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A new guide for educators



Serivooth third-grader Angela Smith uses magnetic tiles to solve a math problem while her teacher Ann-Marie Dobbs looks on. Because of new Idaho Standards Achievement Test data, some schools are considering teaching math at a younger age.

ISAT scores give schools plenty to chew on

By Robert Mayne
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After five and starts, the new slate of statewide standardized test results is in. And though some educators say they're being overloaded with tests, teachers around Magic Valley are using the first real Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores to determine what they should teach - and when.

"They're embracing it like crazy," said Brett Giles, Twin Falls School District's data analyst.

ISAT, still in its pilot phase, is

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given to the state's second-through 10th-graders.

Because of the newness of the test and the fact that it is still in its pilot phase, the fall 2002 ISAT is still considered somewhat testing the test, rather than the student. However, this is the second go-around for the ISAT - the first was spring 2002. Most districts believe that by now enough kinks have been worked out to accurately assess the knowledge

of their students.

It also has developed enough to have the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation make \$8 million in one-time money available to schools whose students show improvement between the fall and January tests. The more its students improve, the more money a school receives, up to \$50 per student.

Initially, most schools were planning only administering the test twice - once in the fall and once in the spring. However, with the extra money in the balance, most schools have agreed to do the January test.

The main drawback is that the testing period last three weeks, a fairly lengthy period to tie up computer labs. It's also taxing to dedicate three weeks of classroom focus on a test three times a year in an 180-day school year.

That's not to mention the other standardized tests given through out the school year. There are the Idaho Reading Indicator, also given three times a year, and the Direct Writing Assessment and the Direct Math Assessment given in December.

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Famous Barr seasonal sales associate Nicole Cutler of Belleville, left, helps Caysie Hurd of O'Fallon, Ill., struggle through a cash register problem during training in Fairview Heights.

Rich pool of applicants greets employers this hiring season

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Software manager Tim Bunce's extensive resume would not ordinarily grace the desk of a retailer looking for part-time help. But on the jobs front, this holiday period is anything but typical.

Twice laid off this year in the software industry, Bunce - a married father of three who used to make \$120,000 as a senior product manager - was offered seasonal work paying \$15 an hour, including commissions, at a computer store in North Carolina.

The job didn't work out because the 35-year-old requested a week to adjust his family schedule to the job's evening shifts. "They wanted to get someone in there quicker," Bunce shrugged.

Still, in the past people like him generally didn't apply at all.

Amid layoffs brought on the national economic slump, many retailers this season say they are blessed with the richest applicant pool in years as skilled, experienced white-collar workers consider limited seasonal work, and sometimes

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Attack hits hotel in Kenya

Analysts see al-Qaida behind bombing of Israeli-owned resort

The Washington Post

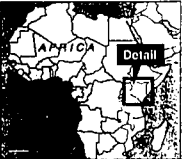
MOMBASA, Kenya - Three suicide bombers crashed a vehicle packed with explosives into an Israeli-owned resort hotel on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast on Thursday, killing themselves and 12 other people, only five minutes after two antiaircraft missiles were fired - unsuccessfully - by an Israeli airliner taking off for Tel Aviv with a load of home-bound tourists.

The hotel blast, which also injured about 80 people, marked the second major terrorist attack on Kenyan soil in four years, following an August 1998 explosion that killed 219 people, almost all Kenyans, and devastated the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, the capital, 300 miles northwest of here. Combined with the apparently coordinated missile attack at Mombasa's nearby airport, the beachside bombing renewed fears that Islamic extremists still have a foothold in East Africa despite the year-old U.S. campaign against terrorism.

Citing intelligence reports, Kenya and Israeli officials said they suspect Thursday's strike was carried out by people associated with al-Qaida, the network founded by Osama bin Laden accused of organizing the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in New York and Washington. U.S. officials in Washington cautioned, however, that it was too early to say with certainty that al-Qaida was involved, and they promised U.S. help in tracking down whoever was responsible.

An unknown group calling itself the Government of Universal Palestine, the Army of Palestine issued a statement in Beirut, asserting it carried out the bombing and the unsuccessful missile attack. The strikes were designed to mark the anniversary

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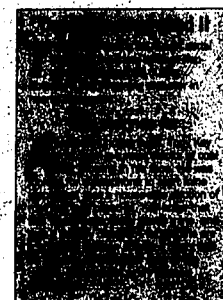
Like NYC firefighters, miners rushed toward danger

By Michael Luo
Associated Press writer

BROOKWOOD, Ala. - Tony Key heard the explosion before he felt it. He half-turned to look but found himself hurtling through the air.

He bounced several times on his side before coming to rest 50 feet away, inside buried in a pile of dirt and coal. Disoriented and blinded by the swirl of coal dust, his headlamp blown from his head, he thought at first that he might be dead.

As he clawed his way out of the rubble, he reached for the self-rescue apparatus in a tube on his belt. In the darkness, he fumbled with the mouthpiece and activated the airbag



designed to convert carbon monoxide into breathable oxygen. Key was terrified. He was usually
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Lights illuminate the Jim Walter Resources No. 5 mine in Brookwood, Ala., where 13 miners died Sept. 23, 2001.
AP Photo

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny, dry and mild today. Highs in the middle 40s.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and very light winds. Lows in the lower 20s areas of patchy fog are possible.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny until late in the day when clouds begin to increase. Highs in the upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and dry with just a light breeze. Highs in the middle 40s.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and dry. Lows in the middle 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny until late in the day when clouds begin to increase. Highs in the upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Dry and cool weather for today and tomorrow.

Overnight lows will continue to be cold though and this is due to the clear skies of the next couple of nights.

Today Highs: 28 to 40. Low: 10 to 20. Boise: Sunny, dry and mild today. Mostly sunny, dry and mild on Saturday. Clouds will increase on Saturday night and Sunday will be mostly cloudy. Temperatures will also become a little cooler.

NORTHERN UTAH

Today: Sunny and dry today with some light snow on Saturday. Scattered snow showers are possible on Saturday night and Sunday.

Table with weather forecasts for various Utah locations including Boise, Brigham City, and Salt Lake City.

Yesterday's State Extreme - High: 51 at Burley, Low: 9 at Starley. Weather key: s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, mc=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, h=high, b=blow, r=rain, w=wind, f=fog, m=mixing.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls, Idaho, including weather icons and temperature ranges for Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

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Weather almanac section including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, Snowpack, and UV Index.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho and Utah locations such as Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Salt Lake City, Denver, and Phoenix.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for major Canadian cities like Toronto and Vancouver.

Man convicted in rape sting

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — A man was convicted of attempted rape for planning to assault a nonexistent 10-year-old girl who was imagined in an effort to break up a child pornography ring.

Peterman was convicted Wednesday of attempted rape, solicitation to commit rape and sexual exploitation of a child. He faces 11 years in prison at his sentencing Dec. 27.

Hiring

Continued from A1. "This is definitely an employer's market," said John Challenger, chief executive of Chicago-based outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. expects to bolster staffing by 20 percent to 25 percent, as in years past, said spokeswoman Jan Drummond. Typically, she said, Sears Drings in 40,000 to 45,000 seasonal workers.

Just two years ago, the tight labor market led many stores to offer signing bonuses and premium wages to lure employees for the critical November and December period.

At the same time, many retailers are facing lackluster sales and many expect hirings of seasonal workers to be up only slightly this year, if not flat.

Mine

Continued from A1. mellow and unexcited, speaking only in slow, measured tones; but he'd never broken through anything like this.

It was 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001. Less than a minute had passed since the roof fall in Four Section of the No. 5 mine, but it had been time enough for a pocket of gas to escape, reach the electric arc of the battery charger and ignite.

A few yards from Key, Michael McLe staggered to his feet with the vague feeling that he was on fire. He remembered the mantra his young daughter recited from school: Stop, drop and roll. That was what he did, rolling about in the dark and patting himself frantically.

McLe heard moaning. He hollered for his friend, Gaston Adams Jr., the third man who had been working on the roof with them. McLe dragged himself toward Adams' headlamp, the only one still working.



A year ago, Wanda Blevins said goodbyes to her husband, Dave, as he kissed her on the cheek and headed for his evening shift at the mine. It was the last time she saw him.

"manibus" that was still running and made it to the phone. One of his companions told him the phone wasn't working; he'd already tried it. But Key frantically punched its black emergency page button again and again.

emerged from Four Section on a rail cart. They picked up Key and started toward the mine entrance.

McLe, in pain from three cracked ribs, recognized Bit Boy, an old fishing buddy and a shear operator on the longwall. Boyd, 38, was one of several men who had been vocal recently about gas problems in the mine.

Boyd and the five men with him were shocked at how bad McLe, Palmer and Key looked. Key was barely recognizable, his hair was standing straight up and his face completely blackened.

As Blevins headed off in the direction of the mine entrance, Key warned the rescuers that with the ventilation system in ruins and the battery possibly on fire, Four Section might explode again.

Wanda Blevins normally had Sundays off, but he was scheduled to go on vacation in a week, and his company wanted him at work.

an hour when he heard about the trouble in Four Section, 3.5 miles east. He hopped on a manibus and headed that way.

Just ahead of Blevins, 2.5 miles west of the roof fall, Ricky Rose and two other "belt crew" workers were busy repairing a section of the mine's conveyor belt.

It was the control room, Rose says, alerting them that there had been an "ignition" of gas in Four Section and asking them to go help put it out.

Responding to the order from the control room, Rose's group mounted a rail cart and headed toward Four Section. A short distance down the track, they flagged down their boss and four other belt crew workers.

"Why were they going to fight? The first that was a half-hour away? The time they got there, it would either be out or burning out of control."

Circulation statistics for Daniel Walock, circulation director. Includes phone lines area, subscription rates, and Times-News telephone directory information.

Mail information section for The Times-News, including address, phone number, and subscription rates.

On Sunday: A fierce black rain. He'd been at work a little over...

Powell to call attention to AIDS fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is leaving the entire diplomatic corps to the State Department next Tuesday to deliver a message he hopes will relay to their governments. Political leadership is an essential component in the struggle against HIV/AIDS.

It is believed to be the first time all ambassadors from governments accredited in Washington will have gathered to hear a message on a public health issue, says Jack Chow, who heads the U.S. ambassador on the AIDS issue.

"We know that national political leaders who are willing to speak out and commit their governments to a course of constructive action in cooperation with public health investment can make a difference," Chow said in an interview Wednesday.

Near week's ceremony in the State Department's main reception room is being held in connection with World AIDS Day, observed on Sunday, which will feature activities around the globe aimed at highlighting the HIV/AIDS scourge.

Gunmen ambush U.S. convoy

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunmen ambushed a U.S. special forces convoy in eastern Afghanistan and wounded one soldier in the leg, a U.S. Army spokesman said Thursday.

The soldier was riding in a convoy of four pickup trucks near the town of Gardes on Wednesday afternoon when as many as six gunmen in civilian clothes shot at them with Kalashnikov rifles, spokesman Col. Roger King said.

Special forces soldiers fired back at the attackers as the convoy made its escape. More soldiers later scoured hills around

THANKSGIVING IN KUWAIT



U.S. Marine Corp. Mark Bernard from Seattle eats turkey during Thanksgiving dinner at the newly built Base Camp Commando in north-central Kuwait Thursday. Several hundred Marines have arrived in recent weeks to set up a command headquarters for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Astronauts step out for spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two astronauts stepped out Thursday for NASA's first Thanksgiving Day spacewalk and hooked up the plumbing on the international space station's newest addition, a 45-foot high-tech beam.

It was the second spacewalk this week for visiting shuttle

Endeavour crewmen Michael Lopez-Alegria and John Herring, the first American Indian in space.

They connected fluid lines on the \$390 million space station girder that was delivered by Endeavour. Ammonia eventually will flow through the pipes to cool the orbiting complex.

Bush administration considers taking alternative approach to global warming

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Instead of trying to tame the No. 1 cause of global warming, the Bush administration is weighing cutbacks in emissions that contribute less to climate change but are easier to reduce, according to the president's science adviser.

Most of the world is focused on cutting back emissions of carbon dioxide, the chief cause of global warming, but the Bush administration is looking instead at reducing black-carbon soot and methane pollution. It contends that that approach would curb climate change more quickly. Independent experts disagree among themselves on the merits of this approach, but some say it could help.

The strategy also could be less disruptive to the U.S. economy. Carbon dioxide comes largely from burning fossil fuels such as oil, coal and gas in power plants and automobiles, and curbing those emissions would threaten the American lifestyle. Reducing black-carbon soot primarily would require only curbing back on diesel engine emissions and outdoor burning of vegetation. The soot is made up of minuscule airborne particles of black car-

Glacier park's glaciers disappear - E2

bon, caused when a fire's fuel doesn't completely burn up.

The United States is the world's top carbon-dioxide polluter, responsible for 21 percent of global emissions. It is third in soot, behind China and India, spewing only about 5 percent of the world's emissions.

The Bush administration in 2001 rejected the Kyoto

Protocol, a global agreement that would have committed the United States to reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. The administration said its terms would hurt the U.S. economy too much.

Instead, the administration has proposed that companies voluntarily reduce carbon dioxide emissions and has called for a slight slowdown in the growth rate of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions, without spelling out how to achieve that.

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Attacks

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of the Nov. 29, 1947, U.N. decision to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, which led to the birth of Israel six months later, the statement said.

A U.S. military source said the bombing, along with a similar attack Oct. 12 at a resort in Bali, Indonesia, showed al-Qaida sympathizers or like-minded extremists have shifted their focus to "soft" or low-security targets instead of embassies, military installations and large buildings that are more heavily guarded.

The site of Thursday's bloodshed, the Paradise Hotel 15 miles north of here, was such a target — the destination for a steady stream of holiday-makers, many of them Israeli, in Kenya to enjoy the beaches and water sports around Mombasa.

The chaos at the Paradise Hotel began at about 8:35 a.m., Kenyan police said, when a green four-wheeled vehicle had circled the hotel for 10 minutes picked up speed and broke through the gate. One man, wearing a belt with a bomb, got out and blew himself up inside the lobby, said Yehuda Sulami, the hotel director. The two others detonated the vehicle in front of the building, Sulami said.

Hotel employee Alex Nyoka said the men in the vehicle, whom he noticed while they were circling, had light brown skin and curly black hair, leading him to speculate they might be Arabs.

"It was like a time bomb, his exploding everywhere like a nuclear light shinning," said Sural Shah, 31, a shopkeeper who rents diving equipment to tourists. "When we heard the explosions they told everyone to run to the beach. 'Run!' People just stood on the beach crying,

bleeding, watching everything on fire."

Hours after the blast, trees around the hotel were still burning and bodies were still being carried out, some badly burned. They were wrapped in blue blankets, which bomb experts stepped carefully over as they sorted through the metal pieces. A human jaw rested on the ground.

Villagers came to help pick up the pieces of metal, pointing out bomb parts that blew past the hotel grounds. A breakfast table was still set, as if ready for people to sit down, but the food on the plates was burned.

The victims included nine Kenyans, some of whom were performing a traditional dance in front of the hotel for tourists, two Israeli brothers — ages 12 and 13 — from a Jewish settlement on the West Bank called Ariel, and an Israeli man, police and Red Cross workers said.

There was a terrible explosion. They were children looking for parents and parents looking for children. There was blood everywhere," said Sulami, who sat in a wheelchair with two cell phones on his lap, fielding calls from Israel. "This was our place. We felt secure in Mombasa. We have lost everything."

The 140-bed resort provided long stretches of beach, clear blue water, camel rides and hair braiding, specializing in Israeli tourists seeking a respite from the fighting in their own country and adjacent Palestinian territories. It was a major employer for nearby Kenyan villagers, who said that beginning six years ago they were trained to drive, work computers and answer phones. Some also worked as performers, doing dances for the platoons of Israelis who arrived in groups every Thursday.

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Trucking troubles U.S., Mexico

Both sides worry about flow of Mexican trucks

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico – American truckers are worried about losing their jobs to Mexicans under Washington's new motor freight policy while companies in Mexico are just as concerned about where they'll find the money to upgrade aging fleets to pass tougher U.S. border inspections.

President Bush on Wednesday approved opening U.S. highways to Mexican trucks beyond the 20-mile commercial border zones where Mexican rigs now transfer their cargo onto U.S. rigs heading to the American interior.

The decision comes nearly a year after Bush promised to do so in compliance with a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In a statement Thursday, the Mexican government welcomed Bush's decision, but criticized the

new regulations. Officials argued that Canadian truckers don't face the same requirements.

"An opening under such conditions is unfair for Mexican truckers, which are at a disadvantage compared to their counterparts in the United States and Canada," the statement said.

Truckers along the border have been hotly debating the issue in both English and Spanish over the crackle of CB radios and at times have threatened to come to blows over who can do the job better.

U.S. truck drivers fear the new policy will prompt their employers to replace them with Mexican drivers. U.S. truckers on average earn about 32 cents a mile while their Mexican counterparts make about half that.

U.S. companies have been allowed into Mexico since NAFTA went into effect in 1994, but few have ventured south. Most companies prefer to hire cheaper Mexican drivers who haul cargo to the border and then

transfer it to U.S. rigs.

"A lot of American truckers believe that this will threaten their jobs," said Dan Allison, 57, a Texas truck driver who hauls goods from the border to 48 U.S. states. "A company, for half the cost of an American driver, now can hire a Mexican to drive to Dallas, Missouri or Chicago."

Mexican truckers, however, say they fear U.S. inspections will keep them from even having the chance to compete against U.S. truckers.

Mexican trucks won't be on U.S. highways until the Department of Transportation can review applications from carriers. It must then grant qualifying carriers provisional operating authority, the department said in a statement.

So far, 130 Mexican-based carriers and bus companies have applied to move cargo across the border. Carriers will only be allowed to make international trips and not trips between U.S. points.

Iraqi news: U.S. planes attack, kill civilian

BAGHDAD, Iraq – U.S. and British warplanes attacked a "civilian and services" installation in northern Iraq on Thursday, killing one civilian, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

A coalition statement said planes dropped precision-guided bombs after being fired on by anti-aircraft artillery. The statement from the U.S.-led Operation Northern Watch headquarters in Turkey said the artillery fire came from sites south of Tall Afar, a town in Nineveh province.

The attacks come as United Nations weapons inspectors search Iraq in anticipation for evidence of Iraq's suspected weapons of mass destruction.

The no-fly zones were set up in the past decade to protect Kurds in the north and Shiites Muslims in the south from Iraqi government forces. Iraq does not recognize the zones and routinely challenges the American and British aircraft patrolling them.

World in brief

India-controlled Kashmir raided a girls high school Thursday and found a cache of explosives, seizing explosives they said militants planned to use in the Himalayan region.

Hours after the raid, suspected Islamic militants hurled a grenade at the local headquarters of state-run All India Radio in Srinagar, police said. No casualties were reported.

A dozen rebel groups are fighting for Kashmir's independence or merger with neighboring Pakistan. At least 61,000 people have been killed in the 13-year-old insurgency. India accuses Pakistan of funding and training the militants who slip into Indian territory and attack security forces and civilians. Pakistan denies the charge, saying it only offers diplomatic and political support.



Ariel Sharon

Minister Ariel Sharon beat Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday in a primary overshadowed by a deadly shooting at a

polling station in Israel and two attacks on Israeli tourists in Kenya, television projections showed.

Projections on Israel TV showed Sharon with 61 percent of the vote, compared to 37 percent for Netanyahu. Two other television projections showed similar results.

Sharon will now face the Labor Party's Amram Mitzna, a former general, in Jan. 28 general elections, which polls predict Likud will win because of the Israeli public's shift to the right following two years of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

— compiled from wire reports

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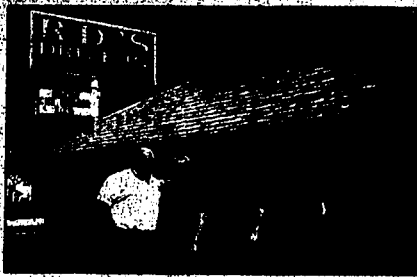
NATION

English-only group aids diner facing lawsuit

PHOENIX (AP) — An English-only advocacy group is throwing its support behind the owners of a Phoenix, Ariz., burger grill being sued for forbidding Navajo Indians to speak their language at work.

The English, headquartered in Washington, D.C. area, has offered to donate matching funds to Richard and Shanna Kidman, owners of RD's Drive-In Restaurant in Page, and their son, Steve, manager of the business.

On Sept. 27, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the Kidmans. In it, the EEOC charges that the rule banning employees from speaking Navajo is discriminatory and a violation of the employees' civil rights. It is the first such EEOC case involving an Indian language.



Richard and Shanna Kidman and their son, Steve Kidman, stand outside their RD's Drive-In in Page, Ariz., in this undated family photo.

Pro-English Executive Director C. McAlpin said his group considers the lawsuit a means to "fully" protect the Kidmans with threats of "financial ruin through protracted litigation."

The Kidmans started RD's Drive-In 23 years ago in Page, which borders Utah near Lake

Powell and the Navajo Reservation, a sprawling tract that covers parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

The Kidmans say they banned use of Navajo to ensure appropriate things were not said behind the counter at JD's.

According to Steve Kidman,

some of the employees were talking about other employees in Navajo, using low nicknames and making them so uncomfortable they threatened to quit. Some customers told him they could hear employees swearing in Navajo, he said.

"One employee was being sexu-

ally harassed but we didn't know it because we didn't understand what was being said," Kidman said. "It was a very hostile environment then."

So, he and his dad got on the EEOC Web site in June 2000 and looked at the guidelines for an "English-only" workplace, wrote their policy and asked the employees to sign it.

"The conversations (going on) would have been improper in English," said the Kidmans' attorney David Selden.

"It's not the use of Navajo language that was problematic, but the abuse of the language," he said.

Half the restaurant's customers and 18 of the 19 employees at RD's Drive-In are Navajo.

Eva Jolley, one of the employees, said she got scared and told Kidman she wouldn't sign the policy. He told her to go home, she said.

"Sometimes you can explain things better in Navajo when it is hard to find the right words in English," she said.

The EEOC claims the policy didn't allow employees to speak Navajo even on their own time.

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Faced with illnesses, Disney cancels cruise

ORLANDO, Fla. — Faced with a growing number of ill passengers on its flagship vessel, Disney Cruise Line on Wednesday canceled the upcoming Saturday cruise of the Disney Magic so that the 83,000-ton ship could be thoroughly sanitized.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that the Norwalk virus is to blame for the illnesses, which by Wednesday had climbed to 120 of the 2,400 passengers and 800 crew on board the seven-day Caribbean cruise.

It's the same virus that sickened more than 200 passengers of last week's Magic cruise and more than 500 passengers on a Holland America ship in Port Everglades in recent weeks, prompting that company to dock its ship for a 10-day disinfection. That ship is set to sail again on Sunday.

On Wednesday afternoon, while the Magic was on its regular stop in Cozumel, cruise line President Matt Ouimet announced at a hastily-called news conference that Magic would voluntarily skip its next trip to allow a more thorough cleaning.

In addition to usual procedures such as wipe-downs with chlorine, the delay will allow pillows to be replaced and workers to

perform a more intense scrubbing.

"I understand that this will disappoint many families, but we feel this is the right thing to do," Ouimet said.

The 2,400 people who were slated to go on the Nov. 30 cruise that leaves from Fort Canaveral have been contacted, Ouimet said, and will receive a full refund and offer of another cruise at half price.

"The next cruise after that, on Dec. 7, is still on."

Of the 120 people who have fallen ill this week, Ouimet said, all have been offered a flight home and a free cruise in the future. Only one couple has taken the offer.

David Forney, a supervisor at the CDC, said the agency was able to identify the virus on the Magic-through stool samples taken from last week's sickened passengers.

Federal inspectors had cleared the trip Saturday after about 14 hours of cleaning at Port Canaveral, after the first group of ill passengers disembarked. But two days into the current cruise, more passengers became ill.

The agency did not order the Magic to be docked, Forney said.

"We're talking about the most common nonbacterial cause of gastrointestinal illness in the United States," Forney said. "This does happen."

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NATION

Pelican with broken wing travels on foot

OTTAWA, Wis. (AP) - A white pelican rescued from the cold North this week had a broken wing, but its sense of direction appeared to be fine. Phil Thiemel found the bird trudging south, first along his driveway and then down the road near southeastern Wisconsin's Horicon Marsh. Fearing for the pelican's life, he and his neighbors corralled it Monday using a net and a blanket. "It was bound and determined to go south. It kept walking down the middle of the road," said Jean Seinke, one of the rescuers. The pelican was taken to Ottawa's Wildlife in Need Center, which will try to repair the wing surgically, said Judy Budnick, the center's executive director. She said it was not known how the protected bird was injured. Tom Erdman, curator of the Richter Museum of Natural History at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, said the pelican would have an urge to go south this time of year, but probably had more immediate motivations. "It could theoretically be walking south. It's a delightful thought," Erdman said. But he added that "survival was probably the first thing on its mind - looking for open water and fish."

Testing changes arrive for students, educators

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The new Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores take a little getting used to.

After a decade of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills - Idaho's main standardized-test before ISAT - many people have grown accustomed to reading test scores in terms of percentiles. For instance, on the ITBS if a district's eighth-graders scored 85 percent, that meant that those eighth-graders scored higher than 85 percent of eighth-graders nationwide. Or conversely, 15 percent of the nation's eighth-graders scored higher than those in that particular district.

ISAT produces RIT scores. Simply put, they're firm numbers that indicate essentially if a student is performing at, below or above grade level.

For instance, if a second-grader scores 177.6, that means he has scored the same as a typical second-grader. The numbers increase with each grade level. That is, a typical third-grader should score 189.7, a typical fourth-grader 200.4, and so on. The test is a levels test, meaning that the questions grow pro-

gressively harder with each question answered correctly. A missed answer will generate an easier next question.

That's another departure from ITBS, which provided each student with the same questions on a piece of paper.

Thus, with ISAT there are no perfect scores, as it is designed for each student to get 50 percent of the questions correct.

The test provides a challenge for all students, particularly early those who are used to acing tests. There is no acing the ISAT.

There are actually two ISATs: the ISAT 2-9 and the ISAT High School for sophomores.

The 10th-grade test is a mixture of levels test and standardized test, with uniform questions for all students. The latter portion was added to fulfill federal requirements and, in turn, to maintain federal funding. Whether the 10th-grade test will be required for high school graduation remains undecided: The Idaho State Board of Education is still drafting the proposal and holding public hearings in the development of its accountability and assessment plan.

Scores

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Despite the crush of testing, Wendell's school counselor and test coordinator, Jennifer Goodpolly, said she maintains enthusiasm about ISAT.

"I see a lot of benefits to what we're doing," she said. "The best thing about the RIT scores is for the first time I'm going to be able to watch a student's growth from grade level to grade level, even from fall to spring."

Moreover, because the test isn't timed, test anxiety is greatly reduced, she said.

"This actually allows students to do their best," she said. "The test allows teachers to pinpoint a student's strengths and weaknesses in each of the three areas: math, language and reading."

For instance, the language portion breaks down to composition/writing process, composition/structure, grammar and usage, punctuation, capitalization and spelling.

It allows districts to take the test scores, narrow down the focus to smaller levels of instruction and then perhaps change curriculum accordingly.

For example, Minidoka County third-graders scored low in math. Part of that was because they were asked questions in division. Division isn't taught in the second grade, hence the low score, said Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills. That might

mean changing the math placement so that second-graders are exposed to division concepts.

A selling point of ISAT is that test results are returned much faster than previous tests. Students get their scores on the computer the moment they're finished, and districts are able to see all scores within 72 hours. That's much quicker than the three to four months it took for ITBS scores to return.

However, indicators of the larger school districts such as Cassia and Twin Falls received delayed test scores, only to have NWEA later inform them that the scores were there.

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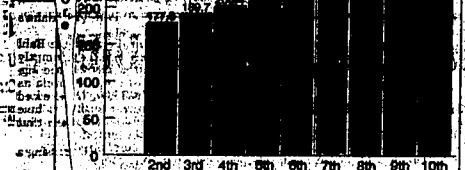
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and putting out data for Idaho's 114 school districts.

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Numbers with which to compare

These are average scores from 323 school districts in 24 states showing year-by-year student growth on achievement level tests and measures of academic progress tests, according to the Northwest Evaluation Association. They correspond to Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores in the respective grade levels.

ISAT fall 2002 scores

Here are average scores for south-central Idaho school districts on the fall 2002 Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

Table with columns for County, Grade, Math, Language, Reading scores. Includes sub-tables for Valley, Minidoka County, Cassia County, Blaine County, and others.

Castellford

Table with columns for Grade, Math, Language, Reading scores for Castellford district.

Shoshone

Table with columns for Grade, Math, Language, Reading scores for Shoshone district.

Blaine County*

Table with columns for Grade, Math, Language, Reading scores for Blaine County.

Kimberly

Table with columns for Grade, Math, Language, Reading scores for Kimberly district.

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NATION

Studies disagree over mercury, heart effects

The Associated Press

Two studies have yielded contradictory findings about the possible heart dangers of eating mercury-laden fish.

Plenty of research shows that mercury accumulated from fish can harm the developing brain of a fetus or child. Far less is known about how the toxic, widespread pollutant affects the heart.

Two studies in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine on the long-term effects of mercury exposure on the hearts of middle-aged and elderly men had opposite findings.

One found no clear link between mercury levels in the body and the risk of developing heart disease; the other found men who had suffered a heart attack had higher mercury levels than similar men who had not.

That left the researchers, Food and Drug Administration officials and other experts agreeing on just two things: More research is needed, and people should not stop eating fish, because minerals and fatty acids in fish protect the heart. Also, many fish, such as salmon and shrimp, contain little or no mercury.

The American Heart Association, citing new research

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| Salmon (fresh, frozen, canned)* | ND |
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SOURCES: Food and Drug Administration, National Institute of Health. AP

showing the omega-3 fatty acids in fish reduce the risk of heart disease, last week reiterated its guidelines that people eat at least two servings of fish per week, preferably fatty fish.

How did controversial item get into bill?

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - It amounted to only two paragraphs at the end of a 475-page bill to create the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. But the brief provision - designed to shield vaccine makers like Eli Lilly and Co. from lawsuits seeking billions of dollars for families of autistic children - has generated a whirlwind of controversy and a mystery as to its origin.

The two paragraphs appeared just days before the House was to vote on the Homeland legislation. House Republicans rammed the bill through during Congress's "lame-duck session" and sent it to the Senate, where Democrats - demoralized by the Nov. 5 election results - could not stop it.

And so, with little debate, Congress granted broad legal protection to the makers of

No one takes credit for measure protecting drug firms from liability over vaccine

Thimerosal, a preservative in childhood vaccines that has been circumstantially linked to rising rates of autism and pediatric developmental problems. It seemed a lobbying coup for Lilly and its allies. Yes, strange to say in Washington, no one seems to want to take credit.

Pharmaceutical lobbyists, Eli Lilly representatives and lawmakers with the most knowledge of the Thimerosal issue have denied any role in the provision's last-minute appearance. Now, White House budget director, Mitchell E. Daniels Jr., a former Lilly executive, is the latest person to formally deny a part. He did so in a sharply worded response to an accusatory letter by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Daniels said the provision was not approved or developed by the White House Office of Management and Budget, adding:

"I also want to make clear that I personally had no involvement whatsoever with these provisions. I spoke to no one about these provisions, either inside the Administration or outside the Administration. I did not have any communications with anyone from Eli Lilly regarding the issue."

Since the provision's appearance, some Democrats and trial lawyers have charged that it represented a timely payback for the pharmaceutical industry's financial support in the midterm elections.

President Bush and conservative Republicans are going to... the pharmaceutical companies... believe billions of dollars could be at stake.

Under the provision, a lawsuit... Thimerosal lawsuits will be rejected from state courts... federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program... who can file suits with vaccine makers.

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NATION

Report: Crash leaves Zsa Zsa Gabor in coma

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor was hospitalized and in a coma Thursday after a car she was riding in struck a light pole on Sunset Boulevard, a family spokesman said.



Zsa Zsa Gabor

Gabor suffered multiple broken bones, cuts and bruises in Wednesday's accident and was being treated at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said Gord Birkmann, a spokesman for her husband, Frederic von Anhalt. The worst injuries are to her head, Birkmann said from Los Angeles.

who was reached at Cedars-Sinai early Thursday. He would not

comment on the extent of her injuries, but said she remained unconscious.

The motor went into the front seat," he said. Her hairdresser also was hospitalized, von Anhalt said. The accident happened around 8 p.m. in West Hollywood as the two planned to go shopping, Birkmann said. The cause of the accident was unknown, said Sgt. Bruce Thomas of the Los Angeles County sheriff's department.

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EDITORIAL

Child obesity can thin out with more physical activity

Feeling as plump as the turkey you roasted yesterday? You probably aren't alone. Most Americans probably overdid it for Thanksgiving, with second or third portions of turkey and stuffing. If there's one thing Americans do well, it's overeat.

which every kid played every minute. They rode their bikes to the playground, too.

Inactivity may grow as kids move into high school, where only the best athletes make the varsity squad.

To help kids learn healthy attitudes about exercise and diet, they need to be more physically active - both during school and after. Students need to learn and appreciate exercise and healthy lifestyles at early ages, especially in pre-teen years from 8 to 12.

Our view: At school and at home, kids need to be more physically active.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

It's understandable that schools feel pressure to emphasize academic success. Idaho even dropped P.E. as a high school graduation requirement last year.

But districts and schools should do all they can to preserve physical education classes, outdoor recess periods and health classes that teach kids healthy habits.

Many schools supplement their revenue with vending machines selling soda pop, donuts and candy bars. If they profit from peddling junk food, they also should promote exercise and good health.

Parents carry an even bigger responsibility to get kids physically active. There's no excuse for letting kids go without exercise. If they don't enjoy team sports, they can still enjoy cycling, swimming, hiking, skiing and countless other activities. (Hint: Kids are more likely to engage in active lifestyles if Mom and Dad set the example.)

Today's a perfect time to get kids off the couch and outside burning off their Thanksgiving goodies. A healthy lifestyle, with proper diet and plenty of exercise, is something kids will need their entire lives.

The Times-News

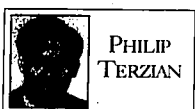
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Article reveals Kennedy's myriad health problems

The latest revelation from the Kennedy vaults took me back 30 years.

As a young gerbil on the staff at U.S. News & World Report, I fell into conversation once with an elderly correspondent named Paul Martin, who had worked for the Gannett Newspapers and was known to be a die-hard Nixon partisan. In those days, U.S. News had no mandatory retirement age, and so the place was full of superannuated newspapermen with little to do but write captions and reminisce.



PHILIP TERZIAN

disease, a life-threatening adrenal insufficiency for which he took massive amounts of hydrocortisone and testosterone, but he also suffered from osteoporosis, irritable bowel syndrome, colitis, ulcers, recurrent fevers, headaches, infections of the urinary tract and chronic back pain. And to relieve his myriad symptoms Kennedy was, to put it mildly, heavily medicated. In a single day, he would ingest innumerable drugs not only for his Addison's but also for pain (codeine, Demoral, methadone), antispasmodics for his jittery digestive system, amphetamines to fight depression and fatigue, and a variety of sleeping pills, steroids, and anxiety agents and gamma globulin to fight infections.

For decades, historians had sought to learn about Kennedy's health, and for decades the custo-

dians of Camelot had kept them at bay. But 39 years after John F. Kennedy's death, Prof. Robert Dallek, of Boston University, was granted access to notes of JFK's White House physician, Janet Travell, in the Kennedy Library.

He has published his findings in a long article in The Atlantic Monthly, excerpted from his forthcoming biography. It is not hard to see why Burke Marshall, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Theodore Sorenson and the rest of the brotherhood sought so long to suppress the truth: The carefully crafted image of a vital, vigorous, touch-football-playing JFK now lies in ruins. It turns out that his 1954 back operation was not for the relief of old war wounds, or a Harvard grailion injury, but to alleviate the pain of osteoporosis. And while Dr. Travell seems to have been unaware of Kennedy's sessions with Max "Dr. Feelgood" Jacobson, the Manhattan internist who injected celebrity patients with speed and animal products, it all seems eminently plausible.

Neither is it hard to see why Robert Dallek was selected to

examine the records. While Dallek is suitably ardent in the extent to which Kennedy and his acolytes tried to conceal his ailments, he remains a Kennedy loyalist: These revelations are not evidence of personal pathology or public duplicity, but testament to JFK's gallantry and the "quiet stoicism of a man struggling to endure extraordinary pain and distress." (Cue to violins.)

For me, there are two points of interest. Since most people would prefer to conceal, rather than reveal, their manifold weaknesses, that Kennedy went to such lengths to disguise his status as a semi-invalid is no surprise. The real question is, what difference does it make? Franklin Roosevelt went to extraordinary lengths to hide that he was a paraplegic. He reasoned, probably correctly, that Americans in 1932 were not prepared to elect a president in a wheelchair - I am not sure they would do so today - but the 12 years of his tenure suggest that a crippled chief executive can do just fine.

The health of presidents is a recurrent concern, but who can

say how important it is? Dwight Eisenhower suffered from heart disease that later killed him, as did Lyndon Johnson. But both were elected to the White House after surviving serious coronaries. Woodrow Wilson was hypertensive, Richard Nixon had phlebitis, George Bush the elder has Graves' disease, Ronald Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's just a few years after leaving the presidency. All of these medical facts are interesting in their way; but did they alter the course of history?

The intriguing revelation about the Kennedy case has been largely ignored: His innumerable symptoms of depression and anxiety. Anyone who suffers from chronic headaches, irritable bowel syndrome, ulcers and sleeplessness, and who is regularly dosed with analgesics, antispasmodics, soporifics and various tranquilizers is clearly apprehensive about something. Was this the strain of the presidency, a life in politics, or something unique to JFK? We'll never know.

Philip Terzian is the associate editor of the Providence Journal.

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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Warmongers use sophistry to wage combat

The power of the U.S. government has been misused in too many occasions wars to cost other national resources, to subvert the Constitution, to undermine the principles of liberty, to include destroying human life - necessitating our own military men, to rob their resources and to usurp power for groups.

Both the threat of communism and the threat of international terrorism are clearly a single conspiracy to create an oppressive world government. Our own government has deliberately helped build up both communism and terrorism. Tyrants Bush and Company are using the very real threat of terror as a pretext to smash police state powers and to empower the activist, totalitarian nations at the expense of American independence. The bogus war against terrorism will not result in victory no matter how long it lasts.

This phony war is a classic terrorism against the American people and other nations. It is an excuse to rob other nations of their oil, to make sure the heretics in Afghanistan are secure, to dismantle the Constitution and to enrich and empower the Federal Reserve bankers. It is an excuse to start World War III - and oh, how the bankers love a good war.

Despot Bush and Company are doing all they can to bring down the nation, to woo the people with sophistry and to rob the nation of society by dismantling our constitutional safeguards. Fear of terrorism is the tool they are using.

Just as the international bankers built up the communist system with a careful and deliberate use of lies, so are these same bankers building up the New World Order under the United Nations in the same manner.

The news media, traitor politicians and academia are the paid liars. For example, as John Swinerton, a former member of staff at the New York Press Club, said, "The business of the journalist is to destroy the truth; to lie outright; to pervert; to vilify; to fawn at the feet of maniacs; and to sell the country for his daily bread. Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of other men. We are essentially prostitutes."

The enemies of truth are cunningly pounding the war drums, trying to stampede the American people into surrendering without a fight. They are starting unjust, aggressive warfare. Real security and freedom rests on the unquenchable quest for truth and morality, not lies. MARVIN HALL

Clean up your act and the odor, Magic Valley

The Magic Valley stinks! I live in Boise and took a trip to Twin Falls to visit a friend I haven't seen in years. Sometime before I passed the Jerome exit, I noticed a horrific stench - not just animal odor, it gave me a headache and I had to close my windows. A few days later, my friend and I took our dogs on a walk in Rock Creek Parkway by a babbling brook - very enjoyable until a dog-eaten feces pile of what smell fouled the air and our "nature walk."

When will the Magic Valley wake up and smell the pollution? The Magic Valley needs to clean up its act! WENDY MATSON Boise

Don't expect results from workman's comp

Worker's compensation. Yeah, right! I was injured at work through no fault of my own, and now I am the one suffering - not only physically, but financially. I don't know this system works, but I can honestly say it isn't working for me. There won't be any holiday cheer at my home this year. I haven't had any cheer in months. If anyone out there knows anything different, I would like to hear your story. DEBBIE MCGINNIS Twin Falls

Possibility of war with Iraq clouds the national economy

It is Feb. 7, 2003, just after American troops have seized several Iraqi airfields to be used as staging areas. Suddenly, Scud missiles — armed with both chemical and conventional warheads — strike the airfields. Hundreds of Americans die. The whole U.S. battle plan is thrown into disarray. The Iraqis (it turns out) meekly abandoned their airfields with little resistance precisely to make them easy targets.

We don't know if there will be a war or, as this imagined story suggests, how it might unfold. But the fact that we don't know overhangs the economy. It weighs on confidence. Companies hesitate to make commitments. The uncertainties can't be dispelled by low interest rates or lofty reassurances. At a recent congressional hearing, Democratic Rep. Pete Stark quizzed Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan:

Stark: (President Bush has) an obsession. It appears to plunge us into war. (On) the assumption that we will be there one or two years and (spend) \$100 billion (or) \$130 billion a year ... what effect would this have on our economy?

Greenspan: The more you quote me clearly very much on the high side ... I would be very doubtful if the impact on the economy is more than modest, largely because this is not Vietnam or Korea. Korea ... had a really monumental effect, because the economy was so much smaller.

A war would probably last some months, and the Congressional Budget Office estimates the federal budget costs from \$6 billion to \$13 billion a month; not crushing for a \$10 trillion economy. But the true economics are murkier.

What happens to oil prices? Might war trigger a new recession? Would a swift victory revive confidence? Because no one knows, "scenario building" — the next best alternative — is now in vogue.

Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington reports the following: Saddam's army totals about 375,000 men; his air force has 316 planes, maybe



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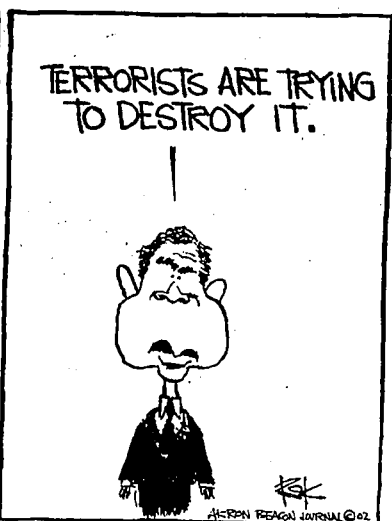
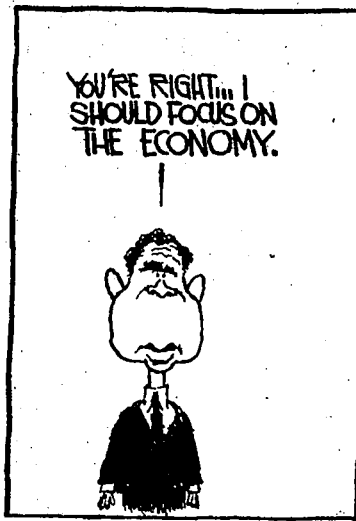
half operational; the air defenses are extensive; weapons of mass destruction are unknown. For a CSIS conference, Cordesman provided three war scenarios, and economists judged the consequences.

The "benign case" anticipates rapid victory. Much of Saddam's army surrenders or defects. Because uncertainty lifts, the economy fares better than under a "no war" scenario. The temporary loss of Iraqi oil is no big deal. Iraq's production now represents about 2 percent to 2.5 percent of world oil use. Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf suppliers offset the loss. Their surplus capacity is about 6 percent of global oil consumption, says analyst Adam Sieminski of Deutsche Bank.

By contrast, Cordesman's other scenarios — though deemed less probable — are scarier. In the "intermediate case," fighting lasts up to three months. Iraqi attacks slightly damage other Gulf oilfields. Oil prices, now about \$25 a barrel, hit \$42 by early 2003. In the worst case, Iraq badly damages other oilfields. Production drops by at least 5 million barrels a day, out of a total global consumption of 77 million barrels a day. Oil prices hit \$80 a barrel. In the intermediate case, unemployment (now 5.7 percent) reaches almost 6.5 percent by late 2003. In the worst case, it goes to 7.5 percent.

Another dark assessment comes from Yale economist William Nordhaus, writing in *The New York Review of Books*. He says that a worst case (including a long-term occupation and reconstruction of Iraq) could cost \$1.6 trillion over a decade.

Only about half this total would be federal budget costs; the rest would reflect slightly higher oil prices and slower economic growth. "It seems lik-



ly," he says, "that Americans are underestimating the economic commitment involved in a war." (One omission in his math: in the next decade, U.S. GDP should exceed \$100 trillion; even his cost is less than 2 percent of the national income.)

Life after major wars is not like life before them. They change — for better or worse — the political, economic and psychological landscape. A quick and successful war against Iraq might transform the Middle East by empowering

Arab moderates. A long and messy war might destabilize the region and, by showing that U.S. power is exaggerated, abet terrorism, tensions and conflicts around the world.

The wisdom of war depends on the answers to these questions and one other: what's the alternative? If it's peace and prosperity, then war makes no sense.

But if fighting now prevents a costlier war later, it makes much sense. To be blunt: if Saddam gets nuclear weapons

and threatens his neighbors (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait) or drops one on Tel Aviv, prompting Israeli retaliation, we'd face a horrendous war.

The economy's fate ultimately hinges on these issues. It's unsatisfying to say that they are a matter of judgment and that we don't know and, probably, can't know the answers. But that is what candor compels.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for *Newsweek*.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Status Offender Fee,
Intense Juvenile Probation Fee,
Juvenile Detention Daily Fee,
License Plate Administrative Fee,
City of Buhl License Plate Fee,
Pending Issue Fee

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County Commissioners' Chambers
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The proposed fees exceed 105% of the fees last collected

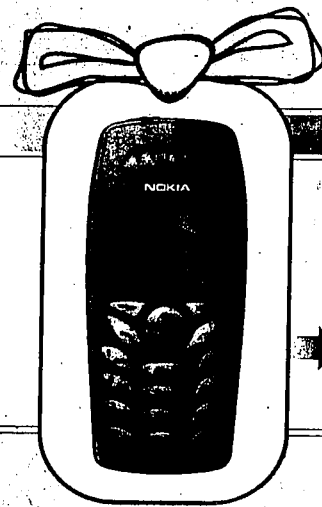
| | Current Fee | Proposed Increase | Total New Fee |
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| This proposed fee is Administrative for Handling Juvenile Status Offenders | | | |
| INTENSE JUVENILE PROBATION FEE | \$ 0.00 | \$ 35.00 | \$ 35.00 |
| This proposed fee is monthly and is for juveniles who require additional supervision | | | |
| JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER DAILY FEE | \$125.00 | \$ 11.00 | \$136.00 |
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| CITY OF BUHL LICENSE PLATE FEE | \$ 0.00 | \$.10 | \$.10 |
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| PENDING ISSUE FEE | \$140.00 | \$160.00 | \$300.00 |
| This proposed fee is requested by Treasurer's Office for increased expense in taking tax deed property | | | |

This increased revenue is required to offset costs of operating Twin Falls County Status Offender Program, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention, Assessor's County License Plate Division, City of Buhl License Plate Office and County Treasurer's Office.

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NATION

Librarians raise their voices – and profile – over privacy issues

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON – Former congressman and one-time presidential candidate Pat Schroeder is hardly a Washington novice, but she took a political drubbing recently from the unlikelyst of foes: a bunch of librarians.

Schroeder, who now heads the Association of American Publishers, had the temerity to publicly criticize libraries for their stance on copyright laws and for distributing free copies of electronic books and articles that publishers are trying to sell. Schroeder's spokeswoman made matters worse by complaining about the libraries' "radical factions."

Librarians pounced. They roasted Schroeder for "library-bashing." They confronted Schroeder at public appearances, demanding an apology. They wrote to lawmakers en-

masse to complain. Eventually, Schroeder raised a white flag and backed away from her comments.

The lesson? Don't mess with librarians these days.

'We're training ourselves to be much more aggressive ... and sometimes that also means being obnoxious and strident.'

– Emily Sheketoff, American Library Association

They were supposed to quietly fade away with the advent of the Internet, but libraries – and librarians – are enjoying a higher profile than ever before. They've mobilized in Washington, beefing up their lobbying presence and inserting themselves into far more controversial subjects than their usual bread-and-butter issues, such as literacy.

The 65,000-member American

Library Association, the chief trade group for librarians, has:

- Led opposition of tougher copyright laws, putting it at odds with the major entertainment and publishing conglomerates.

- Lobbied against the Bush administration's anti-terrorism Patriot Act because it gave law enforcement easier access to library records.
- Successfully sued the government to block an anti-pornography law that would require libraries to install Internet filters on library computers or risk losing federal funds.

"We aren't your grandmother's library," said Emily Sheketoff, head of the American Library Association's Washington office. "We're getting into some odd things."

But that higher profile may carry political costs. Librarians have long enjoyed an all-American reputation; and that innocent image is now making a hit as opponents label them everything from pornographers to pirates.

Some thought it was no coincidence that a bill to double federal funding support for libraries stalled in Congress this year.

"If we are going to provide these funds, how will they be used?" asked Rep. Charles "Chip" Pickering Jr., R-Miss., one of the chief sponsors of the Internet filtering bill that libraries blocked. "Will they be used to promote a radical extremist social agenda? Libraries are like Mom

and apple pies. Why would they want to squander their good will and good reputations to get involved in issues like child pornography?"

Sheketoff and other librarians bristle at the notion that they support pornography or don't care about children, but they say criticism isn't surprising given the association's heightened activism.

"We successfully sued the government," said Sheketoff, former deputy assistant secretary of Occupational Safety and Health Administration during the Clinton administration. "That doesn't make us very popular."

Sheketoff, who cut her political teeth working for Senate Republicans during the Watergate scandal, was hired by the American Library Association in 1999. Some within the organization objected to the appointment of Sheketoff, the first non-librarian to head its lobbying office.

But leaders decided they needed a political professional to get them at the negotiating table on more issues and help overcome the traditional stereotypes about librarians, which often resulted in condescending, pat-on-the-head treatment on Capitol Hill.

"I still get people asking me where's my bun," Sheketoff says. "We're training ourselves to be much more aggressive. ... And sometimes that also means being obnoxious and strident."

The group has built up its Washington office to 20, nearly twice its size in 1995, including one unit devoted to lobbying and another to policy research.

Lobbying expenditures for the American Library Association and other library groups now rank among the highest for non-profit, doubling to about \$750,000 in 2000 from \$360,000 in 1997, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Musical groups to perform at M.V. Mall

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Mall is hosting musical groups in its "Sounds of the Season" events at the "Christmas Chorale" in the Canyon Cafe Food Court.

On Saturday, the College of Southern Idaho Choir will perform at 10 a.m., followed by the Central School of Performing Arts at 11 a.m., the Salvation Army Band at noon and the First Baptist Church of Jerome at 1 p.m.

On Monday, the Robert Stuart Junior High School Choir will perform from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Center Court at the Magic Valley Mall.

For more information, call Kimberly Williams at 733-3000.

Kimberly seniors start month with a dinner

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens are starting the month of December with a fund-raiser dinner Sunday for their center.

The ham dinner will be from noon until 2 p.m. at the center at 310 Main N. in Kimberly. Cost of the meal will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. The public is invited.

Santa houses open for business in Mini-Cassia

BURLEY - Santa houses open for the holiday season Saturday in Burley and Friday in Rupert.

Santa greets children every Saturday through Dec. 21 at his house, located in the park in front of Burley City Hall. He's there from noon until 4 p.m. in the Burley Area Merchants Association-sponsored visits.

In Rupert, Santa will be in his house on the square Friday night after he turns on the lights at 7. He also will be available for visits from 1 until 4 p.m. each Saturday until Christmas.

Letters to Santa are also welcome in Rupert. Those placed in the mailbox outside Santa's house in the Rupert Square by Dec. 20 will be answered.

Compiled from staff reports.

Christmas in the Nighttime Sky returns tonight

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Between 2,000 and 3,000 people are expected to brave the late-November cold tonight for the 12th Christmas in the Nighttime Sky, an annual combination fireworks display and alfresco dinner designed to collect toys for kids who might otherwise have none.

The pyrotechnics start about 7:30 p.m. in a field across from Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. Before that, a free chili-and-potato dinner will be served, starting at 5:30. Santa Claus will be in hand, there will be a live nativity scene, and entertainment is by The Lighthouse Praise Band.

Admission is a new, quality unwrapped toy for kids up to age 16.

"This year, we're emphasizing quality toys," said Sherry Wright, who coordinates the event. "Last year, we had some large families show up with a single, \$1 toy. That's not in the spirit of the event. We're doing this to get toys for kids."

The toys go to KMYT's Christmas for Kids Program, and are distributed to needy children before Christmas throughout the Magic Valley.

Parking will be available in the Kmart/Grocery Outlet parking lots, with free shuttle buses to Kimberly Nurseries starting at 5 p.m. Organizers and Twin Falls police discourage parking along the roads close to the fireworks because of traffic congestion.

No bladders will be available for filling the fireworks, but chairs and tables will be set up.

Sponsors this year are Farmers National Bank, McDonald's, Inserv, KMYT, the accounting firm of Cooper Nix, The Falls Chevrolet, Swire Coca-Cola of Twin Falls, Clear Channel Communications and Kimberly Nurseries.

Buhl to try again for new school

School district officials don't know how much bond issue would be

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The Buhl School District is going to try to build a new high school six years after voters rejected a bond issue to do so.

Back then, in 1996, a \$9.5 million bond issue would have bought an addition to the elementary school and a new high

school. Officials at this point don't have any idea how much a new bond issue would be.

"We are starting from scratch, the old plans have been discarded," said Superintendent Rick Hill.

Last week the School Board gave Hill and District Treasurer Brian Bridwell permission to draft a "request for proposals" to be advertised in newspapers to attract interested architects.

The board will approve this document next month and make necessary changes. Once final approval is given, the document will go to newspapers in Twin Falls, Boise and Pocatello.

Interested architects may call the dis-

trict office for additional information or send resumes to show they are interested in drafting the plans. An early January deadline will be set and the board will select three finalists and conduct interviews.

Architects will give the board an estimated cost based upon the district's needs. If the price tag is too high, the district will make adjustments before putting the final amount before voters.

When the architect is selected, the board will proceed with informing the public that a bond election will take place to build a new high school.

Because interest rates are low and the Legislature elected to pay 10 percent of

the interest for new school buildings, Hill said now is the opportunity.

The new plans will include a competitive gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria and room to house the weightlifting, music and drama use one roof. Now the middle school is used because there is no room at the high school.

If the community decides to build a new high school, the old high school will be transformed to a middle school and the old middle school, which needs thousands of dollars in repairs.

Construction on a new school would start in fall 2003 and would be completed by fall 2004.

A WANTED MAN



When the federal grant ran out that funded half of Michael Cooper's community deputy position, the Castelford City Council appealed to the Twin Falls County commissioners to keep him.

Community bands together to keep deputy

Castelford residents petition for funding

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Residents here have felt safer in the past couple of years than they have in a long time.

So when the money ran out to pay for their police protection, people marched to the county commissioners to keep it.

"I would hate to lose what we have had for the past two years," Castelford resident Spring Runyan said. "I feel safe. I think my children are safer. I let them walk home from school now, which I never did before."

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Cooper came to the town of less than 300 in October 2000. A grant paid for half of his salary, and the city and school split the rest.

"But the grant dried up in October of this year, and the entire City Council went to the county commissioners to plead a case for funding. The council went armed with petitions bearing the signatures of 200 Castelford residents who supported the deputy."

It worked.

"The community deputy program is the best program we have put into effect besides the school resource (deputy), which

we don't have any more," said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey.

But Castelford gets the best of both worlds. Because the school and city split their \$19,487 half of Cooper's salary, he also serves as the school's resource deputy, Tousey said.

The county also has a community deputy in Murrnough. Both positions would have probably been eliminated if county commissioners had not approved \$40,000 this year to fund half of the deputies' salaries.

When Cooper, a six-year department veteran, first arrived in Castelford, the reception was mixed, he said. Some questioned why he was there, while others said he was needed.

"I probably took six months to a year for some to realize we have a common goal," Cooper said.

One advantage is Cooper's connection to the county's resources. For example, he is able to bring crews to Castelford on cleanup duty, and he wants to use his resources to help educate high school students about what's safe and what's not.

Cooper is contracted to work 46 hours in Castelford, unless he

is needed for calls outside the area or as a member of the county crisis response team.

As a school resource officer, Cooper works with at-risk students, coordinating educational programs for the student body, attending extracurricular activities and conducting drug testing for the district.

"I don't necessarily think there was a drug problem to begin with at the school," he said. "But most people are oblivious of the fact of how much drug traffic there is in southern Idaho."

As a farming, dairying community, all of the raw materials used in the manufacture of methamphetamine are used in the area on a daily basis. They are very accessible."

Recently, he has wanted to make students aware of the dangers of posting information on the Internet.

"They don't realize that a stalker, armed with a photo and even a little information posted on the Internet can use common resources to identify and locate the student."

School Superintendent Kelly Murphy said the community deputy program has been successful in terms of prevention.

"Presence is a big part of the

program. It is community policing in its finest form," Murphy said. "We weren't looking for an extremely heavy hand except in the rare situations when a heavy hand is the recourse that is demanded. We want a heavy hand on the presence of illegal drugs, burglaries and violence."

Most of Cooper's work is self-initiated traffic control, follow-up footwork and investigations. "Sometimes I am consumed on patrol, being out there - visible," he said.

When he first started his patrol, calls included possession of a deadly weapon on school property, malicious injury to school property, trespassing and drug trafficking. Those types of calls have decreased.

The communication that has developed between the residents and Cooper has resulted "in more solved cases and curtailed some criminal activity," he said.

Traffic has slowed down in and around town, perhaps in part because residents aren't sure when Cooper is going to pop over the hill. A safety concern, before his arrival, was traffic going through town at the county speed limit of 50 mph or faster.

"We would obviously like to have more community deputies," Tousey said. "It makes for a smoother flow of law enforcement. You don't have jurisdictional lines."

Water and land

Jerome County groundwater maps will help in decisions

By Sharon Akers
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The U.S. Geological Survey will soon have information about groundwater in well-heads to help guide land use in Jerome County.

Bob Muffley, a representative with the Mid-Snake Regional Water Commission, discussed with Jerome County commissioners this week the need to protect groundwater as well as well-heads.

Muffley said the USGS will soon have completed sets of maps and documents that will give interested people the scientific information they need on Jerome County's underground layout.

This information will give specific details about canals, river flow, depth of wells, depth of groundwater, the types of various soils, and also what is going on with fractured faults. Such information will help determine if and in what ways various land uses - whether agriculture, subdivisions, industry or commerce.

Muffley told commissioners that USGS staff are experts in their field and have scientific knowledge about Jerome County's underground water.

Muffley said this information will help alleviate people's fear of groundwater contamination and teach them the hydrology of Idaho's agricultural areas.

Commissioners agreed that more scientific information is needed and that a study should be conducted.

Administrator Art Brown suggested the county needs a model that says what the commissioners require, what variables they want, and what effect new and old wellheads and land use have on the aquifer.

Muffley said a group of scientific studies in conjunction with the University of Idaho would be helpful.

Commissioner Alvin Chojnacky said it would be wise for county commissioners to take a look at the whole county, its groundwater as well as the wellheads.

Commissioner John Elorrieta said the South Central District Health Department has a nutrient study model in place. It can identify pollution whether by livestock, humans, chemicals or anything else. Muffley suggested that it might be wise to have a chemical analysis done by an independent firm rather than a chemical company.

Commissioners decided they need to develop their findings and have a better plan. Commissioners plan to have a public hearing on the issue.

When Cooper first arrived in Castelford, the reception was mixed. Some questioned why he was there, while others said he was needed.

Sentiments of the season

Tonight, "The Forgotten Carols" will play Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$15, are available at Bell's Family Books and Crowley's Quod in Twin Falls, at the Book Plaza in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the show will move to Burley's King Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$15, are available at The Book Plaza in Burley, The Book Store in Rupert, and Bell's Family Books and Crowley's Quod in Twin Falls. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

'Forgotten Carols' plays Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Former Twin Falls resident Michael McLean will return to his hometown for the fourth time with his acclaimed holiday musical drama, "The Forgotten Carols."

Performances are planned here tonight and in Burley on Saturday night, the beginning of a nine-city tour through four states that ends Dec. 21.

The show features traditional "forgotten" carols, and several new cast members.

"After performing 'The Forgotten Carols' for the past 10 years, I can finally say that this per-

formance, with the added story and new carols, is the show I've always hoped for," McLean said.

A Christmas tradition for tens of thousands of fans every year, "The Forgotten Carols" tells the story of a young nurse, named Estelle, who sees the holidays as a meaningless distraction, yet comes to find the spirit of Christmas in an extraordinary way. Her story unfolds as she learns from a patient named John of Christmas stories forgotten over the centuries. It is these stories, and the forgotten carols through which they are illustrated, that stir Estelle finally to find the Christmas in her heart.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST



Farmer Bob Clyde walks through a field of wheat Oct. 23 in Moscow. The field is the likely location of the Highway 96 rerouting. Critics of the project say that the hill in the distance, called Paradise Ridge, contains remnants of native prairie grasses and other plants that could be harmed by the construction.

The vanishing Palouse

Agency wants to straighten highway near remnant of the prairie

MOSCOW (AP) — The original Palouse Prairie is almost all gone, destroyed by a century of farming on some of the most productive soil on Earth.

Now one of the largest remaining parcels — known as Paradise Ridge — is in peril as the Idaho Transportation Department wants to straighten and expand U.S. 95 between Moscow and Lewiston.

Opponents are outraged at what they call an assault on one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America.

"Our slogan is 'don't pave Paradise,'" said Chuck Harris, with a nod to the old Joni Mitchell tune. "You don't know what you've got until it's gone."

State highway officials have approved the 24-mile stretch of highway, saying it will cut accidents in half. The Federal Highway Administration in Boise is expected to decide in the next week if it agrees.

Harris, a professor at the nearby University of Idaho, said that if the project wins approval, opponents will file a lawsuit seeking a full environmental impact statement.

Located between the Rocky Mountains and the Columbia River, the Palouse is a highly populated region with deep volcanic soil that produces some of the most abundant wheat crops in the world.

The land is a seemingly endless series of rolling, undulating dunes that resemble ocean waves. It has been so heavily farmed

over the past 125 years that only about 1 percent of the original 18,000 square miles of Palouse Prairie remains, according to a 1995 report by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Those remnants are on private land and scattered throughout the region, usually in areas such as Paradise Ridge that are too steep to farm.

"Paradise Ridge is one of the last islands of nature we have left in the Palouse," said Matt Finer, a Washington State University graduate student and local Sierra Club leader.

Finer, a doctoral candidate in biological sciences, is studying the Palouse Prairie for his thesis. "It used to be grasslands, small shrubs and a huge array of wildflowers, even color you can imagine," Finer said.

Paradise Ridge, a hill south of Moscow, still looks that way, and is home to many animal species, including birds, deer, turkeys and coyotes.

The new stretch of U.S. 95 would be a mile east of the existing two-lane highway, straightening out an S-curve that has been the scene of many accidents since it was built between 1939 and 1949, officials said.

The new roadway would not actually go on top of Paradise Ridge, but would run along the base. Environmentalists fear that will bring many more people to

the area, bringing homes and other development. The proposed road slices off three creeks from their headwaters, damages 21 wetlands and runs through one of two remaining low elevation stands of ponderosa pines, opponents say.

"They want to stick a four-lane highway next to the best example of the Palouse Prairie ecosystem," Finer complained. "This is a serious issue."

Jim Carpenter, of the Idaho Transportation Department in Lewiston, said a citizens board approved the route of the \$65 million project, which is 93 percent funded by the federal government.

The highway carries from 5,000 to 7,000 vehicles per day in both directions between Lewiston and Moscow, he said. The 28-foot wide road has two lanes, and very narrow shoulders.

The rate of 197 accidents per 100 million vehicle miles on this stretch of road is higher than the normal average rate of 163 accidents per 100 million miles for such a highway, Carpenter said.

By sharply limiting access to the new highway, the accident rate is expected to drop to 89 per 100 million vehicle miles, a reduction of more than half, Carpenter said.

But opponents contend the proposed route near Paradise Ridge is at a higher elevation, increas-

ing the incidence of fog, ice and collisions with wildlife. Carpenter said ice and fog do not seem appreciably worse on the preferred route, although a long-term scientific assessment has not been done.

Collisions with wildlife are not expected to be a problem because this is one of the first highways in Idaho that will be built with wildlife crossings, with animals routed by fences to three underpasses, Carpenter said.

The state's environmental assessment showed the proposed route would damage only 9.6 acres of remaining Palouse Prairie, Carpenter said.

To compensate, the state will purchase 60 acres of the best examples of remaining Palouse Prairie in a conservation easement to keep it from ever being developed, Carpenter said.

Environmentalists would prefer that the improved highway be built near the existing road.

If final approval is given, the state agency will finish designs, purchase land and begin construction, probably in the next year, Carpenter said.

Delegation opposes new statistical area

SPOKANE (AP) — The Idaho congressional delegation on Wednesday asked the federal government to reject a proposal to create a single metropolitan area out of Spokane County and Kootenai County in Idaho.

There is not sufficient support in the Coeur d'Alene area to create a new Combined Statistical Area, according to U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Rep. Butch Otter.

"In the absence of such community support, we must request that the proposed CSA of Kootenai and Spokane Counties be denied," they wrote in a letter to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., who represents the Spokane area, has already expressed support for the proposal. Washington's two senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, have not announced a decision and were not available for comment Wednesday.

The OMB had set a Friday deadline for the congressional delegations of the two states to make recommendations about the proposal.

"We need to look beyond what is good for each state or city individually, and think about how we can create a positive future for our region," Nethercutt said in supporting the proposal. "This designation ... brings with it the potential to attract new businesses and jobs to our area."

Boosters, mostly concentrated in Spokane County and in Post Falls, Idaho, say the two-county

population of 526,000 would draw much more attention from corporations seeking sites for job expansions. Larger communities are also more attractive to young professionals and entrepreneurs, Spokane officials contend.

Jeff Sells, a spokesman for the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce, contended far more people in the two counties supported the merger than opposed it.

"It will be a crying shame if such a small segment of the regional population is able to stifle economic development opportunities for a decade," Sells said. Boosters contend the designation will likely become a reality in the next few years anyway, when the percentage of workers who commute between the two counties each day reaches 25 percent. About 21 percent of the work force commutes between the two counties now.

The Coeur d'Alene City Council and the Kootenai County commissioners this week both voted unanimously to oppose the idea.

They said they feared a loss of identity to Spokane, and were unsure how the designation would impact a large array of programs funded by the federal government.

The issue largely involves record-keeping, and would not affect the sovereignty of any community. Census and other federal statistics would continue to be collected individually for each community, and for a combined metro area.

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Grant helps muzzleloaders prepare for bicentennial

MOSCOW (AP) — A group of men with buckskins in their coats and muskets under their beds have been granted \$43,894 from the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

The Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders Inc. — a nonprofit group that reenacts the adventures of Lewis and Clark and other early explorers — will use the community bicentennial grant for Lewis and Clark living history programming.

"We're delighted," club president Vern Hill said. "The money will let our club show our foolishness we've always done at our

own expense."

The club is based in the Palouse and named after the original town name of Moscow. In the late 1800s city leaders made the change when they decided the name Hog Heaven was less than ideal for the home of the University of Idaho.

Like Lewis and Clark, the muzzleloaders have traveled the Missouri, Clearwater and Columbia rivers. They have an annual rendezvous, have been featured in films and hope to reenact the Corps of Discovery's Canoe Camp experience near

Orofino as a bicentennial event in September 2005.

They will use their grant money to expand the club's collection of firearms and other gear and purchase a trailer to haul it to schools and other places where they give demonstrations.

"Sometimes we get calls wanting a display just a couple of days away," said Lee Newbill, a Moscow police officer and the club's clerk. "The grant will help us collect more muskets, fustils, Eastern long rifles and other stuff and have a trailer to get it where it needs to go on time."

A typical buckskin outfit costs \$800. A period rifle sells for \$800 to \$1,200.

"Most of the guys have \$2,000 to \$3,000 invested in their gear," Newbill said. "That's not counting trucks and horses."

To help cover the club's costs, they occasionally sell a dugout canoe. It takes eight Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders a weekend to make a canoe. They are typically about 30 feet long, and sell for \$100 a foot. With interest in Lewis and Clark increasing as the bicentennial approaches, they are in demand.

Potlatch and county reach agreement on assessments

LEWISTON (AP) — Tribune Potlatch Corp. officials and Nez Perce County commissioners have reached an agreement in a dispute over property tax assessments on the timber company's Clearwater Lumber Mill and Idaho Pulp and Paper properties.

Neither party would comment on the details Wednesday, but a trial scheduled to start on Monday has been canceled.

The case began 18 months ago when Potlatch officials appealed a 2001 tax assessment, and then appealed another assessment this year. In both instances, company officials said the assessments would not reflect current market values.

The county's Board of Equalization rejected the appeals, so Potlatch officials filed the matter in District Court, asking for a reduction in the assessments and a refund of the difference between the original and revised assessment.

If it lost the case in court, Nez Perce County would have seen a loss of more than \$1 million in revenue for the Lewiston School District and been forced to shift the taxes from Potlatch to other properties in the county.

At the present assessment, the two Potlatch divisions would pay about \$4.5 million in taxes for the year, the largest single payment in the county.

A statement released by Potlatch said details of the agreement would be finalized in the last few weeks, and that both the company and the county are pleased to resolve the matter outside of the courtroom.

In a July hearing, Potlatch spokesman Mark Benson had argued that the method used by the county to determine value is inappropriate, and so the 2002 valuation of \$369.7 million is wrong. Benson wanted an appraisal based on the expected performance of the business, instead of the physical value of the structure and equipment.

Potlatch has lost almost \$200 million this year and is heading

toward a second consecutive record-breaking year of losses, according to statements by the company in October.

The 2001 assessed value was \$401.3 million on the same two plants, or about 17 percent of the total property valuation in the county of \$2.3 billion before exemptions.

Last year, Nez Perce County Commissioner J.R. Van Tassel argued in favor of maintaining a sizable cash reserve because the Potlatch lawsuit could reduce overall property taxes by about \$2.5 million. Of that, \$707,000 would go to the county and the remainder to other taxing entities, primarily the school district.

Prosecutor amends charges

Burley man pleads guilty, is free on bond

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Burley man who has been charged with seven counts of sexual abuse of a child, a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine — and a felony charge of aggravated assault has pleaded guilty to several amended charges filed by the Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Henry Paul Rios, 31, pleaded guilty Nov. 15 to two counts of possession of sexually exploitive material. He also pleaded guilty that day to one count of possession of paraphernalia. Rios is scheduled to be sentenced on the three charges Jan. 24, 2003.

The possession of sexually exploitive material charges replace the sexual abuse charges and the possession of paraphernalia charge replaces the drug possession charge.

Rios had earlier pleaded not guilty to the sex abuse charges, guilty to the felony drug possession charge and guilty to an amended misdemeanor charge of assault, which replaced the aggravated assault charge.

5th District Judge Monte Carlson has accepted all of Rios' guilty pleas. Rios is out of jail after he posted a \$2,500 bond in late September.

The sexual abuse charges stemmed from Rios' actions in 1997 and 1998 with a teen-age girl whom he later married and divorced. He was accused of taking sexually explicit photographs of the girl, who was 14 and 15 years old at the time. Descriptive captions were later added to some of the photos. When the girl was 16, she and Rios married. They divorced in June. She is now 19.

The drug possession charge stems from Rios' June arrest by Cassia County authorities. Officers found drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine residue in his house, along with a sawed-off shotgun, court records state.

Meanwhile, Rios still faces misdemeanor charges of enticing children, providing shelter to runaway children and use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia.

Light in the sky turns out to be burning space debris

SEATTLE (AP) — A ball of fire streaking across the sky early Thursday had people throughout the Northwest thinking it was a meteor shower.

Turned out the burning light came from a Russian rocket body re-entering the Earth's atmosphere.

The U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Neb., said the rocket re-entered the atmosphere around 6:10 a.m. PST. There were no reports that any part of the rocket hit the Earth, said a command spokesman who asked not to be identified.

The rocket body was a Russian-made Block DM, the upper stage of a Proton rocket that launched an Astra-1K communications satellite Tuesday from the Bolkovo cosmodrome in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, said Fran Slimmer, a spokeswoman for International Launch Services based in McLean, Va.

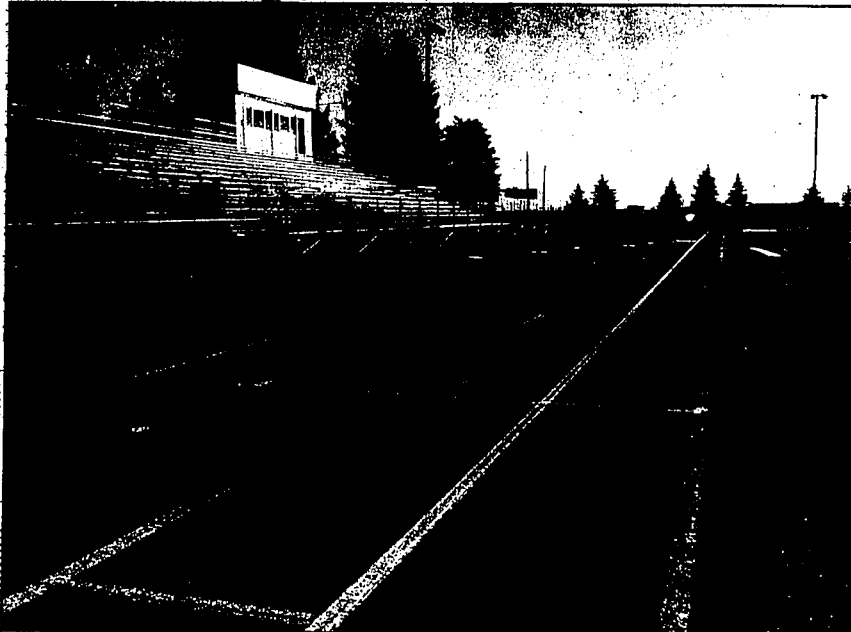
International Launch Services represents Lockheed Martin Corp. and two Russian rocket manufacturers — Khrunichev and Energia, the company that made the Block DM.

Canadian navy spokesman Gerry Pash told Canadian Press the space junk could be seen across much of western Canada and as far inland as Montana.

The Federal Aviation Administration received calls Thursday morning from Portland, Ore., to the Canadian border. Callers assuming it was a meteor shower said it appeared to move more rapidly than a shooting star, but faster than a plane. Witnesses said it had an extremely long tail, which seemed to break into two pieces.

Residents from Vancouver Island to south-central British Columbia flooded radio and television stations with phone calls after the sighting. Radio and television stations in Seattle and Portland also fielded numerous calls.

ROUGH RUNNING



The track at Burley High School is in need of repair, officials say. They plan to seek a grant from Nike to help pay to resurface the track.

Burley High School looks to Nike for help

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley High School track could be a great facility, school officials say.

With the help of Nike and the company's Bowerman Track Renovation Program to resurface the track, the Burley High School track might just become that great facility.

BHS boys track coach Eugene Kramer said running tracks should be resurfaced every 10 years. It has been 15 or more years since the Burley track has been overhauled.

"You can't ruin it any more than it is," Kramer said.

Nike offers matching grants

Want to help?
Anyone interested in helping with fund-raisers or collecting money for the track resurfacing project should call Eugene Kramer at 878-5606.

through its Bowerman Track Renovation Program, Kramer said. It is named after the long-time Nike board member and co-founder of Nike Inc.

The program will match up to \$50,000 raised locally to pay to resurface the track. Kramer recognizes it's not the best time to be asking for donations.

The estimated cost to resurface the track is \$80,000 to \$100,000, Kramer said. About

\$15,000 would be to prepare the track, and the remaining \$65,000 to \$85,000 would pay for resurfacing.

Running on the track for right now means shin splints for athletes and cuts and bruises if they fall, Kramer said. A track burn would be normal after a fall, but not cuts, he added.

With area track programs ranking high in the state, Kramer said a good facility is a must.

"I think our athletes deserve a track where they can train," Kramer said.

Not just track athletes would benefit from a resurfacing project. Kramer said other athletes could train there if it were a good place to run. Right now nobody

wants to run on it. Community members would also have a safe place to walk or run.

Nike representatives will consider applications in January, March, June and September. Notification is given about 45 days after a meeting.

Kramer wants to submit the grant proposal as soon as possible. If the grant is awarded and matching funds found, the resurfacing could be done next summer and be ready for the 2004 track season.

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Survey: Corporation has highly independent board

BOISE (AP) — Boise Cascade Corp. was recognized by a corporate governance research firm as having the second-most independent board in a national survey.

The survey, released by Investor Responsibility Research Center, looked at 1,245 major and small companies.

Boise Cascade's 14-member board has only one member from the company, George Harad, the chief executive and board chairman.

Harad said having an independent board has never been more important.

"I'm as appalled and dismayed as the average citizen over the kind of scandals we've seen," Harad said. "It's lowered the gen-

eral public's confidence in corporate leadership and created an atmosphere where the normal level of trust underpinning business has been damaged."

But despite the high-profile scandals, the study found that they don't reflect what's happening in the majority of corporate boardrooms.

Of the companies surveyed, 85 percent had boards with at least a majority of independent directors. Board members were deemed independent if they did not have a significant professional or financial connection to the company.

The boards of Idaho's five largest public companies ranged from just over 73 percent to nearly 93 percent independent.

Like Boise Cascade, IdaCorp Inc. and Micron Technology Inc. all have boards with only one member who works for the company. Albertsons Inc. has only two non-independent directors while Washington Group International Inc. has three.

Although Idaho's top five companies rank higher than average for number of independent board members, the chief executives at Boise Cascade, Albertsons and Micron also chair their company's board — a relationship some critics say prevents true board independence.

Harad at Boise Cascade disagrees. "Frankly, I think that issue is overstated," he said. "Having the

CEO as the chair provides an important bridge between management and the company's operations on a day-to-day basis."

Dave Herberger, founder of Sterling Integrity Solutions in Houston, advises companies on improving corporate governance.

He said companies can ease the concern of having a chief executive who also is a board chairman by allowing opportunities for the board to meet without the chief executive. That's something that Boise Cascade, Micron and Albertsons do.

"The conclusion is that you really get a lot more robust dialogue when people are not worried about having the CEO in the room," Herberger said.

Key figure pleads guilty in case of conspiring to defraud

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A traveling salesman from Nebraska has pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud the government and bribing a Bureau of Indian Affairs employee on the Crow Reservation.

Prosecutors say Kirm Garret Kath, of Gering, Neb., was the key figure in a corruption scandal involving seven others, including six employees of the BIA and the Indian Health Service. They were indicted last spring.

From 1997 through 2001, Kath sold \$313,037 worth of lighting equipment to IHS and BIA maintenance workers. Investigators say Kath carried more than \$150,000 in commissions and paid federal workers on the reservation more than \$30,000 in kickbacks.

Kath pleaded guilty Tuesday to four charges in three federal indictments, including three counts of conspiring to defraud the government and one count of bribing a BIA employee. Many other charges will be dismissed at sentencing.

U.S. District Judge Richard Cebul set sentencing for Feb. 12. Kath remains free until then.

Kath, who said he is indigent, is

represented by a court-appointed attorney, and the government paid for his trip to Montana for the hearing.

The former government employee, all still awaiting trial, are charged with using government-issued cards to buy overpriced merchandise in quantities far above government needs.

Prosecutors charge that the employees used their government-issued cards to illegally structure payments to Kath and to give him a prohibited monopoly.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl Rostad said Kath had similar relationships with other federal employees on reservations in Wyoming and North Dakota. No charges have been filed in those states, but restitution for activities there is part of the plea agreement, Rostad said.

Investigators said Kath sold products on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservations in Montana, the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota, the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and the Fort Hall Reservation in Idaho.

Utah school district employee faces charge of taking \$32,000

TOOLEE, Utah (AP) — A Tooele School District employee has been accused of stealing approximately \$32,000 in district funds.

Mary Blausler, 51, was charged in 3rd District Court Wednesday with one count of second-degree felony theft and five counts of third-degree felony forgery. She is scheduled to make an initial court appearance Dec. 16 before Judge David Young.

Blausler, who was the district's payroll clerk, allegedly arranged electronic direct deposits of funds for non-existent employees that then went to her, police detective Todd Hewitt said.

Hewitt said district officials became suspicious when they had trouble balancing the books and they discovered payroll listings

for workers that did not have matching Social Security numbers.

School Superintendent Larry Schumway said Blausler has been released from her job for malfeasance.

Another school district employee, Cindy Heap, who formerly worked at an elementary school secretary, earlier was charged with one count of second-degree felony theft and 11 counts of forgery in a different case, according to Gary Searle, deputy county attorney.

Heap allegedly took just under \$80,000 in district funds, Searle said.

Heap, 32, who resigned from her job, is scheduled for a court appearance Dec. 9 before Young.

Robbers hit five Utah pharmacies for painkillers

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — Five stores in Ogden and Layton have been hit in the past five weeks by a gunman demanding the painkiller OxyContin.

Several pharmacies, including the Layton Darr's Foods and several Rite Aids in Salt Lake City, have stopped selling the drug.

"It is unfortunate when a pharmacy, in response to a situation,

decides to make an important medication unavailable to a patient who truly needs it," said Tim Bannon, spokesman for Purdue Pharma, the company that makes OxyContin. "That is why we have worked and will continue to work with pharmacists to help deter these type of robberies."

In Massachusetts, the company

offered a grant to help law enforcement establish a tip line and offer a reward. Other initiatives have included a public education program to help deter prescription drug abuse by teens, more law enforcement training and providing doctors with tamper-resistant prescription pads.

Layton police are arranging a meeting with pharmacy officials

to discuss security improvements.

OxyContin is a slow-release narcotic painkiller. It is widely prescribed for victims of chronic pain from such problems as arthritis, back trouble and cancer. One pill is designed to last 12 hours, but those who abuse OxyContin usually crush the medicine and then snort or inject it, producing a quick, heroin-like high.

IDAHO/WEST

Challenger steps down from post

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Jerry Brady, the Democrat who unsuccessfully challenged Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne this year, is resigning as publisher of the Post Register.

Brady told Post Register employees on Wednesday he is stepping down from the post he has held for the past 14 years.

"I think it's time for me to end my job as publisher," Brady said.

Brady has been on paid leave since he began his campaign for governor. Acting as publisher Roger Plathow has taken over.

Brady still is president of the Post Company, which includes the newspaper and KFF-TV 8. He remains in charge of the company's planning and finances and will keep an office at the Post Register.

But he will not be involved in day-to-day operations of the newspaper or the editorial page.

"He was sensitive to the potential that we would be perceived as the voice of the Democratic Party if he returned," Plathow said. Brady again may run for governor again in 2006.

Kempthorne has said he won't seek a third term, and Brady likes his chances against likely Republican candidates Sen. James Risch, who won election to lieutenant governor, and U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Utah.

"It's winnable against Risch for sure," Brady said. "But how can I figure out what's going to happen in the Republican campaign?"

Brady, 66, acknowledged that much can happen in four years. He said other Democrats could emerge as likely candidates for governor by 2006.

"I'm sure some younger people will want to get into the fray," Brady said. "But I've got name recognition I didn't have, which is valuable to a candidate."

Brady, who received 41.7 percent of the vote and defeated Kempthorne in Ada County, said he plans to continue advocating for themes central to his campaign: children, well-paying jobs and tax reform.

SHARING THE SEASON



Actor Charlton Heston, left, puts food on plates with his grandson, Jack Heston, 11, actress Jayna Meadows and volunteer Kyle Harvey, right, as volunteers prepare Thanksgiving dinner for hundreds of homeless men and women Wednesday at the Los Angeles Mission in downtown Los Angeles.

Study shows low lake could rebound in 2006

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Great Salt Lake, already 14 feet lower than it was in 1984, could start reversing a downward trend by 2006, says a scientist who based his prediction on temperature variations in the north Atlantic Ocean.

Connelly K. Baldwin, research engineer at the Utah Water Research Laboratory at Utah State University, found that the volume of the Great Salt Lake since 1850 has matched temperature swings more than 2,200 miles away in the north Atlantic.

The colder the water there gets, the more the Great Salt Lake fills up.

Baldwin says that factor influences lake levels just as much as El Niño, the warming of an equatorial belt of Pacific Ocean water that can bring more moisture to areas of the West.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says a moderate El Niño is establishing

itself after a five-year absence.

That development and Baldwin's findings could signal a gradual end to the drought that has gripped much of the West for four years. It has been especially harsh in southern Utah, suffering its driest period in at least a half-century, according to other studies.

But before it makes a gradual recovery, the Great Salt Lake will drop to its lowest level since the early 1960s, bottoming out in 2005, Baldwin says. His prediction stops in 2006 and doesn't show the strength or duration of the recovery.

The lake, now at 4,197.7 feet above sea level, could drop under his forecast to 4,194 feet by 2005.

Right now, the lake is 14 feet lower than during the so-called flood years of 1984-87.

The lake rises and falls a minor amount each season, but over the years can lose or gain substantially more.

Nampa police to switch to BMW motorcycles

NAMPA (AP) — The Nampa Police Department is replacing four Harley-Davidson motorcycles with BMW bikes.

Nampa Police Chief Curtis Homer said the BMWs offer several advantages for officers that might not be top priorities for Harley aficionados, including antilock braking systems, more protection from the motorcycle frame and a higher stance.

"The higher center of gravity makes a big difference," Homer said. "Our officers do a lot of turning and working in traffic. With our other bikes, as you would turn, it would sometimes scrape part of the frame of the bike on the street."

Bison in Yellowstone near record numbers

BOZEMAN (AP) — Bison in Yellowstone National Park are approaching record numbers and could create problems this winter if they move into Montana to feed, state and National Park Service officials say.

The herd has grown to about 4,000 animals, doubling in size since the spring of 1997, when government shooters and brutal weather cut the herd by more than half.

"We're right back to where we were eight years ago, even with all the management actions (killings)," said Rick Waller, a biologist who leads Yellowstone's bison ecology and management team.

"It's safe to say there are 3,700 to 4,000 bison in the park," said Cheryl Matthews, Yellowstone spokeswoman.

The numbers suggest a dramatic recovery. During the winter of 1996-1997 government officials shot or shipped to slaughter about 1,300 animals that wandered into Montana. Hundreds more starved.

"We're going to have some serious management challenges this winter, no doubt about it," said Todd O'Hair, natural resources adviser for Gov. Judy Martz.

Yellowstone's bison are infected with brucellosis, a disease that causes domestic cattle to abort and can result in undulant fever in humans.

A bison management plan

involving Montana and the Park Service provides more leeway to kill trespassing animals when the park's herd rises above a target population of 3,000 animals.

During the early winter, trespassing bison are first hazed back into Yellowstone. If that doesn't work, the management plan says the animals can be captured and tested for brucellosis, with those testing negative being marked and released and the others sent to slaughter.

Weather conditions, the location of the bison and the timing of their movement will affect decisions on the ground, said Karen Cooper, spokeswoman for the Montana Department of Livestock.

Biologist Wallen said the agreement really means officials will work on disease control until the late winter count, and then they can switch to population control.

Hope Sieck, a bison specialist for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, said she's worried about the prospect of lots of dead bison this winter.

"The possibility of massive slaughter is dismaying," she said. "The Yellowstone herd is a national treasure and should be managed in such a manner."

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Pastor faces charges of lewd conduct

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho Falls pastor was charged with a minor for allegedly sexually abusing a teenager between 1992 and 1998.

Steven Michael Sheridan was arrested Monday after tips led Idaho Falls police to suspect the 54-year-old took advantage of a teenager at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Sheridan was arrested at his

home after officers recorded two telephone conversations between the pastor and the alleged victim, a 20-year-old University of Idaho student whose parents live in Idaho Falls.

A second victim said Sgt. Steve Hunt of the Idaho Falls Police Department. Additional charges, if warranted, will not be filed until Monday, he said.

"Right now, we're looking at

two victims, but there may be more," Hunt said.

Bond was set at \$10,000, but Sheridan was released in lieu of bond on the condition that he check in with court officials. He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Dec. 4.

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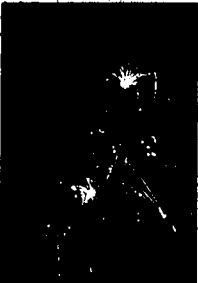
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Section C

best
in entertainment



Red glare

The 12th annual Christmas in the Nightingale Sky, a celebration of fireworks, food and music, is scheduled for tonight in a field across from Kimberly Nurseries on Addison Avenue just east of Twin Falls. The price of admission is an unwrapped toy.

Nelly, superstar

Hip-hop king Nelly will play the Boise State University Pavilion Thursday night, along with the St. Lunatics.

Grand illusions



Adam York, Jud Harmon, Marc Walker, Afton Hollingsworth and Zach Toncray stage a scene from William Inge's play 'Bus Stop' that the College of Southern Idaho drama club will be performing.

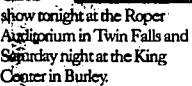


All about 'Rent'

The national touring production of Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical 'Rent' will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Holiday magic

Former Magic Valley resident Michael McLean will return with his "The Forgotten Carols" show tonight at the Roper Aquidrium in Twin Falls and Saturday night at the King Cooper in Burley.



Comfort and joy

Charity Anywhere Foundation will present its sixth annual Celebration of the Nativity display of nativity sets at the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls today, Saturday and Sunday. It's free.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C47.

CSI drama students hop off at 'Bus Stop'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the winter of 1955-56, the star-struck village of Ketchum became dazzled. The most glamorous movie diva on the planet at the time, Marilyn Monroe, was in town to make a film, and suddenly everybody forgot about all Gaty Cooper and Hemingway and rest of the local glitterati.

"There are still people around who remember the filming of 'Bus Stop,'" said Tony Mannen, College of Southern Idaho drama teacher and director of a production of the William Inge play that opens here next week.

Most of the exterior shots for the movie were filmed around North Fork in Blaine County, and Monroe — who had taken a year off to study with acting guru Lee Strasberg — even paused to pose for a now well-known publicity photo in a scanty dress made from a potato sack. But all of that is a world away for Mannen's drama students in "Bus Stop," most of them freshmen.

"I would guess most of them don't know



anything about Marilyn Monroe," he said. "And even so, I told them not to watch the

That old black magic

- **What:** The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present William Inge's "Bus Stop."
- **Where:** Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center.
- **When:** Wednesday, Thursday and Dec. 6-7; the production continues Dec. 11-14, 8 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are available at the Fine Arts Box Office between 4 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phoning 732-6788.

movie. That's a bad thing to do if you're trying to get a character right."

Inge, who in 1956 was the best-known working American playwright after Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller, specialized in jagged-edged satires about America wrapped in Main Street conventions. His earlier plays "Come Back, Little Sheba" and "Picnic" had been made into high-profile Hollywood movies.

"Inge called 'Bus Stop' a comedy, although today it's hard to see anything funny about it," Mannen said.

Mark Walker is Bo, a rambunctious cowboy who goes to Phoenix for a rodeo and meets Afton Hollingsworth, who plays Monroe's character, singing in a rowdy nightclub. Smitten, Bo pursues Cherie relentlessly. She hugs a bus out of town to escape him, only to have Bo follow.

The bus is stranded by a snowstorm in northern Arizona, and the passengers are forced to spend the night in a diner, where a fight over Cherie ensues. Like Hal, the drier in Inge's "Picnic" who William Holden made famous in the movie version of the play, Bo is a badly miscalculating character who ends up bereft even of his illusions.

"It's a good, strong play," Mannen said. "I chose it because it has the right number of characters, and for a young cast, it's a good experience."

Also in the cast are Adam York, Zack Toncray, Wes Maxwell, Jud Harmon and Bethany Brouton. Laine Steel designed the set.

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Friends of CSI Players present 'Love Letters'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If "Love Letters" isn't already the most-performed play in America, it's catching up to "Our Town" real fast.

"It's just a great story," said Tony Mannen, who will appear with Camille Barragar in A.J. Gurney's drama tonight and Saturday, a Friends of CSI Players production. "Two people who are lovers and the letters they exchange over a 50-year period."

It's also a production that requires minimal sets and only two actors.

"It's not really reader's theater in the conventional sense of the term," said Mannen, a drama instructor at the College of Southern Idaho and one of the founders of the Friends of CSI Players, a semi-professional theater company organized to take traveling theater productions throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada to promote CSI. "But the characters do, basically, read their letters to each other."

Since it debuted off-Broadway in 1989, "Love Letters" has been performed worldwide and by many big-name stage and screen actors. Gurney, a 62-year-old New York-born playwright, told an interviewer that the play came about quite by accident.

"Actually, I wasn't trying to write a play at all. I always used to write all my plays on a

If you go ...

- **What:** The Friends of CSI Players will present A.J. Gurney's "Love Letters."
- **Where:** Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls.
- **When:** Tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which include dinner at the nearby Creekside Steakhouse, are \$20, with dinner seating at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. They're available at the Lamphouse Theater, the CSI Education Center, or by phoning 732-6288.

typewriter. Finally, a few years ago, I broke down and bought a computer. But I didn't know how to use the word-processing software. So I sat down at the computer and decided to teach myself how."

Rather than typing mindless exercises about quick red foxes jumping over lazy brown dogs, Gurney started writing letters back and forth between two fictional characters. Gradually, they took on a life of their own.

"When the characters started speaking to me, I realized I would need to stay with it and see the story through," he said, intending it as a short story. "So when I finished it I sent it off to The New Yorker for possible publication. But they rejected it. They wrote me a letter saying they were sorry, but they didn't publish plays. I thought to myself,

Rather than typing mindless exercises about quick red foxes jumping over lazy brown dogs while teaching himself to use a word processor, 'Love Letters' author A.J. Gurney started writing letters back and forth between two fictional characters. Gradually, they took on a life of their own.

"This isn't a play, but maybe it will work as one." So I began reworking it a little to make it fit the stage."

It's the story of the correspondence of staid, dutiful lawyer Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, played by Mannen, and lively, unstable artist Melissa Gardner, Barragar's character, and their bittersweet relationship that unfolds from what's written — and what's left unsaid — in their letters.

"It's funny, it's sad, and it's sweet," Mannen said.

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CSI plans Magic Mud show, sale

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Department is planning its annual Magic Mud pottery sale and show for Dec. 6 and 7 at the CSI Art Complex on Falls Avenue.

At least 15 pottery students and established artists will have their works for sale. Visitors who attend the show at noon Dec. 6 will be able to see a kiln opening, revealing freshly fired ceramics. Refreshments will be served both days.

Participants in this year's event include LaVar Steel, Elizabeth James, Sheryl and Bill West, Stephanie Serrano, Aubrey Toupin, Megan Crumrine, Jo Dyar, Alta Harris, Kalla Jackson, Debra Richards, Donna Flannery, Blair Clemons, Ailene Wagner and Aspen Waters.

Items for sale will include pitchers, cups, bowls, casserole dishes, platters, teapots and many other functional, decorative and collectible items.

Proceeds from the sale help defray materials and field trip costs for the art students. The show is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Art Complex, located on Falls Avenue across from the Twin Falls City water reservoir.

WEEKEND

'The Ring' gives audiences a creepy thrill

Combined wire services

Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times, Associated Press and Knight Ridder Newspapers reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are: (G) for general audiences; (PG) parental guidance urged because of materials 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.

'Comedian'

A funny, insightful and informative documentary following Jerry Seinfeld as he attempts to put together an hour's worth of new material for his concert performances. Rated R; language. 1 hour, 21 minutes.

'8 Mile'

When Curtis Hanson, director of "L.A. Confidential" and "Wonder Boys," signed on to direct this drama starring Eminem, we could have expected it would be something besides rhymes and guns and trash talk. But we might never have expected a film that transcends its "Rocky"/"Saturday Night Fever" formula in so many inventive, exciting and provocative ways. Eminem plays a gifted kid whose life is on the skids and whose dreams of being taken seriously as a rapper seem utterly unattainable, and he is something like brilliant. The film's equation of Jimmy with 1995 Detroit, a

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city with broken dreams struggling to find hope in the ruins, is expertly achieved. "8 Mile" is a shimmering stunner. Rated R; language, violence, sexual situa-

tions. 2 hours, 6 minutes.

'Frida'

Salma Hayek gives an Oscar-

worthy performance in this packed biography of Frida Kahlo, the Mexican artist whose work and life were overshadowed by the imposing figure of her husband, Diego Rivera (Alfred Molina). Rated R; sexual themes and situations, nudity, language. 2 hours, 7 minutes.

'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'

Director Chris Columbus' long-ago mentoring at the hands of Steven Spielberg has left him with an incurable case of Phony Uplift and Manufactured Euphoria, and "Chamber of Secrets" suffers for it. But after the scrupulously sober, soulless re-enactment that was last year's inaugural Potter pic (what was it called again — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Snooze"?), the sequel, at least, boasts a few good chuckles. PG (serpents, spiders and scares, oh my)

'I Spy'

Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson team in this in-name-only remake of the hit 1960s TV show. The two have some genuinely funny moments together, but director Betty Thomas is uncomfortable with the action scenes and especially the plot, which is almost as transparent as the stealth bomber the spies are sent to Budapest to find. Rated PG-13; violence, language, sexual situations. 1 hour, 35 minutes.

'Jockass: The Movie'

The big-screen version of the popular MTV extreme reality show delivers what it promises:

a nonstop barrage of outrageous stunts and why too much for television. For some, that's a good thing. Rated R; extremely gross humor, nudity. 1 hour, 26 minutes.

'My Big Fat Greek Wedding'

While this autobiographical comedy from Second City veteran Nia Vardalos would like to be the Greek "Moonstruck," it never flies that high. Still, its fairy-tale story about a Greek-American (Vardalos) who makes her crazy family crazy by falling for a WASP Prince Charming (John Corbett) lets Vardalos show off her talent as an actor and an observational comic. Michael Constantine and Lainie Kazan play her parents, loudly, and many lambs are sacrificed in the name of tradition. Rated PG; language. 1 hour, 35 minutes.

'The Ring'

It sure sounds like a teen movie: A number of teenagers all die on the same day, exactly one week after they get together to watch a mysterious videotape. That's right, it's the ultimate Scary Movie — one that can actually kill. But this remake of a Japanese thriller called "Ringu," starring Naomi Watts ("Mulholland Drive") as an investigative reporter who is drawn into the case, is not just another "Scream" copycat inspired by an urban legend. It's the most intelligent and compelling — not to mention seriously creepy — horror film since "The Blair Witch Project." Rated R; violence, language. 1 hour, 49 minutes.

A surprisingly clever and far superior sequel to the 2004 comedy starring Tim Allen in the dual role of Santa, who has to find a bride to keep his job, and the replicant who replaces him while he's on the Mrs. Santa search. Rated PG; some mild innuendo. 1 hour, 37 minutes.

'Skins'

Chris Eyre's satisfying follow-up to his 1996 indie hit "Smoke Signals" is set on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation, in the shadow of Mt. Rushmore. Here a straight-arrow policeman (Eric Schweig) spends his working hours breaking up drunken fights, many involving his alcoholic brother (Graham Greene, in his Oscar-worthy performance). Rated R; violence, language. 1 hour, 26 minutes.

'Sweet Home Alabama'

It's difficult to recall any actor who has grown up more gracefully in public than Reese Witherspoon, and she has her first all-grown-up role in this bookish kicky fairy tale. She plays a New York fashion designer whose Brooklyn engagement to the JFK Jr.-like son of New York's mayor is threatened by a teensy problem. She's still legally married to her high school beau (Josh Lucas) back in Hixville, Ala. Were this you, can you hope-to-gain comedy not so essentially warmhearted, its Southern stereotypes might seem offensive, but it's possible that Witherspoon could charm the grim face off an undertaker. Rated PG-13; language. 1 hour, 42 minutes.

Steven Spielberg spearheads mini-series scheduled to air on Sci Fi Channel

By Ed Bark
The Dallas Morning News

DreamWorks Television company, it's scheduled to air Dec. 26 and Dec. 9-13.

Optimally scheduled during a period dominated by reruns and Christmas specials, this is the best reason since "Lonesome Dove" to make a multi-night commitment to a sweeping story. Dramas about extraterrestrials, UFOs and government cover-ups are nothing new under the sun, and certainly nothing out of the ordinary for Spielberg. But

"Taken" takes the basic elements of the genre to heights previously reached by his "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Beginning with a World War II dogfight and stretching to the present-day, "Taken" is otherworldly drama on an intensely human scale. Both heart-rending and heart-stopping, it firms its grip in the opener and seals the deal the next night with a terrifically compelling Chapter 2.

Science fiction devotees can trace "Taken's" most recent lineage to 1996, when NBC's short-lived "Dark Skies" tried to build a weekly series and an ongoing government cover-up of an alien spacecraft crash in — all together now — Roswell, N.M. Eric Close, a regular in CBS' "Without A Trace," starred as congressional aide John Loengard, who stum-

bled upon the darkest of Washington's secrets. This seriously compromised ruthless Navy Capt. Frank Bach (J.T. Walsh), who already had a full plate trying to foil an ongoing alien takeover threat while keeping everything secret from an easily panicked American public. Presidents since Harry Truman had been chided in

Close re-emerges in the launch of "Taken," but this time as an alien who takes on an appealing human form after his four fellow crewmen fail to survive a saucer crash in Roswell. Army officer Owen Crawford (Joel Gretsch) is soon on the scene and quickly involved in a full-blown cover-up initially masterminded by imperious Col. Thomas Campbell (Michael Moriarty).

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-ANNIE N. IN MIDNEAPOLIS
DEAR ANNIE: Absolutely! I am pleased to do so.

It seems no sooner are the dishes put away from Thanksgiving dinner than it's time to start holiday shopping. And that means it's time to publish my list of gift ideas for senior citizens.

Readers, if you plan on sending holiday gifts, first let me tell you what not to send. Forget the cologne, anti-shave and dusting powders unless you have first checked to see if they are welcome. Scents are highly distinctive (no pun intended) and not every perfume works on every person.

Never give a pet to anyone unless you are absolutely certain



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanDrunen

the person wants one and is able to properly care for it.

Do not give wine or liquor to people unless you're sure they imbibe.

Candy, nuts, confections and fruitcakes make beautiful gifts for folks who aren't counting calories, but have compassion for those who are, and don't lead them into temptation.

With the price of groceries going through the roof, many people on fixed incomes would appreciate a gift basket of goodies. How about small cans of tuna and chicken? Also include crackers, assorted flavored instant coffee, herbal tea, soup mixes and cookies.

Gift certificates are always wel-

come: for groceries, haircuts, manicures, dry cleaning, restaurant meals, theater tickets, videos and department stores. And don't forget prepaid long-distance calling cards.

Not all seniors drive, so bus passes and coupons for senior transportation or taxis are always welcome.

Large-print calendars with family birthdays, anniversaries, etc. marked and personalized with family photos, make useful gifts, as do large-print address books with information transferred from the recipient's records.

Payment of utilities for a month or two can be sent directly to the utility - then let the recipients know they have "extra" money to spend as they wish.

A cordless phone or answering machine is a handy gift.

Membership in a gym if the person wants to exercise. A magnifying glass. A cordless robe and slippers with non-slip sole.

Sweatpants, sweatshirts and

jogging shoes.

For someone who has a pet, send it a treat - a can of dog or cat food or a rawhide chewstick or catnip toy.

A subscription to a magazine or newspaper you know the person will enjoy is a thoughtful gift.

Because medications are expensive, a gift certificate to the neighborhood pharmacy would be much appreciated. (Trust me.)

Stationery and stamps come in handy year-round. If you send them, be sure to include felt-tipped pens, too.

Loneliness is the ultimate poverty. Holidays can be depressing for people who are alone. So if you know someone who could use an outing, give him or her the best gift of all - an invitation to have a meal with you and your family.

If you ain't givin', you ain't livin'!

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Leo: Correct recent math error

IF NOVEMBER 29TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you possibly have changed your name on more than one occasion. You are intuitive, drawn to ancient wisdom that includes number mysticism and astrology. You are romantic and passionate in love. Capricorn, Cancer natives play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K; T. Accelerated social activity during December. You could win popularity contest. In January of 2003, you make fresh start and engage in a "different" kind of romance.

P ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): What you started two weeks ago can be finished today. Be aware of legal regulations, including zoning laws. Question of marital status will figure prominently.

T AURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Discover innovative ways of getting job done. You will be distracted by romance; being a Taurus, you rather welcome it. Leo, Aquarius natives will play outstanding roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Libra Moon is in your Fifth House; you exude aura of personality and sexual appeal. Proposals received today include career, marriage. Keep recent resolutions concerning basic health, diet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Diversify, give full play to intellectual curiosity. Don't attempt to do everything at once or to please everyone. Your Cancer charm gets you in and out of embarrassing situations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attend to details; correct recent mathematical error. Rewrite and rebuild; what had been rejected could now be accepted. Taurus, Scorpio and another Leo will play sensational roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Gain indicated via written word. Read, and publish; get thoughts on paper. Flirtation lends spice but could increase competitive Gemini, another Virgo figure in fascinating scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your kind of day! Your Venusian qualities are emphasized; you get your way, and your way will be the right way. Events transpire to bring you closer to success. Taurus is in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Maintain aura of mystery, glamour. Many who fear the unknown will look to you for reassurance. Delve deep; you could learn more than you care to know. Pisces figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lucky day! Some of your fondest hopes and desires will be fulfilled. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. Focus on organization, recognition of priorities. Capricorn involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fertile potential, look beyond the immediate. People might say you are "dreaming." Don't to dream! Predict your future, and make it come true. Aries plays paramount role.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Shake off any hint of emotional lethargy. Display pioneering, inventive spirit. Make fresh start, go into business. Love relationship might get too hot not to cool down. Leo represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Question of marriage looms large. Focus also on living quarters. Tonight you will decide on "direction of your life." Cancer, Capricorn individuals will play sensational roles.

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Rum once was 'rumbullion'

Q. Rum's "rumbullion"?
 A. Original name for rum.

Hardly any woman wears her hair the length she'd really prefer. Or so says a lifelong beauty salon operator. "Most every woman," says this expert, "wishes eventually for a hair style the way she settles for a husband - the one that's easiest to manage."



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Q. You don't weigh quite as much when the moon is overhead.
 A. Takes 62 weeks to manufacture a \$70,000 Bendorfer piano.

The giraffe is another of those animals that can close its nose.

Q. Contemplating divorce? Consider trial separation, suggests a marriage counselor. An old African proverb goes: "You never test the depth of a river with both feet."

Q. What was the first war in which a telephone was used?
 A. Spanish-American.

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Q. It's now reported rattlesnakes, once thought to be stone deaf, seem to be able to hear the rattlings of other rattlesnakes. This leads a few theorists to think the snake's rattling is not a warning to prey but a signal to other snakes. Believe you're aware that nobody knows positively why a rattler rattles.

Q. They made booze out of pumpkins, too, the early colonists did.
 A. Right thumb, first finger of the right hand, first finger of the left, second finger of the left. In that order. These do 63 percent of the work.

Q. Which four fingers do computer keyboarders use most?
 A. Right thumb, first finger of the right hand, first finger of the left, second finger of the left. In that order. These do 63 percent of the work.

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WEEKEND

Christmas in the Nighttime Sky takes place tonight

FESTIVALS

Tonight
The 12th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky will be held in a field across from Kimberly Nurseries on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Free chili and an Idaho potato dinner will be offered for free from 5:30-7 p.m. The event will also include visiting with Santa, live nativity scene and live entertainment. A fireworks display will be choreographed with Christmas music in KEJZ FM 95.7 at about 7:30 p.m. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy per family for the needy children in the Magic Valley through the KMYT Christmas for Kids program.

Tonight
Michael McLean's "The Forgotten Carols" will be presented in Rupert Auditorium in Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$15, are available at Bell's Family Books and Crowley's Quad in Twin Falls, at The Book Plaza in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert.

Today and Saturday
The Blaine County Festival of Trees will be held at the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. today, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. The gala is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday at The Mint. Tickets, which are \$50, can be reserved by phoning 788-0741.

Today, Saturday and Sunday
Charity Anywhere will present its sixth annual Celebration of the Nativity at the Boys and Girls Club on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Hours are 6-9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Free.

Today, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
The Minidoka Health Care Foundation will present its Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival at the Rupert Civic Center. Hours are 5-10 p.m. today, noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday and noon to 8 p.m. on Monday. Free. The Civic Center is located at 505 Seventh St.

Saturday
Michael McLean's "The Forgotten Carols" will be presented at the King Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$15, are available at The Book Plaza in Burley, The Book Store in Rupert and Bell's Family Books and Crowley's Quad in Twin Falls.

Wednesday through Dec. 7
The 25th annual Burley Festival of Trees will be held at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church, 326 W. 27th St., a fundraiser for the Cassia Health Care Foundation. The dinner gala is scheduled for Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. with the festival open to the public from noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 6-7. Festival admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Gala tickets are \$25, available by phoning Bev Stone at 678-0968.

Wednesday through Dec. 8
The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Festival of Trees



will be held in the Radio Rondevo Events Center, Twin Falls. The gala is slated for 7 p.m. on Wednesday; other hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays and Dec. 6-7 and noon to 6 p.m. on Dec. 8. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children. Gala tickets are \$30 and the event will include tree viewing, hors d'oeuvres and no-host cocktails. For more information, call the foundation at 737-2480.

Thursday through Dec. 7
The St. Benedicts Foundation will present its first annual Festival of Wreaths at the former Wells Fargo Bank building in Jerome, beginning with a gala from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 7. Tickets to the gala are \$15 per person; admission to the festival is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$1 for children under 6. The old Wells Fargo Bank building is located at 104 W. Main St.

Thursday through Dec. 8
The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees will be held at the round building on the campus of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. An opening gala is planned from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday; trees and ornaments will be on display Thursday through Dec. 8.

Dec. 6
The 11th annual downtown Twin Falls Festival of Lights Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. at Magic Valley High School in downtown Twin Falls, travels throughout downtown and Old Towne, and ends at the school.

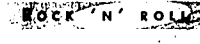
Dec. 8
The Junior Club of Twin Falls will present its 15th annual Holiday Home Tour from 4-7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6, are available by any Junior Club member or at Kimberly Nurseries, Everybody's Business, Kelley Garden Center, Kur's Pharmacy and Hallmark. Wilson-Bates and The Golden Goose in Twin Falls. For further information, call 432-5553.

Dec. 14
The Buhl Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Night Light Parade, 7 p.m.

Dec. 14-15
The Magic Valley Chorale will present its annual Christmas Concert at 8 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at the door.

Dec. 20-21 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform its Yuletide Joy pops concert, narrated by former Utah Jazz star Turl Bailey, is scheduled for at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at

(801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.



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

Monday - Utah
Supersuckers will play Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

Dec. 6 - Boise
One Man Army will play JD & Friends at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

Dec. 6 - Utah
Caroline Spine will play Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

Dec. 7 - Utah
Tori Amos will sing at the E Center in Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Dec. 8 - Boise
Goo Goo Dolls will perform at the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28, \$32 and \$38, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766.

Dec. 12 - Boise
Hope Conspiracy will perform at JD & Friends at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

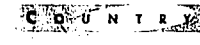
Dec. 13 - Boise
Neil Diamond will sing at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.50 and \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1766 or (208) 442-3232 or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

Dec. 13 - Boise
Unwritten Law will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8:45 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, 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.

Dec. 16 - Utah
Def Leppard will play the E Center in suburban Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$32.50 and \$42.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center

is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Dec. 31 - Boise
The Young Dubliners will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, 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
Buck and the Side Kicks will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Outlaw Bar and Grill in Fairfield. Thanksgiving celebration.

Tonight and Saturday
Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S. in Buhl. No cover charge.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
Little Big Town will play two shows a night at Cactus Pines Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturday and \$14.99 tonight and Sunday. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on Saturday and \$7.50 tonight and Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Saturday
Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Saturday
The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

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 \$7. Call 324-7366.

Saturday
Pocketchange will play classic country from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Sunday
Pocketchange will play classic country music from 7-11 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Sunday - Utah
Joe Nichols will perform at Sandy's Station in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Sandy's Station is located at 8925 South 255 West.

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Wednesday - Utah
Michael Martin Murphy will perform a Christmas concert at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$20, \$26 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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

Dec. 12 - Utah
Brad Paisley and Darryl Worley will play the Dec Events Center on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21 and \$27, can be reserved by phoning

Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Dec. 28 - Boise
Leftover Salmon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 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.



Tonight
A Karaoke show will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Tavern, 401 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls. Rabil Dog Entertainment will provide the music. No cover charge.

Tonight
High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Dec. 30. No cover charge.

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WEEKEND

Events

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Tonight
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Chasers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30, Burley.

Tonight and Saturday
Karaoke contest will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mc Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. Cash prizes. 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, 619 Fremont, Rupert.

Saturday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 5 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 George K's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tuesday through Saturday
Karaoke will be featured from 9 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, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

Wednesday
Rabid Dog Entertainment will feature karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday
Three's Company Karaoke will be featured at 7:30 p.m. at Chasers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge, 118 E. Idaho St., Paul.

Thursday
Karaoke will be featured at 8 p.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

CELLANEOUS

Tonight
The Swingtones will play easy listening music from 7-10 p.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tonight and Saturday - Utah
Utah Symphony will present its Harvest Home pops concerts at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Saturday - Utah
David Lanz will perform at 8 p.m. in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787.

Tuesday - Boise
The Bottom Pops will perform in concert at 8 p.m. in the Boise State University Pavilion. Tickets, which are \$15, \$25, \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$100, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1484, online at <http://www.bsudpavilion.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Wednesday
Three's Company Karaoke from the Edge will play a variety of dance music from 7-11 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Wednesday - Boise
The Trans Siberian Orchestra will play at the Bank of America Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are

\$29.50 and \$39.50, are available by phoning (801) 965-4827, (208) 311-TDSS or (208) 426-1484, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

Wednesday
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonn, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

Thursday
DJ music by 99.9 The Buzz will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Dec. 7
C & R Express will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

Dec. 13 - Boise
Wayne Newton will sing at the

Boise State University Pavilion at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Dec. 14 - Utah
Pianist Jon Schmidt will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$12, \$15 and \$18, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Dec. 18 - Boise
Cher will sing at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Sold out.

Dec. 19-21
Pianist Jim Brickman will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on Dec. 19-20 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21. Tickets, which are \$29.50, \$39.50 and

\$44.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 17-18 - Utah
Doc Severinsen will perform

with Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$22, \$25, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved. Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C6



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ICE SKATING

Jan. 8 - Utah
Smuckers Stars on Ice featuring Tara Lipinski, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, Katarina Witt, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, Kurt Browning and Steven Cousins, will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$54.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

OBATICS

Jan. 20 - Utah
Peking Acrobats will perform at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$16, \$18 and \$21, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

J A Z Z
Sunday
The Great Riff Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies Program, presents Jazz Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at Gerie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Students and families are welcome. No cover charge.

Dec. 14 - Boise
Tony Furtado will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, 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 through Dec. 6, 11-14
The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present William Inge's "Bus Stop," 8 p.m. nightly, Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for seniors and students, can be purchased between 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Fine Arts box office, or by phoning 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

Dec. 12-15, 19-22
Company of Fools with present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," 7 p.m. on Dec. 12-14 and 19-21 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 15 and Dec. 22, Liberty Theater, Halley. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

CLASSICAL
Sunday and Monday - Utah
Utah Symphony and its chorus will perform the 3,000-Voice "Messiah" at 7 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$5 and \$12 for the Dec. 1 concert and \$12 for the Dec. 2 concert, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Dec. 6 - Utah
Krite MacLeod will sing in Read Auditorium on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX.

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Dec. 6-7 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 - Utah
Utah Opera will sing Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme," 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12 to \$60, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. A Jan. 29 performance is planned for 7:30 p.m. in the York Browning Center in Ogden, Utah. The Browning Center is located on the campus of Weber State University.

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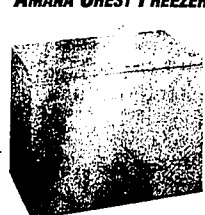

Dec. 21 - Boise
The Boise Master Choral will present Georg Friedrich Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Dec. 18 - Utah
El Vee will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

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Dec. 12 - Utah
Lake Wobegone, a special music-and-comedy event featuring Garrison Keillor, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Sold out. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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Bone Thugs N Harmony will perform at Salt Lake City's Club X Scape at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Club X Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

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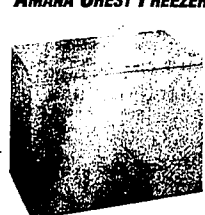
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Dec. 21-24, 26, 28 - Utah
Ballet West will perform "The Nutcracker" at 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 22, 7 p.m. on Dec. 23, noon on Dec. 24, 7 p.m. on Dec. 26 and 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 28 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$10, \$17, \$32, \$40, \$50 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

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Thursday - Boise
Nelly and The St. Lunatics will play at 7:30 p.m. at the Boise State University Pavilion. Tickets, which are \$32.50 and \$42.50, can be reserved by calling Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or online at <http://www.bsupavilion.com>.

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

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DJ Christopher Lawrence will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, 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.

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Tonight - Boise
The Newsboys will play the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21.50, \$24.50 and \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Boise
The national touring production of Jonathan Larson's musical "Rent" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 to \$46, can be

WEEKEND

Germany's first Nazi satire falls flat with TV viewers

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's first home-grown satirical film on the Nazis left critics turning thumbs down and attracted a relatively small audience.

"Goebbels and Geduldig," shown on national television in prime time last week, is a comedy of errors built on the idea that Joseph Goebbels had a Jewish double, Harry Geduldig.

But reviewers complained that

it lacked the wit, daring and depth of satires such as Charlie Chaplin's 1940 classic "The Great Dictator," which poked fun at Adolf Hitler's plans for world domination, and Roberto Benigni's "Life Is Beautiful," a Holocaust film that won three Academy Awards in 1999, including best foreign film.

Some 2.4 million viewers watched the film Wednesday,

but a Germany-Netherlands soccer game at the same time drew more than 11 million.

As the story unfolds, Geduldig, who looks and sounds like Goebbels, is held captive by the Nazis at a fortress as a secret stand-in for the original in case the Nazi propaganda minister gets killed.

When Goebbels visits the fortress, Geduldig manages to

switch places and escape.

Geduldig blends in with Nazi leaders, meets Hitler and manages to save the woman he loves, a Jewish concentration camp inmate, from the Holocaust.

But the 90-minute film stops short of biting satire or grotesque comedy — something that Ulrich Muehe, who plays both Goebbels and Geduldig, attributed to lingering "inhibitions" in how Germans approach the topic.

He acknowledged the film is "not the bravest."

"The film pretty much documents our current possibilities of dealing with Nazism in a different way," Muehe said. "Maybe in five years we can have a film on this topic that's a real comedy."

Screenwriter Peter Steinbach

and director Kai Wessel "should have reached for the extremes of kitsch and farce," the Berliners Zeitung newspaper wrote.

"Jokes about the Third Reich are allowed, even about its losers, the most ridiculous and most violent gang of criminals in world history," the Die Welt daily said.

"But 'Goebbels and Geduldig' fails tragically."

Wagner CD set features stirring performances

The Associated Press

Richard Wagner, "The Opera Collection" (Decca, \$239.98) — Conducted by Sir Georg Solti

When opera lovers hear Richard Wagner and Sir Georg Solti in the same breath, they're likely to think of his 1960s recording of the complete "Ring" cycle, a feat still unparalleled for its thrilling singing, high-voltage orchestral playing and awe-inspiring sound effects.

But the Hungarian-born conductor also recorded the six other major Wagner operas, and now Decca has posthumously reissued them in "The Opera Collection," a boxed set, 22 CDs in all, some of them digitally remastered from the LP release. It's an impressive collection by one of the major conductors of the second half of the

last century.

Audio reviews Perhaps no individual performance is definitive, but this is one case where the whole is surely more than the sum of its parts.

The collection spans a remarkable 35 years of Solti's career, and in the process gives a taste of three different generations of Wagner singers.

"Tristan und Isolde" is the earliest, dating from 1960, featuring the great soprano Birgit Nilsson in her prime with Austrian tenor Fritz Uhl, an interpreter whose reputation has suffered by comparison with heldentenor Wolfgang Windgassen. (Nilsson and Windgassen were later paired in a live 1966 recording from Bayreuth conducted by Karl Böhm.)

The 1972 "Parsifal" offers a chance to hear the great bass Gotlob Frick, who came out of retirement to sing the role of Gurnemanz. Though Frick can sometimes hear the wobble in his aging voice, his interpretation is richly steeped in tradition.

Most recent of the lot is "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg," dating from 1995, with two major stars of today, Ben Heppner and Karita Mattila. It was the only Wagner opera Solti recorded twice, and the more expansive tempos he adopted late in life suit the sunny comedy well.

Among the treasures preserved on these disks are the peerless mezzo Christa Ludwig (as Venus in the 1971 "Tannhauser" and Kundry in "Parsifal"); baritone Victor Braun as an exceptionally warm Wolfram in "Tannhauser"; bass Martti Talvela as Daland in the 1977 "Der Fliegende Holländer"; tenor Placido Domingo and soprano Jessye Norman, both in wonderful form in the 1985 "Lohengrin"; and baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau as Amfortas in "Parsifal" (though he's less comfortable as the "Lohengrin" Herald).

— AP Writer Mike Silverman

ANNIVERSARY



Rosalee and James Brennen

THE BRENNENS

ISLAND PARK — Mr. and Mrs. James Brennen of Island Park will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with a private family gathering.

Brennen and Rosalee Updike were married Nov. 28, 1952, in Twin Falls. They lived in Twin Falls until 1982, moved to Pocatello and then to Denver, Colo., until Rosalee retired at age 50. She worked for the telephone company and he worked at the Sports Cafe. The couple likes to hunt.

The couple has two sons, Brad (Colleen) and Kent (Lisa), all of Twin Falls, and three grandchildren.

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Rap grows up enough to look back on itself

By Matthew Stichter
The Standard Advocate

As their new song "Have You Ever" Dolo and Sweet Melody's ride about breaking into the hip-hop industry. "Still kicking down the doors and getting rid of the locks," they sing. "There's a chorus older listeners will remember from Slick Rick and Doug E. Fresh's song "The Show" about "fellas on the mic with one minute rhymes." "They start to sing along because they remember," says Melody, 32, a Norwalk, Conn. resident, whose name is Melody Green. "So if they don't know anything else of our song, they know the chorus because they knew that song 20 years ago."

So goes the world of hip-hop these days as nostalgia pervades music that seemed, just yesterday, to be experimental and fodder for great political debate. The effervescent rhymes of Eric B. & Rakim of the late 1980s are now fondly remembered like the rhymes of Jimi Hendrix: admired but long gone.

In a time of bitter and sometimes violent lyrical battles among artists, the longing for the simple days of Grandmaster Flash and Run-DMC is natural, artists and music observers say. The recent killing of Run-DMC's Jam Master Jay only intensified this feeling.

Miss Elliott extolls the glory days of hip-hop with "Back in the Day" on her new CD, "Under Construction." "What happened to the good old days when hip-hop was so fun?" she sings.

"Those parties in the summer 'n'all, and no one came through with a gun. It was all about good music. A West Coast group, Jurassic 5, says its music "carries an energy that recalls a throwback era in hip-hop" full of "park jams and block parties, of willful braggadocio and stylish wordplay of crafty disc jockeys and handclap beats."

This nostalgia makes sense to Jim Fricke, co-author of "Yes Yes Y'all: The Experience Music Project's Oral History of Hip-Hop's First Decade." The book, released in November, documents the emergence of hip-hop at 1970s South Bronx parties and artists' Kool DJ Herc, Afrika Bambaataa and Grandmaster Flash.

"The kids who grew up on that are now in their 30s, if not their 40s, and are in whatever profession they are lucky to be in, and they say, 'Oh, man, those were the good old days, listening to the rock box,'" Fricke says. "There's just this really audible excitement and fun to this music that is an expression of that time."

Fricke says it's understandable that old school hip-hop is now inspiring a new generation. "Coming up having lived through this period and having heard a lot of bitterness and violence and misogyny, I can see how you can kind of go back to this and say, 'Wow, these guys were really having fun.'"

Like others, Fricke says the music split from its roots in the early 1990s, as rock did in the

1950s with Elvis -- and it went mainstream. This commercial success of hip-hop -- it is now a \$6 billion industry, according to a recent report in The New York Times -- may have been inevitable, writes hip-hop journalist Nelson George.

"Twenty-first century hip-hop is an industry with institutions, orthodoxies and dogmas,"

George writes in the introduction to "Yes-Yes Y'all." "That's cool. That's evolution. That's life."

While the old-school sounds are revered for aging listeners, it wasn't all great music, just as today's sounds are not all bad, says Jason King, assistant professor of recorded music at New York University. King teaches a

class, "Hip-Hop Cultures and Criticism."

"There is still great music," he says. "I don't think as much great music is being heard."

The definition of old school shifts with the generations. King says, from artists such as Snoop Dogg to KRS-One, Kuris Blow, the Funky Four + 1 More. It's the stuff you grew up on.

And it always sounds better now.

Sweet Melody recalls her favorites with fondness -- the Crash Crew, Funky Four and the female trio The Sequence. "Wow, I loved them!" she says. "I can't believe I can say '20 years ago' and I'm still a rapper hopping around on stage." Melody's 14-year-old son,

Theodore Briggs, who goes by P.J. the DJ, is an up-and-coming hip-hop artist. At times, he sings old school samples used in new hip-hop songs.

"The kids sing them and they don't realize it was originally done by Sugarhill Gang or originally done by Chaka Khan," she says. "They have no idea of the original music."

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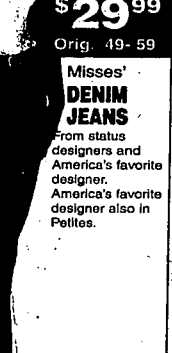
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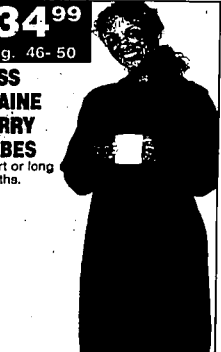
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NBC News creates unit for investigative reporting

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News' Lisa Myers has been named chief investigative correspondent for a newly created investigative reporting unit, NBC News President Neal Shapiro announced Monday.

Myers, most recently NBC's chief congressional correspondent, started at the network in 1991. She will be joined in the investigative unit by Jim Popkin, named senior investigative producer and producer Rich Cardella. Additional staff will be announced later, Shapiro said.

Myers will be replaced on the congressional beat by Norah O'Donnell.

The investigative unit will contribute to all NBC News programs, including "Nightly News," "Today" and "Dateline NBC," as well as the MSNBC. Immediate priorities include coverage of U.S. court terrorism efforts, corporate corruption and international issues, Shapiro said.

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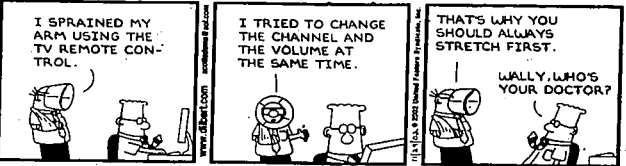
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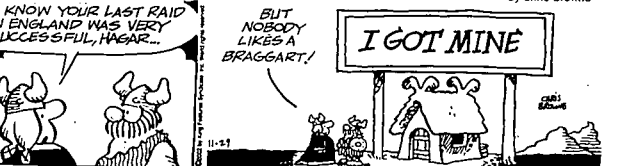
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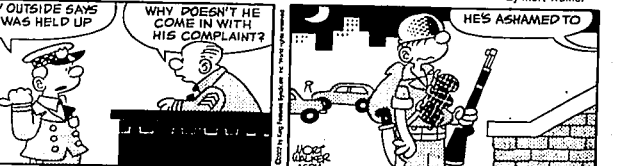
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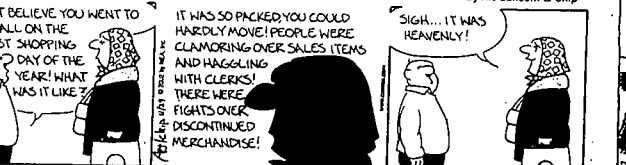
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Canadian director remembers genocide in 'Ararat'

By **Michelle M. Johnson**
The Associated Press

ANNIS, Praga: Genocide is not to be forgotten. It is the only way to prevent it from happening again. That is the message Atom Egoyan brings to the world. Not just in the immediate sense of the horror of massacre, but in other, deeper senses, as in a collective memory of violence, a legacy of self-doubt and a general condition of ruthless oppression.

These are the subjects proper of "Ararat," his account of the Armenian genocide in Turkey during the First World War. And if you ever imagined a brighter of bad news, Egoyan is pretty much what you'd come up with.

It's a story that is a kind of a story from the absurd, stands out in any crowd, but in this crowd particularly. He's sitting at a fashionable bistro during a time of festive cheer, there is music on view, throughs, throngs, bustle, a whole commercial world dead-on on selling the cheap sensation, the curve of a smile, the twinkle of the eye.

And here it is, Atom Egoyan, the great Canadian director ("The Sweet Hereafter" is his masterpiece), with his message from the grave: He's sober, respectful, direct, his eyes are shining behind the big glasses that were allowed to wear only if you're a director or an Italian architect. He's a very bit of the paradigm of the modern, modernist — erudite, comfortable in his interview, attractive except for his dead seriousness. He seems weighted with wit, twisted with discomfort.

Yet because he has the special grace of those who have chosen to deliver the ugly truth, there's also a weird radiance, almost a beauty, to him.

You wonder, he says earnestly, picking each word with the care of a jeweler searching for tiny gears through a loupe, "how is it possible to be the object of hate. It invades you in the most intimate, it permeates your life. What is there that these other people could have projected onto you? What do you represent?"

The story recounted by Egoyan is melancholy: In 1915, a newly powerful group of modern thinkers called the Young Turks, having taken over the government, decided it was time for what we would now call ethnic cleansing. Beginning on April 24 of that year, the cleansing commenced with the murder of 500 intellectuals in Constantinople and continued for over a year. Soldiers of Armenian descent were separated from their units and murdered. Then massacres were carried out by villagers and the next step, "re-education," began. The chosen method of extermination was the forced march to a new arid, brutal environment, without adequate food, during inclement weather. By the



Director Atom Egoyan, left, and his wife, actress Anisette Khachaturian, were at the Capitan Museum Hotel in Los Angeles earlier this month.

end of 1915, the Armenian population of Turkey had declined to 1 million from 2.5 million.

Some people noticed. "The great massacres and persecutions of the past seem almost insignificant when compared to the suffering of the Armenian race in 1915," wrote Henry Morgenthau Sr., U.S. ambassador to the Ottoman Empire.

But hardly anybody else noticed, except a striving Austrian politician with plans of his own. "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?" said Adolf Hitler, as he told his minions how easy it would be to get away with the murder of the Jews.

"The funny thing is," Egoyan says, "the Turks had a very good history with the Jews. It was one of the best places to live if you were Jewish. And yet still, they had this need to annihilate. Do people need something to hate? And what the Turks projected onto the Armenians, it was very similar to what the Nazis projected onto the Jews."

So the film "Ararat" is a consecrated act of remembering. But at

the same time, it's a blast of anger at today's Turks, not for their grandfathers' crimes but for ignoring their grandfathers' crimes.

Perhaps his anger and its ambiguities explain its density. In typical Egoyan fashion, the movie unfolds leisurely, examining not only genocide but the interpretations of genocide in an odd sense, it's a study not of the act itself but of the documents of the act: a memoir by an American diplomat who witnessed the events, a movie seeking to recreate both the memoir and by extension the event, and a famous painting by a survivor.

Each document has a story and a cast, each story is connected to the other two and each plays ironically off the other two. So the movie slides backward and forward elliptically in time, the characters intermingling, intersect, love, cheat, betray, hate, haunt, stare. It's very human, very messy, very tough and pretty damned difficult. Sometimes we're in a movie about a genocide and sometimes that movie turns real and we're in the genocide. And sometimes we're in modern Toronto, amid Armenian

survivors and survivors' children, and the intensity of their squabbling seems to be, unshared, a function of the weight of memory. And sometimes we're in an interrogation room, where an old customs officer believes a young Armenian filmmaker is smuggling drugs into Canada in the film tins he begs the older man not to open.

And sometimes we're — well, we're lost, because the movie is as knotted as a tapestry, obeying its own interior logic, working out its own internal dynamics as it goes along. It's not easy viewing for the masses, as the severely intellectual Canadian (is the first to admit).

"Essentially it came out of an earlier script which I wrote when I was 18 — it was one of my first scripts — and just discovering my Armenian heritage, after denying it for most of my youth. But I couldn't get it together, and I put it away for many years.

Moviegoers will probably thank him for those many years, during which he learned his craft and developed his style. He moved smoothly from the experimental films that caught his fancy at the University of Toronto to a number of banal American shows filming

in Canada, including a revival of "Twilight Zone" and "Friday the 13th: The Series," for which he became a sleek, efficient contract director.

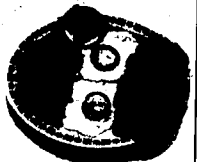
His Armenian family, dislodged from the homeland by the ugly events of 1915, had come to rest in Cairo, where he was born in 1960. The family, fearing more cataclysm, moved to Canada shortly thereafter; he grew up in Vancouver. He majored in international relations, graduating with honors. Yet his artistic interests beckoned him.

Like several other Canadian directors (David Cronenberg comes to mind), he put aside the easy prosperity of TV and its segue to Hollywood. He instead made "The Adjuster" in 1991, a spooky, slow-moving but mesmerizing film about an insurance adjuster who becomes absorbed in other people's lives. Other arthouse hits followed, in his charac-

teristic "allegorical" style, in which time folds in on itself, the camera work is stately, beautiful but cold, the characters highly intelligent but highly neurotic, the obsessions sometimes quite erotic. "Exotica" — very sexualized — was a big arthouse hit in 1994, but it wasn't until "The Sweet Hereafter" that he broke through to a wider audience.

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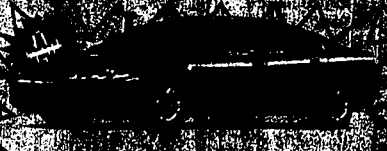


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“Mike (Vick) deserves what he gets. He's a great, exciting player. But is he where he wants to be? Not at all. That's the scary part.”

Falcons running back Warrick Dunn on teammate Michael Vick

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 What was significant about the USC-UCLA game played at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in 1956?

Answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
 - Edmonds CC Turkey Shootout, at Lynnwood, Wash.
 - CSI vs. Centralia CC, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jordan says he'll retire after this year

WASHINGTON (AP) - Michael Jordan said Thursday he will retire for the third and final time after this season and resume his role as partial owner of the Washington Wizards.
 Jordan told reporters after practice that there is "zero chance" of him coming back again. The Washington Post and the Carroll County (Md.) Times reported.
 "I tell you right now that I'm just fulfilling my contract," said Jordan, who signed a two-year, \$2.1 million deal with Washington last year after stepping down from his executive duties. "At the end of this season, I'm not looking at another contract. I just want to finish this year out and hopefully fulfill my obligations and let this team take its own course."
 Jordan, who will turn 40 in February, returned to basketball last season because he said he still felt the need to compete.
 After joining the Wizards as a player, Jordan energized Washington for most of last season before he was forced out of the lineup with a bad right knee that eventually required surgery.
 Coming into this season, Wizards coach Doug Collins said Jordan would come off the bench to sign for to keep him fresh.
 However, with the Wizards slipping lately and on a four-game slide, Jordan told Collins - whom he hired as coach while serving as team president - to play him more.
 Jordan is averaging 16.6 points a game this season. Based on his comments Thursday, it appears he isn't concerned about the wear and tear on his knee because he's still going to play after this season.
 Jordan said he wants to see the Wizards' young players like Kwame Brown, Juan Dixon, Jared Jeffries and Tyrone Lue develop into a playoff-caliber team without him.
 After his two previous retirements, both from the Chicago Bulls, Jordan left little doubt as to whether he was truly done.
 "Asked if he's leaving himself any wiggle room to return next season, Jordan said, "After this, there will be no want. I'm 100 percent sure that after this I'm done."
 Jordan said he still thinks Washington (6-8) can make the playoffs this season, but his immediate goal is stopping the team's current slide.
 Washington has dropped five of its last seven games, including a 93-84 loss Tuesday night to the Indiana Pacers. In that game, Jordan led his season-high with 34 minutes.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
 It was the last time USC played on Thanksgiving Day. The Bruins won, 42-7.

Eagles open with win on road

CSI heads to Turkey Shootout today

By Kevin Hall, Times-News Writer
ONTARIO, Ore. - Home or away, it was another win for 10th-ranked College of Southern Idaho.
 Sami Ibrahim scored a game-

high 25 points and nabbed 18 rebounds as the Golden Eagles won their road opener, 95-80, over Treasure Valley Community College in Easty Gymnasium on Wednesday.
 It was CSI's eighth consecutive victory over its former travel partner.
 Jason Williams added 22 points on 7-of-11 shooting and Dante Sawyer and Yakhouba Diawara had 16 apiece to lead

Up next

Turkey Shootout
 Where: Edmonds CC, Lynnwood, Wash.
 When: Today-Sunday
 First up: Centralia CC, 5 p.m. MST



CSI (9-0), which shot 61 percent on 34-of-57.

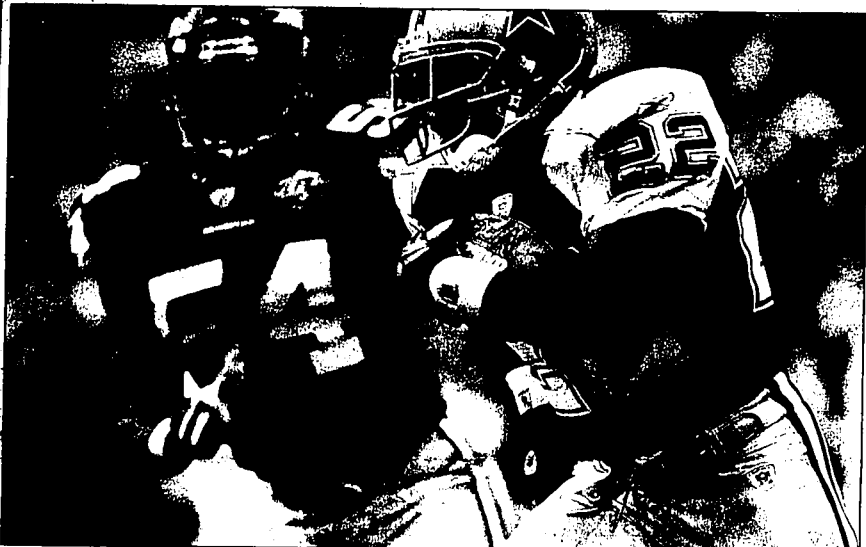
Sheu Oduniyi scored 23 and Maurice Thomas had 19 to lead the Chukars (1-1), who, after tying the game 4-4, trailed by a basket twice at 24-22 and 27-25.
 The Chukars took advantage of some defensive lapses by the Eagles early, while coming out hot around the perimeter with five 3s in a row during a torrid 2.5-minute span.
 Up for the challenge, CSI turned it up with an 8-0 run on

baskets by Ibrahim, two by Williams and a Clint Deas dunk for the 35-25 lead with 8 minutes left in the first half.
 As the shots faded, the Chukars tried everything to slow the Golden Eagles, but their zone defense, foulcut press or double-teaming Ibrahim didn't work.
 CSI's balanced attack had

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Cowboys stuff Redskins



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith (22) goes around Redskins linebacker Jeremiah Trotter (54) during the first quarter Thursday at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas. Smith had 144 yards rushing in the Cowboys' 27-20 win.

Smith leads Dallas to 10th-straight win over Washington

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Steve Spurrier started up most of the Dallas Cowboys with a comment he made 10 months ago.
 For Emmitt Smith, the motivation to beat the Washington Redskins' coach began in 1989, when he was a junior at Florida. His bitterness toward Spurrier dated to college. He had a year of eligibility left when Spurrier took over the Gators, and the coach hardly made an effort to convince him to come back for his senior year.
 The payback provided a new spin to what's becoming a redun-

dant storyline: Dallas beating Washington.
 The Cowboys won 27-20 Thursday, beating the Redskins for the 10th straight time and turning what once was their league's most bitter rivalry into its most lopsided. No other team has won as many in a row against another team.
 Smith led the way with 144 yards rushing, his most in two years. Roy Williams returned an interception for a touchdown late in the third quarter, then Joey Galloway strutted into the end zone with the go-ahead score early in the fourth.
 "We said all along how much

we respect them and what Spurrier has going," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "That made that effort from our players all the more sweeter."
 The streak is remarkable, considering the Cowboys (5-7) are only 33-48 against the rest of the league during the span, which began in November 1997.
 Spurrier vowed things would change when he was hired in January, even promising owner Dan Snyder the game ball from his first victory over Dallas. A clip of that comment was played inside Texas Stadium just before kickoff, drawing boos that quickly turned to cheers when the

screen turned black except for the words, "Nor Today Steve!"
 "No game balls on this side," said Spurrier, noting that the team's play after Dec. 29 in Washington. "Hopefully we'll give them a little better test next time."
 Sights, real or perceived, have driven Smith to the top of the NFL rushing list, and the chance to prove this point fueled his best day since Dec. 10, 2000, when he had 150 yards against - who else? - the Redskins.
 Smith had seven runs of at least 11 yards, upping his career

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Patriots extend Detroit's misery

The Associated Press

DETROIT - Getting a punt blocked, throwing an interception in the red zone and racking up nine penalties usually is a recipe for defeat. Unless the opponent is the Detroit Lions.
 Antowain Smith ran for 80 yards and a touchdown, and Tedy Bruschi returned an interception 27 yards for a score as the New England Patriots beat Detroit 20-12 Thursday.
 "Today wasn't one of the most attractive wins of the year," said New England's Troy Brown, who caught 10 passes for 111 yards.
 "It will be tough to win playing ugly now, because we've got three division teams coming up, and we're all fighting for a spot."
 The Patriots (7-5) have won four of five games - after losing four straight - to pull within half a game of AFC East-leading Miami. The Super Bowl champions play Buffalo, the New York Jets and the Dolphins at home in December.
 The Lions (3-9) have dropped

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Patriots receiver Troy Brown (80) is brought down by Detroit cornerback Chris Cash in the second quarter Thursday.

Pacers end Mavs' winning streak

Dallas falls just short of tying NBA record

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Unbeaten no more, the Dallas Mavericks were denied a spot in the NBA record books Thursday night by an Indiana Pacers team that showed why it has the best record in the East.
 Pounding the ball inside to take advantage of its low-post talent, Indiana got 26 points from Jermaine O'Neal and inspired efforts from Al Harrington, Brad Miller and Ron Artest to defeat the Mavericks 110-98.
 The Pacers prevented Dallas (14-1) from matching the 1948-49 Washington Capitols and 1993-94 Houston Rockets for the best start to a season in NBA history - 15-0.
 Artest scored 20 points, including Indiana's first 10, while Harrington scored 21 on 9-of-12 shooting and Miller added 16 on



Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller, right, works against Dallas Mavericks' Raja Bell during the second quarter Thursday in Indianapolis.

7-of-8 shooting.
 O'Neal grabbed 18 rebounds and Artest had 10, helping the Pacers to a 54-36 advantage on the boards. Indiana improved the East's best record to 12-2.
 "In order to win this game, you're going to have to use every-

thing you have from a strategy standpoint, because they're the best team in the NBA right now," Pacers coach Isiah Thomas said before the game.
 The Pacers indeed came up with a plan to attack the

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A RUN AT MVP?

In just one season, Vick has turned Falcons around

The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. - At the start of the season, Michael Vick was like anyone else about to make his debut as a starting quarterback. The playbook was still a bit confusing. He wasn't quite sure what opposing defenses might throw at him.
 By the end of the season, the Atlanta Falcons' star might have to work on his MVP speech.
 His teammates and coaches are touting him as the NFL's most valuable player, and it's hard to argue. The Falcons went 16-2 the last three seasons; this year, they have a seven-game unbeaten streak and a 7-3-1 record that puts them in solid contention for their first playoff berth since 1998.
 "He's definitely a candidate," coach Dan Reeves said. "He's made us what we are. He's definitely made this football team better. Of course, it all depends on how we finish. If we finish well, he's got to be a candidate."
 Vick has transformed an offense known for its shaky line



Michael Vick

and obscure receiving corps into one of the league's most dangerous units. Last week, the Falcons blew out Carolina 41-0. They are averaging 26 points per game - sixth best in the league and on pace to be the third highest in team history.
 "I look at the MVP as someone a team can't be without," receiver Shawn Jefferson said. "Look around the league. Tell me who quarterback has made more of a difference than Mike. If you base it on that, he wins it hands down."
 There are plenty of candidates with more experience - Green Bay's Brett Favre and Oakland's Rich Gannon come to mind - but Vick is clearly moving up the charts with a bullet.
 Vick's passing numbers are

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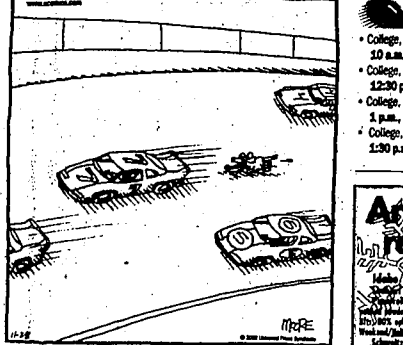
SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for team names and statistics for various basketball games.

IN THE BLEACHERS



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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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College, LSU at Arkansas, 12:30 p.m., CBS
College, Arizona State at Arizona, 1 p.m., FOX
College, Colorado at Nebraska, 1:30 p.m., ABC

Basketball

- College, Ohio State vs. Alabama, 10 a.m., ESPN2
College, Princeton NIT, championship game 7 p.m., ESPN2
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NBA, Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m., ESPN

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table showing Western Conference basketball standings with columns for team, W, L, PCT, GB, and Home.

SPURS 96, HORNETS 80

San Antonio Spurs 96, Charlotte Hornets 80. Spurs dominated the game with strong defense and scoring.

SUNS 82, NETS 76

Phoenix Suns 82, New Jersey Nets 76. Suns secured a victory with solid team play.

PATRIOTS 20, LIONS 12

New England Patriots 20, Detroit Lions 12. Patriots showed improvement in their offensive.

THUNDER 97, HORNETS 80

Oklahoma City Thunder 97, Charlotte Hornets 80. Thunder's defense was key to the win.

BLUES 4, AVAILANCE 0, OT

St. Louis Blues 4, Dallas Avallance 0 (OT). Blues scored late in the game to secure the win.

PANTHERS 8, JUNGES 2

Florida Panthers 8, New York Jets 2. Panthers dominated the game throughout.

PACKERS 11, MAVERICKS 10

Green Bay Packers 11, Dallas Mavericks 10. Packers won a close game in overtime.

ROCKETS 84, WARRIORS 84

Houston Rockets 84, Golden State Warriors 84. A high-scoring, closely contested game.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE NHL BOXES

Summary of NHL games from Wednesday night, including scores and key plays.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Table showing scores for various college basketball games.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table showing National Conference basketball standings.

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Table showing scores for West Coast Football League games.

THURSDAY'S NHL SUMMARIES

Summary of NHL games from Thursday, including scores and highlights.

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Cleveland Cavaliers 112, Miami Heat 90. Cavaliers dominated the game.

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Table showing scores for various college basketball games on Thursday.

THURSDAY'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

Table showing scores for various college football games on Thursday.

HOCKEY

Table showing scores for various hockey games.

BLACKHAWKS 4, COTWETS 2

Chicago Blackhawks 4, Colorado Avalanche 2. Blackhawks scored in the second period.

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News regarding player transactions and trades in the NHL.

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PENGUINS 7, FLYERS 2

Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Philadelphia Flyers 2. Penguins dominated the game.

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HORNETS 106, RAVENS 94

Charlotte Hornets 106, Baltimore Ravens 94. Hornets won a high-scoring game.

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Atlanta Hawks game summary and key statistics.

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IOC votes to keep ban on visits to Olympic bid cities. MEXICO CITY - The International Olympic Committee on Thursday overwhelmingly upheld the ban on member visits to bid cities, the major reform enacted following the Salt Lake City scandal.

Canadiens teammates fight at practice. MONTREAL - Montreal Canadiens teammates Richard Zednik and Karl Dykhus fought on the bench during practice Thursday and were separated by other players.

Flyers' LeClair will miss 'significant' playing time. PHILADELPHIA - Flyers second baseman John LeClair will be out indefinitely with a dislocated right shoulder after he collided with an opponent and crashed into the boards.

Swedish hockey fan gets fine for Nazi salute. STOCKHOLM, Sweden - A Swedish hockey fan was convicted of a hate crime Thursday for making a stiff-armed Nazi salute during a game early this year.

Cowboys. Continued from D1. total to 17,021, despite bruising his hand and straining his neck. This was the 76th 100-yard game of his career, tying Barry Sanders for second-most in league history, one behind the record held by Walter Payton.

After a first quarter that showed why both teams are among the bottom six offenses in the league, the game featured a little of everything: a blocked punt, blocked field goal, missed extra point, an interception returned for a touchdown and a missed field goal.

There was a bit of the wacky, too: Washington had to have its punt blocked after the punter broke his nose, while Dallas ran out of offensive linemen after losing two starters to injuries within three snaps.

Things were looking good for the Cowboys (5-7) when Tony Wuerffel threw his third touchdown pass for a 20-10 lead early in the third quarter. The scores came over four drives, with the longest a two-play, clock-killing series at the end of the first half.

Continued from D1. four straight games and lost consecutive games on Thanksgiving Day for the first time since 1992-93.

After Jason Hanson's fourth field goal cut Detroit's deficit to 20-12 with 9:46 left, the Patriots ran out the clock by driving from the 10 in Detroit. Tom Brady then knelt to end the game.

During the 17-play drive, New England was penalized twice on third- and -7 but converted both times.

In the second quarter, Brady had a chance to add to New England's 10-3 lead after Deion Branch's 63-yard kickoff return, but three plays later, Willie McGinest leaped for an interception at the Patriots 16.

"It was pretty even, but we were able to make the right plays at the right time," said New England coach Bill Belichick as the Patriots converted turnovers, we picked up some big third-down conversions and we played good defense

"It's not fun," Harrington said. "But they don't know what's going on like we do."

New England needed fewer than six minutes to grab a 10-0 lead at the start of the game and never let the Lions get touchdowns.

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Area swimmers received trophies for overall performance in the Idaho Falls Swim Team Invitational. Shown, from left to right, are: front row, David Borden, fourth place overall; Jake Johnson, sixth place overall and Paige Johnson, 16th place overall and back row, Jessica Layton, led fifth place overall; Rowdy Greene, ninth place overall and Michael Shea O'Donnell, second place overall. Not pictured is Dustin Danielson who received third place overall.

Swimmers go to Idaho Falls meet

IDHAHO FALLS - Several area swimmers recently participated in the Idaho Falls Swim Team Invitational on Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 at the Idaho Falls Aquatic Center. There were 19 participating teams from as close as the Magic Valley to as far away as Jackson Hole, Wyo. and Butte, Mont. The six swimmers from the Rupert/Burley area who swam with the Magic Valley Marlins were: David Borden, Jake Johnson, Paige Johnson, Jessica Layton, Michael Shea O'Donnell

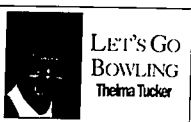
and Dustin Danielson. Rowdy Greene from Rupert swam "untouched", meaning he was not attached to any particular team. Swimmers who were disqualified in their event automatically received a Halloween treat and an explanation of why they got disqualified. Also, swimmers were able to purchase festive T-shirts that had the names of every swimmer registered for the meet on the back of the shirt. Halloween teenage babies were available to purchase, and raffles

were ongoing throughout the day on Oct. 26 for a variety of specialty baskets. The total weekend had well over 1,000 entries and over 150 heats. The YMCA Marlin Swim Team encourages anyone interested in either league swimming or year round swimming to call Head Coach John Twiss at 734-2336. The Marlins' next swimming meet will be the Thanksgiving Invitational on Nov. 22-24 at the Boise City Aquatic Center.

Sorting out rules interpretations

Editor's note: A misinterpretation of a rule appeared in last week's column concerning the Men's Bowls tournament Dec. 7-8 at Bowledrome. The 10-pin rule applies to each bowler's handicap, and not between partners. The Times-News regrets the error.

Regarding the 10-pin rule, as stated in Tournament Rule 319a2: "When the previous season's average is used, and at the time of bowling an entrant has a current average for 21 or more games that is 10 pins or more higher than the prior season's average, the current average must be used." This rule deals with each individual bowler who enters a tournament when the rule is in effect. It has no bearing on the average of tournament rules say it is not in effect, bowlers don't have



to worry about it. If it is not mentioned in the rules, it is in effect per ABC/WIBC. So be sure you read the rules. Another rule that quite often goes unread is that bowlers are responsible for verifying their own averages whether submitted by the bowler or someone else. If the submitted average is lower than required and results in more handicap, the bowler's scores will be disqualified. If the submitted average is higher than required, prize winnings will be based on the submitted

average. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of the tournament. Errors can be made, so each bowler needs to verify that their average is correct during that first game. If it is not correct, report it to the tournament director. Tournaments offer lots of fun and the chance to meet some really terrific people. The Men's Bowls Tournament, state tournaments, Northwest tournaments and city tournaments are coming up before we realize it. Read those tournament rules, complete and send in those applications. Now, Let's Go Bowling. Thelma's column appears regularly in YourSports. Contact her at 733-4357, by e-mail at tucker@magiclink.com or fax at (208) 733-3197.

Oilers winger avoids injury in car accident

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) - Edmonton Oilers right wing Georges Laraque was released from the hospital Thursday following a car accident. The 25-year-old Laraque was put in a neck brace before being taken to the hospital, but he was not seriously injured. He was to be evaluated by team doctors Friday to determine if he will miss any playing time. Laraque's sport utility vehicle apparently collided with a van in west Edmonton. A mother and daughter who were in the van were also taken to the hospital with neck injuries, sore chests, cuts and bruises. They were later released, the Oilers said. "He's banged up and a little sore, but George is going to be OK," Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish said. "He's just worried about the other two people in the accident and very concerned about their health." The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Laraque is in his sixth season with the Oilers. In 18 games this year, he has one goal, one assist and 32 penalty minutes.

Morales earns athlete of week award

Chris Morales was declared a 2002 NIAA Cleverton High Performance Athlete of the week for the week of Sept. 16-21. Morales earned this award for his performance against McDermit. He rushed for 112 yards and 3 touchdowns. Jerry Hughes, the executive director of the NIAA, presented the award.

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Park's identity fades

Recent global warming might be just part of story of Glacier Park today

By Usha Lee McFarling
Los Angeles Times

MANY GLACIER, Mont. — When naturalists first hiked through Glacier National Park more than a century ago, 150 glaciers graced its high cliffs and jagged peaks. Today there are 35. The cold slivers that remain are disintegrating so fast that scientists estimate the park will have no glaciers in 30 years.

Boulder Glacier, once massive enough to contain a human-dwarfing ice cave, was gone in 1998. Grinnell Glacier, beloved by tourists and scientists alike, has lost 90 percent of its volume since 1850.

The dwindling glaciers in the deeply chiseled landscape of this national park offer the clearest and most visible sign of climate change in America. It is an smen anyone can grasp in an instant: Ice that has lasted in these high alpine valleys since the end of the Stone Age will soon vanish.

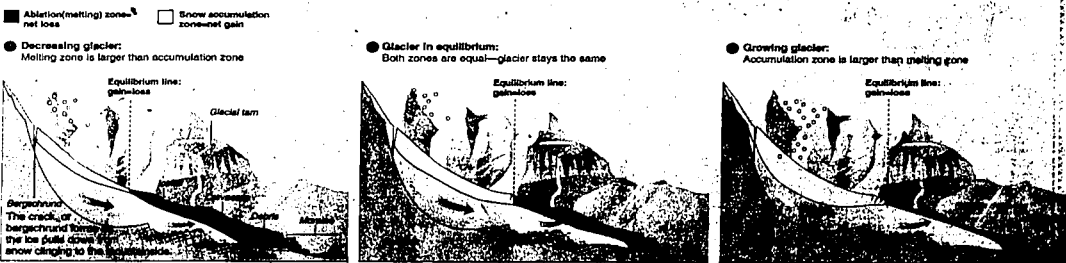
"It's not just going to happen in my lifetime," said Dan Fagre, a 49-year-old ecologist who leads the U.S. Geological Survey team working to chronicle climate change in this park known as the Crown of the Continent. "It's going to happen during my career."

The unexpected speed of the demise of the glaciers has scientists racing against time. They have only decades left — nothing at all in geological terms — to understand these ancient frozen beasts before they disappear.

"The scariest thing to me is realizing how fast these things are happening," said Blaise Reardon,

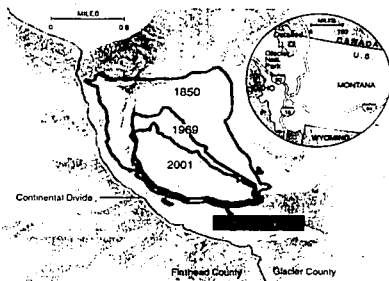
Glaciers lose ground

Glaciers are accumulated layers of year-round snow that eventually compress into thick ice masses. Once they reach a critical thickness of about 60 feet, they are heavy enough to start deforming and flowing downhill like slow rivers. Here is how they lose ground:



Grinnell Glacier recedes

The outside boundary of the Grinnell Glacier has been measured at several points in time; the latest measure was in 2001.



Source: Dave Sawatz, USGS

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39, an avalanche expert who has worked in the park for the past two years.

Since 1991, a team of scientists has measured the most ephemeral details of the glaciers. They have analyzed the cycles of precipitation and temperature that merge into the cold calculus of every glacier. They have dragged

ground-penetrating radar over crevasses and risked skiing into avalanches to measure snowfall.

They have analyzed soil carbon and counted frog eggs to document the unique ecology of glaciers and their meltwater streams.

But for all the gigabytes of data the team has accumulated, they realize they have only scratched



The Boulder Glacier at Glacier National Park has all but disappeared from 1932 to 1988.

the surface. The transformation of the park has turned out to be far more complex than anyone imagined. For example, even as most glaciers here race toward extinction, a handful seem to effortlessly maintain their grip on mountain peaks.

"It makes you question what you know," Fagre said, "which is the real point of science."

While the team has spent much of its tenure here talking about stream-flow data, snowfall

records and vegetation dynamics, they have started talking about something new: the loss of beauty. These scientists know they are recording the last vestiges of a world that may soon exist only in their computers, photographs and memories — a world their grandchildren may never see.

"When the permanent parts of the landscape start disappearing, that's unsettling," said Fagre, who has lived and worked in the park for more than a decade. "It's still a beautiful mountain, but without glaciers, an identity is lost."

To glaciologists who thrill to see the groaning dynamics of ice in real time, there still is beauty in the rocky new landscapes.

The terrain left behind by a retreating glacier is like land recovering from fire, Kargel said. It may look devastated, scarred and littered with boulders. But soon, lichens, grasses and wildflowers grow. Those who stand at the edge of retreating glaciers are likely standing where no human has stood before. "It's not all doom and gloom," Kargel said.

Still, the glaciers' vanishing was one of the first topics to come up after Mick Holm took over as park superintendent this summer. People "wanted to know what I was going to do about stopping the glaciers," he said.

Holm could offer no consolation. While dismissing the suggestion that Glacier National Park will need a new name once the

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glaciers go, he said the questions raise some disconcerting issues. "I don't know if people have taken the time to really think of Glacier National Park without glaciers," the eastern Montana native said. "We've always expected them to be here."

Glaciers take decades to respond to warming. Scientists say the melting of the glaciers seen today is largely because of leftover warming from the end of the Little Ice Age — the period from 1450 to 1850, when temperatures were a few degrees colder than temperatures in the 1900s — and global warming, the recent heating of our planet by 1 degree. Most scientists agree the recent warming is mainly a product of industrial activity.

The melting here is being mimicked around the world, from the snows of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to the ice fields beneath Mount Everest in the Himalayas. Experts predict that glaciers in the high Andes, the Swiss Alps and even Iceland could disappear in coming decades as well.

The loss of ice worldwide is a crisis on many levels. Glaciers are natural water towers, providing steady flows of late-summer water to farms and valleys below. These streams are the lifeblood of mountain ecosystems. When warming is rapid, gushing meltwater can quickly dam into large lakes and burst in flash floods.

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Case No. SP-02-1145
NOTICE OF HEARING
IN RE: VYACHESLAV POZDNYAKOV
Date of Birth: 09/01/53
A Petition by Vyacheslav Pozdnyakov, born on 09/01/53 in Donetsk, Country of (Ukraine) now residing at 838 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, proposing a change in name to Slavic-Pozdnyakov has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being the name has caused me a lot of problems resulting from the spelling and pronunciation. The petitioner's father is living.
Such petition will be heard at such time set by the court. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 8th day of November, 2002.
/s/ Gary Daw, Clerk
PUBLISH: November 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. SP-02-1187
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
IN RE: GREGORY MARSHALL
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MARSHALL BELL, LISA KAYE BELL and JONATHAN TYLER BELL to GREGORY MARSHALL GREER, LISA KAYE GREER and JONATHAN TYLER GREER.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That any person having objection to the changing of Petitioners' name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice, to-wit, the 31st day of December, 2002.

DATED This 20th day of November, 2002.

ROY NIELSON & BARNI GARCIA
By Brent H. Nielson
Attorneys for Petitioner

PUBLISH: November 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 2002

NOTICE OF HEARING
The Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 16,

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2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Office located at 425 Shoshone St. North, Twin Falls, Idaho. The purpose of the hearing is for public input and discussion of amending the Regional Coordinated Water Resource Management Plan. A summary of the proposed changes to the plan follows and a complete text of the change will be made available upon request at the County Commissioners' Office during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The proposed change will repeal and replace the water quality portion of the Regional Coordinated Water Resource Management Plan for the region which includes Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Mondak, and Twin Falls Counties.

SUMMARY:
This amendment is in

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accordance with sections 31-715 and 50-901 Idaho Code. Providing for interpretation and enactment; providing for the definition of the planning area and the water quality situation within the region; providing for policy statements to clarify the intent of the counties making up the region; providing for goals, objectives and strategies for protecting the regions water resources from contamination by recreation, tourism and fish and wildlife, hydropower, private, municipal and industrial waste treatment, field agriculture, animal agriculture, ground water recharge; providing for an effective date.

Any person may attend and written and/or oral testimony shall be taken. Dated this 25th day of November, 2002.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ Gary Grindstaff
Chairman
ATTEST:

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/Priscilla A. Bolton for Robert S. Fort, Clerk

PUBLISH: Friday, November 29, 2002

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Twin Falls Highway District, a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, proposes to sell to the Gooding Highway District, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Idaho, property described more particularly as follows: One (1) 1998 Caterpillar Model 160H Motor Grader, Serial No. 9E2J00563

The Twin Falls Highway District proposes to sell and the Gooding Highway District proposes to purchase the above-described personal property for the sum of \$121,000.00, pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Sections 67-2322 and 67-2323. The Twin Falls Highway District proposes to rally the pro-

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posed written agreement at its meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 1:00 P.M. at the Twin Falls Highway District office located at 1234 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Gooding Highway District proposes to rally the proposed written agreement at its meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2002 at the hour of 8:00 P.M. at the office of the Gooding Highway District located at 134 Third Avenue West, Gooding, Idaho.

Interested parties may obtain copies of the proposed agreement at either the Twin Falls Highway District office or at the Gooding Highway District during regular business hours. The property to be sold may be viewed by contacting the Twin Falls Highway District office at 1234 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

DATED this 18th day of November, 2002.

Twin Falls Highway District
By: Karen Dalton, Secretary

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and Limits.
Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Director's Office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-334-5159 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-577-2529 (TDD).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Magic Valley Trail Machine Assoc. is applying for a grant through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. This grant will be used to purchase new chainsaws and update our present equipment for trail clearing and maintenance.

PUBLISH: November 29, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.

ORDER SUMMONING AND CONVENING A GRAND JURY

IN THE MATTER OF IMPANELING A STANDING GRAND JURY IN THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, STATE OF IDAHO.

The Prosecuting Attorney for Twin Falls County, Idaho, petitioned this Court on November 5, 2002, to order that a grand jury be summoned and convened in Twin Falls County. A hearing was held November 12, 2002, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court finds that the public interest of Twin Falls County requires that a grand jury be summoned to inquire into public offenses and reasons set forth in the Petition filed by the Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the grand jury be summoned and convened in Twin Falls County, on the 3rd day of December, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m., to commence inquiry into the matter of public offenses committed or liable within Twin Falls County. The Court finds that the public interest requires this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Jury Commissioners shall appear at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, Judicial Annex, on the 3rd day of December, 2002, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m., and that from those legally qualified jurors, a grand jury of sixteen (16) persons shall be selected.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney of Twin Falls County shall attend the District Court on the 3rd day of December, 2002, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m.; and the either he, or such Deputy or Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney as he may designate to act on his behalf from time to time, shall attend all sessions of the grand jury offering advice, information, and assistance to the grand jury pursuant to Idaho statutes and Idaho Criminal Rule 6(f).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney of Twin Falls County shall cooperate with and assist the Court in securing a room and facilities for use by the grand jury as required by Idaho statutes and Idaho Criminal Rule 6(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that once selected and convened, the grand jury shall serve until discharged by the Court, and during its term shall meet from time to time as necessary to conduct its business.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney shall issue Subpoenas forthwith and from time to time hereafter to compel attendance of witnesses, so as to expedite and assist the Grand Jury's inquiry into public offenses committed within Twin Falls County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Order shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court and that said Clerk shall post a copy of this Order in the Theron Ward Judicial Building at the locations where court schedules are posted; on the general bulletin board where public notices are posted in the Courthouse; at the location where public notices are posted at the office of the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners; and shall furnish a copy of this Order to the newspaper which has been designated by the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners for publication of legal notices. Said copy shall be posted and provided to the designated newspaper no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on the 12th day of November, 2002.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall designate a deputy clerk and a substitute deputy clerk who will be made available to process records and documents pertaining to the activities of the grand jury in such a manner that the secrecy requirements of the law as well as all other provisions of Idaho Statutes and Idaho Criminal Rule 6 regarding Grand Jury proceedings are satisfied.

DATED this 12th day of November, 2002.

/s/ Nathan Higer, District Judge

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OPEN MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

DATE OF NOTICE: November 19, 2002

DATE OF MEETING: December 11-13, 2002

PLACE OF MEETING:
Trophy Room
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
600 South Walnut
Boise, ID

A public hearing/open house will be held beginning at 7:00 pm MST at the address above. The Commission meeting will convene at 8:00 am on December 12.

PERSONS ATTENDING:
Commissioners
Director
Staff

PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA:
Rules: Wild Turkey; Southeast Idaho Deer Tag; Youth Licenses; Hunter Education; Charge for Hunter Harvest Report; Commercial Fishing on Lake Pend Oreille; 2003 Steelhead Season

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Case No. 48055

On April 15, 2003, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day at the lobby of Trustee, 162 Fourth Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: Lot 1, VILLA DEL RIO SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 58, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Sometimes known as 162 Lee Logos Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from RAIN TREE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., an Idaho corporation, to TitleFact, Inc., an Idaho corporation, Trustee, and Richard G. Irwin and JoAnn Irwin, husband and wife, Beneficiaries, as instrument numbered 4, 2002, recorded February 5, 2002, as instrument No. 2002-00232, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The above Grantee are named to comply with Section 45-106(f)(1a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay: (a) Accumulated deficiency in quarterly interest payments of \$3,528.02 per quarter, due August and November, 2002, is \$7,056.04. The balance owing as of the date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$130,000.00, plus 11% interest and foreclosure costs. (b) Defaults resulting from the Grantor's failure to protect the security of the Deed of Trust as required in the Deed of Trust.

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Everyone out there knows the proverbial rule about third hand playing high. Well, it is only true to a point. Consider the following deal from the Las Vegas Fall Nationals last year, in which South passed in second seat. Then he tried to make up for his initial pass by taking a shot at three no-trump when North rebid two hearts. A rebid of two no-trump would have been quite sufficient, of course, at that point.

On a low-diamond lead, declarer's best legitimate shot is to play dummy's diamond eight, hoping East has queen-third of diamonds, or else that with his actual holding he blindly follows the third-hand-high rule.

Note the difference that the correct defensive play makes at trick one. If East plays the diamond queen on the eight, declarer wins, ducks a club, and claims at least nine tricks with the suit splits. However, since South is clearly marked with a top diamond honor from the auction, it should be easy for East in third seat to break the third-hand-high rule, and put in the diamond nine. That drives off declarer's jack, and now if declarer tacksles the clubs, East has the guaranteed re-entry in clubs. That allows him to play the diamond queen at his next opportunity, which pins dummy's 10 and declarer's king out. From that point onward in the deal, the defenders have four diamonds, two spades and their club trick. So declarer will make only six tricks!

Bridge hand diagram showing North and South hands with cards and suits.

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

The bidding:

Bidding sequence table with columns for South, West, North, East and the pass/NT status.

Opening lead: Diamond four

BID WITH THE ACES

Table showing South holds and card counts for various suits.

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. With your fitting minor-suit cards, you might be tempted to bid one no-trump or three diamonds, but you do have a nine-count with limited controls. So settle for simple preference here.

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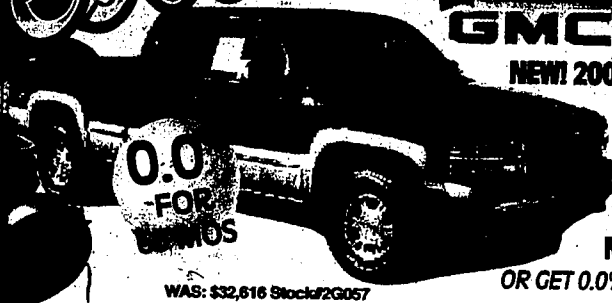
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