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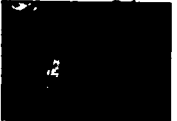
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U.S.: Iraq breached U.N. resolution

Military prepares to move troops to Gulf

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The U.S. military is poised to begin a rapid and visible buildup of forces in the Persian Gulf early next month involving 50,000 combat forces, aircraft, armor and tens of thousands of reserves, senior defense officials said.

The escalation would give President Bush the option of beginning combat operations in late January or early February, after the United Nations Security Council meets Jan. 27 to hear the first substantive report from Hans Blix, the U.N.'s chief weapons inspector, on whether Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction.

One senior defense official said the Pentagon had been quietly moving heavy

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Secretary of State Colin Powell, speaking at the State Department in Washington, tells reporters Thursday that Iraq's weapons disclosure is just more deception. Powell said, 'We are disappointed, but we are not deceived.'

Inspectors say Iraq fails to give truthful list of its weapons

Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS - Iraq has failed to prove that it has no weapons of mass destruction, the chief U.N. inspectors said Thursday, pointing out that Iraq's 12,000-page arms declaration made no attempt to account for suspect materials that inspectors believe the country may still possess.

U.S. officials went a step further, calling the omissions "another material breach," but stopped short of declaring the flawed declaration a trigger for war. Instead, U.S. officials consider Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, effectively on probation until the inspectors'

next assessment of Iraq's cooperation Jan. 27.

The report's "pattern of systematic holes and gaps" violated the terms of the U.N. resolution on disarming Iraq, putting Baghdad just one misstep away from military action. U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said after inspectors Hans Blix and Mohammed Barzouei met with the Security Council on Thursday morning. "These are material omissions that, in our view, constitute another material breach."

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell echoed the warning in Washington. "We are disappointed, but we are not deceived," he said. Please see IRAQ, Page A2

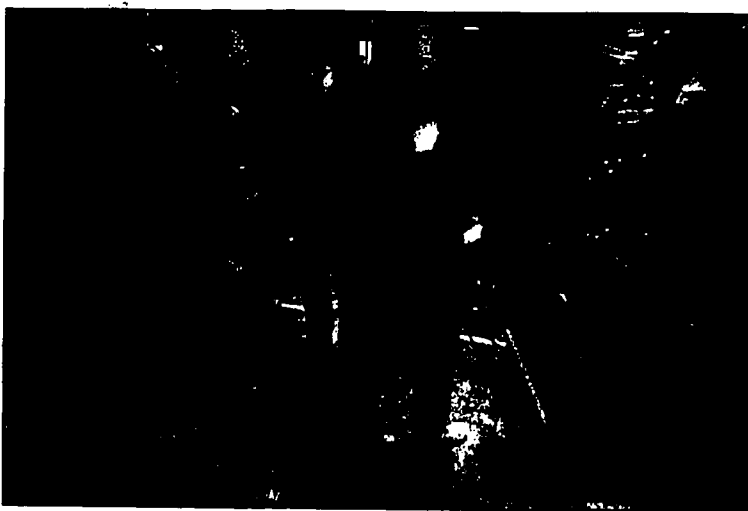
ON WITH THE SHOW AT OREGON TRAIL

Shari Cowgar, center, the music teacher at Oregon Trail

Elementary School, urges a group of students carrying placards onto the stage for the 'Children Go Where I Send Thee'

sequence of the Christmas program at the school.

The program was designed to highlight America as a melting pot and included number songs such as 'Rudolph, 'Baby of Bethlehem' and 'Hark! Hark! Herald Angels'.



SHARI COWGAR/For The Times-News

Crowd has concerns about Glanbia wastewater

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

GOODING - Concerns about a new wastewater permit requested by Glanbia Foods Inc. drew about 75 people to a Department of Environmental Quality hearing in Gooding on Thursday.

The bet among DEQ officials was whether more than 10 would show up.

Some of the crowd said they were worried about pathogens and odor being spread, while others said the Glanbia proposal for getting rid of its industrial waste by using land application is not only environmentally safe but desirable.

And starkly in the middle of the discussion was 5th District Judge Barry Wood, speaking as a private citizen, who accused the DEQ of having already made up its mind to approve the permit.

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Wood questioned the ability of the agency to monitor Glanbia.

DEQ procedure calls for wastewater land application permit requests to be analyzed by the department staff, which then issues the permits. In some cases - and the Glanbia request is one - the department puts the draft permits out for public comment, and public hearings are held. After draft permits are issued, content may also formally file a contest the permits, which are

Glanbia wants to boost the volume to 6.2 million. But Thursday, company officials emphasized their intent is to increase flexibility in their ability to dispose of the wastewater that comes from their cheese-processing facility.

The extra 530 acres will enable Glanbia to change pivots when the wind is blowing the wrong direction and causing wastewater to spill on to other property, an engineer and former DEQ employee said. But also, it would allow the company to change the sprinkling pattern in case of mechanical breakdown.

A neighbor of Glanbia, Reuben Donaldson, said he would live right in the middle of both the 900-acre parcel and the 530-acre parcel.

"Quite frankly, I am opposed to it," Donaldson said, citing worries

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Idaho tax collections again exceed slashed projections

The Associated Press

BOISE - Tax collections exceeded dramatically scaled-back targets for the fifth straight month in November, further padding the one-time cash surplus Gov. Dirk Kempthorne likely needs to keep this year's budget in the black.

The monthly economic update released on Thursday by the Division of Financial Management showed all three key taxes - personal income, corporate and sales - exceeded their benchmarks for the month by more than \$7 million.

But analysts warned that per-

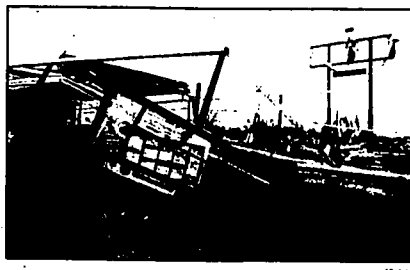
sonal income taxes, which generate over half the state's general tax receipts, were enhanced by an extra payday in November and a large number of filings to cover underpaid taxes in 2001.

They also cautioned that the next two reports for December and January will be the most critical to date since they will reflect the strength of the holiday shopping season and overall wages for the year.

Psychic withholding, a key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength, exceeded expectations.

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DEMOLISHED DRIVE-IN



A Sonic Drive Inn damaged by a tornado in Newton, Miss., is seen Thursday. The tornado smashed into stores jammed with holiday shoppers and flipped over trucks Thursday, injuring about 80 people, at least two critically, authorities said. For more, see Page A5.

Schools restore most cut positions

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A financial gesture made by some Twin Falls teachers to keep the school district audiologist won't be necessary, as the district will be able to foot the bill after all.

An unexpected increase in enrollment and an emergency levy have produced enough money to reinstate several previously cut positions - including the audiologist, albeit as a half-time position, Superintendent Terrell Denschel said.

As a result, the district will send checks out to the nearly 100 teachers who volunteered a day's pay for audiologist Dennis Robinson.

But some teachers said that rather than return the money, the district should use the donations to supplement the district's funds, returning the audiologist to a full-time position. Moreover, they find the district's timing a little curious, as their money is being returned only after Robinson announced that he had found part-time work outside the district.

The district audiologist was one of 12 positions eliminated during budget cuts last spring. Distaught, a quarter of the district's teaching staff volunteered a

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EPA: INEEL fails to keep aquifer clean

The Associated Press

BOISE - The U.S. Department of Energy has been fined \$175,000 for failing to take steps to keep radioactive material at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory from leaching into the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Department of Energy officials say the Environmental Protection Agency fine is in direct conflict with a cleanup plan agreement between the two agencies.

INEEL is in the process of cleaning up radioactive waste stored underground tanks near Idaho Falls. Removal of the liquid waste is required under the state's 1995 cleanup agreement with the federal government.

The Snake River Plain Aquifer is the sole source of drinking water for some 200,000 people in southern Idaho.

According to a letter sent to the laboratory from Michael Gearheard, director of the Environmental Cleanup Office, the Department of Energy failed

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

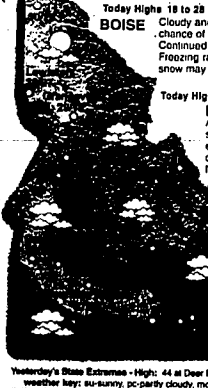
Today: Breezy with a few snowflakes possible. Highs near 36.
Tonight: Cloudy with a light breeze. Lows near 24.
Tomorrow: A chance of freezing rain or snow showers developing. Highs near 35.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers possible. Highs in the 30s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow falling. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s.
Tomorrow: A chance of freezing rain and, or snow showers developing. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Today, Saturday and Sunday will remain mostly cloudy and crisp. Areas of light snow showers are possible each day.



Today Highs 18 to 28. Tonight's Lows 3 to 13.
BOISE
Cloudy and breezy today. A slight chance of light snow falling. Continued cool and cloudy Saturday. Freezing rain showers mixed with snow may form.

NORTHERN UTAH

Today Highs/Lows 33 to 43/20 to 30.
Showers and brisk winds expected today with continuing chance of light flurries on Saturday.

Weather's State Estimates - High: 44 at Deer Flat Dam. Low: 8 at Stanley weather bay.
Snow: partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, cloudy.
Thunder: no showers, rain, snow, ice, flurries, wind, freezing.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 6 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Each column contains a weather icon and a brief description of the day's conditions.

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Humidity

Table with 2 columns: Yesterday High/Low and Today's Forecast High/Low. Includes a note about a winter year run from Oct 1 to Sept 30.

Barometric Pressure

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Sunrise and Sunset

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Phoenix, Portland, St. Louis, St. Paul, Tampa, Washington, DC, Wichita.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Beijing, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, Honolulu, Indianapolis, Jerusalem, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Taipei, Tokyo, Vancouver, Wellington, Wichita.

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Carrying monkeys in pants lands man in jail

LOS ANGELES - Robert John Cusack smuggled into the United States a pair of endangered pygmy monkeys in his pants. On June 13, Ho Truong, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agent, was called to Los Angeles International Airport after Cusack was stopped by U.S. Customs on arrival from Thailand. Officials soon discovered that Cusack, 45, had four endangered birds of paradise and 50 protected orchids. When one of the inspectors opened up his luggage, one of the birds flew out. Truong said, "He had to go catch the bird."

Taxes

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reserves and other one-time money to cover ongoing expenditures will leave the state facing an estimated \$160 million deficit in the next budget. Kempthorne has not called for a tax increase, but he has said he opposes further education, health care and public safety cuts, leaving no other alternative for the 2003-2004 spending year. At the same time on Thursday, the state's largest business lobby said protecting the current business investment incentives and heading off any attempt to roll back the record corporate and personal tax cut of 2001 were its top priorities. Repeat of the investment tax credit, which currently costs the state an estimated \$30 million a year, has been mentioned as a possible piece of a solution to ease the deficit. But most of the discussion has focused on the sales tax - either raising the 5 percent rate or repealing the exemptions that protect more than half of all transactions from taxation.

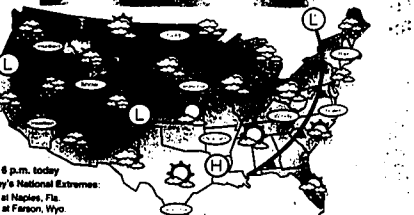
Military

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equipment for months as part of a buildup that was kept low-key to avoid alarming the international community and creating the impression that the Bush administration had prejudged the U.N. inspections process. "But without a doubt, within the next week or so, you'll see more muscle movements than you've seen up to now," the official said. "We've been below the threshold of a vein of the international community. I think you're going to see a strategy change to one of demonstrated resolve, if not overt coercion." He and other defense officials said there was far more heavy equipment in the region than has been reported, even with the Pentagon acknowledging the presence of about 60,000 troops and 400 aircraft at bases in Turkey, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain. Two 62,000-ton cargo ships, the USNS Watson and the USNS Charlton, sailed into the Gulf without fanfare within the past 10 days, another official said. Statistics supplied by the Military Sealift Command show that cargo ships have moved almost 16 million square feet of material from the United States and the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia to the Persian Gulf since Oct. 1, including 1,290 20-foot containers loaded with ammunition, 18,130 tons of ammunition and the USNS Charlton, sailed into the Gulf without fanfare within the past 10 days, another official said.

Iraq

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begins to comply. First, the United States and its Security Council partners should continue to analyze the Iraqi declaration to determine the extent of any deceptions and to find other ways "to compel compliance," Powell said. "The burden remains on Iraq - not on the United Nations, not on the United States," he warned. High priority would then be given to interviews with Iraqi scientists and other witnesses outside Iraq, where Powell said they could speak freely. Baghdad, he stressed, is obligated to make these witnesses available. U.S. officials now acknowledge that access to equipment engineers and other technicians has become the pivotal element in revealing where weapons material might be hidden. Diplomats at the U.N. say they anticipate that Iraq will fail to provide a clear act of noncompliance with the resolution that the council could agree on as a trigger for military action.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 8 p.m., today.
Yesterday's National Extratropics: High: 53 at Naples, Fla. Low: 18 at Faron, Wyo.

Glanbia

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about odor and diminished water quality. Another neighbor, Gary Gorsznan, said the only thing he has ever smelled from Glanbia fields where wastewater has been applied, was the sweet smell of fresh-cut alfalfa. He said any past issues that neighbors might have had about pivots, Glanbia has always immediately taken care of. But perhaps it was with the DEQ's enforcement that people have an odor plan if neighbors complained, and the agency allowed the company to use the third method of choice, not the first, in the original permit: land application. Judy Daubner, Cooding County Planning and Zoning administrator, said the DEQ draft permit she had studied would require a special-use permit from the county because Glanbia was not planning to use a waste treatment facility for the wastewater that was to be spread on the new land. She said the DEQ had told Jerome Cheese Co. which had wanted to land apply its wastewater in an earlier request, it would have to purify its wastewater before land applying. But in addition, she pointed out that the new land Glanbia is looking at is not zoned industrial, and therefore the company will have to get the special permit from the county if it doesn't plan to use a treatment facility. The public has until Dec. 27 to submit written comments on the issue, and in fact, DEQ officials encouraged the crowd to do so, saying that it is easier to digest written information.

Positions

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the money. That is, they weren't asked whether they wanted the money back or preferred to have it go to re-establishing the full-time audiologist position. Donich said the district had offered Robinson another part-time position several months ago within the district to bring his work load down full time, but Robinson declined the offer. The part-time position was as a teacher at the Snake River Detention Center, an area outside Robinson's area of specialization. Robinson said that teaching position was more essential than was having a full-time audiologist on staff. Robinson will stay on as a part-time audiologist at the district and part time at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. Robinson said he was troubled that it was only after he notified the district of his new job that the district offered to return the money. Moreover, the lack of communication has been troubling for Robinson and the teachers. "It's always been real hush," Turner said. Indeed, Donich said that, for whatever reason, the district didn't contact Robinson to inform him of the change in funding. "That would be our four pas," Donich said. "We should have communicated and unfortunately not. We didn't even think about it." And regarding the lack of discussion concerning the options with the teachers, Donich said, "We just went ahead and did it. It's hard to ask 90 people, 'What do you want to have done with this?'" He added that given the uncertain economic future, a report of last year's budget cuts appears likely. Thus, he said he didn't see the point in restoring the audiologist full-time status, only to turn around a few months later to possibly eliminate the position. Among the other jobs restored were full-time positions at the high school, the Snake River Detention Center, the Bridge Academy and I.B. Ferrine Elementary School. Also restored was a half-time position at Vera C.

O'Leary Junior High School. "Enough money was available to also reinstate some previously cut elementary school teaching positions. However, adding teachers midway through the semester would have required breaking up some classrooms and sending some students to different teachers. Because that was seen as not in the children's best interest, the district instead used the money to hire 11 teacher aides, with one-year contracts, to alleviate the strain from the extra students. Also restored were seven playground aides and a computer lab aide. Another \$200,000 went for supplies and materials, another area that had been cut back. Little of the extra money returned to the district. As a result, a gifted and talented facilitator position remains unfilled. So, too, is the elementary school orchestra post, although the district will pick up volunteer expenses for the volunteer director.

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U.S. plans new bases in Afghanistan

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military, in a significant shift in its posture in Afghanistan, plans to set up eight to 10 new bases around the country over the next six months in hopes of boosting reconstruction efforts and regional security, a Pentagon official said Thursday.

In addition, the new bases will endeavor "to dampen regional tensions" and to project the power of the central government in Kabul into the provinces. Joe Collins, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for stability operations, said at a Pentagon briefing.

Each of the bases will have a complement of about 60 people, including regular U.S. combat troops, Special Forces soldiers, US AID personnel and others, he said. Other people, including allied and Afghan troops, as well as medical units and Army engineering units, will bolster the staffing of some of the bases to well over 100, an administration official said.

TV makers, cable agree on technology for new TV format

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cable companies and TV makers agreed Thursday to make their technologies more compatible, with the goal of boosting sales of high-definition televisions.

The agreement on new technical and legal standards, which needs federal approval, would allow digital cable signals to flow seamlessly into television sets without the need for a set-top box. The companies want high-definition televisions with this "plug-and-play" technology to be widely available by 2004.

"This agreement stands as the single-most important step in moving the digital TV transition forward to date," said Gary Shapiro, president and chief executive of the Consumer Electronics Association.

Budget deficit totals \$60B in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government registered a \$59.1 billion budget deficit in November, the second month of the 2003 fiscal year, the Treasury Department said Thursday.

Although November's deficit was 8.9 percent larger than the \$54.3 billion in red ink posted for the same month a year earlier, it was in line with a projection made by the Congressional Budget Office.

The deficit posted in November of the 2003 budget year reflected spending of \$179.1 billion and revenues of \$120 billion.

The 2002 budget deficit ended four straight years of surpluses and followed a \$127 billion surplus — the second biggest ever — for fiscal 2001.

Tennessee senator says he's willing to serve as leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, a close ally of President Bush, said Thursday that he will probably seek to replace Trent Lott as Senate Republican leader if he determines that most of his colleagues will support him.

In a statement, Frist said several senators had approached him Thursday and asked him to seek the job. He said he agreed to let them gauge support from all 51 GOP senators who will serve in the new Congress that convenes next month.

"I indicated to them that if it is clear that a majority of the Republican caucus believes a change in leadership would benefit the institution of the United States Senate, I will likely step forward for that role," Frist said.

Lott, 61, has said he believes he has enough support from his colleagues to retain his job and has vowed to fight for it. The Mississippi has been under fire since Dec. 5, when he expressed



Sen. Trent Lott Sen. Bill Frist

regret that segregationist presidential candidate Strom Thurmond was defeated in 1948. Lott has delivered a series of apologies for his comments.

Frist, 50 and in his second Senate term, had spent the last

several days making noncommittal statements about Lott.

But earlier Thursday, GOP aides speaking on condition of anonymity said Frist was sounding out senators by telephone and was considering making the race. GOP sena-

tors plan to meet Jan. 6 to decide who will lead them in the new Congress, which convenes the next day.

"Bill didn't tell me he was in this thing yet," said one senator who recently has spoken to Frist.

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NATION



Relatives attending funeral services Thursday in Lawrence, Mass., mourn while standing next to the casket of one of four boys who died Saturday in the Merrimack River.

'They are heroes': City remembers boys' deaths

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) - Parents and teachers wept along side agonized family members Thursday as a city grieved for four young boys who died after falling through thin ice and becoming trapped.

The boys, ages 7 to 11, were recalled as heroes during a funeral service that drew hundreds of mourners. Three of the children drowned Saturday trying to save a fourth from the icy Merrimack River.

All of these boys shared a sense of responsibility to each other and to their friendship. School Superintendent Wilfredo Laboy said in an eulogy as he called for the city to find healing in God's grace and their memories of the boys.

The accident happened as a group of boys were walking home from the nearby Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lawrence.

William Rodriguez, 11, was the first to fall through, said three children who survived. As the oth-

ers tried to save him, 7-year-old Christopher Casado, 9-year-old Victor Baez and 8-year-old Mackendy Constant became trapped under the ice.

"They are heroes in our eyes," the Rev. Jorge Reyes told mourners at the funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Hundreds packed the church, including parents who brought their children and teachers who wore green and white ribbon wreaths in memory of the boys. Sen. John Kerry and Rep. Martin Meehan, whose district includes the town, also attended.

Later Thursday at a cemetery, mourners' cries filled the frigid air and friends and emergency personnel carried several women away, including one mother who strained her arms back toward the gravesite, calling for her "baby." "Everybody feels the pain," said Canea Montz, 35, Mackendy's uncle. "They need somebody who's strong. I feel weak, but I need to be strong for them."

Groups promise cloned babies will be born within weeks

NEW YORK (AP) - The race to produce the first birth of a human clone is nearing the finish line - if you believe the public pronouncements. Last month, it was an Italian fertility doctor, Dr. Severino Antinori, who promised a cloned baby boy in January. On Thursday, it was a scientist who belongs to a group that believes life on earth was created by extraterrestrials. Brigitte

Boisselier, head of a company called Clonaid, confirmed media reports that a cloned baby girl is expected to be born this month. And she says she'll offer proof the baby is a clone of the woman carrying the pregnancy. Many scientists say they don't put much stock in either cloning effort. They discount Boisselier chiefly because she does not specialize in reproductive medicine, but is a chemist by training.

Clonaid, which declines to say where its facilities are, was founded in the Bahamas in 1997 by the head of a group called the Raelians. They contend the truth about the origin of life on earth

was revealed to their founder, Rael, by a visitor from another planet. Boisselier, a Raelian bishop, said Clonaid retains "philosophical" but not economic links to the group.

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to seal the surface of the tanks to keep contaminants from leaking into the soil and eventually into the aquifer.

The soil surrounding the tanks also poses a danger to workers through direct radiation exposure, Gearheard said.

Warren Bergholz, acting manager of the laboratory, said the complaint contradicts an agreement reached between the Department of Energy and EPA.

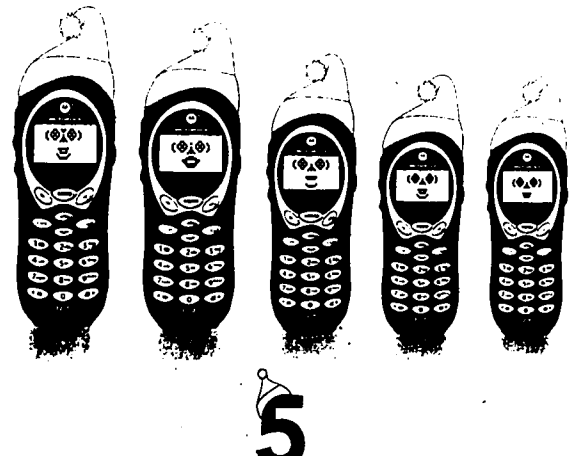
Adding a moisture barrier would only slow down the accelerated cleanup plan and prevent the Department of Energy from closing the tank farm by 2012 as planned, Bergholz said.

A barrier would have to be frequently removed and replaced as the liquid waste is pulled from the tanks, he said, and a layer of gravel prevents workers from coming into contact with contaminants.

EPA inspectors also found two problems that could lead to additional fines if they are not corrected, said Gearheard.

Up to one-half of waste containers stored in one portion of the laboratory do not have labels or are improperly labeled, the inspectors said. And several records requested by the inspection team were not provided, including landfill inspection reports and records of special landfill monitoring procedures.

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NATION

Jury: Wal-Mart forced unpaid overtime

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, forced employees in Oregon to work unpaid overtime between 1994 and 1999, a federal jury found Thursday in the first of dozens of such lawsuits across the country to come to trial.

A separate trial will be held to decide how much Wal-Mart should pay in damages.

More than 400 employees from 24 of Wal-Mart's 27 Oregon stores had sued the retailer, accusing it of vio-

lating federal and state wage laws. "I guess, basically, we are disappointed with the verdict. Wal-Mart has a strong policy of paying its associates for all the time they work," said spokesman Bill Wertz. "We would emphasize that this ruling affects only approximately 350 workers out of 15,000 in Oregon."

The lawsuit was filed by Carolyn Thibebes and Betty Alderson, who worked in managerial positions at Wal-Mart

stores in the Salem area. The lawsuit claimed managers got employees to work off the clock by asking them to clean up the store after they had clocked out and by deleting hours from time records. It also said Wal-Mart reprimanded employees who claimed overtime. Workers felt forced to work after clocking out because managers assigned them more work than they could complete in a regular shift, the plaintiffs said.

Tornado tears up small Mississippi town

NEWTON, Miss. (AP) - A tornado smashed into stores jammed with holiday shoppers and flipped over trucks Thursday, injuring about 50 people, at least two critically, authorities said.

"We've got major damage here. It's a mess," said Hamp Beatty, mayor of this eastern Mississippi town of about 3,700 people, 60 miles east of Jackson. "The tornado destroyed several buildings in the west part of downtown and a lot of people are

without power." A spokeswoman for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Amy Carruth, said two people were critically injured but she did not know whether anyone was killed.

About half of the 50 people sent to Newton Regional Hospital suffered relatively minor injuries such as fractures and cuts, said administrator Tim Thomas.

High wind peeled back the metal walls of Newton's Wal-

Mart, tore letters off the building's sign and crushed a nearby Subway sandwich shop. The windows were blown out of the Wal-Mart storefront and nearly every car in the parking lot.

Some vehicles were overturned or smashed against utility poles, and torn-away roofs, Christmas tree decorations and tree branches were scattered along the roads approaching downtown. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove declared a state of emergency.



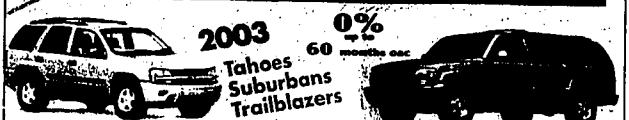
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WORLD

New leader vows to be more assertive with U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea's president-elect vowed Thursday to be more assertive with the United States, his country's chief ally, espousing dialogue to resolve concerns that North Korea is developing nuclear weapons. Speaking at party headquarters after his election victory, Roh Moo-hyun declared he was not anti-American but that he won't "kowtow" to Washington - a stance fueled by rising anti-U.S. sentiment that drew tens of thousands of young South Koreans to street protests in recent weeks. "I will try to become a president not just for the people who supported me, but also for the people who opposed me in the election," Roh said as supporters clapped, danced and waved balloons. Roh, a 56-year-old human rights lawyer, narrowly defeated opposition leader Lee Hoi-chang, a conservative whose tough stance on North Korea may have cost support among young voters who view him as closely aligned with U.S. policy. Some South Koreans view President Bush as an obstacle to reconciliation on the divided Korean Peninsula.



Roh Moo-hyun

Study: Playboy centerfolds are less curvaceous these days

LONDON (AP) - The curves of Playboy centerfold models have gradually flattened out over the last 50 years, giving way to a more androgynous look, European researchers suggest. Analyzing every Playboy centerfold since the first one in 1953, they found the models' weight hadn't changed much over time, but busts and hips had diminished, while waists had become less tapered. The study, published this week in the traditionally lighthearted Christmas edition of the British Medical Journal, does not offer much interpretation of the trend and experts warn against jumping to conclusions. Does it mean the male idea of female attractiveness has changed over time - that men now prefer a less-curvy woman, despite their protests that "heroin chic" is not sexy? Or were the evolutionary scientists who theorized that curves symbolized fertility and that the most reproductively successful females were those who were able to store surplus energy in their curves wrong? Or have humans now evolved beyond such primitive judgments as the ability to make it through famine? Or is it simply that Playboy is now out of touch with what men find attractive?

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WORLD

Terror suspect dies in factory explosion

KARACHI, Pakistan - A clandestine bomb factory used by Islamic militants exploded Thursday in Karachi, killing at least five suspected terrorists - including one linked to the murder of reporter Daniel Pearl and the deadly bombing of a U.S. Consulate. The explosion reduced the chemical storage warehouse in the eastern Korangi neighborhood to rubble, and police sifting through the wreckage found high-grade explosives and a rocket-propelled grenade. The blast ended a months-long manhunt for Asif Ramzi, a suspect in both the Pearl killing and the consulate bombing in Karachi that killed 14 people in June. Pakistani police had offered a \$50,000 reward for his capture. Ramzi, believed to be a member of the violent Lashkar-e-Janghi Islamic group, was wanted for questioning in connection with several incidents, officials said. Peacekeepers face another grenade attack KABUL, Afghanistan - A man exploded a grenade Thursday at an international peacekeeping headquarters in Kabul, the second attack on peacekeepers this week. A man presumed to be the assailant was killed, and two French citizens and two Afghans were injured. The attack sent a chill through the international community here, already on edge after a grenade assault Tuesday that injured two U.S. special forces soldiers and their Afghan translator. Although police and peacekeepers gave conflicting details of Thursday's attack, it appeared the attacker had approached the compound, removed the pin from the grenade and prepared to throw it when guards stopped him. He threw the grenade to the ground, injuring three Afghans nearby. Official: Agents found detonator components PARIS - French counterterrorism agents found suspected detonator components and a chemical that can be used to make explosives in an apartment used by four suspected Islamic militants, an official said Thursday. Agents from the counterintelligence service DST found the components hidden in a washing machine in the apartment in the Paris suburb of La Courneuve, the official said. The official, who is close to the investigation, spoke on condition of anonymity.

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DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Office gift exchange fails to stir the spirit

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company with 25 employees. Four of us are in the office all day - all women. To put it mildly, I have never felt accepted by these "ladies." During this past year, they've been especially hateful to me. Other employees tell me it's pure jealousy. My problem: The holidays are now here. What should I do about participating in the traditional gift exchange at the office? Should I buy each gal a gift out of the spirit of giving, even though I have no desire to do so? Or should I make it clear that I do not wish to exchange presents, which could make matters worse? I feel stuck, Abby. Please help me out.

astronomer or a religious person. I just like to have a heart-to-heart talk with God whenever I am outdoors under the stars and moonlight sky. I think they make a great pair. Is there a religion that encourages this? Thank you.

DEAR J.B.: All religions encourage meditation - which is what you are describing. You don't even have to do it under the moon and the stars. Talking to the God that dwells in your heart is enough, because God is everywhere.

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-TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE: Buy a lovely pastry or some other treat that everyone in the office can enjoy. Include a card with it that reads: "My budget this year does not allow me to give individual gifts to each of you. -Enjoy! Merry Christmas." That way, you'll have participated "in the spirit of giving" without feeling hypocritical.

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Home will become happier place for Virgo

IF DECEMBER 20TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are emotional, loyal; life without romance for you is no life at all. You could be an excellent chef; food and its preparation has always been important for you. Capricorn, Cancer natives play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. Next year will find you happy in love and money. Make fresh start, highlight independence. July will be your most memorable month.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Innovative design and color coordination in your home will attract favorable comments. Make fresh start, highlight original thinking. This could be a time to fall madly in love.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Much activity indicated in connection with "visiting relatives." Attention revolves around home. Patiently bear unsolicited advice from loved ones. Cancer native involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have something to celebrate. Element of luck rides with you. Expand horizons, be familiar with what is happening in the world of fashion. Sagittarius plays role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Obstacles can be overcome. Your value will be acknowledged. Circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. Events transpire to bring you closer to success and happiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Highlight fight against superstition; help others overcome fear of the unknown. Feeling of being restricted, confined is but temporary. Excellent for getting thoughts, ideas on paper.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your home will be a happier place; make gesture of reconcilia-

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

tion to loved one. When you hear music, find your rhythm and dance to your own tune. Taurus will play major role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Despite delay, you will receive notice of promotion. Define terms, perceive relationships in realistic light. Some romantic notions will be demolished. This ultimately will prove favorable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Long-distance communication will prove you are telling the truth. Focus on organization, recognition of priorities. Journey could include foreign land. Capricorn figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fortunes change for the better; money owed you but practically forgotten will be paid. Recognize your potential by looking beyond the immediate. Aries plays sensational role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Shake off previous notions; make fresh start, highlight independence and original thinking. Romance gets heated; don't play games with emotions. Leo will play dramatic role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep recent resolutions concerning health, including diet and exercise. Focus on where you live, marital status. You will be more secure emotionally and financially. Another Aquarian involved.

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Judge throws out rape convictions in 1989 Central Park case

NEW YORK - A judge dismissed the convictions Thursday of all five men who served years in prison for the 1989 rape and beating of a jogger in Central Park, a crime that exposed the city's racial tensions and made national headlines.

The courtroom, filled with the family and friends of the defendants, burst into cheers and applause as state Justice Charles Tejada announced his ruling. "Justice was done," said City Councilman Bill Perkins, a supporter of the five.

"Unfortunately, it took 13 years of tribulations for the Central Park Five, not to mention the years of suffering for their families."

The five men weren't in the courtroom to hear the ruling Thursday. All have finished their sentences, though one was reincarcerated for an unrelated crime.

Authorities a year ago began investigating claims by a serial rapist who said he alone attacked the 28-year-old woman as she jogged in Central Park on April 19, 1989. DNA testing showed semen samples from the scene belonged to Matias Reyes and new forensic tests, more precise than those used a decade ago, failed to link the five convicted men to the rape. Two weeks ago, District Attorney Robert Morgenthau cited that evidence in recommending that all convictions in the case be dropped.

Governor pardons three wrongly convicted of murder

URBANA, Ill. - Gov. George Ryan on Thursday pardoned three men wrongly convicted of murder, including Rolando Cruz, whose case has served as a symbol of flaws in the death penalty system.

Ryan made the announcement as he spoke before the University of Illinois College of Law on the state's death penalty system. Ryan has been considering commuting the death sentences of about 140 men currently on death row. The men he pardoned Thursday already had been released.

"I wish them well; they've been through hell," Ryan said as the crowd gave him a lengthy ovation.

Ryan gained national prominence when he halted executions nearly three years ago, calling the state's death penalty system "fraught with error" after the courts found that 13 men on death row had been wrongly convicted since the state resumed capital punishment in 1977.

Authorities bust extensive Philadelphia Ecstasy lab

PHILADELPHIA - Authorities found a lab buried deep in a mountainside that they said could easily fill orders for a million tablets of illegal club drug Ecstasy.

Prosecutors said engineer Thomas Michael Policelli built the lab inside two giant metal tanks buried beneath the long driveway of a home he dubbed "The Citadel." Policelli, 51, was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with participation in a corrupt organization, illegal manufacturing, possession and distribution of Ecstasy and criminal conspiracy. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to 70 years in prison.

Ecstasy got its start in urban dance clubs and raves in the 1990s and has since spread to middle America. Once almost exclusively imported from Europe, the pills are increasingly being made in clandestine labs throughout the United States, drug enforcement agents said.

Nino's, haven for Ground Zero workers, closes WTC site

NEW YORK - In the darkest days after Sept. 11, weary rescue and emergency workers found comfort and nourishment at an Italian restaurant close to ground zero.

Firefighters, police officers and volunteers all came to Nino's, which served thousand upon thousands of free meals for days after the attacks.

On Thursday, though, the restaurant closed its doors for the time, after months of renovations and a reopening failed to draw enough paying customers.

The environment is a cultural experience and directly connected to the worst tragedy ever on American soil," said Nino's owner, a member of the family. The restaurant has been on Canal Street for 28 years. "Coming here, I think, is overwhelming for people."

Nation in brief

Vendome hopes to hold an auction of memorabilia, with the proceeds going to the Hudson Square Foundation, which gives job training to homeless people.

Former lesbian partner must pay child support
HARRISBURG, Pa. - The

former lesbian partner of a woman who bore five children during their relationship must pay child support, a state Superior Court panel has ruled.

The couple, identified only by initials in the three-judge panel's opinion, lived together in Carlisle from the mid-1980s until 1997 and agreed to have children together through artificial insemination. The partner, identified

as H.A.N., stayed at home and cared for the children while the mother returned to work in a civilian job for the Navy. H.A.N. did not legally adopt the children.

After the couple split up, H.A.N. successfully sought custody of the children during summers and school breaks but argued that she should not have to pay child support.

A lawyer for the mother, who

now lives in California, said the case is one of the first appellate-level decisions requiring a non-biological parent to pay child support to her former lesbian partner.

Mayor seeks donations to ease budget crunch

YORK, Pa. - Mayor is passing the hat, asking suburban resi-

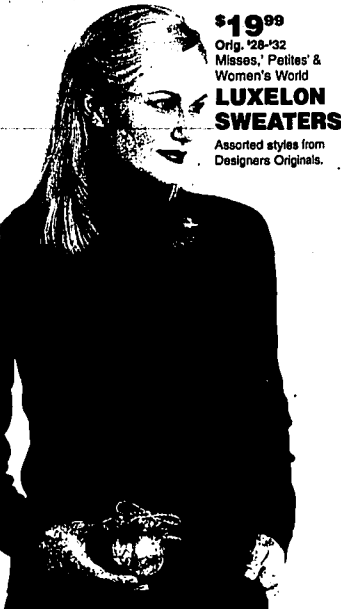
dents to help out by donating \$3.32 each - or about the price of a six-piece Chicken McNugget meal, as he put it.

As Mayor John Brenner sees it, people from the suburbs also use city services when they come to York to work or shop.

He said \$1 million in donations to the proposed \$56 million budget would save the jobs of six firefighters and nine police officers. - compiled from wire reports



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EDITORIAL

Allow Idaho's tax system to recover without hikes

A pair of reports on Idaho's tax structure were released last week, each coming to its different conclusion. Both studies, however, prove a basic principle about the taxation issue heading into the 2003 Legislature.

The two reports offer differing slants on how Idaho's tax system affects Idahoans. One study, released by the liberal social activist group United Vision for Idaho, was conducted by the Institute on Taxation and Economy Policy in Washington. It showed the richest 1 percent in Idaho paid an average of just 6.3 percent of their income in state and local taxes in 2000. Meanwhile, the poorest 20 percent (those making less than \$14,000) paid an average of 10.5 percent.

But a contrary study publicized by the tax watchdog Associated Taxpayers of Idaho draws the opposite conclusion. The study, comparing tax rates in America's largest cities, showed tax rates in 1999-2000 rising as taxpayers' income rose.

According to this study, Idahoans in lower income brackets paid an overall rate below the national average for those brackets. But those in the higher brackets paid more than the national average.

Perhaps each study's numbers are debatable. But both reports provide insight that lawmakers should consider going into the next legislative session.

United Vision of Idaho's report reminds us about the regressive nature of sales taxes. Though Idaho's sales tax rate is the same for all consumers, people at lower

income levels have less discretionary money. So sales taxes hit them harder.

The ATI study makes a different point. The progressive income tax scale caps at 7.8 percent for higher incomes and 1.6 percent for lower incomes. But by measuring a combination of state and local income taxes, sales taxes, property taxes and motor vehicle taxes, the ATI study shows higher incomes paying progressively higher taxes.

The question is, how does the state want to spread the tax burden? With higher income tax rates that hit higher incomes? Or with higher sales tax rates that affect the lower incomes?

Some people criticize Idaho's "three-legged stool" of income, sales and property taxes. But the system still works reasonably well to spread the load - with occasional adjustments.

Regardless of which report Idaho legislators want to believe, the bottom line remains that raising taxes is a bad choice during a recession. There are good reasons against raising either the sales tax or the income tax. Idaho still has one of the highest per capita income tax rates in the country. And pushing a higher sales tax hurts the families on the lower side of the spectrum.

It's good to recall that barely two years ago, Idaho's tax system was taking in more money than the state was spending. In other words, state government was overtaxing us.

So the best way to solve revenue shortages is to keep government costs in check until the private sector recovers. When that happens, tax revenue will rise again.

Gore keeps his options open

Albert Gore's not-so-surprising announcement that he would not run for president in 2004 was a little like the old joke about the two psychiatrists walking past one another. "Good morning," says the first psychiatrist.



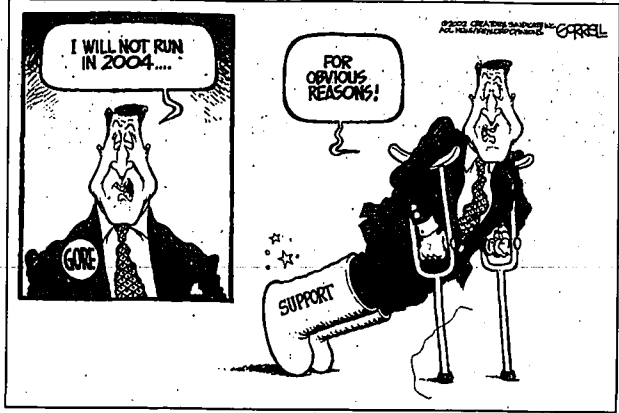
PHILIP TERZIAN

"I wonder what he meant by that?" says the second.

No doubt Gore is sincere in his reluctance to run two years from now, and that might mean (as he said) that "I will probably never have another opportunity to run for president." But no one here is entirely confident about Gore's meaning. Has he detached himself from the realm of electoral politics, where he was never entirely comfortable? Or is he laying the groundwork, like Richard Nixon, for a timely comeback? Which is the real Albert Gore: the wily realist of "60 Minutes" (CBS) or the good sport of "Saturday Night Live" (NBC)?

For whatever reason, there is something about Gore that inspires psychiatric thoughts. One radio commentator declared that his retirement from the field means that "for the first time, he is free." A Washington Post reporter, in a recent profile, wrote that Gore is so "innocent, detached and self-aware (that he seems to be simultaneously) performing a role and watching himself performing it." More than a few columnists have remarked on the "liberating" quality of Gore's decision. Even Gore has put himself on the couch: A race in 2004 against George W. Bush, he said, would inevitably involve "a focus on the past that would in some measure distract us from the focus on the future."

What he didn't say, of course, is that any such focus derive from Albert Gore. My suspicion is that Gore, like any good strategist, is protecting his options. There is no question that there has always been a half-



hearted quality to Gore's political career: the dutiful son deferring to his parents' ambition. The former vice president is not a natural politician, in the sense of one who lives to press the flesh and work the phones. He entered Congress in 1977 not because he had spent years laying the groundwork, but because the retiring incumbent was an old associate of Gore's father who did all that he could to appoint Gore as his successor. The person that Gore lampooned on "Saturday Night Live" - the awkward, one-deaf-poly work Al - reminds us that Bill Clinton once said that Gore would probably have been happier in an academic career.

Now he can have it both ways. By removing himself from the tawdry business of jockeying for the next Democratic nomination, Gore is free, in the words of the admiring columnist E.J. Dionne Jr., to "make arguments - for national health, for fiscal responsibility, for social justice, for a foreign policy that wins rather than loses allies - without anyone saying he's fermenting sour grapes."

He will thrive as a senior former offshoot, visiting lecturer and all-purpose commentator on issues of his choosing. Best of all, he will not have to walk the streets of Nashua, N.H., ask Steven Spielberg for money, or debate Howard Dean and Al Sharpton on Iowa television. And if, five or six years from now, the Democrats are looking for someone with experience, name recognition and a record of winning the popular vote against George W. Bush, one name comes to mind.

There is, in all this, an element of risk. The safe assumption, at the moment, is that George W. Bush will be re-elected by a comfortable margin in 2004, and that the Democratic nomination would be a poisoned chalice: an open invitation to Steve Benson/McGovern/Mondale/Dukakis status. Gore's calculation, which is probably shared by such other aspirants as Hillary Clinton, is that the 2008 nomination is the one to have.

But the long view in politics is frequently distorted. Many Democrats made the same assumption about Bush's father in

1991, and Bill Clinton rushed in where wise men feared to tread. George W. Bush is popular at the moment, but much can happen in the next two years. If the economy deteriorates, scandal erupts, or Iraq is swiftly transformed into a quagmire, the mood of the voters might well grow volatile. That would enhance the prospects of any Democrat except Albert Gore.

Let us assume, however, that things work out differently: that Bush is re-elected two years from now, and his mastery of the three arms of government is complete. This would do wonders for the historical reputation of George W. Bush, but prevent any natural successor from emerging. Since a 67-year-old Richard Cheney is not likely to run in 2008, the field of Republican aspirants will be huge, narrowly, widely assorted, and generally anonymous to the voter voting public. By contrast, the would-be Democrat could field a veteran - say, 60-year-old youthful elder statesman Albert Gore.

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LETTER

Hit-and-run incident was poor holiday spirit

Well, my judgment in people was destroyed on Dec. 9. My wife went to the high school to listen to our daughter do her Christmas musical for her sang. My wife says that they sang beautifully. Well, upon coming out of the performance, she noticed that she was a victim of hit and run. Somebody with a blue vehicle had hit our blazer and put a big

dent on the passenger-side door. They didn't bother to leave a note of who they were or who their insurance company is.

That's fine. Pray to God that they do have a conscience. Whether they know it or not, hit and run is a felony, not misdemeanor.

Thank you for letting me vent my frustration. Merry Christmas to all!

LUPE HERNANDEZ
Twin Falls

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Justice Thomas breaks his silence during cross-burning case

Sometimes you just have to speak out. It took too many days for politicians to speak out about Sen. Trent Lott's nostalgia for the halcyon days of segregation.

E.R. SHIPP

Thomas has been disinclined from many black gatherings. But, thankfully, Thomas knows whence he came and, in his own way, found a way to teach us about a complicated history too many people prefer to forget — and too many others have never known about.

About halfway into legal arguments about whether the 50-year-old Virginia law against cross-burning is constitutional, Thomas did what he has seldom done in his 11 years on the court in any memorable way: He spoke out.

His fellow jurists apparently listened, for they picked up on his comments in questions with which they peppered the lawyers making their cases — some representing the Commonwealth of Virginia, others representing three racist yahoos who took it upon themselves to burn crosses Ku Klux Klan-style.

The issue before the court was whether burning a cross is akin to flag-burning — a form of symbolic speech that the court has said is constitutional — or whether it is, as Virginia argues, an act "with

the intent of intimidating any person or group of persons."

When one lawyer tried to make the case for the latter in a less than passionate form, Thomas spoke up. "My fear is that you're actually understanding the symbolism and the effect of the burning cross. I think what you're attempting to do is fit this into our jurisprudence rather than stating more clearly what the cross was intended to accomplish," Thomas said.

The burning cross, he said, is "unlike any symbol in our society." It's not about free speech, he said.

"There's no other purpose to the cross, no communication, no particular message. It was intended to cause fear and to terrorize a population," Thomas said.

Race in America is as much an issue as it ever was, but in new ways. In the 21st century, nothing's just black and white; but those who've grown up with the black-white quagmire — both

Trent Lott and a Clarence Thomas — have much to teach, directly and indirectly. Southerners were leaders in

founding this nation. Perhaps they'll keep these United States from foundering on the shoals of race if we learn from them.

But first, they have to speak up.

E.R. Shipp is a columnist for the *New York Daily News*.



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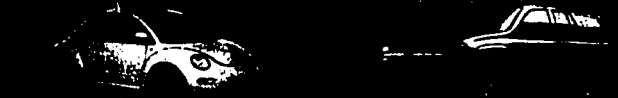
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Jerome County seeks volunteers

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Performers come to M.V. mall Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Sounds of the Season program Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall's "Christmas Chorus" in the Canyon Cafe Food Court includes these performers:

- The Salvation Army Band at 11 a.m.
- Old Time Fiddlers at noon.
- Tavaai School of Performing Arts at 1 p.m.

For more information, call Kimberly Williams, marketing director for the Magic Valley Mall, at 733-3000.

T.F. County wants to fill vacancies on boards

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County is seeking two individuals interested in serving on the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo Advisory Board or the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Board.

To ensure the geographical integrity of the boards, the fair board member must be from the city of Twin Falls and the planning and zoning member must be from the city of Twin Falls area of impact.

Anyone interested in applying for these positions should contact the county commissioners' office at 736-4068 to schedule an interview before Dec. 31.

Filer gets tree grant for planting 65 trees

FILER - The Idaho Department of Lands awarded a \$13,775 grant to the city of Filer for planting 65 trees and installing a watering system at Cedar Draw Park.

The money comes from a Community Transportation Enhancement grant. In partnership with the city, the Filer Tree Committee will coordinate and oversee the project that will begin the first part of April. Filer Middle School sixth- and seventh-grade science classes will also participate in the project.

Teachers Sharon Lutkehus and Theresa Grond will provide curriculum for 65 students on tree types, how trees grow and function, their benefits and the planting and caring of trees.

The 65 trees will include several varieties of pine, maple, linden and locust. The trees will serve as a buffer, offer shade, noise reduction and improve the looks of the park along the eastern boundary and U.S. Highway 30, said Councilman Bob Templeman.

The park is west of Filer on the Thousand Springs Scenic Byway. It is the only natural-park rest area along the byway between Twin Falls and the Wildlife Management Area a few miles from Hagerman. The city will provide personnel and in-kind services for a total project cost of \$19,696.

Compiled from staff reports

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CHANGE OF DIRECTION?

Twin Falls committee mulls future of Second Avenues

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Putting the city of Twin Falls in charge of the network of Second Avenues that runs through downtown and making the route more friendly to casual traffic might benefit the city, members of a committee charged with mulling the sit-

What's next?

The next meeting of the Second Avenues Committee will be at 9 a.m. Jan. 16 in the new Twin Falls City Council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

uation said Thursday. But making it happen in a

manner that satisfies everybody could be a long, complicated process.

The avenues are under the control of the Idaho Transportation Department and serve as part of the State Highway 30 route through Twin Falls.

Many downtown business owners are interested in seeing the avenues geared toward serving

shoppers, rather than commercial traffic, some members of the Second Avenues Committee said during the group's meeting.

"What we're hearing from businesses is, 'We want the trucks out of downtown; we want a pedestrian-friendly, 25 mile-per-hour roadway,'" said Dale Brizee, who helps represent downtown and Historic Old Towne businesses on the

committee.

Even so, any changes made along the avenues must also protect the interests of the trucking companies and their clients, because those businesses are vital to the local economy, Brizee said.

The Second Avenues Committee also includes represent-

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Fruitcake done right



Janice Beal pours the batter for her fruitcake, made with pecans, dates, cloves and cinnamon. The recipe's a family favorite.

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This Jerome woman knows how to bake it

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

JEROME - Fruitcake is among the revered and revived of holiday traditions.

Rich-hard varieties encrusted with multi-colored, unrecognizable fruit bits are fodder for seasonal jokes. But for the original heirloom copy, she keeps the tattered pieces tucked away in an envelope.

Fruitcake certainly has taken a ribbing in the last few years, Beal says, and she and her family, well, join in the laughs.

But the old-fashioned dark fruitcake of pecans, dates, cloves and cinnamon is a Beal family favorite.

"I've been making it all my life and learned from my mother and my grandmother," Beal says.

Her grandparents hailed from Norway, and Norwegians are a tradition-loving culture, Beal explains.

"You just carry it on, not because you have to, but because you're proud of it and you don't want the



Janice Beal doesn't dare throw away the original recipe hand-written by her grandmother years ago.

traditions to die," she says.

It's not only the feast, but the gathering of generations in the kitchen to prepare the goodies and pass on family recipes that yield satisfying results.

With the death of her mother, Edna Squire, last year, Beal said she feels more responsible than ever for keeping family traditions kindled.

"My mother would not expect anything different. She would expect me to carry on and keep this family together," she says.

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Beal family recipe

- Old-fashioned dark fruitcake
- 3 cups seeded dates
 - 1/4 cup seedless raisins
 - 2 cups walnuts or pecans
 - 1 pound radiant (candied fruit) mix
 - 1/4 cup molasses or honey
 - 1/4 cup sherry wine or fruit juice
 - 1 cup butter (or margarine)
 - 1 1/4 cup brown sugar (packed)
 - 4 eggs
 - 2 cups sifted flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon cloves
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Quarter dates. Rinse raisins and drain. Chop nuts. In a mixing bowl combine fruit and nuts with molasses and wine. Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs one at a time beating thoroughly after each addition. Pour over fruits and nuts. Sift together flour, salt, soda and spices and add gradually to fruit mixture, mixing well. Pour into two loaf pans (3x5x3) lined with greased brown paper, topped with greased waxed paper. Bake at 275 degrees F about 2.5 hours with a shallow pan of water on the bottom oven rack. Remove pans to cool but leave paper on the cake until ready to use.

To flavor with brandy, wine or rum, soak cheesecloth in liquor of choice and wrap cake. Wrap in aluminum foil and store in a cool place.

Some recipes call for re-moistening the cake away week with liquor, beginning in October, to have well-seasoned cakes by the holidays.

Blinken spent record amount of own money

The Associated Press

BOISE - Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Alan Blinken dumped more than \$380,000 of his own money into his failed campaign to unseat Republican incumbent Larry Craig in the three weeks before the election.

In total, Blinken poured more than \$1.5 million into his campaign, a record personal expenditure for any campaign in Idaho. Craig's last challenger, Democrat Walt Minnick, spent just over \$1 million of his own money in 1996.

Blinken garnered 32.5 percent of the vote after a candidacy that hammered relentlessly on the theme of bringing more "good-paying jobs" to Idaho. Craig won easily with 65.2 percent, while a Libertarian Party candidate took the remainder. In 1996, Minnick won 39.9 percent of the vote.

Craig is now serving his third term in the Senate after four previous terms in the House, collected just over \$3 million for his campaign, including \$1.8 million from individual contributors and just over \$1 million from political action committees.

Blinken, a millionaire Wall



Alan Blinken



Sen. Larry Craig

Street investment banker to lead President Clinton's ambassador to Belgium, was disadvantaged by his recent move to Idaho from New York. Still, he managed to collect \$660,000 from political action committees and individuals, including sizable contributions from Hollywood actors, including Barbara Streisand and Timothy Dalton and James Garner.

Notable individual contributors to Craig's campaign included Micron Technology Inc. chief Steve Appleton, former presidential candidate Ross Perot of Texas, gun manufacturer William Roger of New Hampshire and various members of Idaho's Smaplot family.

Tree Commission OKs Bickel ash removal

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - These days, the hand of government even reaches into the business of tree removal on property other than the city's.

For several years there have been pronounced traffic problems behind Bickel Elementary School. So to make more parking space, city engineers devised a plan to widen the street and allow for diagonal parking. Wiley Dobbs, school operations director, said the new parking configuration will allow about 24 cars on the street behind the school. Right now there are only about 14 cars that fit with parallel parking.

But first, four trees have to be removed from the south side of Third Avenue East in back of Bickel. The trees - which are mature, healthy ash trees - are on school property.

The City Council approved the plan for street widening but told

city staff to get permission from the Twin Falls Tree Commission to remove the trees before beginning work with the road work. The Tree Commission recently gave permission for the trees to be removed. The reason is that according to city code, no tree in the city can be removed or trimmed without the city's right of way without permission from the Tree Commission. It happens that the trees in question are in the city's right of way.

A right of way varies with whatever plan was in place at the time the street and building in the area was developed, said Dave Mead, who sits on the Tree Commission.

"The right of way may be 20 feet. It may be 25 feet. Or it may be 10 feet," Mead said, referring to the property that borders the road. "It could vary. It depends on what the city required at the time the city built the street."

Few people know what the ordinance entails.

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Ring the bells: Service clubs compete Saturday

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Visitors to downtown will observe a curious competition of sorts on Saturday.

On all four corners where Main Avenue and Shoshone Street intersect, members of the Kiwanis, the Lions, the Twin Falls Rotary and Blue Lakes Rotary clubs will be ringing bells from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit the Salvation Army.

Then, after donations are tallied, the team with the most money in its kettle will receive

"something wonderful" from the Cooke Bank, said Mary Shaw, organizer of the event, and a contender on the Twin Falls Rotary Club team.

"But we'll win," said Kiwanis Club past president Brian Thom. "We always win."

"The Rotary Club has the ideal spot this year. They get the Dunken's (Draught House) cor-

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TWIN FALLS



Lillie Jane 'Lil' Janousek Simmons

Lillie Jane Simmons died peacefully in her sleep December 16, 2002, after suffering a stroke in April 2002.

Lillie was born on April 12, 1918, in Wendell, Idaho the daughter of Alexander and Thelma Russell. She graduated from Wendell High School. She married Otto Janousek on December 3, 1935. To this union, 4 children were born: Lile and Ottie owned the Rainbow Lodge at Magic Reservoir. Many a summer was spent fishing and boating. Otto passed away on March 20, 1983. Lillie married Richard Simmons on July 3, 1966, and they made their home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lillie was an active woman, a member of Royal Neighbors and the T.O.P.S. club, various bowling leagues and she loved to crochet and do ceramics. She loved to dance and collected souvenir plates. Lil and Dick were 'snowbirds' and maintained a home in Yuma, Az for a number of years. She always looked forward to the patio parties and gathering of friends. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with family and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lillie is survived by her husband of 36 years, Richard Simmons of Twin Falls; 2 daughters, Donna Harrill of Boise and Loretta (Kenny) Hill of Church Hill, Tennessee; and 2 sisters, Ruth Faltreyman of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Bessie Hollibaugh of Dewey, Az; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also was the proud grandma of 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. All those who knew and loved her will miss her.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Corinne and a son Lonnie, her sister Leona Hammer and a grandson Terry Tarrant.

The family would like to give thanks to all who visited her and kept her in their thoughts and a very special thank you to the Angels at the Twin Falls Care Center for the wonderful care they gave her.

Funeral services for Lillie will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls with Bishop Lavaer Thomack officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

OAKLEY



Donald Bedke

Donald Bedke, 47, of Oakley, died December 17, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center, Burley, Idaho.

He was born January 21, 1955, in Burley, Idaho, the youngest son of Herschel and Ethel Bedke. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Oakley. He graduated from Oakley High School in 1973. Don received a scholarship to play basketball for Ricks College in Burley, Idaho. He returned to Oakley farm and ranch with his family. He married Susan Payton in 1978. Together they had three children: born in 1978, K, born in 1979, and Katie born in 1984.

Donald received a Bachelor Degree in Business Education from ISU in 1986. He continued to farm, ranch and raise his children in Oakley, Idaho. He was a member of the Oakley Vigilantes serving as their secretary in 2002. He was a prior member and secretary of the American Cattle Association. He was a prior girls Jr. High basketball coach. As a member of the LDS church he had served as a ward clerk and a scout leader.

Don enjoyed watching and playing all sports and he enjoyed being in the outdoors. He loved spending

time with his children, grandchildren, friends and other family members. We will especially miss his sense of humor, playing Trivial Pursuit and our great conversations. The family would like to express special thanks to Sonja Parish and Basil Fairchild for being such special friends to him.

He was a wonderful grandfather, father, brother, and friend. We love you and we will miss you so much.

Survivors include his children: Beth Bedke (Jon Stier), Salt Lake City, Utah; K.C. Bedke, Ephraim, Utah; Katie Bedke, Boise, Idaho; Brothers Ernest (Marilyn) Bedke, Tamaoa, Florida; Larry (Merla) Bedke, Salt Lake City, Utah; Norman (Bernie) Bedke, American Falls, Idaho; Leon (Ruth) Bedke, Burley, Idaho; Robert (Carol) Bedke, Oakley, Idaho; Ronald Bedke, Burley, Idaho; sister, Joyce Bedke Haines, Chayenne, Wyoming; Grandchildren Kennada and McKinnie Shay.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Ethel; sister Beth Bedke, and brother-in-law, Gary Haines.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 21, 2002, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, Oakley, Idaho, with Bishop Gary Lott officiating. Burial will be in the Basin Cemetery, Oakley, Idaho. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main Street, Burley, on Friday, from 6 until 8 in the evening and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

BUHL



Stella Luza Thornsberry

Stella Luza Thornsberry, 96, of Buhl, Idaho, died Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at the Twin Falls Care Center, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Stella was born October 9, 1906, in Emmett, Idaho, the fourth daughter of Sina Catherine Pendergrass and Jefferson Davis Turner. When she was 2 the family moved to Southern Idaho in a covered wagon. Although the family moved several times, Stella completed a public school education. She married Virgil Charles Wallick, but divorced. Stella then married Herman Franklin Thornsberry. They lived in various places, but settled in Buhl by 1928. They had seven children. After Herman died on July 20, 1949, she raised her 3 younger children, Jerome, Donald and Shirley. She loved her children and was proud of them all.

Stella worked at Sego Pot Milk Company for over 20 years. She was a member of the Buhl Christian Church and a very active member of the West End Senior Citizen Center. She loved to dance, travel and go on tours to many parts of the country. She loved to bake and sew. Stella enjoyed sewing clothes for her family, making quilts, and other hand crafts.

Survivors include her children: Donna Mae (Fred) Rendle, Twin Falls, Idaho; Ethel Lucille (H. Ed) Ingham, Idaho; Evelyn (Evelyn) Ruth (Lewis) Hartwig, Seattle, Washington; Dale Franklin (Pat) Thornsberry, Twin Falls, Idaho; and son Floyd, and 2 grandsons (Bruce Ingham and David Thornsberry).

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 21, 2002, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 North 9th Avenue, Buhl, Idaho, with Steven Marshall of the First Christian Church officiating. She will rest in the West End Cemetery, Buhl, Idaho. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel on Friday, December 20, 2002, from 1-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the West End Senior Citizen Center, 1010 Main Street, Buhl, Idaho 83316.

BOISE

Midred Clara Kleinkopf Turner Barnes

Midred Clara Kleinkopf Turner Barnes, 87, died on Sunday, December 15, 2002, at her home in Boise.

She died was born June 11, 1905, in Novelty, Missouri. She was the fourth child of seven brothers of Georgia (Hudson) and William Kleinkopf. Midred married her first husband, Clark 'Moie' Turner, on September 20, 1926, in Moberly, Missouri. The family moved to

Murfargo, Idaho, where Moie died in January of 1954. After 22 years of marriage, Midred's second husband, James F. Barnes, died January of 1978. Midred then moved from Twin Falls to Boise, where she resided at the time of her death.

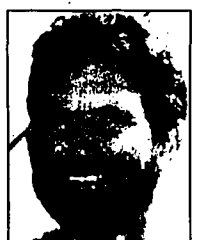
Midred is survived by her two daughters, Mary Lou (Don) Tolley and Kay (Norm) Matells; four grandchildren, Deb (Steve) McCain, Becky (Arden) Weintraub, Mike (Estola) Finn and Stephanie Finn; four great-grandchildren.

Kim (Chris) Phillips, Jeff McCain, Michael Finn, and Nicholas Finn; four great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Virgil (Mildred) Kleinkopf; and numerous nieces and nephews. At her request, no services will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

'Make a memory with your children. Spend some time to show you care. Toys and trinkets can't replace those precious moments that you share.'

-Elaine Hardt

TWIN FALLS



Duncan Bruce McIntyre

Duncan Bruce McIntyre, 49, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died suddenly Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at his home.

Duncan was born on May 8, 1953, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Betty and Bruce McIntyre. Duncan grew up and attended schools in Jerome and in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1971. He attended the College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho State University majoring in Pharmacy. Duncan graduated from ISU Pharmacy Program in 1974 and worked as a Pharmacist in the Twin Falls and Jerome areas for many years. Duncan was currently employed at Fred Meyer Pharmacy.

Duncan married Donna Brownfield on February 9, 1989, in Kimberly, Idaho. Duncan enjoyed the outdoors, spending time with his family and his Camaros. He loved chopping wood and working on the cars and the house. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Duncan is survived by his wife, Donna of Twin Falls; two daughters, Erin and Kelly McIntyre, one son, David McIntyre, one stepdaughter, Marne Rich and one stepson, Nick Denney; his parents, Betty (Leroy) McNeely and Calvin (Lillian) McIntyre all of Twin Falls; one sister, Mary (Lyle) McIntyre of Seattle, Washington; one brother, David (Barbara Ann) McIntyre of Monument, Colorado; and one granddaughter, Sharynne Dill. Also surviving are several nieces and great nieces, and his four dogs, Winston, Katie, Elway, and his favorite, Mickey.

A Celebration of Duncan's Life will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Paul Reeves of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. At Duncan's request cremation preceded the service. The family suggests memorials be given in Duncan's name to a Trust Fund set up for the children. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

RUPERT



Lundy Lynn Evans

Lundy Lynn Evans, a 75-year-old Rupert resident, passed away December 18, 2002, at the Vista Assisted Living Community.

Lundy was born March 9, 1927, the son of Lynn Evans and Phyllis Locali Evans. He attended schools in Rupert and was in the Army during

World War II. While serving in the armed forces in Austria, he met and married Erna Friedel. They were married 52 years when she died in 2000. Lundy worked many years for Safeway. He loved to read and enjoyed music.

He is survived by his sisters, Doris Wilson, Rupert, Utah; Wilford of Cedar City, Utah; and la Giraud of Rupert.

Family and friends will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street, for a short service and then burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, Rupert, Idaho.

RUPERT



Edna Lucylie Rasmussen

Edna Lucylie Rasmussen, 83, of Rupert, died Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at her home.

She was born September 3, 1919, in Nowata County, Oklahoma, the daughter of George Walter and Pearl Hunter Timmons. She received her education in Rupert, graduating from Rupert High School. She married Rex R. Rasmussen on June 29, 1940, in Rupert.

In their earlier years she and Rex enjoyed horseback riding, camping and fishing in the primitive areas. Later, they enjoyed cruises and bus tours. In 1970 they were able to tour Europe. Edna was so generous with her neighbors and community members. She was constantly cooking and baking for friends and acquaintances. Edna thoroughly enjoyed visiting with everyone she met and she never met a stranger. She has so many dear friends who will miss her.

She worked for years at Idaho First National Bank as a cashier. Her husband and Edna were active members of the American Legion Auxiliary and belonged to her ladies' card club. Edna was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served faithfully in various church callings.

She is survived by her loving husband, Rex of Rupert; her children, Karen Kay (L.C.) Bryan of Lewiston, Idaho; Marilyn (Jerry) Hess of Rupert; Carolyn (Steve) Bevan of Bellevue, Washington; and Claude E. (Julia) Rasmussen of Twin Falls, Idaho; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Georgia Moody, Neva Knapp, Pauline Lewis, Ina Strassbaugh, and George Timmons all of Caldwell, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Frank Timmons and John Timmons.

The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2002, at the Heyburn First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive, Heyburn, with Bishop Melvin Barndt officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, today, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Saturday, from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

SERVICES

Kathryn Louise Howard Keefe of Sacramento, Calif., memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Violet Elizabeth (Summer) Porter Hinz of Burley and formerly of Eden, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2400 Burton Ave.; graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Don Ervin Dilworth of Corvallis, Ore., service at 1 p.m. today at the LDS church in Carey; viewing at noon today at the church; burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery (Colonial Funeral Home, Pooleton).

Walene Matkin of Buhl, service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Buhl LDS Chapel on Fair Avenue; friends may call from 9-10:15 a.m. today at the church; interment at 3:30 p.m. at Swan Lake Cemetery in Swan Lake, near Downey (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Bill Lee Dorman Sr. of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; interment will follow at the service (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Funeral Home, Twin Falls).
Reah Child Scott of Paul, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Emerson First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 S. 350 W.; Paul, burial in the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:15 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Orval K. Wall of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Spring Glen, Utah LDS Chapel, 1985 W. 4000 N., Spring Glen, Utah (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Lillie Jane 'Lil' Janousek Simmons of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; interment at 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home.

William Greenwood Carlson of Aroo, service at 12 p.m. Saturday at the Aroo LDS church; family will meet with friends from 7-8 p.m. today at the Simpson-Marvel Memorial Chapel in Aroo and one hour before the service Saturday at the church; interment will follow at the service at the Carey Cemetery.

Eileen Tussey of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

May Brehmer

RUPERT - May Brehmer, 88, of Rupert died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at the Mindjoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Clayton 'Buck' Gulbranson

RUPERT - Clayton "Buck" Gulbranson, 83, of Rupert died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at the Mindjoka Memorial Hospital.

The service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, with the Rev. David Poovey officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Gertrude E. Eckley

BRULEY - Gertrude Eckley, 87, of Bruley died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Will follow.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main St. in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 1-1:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

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Josh is a student at Big Valley Elementary. He and his sister have been delivering newspapers for two years now. Josh likes sports especially hunting, which he does every weekend during goose season, even after having his finger injured by a dog recently he continues to help his mom and sister with the papers. Congratulations, Josh! Thank you for doing such an outstanding job! Carrier of the Month December 2002 - District 4 Josh Hyde

Christmas carols get political

Activists sing their message to lawmakers

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer



Idaho Community Action Network member Gloria Lara sings "Silent Night" with Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Thursday. ICAN members presented the legislator with new lyrics to popular Christmas carols. The re-written carols address issues such as health care for children.

RUPERT - The carols sounded familiar, but the words had a twist.

Idaho Community Action Network members serenaded Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, at the Rupert Square Thursday, with custom-made carols such as "Rudolph the Uninsured Child" and a tune about driver's licenses for people without Social Security numbers.

ICAN member Gloria Lara said the event was designed to send a message to legislators about issues ICAN is working on. ICAN members are lobbying for changes to and an expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Plan, reinstatement of outreach health and welfare programs and driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. They are also opposed to expected cuts to Medicaid.

Stevenson wished the group luck on many of the proposals but had no suggestions for them. The state budget is going to be a difficult item for legislators again this year. They will give as much as they can to programs, he said.

The event was a way for ICAN to be heard, Stevenson acknowledged. "I represent them just as much as anybody else in the county."

One concern Stevenson did have was who organized the event. He received a call from a Seattle organization inviting him to the event, not from local people.

ICAN supporter Sam Blair stressed the event was planned by local members of ICAN. Blair, who works for the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, said he made some calls about the event and explained the Northwest Federation does support work for community organizations in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

Helping organizations is a type of support the organization provides, Blair said, along with technical support and

training opportunities.

Ken Robinette, director of South Central Community Action Agency, stopped by the event. Some people had called him asking about the caroling event, confusing ICAN and his agency.

ICAN organizers talked briefly with Robinette about what services each organization provides.

"It sounds like our folks are your folks," Robinette said. Stevenson suggested working together could help both organizations. Many of ICAN's concerns relate to issues such as health care and insurance; South Central Community Action Agency deals more with providing food and energy assistance.

A press release said ICAN held caroling events in four Idaho communities this week, including the Rupert event.

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New words to old favorites

Idaho Community Action Network's new lyrics to old Christmas favorites

Rudolph the Uninsured Child
Rudolph the uninsured child
Had a very runny nose
And if he had insurance,
To the doctor he would go.

But his mom had no money
And she had no benefits.
So instead he got sicker
And missed school because of it.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Rudolph got on CHIP.
Now he gets the care he needs
For all his health care needs.

Now Rudolph is healthy
And he never misses class.
He has a brighter future;
He's set up for success.

Health Care Now
(To the tune of Jingle Bells)
Dashing home from work
In my run-down Chevrolet
My kid came home from school

With an arseache that's inflamed.
To the clinic I drive
And hope they have a space
To treat my kid with free samples
And hope I get a break.

Oh, health care now
Health care now
We need more health care now
How great could be our state
With a little more health care now.

Deck the Halls
Fill the roads with licensed drivers
Fa la la la la la la HONK!
Trained and insured we'll all be safer
Fa la la la la la la HONK!
Join us now - pass legislation
Fa la la la la la la HONK!
It's happening across the nation
Fa la la la la la la HONK!

All I Want for Christmas
All I want for Christmas are my new dentures
My new dentures, my new dentures
All I want for Christmas are my new dentures
So I can have a merry Christmas!



This 1991 Mercury Marquis is sandwiched between a 1993 Dodge flatbed pickup and the wall of a storage unit in Declo. The two vehicles were involved in an auto accident just before 5 p.m. Wednesday. The driver of the car, Edna Rasmussen, was killed in the accident.

Rupert woman dies in traffic accident

The Times-News

DECLO - A Rupert woman died instantly in an accident in Declo just before 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Edna L. Rasmussen, 83, died as a result of head trauma, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said.

According to the sheriff's office accident report, Rasmussen was driving a 1991 Mercury Marquis northbound on Idaho Highway 77. She had stopped at the intersection of Idaho Highways 81 and 77. After stopping at the stop sign, Rasmussen pulled into the intersection and into the path of another vehicle, driven by Ronald Harper.

Harper, 44, of Malta, was driving a 1993 Dodge flatbed pickup, pulling an empty horse trailer. He was traveling eastbound on Highway 81, according to the sheriff's report.

The momentum of the two

vehicles colliding forced both of them off the road and into a storage unit, northeast of the intersection. The building is owned by Darla and Orlo Young of KY Limited in Declo.

Rasmussen was trapped in her car, but emergency workers determined she had died instantly, Hignens said. The Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue extrication unit responded to the accident scene to extricate Rasmussen from her car.

Harper didn't have any apparent injuries and wasn't transported by any emergency workers, the sheriff said.

Neither driver had any passengers, Hignens said.

Three people saw the accident occur, Hignens said, and notified the sheriff's office at 4:58 p.m. Emergency responders at the scene included sheriff's officers, the Declo quick response team, the Declo fire department, Life Run Ambulance workers and the search and rescue squad.

Castleford School District might freeze budget

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - It wasn't the sort of holiday certain school superintendent Kelly Murphey had hoped to give the School Board before Christmas break.

"We've got a difficult time ahead and I'm 95 percent certain that we'll have to freeze the budget by the first of the year," Murphey said. "Things are extremely tight and we don't have a lot of recourse."

Murphey said he would use the holiday break to scrutinize the budget further.

"I will probably freeze the budget January 2," he said. "If we run out of supplies, then we're just out. I'll go over the latest tax reporting information. We had a fairly high non-payment of property taxes going on."

The worst-case scenario would include a list of programs and general expense categories to cut out for the coming school year, he said.

Murphey's primary concern is the lack of reserves, money set aside for emergencies. The school

has inherited a series of problems dealing with electrical and safety concerns with a cafeteria that was built in 1928. The problems have been addressed, leaving the school's contingency fund at \$40,000.

"We need what's left to carry over into next year's budget," Murphey said.

The board chose not to enact an emergency levy, which would have provided additional funds for the school, because of the economic downturn.

He said there is also the chance the state will hold back a portion of its school funding.

"We're going to have to be ready. I believe it's going to have to happen," Murphey said.

The school has run on smaller contingency funds in Murphey's 10-year history as superintendent, he said. However, the school held off purchasing new textbooks this year.

"If we try and hold off again it will take \$70,000 just to catch us up," he said. "Our situation is precarious. After some number crunching, I still find we're about \$40,000 short of opening our doors."

Family dispute results in stabbing

The Times-News

BURLEY - A family dispute turned into major injury Wednesday morning.

Native Madan Gutierrez, 30, was stabbed several times during an altercation with his brother-in-law Tuesday.

Eliseo Navarete Anasco, 29, the man who authorities say

stabbed Gutierrez, was still at large early Thursday evening, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said.

A police report said Gutierrez held caroling events in four Idaho communities this week, including the Rupert event.

Police officers were dispatched Wednesday evening to 1542 Almo Ave. in Burley for a possible family fight. Maria Anasco said her husband, Eliseo Anasco, and Gutierrez, her brother, were sitting in a car at the side of the house talking and drinking beer, a police report stated.

After asking the men to come

in for dinner and not seeing them, she went outside to find them fighting, the report said. Gutierrez was stabbed a few times before Maria Anasco could get the knife away from her husband.

Deputies later found the knife at the scene about 12 feet from the back door of the house. The knife had a 3 1/2 inch blade.

Hansen will be closed next week

The Times-News

HANSEN - The city office here will be closed Christmas week.

The City Council and Clerk Linda Morrill agreed this would be a good time for her and maintenance man Doug Gee to take their vacations as it is a slow time for city business.

Police say cab owner plotted to bomb competitor

POST FALLS (AP) - The owner of a cab company has been jailed in lieu of \$1.5 million bail on charges he hired another man to firebomb a competitor's taxi.

Gary Keller, 41, owner of Ride Away Right Away taxi service, was charged with attempted arson, conspiracy to commit arson, and soliciting a hit man

in the failed Nov. 12 attempt to ignite the cab of Bob Flint.

Flint started Express Taxi last summer after quitting Keller's company and was dating Keller's ex-wife, Penny, police said.

"I never tried to retaliate," Flint said. "I just wanted to keep it professional."

Clubs

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ner," he said. "But that won't stop us. We'll still raise more (money) than they will."

Keat, just a member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club, disagrees.

"Even though Father Thom's a believable person most of the time, this time he's dead wrong," Just said.

"And what's more, after all the counting's done, that whole (Kiwanis) bunch might want to enroll in the Al Gore School of Humility."

Rick Carrico, president of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club, also disagrees with Thom. And the cold weather is a factor in his reasoning.

"We'll win because we have a much better idea of how to keep people warm," he said. "But we'll let that secret out of the bag on Saturday."

Regardless of who wins, the donations will be a benefit to the people in the area, said Maj. Ann Patterson of the Salvation Army.

"We're very appreciative, and we're also very appreciative of all the fun they're having with the drive," she said.

Trees

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Mead explained that even though the city has the final say on what happens to trees in the rights of way, the city, private citizens are still responsible for the trees' maintenance or removal.

"If you have a tree in the right of way, and it goes over the sidewalk, it has to be trimmed up at least 7 feet and over the street at least 15 feet so that tall trucks can pass under," he said.

In addition, if Tree Commission members see diseased trees anywhere in the city - even in someone's back yard - they can force the owner to remedy the problem in order to keep the disease from spreading, Mead said.

Also, if an owner wants to remove a tree or top a tree that is in the city's right of way, he will have to get permission from the Tree Commission. It is likely he won't get permission for doing the topping himself, Mead said in order to ensure the health of the tree, the owner will usually be

required to hire a specialist who is certified in the science of tree trimming.

And though the owner doesn't get to make the final decision about a tree that is in the city's right of way, he pays for it. He pays for the spraying, the trimming, the removal - and the replacement. Yes, trees that are removed have to be replaced.

That's one reason why the trees at Bickel, which are slated for removal in the spring, will be replaced. City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer said the school district is planning to plant eight new trees near where the old trees had grown, though not in the city's right of way.

The idea the city can tell property owners they have to take care of the trees that grow in rights of way but don't have the final say on the trees' fate might aggravate a few folks. But Mead pointed out it is simply bringing order to chaos.

"But so is stopping at stoplights," he said.

Avenues

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Richard Crowley. Such alterations would make shopping in downtown and Historic Old Towne much more convenient and would be sure to attract more customers.

The Twin Falls School District also has an interest in seeing traffic thinned out and slowed down in those areas, said district operations director Willy Dobbs.

around the city to replace the current Highway 30 corridor, committee members said. That could be difficult and might require improvements up to and including another bridge across the Snake River Canyon, members said.

And no matter what is decided, it could be years before anything happens.

The committee on Thursday decided the next step is to come up with a feasible plan for basic pedestrian-safety improve-

ments. With such plans in hand, the committee can approach ITD's Board of Additions and Deletions and ask for grant money to help get the work done, said city of Twin Falls representative Trip Craig. Even under the best circumstances, it could take a year or longer before any state money actually becomes available, he said.

The committee also wants to get some local trucking companies directly involved in the planning, Craig said.

But any action along those lines would hinge on finding a good truck route through or

MAGIC VALLEY

Buhl students get lesson about Middle East

1990 graduate talks about way of life for Muslims

By Mary Lou Pettis
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - With the Middle East in the news, Buhl High School government and social studies students got some first-hand knowledge about that part of the world this week.

Heather Felton, a 1990 Buhl High School graduate who is now doing graduate work in Middle East history at the University of Chicago, volunteered to speak to

students about how religion plays a huge part of Middle Eastern life and how the way of thinking and living there differs from America's.

She earned two master's degrees at University of Chicago and she is now two years away from a doctorate of philosophy. She said she plans to teach Middle Eastern history at a university.

Felton explained the differences between the three religions practiced in the Middle East: Christianity, Judaism and Islam - the most dominant.

Muslims follow the Koran, a sacred book of Islam that contains revelations made to the prophet Muhammad by Allah, their God.

Muslim families try to make the

pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime. The pilgrimage is costly and families help each other to make the trip.

"Can't the government help?" asked Chris Ahim, a junior.

"Families are on their own to make the journey," Felton said.

Felton also explained the ancient and modern history of the area, and discussed the various dress codes for women from country to country. In Egypt, only a woman's hair is covered but in Saudi Arabia, the entire body is covered. The Koran states that Muslims dress modestly.

When asked how the countries view the United States, Felton said the governments of that region do not like U.S. policies but the aver-

age citizen likes the United States. Gary Eller, Buhl High School's government teacher who was stationed in Saudi Arabia in the service, said the Middle East does not like the United States' policy of intervention in political matters.

"They also think the U.S. is greedy, arrogant and selfish," Eller said.

With about 7 million to 10 million Muslims in the United States, Islam is the second largest religion in the country, behind Christianity, Felton said.

Muslims are centered around Chicago, Detroit and the state of Ohio even though the first U.S. mosque was built in South Dakota, Felton said.

When asked about the dating and marriage policies of the

Middle East, Felton said that in some countries, men can have more than one wife but women can have only one husband.

Students showed a great interest in the subjects of dating and marriage, which Felton said are arranged by families, and young people are expected to follow the trend.

Eller explained how the Taliban originated and how its leaders came into power. Oil Petroleum Exporting Countries was also explained and how the United States applies pressure to OPEC countries to keep the price of gas and oil down.

"I'm sure glad we live in the United States," said Sadie Spencer, a junior.

Parent raises concerns about early practices

By Jeanette Chambers
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH - A parent raised concerns this week about the morning athletic practices at Dietrich High School.

Teresa Perron expressed concern to the School Board about basketball practices, which have been as early as 5:30 a.m.

Even Principal Charlie Fenelon said that by the last two class periods, students who attend the early practices are just wiped out.

But with only the one small gym and eight teams practicing, it is hard to schedule all basketball practices at a reasonable hour, said board member Jarret Forter.

He assured Perron that the board would make coaches and athletic directors aware of her concerns and see if there was a better time, perhaps on Saturday, to schedule practices.

Also this week, school cook Nancy Bingham outlined a federal program that, beginning next year, could allow every student in the school to have a free breakfast or perhaps a snack time later in the morning.

The district will know if it is eligible for the program at the end of this school year.

Bingham said research has shown that it is not just the children from low-income families that need this morning boost.

With today's busy lifestyles, middle- and even upper-class students are doing without a good, nutritious morning meal.

Bingham said statistics have

shown that standards-testing results go up from 5 percent to 22 percent with this program. There are also calls to the nurses offices, attention span is greater, and there are fewer absences.

She also mentioned it would be a good idea to make sure children don't have soda before they eat lunch. No sodas with hot lunches would be a good start, she said, and for those children who bring sodas with cold lunches, teachers need to be aware and make sure students eat their lunches before they have their sodas.

Other board business included:

• **New school committee** - Dietrich resident Jeff Weber was asked to head a committee to explore the idea of either building on to the school or building a new school, phasing in additions such as annexes and a gymnasium over time.

Members of the committee have yet to be selected.

• **Football program** - New athletic director and coach Wayne Dill presented a plan to the board

for the purpose of buying new uniforms and equipment for the football program.

Dill said team members would be willing to do jobs, hold special events and solicit funds.

The board is taking it under consideration.

• **New pay day** - The board approved a change in policy moving the staff pay-day from the last day of the working month to the 20th of every month. That was to avoid, at times, a long stretch between pay days.

• **Driver's ed openings** - Fenelon announced there were five or six openings in the Richfield School District for students interested in taking drivers education, and the Shoshone district had about three or four spaces. Students may enroll on a first-come, first-served basis.

• **New custodian** - Superintendent Pete Bolz recommended that Pam Conant be hired as a custodian.

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Humbuggery

Hailey's Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" tonight and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon in the Liberty Theater.

Christmas alfresco

The fourth and final Advent-season Christmas in City Park concert will be Sunday at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park. It's free, and refreshments are available.

Stringing along

Boise guitarist Johann Helton will perform a classical concert tonight at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. An Italian-style dinner will be served before the show.

Improv Dickens

Actors Robert Rais and Jason McCune will present their rendition of "A Christmas Carol" in improv comedy style, tonight through Christmas Eve and again Dec. 26 in Ketchum's neoStage Theater.

Mesmerized

Comedian/humorist Steve Bayner will perform tonight through Monday and again on Thursday at the neoStage Theater in Ketchum.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C3, C6.

Hometown holiday

Singing janitor, piano-playing schools chief play with philharmonic

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra has a full evening planned for Monday, including guest performances from pianist Mike Chesley, vocalist Thom Stimpson and the Oakley Arts Council Community Choir.

"We always have some favorites," Guest Director Dennis Byington said of the orchestra's annual Christmas concert.

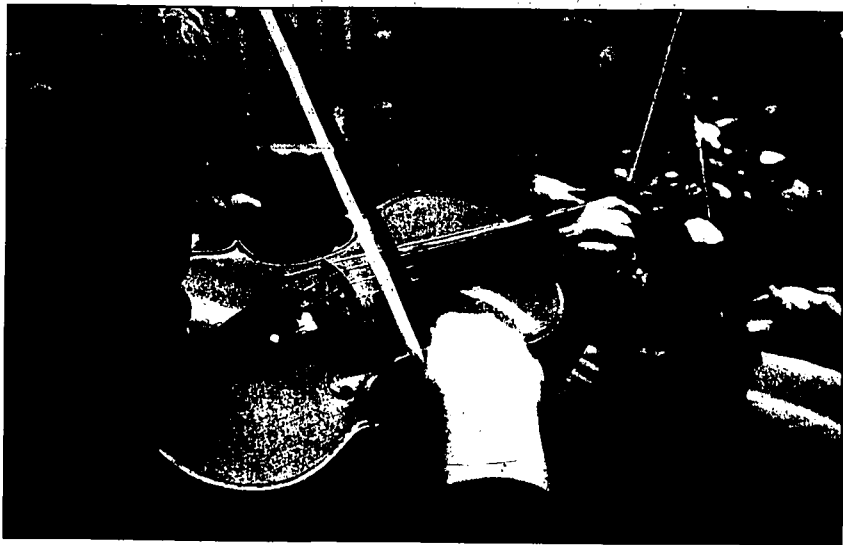
The band will open with a Christmas medley, joined by the OVAC choir. They'll also team up later in the program for "Christmas Fantasy," another medley, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and the closing songs from Handel's "Messiah," as well as "For Unto Us a Child is Born."

"It's going to be fun Christmas music," said Kent Severe, director of the OVAC Community Choir and president of OVAC. "We've been working on the songs since Labor Day."

The Philharmonic will play selections such as "White Christmas," "Radezy March," "Canadian Brass Christmas," "Stille Nacht," "Gesu Bambino" and "Sleigh Ride."

"The concert is fun for the whole orchestra," Byington says. Stimpson, also known as the "singing janitor" at Minico High School, will join the orchestra in "White Christmas," while Chesley, the superintendent of the Cassia School District, will play "Stille Nacht," a Chip Davis arrangement.

"Like the modern harmonies," Chesley said of "Stille



The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra practices earlier this week at Burley High School. From left, violinists Carol Badger, Jessica Byington, Sheldon Harris and Stephanie Harris play some Christmas favorites.

Nacht." It takes "Silent Night" and adds a harmony people don't generally hear.

Chesley, whose bachelor's and master's degrees are in music theory, played the clarinet in college and actually wrote a book about the instrument, published by Brigham Young University.

He taught music for a year at BYU before going into public school administration, directing

several musicals in Arizona before moving back to Burley, his hometown, where he has been a guest conductor for the Magic Philharmonic since the 2000 season.

Stimpson recently recorded a CD with a collection of traditional Christmas songs. The proceeds went to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council and the Rupert Lighting Committee.

If you go ...

- **What:** The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its Christmas concert.
- **When:** Monday, 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley.

- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for families, are available at the door. They can also be purchased at Welch Books and the Book Plaza in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert.

'Lord of the Rings: Two Towers' slips into bad hobbits

By David Germann
The Associated Press

It looks alike, it sounds alike, it lasts as long. Yet "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" is a lesser fantasy world than last year's "The Fellowship of the Ring," the first installment in the film trilogy of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic.

Part 2 is more a straight-ahead action flick, substituting brawl and brawling for the pastoral radiance of the first film.

Director Peter Jackson and company are more libertines with Tolkien's text this time, with less success than the departures made in "Fellowship of the Ring." Tries to open up a somewhat staid and passive story, Jackson and his three co-writers make good-faith stabs at enriching the drama cinematically, yet they stumble down some blind alley.

While the three-hour "Fellowship" left audiences craving more (a wish satisfied in the extended-edition version on video), "Two Towers" feels padded by side trips that offer more to look at without improving the view.

Considering all three films



'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers' is playing in theaters.

were shot simultaneously, though, it's a given that the epic grandeur of the first has carried through to the second, and that it will be duplicated in next year's conclusion, "The Return of the King."

Visually, the motion, creatures and panoramas of "The Two Towers" dazzle even more than those of "Fellowship." While prolonged and repetitive at times, the action is ferocious, and the

emergence of one or two returning players plus the addition of intriguing new characters spice up the tale.

Jackson dispenses with the sort of scene-setting, narrated prologue that opened "Fellowship." He hurls viewers right into the thick of it, reasonably figuring that between the first film's \$660 million worldwide gross and huge video sales, pretty much everybody in the theater

'The Two Towers'

- **What's in it?** Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen.
- **What's it rated?** PG-13.
- **Where's it playing?** Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Haley.
- **Should you go?** Weaker than last year's original, the movie is mostly a transition to the blockbuster third "Lord of the Rings" film, due next year.

has seen Chapter 1.

The fractured fellowship charged with destroying a ring of absolute evil has embarked on separate journeys. Pint-sized hobbit Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), the bearer of the ring that evil lord Sauron needs to enslave the world, and his companion Sam (Sean Astin) head for Sauron's lair in Mordor, where they must cast the ring into the fires of Mount Doom.

They reluctantly fall in with twisted soul Gollum, a computer-generated character creepily voiced by Andy Serkis in what is arguably the film's best performance. Once a hobbitlike creature, Gollum was the keeper of the ring for 500 years and has been corrupted by its evil.

Frodo and Sam also encounter Faramir (David Wenham), brother of their slain comrade Boromir, who leads a band of humans battling Sauron's swelling forces.

Meanwhile, the human Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), dwarf Gimli (John Rhys-Davies) and elf Legolas (Orlando Bloom) track the vicious orcs that carried off hobbits Merry (Dominic Monaghan) and Pippin (Billy Boyd).

Those five, plus back-from-the-dead wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen), are soon engaged in a colossal battle against Sauron's ally, the wizard Saruman (Christopher Lee).

Joining the fight are the people of Rohan, humans with a Norse demeanor, including King Theoden (Bernard Hill), fighting maiden Eowyn (Miranda Otto) and her brother Eomer (Karl Urban).

Also entering the siege are Middle-earth's oldest creatures, the Ents, forest shepherds that resemble living, mobile trees. Rhye-Davies provides the voice of the key Ent, Treebeard.

Besides Gollum, the villainous Grima Wormtongue (Brad Dourif) is the most interesting new character. Dourif positively oozes slime in his betrayal of King Theoden.

Martin Scorsese gives audiences plodding epic in 'Gangs of New York'

By Rene Rodriguez
Knight Ridder News Service

After all the delays, budget overruns and rumors of behind-the-scenes power struggles, Martin Scorsese's long-awaited epic "Gangs of New York" finally arrives, wounded and bleeding, but still very much alive and kicking.

This densely detailed, wildly ambitious movie has to be ranked as a disappointment, in part because the bar was set so high. When you have the best American filmmaker of his generation making the movie he's dreamed of for more than two decades - a movie that would serve as a summation to many of

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the themes that have permeated his films - anything less than a masterpiece simply will not do.

And "Gangs of New York" is many things, but a masterpiece is not one of them. It is primarily, and somewhat surprisingly, a poppy Western, with a vengeful orphan, the Irish-American Amsterdam (Leonardo DiCaprio), returning to town - in this case, New York City, circa 1863 - to avenge the death of his father at the hands of xenophobic Nativist Bill the Butcher (Daniel Day-Lewis). Bill is a monster in human

'Gangs of New York'

- **What's in it?** Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz.
- **What's it rated?** R.
- **Where's it playing?** The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.
- **Should you go?** It's great-looking but disappointingly empty.

clothing, a ferocious, grand-standing bully who is the self-appointed ruler of the Five Points, the area of lower Manhattan that housed the city's poor and disenfranchised, the majority of them immigrants, who banded together along ethnic lines, resolving their differ-

ences by knife, ax and bat in gigantic brawls that left the streets awash in red.

Scorsese's re-creation of a savage, lawless New York - built at a cost of \$110 million on the cavernous sets of Rome's Cinecitta Studios - is one of the best things in "Gangs of New York." Cinematographer Michael Ballhaus' camera careers from the caverns beneath the city to the raucousness of a smoky Chinese pagoda to the opulence of an Upper East Side mansion. The physicality of the sets are utterly convincing, making for a Dickensian backdrop of bustling squalor and grimy beauty.

But it's a sign a movie's not working when the production

design is so good that you notice the most. Against such a colorful backdrop, the main plot line of "Gangs of New York," crafted by gifted screenwriters Jay Cocks ("The Age of Innocence"), Steven Zaillian ("Schindler's List") and Kenneth Lonergan ("You Can Count On Me"), almost feels like an afterthought.

In his first performance since 1997's "The Boxer," Day-Lewis delivers a volcanic performance as the bloodthirsty Bill. Sporting a glass eye and a ridiculously thick mustache that was made for twirling, the actor turns Bill into a genuinely fearsome creature, one who is driven by hate and greed and ignites all the

basic rules of civility and decency in order to have his way.

Against him, DiCaprio's plump, one-dimensional Amsterdam barely registers: He's a wan, uninteresting hero. Cameron Diaz fares equally badly in the sole female role, a pickpocket who forms a romantic triangle between Bill and Amsterdam. Even Diaz's considerable charisma can't hide the fact that her character has been shoehorned into the plot simply to counterbalance the brutality of the story. By the time the Civil War Draft Riots literally explode around them, threatening to burn the city down to the ground, these characters feel too slight to warrant any attention.

WEEKEND

'Two Weeks Notice' hits theaters this weekend

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 material possibly unsuitable for children; (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give guidance for attendance of children younger than 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

'Adam Sandler's 8 Crazy Nights'

It has got to be a first on two counts: an animated holiday musical invoking the spirit of Hanukkah instead of Christmas, playing against the sentimentality of the season with some of the raunchiest scatological humor ever seen or heard on the screen, at least in a mainstream movie. A couple of the lines are enough to make even the thought-we'd-heard-it-all types wince. But on the whole, this lively, bittersweet movie works well and is sure to connect strongly with fans of Sandler at his most free-wheeling and uninhibited. With the short, 'A Day With the Meatball' (1:11, PG-13, for frequent crude and sexual humor, drinking and brief drug references).

'Analyze That'

This sequel to the 1999 hit 'Analyze This,' reuniting therapist Ben Sobel (Billy Crystal) with mobster Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro), is not the sort of movie that stands up to much analysis. In fact, the less you think about it, the funnier it is. Vitti is released from prison into Sobel's custody, but his attempts to find a new life of work are not, as you might expect, wholly successful, and neither is the movie. Still, the comic chemistry between De Niro and Crystal is pretty much intact, and there are always those outtakes and credit scenes (R; language, violence. 1 hour, 36 minutes).

'Catch Me If You Can'

Stephen Spielberg's caper movie about a legendary band robber (Leonardo DiCaprio) and the FBI agent (Tom Hanks) who chases him. (Rated PG-13).

'Die Another Day'

The newest James Bond movie once again stars Pierce Brosnan, whose glazed implacability suggests a man who rarely gets shaken much less stirred. Perched uneasily between lingering self-parody and the filmmakers' clear desire for a Bond vehicle to be taken seriously as an action movie, 'Die Another Day' remains caught somewhere in between. It is only intermittently entertaining but it's hard not to be a sucker for its charms or perhaps it's just impossible not to feel nostalgic for movies you grew up with. Halle Berry, as Bond's newest love interest, Jinx, brings about as much conviction as you might expect to a role that, essentially, is the bodacious equivalent of a hit of Viagra. With Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike and Rick Yune. Directed by Lee Tamahori. (2:10, PG-13, for action violence and sexuality).

'Drumline'

Every holiday season needs a pleasant surprise, and this year

What's Playing

Burley
 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.' Century Cinema
 'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.' Century Cinema
 'Made in Manhattan.' Century Cinema
 'The Santa Clause 2.' Twin Cinema
 'Star Trek: Nemesis.' Century Cinema
 'Two Weeks Notice.' Burley Theater
 'The Wild Thornberrys.' Century Cinema

Twin Falls

'Analyze That.' Odyssey Theater
 'Catch Me If You Can.' Twin Cinema (opens Wednesday)
 'Die Another Day.' Odyssey Theater
 'Drumline.' Odyssey Theater
 '8 Mile.' Odyssey Theater
 'The Friday After Next.' Odyssey Theater
 'Gangs of New York.' The Orpheum
 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.' Twin Cinema
 'Hot Chick.' Twin Cinema

'The Last Waltz.' Lamphouse Theater
 'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.' Twin Cinema
 'Maid in Manhattan.' Twin Cinema
 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding.' Twin Cinema
 'The Santa Clause 2.' Twin Cinema
 'Star Trek: Nemesis.' Odyssey Theater
 'Treasure Planet.' Twin Cinema
 'The Wild Thornberrys Movie.' Twin Cinema

Jerome

'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.' Jerome Cinema
 'Maid in Manhattan.' Jerome Cinema
 'Star Trek: Nemesis.' Jerome Cinema
 'Two Weeks Notice.' Jerome Cinema

Gooding

'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.' Gooding Cinema

Shoshone

No movies this week.

it's this entertaining and enthusiastically told tale that shrewdly energizes its way-familiar plot line by setting it amid one of the greatest and least-known spectacles in American sports, the world of show-style marching bands. If rhythm and movement are important to you, this is a film that deserves a spot on your dance card. Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana, Leonard Roberts and Orlando Jones star. Directed by Charles Stone III. (1:58, PG-13, for innuendo and language.)

'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 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 situations. 2 hours, 6 minutes.)

'The Friday After Next'

Ice Cube is back again, and so is Mike Epps as feckless cousins whose South-Central L.A. apartment is targeted by the Santa Claus Robber the night before

Christmas Eve, setting off a day of raucous mayhem and low-down humor. Good-natured, hilarious and affectionate in tone, it is a sure-fire follow-up to Friday and 'Next Friday.' With John Witherspoon, Don 'DC' Curry, (1:25, R, for language, sexual content and drug use.)

'Gangs of New York'

Director Martin Scorsese returns to the streets of New York as an Irish immigrant played by Leonardo DiCaprio leaves prison, seeking revenge on murderous gang lord Daniel Day-Lewis in this 1860s historical drama. Cameron Diaz, John C. Reilly, Henry Thomas, Brendan Gleeson and Jim Broadbent also star. Written by Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian and Kenneth Lonergan. (R, for intense strong violence, sexuality, nudity and language.)

'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'

It's likely that whatever you thought of the first production - pro or con - you'll likely think of this one. Still, even partisans of 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' may well be put off by parts of the new film. 'Chamber of Secrets' displays such zeal for re-creating the book's more grotesque aspects, that it is sure to rattle the cages of the smallest viewers, sending them under their seats if not out of the theater. Because it can't seem to get the balance right, it ends up feeling like the illegitimate offspring of 'Alien' and 'The Absent-Minded Professor.' Like its predecessor, it is intelligently cast and makes good use of behind-the-camera talent, including screenwriter Steve Kloves and cinematographer Roger Pratt. Directed by Chris Columbus. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson; plus Kenneth Branagh, who does some of his best film work in years. (2:41, PG, for scary moments, some creature violence and mild language.)

'The Hot Chick'

The idea of Rob Schneider as a lowlife crook who gets trapped inside the body of a high school

campus queen (Rachel McAdams) may sound tiresome, but beneath a crass veneer this rowdy picture proves a surprisingly provocative gender-bending comedy. Another subversive work from Adam Sandler's Happy Madison company. Anna Farris as McAdams' staunch friend co-stars. (1:41, PG-13, for crude and sexual humor, language and drug references.)

'The Last Waltz'

Martin Scorsese's celebrated 1978 rockumentary about the final performance of The Band (the notable Robertson, Rick Danko, Richard Manuel, Levon Helm and Garth Hudson) at San Francisco's Winterland Arena, where the group had played its first show more than 16 years before. With guest performances by Bob Dylan, Dr. John, Neil Diamond, Eric Clapton, Emmylou Harris, Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, Muddy Waters, Keith Richards,

Ron Wood, Neil Young, Ringo Starr, Paul Butterfield, Ronnie Hawkins and The Staples. (Rated PG.)

'The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers'

Peter Jackson's adaptation of the J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy continues where 'The Fellowship of the Ring' left off. The group dives and heads deeper into the dark lands of Mordor. With Sean Astin, Orlando Bloom, Billy Boyd, Brad Dourif, Bernard Hill, Christopher Lee, Ian McKellen, Dominic Monaghan, Viggo Mortensen, Miranda Otto, John Rhys-Davies, Andy Serkis, and Elijah Wood. (PG-13 for epic battle sequences and scary images.)

'Maid in Manhattan'

As saccharine as it is disposable, this pillow mint of a movie stars Jennifer Lopez as a single

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A Briefcase Full of Blues, a Blues Brothers tribute act, will play two shows a night in Cactus Petes 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.

Tonight and Saturday

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

Tonight and Saturday

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

Dec. 29-30 - Utah

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

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.



Dec. 31 - Utah

Faster Pussycat will play The Element Lounge in the Salt Lake City suburb of Murray at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Element Lounge is located at 7 East 4800 South.

Jan. 14 - Utah

Henry Rollins will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 15 - Boise

The Wallflowers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House. Tickets, which are \$23.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at



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

Jan. 17 - Boise

Papa Roach and Blindside will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, 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.



Jan. 19 - Boise

Piebald and Noise Ratchet will play JD & Friends at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

Jan. 22 - Boise

Seether will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 25 - Boise

Something Corporate and Juliana Theory will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

Jan. 27 - Utah

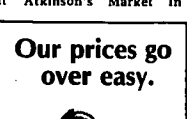
Juliana Theory and Something Corporate will perform at the X-Scape in Salt Lake City at 7:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

Jan. 29 - Utah

Alkaline Trio, One Man Army and Paris, Texas will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Jan. 31 - Boise

Insane Clown Posse will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in



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Feb. 7 - Utah

Coldplay will perform at the Salmor Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Salmor Resort is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City; take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

Feb. 13 - Utah

The Reverend Horton Heat will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

COUNTRY

Tonight

Pocketchange will play classic country music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Iron Mountain Inn, 325 W. Highway 20, Fairfield.

Tonight - Utah

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Tonight and Saturday

Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Montana Steakhouse, 1825 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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 Symbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$7. Call 324-7366.

Saturday

Pocketchange will play from 7:30-11:30 p.m. for the annual Christmas party at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Sunday

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



Dec. 28 - Boise

Lefter Salomon 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.

Dec. 30-31

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will perform two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, at 8 and 11 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (801) 821-1103.

Dec. 31 - Utah

Jesse Drayton will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Lounge is located at 301 South West Temple.

Jan. 27 - Utah

Slobberbone will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning

Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Feb. 1 - Utah

Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.75, \$27.75 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 307 West South Temple.

Feb. 15 - Boise

Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will perform at the Idaho Center

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Events

Continued from C3
 in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$36.75 and \$46.75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766, online at idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

KARAOKE

Tonight
 High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

Tonight
 Krookers Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 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 Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. Cash prizes. No cover charge.

Saturday
 High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sagebrush Lounge, 325 Main St., Hazelton. No cover charge.

Saturday
 Krookers Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Drift Inn, 545 E. St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight
 Johann Helton will perform a classical guitar concert at 8 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth, Buhl. An Italian-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$25. For reservations or more information, call the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888.

Tonight - Boise
 Soul Purpos will play at 9:15 p.m. at the Blues Bouquet, 1010 Main. Cover charge is \$5.

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

Tonight and Saturday
 Pianist Jim Brickman will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. tonight and at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets, which are \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$44.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Saturday - Boise
 Crash Four will play at 9:15 p.m. at the Blues Bouquet, 1010 Main. Cover charge is \$3.

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

Jan. 3
 Evan Ziporyn and Todd Reynolds will present the world premiere of Ziporyn's work "No Return - River Impressions 2002," 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or purchased at the Sun Valley Center for Arts, 191 Fifth St. E.

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, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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Skip-Night
 Skip-N Skool will play from 7-10 p.m. at Alice's Coffee and Espresso, 1332 Albion Ave., Burley.

Jan. 7 - Utah
 Herbie Hancock will perform at 7:30 p.m. 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.

HIP-HOP

Jan. 3 - Utah
 Lil Flip, Cilipse and Cam'ron will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Jan. 21 - Boise
 Das EFX will perform at 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.

FESTIVALS

Tonight
 The production "Hope is Born Again" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. Advanced tickets, which are \$5 for adults, \$5 for students (ages 3 to 17) and \$20 for a family, can be purchased from Dance Addictions in Burley, On Stage in Twin Falls, Welch Music in Burley and Twin Falls, from students of Julie's Danceworks or by calling Julie Goodfellow at 878-3565. Tickets also can be purchased at the door for \$8 for adults, \$6 for students or \$25 for a family.

Tonight and Saturday - Utah
 Utah Symphony will perform its Yuletide Joy pops concert, narrated by former Utah Jazz star Thurston Baylor, 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.

Sunday
 The last of four Advent season Christmas in City Park concerts, sponsored by the Twin Falls Chapter of Soroptimist International, will be held at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park. Free.

Monday
 The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. in the King Fine Arts Center, Burley. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$15 for families, are available at Welch Music and the Book Plaza in Burley or the Book Store in Rupert, and at the door.

CLASSICAL

Saturday - Boise
 The Boise Master Chorale 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. 31 - Utah
 Utah Symphony will perform its New Year's Eve concert at 10 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$26, \$32 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 10-11 - Utah
 Utah Symphony will present Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 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. 23 - Utah
 Utah Symphony will present Beethoven's Fourth Symphony at 8 p.m. at the Libby Gardner Concert Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 24
 The Eroica Trio will perform at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, the fourth in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah
 Utah Symphony will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by

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Feb. 7-8 - Utah
 Utah Symphony will perform Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

OPERA

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. 26 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12 to \$50, 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 Val A. Browning Center in Ogden, Utah. The Browning Center is located on the campus of Weber State University.

DANCE

Tonight
 A Christmas dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 S. Highway 77, Albion. Music will be provided by The Bronsons. The event is for those 21 and older. Cover charge is \$5.

Tonight
 The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls. Music will be provided by Archie Turner.

Saturday
 Dance to DJ music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Utah
 Ballet West will perform "The Nutcracker" at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, 7 p.m. on Monday, noon on Tuesday, 7 p.m. on Thursday in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$10, \$17, \$32, \$40, \$50 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. The production continues on Dec. 28.

Thursday
 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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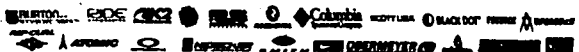
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Dec. 31
A New Year's Eve dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 Highway 77, Albion. Music will be provided by The Brønsons. The event is for those 21 and older. Cover charge is \$5.

Jan. 17-18 - Boise
Idaho Dance Theater will present its winter performance, "Hot Blooded," at 8 p.m. Jan. 17-18 and 2 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Boise State University Special Events Center. Tickets, which are \$14-\$22, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494.

Feb. 7-8, 12-15 - Utah
Ballet West will dance Ronald Hyn's "Rosolinda" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7-8 and 12-14 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

THEATER

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$10, are sold from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 405 N. Main St., Hailey, by phone at 578-9122 or at www.ticketweb.com

Jan. 28-30 - Boise
The national touring production of the musical "Saturday Night Fever" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, \$38.50 and \$46, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Jan. 30
Seattle Mime Theater's Animation, an Arts on Tour event, will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Season tickets are \$50 for adults, \$40 for students and \$45 for senior citizens (60 and over). Reserved season tickets are \$60 for adults and \$50 for students, available by phoning 732-6288 or 733-9554, Ext. 6288. Individual event tickets are \$14 for adults, \$10 for students and children. Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and

Hallmark, Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, The Magic Valley Arts Council, Sav Mor Drug in Buhl, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, the CSI Community Education Center, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

COMEDY

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Actors Robert Rais and Jason McCune will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" improvisational style at 7:30 p.m. nightly in Ketchum's nextStage Theater. Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students, are available at the door.

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Thursday
Comedian/hypnotist Steve Bayner will present kids-safe shows at 5 p.m. nightly in Ketchum's nextStage Theater. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door. The production continues Dec. 27-28.

Thursday through Dec. 29
Late Night Funnies, a comedy revue, will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in

Jackpot. Tickets for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturdays and \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays. Prices for the 11 p.m. cocktail show at \$10 on Saturdays and \$7.50 on weeknights and Sundays. For reservations and information, call (801) 821-1103.

Jan. 10-11 - Utah
Margaret Cho will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in Salt Lake City at 8 and 10 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Wise Guys Comedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

FIGURE SKATING

Jan. 8 - Utah
Smuckers Stars on Ice, featuring Tara Lipinski, Jamie Sale and David Peletier, Katarina Witt, Eleni Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharidze, 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-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "Season of Light" at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Other shows are "Steamrolling through the Holidays" tonight and Saturday at 8:15 p.m., "WSKY: Radio Station to the Stars" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and "Saving the Night/Sky Quest" at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Next week, "Season of Light" will be shown at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 27 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 28, and "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" will be shown at 2 and 8:15 p.m. on Dec. 27 and 8:15 p.m. Dec. 28. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted. The Herrett Center will close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and be closed Christmas Day.

ACROBATICS

Jan. 20 - Utah
Peking Acrobats will perform at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's

Abraham Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$16, \$18 and \$21, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abraham Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

ART SHOWS

Through Dec. 31 - Utah
"In Response to Place: Photographs from The Nature Conservancy's Last Great Places," featuring the work of 12 photographers, will be on display from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays at the Utah Museum of Natural History on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call (801) 585-3948.


Through Jan. 25
The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will host The Albertson Figures, a collection of art from Albertson College of Idaho that includes works by Goya, Hogarth, Lichtenstein, Picasso and Andy Warhol. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free.

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WEEKEND

Critic gives 'Adaptation' high marks

AP Movie Writer David Germain:

1. "Adaptation" - "Being John Malkovich" writer Charlie Kaufman and director Spike Jonze succeed splendidly in creating a film about absolutely everything. Their tall tale of an insecure screenwriter is a spot-on rendering of artist self-loathing, and through cryptic philosophizing becomes a universal story on adapting to life. Nicolas Cage is at his best since "Leaving Las Vegas," with great support from Meryl Streep and Chris Cooper.

2. "Bowling for Columbine" - Say what you will about the heart-on-his-sleeve subjectivity of Michael Moore, the world's lucky to have such a provocateur. This documentary is equal parts entertainment and incitement to truly meaningful thought. Hilarious and horrific, it deconstructs the yahoo mentality of a pistol-packing nation, and hammers home the point that with unalienable rights come implicit responsibilities.

3. "Gangs of New York" - Part masterpiece, part mess. Martin Scorsese's long-delayed epic shows the warts of compromise from his editing fight with distributor Miramax. Offsetting the film's occasional chopiness is dazzling imagery in the recreation of a dim chapter in 1860s history. Daniel Day-Lewis gives the year's finest



Nicolas Cage plays twin brothers in 'Adaptation.'

performance as a buoyantly ruthless gang leader, stealing the picture from Leonardo DiCaprio.

4. "Bloody Sunday" - Narrative filmmaking doesn't get more realistic than this dramatization of the 1972 massacre of unarmed protesters by British soldiers in Northern Ireland. Eschewingphony fore-shadowing, director Paul Greengrass captures a day in the life gone wrong, the end result all the more grave and shocking for the film's documentary style.

5. "Sunshine State" - This is not one of John Sayles' best films, yet it still among the year's class acts. Writer-director Sayles weaves a mosaic of personal lives at odds with big, bad corporate interests in a decaying Florida coastal resort. The cast of characters led by Edie

Falco and Angela Bassett are a rarity in American movies these days: When they talk, they actually have something to say.

6. "Road to Perdition" - Here's one where Tom Hanks actually has little to say, and he speaks volumes in doing so. Hanks' Depression-era hitman is one of modern cinema's most forlorn figures, mutely honor-bound to a mission of revenge against a beloved mentor. British director Sam Mendes' outsider's eye enriches an American tale.

7. "Frida" - This vivid biopic of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo is the year's most visually inventive film. Director Julie Taymor (Broadway's "The Lion King") crafts a living, breathing portrait of Kahlo's life with Diego Rivera

and her surreal inner vision. Salma Hayek, who labored for years to get the film made, could be this year's Halle Berry, establishing herself as a pretty face with Oscar-worthy acting chops.

8. "Jeannette" - How refreshing to find a U.S. remake of a foreign film that improves on the source. Director Christopher Nolan's follow-up to "Memento" is a tale of a big-city cop (Al Pacino) out of his element, tormented by guilt, a killer (Robin Williams) and Alaska's midnight sun. Pacino and Williams combine for a riveting, original cat-and-mouse tangle.

9. "Ash Wednesday" - After a downward spiral since his debut with "The Brothers McMullen," Edward Burns scraps romantic territory for a stark crime drama that marks a career highpoint. Writer-director Burns brings understated grace to his role as an ex-mob enforcer reluctantly drawn back to gangster life to save his brother (Elijah Wood).

10. "Monsoon Wedding" - Mira Nair's big fat Punjabi wedding was 2002's real nuptial feast, no disrespect to its blockbuster Greek cousin. Nair fashions a kaleidoscope of costumes and colors, as old ways clash with new during preparations for an Indian matrimonial bash. The action seamlessly moves from domestic comedy to farce to heavy drama.



Dennis Quaid and Julianne Moore appear in a scene from 'Far From Heaven' in this publicity photo.

Critic says 'Far From Heaven' tops her list

AP Entertainment Writer Christy Lemire:

1. "Far From Heaven" - This would still have been one of the year's best films based solely on its exquisite cinematography and production design. Add an Oscar-worthy performance from Julianne Moore, and writer-director Todd Haynes' keenly observant script, and you have a movie that's nearly flawless. Haynes' loving homage to the Technicolor female-driven melodramas of the 1950s looks and feels so authentic, it will make you forget you're watching a new movie.

2. "About Schmidt" - Jack Nicholson should earn his 12th Oscar nomination for the most surprising, understated performance of his career, as a retired widower who goes on a road trip toward self-discovery. Every piece fits together perfectly in co-writer and director Alexander Payne's lovingly satirical look at Middle America, from the tiniest details to the solid supporting performances.

3. "Catch Me If You Can" - The most flat-out fun movie of the year, it accomplishes exactly what it sets out to do: It's a giddy cat-and-mouse game between two extremely talented players, Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio, with director Steven Spielberg serving as referee. (It's the perfect light counterpoint to Spielberg's heavier "Minority Report," No. 8 on this list.) The star power shines blindingly on the screen and behind the camera.

4. "Road to Perdition" - Director Sam Mendes has crafted a nearly perfect film - stunning in its simplicity, beautifully shot and edited, with deeply felt performances from Tom Hanks, Paul Newman and newcomer Tyler Hoechlin. And the cinematography from Conrad L. Hall is just as much a star. The tale of Irish gangsters in Depression-era Chicago is relentlessly somber, yet poetic in the possibility of redemption.

5. "25th Hour" - Spike Lee's best film since "Malcolm X," maybe even since "Do the Right Thing." He takes a potentially preachy topic - a drug dealer's last day before a seven-year prison term - and infuses it with blistering realism. It's also the first movie to realistically depict New York City months after the Sept. 11 attacks. Insightful and darkly funny, with stellar performances by

The year's best movies



Edward Norton, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Barry Pepper.

6. "Talk to Her" - Pedro Almodovar's best film ever, showing the Spanish filmmaker at the height of his abilities. The story of two men who are in love with women in comas is haunting and complex, full of longing and hope and striking visual imagery. It will stay with you long after you've watched it.

7. "Frida" - This biopic about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is one of the most visually imaginative movies of the year - director Julie Taymor practically brings Kahlo's paintings to life. And like Kahlo's portraits, "Frida" is vibrant and colorful, sometimes horrific, always strikingly direct. Salma Hayek embodies the role and should get an Oscar nomination.

8. "Minority Report" - Steven Spielberg goes dark in this story of a futuristic society in which crimes are preconceived and prevented. It's a thrilling sensory overload, a detailed, fully realized world that's repeatedly surprising, though it weakens a bit at the end. Using his obvious star power, Tom Cruise plays the straight man among several standout supporting performances.

9. "Tapeo" - A delightfully low-budget story - shot in 14 days on hand-held digital video for a couple hundred thousand dollars - about a 15-year-old boarding school student who harbors a crush on his step-mother, and ends up having a fling with her best friend. Newcomer Aaron Stanford is charming and a real find, and a shy Bebe Neuwirth showcases her flawless comic timing.

10. "Read My Lips" - Gorgeous, sexy French noir about a lonely hearing-impaired receptionist who teams up with an ex-con to undermine a heist, and finds an unlikely soul mate. The movie starts out as an office comedy and seamlessly turns into a stylish thriller, keeping you on your toes the whole time.

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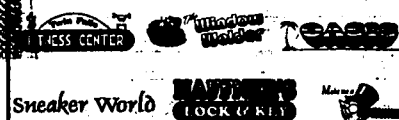
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WEEKEND

Comedian, hypnotist plays Ketchum

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - You've gotta have a little derring-do to catch one of Steve Bayner's shows.

After all, he could have you up on stage, braying like a donkey or running around like Homer Simpson with his pants on fire.

Bayner makes his living by day recording tapes on how to improve creativity or get through labor pains. But by night he leaves audiences in hysterics as he makes nice out of men and cream puffs out of women-all by hypnotic suggestion.

"People like to see people do things out of the ordinary," Bayner said. "There's a lot of people who are skeptical - they think there's no way they will get up on stage and do the things others are doing. Then they do exactly what they swore they'd never do."

Bayner, who plays at 5 p.m. daily through Dec. 28 at the RexStage Theater, is the latest rework form of entertainment in Sun Valley this winter.

Local entertainment mogul Larry Flynn brought him to town

If you go ...

Comedian/hypnotist Steve Bayner will present kids-safe shows at 5 p.m. daily through Monday and Tuesday through Dec. 28 at the RexStage Theater. He also will perform two adult-only shows at 9 p.m. Dec. 27 and 28. Seating will be cabaret style with food and beverages available. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

to augment the apres ski scene.

Flynn also plans to gussie up the holiday scene in this resort town with the Beatlemenians (Jan. 1-4), a musical New Year's Affair featuring pianist Walt Wagner and dancing to The Bruce Innes Band with Cheryl Morrell and yet a second New Year's show featuring a retro-disco show and dancing.

"I'm trying to create a resurgence of what was once the apres ski scene we used to have when people would walk into a place with their ski boots and they wouldn't take off their ski boots until they got back to their motel that night," Flynn said. "And this is the guy to do it with he's extremely funny."

Bayner, who had a following in Twin Falls when he played there 20-some years ago, got launched into his career at a show very much like the one he performs for crowds in Las Vegas nightclubs, state fairs and corporate conventions across the country.

"The guy had me doing things and I was blown away," he recalled. "I was aware of what I was doing, yet I felt compelled to do what he was suggesting. I'd say, 'I can't believe I just did that.' Yet he'd give me another suggestion and I'd do something else."

After conducting his own investigation into hypnosis, Bayner started up his own show at the

age of 22. Now, a couple decades later, he has 4-1/2 hours worth of material to draw on, depending on the audiences before him.

He's worked with Sawyer Brown, Three Dog Night, Weird Al Yankovic and other entertainers.

"It's not the things I do with people that make the show," he said. "It's the expressions of the people being hypnotized, the odd reactions, the spectacle of someone who's normally introverted suddenly becoming extroverted, that make the show."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

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Gregory is a 2001 graduate of Smithfield High School. She is employed at Quigleys Tire Towne in Pocatello.

Quigley also is employed at Quigleys Tire Towne.

The wedding is planned for today at the LDS Church in Lewiston, Utah. An open house to honor the couple will be held



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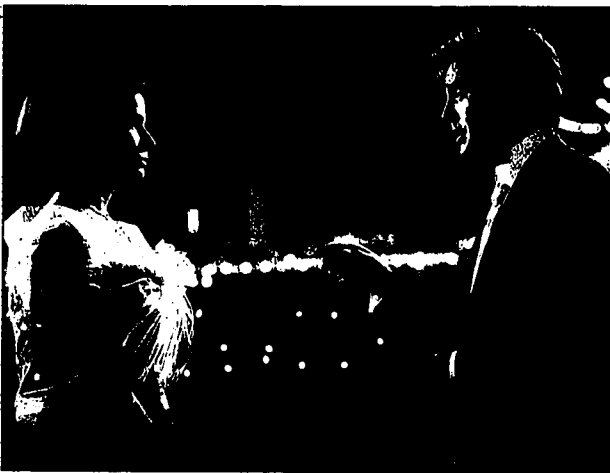
There are many other animals at the shelter that need caring homes.

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"Tika" is a black and white male kitten. He is small in size but big in heart. Make him yours!

WEEKEND



Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant star in Castle Rock Entertainment's romantic comedy 'Two Weeks Notice'.

Movies

Continued from C2
 man from the Bronx who catches the eye of an ambitious politician (Ralph Fiennes), while working as a maid in a swank Park Avenue home. Mistaken identity yields a romantic walk in the park, a minor tabloid tempest but finally no surprises, this despite the odd-couple pairing of Lopez, a performer born for the spotlight, and Fiennes, an actor who invariably seems pained when cast as a romantic lead. That this particular chambermaid doesn't scrub a single toilet somehow goes without saying. Written by Kevin Wade ('Working Girl') and directed by Wayne Wang ('The Joy Luck Club'), it is a blithely impersonal film. With Bob Hoskins and Marisa Matrone. (143, PG-13 for some language/sexual references.)

'My Big Fat Greek Wedding'
 Nia Vardalos' autobiographical one-woman stage play about growing up Greek is transfigured into a mushy, overcooked ethnic comedy with culture clash jokes whose freshness date expired 30 years ago. Vardalos, however, is affecting as the glum, withdrawn single gal who gets everyone at home riled over her engagement with a non-Greek guy (John Corbett). With Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin and Joie Fatone. Directed by Joel Zwickel. (135, PG for sensuality and language.)

'The Santa Clause 2'
 Ponderous, disappointing sequel to the beguiling 1994 original. Tim Allen's Santa discovers a clause in his contract that gives him but 28 days before Christmas to find a wife while coping with the havoc wreaked by a replica temporary Santa back at the North Pole. There's enough plot here for two pictures. With Elizabeth Mitchell, David Krumholtz, Eric Lloyd. (1:45, G.)

'Star Trek: Nemesis'
 Ever resilient and reliable, the Starship Enterprise team has never hesitated to move forward no matter what the obstacles, and the latest feature has once again ventured into unexplored territory. Both a writer ('Gladiator's' John Logan) and a director (Stuart Baird of 'U.S. Marshals') new to the franchise have signed on for the latest voyage and ushered in a spanking new group of outer space outlaws, the Remans. Familiarity and continuity, however, are what the success of this series has always been about. We've been here before, and we

like the neighborhood. Patrick Stewart, Tom Hardy, Jonathan Frakes, Marina Sirtis and Brent Spiner star. (157, PG-13, for sci-fi action violence and a scene of sexual conduct.)

'Treasure Planet'
 Disney's latest animated adventure is a hybrid on several levels, starting with relocating Robert Louis Stevenson's classic kids' tale 'Treasure Island' in a space-travel world. Although it may sound gimmicky, the notion of setting the popular story of young Jim (voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) and the pirate John Silver (Brian Murray) in a fantasy world based on the planet Montross turns out to be a more appealing one than might be imagined. It's not that any of this is inept, it's just that filmmakers John Musker and Ron Clements ('The Little Mermaid,' 'Aladdin' and 'Hercules'), can clearly do better. What their effort here points out is how difficult it is to get things like this completely right. The genre's recent past has set the bar quite high, and 'Treasure Planet' doesn't quite make it over. With David Hyde Pierce, Emma Thompson and Martin Short. (1:34, PG, for adventure action and peril.)

'Two Weeks Notice'
 Hugh Grant is the wealthy boss-from-hell for determined do-gooder Sandra Bullock in this romantic comedy about finding love in the most unlikely places. Bullock, a legal aid lawyer, takes a job with the real estate mogul in order to direct big sums toward her favorite causes - but he also wants her to be a butler, a maid and a drinking buddy. Bullock quits, her replacement turns out to be hot for the boss, who isn't looking so bad from this distance. Surprisingly flat from two masters of physical comedy. 100 minutes. (PG-13, for sex-related humor.)

'The Wild Thornberrys'
 This rollicking animated adventure is a breeze and a blast, snap-

ply paced and full of frolicsome energy. The creators of the Nickelodeon TV show offer a clinic on how to turn a series into a feature, dashing off a quick prologue and jumping with vigor into the story. The hero, Eliza Thornberry (voice of Lacey Chabert) bears some similarities to Harry Potter. She's a bespectacled pradolescent whose -er- al powers - the ability to talk to animals - allow her to lead a secret life. With the help of her charming family, a nature-loving bunch on permanent safari, she's out to save the day. (PG for some adventure peril. 78 minutes.)

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'Chicago' leads Golden Globe nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - "Adaptation" and fellow movie adaptations "Chicago" and "The Hours" were adapted again Thursday - into leading Golden Globe contenders. "Chicago," based on the Broadway musical first directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse in 1975, received a leading eight nominations, followed by the film version of Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Hours," with seven. In the best drama category, competition for "The Hours" came from other adaptations:

"About Schmidt," with Jack Nicholson playing the widower of Louis Begley's novel; director Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York," developed from a 1928 book by Herbert Asbury; "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," from the J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy; and director Roman Polanski's "The Pianist," inspired by Holocaust survivor Wladyslaw Szpilman's autobiography. "Adaptation," an in-joke about its writer's attempt to fashion a screenplay from the nonfiction book "The Orchid Thief," collected six nomina-

tions, including best comedy or musical. Other nominees in that category were "Chicago"; the Dickens classic "Nicholas Nickleby"; Hugh Grant's "About a Boy"; and the Nick Hornby novel; and the surprise hit "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

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 → **Treasure Planet** (PG) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45
 → **Hot Chick** (12) 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:10 - 9:20
 → **Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (12) TC 46 - 2:00 - 7:45 DVD Digital
 TC 95 - 12:45 - 5:00 - 9:00 Daily Digital
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→ **B. Crazy Nights** (15) 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:40 - 9:50
 → **Two Weeks Notice** (12) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45
 → **Wild Thornberry** (PG) 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:10
 → **Maid in Manhattan** (12) 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:40 - 9:50
 → **Harry Potter 2** (PG) 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15 - 9:10
 → **Santa Clause 2** (G) 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:00

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school boys basketball: Sho-Ban at TFCA, 7:30 p.m.; Richfield at Bliss, 7:30 p.m.; Raft River at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.; Carey at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.; Hansen at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.; Rimrock at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.; Kimberly at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.; Wood River at Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Twin Falls at Minico, 7:30 p.m. High school girls basketball: Richfield at Bliss, 6 p.m.; Sho-Ban at TFCA, 6 p.m.; M.V. Christian at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.; Valley at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.; Wendell at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.; Declo at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.; Filer at Burley, 7:30 p.m. High school wrestling: Bear-Cat Invitational, at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

T.F.'s Reed will get state tennis honor

BOISE — Carrie Reed of Twin Falls will be one of four individuals to be inducted into the Idaho Tennis Hall of Fame on Feb. 8, 2003. Reed, the immediate past president of the Intermountain Tennis Association, is a longtime supporter of the sport and a former top junior and collegiate player at Santa Clara University. Reed was also a member of the Idaho team that won the 1995 5.0 USTA national team championship. Joining Reed in the Class of 2003 will be Hulger Nickel of Idaho Falls, Tom Campbell of Boise and the late Dale Hammond of Pocatello.

Magic Mountain plans to open Saturday

The ski season at Magic Mountain opens on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The resort has two surface lifts and a chair lift with 17 equal runs. The resort also offers bus transportation through Chalk Creek's Sports in Twin Falls. Call 733-2000 for more information on the bus runs or 423-6221 for ski information. Magic Mountain is located 28 miles south of Hams on Rock Creek Road or 3800 East Road.

School announces open gym dates

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High School will host several open gymnasium dates over the holidays. Admission is free and open to all members of the public. The gym will be open on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21-22, 4 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will open Monday, Dec. 23, from 17 p.m. and again on Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday from 17 p.m. The following Saturday and Sunday will open again from noon to 4 p.m. and from 17 p.m. on Dec. 30 and Jan. 23. Open gym dates are sponsored by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and School District No. 411.

Twin Falls-Minico girls change dates

TWIN FALLS — The scheduled girls basketball game between Twin Falls and Minico on Jan. 27 has been switched to Dec. 28. The game will be at Twin Falls High School with a scheduled tip-off of 7:30 p.m.

Compiled from staff reports

Dietrich defense bedevils rival Shoshone

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The Devil(s) made them do it. Visiting Shoshone was forced to switch to a box-and-one defense to contain Dietrich leading scorer Raysa Parker in the second half after she scored 11 in the first quarter. The rest of the 11-1 Blue Devils made them pay. Ayleen Sorensen scored 20 points and Sheena Bingham scored all 10 of her points in the second half as Dietrich held off the Indians 58-49 Thursday night in Northside Conference girls basketball.

Blue Devils win 58-49, improve to 11-1

"We kind of expected that," said Dietrich coach Gene Shaw. "We wanted to see what would happen. The other girls stepped up." Bingham scored all of her points off offensive rebounds, a key stat that Dietrich dominated in the final three quarters to stifle Shoshone's hopes of a rally. Dietrich's defense forced the Indians into a number of poor shots and Shoshone was unable to get any putbacks. In contrast, Dietrich built a 51-34 lead thanks to putbacks by Bingham and Parker.

"If they get (second chances) they'll score," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "We had all the shots we needed but they wouldn't fall." The game started out with neither team able to find a rhythm until Sorensen and Parker found their strokes. A 6-5 Dietrich lead with 3:26 remaining became a 19-9 command after one complete, sparked by three buckets by Parker, including two 3-pointers, and two more buckets by Sorensen. Shoshone had a chance to get back

into it when Dietrich went cold for the first four minutes of the second quarter. But Dietrich's defense held the Indians to only a 3-pointer by Sarah Hubsmith. Shoshone pulled within six points 21-15 on a trey by Meghan Sorensen with three minutes left, but Shoshone would get no closer until Dietrich pulled ahead big early in the fourth. "We could have tucked our tails when they got up by 15 points," Chapman said. "But we battled back. They didn't quit." Dietrich suffered a defensive meltdown, allowing Shoshone to close within eight. Please see DIETRICH, Page D2

WRESTLING PREVIEWS

Unfinished business



Buhl heavyweight wrestler Russell Wiersma watches the action on the mats during Wednesday's tri-meet at Filer. Wiersma, who won both his matches in a combined 87 seconds, hopes to cap his high school career with a state championship in February. Wiersma settled for second at state a year ago.

Wendell, Valley look tough in 2A

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The rebuilding process for Glens Ferry continues in the Class 2A Canyon Conference wrestling ranks while Wendell and Valley should be able to challenge Class 1A teams Oakley and Raft River for area dominance among the small schools. Wendell appears strongest among the three 2A teams with two returning state placers and two more qualifiers bolstering the Trojan ranks. Heavyweight Josh Maxwell returns after placing as a junior, while senior 189-pounder Will Yoder is not quite ready to compete following knee surgery. Sophomores Tyler Slade (119 pounds) and Matt Lindsay (103) both qualified for state as freshmen.

Four more wrestlers return with state hopes for coach Steve Matthews. "Three-quarters of the team is really young," Matthews said. "It will be tough in the beginning." Matthews is hopeful his younger wrestlers will make a breakthrough by district. "They come to a point where everything falls into place," he said. "But it will take some mat time."

Another team hopeful mat time will equal success is Glens Ferry. The team has four weights open, but that is a huge improvement over three years ago when only six grapplers came out for coach Kelly Riggs.

The team's top returners include seniors Jake Coriell (125) and Chris Phillips (135). "Coriell is our mental leader," Riggs said. "He really stepped up as a junior and led the team. Phillips is the other leader on the team. He will have a successful year."

First-year wrestler Jake Atwood will attempt to play basketball and wrestle at 140 pounds this season.

"He's doing a great job keeping all his legs together," Riggs said. Sophomore Brett Lehto is back and shows promise at 152 or 160 pounds. Five of the remaining six wrestlers are freshmen, a strong class so far in athletics judging from the team's state runner-up showing in football.

"We'll have a period of growth until we get our numbers back." Please see 2A, Page D4

Buhl senior Wiersma knows it's now or never

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The frown said it all. Bring up last season's loss in the state championship to 3A three-time defending champion Sky Fruit of Lakeland and Russell Wiersma's eyes drop and his lips crease into a frown. His reaction hints at the desire spurred by that bitter memory.

"I've got some unfinished business," he said. "I'm doing it for myself, my coach and the team." Frustration can be a mighty powerful motivator. In that title match last February, Wiersma did everything he could to pull off an upset win. He overcame a 60-pound weight difference to wear down Pruitt, who had pinned his three previous opponents in a combined 100 seconds, in the third round before eventually losing 9-4.

2002-03 Wrestling Previews

Today: A look at the Class 3A, 2A and 1A programs. Inside: For the 1A story and a capsule look at 3A and 2A wrestling. Please see Page D4.

If he wins state gold this season, it certainly won't be an upset. Wiersma has taken his off-season work seriously, adding 15 pounds of muscle to his lean frame thanks to daily workouts and a summer of wrestling. The 230-pounder is fresh off a standout football season that included being named the Defensive MVP of The Times-News' All-Area

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— Russell Wiersma

Football Team.

"He's one of the hardest working kids I've ever had in 10 years of coaching," said his coach Stacy Wilson. "He does everything you ask of him. He's very self-motivated."

Wiersma is the clear-cut favorite at this stage of the season. For someone so anxious to compete on Tuesday, you think he might have wanted to wrestle longer on Wednesday. He picked up his first two Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference wins in bulldozer fashion, a combined 57 seconds, showing that he will likely dominate the area this season.

He has higher aspirations, though he is quick to point out

that he means no disrespect to his opponents.

"I know this sounds cocky, but I want to be the best in the state," Wiersma said. "At 230 pounds, this is the strongest I've ever been."

Teammate Will Baggs works out with Wiersma and said his example and vocal encouragement motivates the team as well.

"He pushes himself," Baggs said. "He gets you going." The reason is simple. "I want the ring," Wiersma said, gesturing to his hand.

Wiersma will likely do his part, with a legitimate shot at the state title in February. "He's on top of the pile until Please see WIERMA, Page D4

Titans send nobody to Pro Bowl

Eagles get seven spots; 49ers, Dolphins get six each

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

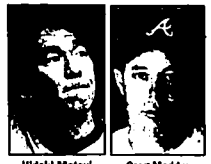
NEW YORK — The Tennessee Titans just got new incentive in their quest for an NFL title. No Pro Bowlers. "I'm quite sure a lot of players on this team deserved it, but that's how it works," quarterback Steve McNair said after the AFC South leaders were ignored in Pro Bowl balloting announced Thursday. "We don't have any control over that. This is how it works. But it's a team thing now for us. To solve all this, we just got to go to the Super Bowl and win it." The Philadelphia Eagles, leading the race for the NFC's top playoff seeding, had the most Pro Bowlers with seven, including

three-fourths of their secondary. San Francisco and Miami, two other division leaders, each had six. But the Titans, leading the AFC South at 9-5, were ignored in voting conducted in thirds: one-third by players, one-third by coaches, and one-third by fans on NFL.com. "We feel we had players who had seasons worthy enough to be selected over there, we just go on," coach Jeff Fisher said. "We're disappointed for Steve's sake. But hey, his play speaks for itself, and we have a lot of unfinished business." In contrast to Tennessee, the expansion Houston Texans had two players chosen, and the 1-13 Cincinnati Bengals had one. Please see NFL, Page D4

Maddux sticks with Braves; Yanks reach deal with Matsui

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Greg Maddux decided to stay with the Atlanta Braves, accepting the team's offer of salary arbitration Thursday. The four-time Cy Young Award winner had been a free agent. Accepting arbitration is the equivalent of signing a one-year deal for the 2003 season. Maddux, a 36-year-old right-hander, made the decision late Wednesday night, according to agent Scott Boras, and told the team of his decision about eight hours before the midnight EST deadline. "At this point in time, at least for this year, they wanted to negotiate in Atlanta and give it one more shot of winning there."



Hideki Matsui Greg Maddux Boras said. Unless they agree on a contract, Atlanta and Maddux will exchange proposed salaries for a one-year contract in mid-January and will argue their cases before three arbitrators the following month. Maddux is coming off a \$57.5 Please see MLB, Page D2



The Packers' Brett Favre celebrates a touchdown Nov. 10 in Green Bay, Wis. Favre was named to the Pro Bowl.

SCORES AND STATS

Nets rip Lakers in Finals rematch

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A rematch of the NBA Finals was nothing like the original. Jason Kidd had 27 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as the New Jersey Nets controlled the game, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers — the team that swept them in the finals — 98-71 Thursday night.

The events of last June were still on the minds of the Nets as they played before their first sell-out crowd of the season, but they bore little resemblance to the squad that went down so humbly in championship game 5. The Nets went ahead by 17 in the second quarter and stayed in control the rest of the way, with Kidd hitting a succession of shots late in the third quarter and only in the fourth period did the Lakers from getting into striking distance.

The loss dropped the Lakers' record to 2-12, including 0-6 against teams from the East. Los Angeles is 10-17 — the 11th best record in the competitive Western Conference.

"We were talking yesterday about what our position was as a basketball club, how unbelievable it is to think that we could be in 11th place," coach Phil Jackson said. "Someone said: 'We're not an 11th-place team.' And I said 'Yeah, we are, we're a 11th-place team. We have to face that reality. That's exactly what we're doing.'"

The Lakers certainly didn't show any of the form that led them to three consecutive NBA championships, but that's nothing new this season for a team that's experiencing more hardship than it has in years.

Kobe Bryant was 5-for-18 in the first half and finished with 21 points on 8-for-29 shooting, while Shaquille O'Neal took only seven shots in the first half against New Jersey's double- and triple-crowd and finished with 19 points.

Lucious Harris scored 19 and Kenyon Martin 16 for the Nets, 13-1 at home.

BASEBALL

Remaining Free Agents

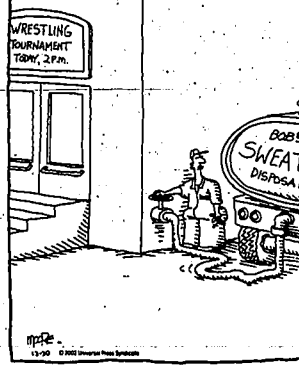
NEW YORK — The 116 remaining free agents offered salaries and they are expected to be signed by Dec. 20.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona (1) - Steve Garvey, 1st base, \$1.5 million; Jeff Blauser, 2nd base, \$1.5 million; Mike Darrin, 3rd base, \$1.5 million; Steve Aronson, 4th base, \$1.5 million; Steve Garvey, 1st base, \$1.5 million; Jeff Blauser, 2nd base, \$1.5 million; Mike Darrin, 3rd base, \$1.5 million; Steve Aronson, 4th base, \$1.5 million.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



Don Lusk, CEO of Sweet's (producer) PITCHER STEELER... PITCHER STEELER... PITCHER STEELER...

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Football

College V. Kentucky vs. Molasses St. On 1A championship, ESPN2, 4:30 p.m.

Boxing

Friday Night Fights, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Finals at 7:05p, ESPN, 6 p.m.

NBA, Suns at Clippers, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK — The injury report for the NFL is as follows: Aaron Rodgers (knee) - Questionable; Matt Ryan (ankle) - Questionable; Matt Ryan (ankle) - Questionable; Matt Ryan (ankle) - Questionable.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks... Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers... Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers...

Continental Basketball Association

Rockford vs. Chicago... Rockford vs. Chicago... Rockford vs. Chicago...

College Basketball

North Carolina vs. Duke... North Carolina vs. Duke... North Carolina vs. Duke...

Women's Basketball

North Carolina vs. Duke... North Carolina vs. Duke... North Carolina vs. Duke...

High schools

Bozeman vs. Helena... Bozeman vs. Helena... Bozeman vs. Helena...

Wodnesday's Late Boxes

Bozeman vs. Helena... Bozeman vs. Helena... Bozeman vs. Helena...

Wodnesday's Late NHL

San Jose vs. Dallas... San Jose vs. Dallas... San Jose vs. Dallas...

National Hockey League

Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh... Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh... Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh...

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Boise's Kosglow leads U.S. snowboard sweep

PARSONS, Utah — All U.S. snowboarders had their day after the cross-country finish line and took first in the parallel giant slalom Thursday in the U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix.

Kosglow trailed Rossey Fletcher by about a full gate length at the end of the second run in the finals when Fletcher fell, leaving Kosglow with an easy finish to take first.

Fletcher failed to qualify for the Olympic giant slalom finals on the same mountain. Former Sun Valley resident Sondra Van Erp placed fifth and Stacia Hookom finished third.

In the men's race, Pete Thornhill led his first Grand Prix win by knocking Olympic bronze medalist Chris Klug out in the semifinals and holding off fellow American Ryan McNamara in the final.

Thursday's races were basically a warmup to today's main event: the halfpipe, where the United States won four of its five snowboarding medals in the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Michigan State hires former U of I coach Smith

SALT LAKE CITY, Mich. — Michigan State has hired Big Ten in one category over the past three decades: coaching turnover.

John L. Smith, 54, who became the Spartans' eighth coach in 30 years on Thursday, plans to provide the stability the football program has lacked.

"I can see this as being my last move, without a doubt," Smith said after leaving Louisville.

Smith — who turned around Louisville, Utah State and Idaho as a head coach over the past 14 seasons — signed a six-year contract. Financial terms were not immediately available.

Smith's career record is 110-60. He ranks 14th among active NCAA I-A coaches in wins.

After a decade at Louisville, Smith left Thursday night before their left in a season that was disappointing on and off the field.

Raptors team bus robbed

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors lost more than a game — they lost \$1,500 in cash.

The money was stolen from the Raptors' team bus during Wednesday night's 96-83 defeat at the Chicago Bulls.

Players left personal belongings on the bus during the game.

Sacramento activates Bibby, puts Cleaves on IR

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mike Bibby was activated from the Sacramento Kings' injured list Thursday night before their home game against San Antonio.

Bibby missed the Kings' first 27 games after breaking his foot in the preseason. The point guard will receive a \$6 million contract last summer after his outstanding play helped Sacramento win the Pacific Division and reach the Western Conference finals.

To make room for Bibby, the Kings put guard Mateen Cleaves on the injured list with a strained lower back.

Catcher Pedro Rodriguez considers move to Japan

NEW YORK — Ivan Rodriguez's search for a new job is going worldwide. Unable to find an acceptable deal here, Rodriguez is exploring a possible move to Japan.

Many Japanese players have come to the majors in recent years, including three-time MVP Hideki Matsui, who reached a preliminary agreement Thursday on a \$21 million, three-year contract with the New York Yankees.

Rodriguez would be the most prominent player to go the other way. He has won 10 Gold Gloves, an MVP and is considered the top defensive catcher in this generation.

Terence Dicks, Rodriguez's salary arbitrator earlier this month, making him ineligible to re-sign with the Rangers until at least May 1. He has taken a \$1 million raise from the Chicago Cubs but has been unable to reach a deal so far.

Rodriguez just finished a \$50 million, five-year contract with the Rangers.

But Rodriguez, who turned 31 last month, missed nearly two months early last season because of a herniated disk in his back, but hit 314 with 19 homers and 60 RBIs in 108 games.

Former Arkansas hoops coach sues university

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Former Arkansas basketball coach Nolan Richardson sued the university in federal court on Thursday, claiming its chancellor and athletic director violated his free-speech rights and discriminated against him because he is black.

Richardson said a federal judge to return him to his old job. The current coach, Stan Heath, declined comment.

Arkansas Chancellor John A. White fired Richardson on March 1 after the longtime basketball coach complained that he was being treated differently because he is black.

Former MLB skipper Herzog has triple bypass surgery

ST. LOUIS — Former major league manager Whitey Herzog underwent heart surgery Thursday and was recovering in the hospital's intensive-care unit.

Herzog had triple bypass surgery and was in stable condition, reported KMOX, the Cardinals' flagship radio station.

Herzog led the Cardinals to three National League pennants and their last World Series championship in 1982.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

A.G. Edwards OKs stock repurchase

TWIN FALLS - St. Louis-based A.G. Edwards Inc. - which has a Twin Falls office - on Thursday announced authorization of the repurchase of up to 10 million of its outstanding common shares during 2003 and 2004.

The firm also said net earnings for the third quarter, which ended Nov. 30, were \$32 million, or 39 cents diluted earnings per share, on net revenues of \$513 million. For the same quarter last year, net earnings were \$22 million, or 28 cents, on revenues of \$556 million.

For the first nine months, net earnings were \$98 million, or \$1.20 diluted earnings per share, down from \$108 million, or \$1.34, a year ago.

Net earnings for the most recent third quarter include an \$8.9 million tax benefit, or 11 cents diluted earnings per share, resulting from tax issues. Net earnings for the third quarter 2001 included a \$20 million charge, or 16 cents diluted earnings per share, resulting from a reserve established in connection with a partially secured margin loan.

"Our revenues reflect the ongoing hesitancy of individual investors to move back into the equity markets and the adverse effects of current interest rates on certain revenue streams," said Robert L. Babby, chairman and chief executive.

Two dozen workers will lose jobs at Idaho mine

SODA SPRINGS - Astaris has a glut of phosphate ore, so 25 employees will lose their jobs when the Dry Valley mine goes idle next month.

"Our inventory of ore is well over a full year's supply at current use rates. We need to suspend production operations," mine manager Gary Resh said.

The mine is about 30 miles northeast of Soda Springs.

The 25 employees, who are paid an average of \$45,000 a year, will receive severance packages.

Company spokesman Loren Watsell said there is still ore to be mined in the area, and the company expects to resume operations after the current inventory is gone. The laid-off employees could be rehired when mining resumes.

Watsell said demand for the phosphate ore was reduced significantly last year when Astaris' elemental phosphorus plant near Pocatello closed because of high costs and competition.

The mine will continue to supply ore to the Astaris purified phosphate acid plant near Soda Springs.

What's for breakfast?

General Mills posts profits

MINNEAPOLIS - Strong sales of Honey Nut Cheerios, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Lucky Charms cereals, along with boosts from the acquired Pillsbury line, helped General Mills Inc. report a double its second-quarter earnings.

General Mills - which has operations in Magic Valley - reported net earnings of \$276 million, or 73 cents a share, up from \$131 million, or 41 cents a share, in the second fiscal quarter of last year.

During the quarter, the company booked charges of \$14 million, or 4 cents a share, related to relocating production from former Pillsbury facilities being closed and other costs related to the Oct. 31, 2001, Pillsbury acquisition.

Second-quarter profits stay flat for FedEx

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - FedEx Corp.'s second-quarter profits were flat despite a 10 percent rise in rates.

"The results were better than Wall Street expected, officials said the company's diversified services allowed it to weather the difficult economy.

The package delivery company, which includes the world's largest cargo airline and operations in Magic Valley, reported net income of \$245 million, or 81 cents per share, for the quarter ended Nov. 30, unchanged from the same quarter a year ago. Last year's second quarter included a \$17 million tax gain.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Skiers flock to Sun Valley

Ski resort sees increase in visitors, sales from last year

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - The weather outside was frightful, with 50-mph wind gusts ripping across the top of Baldy.

But Sam Cochran couldn't

help smiling as he watched Monday's storm from his office on the second floor of Pete Lane's Ski Shop.

With each inch of snow that piled up outside, Cochran envisioned the jingle jangle of the cash register.

"Actually, we've had a very successful year so far," said Cochran, hard goods manager for the store at the base of River Run.

"We had a lot of people from Seattle over Thanksgiving. Ski and snowboard rentals are running the same as last year, and our sales are up 25 percent over last November and December. People are really going after the Volk Supersport T50 skis and the handmade Stockli skis from Switzerland." Amazingly, business on Baldy

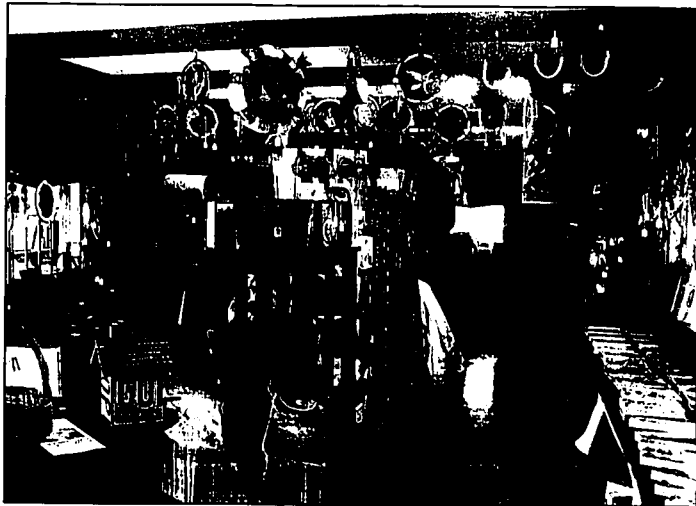
is outpacing last year, even though the valley sported more green and brown hues than snow up until this week.

Sun Valley counted 29,264 skiers for the month of December through Sunday. That's up from 25,778 through Dec. 15 last year - a number that surprised even the resort's Marketing Director Jack Sibbach.

And the resort logged 9,383

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ART FROM INMATES



Items are displayed for sale Dec. 13 at the Arizona State Prison Outlet in Florence, Ariz. For anything from scrimshaw to a birthhouse built with license plates, the outlet provides a truly different place to shop.

Prison outlet offers variety of gifts for holidays

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. - So you're still looking for that last-minute, perfectly unique Christmas something for a loved one?

Forget Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Target or Wal-Mart. For anything from scrimshaw to a birthhouse built with license plates, the one truly different shopping place in Arizona is the Arizona State Prison Outlet in Florence.

"The prison outlet also has everything from picnic tables to articles of clothing," even a hand-crafted leather rifle case costing several hundred dollars, said John Spearman, assistant director of Arizona Correctional Industries.

That's the self-supporting

division of the state corrections department established to provide inmates work training and experience, reduce corrections costs and enable inmates to help make restitution.

The outlet, open daily between Thanksgiving and Jan. 1, offers customers the work of inmate-artisans and artists. You can find jewelry, paintings, greeting cards, handmade wallets, leather vests or novelty T-shirts.

Customers can spend from a few dollars for personalized license plates to several hundred for a painting.

You can also buy a Christmas tree from the 1,000-acre prison farm.

Or maybe you'd like models of Old West wagons. They're sold

assembled for \$20 or in kits for \$10, produced through a prison-factory cottage industry, Spearman said.

The outlet is a forum for Arizona inmates who have handcrafted an article and will allow Arizona Correctional Industries to put it on sale. It's one of a handful of artisan programs operated by state prison systems, Spearman said.

Inmates receive 75 percent of the price that customers pay at the outlet; ACI keeps the rest for overhead.

"The prison outlet has served a very useful purpose in terms of providing a means for inmates to stay occupied inside the prison and generate funds for themselves so they're not indigent and can provide some support for

themselves and their families," Spearman said.

Over the last three years, ACI has returned \$5 million to the state's taxpayers; last year alone, it generated revenues of \$17.5 million and recorded a net profit of \$400,000.

Its programs have paid inmates between 40 cents an hour and minimum wage, and inmates contributed \$133,000 to the state victims compensation fund, returned \$100,000 to the state alcohol abuse and treatment fund and paid \$200,000 in taxes.

A number of prisoners at the privately run Corrections Corporation of America facility in Florence are artisans from Alaska specializing in scrimshaw, or ivory carving.

Kmart's lawyers deepen sea of debt

Knight Ridder News Service

TROY, Mich. - Eleven months into its complicated bankruptcy saga, one thing is certain: Kmart's bills are no BlueLight special.

Legions of lawyers, accountants, financial advisers and real-estate experts are working for one of the world's best-known discounters - and they've billed their clients for more than \$51 million, according to documents filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chicago.

Kmart's highest-paid lawyers and advisers make as much as \$700 an hour and charge for their time in six-minute increments. So when one of them spent no more than 18 minutes reviewing a "press article," Kmart got a bill for \$210.

Other lawyers charge Kmart a minimum of six minutes every time they leave or listen to a voice-mail - including calls to people like the federal prosecutor and FBI agent investigating the company's financial collapse.

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The cost for some of those voice-mails: \$35.50 each. Kmart - which has a store in Twin Falls - also has been billed for sedan services that shuttle lawyers, advisers and creditors to and from various airports; hotel stays in places like the Waldorf-Astoria in Manhattan, the Peninsula Chicago and Birmingham, Mich.'s Townsend Hotel, and little things like snacks for an airplane ride and \$3.78 diet colas from a hotel minibar.

And it's all starting to add up. From January - when Kmart filed the largest retail bankruptcy in history - through August, its professional services bills totaled more than \$51 million. Kmart not only pays for its own lawyers and advisers but the expenses of its shareholders and creditors' committees, and their lawyers and advisers.

Kmart's fees and expenses, experts say, are in line with other major bankruptcies. A judge in the Enron Corp. case, for example, recently approved more than \$55 million in fees and expenses during the first four months of its bankruptcy.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby was to review four months of Kmart's fees and expenses - totaling \$26.4 million from May through August - at a hearing Thursday in Chicago.

Kmart's chairman and chief executive, Jim Adamson, said companies go into bankruptcy because they've run out of

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War worries help prop up prices at the pump

The Associated Press

BOISE - International developments continued to keep pressure on consumer gasoline prices in Idaho and around the nation as the Christmas holiday week nears.

The American Automobile Association reported that the average price for self-service unleaded gasoline in Idaho was just under \$1.47 a gallon Thursday, down fractionally from Wednesday but 25 cents more than last Christmas.

A strike by Venezuelan oil workers, last week's OPEC agreement to tighten compliance with production quotas and prospects for United Nations' sanctions against Iraq were pushing crude oil prices higher, Dave Carlson of AAA's Idaho chapter said.

"Without some newfound confidence in the seasonal refrain for peace on earth, we're more

than likely to see higher pump prices, not lower ones," Carlson said.

Crude oil prices have jumped \$3.50 a barrel in the past month, he said.

Fuel prices do not seem to be deterring holiday travelers. Travel during this year's Christmas-New Year's holiday period could be the fifth heaviest in the past nine years, Carlson said.

Idaho's price remained above the national average of just over \$1.38 a gallon but the gap between the two was a penny narrower than it was at Thanksgiving.

And the state still had the eighth highest prices in the nation and second only to California's \$1.57 a gallon in the West. Average prices in the six bordering state ranged from a low of \$1.37 a gallon in Washington to \$1.44 in Nevada.

Seminis Inc. buyer looks to go private

The Times-News and Knight Ridder News Service

OXNARD, Calif. - The San Francisco buy-out firm that is putting up \$222 million to take Oxnard-based seed company Seminis Inc. private has owned seed companies before and sees solid prospects for growth, its president said this week.

Seminis has a research and customer-service facility between Filer and Twin Falls.

Fox Paine & Co. LLC, which manages more than \$1.5 billion in investments for large pension funds and endowments, was attracted by Seminis' management team and the innovation which executives found in the company's more than 1,600 products, said President Dexter Paine.

Seminis, which claims around a quarter of the world's fruit and vegetable seed market, employs around 2,900 people worldwide. "It's the world-wide leader in its area," said Paine, who will become Seminis' vice chairman under the proposed deal announced late last Friday. "We're just very excited about the opportunities that this business presents, and we hope to grow the business significantly both through internal growth and growth through acquisitions."

The transaction is said to be valued at \$650 million in stock and debt.

Seminis on Wednesday formed a special committee consisting of its independent directors in response to the proposal by Savia, S.A. de C.V., Seminis' majority stockholder, and Fox Paine. Fox Paine and certain Savia-related parties would acquire all of the outstanding shares of Seminis.

"The special committee has been empowered to evaluate the proposed transaction and its fairness and will make a recommendation to the full board of directors," Seminis said in a statement.

Steve Kinney, president of the Greater Oxnard Economic Development Corp., said the deal appears to put Seminis on a firmer financial footing. That sentiment is echoed by Paine, who said the business will stay based in Oxnard.

Seminis was the brainchild of Monterrey, Mexico, billionaire agronomist and businessman Alfonso Romo Garza, who, in 1994, began building through acquisition the world's largest vegetable seed business.

Among Romo's earliest acquisitions was Petoseed, founded in 1950. Renamed Seminis, the company went public in 1999 as a subsidiary of Romo's firm Savia S.A.

Romo was betting genetically modified seeds would transform the agricultural industry. Safety concerns emerged, however, and the potential boom turned into a bust.

In addition, Seminis ran into a cash crunch after acquisitions in

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MONEY

State aims to promote Utah-made food, beverages

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A new state-funded initiative aims to help Utah food and beverage producers to sell their products in the face of tough competition from international companies.

Food Strategy Team, a partnership of farmers and community leaders created to help diversify to help Utah producers succeed.

Utah food products available to all state government agencies that purchase foods.

bottles of water at the University of Utah or Utah State University, for example, because they have contracted with Coca-Cola, which sells water under the brand name Dasani," he said.

What really hurt was when Mount Olympus was excluded from selling its bottled water at the Utah State Fair's Utah Store — an outlet for products made in the state — because the state had an exclusive contract with Pepsi.

deep pockets," Ure said. "The potential is there for this team to really help Utah products which they can create a consciousness with the Utah consumer."

Skiers

Continued from E1 skiers in November, thanks in part to being able to open two days before Thanksgiving.

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ally snow-rich resorts such as Mount Bachelor in Washington, which racked up a national record-setting 92 feet of snow in 1998, couldn't bag a single snowflake to its name.

country trail passes, which were outpacing previous years with 2,371 sold as November ended, screamed to a halt after the snow stopped falling.

of fries and Cokes that day with all the kids we had for the race," said lodge manager Chris Savage.

thing open by Christmas because then the people that come over Christmas will go home and tell everyone else what a good time they had. Then the phones start ringing."

Skiers booked 330 rooms at Sun Valley over Thanksgiving, compared with 150 last year when the resort wasn't open.

Among them is Anne Mason, who owns Ketchum Grill with her husband, Scott.

"We would have opened last weekend if not for our snowmaker," said Paizer. "Instead, everyone's been very pleasantly surprised how good the skiing has been and how much of the mountain was open when it was brown everywhere else."

But they should pick up again with the new snowfall, said Blaine County Recreation District Director Mary Austin Crofts.

Sun Valley also expects the new Los Angeles-to-Sun Valley flight, which started Sunday, to bring in southern Californians who might otherwise have gone elsewhere.

The historic Roundhouse Restaurant on Bald Mountain, which was closed last year because of fears that business would be too sluggish, reopens this weekend.

"We had a good Thanksgiving — much better than last year. And we've had very good weekend crowds during early December. Christmas is looking fair — not good, just fair. But the phones hopefully will start ringing as soon as word gets out about all the snow we're getting. That's what has happened last year," said Sibbick.

"The Christmas season starts for us Thursday night (Dec. 19), and we feel really good about the upcoming season," she said. "Everyone's been asking how the skiing is, and I've been saying, 'It's doing OK.' Now I'll be able to tell them where it's at."

Even so, Sibbick says it would be better for Sun Valley if those ski areas had been open.

Galena Lodge had "a nice start," despite some skiing that resembled boiler plate conditions typically found back East before Old Man Winter dumped 30 inches on the Nordic area north of Ketchum over the weekend.

So far, 4,000 people are booked on the flight. The flights are almost 90 percent booked over the holidays.

Just in time for Christmas, along with the just-in-time snow, the just-in-time high-end hotels in New York, will be unveiled next week.

Ketchum's local option taxes haven't yet been added up, but City Administrator Ron LeBlanc predicts they will be within a percentage point of average. Sun Valley's will likely be down, as they have been for the past few months — primarily because busi-

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, Gainers, Losers, and Indices.

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Table listing NASDAQ national market data with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg.

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Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

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Table with columns for Commodity, Price, Change, and Volume. Includes categories like Soybean Oil, Soybean Meal, and Corn.

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Table listing various bean prices and their changes, including Soybean Meal and Soybean Oil.

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Table listing livestock prices and their changes, including Cattle, Hogs, and Pigs.

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Stocks fall on war fears

NEW YORK (AP) - War fears overshadowed encouraging economic reports Thursday on Wall Street, sending stock prices lower for a third consecutive day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 82.55, or 0.5 percent, to close at 8,364.80, for a three-day loss of 262 points. It was the lowest since Nov. 14 when the blue-chip stocks closed at 8,358.95.

The broader market also declined. The Nasdaq composite index lost 74.1, or 0.5 percent, to 1,354.10. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 6.87, or 0.8 percent, to 884.25.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix told the Security Council that Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration contains weapons and inconsistencies. The United States called Iraq in "material breach" of U.N. resolutions, setting a course toward a possible war early next year.

Fossil Fuels

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Kmart

Continued from E1 money - then must spend tens of millions of dollars to get out. That's why, Adamson said, he is pushing for Kmart to reorganize as soon as possible. And when he is on the clock with Kmart's lawyers, Adamson said, he tells them "to be fast."

Some experts say that if Kmart's lawyers and advisers can save the company, the cost of the bankruptcy will be money well spent. "The bottom line is, the professionals have to be paid if they're going to save this system," said Joe Walsh, a turnaround expert in Auburn Hills, Mich. "There's no hope for anybody if they don't get paid."

But critics say Kmart's bankruptcy bills are another sign of excess at the century-old retailer that gave consumers the BlueLight special.

Last year, at the same time Kmart's finances were collapsing, the company's executives were using its four jets to travel - including for personal travel - that they bought too many. They bought luxury cars and cars were paid salaries that allowed some to live in million-dollar homes. Then, weeks and months before Kmart filed for Chapter

Seminis

Continued from E1 countries as far eastings as South Korea and Brazil left it with redundant production plants and too much inventory. Its bank creditors in June 2001 agreed to restructure the company's then \$310 million in debt.

Meanwhile, its parent company is having its own problems. After defaulting on part of its \$1.3 billion debt in April 2001, Savia announced plans to sell off most of its assets, including Seguros Comercial America SA, Mexico's largest insurer.

In a June 2001 interview with Mexico City daily Reforma, Romo said he had failed to recognize the company's debt in the fruit and vegetable seed industry. Romo, who will remain Seminis' chairman and CEO, said sacrificing his insurance company "was an excessive cost to pay for operational errors we made" with Seminis.

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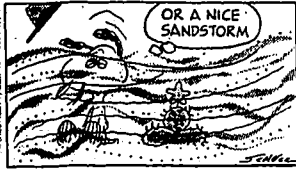
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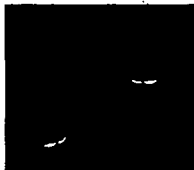
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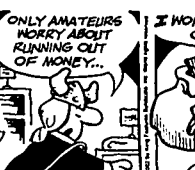
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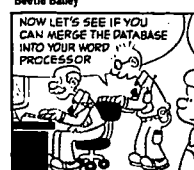
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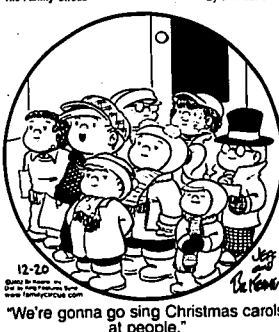


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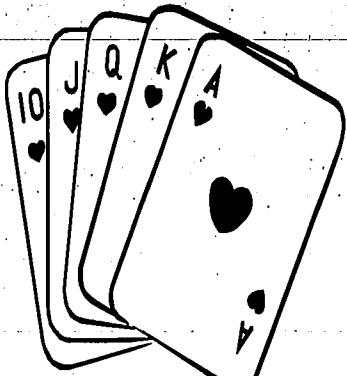
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RL 823 200-400 7th Ave. E. 100-300 9th Ave. E.
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE *Robby Wolf*

"Wisdom denotes the pursuing of the best ends by the best means."
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In today's deal, South was not sure if his partner's call of four hearts was a cuebid or a suit, but he was happy to go to slay either way. In six spades, declarer ruffed the diamond lead and cashed the spade ace, but slowed down considerably when East showed out.

Drawing trumps was clearly not going to succeed. Still, if West had three clubs, declarer could count five top side-suit winners. That meant he would have to make seven trump tricks, and as two of his eight combined trumps had just been used on the same trick, he would have to make the rest of his trumps separately.

In turn that would require West to have three diamonds and thus only two hearts—admittedly unlikely, but not impossible. The sequence of plays had to be precise: South led a club to dummy's queen and ruffed a diamond, then played a club to dummy's king and ruffed another diamond.

Declarer now cashed the club ace and the heart ace and king, then played a third heart. At this stage West (down to all trumps) could not benefit by ruffing low, so he ruffed with the 10. Declarer overruffed with dummy's queen and ruffed a diamond with the spade king while West under-ruffed helplessly. Declarer had made the first 11 tricks, and when he played a heart from hand, West could not deny him dummy's spade nine. If West ruffed low, dummy would overruff, while if he ruffed high, the spade nine would win trick 13.

NORTH ♠ 9 8
♥ 10
♦ 8 7 6 4
♣ K Q 6 4 3

EAST ♠ J 7 5 4 3
♥ A Q 10 9 4 3
♦ A K 9 2
♣ 8 2

SOUTH ♠ A K 7 5 2
♥ A K 9 6 2
♦ A 10 7
♣ —

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	5♠	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond five

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠	♥	♦	♣
J 10 6 4 3	Q 8	K 3 5	J 9 5

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Your partner's sequence suggests a 3-4-1 shape and real extras. (With a minimum opening bid, he would have raised directly to two spades.) Your fifth trump and fitting red-suit cards give you enough to invite to game.

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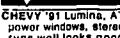
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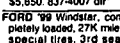
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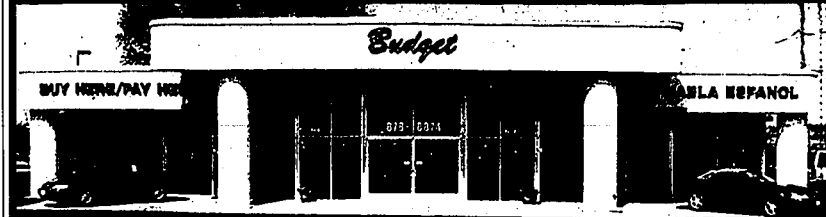


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