.”

The Wolverines come in with three starters with ERAs below 2.00 and a fourth at 2.84. They

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## Utah Valley State will exit SWAG after next season

**By Kevin Hall**  
Times-News writer

**ST. GEORGE, Utah** - It's official. Next season will be the last for Utah Valley State College in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

UVSC President Kerry Romesburg confirmed the announcement, which was made during the annual Region 18 Tournament presidents' meeting Thursday morning.

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“We're going to play one more year in the league - that's our exploratory year” with the NCAA,” he said.

The Orem, Utah, school is expected to become a full-member of NCAA Division I by 2004. UVSC athletic director Mike Jacobsen said the school would enter a six-year probationary period after

making the change.

Utah Valley State already offers 30 baccalaureate degree programs, and is looking into adding graduate degree programs soon, Romesburg said.

“We are clearly not a two-year institution anymore and we haven't been for some time,” he said. “The only real holdover has been the athletic program and part of that is because we're in a great conference and we have a lot of rivalries and a lot of good

friends in this conference to stay with it.”

But Romesburg said the time has come for athletics to progress with the rest of his school. Currently, 23,000 students are enrolled at UVSC with a projection of nearly 40,000 students by the time Utah Valley becomes an NCAA member institution.

“It's time we move into a four-year athletic program,” Romesburg said. “We made that

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## USC blasts Stanford in Pac-10

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** - As if Southern California wasn't playing well enough already, its back-ups came in and didn't let up.

Playing at a frenetic pace, the 22nd-ranked Trojans built a 23-point lead in the first half and never looked back, beating No. 16 Stanford 103-78 Thursday night in the first round of the Pacific-10 tournament.

“It's probably one of the best offensive games we've played all year,” USC coach Henry Bibby said. “We were making shots and everything was working offensively for us.”

The Trojans shot 55 percent from the floor and 76 percent

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from the foul line.

It was USC's third victory over the Cardinal (19-9) this season. The Trojans won the first meeting by eight points in Los Angeles, then won the second by 19 points in Stanford's worst loss at home since 1993.

“We made shots in all three games we played them,” Bibby said. “We created situations that put a lot of pressure on them and forced them to make decisions.”

Sam Clancy led five USC players in double figures with 25 points. He was voted the Pac-10 player of the year Wednesday.

Brandon Granville added 20 points and 11 assists, reserve Desmond Farmer 19 points, David Bluthenthal 17 points, and reserve Jerry Dupree 10 points.

After USC starting guard Errick Craven got in foul trouble in the first half, the Trojans didn't miss a beat. Dupree came in and scored eight points in 12 minutes. Farmer also came off the bench to score 10 points in 12 minutes.

“The bench came in and really set the tone,” Clancy said. “That's the type of effort we're going to need from them the rest of the tournament. It's fun to see guys come off the bench and get in the flow, both offensively and

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SPORTS

SLUGGERS' SPAT

Discussion between Bonds, Sosa turns into a controversy

MESA, Ariz. (AP) - This little desert dustup between Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa isn't blowing away quite yet.

Certainly not after a bit of playful back-and-forth between the sluggers about Bonds' home run record suddenly turned personal. "I thought he was a good person, but now I have to believe the negative things said about him by his teammates are true," Sosa barbed.

Ouch! Said Bonds: "I don't know what made him burst out like that."

Now it's not close to a blood feud, not like the severe scolding Ken Griffey Jr. is taking from ex-Reds during spring training.

Sosa brushed aside a question about Bonds on Thursday, as if it was no big deal. Best for Bonds and Sosa, they'll soon get a chance to put it to rest, if they want. On Monday, the San Francisco Giants play the Chicago Cubs at HoHoKam Park.

Most likely, Bonds will make the 20-minute trip to Mesa, and they can settle their differences - perceived or real - with either a public hug or a private discussion. "I love Sammy Sosa," Bonds said. "The media misconstrued this."

Chances are, though, the lovefest that developed between Sosa and Mark McGwire during their 1998 chase for Roger Maris' mark will not be duplicated if Bonds and Slamm'n' Sammy duel this season.

The odd thing about the Bonds-Sosa flap is that unlike other baseball feuds - Roger Clemens-Mike Piazza and Yogi Berra-George Steinbrenner, among them - this one did not start over one specific incident.

Instead, it just began brewing after Bonds and Sosa talked before an exhibition game last week. The two stars, who are merely casual acquaintances, naturally spoke up. Bonds' '73 home runs last year.

Later, Sosa said Bonds had told him, "I want you to break my record."

But Bonds said he didn't really care who broke him, adding that Sosa "was just running his mouth



San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds, left, and Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa, right, share a laugh in the outfield prior to their game Feb. 28. Sosa and Bonds have traded heated exchanges through the media since the friendly meeting.

too much." Bonds indicated he didn't mean any harm. Sosa didn't take it that way. From there, the words escalated. "I've always admired him as a

player and person, but now I have to say I don't care about him or what he says," Sosa said. "I'm a team player, not a selfish player." Bonds didn't sound overly concerned. "I've been the player that

always thinks Sammy should win MVP. I'm the one that always voted for Sammy to do something special," he said. "I just think it's funny. I don't know what to say. I think it's childish, to be honest with you."

Cubs lose closer Gordon to shoulder injury

The Associated Press

The Chicago Cubs were dealt their first big loss of the season, while the St. Louis Cardinals avoided a major scare with Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols.

Cubs closer Tom Gordon, forced to walk off the mound this week after hurting himself, has a "severe" shoulder injury and will be sidelined for the foreseeable future.

The Cubs had counted on Gordon to come back strong from an injury-plagued season. Instead, a second MRI exam Thursday confirmed



the injury occurred in the back of Gordon's right shoulder. Minus Gordon, the Cubs will use Kyle Farnsworth and Jeff Fassero to close games. They both held the job last year when Gordon was hurt, but Cubs manager Don Baylor really wanted to use them in setup roles.

"It's a blow," Baylor said. "But we can't give up the season because we lost Flash." Pujols left the Cardinals' exhibition game in Jupiter, Fla., with a sprained left ankle after stepping awkwardly on the bag at first.

Pujols was trying to beat out a grounder to third in the second inning against Philadelphia's Brandon Duckworth when he was hurt. He was down for several minutes in foul territory just outside of first before leaving the game.

"I looked scary to all of us," manager Tony La Russa said. "The fact he walked off, I think he was more upset at himself than anything else. I think there isn't anything serious there."

In other injury news, Jason Giambi's left hamstring still hasn't healed, and the New York Yankees first baseman won't

return to the lineup until at least Saturday.

"It's not as good as you want it to be," manager Joe Torre said. "It's not an injury. It's tightness in there."

Meanwhile, shortstop Derek Jeter "couldn't return to the Yankees' lineup by the weekend. He has been out since Sunday because of a strained neck muscle and probably won't play until next week.

San Francisco's Jeff Kent is optimistic about returning to the Giants' lineup by opening day.

Kent left for the Bay Area on Sunday for tests on the broken bone in his left wrist, which revealed minor ligament damage. He returned to Arizona to begin rehab work.

"My rehab history has been good, so I think this prognosis is good for us," Kent said.

Strong putting lifts Faxon to lead in Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) - Brad Faxon has putted well for as long as he can remember. He doesn't know why or how. But if he tries to analyze his skill too much, he will mess it all up.

So he just putts.

Faxon made two 30-footers and four more from beyond 10 feet Thursday. He shot a 7-under 65 and was the clubhouse leader when heavy rain suspended the opening round of the Honda Classic.

"I try to putt like it's shooting baskets with your friends," Faxon said. "I try to make it as easy and simple and thoughtless ... I putted

great. I had good feel around the greens. I saw the lines. But that's when I put my best: when it's easy."

"I know there's no explanation for that or nothing that will sell a book, but I don't really worry about that."

Faxon birdied four of his final five holes, getting off the TPC at Heron Bay just before play was suspended. Nearly 2 inches of rain had fallen when the first round was postponed.

The round will resume this morning at 5:30 a.m. Second-round tee times were pushed back five hours, a move that guarantees the second round will not finish

today and will continue Saturday. Today's forecast called for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain.

Skip Kendall, having teed off on the par-5 16th when play was stopped, was one shot behind Faxon and one stroke ahead of Fulton Allem. Per-Ulrik Johansson, Dudley Hart and Michael Allen.

Only 33 players in the 144-man field finished the opening round. That could benefit Faxon, especially if he keeps playing like he did Thursday.

"I know I'm going to be there," he said confidently. "I hope my golf swing hangs in there and

have anything to lose." Fellow Hornet Amy Allen also finished with double-figures, scoring 12 points.

Minico's Sydney Grant rounded out double-figure scores, finishing with 12 points and two 3-pointers.

Declio's Carrie Blakeslee led the 3A girls with 13 points.

"I just wanted to go out there and play hard," she said. "I didn't

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Amateurs needed for Larry Malone Pro-Am

TWIN FALLS - Amateur golfers are needed to fill out teams at the Larry Malone Pro-Am at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Monday. The entry fee is \$75 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, cart and range fees. For more information call 733-3326.

St. Nicholas to host hoops tourney

RUPERT - The 11th annual Andrew Moller Basketball Tournament featuring 27 teams from throughout Idaho kicks off this afternoon, with games being played in gymnasium's throughout the Rupert and Burley area.

There will be 18 boys teams and nine girls teams from various Catholic parishes throughout Idaho and there will be a five-team alumni division.

Games begin today at 4 p.m. and run through Sunday. Games will be played at East and West Minico schools, the Civic Center in Rupert, Minico High School, Burley High School, White Pine Intermediate School in Burley and the College of Southern Idaho building in Burley.

There will be a Mass Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Burley Inn that will include a videotape on Andrew Moller who was a member of St. Nicholas' parish in Rupert and the only native Idahoan killed in the Gulf War. A dance will immediately follow the Mass. Sunday morning there will be a breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$3 a person.

Admission is \$3 per contest, \$8 for a single weekend pass or \$30 for a family of up to six.

Sunday games and presentation of awards at Minico High School is \$4. Proceeds will be used for scholarships.

Boise QB will talk to students about drugs

BOISE - Boise State University quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie agreed to speak at schools about the peril of the rave party drug GHB after pleading guilty to driving under the influence.

Dinwiddie also was given one year of unsupervised probation by Ada County Magistrate Judge Christopher Bieter for the misdemeanor charge.

The junior from Elk Grove, Calif., was suspended for the final game of the 2001 football season and faces no further punishment from the team, coach Dan Hawkins said Wednesday night.

Dinwiddie, who originally pleaded innocent when charged with driving under the influence of a drug in December, was sentenced Wednesday after changing his plea.

Boise city prosecutors say Dinwiddie was under the influence of GHB, a popular drug on college campuses and at rave parties, when he was found Nov. 21 near a Boise intersection, sitting unconscious behind the wheel of an idling car.

GHB, or gamma hydroxybutyrate, is known as a date-rape drug in its ability to incapacitate people and leave them vulnerable to sexual assault. It is also used as a hallucinogen and to stimulate muscle growth in bodybuilders.

Aggies ends Idaho's hope of tourney bid

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Jeremy Vague scored 14 points in top-seeded Utah State's 61-41 victory over Idaho in Thursday's first round of the Big West Conference tournament.

The 6-foot-9 Vague added three blocks and five rebounds for the Aggies (22-6).

All-conference forward Desmond Pacific contributed 12 points. Utah State will play fourth-seeded Pacific in tonight's semifinals.

NBA fines Kidd for obscene gesture in Phoenix

NEW YORK - New Jersey guard Jason Kidd was fined \$5,000 by the NBA on Thursday for making an obscene gesture toward fans Wednesday night in the Nets' loss to Phoenix.

The former Sun star was playing in Phoenix for the first time since being traded to New Jersey during the offseason.

The first time Kidd faced his old team earlier this season, he had some bitter words for the franchise and mouthed obscenities at then-Suns coach Scott Skiles.

Minnesota stadiums bill heads to Senate floor

ST. PAUL, Minn. - A plan to pay for new stadiums for the Minnesota Twins and Vikings is headed to a full Senate vote after being approved by the Senate Tax Committee on Thursday.

The committee had delayed a vote for weeks as sponsor Sen. Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, toyed with different money-raising ideas. He ended up with a bill that would pay for the costs of annual bond payments toward a \$335 million Twins stadium mostly through fees paid by fans. It includes a \$2 per-ticket tax, a parking surcharge, new taxes on Metrodome events, a 13 percent wholesale-level surcharge on sports memorabilia and a rental fee on media organizations that cover the games.

"If you don't go to the game, it's not going to cost you anything," Johnson said. "If you attend the game, it's going to be two or three dollars more than you presently pay for a ticket."

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Eagles

Continued from D1 also have two batters hitting over .400 to add offensive balance. UVSC dropped three games to SLCC last weekend, but it was unexpected runs that made the difference, not pitching problems. "Utah Valley is one of the top tier clubs," Walker said. "If we're going to do anything we have to prove we can beat teams like UVSC and then take another step up and beat teams like Dixie."

Due to heavy rains and snow on Thursday, it's questionable whether CSI will even play its games with UVSC this weekend, Walker said. The standing water on the infield and boggy outfield would agree.

"If we can find a way to do it, we'll be out there," Walker said. The incident weather comes at a particularly bad time for the team because Walker said he's unsure of where they stand up with the rest of the conference. Meeting UVSC would give them a solid measuring stick.

"I think we need to face one of

the top tier clubs right now," Walker said. "Then we'll find out if we can play with them and if we don't play with them now, we'll find out what we need to do later to play with those guys."

Diamond Notes

The Eagles might have found the leadoff hitter they have been looking for in Derek McNeil. The freshman from Reno, Nev., managed just one hit in seven at-bats against Colorado Northwestern, but scored five runs. ... The Wolverines swept CSI last season in the SWAC season opener and also knocked the Eagles out at the Region 18 Tournament. Riley Johnson has also been a pleasant surprise for the Eagles this season. He collected six and four RBIs in the CNCC series while playing first base and catcher.

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Sweep

Continued from D1 Jerome's Travis Hiatt had 14 points for the 4A-5A team, while Minico's John Fennell had 10.

The 4A-5A girls were powered by Minico's Clare Bodensteiner and Twin Falls' Kim Strunk. Bodensteiner finished with a game-high 17 points and Strunk pitched in 15.

"I'm just glad I didn't have to

have anything to lose."

Fellow Hornet Amy Allen also finished with double-figures, scoring 12 points.

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Table with sports scores including basketball, volleyball, and tennis results from various schools.

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Paralympic Games open in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - With early spring snow clouds draping the snowy peaks of the Wasatch Mountains, Utah lit the torch again, this time for 450 physically challenged athletes from 36 countries ready to participate in the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games. Skaters and dancers portraying ice spirits breaking free of the ice and becoming alive to the natural world performed while fireworks lit the sky, illustrating the Paralympic theme - mind, body, spirit.



Paralympic athletes train this week at the Soldier Hollow, Utah, venue. West accompanied the athletes as they paraded into the stadium in wheelchairs, on foot, on crutches and with their dogs and teammates leading them.

President George Bush saluted the Paralympians in a videotaped speech. "Every athlete at these games will demonstrate that we are limited only by the size of our own dreams," he said, "and that desire and courage can overcome any obstacle life may bring you."

Warriors deserve congrats To the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors Basketball Team. I want to congratulate each and every one of you for winning the Northwest Christian Schools Tournament. From the very first basketball game to the championship game, you young men played together as a team, as a unit, with one goal in mind. That goal was to win it all. I know for sure that each one of your parents are very proud of you. I have never been around such a good group of young men in all of my life. Your parents and coach did an exceptional job of molding and developing character in each and every one of you. Not only did it show on the bas-

ketball court, it showed off of the court. Not only do you have value, I know each and every one of you will be successful. At times, it will not be easy; you will look back at this experience you shared with your teammates and Coach (Brent) Walker. This will help you throughout life and to be productive citizens in your community. Eric, I am proud of you and the accomplishments that you have completed so far. Thank you for allowing me, your uncle, to be there to witness it. Yes, Coach Walker, I will be back once again in the bleachers. This team I do love being supportive of. It truly was an experience I will never forget. KEN KNEVEL, Filer

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SPORTS

# Flames burn Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Dean McAmmond scored the go-ahead goal in the second period Thursday night, lifting the Calgary Flames to a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

It was the Flames' first win in Philadelphia since 1996.

**NHL** Igor Kravchuk, Ronald Petrovicky and Jarome Iginla also scored for the Flames, who have lost only once in six games (4-1-1) since the Olympic break.

**Sabres 5, Islanders 0**  
UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Martin Biron stopped 26 shots for his second shutout of the season, and Eric Rasmussen scored twice as Buffalo blanked New York.

Chris Gratton, J.P. Dumont and Steve Barnes each had a power-play goal for Buffalo. It was the Sabres' first win on the road since a 3-2 overtime victory at Washington on Jan. 27.

**Hurricanes 3, Penguins 1**  
PITTSBURGH — Ron Francis scored twice in the third period as Carolina beat Pittsburgh for its fourth consecutive victory.

Sami Kapanen assisted on all three Carolina goals and Jeff O'Neill also scored.

Francis' first goal broke a 1-1 tie at 6:01 of the third. Francis has eight points in five games. Jan Hrdina scored for Pittsburgh.

**Wild 3, Blues 0**  
ST. LOUIS — Marian Gaborik scored twice and goaltender Dwayne Roloson stopped 28

shots to lead Minnesota past St. Louis.

Gaborik has 21 goals on the season. The second-year forward is the first 20-goal scorer in the two-year history of the Wild.

The win is also the first in history for Minnesota against St. Louis. The Wild entered the game 0-4-2 against the Blues.

**Kings 3, Predators 2**  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Adam Deadmarsh scored with 13.2 seconds left, and Los Angeles beat Nashville, ending a three-game winless skid in coach Andy Murray's first game back after an auto suspension.

Ziggy Palffy scored two power-play goals and had an assist on the winning goal, while Jason Allison had three assists for the Kings.

Cliff Renning and Tom Fitzgerald scored for Nashville.

**Blackhawks 5, Rangers 1**  
CHICAGO — Eric Daze and Michael Nylander each had a goal and two assists as Chicago defeated New York.

Steve Sullivan, Tyler Afonso and Mark Bell also scored for Chicago.

Jocelyn Thibault, who has struggled since the Olympic break and sat out Chicago's last two games, stopped 17 shots. He was beaten only by Eric Lindros.

Rangers rookie Dan Blackburn started in consecutive games for the first time in his NHL career. He blocked 26 shots.

The Rangers have won only two of their last seven games (2-5-0).



Utah forward Karl Malone, right, strips the ball from Minnesota guard Chauncey Billups, center, as Jazz guard John Stockton (12) slows Billups down March 2.

## Don't bury the Jazz just yet

Win over Lakers boosts confidence

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Beating the Los Angeles Lakers was a real confidence booster for the Utah Jazz, and Karl Malone is optimistic about what's ahead with 22 games left in the regular season.

"I'm not making any predictions," Malone said Thursday, the morning after a 92-84 win over the Lakers. "We just need to play hard, and I think we'll surprise a lot of people."

The Jazz are poised to make the playoffs for the 18th straight year, though their latest victory improved one glaring statistic only marginally. They are 2-12 against the top five teams in the Western Conference.

To hear Donyell Marshall, though, that's a misleading number.

"It was a quality win," he said. "People have seen how we struggled early in the season and

against the better teams, but maybe they don't see how we're coming together now."

Back in November, a team known for the veteran leadership of Malone and John Stockton slumped to its worst start in 19 years as Utah worked in rookies Andrei Kirilenko and Jarrett Collins, both starters now.

There were injuries to Bryon Russell and Marshall, giving both extended time on the injured list. With both finally healthy, the Jazz went on a nine-game road trip forced by the Winter Olympics.

Malone said that's where things changed. After losing the first two on that swing, Utah won six straight. Despite losses to Sacramento and Minnesota, the Jazz have won nine of their last 11.

"When you get out on the road, you get away from everybody and you have to come together," Malone said. "You have to bond as a team. It's you guys against 19,000 other people."

In their wins, the Jazz have improved their defensive intensity.

The Lakers were sloppy, committing a season-high 24 turnovers, but Kirilenko held Kobe Bryant to three points in the second half on 0-for-9 shooting after the All-Star game MVP scored 23 by halftime.

"If you're willing to step up and try to stop somebody, we can beat anybody," Malone said. "That's what we've got to think about. We can't think about trying to outscore anybody."

As for what it all means, the Jazz are as cautious as ever. Utah plays 12 of its final 22 on the road, and coach Jerry Sloan is warning his players not to get too excited.

"We have to work very hard to finish the season off and get to the playoffs," Sloan said. "That's the most important concern of mine."

Going into today's game against New York, the Jazz are 34-26 at the 60-game mark. Excluding the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season, it's the first time since 1992-93 that Utah has failed to win at least 40 games at this point.

That doesn't matter to Marshall.

"When the playoffs start, your record is 0-0," he said. "It's not always the best team that wins. The Patriots came out and won the Super Bowl. What we've done early in the year won't matter once the playoffs start."



Twenty-four time Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race veteran John Barron of Heimville, Mont., walks one of his dogs as he takes his mandatory 24-hour layover in the halfway point of the 1,100-mile sled dog race at the Cripple, Alaska checkpoint Thursday.

## Iditarod front-runners settle in for layovers

CRIPPLE, Alaska (AP)—Martin Buser, Linwood Fiedler, DeeDee Jonrowe and other top mushers were in Cripple Thursday morning, settling in for their mandatory 24-hour layovers at the halfway point of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Meanwhile, Jeff King of Denali Park and Charlie Boulding had pulled into Ophir after taking their 24s in McGrath. King, going for his fourth Iditarod win, arrived in Ophir at 3:31 a.m. Thursday. Boulding pulled in at 4:40 a.m.

However, other top contenders who have taken their 24-hour rest beat them out of Ophir for the 60-mile run to Cripple. Vern Halter of Willow departed from Ophir at 5:17 a.m., Mitch Seavey of Seward left at 7:05 a.m. and Sonny King

of Spartanburg, S.C., pulled out at 7:09 a.m.

The trail to Cripple winds along the Innok River and crosses the river twice before heading north-east. The run is mostly flat with sparse scrub spruce except for a few rolling hills as mushers approach Cripple.

Buser, a three-time Iditarod champion, was the first musher into Cripple early Wednesday night, claiming \$3,000 in gold nuggets and a trophy for being the first to the race halfway point.

Buser, of Big Lake, reached Cripple with 13 dogs at 6:13 p.m., followed 88 minutes later by Fiedler, who lives in Willow. Jonrowe, also of Willow, arrived at 8:21 p.m. Wednesday, followed 20 minutes later by Ramy Brooks of Healy.

## Larry Allen re-signs with Cowboys; Packers work on deal with Glenn

The Associated Press

With a bunch of NFL players changing teams Thursday, the best of the lot, Larry Allen, stayed put.

The four-time All-Pro offensive lineman, equally adept at guard or tackle, had his contract extended by four years by the Dallas Cowboys. Although he had two years remaining on his deal, Allen was given a \$12 million signing bonus. His new package is worth \$37 million for six years, through 2007, when he will be 37. "It was an easy decision," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We think our offensive line is

one of the strengths of our team. And the strength of our strength is Larry Allen."

Another player with Pro Bowl credentials, defensive end Willie McCutchen, re-signed with New England.

New England also has agreed to send troubled wide receiver Terry Glenn to the Packers for a 2002 fourth-round draft pick, plus a pick next year that will depend on Glenn's performance. But Glenn has several grievances filed against New England over suspensions, fines and the withholding of \$8.5 million of his signing bonus. Those issues have delayed completion of the trade.

DALLAS (AP)—Another big night for Dirk Nowitzki, Michael Finley and Steve Nash meant something even bigger for the Dallas Mavericks: The most wins in the NBA.

Nowitzki scored 35 points, Finley had 25 and Nash added 19 points and a season-best 15 assists, carrying Dallas past Toronto 122-103 Thursday night.

The Mavericks became the first team with 43 wins, while the Raptors lost for the 13th straight time.

At 43-18, Dallas is in a virtual tie with Sacramento for the best record in the NBA. The Kings (42-17) have a slightly better winning percentage, .712 to .705. The Los Angeles Lakers are fighting for the top seed in the West, too, at 42-18 (.700).

Finley, Nowitzki and Nash showed why they're known as the team's Big Three by combining to score 29 of the Mavs' 33 points in the third quarter. Nash and Nowitzki had 10 each and Finley added nine.

Nowitzki, mixing dunks with 3-pointers, scored at least 30 for the 19th time, while Finley soared over and around Vince Carter for many of his points, even leaving the high-flying Raptor on the ground after one pre-dunk spin move.

The biggest surprise for the Mavericks was their accuracy, 65 percent, one game after hitting only 37 percent and scoring a season-low 81 points.

The rims seemed so wide that Shawn Bradley went 3-for-3, including two long jumpers.

Vince Carter led Toronto with 19 points, but had most of them after the game was decided.

**Pistons 95, Wizards 92**  
WASHINGTON — Jon Barry made a 3-pointer from the left corner at the buzzer Thursday night to give the Detroit Pistons a 95-92 victory over the Washington Wizards.

Barry, wide open in the corner,



Toronto's Vince Carter, left, loses the ball as Dallas' Greg Buckner, right, slips it away in the first half Thursday.

took the pass from Damon Jones, rattled in the shot and mouthed "Go home, go home" to the crowd as the Pistons celebrated.

Corliss Williamson scored 23 points and Jerry Stackhouse had 19 for the Pistons, who started the day percentage points ahead of the Milwaukee Bucks in the Central Division. Barry had 13 points on 4-for-4 shooting.

**Grizzlies 122, Pacers 111**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jason Williams, playing his first game since Feb. 19, scored 33 points and handed out 11 assists as the

Grizzlies had a rare offensive outburst.

Seven Grizzlies finished in double figures as Memphis snapped an eight-game losing streak and set a franchise record for points

scored in regulation. The win was the first over Indiana in franchise history after 13 losses.

Pau Gasol added 23 points, 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots for Memphis, including five in the final two minutes when Indiana got within four. Jermaine O'Neal led the Pacers with 31 points and 12 rebounds, shooting 13-of-20 from the floor. Jamaal Tinsley added 28 points and nine assists.

**Spurs 99, Rockets 97**  
SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had a double-double by halftime and finished with 30 points and 16 rebounds.

Rookie Tony Parker added 16 points and a career-high 10 rebounds, while Malik Rose scored 14 and David Robinson grabbed 12 rebounds. The Spurs had a 52-26 advantage on points in the paint.

It was the 14th time in the last 15 games between the teams that the Spurs defeated the Rockets.

**Nuggets 104, Knicks 93**  
DENVER — Juwan Howard had 30 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for Denver, which shot 55 percent after making less than 40 percent of its shots in six of its previous nine games.

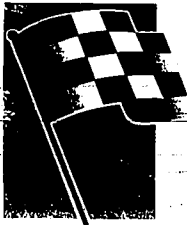
The Nuggets were 12-for-19 in the first quarter when they began a 13-0 run that gave them the lead for good.

New York has lost eight of 10 games overall and six straight on the road. Latrell Sprewell led the Knicks with 23 points. Allan Houston added 19 and Kurt Thomas had 17 points and 13 rebounds.

### Get into the outdoors

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides Magic Valley residents to recreational opportunities.





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Kevin Harvick holds up the trophy in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cracker Barrel 500 March 11, 2001, at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. Harvick returns to Atlanta for Sunday's MBNA America 500.

## Harvick returns to scene of emotional first victory

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Kevin Harvick's first hint he had done something special last March at Atlanta Motor Speedway came when he saw crewman Danny "Chocolate" Myers crying.

Harvick, making only his third start for Richard Childress Racing since replacing the late Dale Earnhardt, had just beaten Jeff Gordon to the checkered flag by inches for his first career Winston Cup victory. It was eerily similar to Earnhardt's narrow victory over Bobby Labonte a year before.

After making a victory lap and accepting congratulations from many other competitors, Harvick pulled his car into Victory Lane and encountered Myers, a long-time employee of the team that won six championships with Earnhardt.

Myers, a large man who rarely smiles and often has a menacing look on his face, was sobbing uncontrollably.

"When I saw a guy like Chocolate Myers just crying his eyes out, it made me realize how important winning that race was," Harvick said. "For Chocolate and all of the guys that knew Dale and were friends with him, I guess it meant a lot."

It meant a lot for Harvick, too. Already the center of attention for taking the ride, the victory made him a star. A victory at Chicago later in the season helped him win Winston Cup Rookie of the Year, and he also won the NASCAR Busch Series title.

So far, 2002 hasn't been as kind. Harvick returns to Atlanta for Sunday's MBNA America 500 28th in points. He was running second in the Daytona 500 until he and Gordon helped trigger an 18-car pileup, and Harvick wasn't a factor in the last two races at Rockingham, N.C., and Las Vegas.

"We're looking forward to coming back to Atlanta," Childress said. "Kevin runs extremely well there, and we've got a lot of good memories there. I can't think of a better place for us to be going to get things turned around."

It would be hard to top last year's finish. Harvick fought his way through a bumper-to-bumper, five-car battle in the final 10 laps, taking the lead for good with a three-wide pass of Jerry Nadeau and Dale Jarrett.

Then Harvick had to hold off Gordon, who dipped low in the final turn and pulled abreast of Harvick as they approached the finish line. The official margin of victory was .006 seconds — about the length of Harvick's bumper.

"Anytime you beat Jeff Gordon, you've done something," Harvick said. "That made our first win extra special."

Although he lost, Gordon has similar feelings about the finish, which came less than a month after Earnhardt's death.

"I think it was exciting," he said. "It was great for the sport, great for that team, certainly great for Kevin. He deserved it, he made great moves, he's very talented and he won the race."

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Earnhardt Jr. grows tired of team's slow start

By Monte Dutton  
 NASCAR This Week

• **NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev.** — A slow start has Dale Earnhardt Jr. feeling a bit antsy.

"We need a good finish; it's that simple," he said at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where he finished 16th in Sunday's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400. "I've said all winter that every points race I have lost, it was because of a poor start in the first five or six races, and this season has not started out very well for us."

"We've had three cut or blown tires now in two races, and it really has us behind in points, but that is not keeping us down. We've got a great team, and we still have a winning attitude."

• **SCENE OF THE MARRIAGE:** Being a Californian, Kevin Harvick would probably look forward to racing at Las Vegas Motor Speedway anyway, since the desert track is not far outside his

native state.

But the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 held special significance for Kevin and Delana Harvick since they were married in Las Vegas on Feb. 28, 2001.

Harvick also had his first career top-10 finish at LVMS, a distinction that lost some of its newsworthiness a week later when he won the following race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in 2001.

"Vegas is really round and flat, and hopefully you turn left," Harvick quipped. "It's in the desert, too."

• **KENSETH'S PENANCE:** The obligatory NASCAR fine — \$30,000 to crew chief Robbie Reiser — was announced by NASCAR officials on Feb. 26, two days after they discovered Matt Kenseth's winning car was a quarter-inch too low in post-race inspection at Rockingham.

The minimum height is 51 inches.

No one was surprised, of course,

## PROFILE Sterling Marlin Winston Cup Series

By Monte Dutton  
 NASCAR This Week

The return of Dodge to NASCAR in 2001, after a lapse of more than two decades, breathed new life into Sterling Marlin's career.

Marlin finished third in the 2001 NASCAR points standings and has begun the 2002 season with a remarkable string of three races. Although Sunday's (only named, as it turned out) UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 was Marlin's first victory, he could have won all three events and finished in the top 10 in all three.

"He gets better every week," team manager Tony Glover said. "He's 44 and he's firing to be 45. I can't wait to see how good he is when he gets to be 55. He's on the top of his game right now."

Dating back to the last three races of 2001 and the first three races in 2002, Marlin has recorded six straight top-10 finishes. He has five top ten in those six events, three runner-up finishes and a victory.

Age: 44 (will turn 45 on June 30)

Wife: Paula  
 Children: Steadman (21), Sutherland (12)

Hometown: Born in Franklin, Tenn., lives in Columbia, Tenn.

Crew chief: Lee McCall  
 Car: No. 40 Coors Light Dodge Intrepid, owned by Chip Ganassi and Felix Sabates

Career statistics: 542 starts, nine wins, 73 top-five finishes, 181 top-10 finishes, 11 poles, \$2,735,357 in earnings

First: Start (May 8, 1976, at Nashville, Tenn.), pole (July 4, 1991), at Daytona Beach, Fla.) win (Feb. 20, 1994, at Daytona Beach, Fla.)

How does it feel, knowing you could have won all three races?  
 "Daytona is still a heartbreaker



If it weren't for two bad breaks at Daytona at Rockingham, Sterling Marlin could be 3-for-3 this season with his victory Sunday at Las Vegas.

for us. We've got a great race team. We rebounded from it. We came to Rockingham last week, and Matt Kenseth had the best car on short runs. We had a good car on long runs, but he should have won the race. I thought this morning we had a fifth- or 10th-place car. We said to heck with it, we're going to go for the win. It was really good. We put all our heads together and made some changes on it, and it worked out

great."

What is your strategy for winning the championship? "You take one race at a time, and that's what you've got to do. We'll take Atlanta next week, and if we don't win there, we'll put it behind us and go to Bristol and Darlington. Come October and November if we're still on top, it'll be pretty good, but we're just going to take it one race at a time right now."

**Who's Hot... Who's Not**

■ **HOT:** Sterling Marlin, running up front every week, leads in the points standings.

■ **COLD:** Dale Earnhardt Jr., who is 25th in points.

■ **FROM THE ARCHIVES**

■ Kevin Harvick's margin of victory over Jeff Gordon in last year's spring Atlanta race was .006 of a second. This remains the closest margin of victory since July 1993 at Talladega.

■ The 2000 spring race was won by just .010 of a second (Dale Earnhardt over Bobby Labonte) and was the closest margin of victory in that season so far.

Dale Earnhardt is the all-time leader in Atlanta victories with nine.

**On TV**

All Times MST

- Winston Cup, MBNA America 500 10:30 a.m. • Sunday • Fox
- Craftsman Truck, Craftsman 150 4 p.m. • March 15 • ESPN2
- Busch Series, DarlingtonRaceway.com 200 10:30 a.m. • March 16 • FX

**TOP TEN**

■ NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton ranks the top 10 drivers heading into this weekend's race. Last week's rankings in parentheses.

1. (1) Sterling Marlin	Cashed in his chips at Vegas
2. (5) Tony Stewart	A caution flag cost him
3. (2) Jeff Gordon	Hard times for Chevy drivers
4. (3) Bobby Labonte	Never got it going
5. (4) Ward Burton	Outside the top 20 at Vegas
6. (6) Jeff Burton	Engine was off, he said
7. (-) Mark Martin	On the comeback trail
8. (-) Ryan Newman	Rookie already making waves
9. (9) Rusty Wallace	Solid showing; nothing special
10. (-) Jeremy Mayfield	Profiting from switch to Dodge

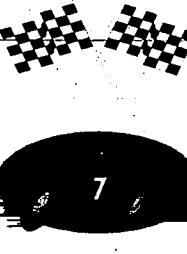
**2002 POINT STANDINGS**

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Sterling Marlin, 507	Jack Sprague, 446	Robert Pressley, 185
2. Ryan Newman, 432	Randy LaJoie, 443	Ted Musgrave, 175
3. Jeff Burton, 420	Jason Keller, 437	Brian Ross, 170
4. Mark Martin, 415	Michael Waltrip, 435	Joe Ruttman, 165
5. Ward Burton, 414	Greg Biffle, 415	Rick Currell, 160
6. Bill Elliott, 402	Johnny Sauter, 406	Terry Cook, 158
7. Jeff Gordon, 401	Kenny Wallace, 403	David Starr, 151
8. Kurt Busch, 400	Jeff Green, 385	Carlos Conditas, 142
9. Rusty Wallace, 381	Scott Riggs, 376	Jason Small, 139
10. Matt Kenseth, 375	Scott Wimmer, 354	Jason Leffler, 135

**Trackside Trivia**

- Who finished second to Lee Petty in a photo finish at the first Daytona 500?
- Who won the first race at Bristol, Tenn., in 1961?
- Who won the first race at Rockingham, N.C., in 1965?

**ANSWERS**  
 1. Johnny Beauchamp & Jack Smith  
 2. Curtis Turner  
 3. Curtis Turner

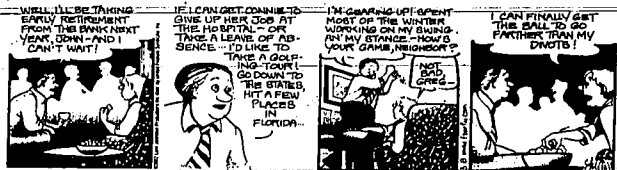


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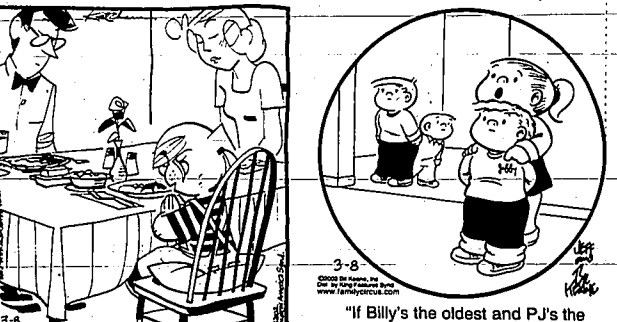
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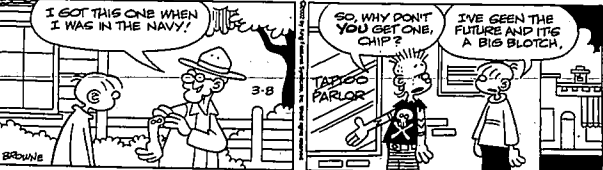
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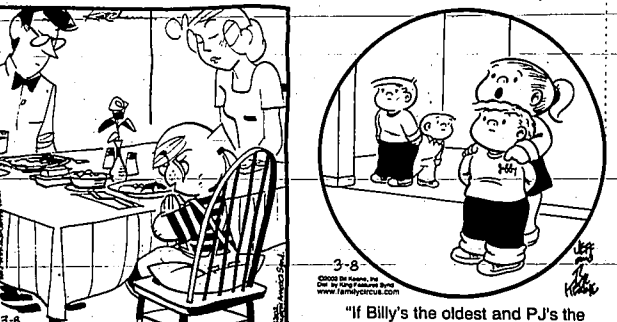
Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham



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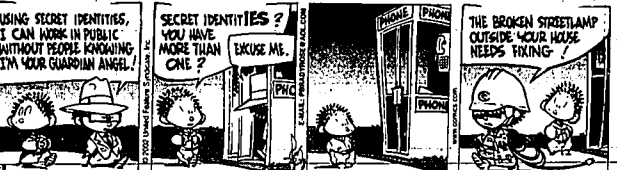
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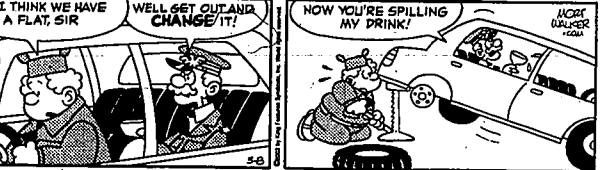
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Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



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Luann By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves



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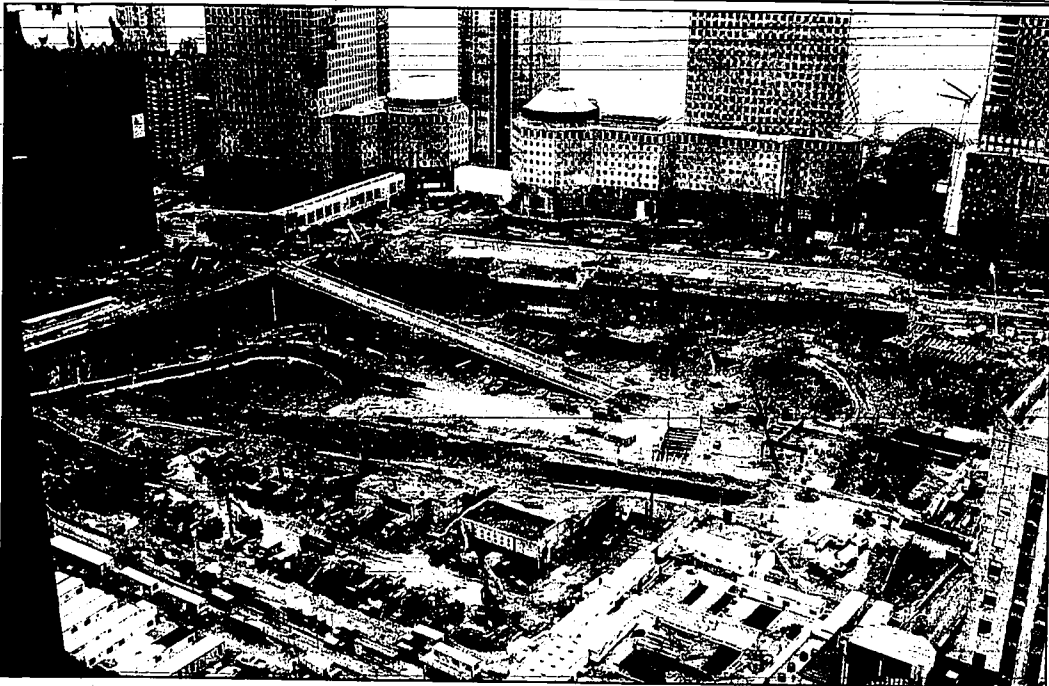


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A recently constructed, 500-foot-long steel ramp is shown in this view of the World Trade Center taken earlier this week in New York. The official death toll from the Sept. 11 attacks stands at 2,672.

# Probe may result in building standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite missteps in the inquiry in the collapse of the World Trade Center, investigators are gaining information that could lead to stricter building standards and make skyscrapers safer, officials told a congressional panel Wednesday.

Arden Bement, director of the National Institute for Science and Technology, said it was unclear what form such changes could take until more is known about why the twin towers fell. His inquiry could take two years and cost \$40 million.

Lawyers bemoaned the lack of clear guidance in investigating building collapses.

"There are no clear lines of authority as to who in the federal government is to conduct an investigation of a building failure," said Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y.

"No one is in charge, no one is sure what powers the federal government can exercise, no one is sure of the scope of an investigation. That has to be fixed right away."

The team of investigators — comprised of officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Society of Civil Engineers — did not even get access to the site until October, a month after the attack.

They testified they never asked the city of New York not to recycle tons of steel that some experts say could hold vital clues about why the twin towers fell. And the team, which has no subpoena power, did not get access to the trade center blueprints from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey until four months after the collapse.

# Bush proposes additional aid to help NYC

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Thursday delivered on the \$20 billion federal aid he promised to seek to help New York recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "It is essential that New York City come back, and come back strong," Bush said.

Bush stood with New York's mayor, the state's governor and its congressional delegation to announce proposed new spending that brought the federal package to nearly \$21.4 billion, including a "Liberty Zone" tax relief plan for lower Manhattan. The assistance is subject to congressional approval.

"This is the right thing to do, the absolute right position for our government to take," Bush said. "I look forward to continuing to work with these officials as the mighty city of New York recovers."

# Officials sort through list of 'missing'

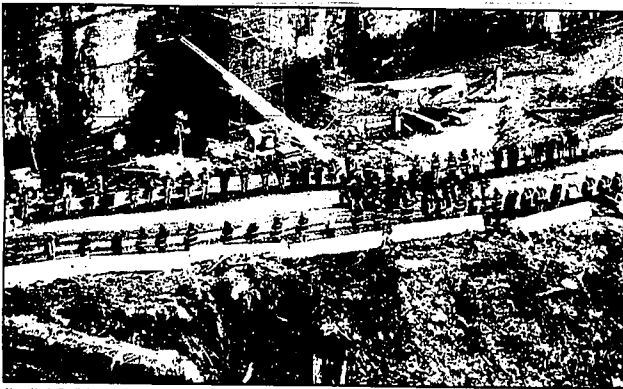
Did all die during attacks, or did some fake their deaths?

NEW YORK (AP) — Six months after the World Trade Center attack, 158 people are officially classified as missing — some of them almost certainly dead, some perhaps mistakenly on the list, and some possibly trying to fake their deaths.

The missing include firefighters and foreign visitors, bond brokers and illegal immigrants working mostly food-service and maintenance jobs, an Associated Press analysis has found.

In many cases, families have mourned these people and their employers consider them dead, but their remains have not been identified and no one has applied for a death certificate. Some are illegal immigrants whose families, often living in other countries, have been unable to obtain death-certificates because the victims' employers will not cooperate.

Others may not be dead at all — they were wrongly reported missing in the chaos after Sept. 11 or may be trying to fake their deaths, according to police.



New York firefighters pause for a prayer before carrying the flag-draped remains of a comrade pulled from the disaster site Monday.

The Police Department estimates at least 60 percent of the 158 still classified as missing did die in the attack, while the rest require further investigation. The official city count of the

missing and dead peaked at 6,729 on Sept. 24 but quickly began dropping as the list was cross-checked for mistakes and duplicated names. City officials say 2,672 people

are confirmed dead, either by identified remains or a death certificate issued by a court, based on proof that the victim was in the trade center at the time of the catastrophe.

# Victims fund increases award limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The final rules for distributing money from a federal fund for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks has been expanded to cover more people and give them more money.

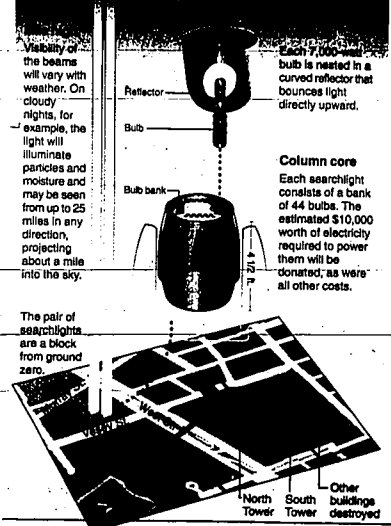
The average award will be about \$1.85 million, roughly \$200,000 more than what was calculated under draft guidelines released in December, Kenneth Feinberg, the special master of the victims fund, said Thursday.

Early versions of the rules also limited eligibility to civilians who were injured within 24 hours of the attack. New rules would extend that to 72 hours for those who worked at the World Trade Center and would remove the time-limit for rescue workers who responded.

Feinberg said he had received thousands of comments about the fund, many from victims expressing concern that the payments would not be substantial enough to cover future expenses.

# Light and remembrance

Two columns will send the fallen towers of the World Trade Center will beam skyward at nightfall on March 11. The temporary memorial, "Tribute in Light," will be illuminated from dusk until 11 p.m. for 32 days, though it may be darkened from time to time for bird migrations or air traffic.



# Memorial will illuminate N.Y. skies

## Newsday

NEW YORK — What began as a vision in artists' minds after the World Trade Center's destruction will become a ghostly reality Monday night, when two spectral beams of light emanating from lower Manhattan echo the Twin Towers and all that was lost within them.

Every evening for 32 nights, the "Tribute in Light" memorial will shine into the heavens with the brilliance of nearly 2 million lightbulbs, project organizers said Wednesday.

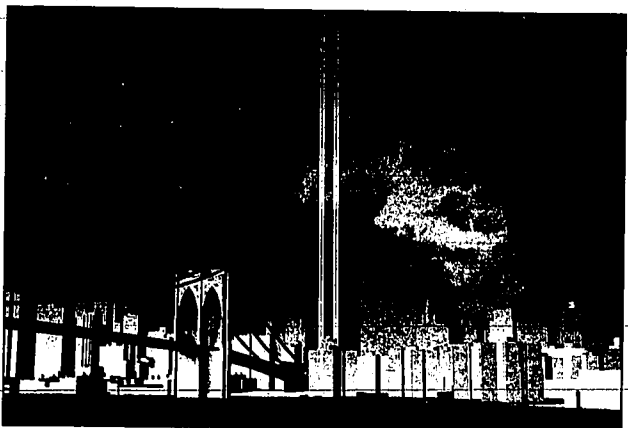
From March 11 to April 13, the columns will be visible from 20 miles away — and possibly from the space shuttle.

"The idea of light in our culture and in our history equals life, equals spirit, equals love and most importantly equals regeneration," said lighting designer Paul Marantz, who helped translate the concept into a plan.

Architect Richard Nash Gould, architectural team John Bennett and Gustavo Bonevardi and the artist team of Julian LaVerdiere and Paul Myoda say they independently conceived of the idea within days of Sept. 11.

The beams are intended to bring "a sense of peace, a sense of order" to contrast with the "images of chaos" after the attack, Myoda said.

Working with the Municipal Art Society, which is raising funds to cover the estimated \$500,000 cost of the temporary



This artist's rendition depicts the "Tribute in Light" memorial that will send high-powered beams of light into the night sky from near the World Trade Center site beginning Monday.

memorial, the artists collaborated with Marantz on the project's architectural, artistic and technical demands.

Several computer analyses later, the team came up with a final plan. Just northwest of the site of One World Trade Center, in a vacant lot alongside the soon-

to-reopen Embassy Suites hotel, 88 powerful lights will be arranged in two 50-foot-squares; that's 44 7,000-watt lights in each square, which will create walls of light four feet thick.

These squares will be set approximately 150 feet apart and on a diagonal — as the World

Trade Center towers were — to recall the angles and perspectives of the real towers.

Each of the 88 xmas are tube bulbs, manufactured for the project by General Electric, transmits the Edison of 20,000 100-watt bulbs. Con Ed is donating the electricity, organizers said.



### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### 50-year-old market sees new ownership

**KIMBERLY** - Kimberly will see a change in a 50-year-old business next week when the Ridley grocery chain takes over ownership.

The Persons market was established when Dorothy Persons bought the small grocery store on the corner of Main and West Center streets from Rich and Lola Richardson. The business grew, and the building was moved to the north side of the parking lot at the present store site. Over time the store was enlarged.

After Persons' death the store was managed by her son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Naomi Thompson. Dale Fard, a Smith's grocery employee, later was hired to manage the store.

Ford, manager for 23 years; Marlene Molody, assistant manager for over 24 years; and Doug Richter, meat department head for 16 years, will all take vacation time before moving on to new ventures. Many of the other employees will still be seen at the store.

Persons Jubilee store will close at 4 p.m. Sunday for inventory, in preparation for Ridley's opening Monday morning.

Jerry Ridley said Ridley's will no longer offer United Parcel Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and utility-bill-payment services at the customer service counter.

Plans for the store include adding a bakery/deli and a pharmacy. Eventually the new owner plans to build a larger store on the Taylor property on the north side of town which it purchased some time ago, Ridley said.

The addition of the Kimberly store will give the Ridley chain five stores in the Magic Valley.

#### Dillard's reports quarterly net income of \$102 million

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** - Profits at Dillard's Inc. rocketed nearly 55 percent in the fourth quarter, as the company's focus on cost containment and private-label merchandise offset lagging sales in a difficult retail environment.

The Little Rock-based department store chain - which has a Boise store and markets to customers in the Magic Valley - said fourth-quarter earnings grew a record \$1.21 per share, up from 79 cents a share in fourth quarter 2000. That easily bested analysts' consensus estimate of 79 cents per share, compiled by Thomson Street-Gall.

Net income rose to \$102 million in the 13-week quarter that ended Feb. 2. Dillard's earned \$66 million in the year-ago period.

"We consider our accomplishments in the fourth quarter to be the right-track work that we are on," Chief Executive Officer William Dillard II said in the earnings release.

#### Moody's upgrades credit rating of J.C. Penney

**PLANO, Texas** - Moody's Investors Service confirmed the ratings of Plano-based J.C. Penney Co. - which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley - and changed the outlook to stable from negative on its senior implied rating.

The decision "reflects management's success in stemming the multi-year deterioration in operating performance and in achieving significant improvement in profitability in 2001 at both the department stores and Eckerd drug stores," Moody's said in a news release.

A year ago, Moody's cut Penney's long-term and short-term credit rating to junk status.

Also this week, the credit rating service cut the outlook to negative on senior unsecured debt until later this year, when Penney's banking agreement comes up for renewal and terms are reviewed.

"Overall, Moody's said, "Penney's ratings reflect the challenge that the company continues to face in sustaining the improvements that it has already achieved and in narrowing the gap between its level of profitability and its peers."

The agency also said that Eckerd's billing inquiries and the means of a class-action lawsuit filed in Florida in February against the chain are "not yet a factor." Moody's said it "will continue to monitor developments."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Relying on friends

## Customer loyalty keeps family businesses going

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**PAUL** - Swensen's and Swenmart stores are doing well nearly a year after an accident that took the lives of three men affiliated with the stores.

While the stores are independent of each other, the three men's deaths had a huge effect on Swensen's Magic Market in Paul and Swenmart and Swensen's Magic Market in Twin Falls, managers and owners of the stores said.

But loyal customers and loyal employees, who stepped up and took over the work that the three men did, kept the stores thriving, store owners and managers said.

The accident, on Interstate 84 near Wendell, killed Jerry Swensen, who owned Swenmart on Addison Avenue in Twin Falls; Richard Swensen, owner of Swensen's in Paul; and Larry Yarbrough, who managed the Paul store.

Friends of the three men said they dedicated their lives to the grocery business and were willing to help out the community when they could.

"That dedication became apparent to the family business after the accident.

"It quickly became apparent how unique and valuable the business was to each family member, the customers and the Magic Valley," said Andrew Swensen, Jerry Swensen's son and new general manager of Swenmart. "When given the option of closing, selling or con-



Manager Joe Colflesh, right, visits with Garrett Condo, a regular customer, at the Paul Swensen's Magic Market. Colflesh said customer service is one of the reasons the store continues to thrive.

tinuing as a family-owned and operated grocery store, the choice was obvious."

Andrew Swensen, who recently took over management of Swenmart after spending three years in California working as a civil engineer, said the past year is full of stories illustrating the loyalty and relationships Jerry Swensen fostered between employees and customers.

"That loyalty made the tough transition possible," he said. "It also helped keep the Paul Swensen's in business," said Joe Colflesh, manager of the Paul store.

Customers at the Paul store

are loyal because the store caters to local needs and sells local products, he said.

At a time when the lamb industry is protesting other stores that sell New Zealand or Australian lamb products, Swensen's sells only American lamb, produced locally.

"I won't carry it when it's from Australia or New Zealand," said Jerry Tingey, the butcher and a local lamb producer.

"The first time I tried that lamb on a grill it was awesome," Colflesh said.

When a customer comes in and asks for pickled watermelon rinds, the store gets it for her, he

said. It also has a selection of Schwann's ice cream because customers ask for it.

"It's pretty pricey, but the customers like it so much price is not an item to them," Colflesh said.

The migrant community asks for a special thin cut of meat, which the butcher provides, Colflesh said.

"They (migrants) are pretty loyal individuals," he said. "The people of Paul are loyal."

Customers were catered to when Richard Swensen and Larry Yarbrough were alive, and that has not changed, he said.

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## Kmart will reveal stores targeted for closure

Combined wire services

**CHICAGO** - Kmart Corp. employees will learn by Monday whether their store will close as part of the bankrupt discount chain's effort to cut costs and return to profitability, Kmart attorney Jack Butler said.

Closing hundreds of its 2,114 stores will be the most painful part of Kmart's plan. The chain has stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

A bankruptcy court approved \$2 billion Wednesday in new financing for Kmart Corp., plus up to \$150 million in bonuses to encourage key employees to stay with the company and help it through its financial woes.

The troubled retail giant views the \$2 billion as essential to staying in business and engineering a financial turnaround.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Susan

Pierson Sonderby had been expected to approve the financing deal.

Kmart can use the \$2 billion to pay employees and restock the shelves of the stores it continues to operate.

Sonderby rejected an effort to sidetrack the bonus program by the Union of Needle Trades, Industrial and Textile Workers, a Manhattan-based group that represents 3,000 Kmart distribution-center employees.

The \$150 million is the ceiling for bonuses Kmart can pay to vice presidents, middle managers and pharmacists the company considers essential.

Union attorney William Widmer ridiculed the notion that more than 3,000 employees are key to Kmart's longevity. He said those likely to get the money were to blame for the company's woes.

Kmart bankruptcy attorney Jack Butler said the employees were highly sought by other companies.

He said he suspected that employees who objected were disgruntled because the money wouldn't go to them.

"Kmart's creditors and bankers told Sonderby they thought the bonuses were a good idea.

Kmart is scheduled to tell the court which stores it will close on Monday with a hearing on the matter to follow March 20.

"We have a lot of employees on pins and needles," Butler said at the bankruptcy hearing in Chicago. "You can expect we will notify our store managers and store employees before we tell the press and the public."

Kmart spokesman Jack Ferry would say how Kmart plans to inform its 250,000 employees.

"We're very serious about

informing our employees. It's a very serious matter," Ferry said.

"This is an announcement that will have an impact on communities across the United States."

Barry Klein, chairman of Barry M. Klein Real Estate Inc. in Farmington Hills, said he thought Kmart would announce the closing of about 250 stores today.

"This is probably the first, but not the last" announcement, said Klein, who has been in the commercial and shopping center business for 32 years and has worked with Kmart on several deals since 1972. Klein has predicted that Kmart will eventually close 500 to 700 stores.

Ferry disputed that, saying the retailer only plans to make one store closing announcement during its reorganization. Kmart expects to save \$250 million by closing unprofitable stores.

## Judge tosses suit against Pre-Paid Legal Services

Knight Ridder News Service

**ADA, Okla.** - A federal judge this week dismissed a class action shareholder lawsuit filed last June against Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc.

The lawsuit accused Pre-Paid of misleading investors by using accounting practices that artificially inflated the company's earnings. Pre-Paid, which has representation in the Magic Valley, has since adopted more conservative accounting practices - slashing past earnings by more than 50 percent - after losing several battles with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"The shareholder lawsuit was dismissed 'with prejudice,' meaning the same case cannot be filed again.

"Needless to say, we're very pleased with this favorable ruling," Pre-Paid Chief Executive Hurland Stonecipher said. "We have maintained our position that the complaint was completely without merit, and in its first look at the lawsuit, the court agreed."

"While the case is not over due to the plaintiff's right to potentially file an appeal, this is nevertheless a significant victory for Pre-Paid Legal Services."

William Federman, an Oklahoma City attorney who is co-lead counsel on the case against Pre-Paid, said his firm has 30 days to file an appeal.

"We are looking at our alternatives," Federman said. "Obviously, we are extremely disappointed with the court order."

The lawsuit was dismissed by Robin J. Cauthron, chief judge of federal court in Oklahoma City. It represented a potential \$30 million liability for the Ada-based company.

Alan Weber, an analyst at Robert & Co. in New York, described the lawsuit dismissal as a "very positive" development for Pre-Paid. Weber, who also is an independent Pre-Paid sales agent, maintained a "strong buy" recommendation for Pre-Paid's stock throughout the extended accounting controversy.

"I think the stock is still worth more than its price," Weber said. "Pre-Paid is in the early stages of what could be a long and continuous growth in membership and cash flow."

"It's an unregulated market," Pre-Paid attorneys maintained, covering services like maintenance and traffic violation defense, through multilevel marketing. The company boasts more than 1.2 million customers and 280,000 independent sales agents.

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## Qwest seeks to calm investors after downgrade

Knight Ridder News Service

**DENVER** - Qwest Communications International reassured investors this week that negotiations with lenders to avert a default on \$4 billion in loans due this summer are moving forward.

Qwest executives held an impromptu conference call to shore up confidence after Moody's Investors Service downgraded Qwest's \$25 billion in debt, putting much of it a step away from junk status.

"We have advanced the negotiations with the major banks and made significant progress on the major terms," Qwest chief executive Joe Nacchio told analysts. "We will take it to the other banks."

The Denver-based telecommunications company - the dominant provider of local phone service in the Magic Valley - rapped a \$4 billion credit line in mid-February after it lost access to the commercial paper markets. All three credit-rating agencies - Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch - downgraded the company's debt in response.

Moody's followed that downgrade with another one this week, just days after Qwest executives

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## Discounters continue to draw shoppers in February

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - Unseasonably warm weather and new fashion trends helped spark early spring apparel sales during February and raised hopes that consumers might begin spending more freely and speed the economic recovery.

However, as the nation's largest merchants reported their monthly sales Thursday, it remained clear that the overall retail business remains fragmented, with discounters posting gains but department stores and apparel chains still struggling.

Gap Inc. was a notable disappointment, hurt by weak sales at its Gap and international divisions.

"Consumers are responding to freshness in fashion, and that is a favorable sign," said Richard Jaffe, an analyst at UBS Warburg. But he warned, "It is hardly conclusive. Consumer behavior is spotty and inconsistent."

Apparel sales showed the first signs of life in months as consumers did some early spring shopping, but generally at lower prices. In particular, jeans, pants, blouses and clothes with ruffles and lace were among the top sellers.

"It is a much improved environment, but the pace is still

### Top retailers

Here is a look at the percentage change in major retailers' sales from the same month last year. February 2002

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	10.3%
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	3.1%
J.C. Penney & Co. Inc.	12.5%
Target Corp.	8.5%
Federated Department Stores Inc.	2.8%
May Department Stores Co.	2.7%
Gap Inc.	-17.0%
The Limited Inc.	2.0%
TJX	7.0%
Saks Inc.	2.8%
Dillard's Inc.	5.0%

Note: Sales include those from stores open at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

SOURCE: Associated Press AP uneven," said Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. The bank's sales index of 77 stores posted a gain of 6.2 percent, better than the 5.5 percent increase Niemira anticipated.

The February performance, led by an impressive performance by discounters, was the

strongest since the pre-recessionary April 2000 period, he said. Niemira and others said they would be watching over the next two months, considered more important sales months.

Also comforting to the industry was a report by the Labor Department that showed new claims for unemployment insurance dipped slightly last week, continuing an overall slide this year that indicates companies are laying off fewer workers.

And Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan offered his most optimistic assessment of the economy in more than a year, telling Congress Thursday the country is now recovering from the recession.

But a still challenging job market continues to weigh heavily on consumers and make them bargain-conscious.

"The pattern of consumer preference for low-priced stores continues as strong as ever, indicating that traditional department stores will have a rough year ahead," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Montclair, N.J.

Results from some of the retailers who do business in Magic Valley:

• Wal-Mart, benefiting from the woes of Kmart Corp., which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in January, said business was

driven by mild spring weather and Valentine's Day.

The world's largest retailer reported a better-than-expected 10.3 percent gain in sales at stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales. Same-store sales are considered the best indicator of a retailer's performance.

• Kmart is not reporting same-store sales but will file monthly operating data with the U.S. bankruptcy court.

• Target Co. reported a same-store sales gain of 8.5 percent.

• But most department stores and apparel retailers continued to struggle.

In particular, Gap had a 17 percent same-store sales decline.

• Intimate Brands reported a comparable-store sales increase of 1 percent. Net sales were \$349.6 million, an increase of 3 percent.

• ShopKo Stores' sales decreased 11.8 percent to \$218.5 million. Excluding sales from the ShopKo division stores closed during first quarter 2001, sales increased 1.9 percent to \$218.5 million.

ShopKo said comparable-store sales increased 2.2 percent compared to a 2.3 percent decrease for February 2001.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins contributed to this report.

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Jobless claims dip slightly, worker productivity still grows

WASHINGTON (AP) - New claims for unemployment insurance dipped slightly last week, continuing an overall slide this year that indicates companies are easing layoffs as signs of economic recovery bloom.

On Thursday, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan offered his most optimistic assessment of the economy in more than a year, telling Congress that the country is now recovering from its first recession in a decade.

The recent evidence increasingly suggests that an economic expansion is already under way," Greenspan said.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial claims for

jobless benefits for the week ending March 2 were 350,000, a seasonally adjusted 5,000 to 376,000.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week volatility, sank last week to the lowest level since Aug. 11, when it was 372,000.

Then, analysts thought the slumping economy was starting to show tentative signs of a revival. But the economy was dealt a con-

'The recent evidence increasingly suggests that an economic expansion is already under way.'

- Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman

siderable setback by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, jolted already fragile consumer confidence, disrupted business nationwide and caused layoffs to rocket.

Claims peaked last year on Sept. 29 at 535,000, and have remained below 400,000 so far this year.

Stocks were down Thursday: The Dow Jones industrial average was off 85 points at midafternoon and the Nasdaq index was down

11 points. The recession, which began in March 2001, probably will be recorded as one of the mildest in U.S. history. But Greenspan said Americans should not expect a red-hot rebound.

Because consumers kept buying throughout the slump, they will have less pent-up demand. That means spending probably will not rise as quickly as in past recessions, Greenspan said.

The Federal Reserve meets March 19 to consider interest rate policy. Economists predict the Fed, which sliced short-term interest rates 11 times last year, will hold them steady as it did at January's meeting.

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week, just days after West executives met with the rating agency. Fitch and S&P, however, have not followed Moody's lead.

"I don't know what happens next," said a West executive. "I don't know how they do their assessment. I don't agree with it."

West needs to convert the credit facility into a long-term loan but must win approval for any amendments from banks holding at least half the debt.

The two lead banks on the credit facility represent about 26 percent of the total debt, said West chief financial officer Robin Szcliga.

West believes that it will reach agreement with the banks under-the-facility soon," the company said in a Wednesday filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Some analysts view Moody's downgrade as an effort to ratchet up pressure on the company to sell assets and rework its debt, and stay ahead of any problems."

"The rating agencies have become a little quicker to either downgrade or put a company on review for downgrade because I think frankly they were blindsided by Enron and how rapidly that situation unraveled," said Tim Waymire, a principal at Northstar Investment Advisors.

Northstar, a Denver-based money management firm, held West bonds but began selling them recently after the reward, Waymire said.

Moody's said it will continue to review West's credit ratings. One more downgrade and the bonds would face market conditions holders to sell them.

West, however, has several options to shore up its financial situation and avoid that.

A key move would be to reduce the company's debt burden, which rose from \$18.1 billion at the end of 2000 to \$24.9 billion at the end of 2001.

"As soon as they get some assets sold and some more debt off the balance sheet, a lot of this current crisis will resolve itself," said Tom Friedman, a senior telecom equity analyst at Breaux, Murray & Co.'s Denver office. "This is a matter of time and patience."

Nacchio said he would like to take \$2 billion in debt off its balance sheet this year. Assets that could be sold toward that end include the company's wireless operations, some of its local exchanges or its directory business.

As with the loan negotiations, Nacchio said the ball keeps moving on potential sales.

"In some cases, we have had discussions with specific buyers, and interest from others," he said. "In some areas, we are engaging investment banks."

Another option is to raise new funds from investors.

West has filed a shelf offering to raise \$1.25 billion in convertible securities.

West could also free resources by cutting deeper into capital spending or investment. West plans to spend \$3.3 billion on network improvements this year, down from \$8.5 billion in 2001.

"I'd argue there's probably still several hundred million we could take out of the capital budget and not affect growth," Nacchio said. "He can't say where the cuts might occur."

Consumers borrowed more freely in January

WASHINGTON (AP) - After belt-tightening in December, Americans borrowed much more freely in January, especially to finance cars, vacations and other big-ticket items.

Economists said the Federal Reserve's latest report on consumer credit released Thursday provides an encouraging sign consumers will continue to spend and help along the current economic recovery.

Consumer credit rose by a seasonally adjusted \$12.9 billion in January, or at a brisk 9.3 percent annual rate.

The bigger-than-expected advance came after consumers slowed spending in December, causing borrowing to rise by just \$1.8 billion, or a 1.3 percent rate during the month.

All of the weakness came from a drop in demand for revolving credit, such as that used for cred-

it cards.

"The apparent reversal in economic conditions has caused consumers to celebrate and add to their debt burdens," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp.

"Not to worry, though. Income growth remains strong and tax refunds have already begun to find their way to consumers' mailboxes," meaning that people will be in a position to carry the added debt.

Demand for nonrevolving credit, including new cars and vacations, grew by \$11.7 billion in January, an annual rate of 14.5 percent. That followed a smaller \$7.5 billion increase, or a 9.4 percent growth rate, in December.

"This is an encouraging sign that consumers will play positive role in the recovery," Yamarone said.

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Pre-Paid

Last week, members of Pre-Paid's sales force filed a separate class-action lawsuit against the company.

The class-action lawsuit is the second one filed by members of Pre-Paid's sales force.

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DISPATCHER/CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE: Walker Sand & Gravel is seeking a dispatch/customer service representative in heavy construction. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development or closely related field - Starting Salary \$16,771-\$18,085/month. EOE. Call for application and job description at Walker Sand & Gravel, 208-735-1100.

ELECTRICIAN: Wanted, Journeyman Electrician. Competitive pay. Call Wanda or Linda at 208-735-2238.

ELECTRICIAN: The Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC in Twin Falls is accepting applications for Journeyman Electrician. \$15,477-\$18,638. Industrial work with good benefits and compensation. Hourly rate DOE. Call or e-mail: 208-735-2238.

FACTORY: Longview Fibers Company is accepting applications for factory employment. It is desirable that factory applicants have mechanical and electrical aptitude. We offer competitive pay/benefits. Apply in person at 348 South Park Ave., W. Twin Falls, EOE M/F/V/D.

FARM: Hired man. Must be experienced in weeding, baling, & row crop planting, siphon tubes & gated pipe irrigation. 736-5633.

FARM/PT/IRIGATION: Granbia Foods seeks experienced farm operator at our Gooding plant. Prefer experience in farming with emphasis in troubleshooting, pivots & electrical on pivots. Year round position with competitive wage & good benefits. Apply in person at Gooding plant on Mon. from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, or call Rick Warran at 834-9517 for interview appointment. Drug Free Workplace.

FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING: May 9-12 Call to register 803-606-3503.

GENERAL: City of Jerome Public Works Dept. is hiring 12 PT employees for summer help. with the possibility of full-time employment. coming full time. Must be 18 years of age, Valid driver's license preferred but not necessary. Experience in installing water & sewer mains & street lighting. Closing date, Mar. 15, 2002. Apply at City Hall 152 E. Ave. A. Jerome.

HAIR STYLIST: Current opening for a talented stylist, PT/FT. Guaranteed hourly wage and clientele + bonuses + benefits. No quotas. Call 735-1200.

INSTALLERS: Rain gutter installers. Good wages. Job training provided. Personal quality work ethic required. WHITEHEAD HOME & ENERGY. Call 735-9688 for appl.

IRRIATION: Irrigator project accepting applications for seasonal job openings. All shifts, part-time/full-time. Job includes: maintenance of canals & river station attendent. Mechanical experience a plus. will train. Must have valid drivers license. Drug free workplace. Call 501 Rapids Irrigation, Monday-Friday 8 am. to 4 pm. at 825-2222.

LABORER: Nursery business. Lots of hours. Call 208-788-2676.

MANUFACTURING: Journeyman & apprentice sign installer positions available. Full time employment for motivated individuals who seek permanent employment with a company that offers good wages/benefits (401k) and benefits. Experience in electrical, plumbing, fabrication and crane operation preferred but we will train if you have the desire to learn and grow. Applicants must have clean driving record. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply in person at 1925 Kimberly Blvd. FT.

MANUFACTURING: Spares Manufacturing Company is accepting applications for the following full-time positions: Quality Control, Packaging, Warehouse, Machinist, Planning & Production Control. Packaging, Warehouse, Machinist, Planning & Production Control. Bonuses: Company benefits, employee health, dental, vision, 401k, paid holidays, and 401k (plan). Applications available at 212 S. Lincoln. Spares Manufacturing Plant Security Office. 212 S. Lincoln. (208) 324-8101. Spares is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MECHANIC: Self motivated, responsible individual need to do repairs on heavy equipment and vehicles. Must have own tools and previous experience. Apply at The Motor Shop. 350 W 100 S Paul, Idaho.

MECHANIC: Immediate opening for full time electrical equipment technician, experience preferred. Progressive, expanding company with good benefits and compensation. Hourly rate DOE. Call or e-mail: Pioneer Equipment Co. P.O. Box 495. Rte. ID 430. 1-208-436-3191 or 1-800-743-9588.

MISCELLANEOUS: Available Positions: Production workers all shifts, 57 hrs/week; Seasonal Field Work; Class A CDL Drivers; Class A CDL w/HazMat Recaptation; Greenhouse Workers; Journeyman Carpenters; General Construction Laborers; Heavy Equipment Operators. Must have own tools. Drafter/Architect; Temporary Inventory APPLICABLE IN PERSON.

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MEDICAL: Resident Services Coordinator. Contact Roger King at Snake River Rehabilitation & Living Center in Buhl 543-6401.

MEDICAL: Living Rehab & has a number of openings. +2 Administrative RN's +2 Medical Records Clerk +2 Resident Services Director +2 CHNA's Sign On Bonus/Benefits Contact Melinda 624-5611.

MEDICAL: Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Medical Managed Care seeks qualified professionals with great communications skills who will work with the medical community and assist clients to minimize costs and maximize quality settings. Locations: 1 in Twin Falls, 5 position in Boise, Nampa, 1 in Coeur d'Alene, 1 in Idaho Falls, 1 in Pocatello.

MEDICAL: Experience, education, and attitude to: Contact and assist Physicians in their medical program participation. Prepare and present reports to Physicians, their staffs, billing & office administrators, and patients. Research and present health education information to patients, physicians, medical service providers, patients and staff in a variety of settings.

MEDICAL: Excellent benefits and competitive salary includes: \$34,000 - \$44,000 per year. 401k. Health & Sick Leave - 10 paid Holidays + Flexible Hours + Savings Plans + Retirement Plan. Closing date 3-14-2002. For information call either of our offices at 208-384-1803 or 800-926-2588. For immediate consideration apply by sending your resume and cover letter to: 310 Jackson, ID. 83402. EOE/AA.

MEDICAL: Hospice Visions, Inc. is hiring PRN nurses. We are an EOE and offer competitive wages. For more information call 735-0121.

MEDICAL: LPN and PRN shifts avail. for pediatric and hospice care for the Mountain West Health System. Drop off resume or pick up application at Mountain West Health & Hospice, 825 Eastland Drive, FT. EOE.

MEDICAL: SHOSHONE REHAB & LIVING CENTER: 511 East 4th St. Box 5 Shoshone, Idaho 83352. 208-886-2228. Fax: 208-886-2063. The small, family owned winning facility needs a few good people!

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Position open in the RV & Marine field. Must have good closing & management skills. Knowledge of boats & RV's very helpful. Pay dependent on experience for the right individual. Benefits available. Apply with resume to Bert Harbaugh Motors Downtown Wendell 536-6323

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**TECHNICIAN**  
Full-time Cooler Technician wanted. Wage & benefits DOE. Send resume to: Business Tech, 502 Main Ave. South Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

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**HEYBURN**

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The Times-News is currently looking for an independent carrier to deliver our weekly shopper & Auto trader in the HEYBURN area.

If you live in the Heyburn area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Builey Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the Builey office at: 1263 Overland Ave. (Roper building)

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**JEROME (8)**

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The Times-News is currently looking for independent Junior routes available in the Jerome area.

**ROUTE 623**  
100-700 West Ave. B  
100-700 West Ave. E  
300-800 West Ave. D

**ROUTE 620**  
100-600 W. Ave. G  
200-300 W. Ave. I

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**TWIN FALLS (8)**

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**ROUTE 800**  
Skyline Trailer Park

**ROUTE 814**  
200-700 2nd Ave. N.  
300-500 3rd Ave. E.

**ROUTE 824**  
200-500 5th Ave. E.  
200-400 6th Ave. E.

**ROUTE 856**  
300-400 Brackett St. N.  
400 Bk. Rose St. N.

**ROUTE 874**  
700-800 Falls Ave. W.  
700-800 Wendall

**ROUTE 876**  
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**TWIN FALLS (7)**

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The Times-News currently has the following independent newspaper routes on the East side of Twin Falls

**ROUTE 705**  
400 Aspenwood Dr.  
400-500 Cypress Way  
2500-2600 Elizabeth Blvd.

**ROUTE 719**  
1100 - 1200 10th Ave. E  
1100 - 1200 11th Ave. E  
1000 Bk. Blue Lakes  
1300-1400 Poplar

**ROUTE 721**  
2400-2500 4th Ave. E.  
200-500 Carriage Lane  
400-500 Eastgate Dr.  
2400-2600 Painbrush Blvd.

**ROUTE 748**  
1800-2000 4th Ave. E.  
400-500 Madonna  
240-485 Morningside Dr.  
400-500 Wakefield St.

**ROUTE 750**  
500 Baker St.  
2000-2100 Elizabeth Blvd.

**ROUTE 770**  
600-1000 Aspenwood Lane  
600-900 Green Area Way  
600-900 O'Leary Way

**ROUTE 820**  
100 - 400 Jefferson

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**MALTA**

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The Times-News is currently looking for an Independent Motor Route Carrier in the MALTA area.

**ROUTE 443**  
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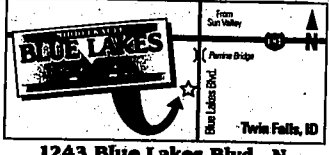
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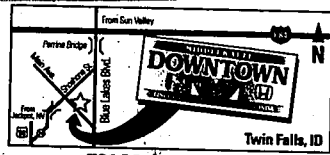
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