

Push for more tax cuts

Democratic-backed state aid for job creation might be part of proposal

By **Shari Chaney**
Times-News writer

EL PASO, Texas — President Bush's proposal to increase economic stimulus payments may mean that sources will be looking for the size of what had been under consideration, and is likely to include such Democratic-backed measures as state aid to create jobs.

"I'm concerned about all people"
— President Bush

as a sop to the right as Democrats have charged.

"I'm concerned about all the people," the president said. "I understand the politics of economic stimulus — that some would like to nix this into class warfare. That's not how I think."

Sources said the price tag on the new, enlarged White House package could run as high as \$200 billion over 10 years. Most speculation to date has pegged the cost of the expected package at about \$300 billion.



President Bush shows journalists his Prairie Chapel Ranch Thursday in Crawford, Texas, while talking about his economic stimulus proposal.

Sources said the plan will include a larger-than-expected cut in the tax on corporate dividends, \$100 billion or more over 10 years in state aid, a generous extension of unemployment ben-

efits, and likely a speedup of tax rate cuts for all but the very highest earners.

The plan appeared aimed at answering criticisms that the administration's tax policies favor the wealthy. In remarks at his ranch here, Bush expressed concern the package not be seen

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Back to the books

New law requires many teacher aides to take classes, exams

By **Shari Chaney**
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BURLEY — Lawana Floyd is an ace at teaching a first-grader how to add one plus one.

She wasn't quite the ace when she sat down to write her first college essay recently. After all, she had been the teacher, not the student, for 30 years.

"At first I thought, 'How can I do this?'" she said. "But now it's exciting."

Floyd, a teacher aide at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley, and hundreds of other paraprofessional educators are taking classes and tests as a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which aims to assure educators are properly qualified.

The law says a teacher aide whose wages are paid by one of several federal programs must have an associate's degree, 32 college credits or pass a state competency test.

The law also says that teachers, generally, must be "highly qualified," or have full certification, bachelor's degrees and demonstrated competence in subject knowledge and teaching skills.

While state officials are still working on the definition of highly qualified teacher, any aide hired after Jan. 8, 2002, had to meet the new aide requirements before being hired. Those already in the system have until January 2006 to meet requirements.

School districts anticipate many employees will need additional training to meet the higher qualifications. That will mean more expense for the districts and their workers. And whether the new qualifications will mean better personnel in area schools is still up for debate.

Who's affected

Any aide paid through federal programs including Title I, Limited English Proficiency, Migrant or Title 3 — and any aide working in a Title I school — must meet

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Mountain View Elementary School first-grader Jeremiah Ventura and aide Lawana Floyd eye each other while learning about 'plus ones,' or math facts, such as 2+1 and 3+1.

Changes bring financial burdens

By **Shari Chaney**
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BURLEY — Education is costly. At College of Southern Idaho, a college credit costs \$77.50. The federal No Child Left Behind Act calls for public school teacher aides to earn 32 credits or pass a test deeming them "highly qualified."

As a result, aides are asking, "Will I get help paying for classes?" and "Will I get a raise?"

School districts are asking, "With what money?"

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Hansen Junior-Senior
High School aide

The first costs incurred to meet No Child Left Behind requirements will be to the aides themselves, if they choose to earn associate's degrees or 32 college credits, the state's equivalent of two years. For some aides, the cost will be significant.

County School District who has worked there for five years makes an annual salary of \$15,456, if he has no college credits. If that aide attends CSI and pays the per-credit fee of \$77.50 for a total of 32 credits, he is set to incur a cost of \$2,480, or about 16 percent of his annual pay. That

cost could come over four years. It does not include books, fees or travel expenses.

Other school districts have different salary schedules, and aides might find different fees for classes based on the programs and institutions they attend. Some aides might also opt to take the state test, rather than head back to school.

School districts are trying to find ways to help aides pay the cost of earning college credits, but a bigger cost for districts could be larger salaries paid to aides after they achieve the higher qualifications.

"At least right now, there is no incentive," Hansen Junior-Senior High School aide Francis McKay said. "I can make more money frying hamburgers than being an aide."

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Teens drive legally with no license

Italian youths slip behind minicar wheel

The Associated Press

ROME — Niccolo turns the key and holds tight as his little vehicle shudders forward with a noise like a diesel lawnmower grinding long grass. This isn't exactly a Ferrari, but the snubbed-nosed, 8-foot-long minicar isn't bad for a teenager's first wheels.

What is worrying, especially to pedestrians who brave the screeching cars and mopeds singing by an Italian road, is that Niccolo Cantaloni, 17, is too young to get a driver's license. Yet what he's doing is quite legal. Thanks to a twist of Italian law, kids as young as 14 can drive so-called minicars, which are much smaller and much slower than normal cars, though they can't



A couple of teenagers sit on a scooter outside a Rome high school as a minicar makes its way through a busy street Dec. 20.

get licenses until age 18. Even adults whose licenses have been revoked, or who wouldn't qualify for a license because of health problems — including bad eyesight, can drive minicars because the vehicles are classified as small mopeds, which don't require a license to operate. Niccolo cruises through tight traffic after school in his five-

sized auto — without wearing his seat belt and with just one hand on the wheel.

His minicar is convenient: No more waiting for buses or being chaperoned around. But Niccolo tells a troubling story about a 16-year-old buddy.

"My friend just killed someone"

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Town shrinks when soldiers ship out

The Associated Press

HINESVILLE, Ga. — About 10,000 soldiers — a third of this town's population — are moving out of their apartments, putting furniture in storage, stocking up on desert gear and trying to steal a few extra moments with loved ones.

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division is preparing for another stint in the Persian Gulf.

People in Hinesville are used to watching Fort Stewart soldiers leave for dangerous duty, but usually not all of them at once. The last time this happened was 1991, when Operation Desert Storm left behind empty barber shops, burger joints and bars.

Some spouses are preparing to move back home with their parents, rather than face a war alone in a southeast Georgia ghost town.



Katherine Blair waits for customers at her Hinesville, Ga., barber shop.

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rebuild from their disappointment at losing the White House in 2000 and demoralization at seeing Republicans recapture the Senate and expand their House

ma jority in the 2002 midterms.

By filing papers to form a presidential committee Thursday, Edwards became the third Democrat to signal his intention to run in 2004. Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., earlier announced their plans to seek the Democratic nomination, with others expected to join the race soon. Most of the Democrats yet to announce will schedule formal announcements later in the year, but need to set up committees to raise money. They see the first three months of this year as an early opportunity to demonstrate their fund-raising strength to party insiders and activists. With the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary barely a year away, the candidates also are anxious to begin building organizations and start courting activists as quickly as possible. Edwards, who has scheduled early fund-raising trips to the Southeast and West Coast, announced his intention to run during a morning interview on NBC's "Today Show" and followed that up with a round of interviews with state and national news organizations, where he defended his lack of experience, particularly in foreign policy.

Iowa accident claims nine suspected illegal immigrants

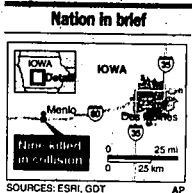
MENLO, Iowa — A pickup crammed with suspected illegal immigrants slammed into a tractor-trailer on Interstate 80 early in the morning, killing all nine people in the smaller truck.

The pickup crossed the median and hit the tractor-trailer around 2:30 a.m., about 30 miles west of Des Moines, the Iowa State Patrol said.

"It was a mess," said Fire Chief Ben Gilman, who was first on the scene. "Everyone in the truck was dead. They probably died on impact."

"We do have some idea to believe that these folks are here illegally, so it may take some time to identify them because of that," Lt. Rob Hansen, patrol spokesman said. The truck had Colorado license plates.

Estela Blesmeseyer, an agent with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Des Moines, said the number of people in the pickup, their ethnicity and the fact they were headed east led investigators to suspect a smuggling operation.



Romney takes over as Massachusetts governor

BOSTON — Republican Mitt Romney, the former Olympic chief and millionaire venture capitalist, launched his governorship Thursday by warning that "immediate, hard action" will be needed to address the state's escalating financial crisis.

"We've used up virtually all our cash, borrowed all the banks will lend us, and we are still spending more than we're earning," Romney said. "We are facing a financial emergency."

Confronted with a budget deficit that could soon expand to \$5 billion, Romney told lawmakers to be prepared for stark measures.

"Many nonessential programs, even some that we like very much, will have to be downsized or even eliminated," said Romney, who recently announced that he and Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey would not accept salaries. "I didn't run for governor to do that, but I will do my job."

to learn new living habits and to pass them along to the next generation. The discovery, reported in a study appearing today in the journal *Science*, suggests that early primates, which include the ancestors of humans, may have developed the ability to invent new behaviors, such as tool use, as early as 14 million years ago. That would be some 6 million years earlier than once believed. "If the orangutans have culture, then it tells us that the capacity to develop culture is very ancient," says Birute Galdikas, a co-author of the study.

U.S. church official urges negotiations

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A visiting U.S. church official urged the United States on Thursday to negotiate with Iraq to avert a war that he said would make the United States less secure and increase the risk of terrorism in the Middle East.

Bob Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches and a former congressman from Pennsylvania, told a news conference that his 13-member delegation expected — on its return to the United States — to meet with Bush administration officials and members of Congress to press for his peaceful solution.

"We think we can win without war," Edgar said. "The inspectors are here. They are inspecting. Let them do their work."

"While the inspections are going on we would hope that negotiations would also be going on between the two governments," he said.

Five weeks into mission, inspectors have no major discoveries in Iraq

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After five weeks in Iraq, U.N. weapons inspectors have rebuilt an operation that lay fallow for four years and, by Iraqi count, checked out 230 sites in a blitz of searches uninterrupted by weekends or holidays. Now the inspectors are ready to step up the pace even more, using helicopters to descend swiftly on suspect sites and opening a regional office to widen the hunt for banned arms or research programs.

But Iraqi officials maintain the operation has yet to turn up any proscribed weapons and, privately, some U.N. officials agree. "If we'd found a shed full of Scud missiles, don't you think we would have reported it to the (Security Council)?" said a U.N. official who asked not to be identified.

That doesn't mean that inspectors haven't found subtler clues that, added together, might point to violations — "precursor" chemicals that could be used to develop weapons, for example, or aluminum tubes that could be used in enriching uranium. And the U.N. inspectors have just as the Bush administration, which insists Iraq has banned weapons, has pledged to provide intelligence to help the inspectors find what they're looking for.

But if inspectors don't produce more conclusive proof in the days and weeks to come, the United States may find it difficult to convince other nations of the need to go to war against President Saddam Hussein's government.

The U.N. inspectors have just a week before their chief, Hans Blix, must deliver a status report to the Security Council and 18 days more before he presents findings under the Nov. 8 central resolution mandating Iraqi cooperation with the inspectors.

Iraqi officials said Thursday that Blix has accepted an invitation to return to Baghdad in the third week of January to hold talks on "pending issues" — in effect, a last chance to satisfy his concerns before making his conclusions to the Security Council on Jan. 27.

In the meantime, the inspection force has assembled a fleet of six U.S. and Russian-made helicopters to begin exploring the country from the air and pouncing on faraway sites with greater surprise. On Saturday, it will open its first branch office in a hotel in Mosul, about 240 miles north of Baghdad.

Until now, Iraq has responded to the inspection process with calm cooperation, opening every door with virtually no significant delays or trouble. Yet as it becomes clear that the United States is sending more troops to the Persian Gulf region despite lack of new evidence, Iraqi officials have grown increasingly irritable with the U.N. team and stepped up the anti-American rhetoric that they had largely eschewed early on.

Missouri eliminates 870 state jobs under budget cuts

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — With tax revenue lagging, Missouri eliminated 870 state jobs Thursday to help make up for a projected \$300 million budget shortfall.

The move is part of \$67.1 million in spending cuts that will cover about one-fifth of the shortfall. Unless revenue improves, more budget cuts will be necessary, state budget director Linda Luehring said.

Most of the jobs were already vacant. A total of 96 employees are being laid off.

Study: Orangutans learn, teach new generations

WASHINGTON — Some orangutan parents teach their offspring to use leaves as napkins. Others show good night with a splashing, juicy washberry. And still others get water from a hole by dipping a branch and then licking the leaves.

These are examples, researchers say, that prove the orangutan is a cultured ape, able

U.S. mine deaths fall to 67, the lowest on record

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — The number of miners killed on the job in the United States in 2002 fell to the lowest level on record: 67.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration reported that 27 of the deaths happened in coal mines, down from 42 in 2001, and 40 were in copper, gold, stone and other types of mines, up from 30 in 2001.

The 67 deaths are the lowest number since the federal government began keeping records in 1910. The previous low was last year's 72 deaths.

Elderly Florida couple leaps to death from window

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — On the last day of 2002, 83-year-old Morris Spivack had a maintenance worker open the windows and remove the screens on his 17th-floor condominium. Spivack, who had lung disease, explained that he needed more fresh air.

Then, three hours before the new year, Spivack leaped to his death, followed seconds later by his 80-year-old wife, Estelle.

The couple of 42 years had been in failing health and Spivack was becoming increasingly feeble.

The two left a note with clear burial instructions and the names of relatives and the couple's lawyer.

Neighbors Coleman and Florence Raskhow were among the last to see the Spivacks alive, around 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Coleman Raskhow said he knew Morris Spivack had not been working open the windows, but that he had been teaching him, and he tried to cheer him up.

"That night, I said to him, 'If you don't start eating, I'm going to give you a knuckle sandwich.' I thought it would make him laugh, but nothing," said Raskhow, his voice trailing off as he tried to fight back tears.

When the Raskhows returned to the building later Tuesday, they saw their friends' bodies on the ground.

The Spivacks' lawyer did not immediately return a call Thursday.

— compiled from wire reports

Study: Ice sheet melts, could raise seas 16 feet

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Antarctic ice sheet the size of Texas and Colorado combined is melting and could disappear in 7,000 years, possibly raising worldwide sea levels by 16 feet.

Based on geologic measurements that date when rocks first became free of ice, researchers have found that the West Antarctic Ice Sheet started retreating about 10,000 years ago, said John O. Stone, first author of a study appearing today in the journal *Science*.

"There was a gradual and continuous melting," said Stone, a professor of geology at the University of Washington, Seattle. Over thousands of years, he said, the ice has retreated at the rate of about 2 inches a year in a steady pattern that shows no sign of slowing.

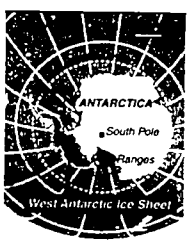
If the sheet does melt entirely, he said, the global sea level could rise by as much as 16 feet, enough to drown some islands and coastal areas.

"If this kind of melting rate were to persist for 7,000 years, the rate of change is one that humans can accustom themselves to," said Stone. "The real problem is that there are places in the world where a 4-inch rise over a few decades" would be a quite serious concern because of storm surges and tides," he said.

"Our measurements suggest a steady rate of melting, but we wouldn't rule out short, rapid melting," Stone added.

Stone said the study cannot prove or disprove that the melting is being affected by global warming, which some believe is accelerated by the burning of fossil fuels. He said the researchers have measured what is apparently a natural cycle of buildup and melting that may have been going on for millions of years.

Robert F. Ackert Jr. of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute said the study establishes a baseline trend of natural melting against which any added melting caused by human influences on the climate can be measured.



McCain visits Vietnam, says relations will improve

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — U.S.-Vietnam relations can only strengthen in the future as Hanoi continues along its path of economic reform, Sen. John McCain said Thursday.

McCain, a former prisoner of war who is one of the most outspoken advocates of reconciliation between the former enemies, said Vietnamese leaders realize that the United States can be a major ally in the country's efforts to join the world economy.

"They recognize their future lies in a strong, vibrant free market economy. The United States can be extremely helpful in that," the Republican senator from Arizona said at the end of a weeklong trip. "When you look at our relationship 15 years ago, it's like night and day."

A landmark bilateral trade pact enacted last year has made some noticeable changes, with "signs of modernization" already

appearing in the country's major cities, McCain said.

The trade deal capped a lengthy, sometimes rocky, normalization process that formally began in 1994 with the lifting of the U.S. trade embargo.

Hanoi's strong desire to join the international community means its economic reforms will continue, said McCain, who was held as a prisoner of war in Vietnam from 1967 to 1973. But he added that Vietnam needs to improve efforts in other areas, notably human rights, minority rights and corruption, as well as copyright and investment protections.

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Researchers worry that fear of terrorism could muzzle science

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology walked away from a \$404,000 study because the government wanted to restrict participation by foreign students. Other universities are balky at demands that the government check research in the name of national security before scientists can publish or even talk about it.

While most federal financing still comes free from such strings, attempts to impose restrictions on research have increased since Sept. 11, 2001, out of fear that some information could help terrorists.

University leaders worry the

trend could jeopardize the nation's tradition of open science — talking and writing about findings so they can be verified and built upon by others.

"When the Soviet Union tried to keep its research secret during the Cold War, their whole scientific apparatus atrophied," said former Air Force Security Sheila Widnall, now an aeronautics professor at MIT.

Some major universities have turned down federal contracts because the government insisted on advance approval before papers were published.

MIT persuaded the Department of Defense to remove prior-

approval requirements from several recent contracts, said Paul Powell, who negotiates research funding for MIT.

But the National Security Agency refused to budge from a requirement that any foreigners working on a planned project at MIT's Artificial Intelligence Laboratory be screened by the government in advance, forcing the school to turn down the money in September, Powell said.

About half of graduate students in the physical sciences and engineering come from abroad.

An NSA spokeswoman said the agency could provide no immediate comment on Thursday.

Schools

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The No Child Left Behind requirements, said Jan Byers, Title 1 specialist at the State Department of Education. It is anticipated when the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is renewed, special education aides will also have to meet the requirements.

In the Cassia County School District, the school passed a policy this month stating all aides will be expected to meet the requirements.

Cassia Director of Special Services Rich Davidson calls it planning ahead. Requirements might stiffen in the coming years and include more people than just the Title 1 aides. Cassia schools are trying to stay one step ahead, Davidson said.

The Jerome School District is planning to require all instructional aides to meet the standards too, said Mike Brown, federal programs coordinator. At the moment, however, Brown knows the district has 50 aides in the Title 1 and special education programs, but no idea who meets the criteria.

Gooding, Buhl and Kimberly districts have not figured out who might have to meet the requirements to meet the new standards.

Most districts have at least a few aides who meet the criteria even today.

Shoshone has 17 aides who will need to meet the new qualifications in Valley School District already have, Superintendent Laurel Nelson said.

Murtough schools have more than half of their seven aides meeting the criteria. Valley School District has exactly half of its 26 aides meeting the criteria. Glenn Ferry officials said the district has nine of 19 aides meeting the criteria. And in Shoshone School District, only one of eight aides are ready to continue in the classroom.

And plenty of aides who don't quite meet the criteria now are in the process of meeting the requirements.

How they're doing it

Floyd, who is aiming to meet the 32 college credit requirement, said taking classes is a challenge mostly because of the time and money involved.

"I do have a family and other responsibilities outside of the classroom," Floyd said.

She noted the district is offering training on staff development days or right after school when it's easier for aides to get to classes.

On the east side, the district is working with College of Southern Idaho to reduce expense and offer classes that will help aides the most in the classroom, Floyd said. Aides who work in elementary schools might take a class about elementary reading, not upper-level reading, for example.

The biggest challenge of heading back to school was accepting change and stepping out of her comfort zone, Floyd said.

"However, school is easier now, Floyd said, and many people are headed back to the college classroom with her.

Floyd did laugh about writing her first essay. The mechanics were there, but putting it together was another story.

"We can spell, but we don't remember how to do it," Floyd said.

Mary Brishin, a reading aide at Memorial Elementary School in Minidoka County, is waiting for the testing opportunity. The test is a great opportunity for aides who are also parents or just can't work taking classes into their schedule, she said.

Brishin said she drew a deep breath when she heard she would need to pass the test in order to continue as an aide, but she looks forward to meeting the criteria.

It shows me as well as the district and school I know what I'm doing," Brishin said.

Taking the test

The test, called ParaPro, was developed by a New Jersey company, Educational Testing Service. Byers said it includes 90 questions — 60 testing basic knowledge of reading, math and language arts and 30 questions testing classroom application of that knowledge.

Byers said 400 aides took the pilot test in September — the highest number of aides to take the pilot test of any state in the country. Idaho then worked cooperatively with Nevada and Utah to go through the test questions and ask whether the questions are valid and whether they assess what they should assess.

A score which aides must meet was developed but has not been released yet, Byers said. The state department wants to compare the score with the pilot results but hasn't received a complete list of pilot scores.

Individual aides have received their scores, but the number means nothing until the cut score is released. Byers said the score will be released before Jan. 11 — the next time the test will be offered.

The Jan. 11 test will be a paper-and-pencil test available at a paper store. Byers said aides must register online through Educational Testing Services. The test will be given at least three more times through the spring.

There are also available online. Aides can register and take the test through their district coordinators, Byers said.

The test — whether online or at a university — is \$40, Byers said. Taking it online eliminates travel costs to get to the test.

Is it any better?

Cassia's Davidson said it's good for each aide to have the skills needed to meet the requirements.

Aides need to have skills beyond the children they are helping. Glenn Ferry Superintendent Karen Ernest said. And having all aides trained will give districts more flexibility in placing them in classrooms.

Shoshone Superintendent Max Excell said he doesn't buy into thinking a degree guarantees a better aide. Experience is a good teacher, too. Training will improve aides who don't have degrees, perhaps, but "some of them are pretty darn good anyway," Excell said.

There should be a balance of classroom experience and academic learning, Floyd said. Experience in the classroom helps, Floyd said. "But it takes a long time to gain that experience."

Excell also worries the new qualifications will make it harder to find people able to be aides. It can't make more sense to just leave the positions open, he said.

"What if no one who's qualified applies? That worries me," Excell said.

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Ernest said she thought it would be difficult to find aides with the right specifications. But the district has hired three new aides this year — one had a bachelor's degree and two had associate's degrees.

Brishin said that as both a parent and an aide, she thinks the new qualifications are a good idea. Aides need to know what they are teaching.

"It's good to challenge yourself," Brishin said. "I think there's always room for growth. Why not on earth?"

Brishin, who began as a full-time aide in January, has taken some college classes. Going into the classes, she thought she had a pretty good knowledge base, having had children of her own. But the class taught her even more.

"I feel like I learned a lot about things I thought I knew," Brishin said.

Every student learns differently, so classes helped in learning about new methods and ideas for each child, Brishin said. The classes have helped Brishin feel more effective as an aide.

Floyd echoes those sentiments. She has learned a lot about the "why" of teaching in her college classes, she said.

"There are reasons why you teach things in the order you teach them," Floyd said.

The purpose of the law is to put well-trained people in aide positions, Byers said. "We have the least-trained people teaching the highest-risk students."

The philosophy of No Child Left Behind is wonderful, said Francis McKay, an aide at Hansen Junior-Senior High School. Aides are important, and aides have to be knowledgeable about what they are teaching to students.

College classes will strengthen weakness of aides and teach them terms and process that have changed since they left school. Many have been out of school 20 years or more, McKay said.

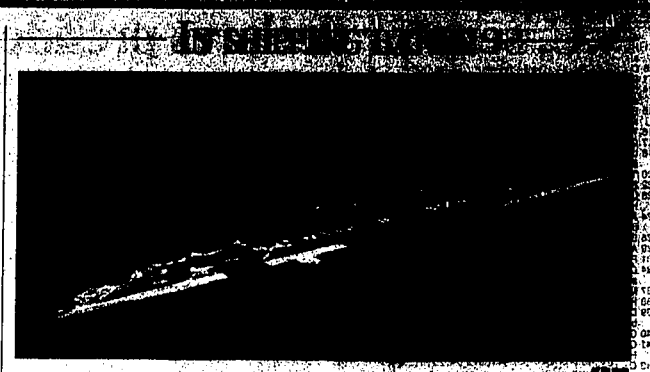
However, aides have to care for students, McKay said, and a good aide "is going to do that with or without a college degree."

Byers agreed. Even more important than one-time qualifications is training outlined in No Child Left Behind, she said. Training will help aides specifically with the areas they are working in.

"The test is just kind of a hoop," Byers said.

Districts are required to provide ongoing professional development for aides and evaluate them on their job performance, Byers said.

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The Norwegian-registered cargo ship Tricolor lies on its side in the English Channel in this Dec. 24 file photo. The Turkish ship, Vicky, carrying 70,000 tons of kerosene, collided with the wreckage Wednesday.

Tanker loaded with diesel hits wreck in busy waters

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A tanker loaded with 2 million gallons of oil ignored safety buoys and hourly radio warnings before it slammed into a shipwreck in one of the world's busiest sea lanes, officials said Thursday.

The 800-foot Vicky lost some fuel after the crash in the English Channel on Wednesday and was listing slightly at anchor in Belgian waters, 18 miles from the North Sea port of Ostend. Damage to the Turkish ship was limited, but an approaching storm could make it worse, provincial governor Paul Breyne said.

"If the cracks between the different compartments of the ship, which are there now, would get bigger, then the danger for much worse pollution would not be unrealistic," he said in a telephone interview after a crisis meeting in Ostend.

Divers and security officials want to examine the damage to Vicky but may not be able to because of the worsening conditions. The poor weather also means ships can't pump off the oil.

"A storm has been announced and it is not easy to get close to the ship," Breyne said. Maritime forecasts called for winds up to 63 mph Thursday night and continued strong winds Friday.

Bound for New York, the Vicky hit the sunken Tricolor and floated off two hours later as the tide rose. The boat made it to Belgian waters under its own power.

France braces as oil from sunken tanker hits coast

CAP FERRET, France (AP) — French authorities closed some beaches Thursday after goosy black patches of oil began washing up on France's sandy southwestern coast this week from a sunken and leaking tanker off Spain.

So far, there has been no major damage to the French coast, but French officials were bracing for the possibility that larger oil slicks would reach shore soon.

About 100 large oil slicks — 10 to 20 square yards in size — were heading toward France at a rate of about 24 miles a day, said Sylvain Le Berre, of the maritime prefecture in Brest.

The aging, single-hulled Prestige tanker broke in two and sank off Spain's coast on Nov. 19, six days after its hull cracked during a storm. The tanker is estimated to have spilled a quarter of its 20.5 million-gallon cargo of fuel oil, and it is still leaking from its resting place on the ocean floor.

Ecology Minister Roselyne Bachelot said France is ready to launch a broad cleanup if larger oil patches hit shore, but she is concerned about the long-term effect on communities and tourism. "This is a sword of Damocles that is going to hover over our heads for a long time," she said in an interview with French daily Le Parisien published Thursday.

Philippe Baquet, director of the maritime surveillance and rescue center in France's Cape Gris-Nez said the wreck was "marked by five shining buoys ... with a signal that is perfectly understood by all the world's sailors."

"It's hard to explain why the Vicky didn't respect these signals," he told LCI television.

A coast guard spokeswoman in Dover, England, said radio warnings were played hourly about the Tricolor, which is in a busy lane of the channel where 400 to 500 ships pass each day.

About 30 percent of accidents like this are the result of a human factor," British maritime union spokesman Andrew Linnington said.

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China plans to launch manned spacecraft

BEIJING (AP) — First came the Soviet cosmonaut. Then the American astronaut made it to outer space. Now, says China, it's time for a new pioneer to make history far above the Earth — the taikonaut.

After a decade of secretive preparation, China disclosed plans Thursday to launch a manned spacecraft this year, an achievement the communist government hopes will put it public support at home and respect abroad.

A successful launch would stand as a trophy to China's progress after two decades of economic reform. It would make this only the third nation — after Russia and the United States — capable of sending a human into space on its own.

The Shenzhou V capsule carrying at least one of the country's astronauts — dubbed taikonauts

after the Chinese word for space — is to be launched in the second half of 2003, according to the official China News Service.

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DEAR ABBY: We have a close family friend of nearly 40 years. He calls her Becky. She is nearly 80 years old and has no living relatives. Becky considers us her "family," and the feeling is mutual.

The problem we've run into is that Becky still lives by herself and continues to drive, which she shouldn't be doing. She has had 10 wrecks that we know of in the past seven years. The most recent one totaled her car, and she promptly bought a new one. Becky has had hips and legs, which has reduced her ability to walk or climb stairs. Also, last month there was a knock at her door late one night and she opened it without first looking through the peephole. Becky was robbed at gunpoint.

We have spoken with her several times over the past few years about moving into an assisted-liv-

ing facility. However, Becky is one stubborn lady and doesn't think "those places" are for her. We disagree.

Becky depends on our family for everything, as though we are blood relatives. Since we're not, we cannot legally do anything to improve her situation. I speak for everyone in my family when I say we fear if Becky continues on the path she's on, she will not live much longer. Is there any advice you can offer on this sad situation, Abby?

-AFRAID FOR OUR FAMILY FRIEND IN DALLAS
DEAR ABBY: Only this. Although Becky seems to have financial resources, she appears to be slowing down mentally as well as physically. Her physician should be made aware of her condition, because it's possible she should be supervised by a geriatric specialist or social worker. She appears to be a very vulnerable senior.

DEAR ABBY



My life is 100 percent better now. I moved away and found a good job, and am once again at peace with myself. At the end of each workday, I enjoy going home, watching TV, turning in early - then getting up for work in the morning and doing it all over again. The problem is that my family is worried about me.

On weekends, I go home on Friday night and don't leave my apartment until Monday morning. I am content with my routine, but my family disapproves. I don't usually worry about what others think, but I know they love me and are genuinely concerned. What do you think, Abby?

-PEACEFUL IN ARIZONA

DEAR PEACEFUL: That your family may have a point. There's an old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and it also applies to men and women.

Before you completely cloister yourself in your routine, please make absolutely certain that you are not confusing an absence of pain and abuse with happiness. It is important to have a balance in life, and by that I mean there's far more satisfaction to be found than just work and television.

A step in the right direction would be to sign up for a lecture series, or volunteer one or two days a month at a hospital,

Cool weather is better for flying hot air balloons

Q. How come cold weather is best for flying hot-air balloons?

A. The cooler the atmosphere, the less hot air is needed for lift. I've always preferred to write in cool weather.

Did I say the Nobel Prize is not awarded posthumously? Wrong. The Nobel Peace Prize went to Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden after his death in a plane crash.

Q. Where we get the word "bunkum"?

A. From a combination of "hocus-pocus" and "bunkum."

A third of the Canadians live in Ontario.

Q. There's one place in the world where only one sort of plant grows, and that place is far



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bigger than any other place where only one sort of plant grows. Name the place?

A. Sargasso Sea. Its seaweed is odd, might add. It grows at the tip as it dies at the base.

Q. Who first said "footprints in the sands of time"?

A. Napoleon wrote something similar in a letter. Then Longfellow rewrote it for his "Psalm of Life."

Word search grid with clues:

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Pisces will have reason to celebrate, wish fulfilled

IF JANUARY 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you possess intellectual curiosity and a fine sense of humor. Those who know you only superficially are not aware of your sensitivity. You have been disappointed in love but are always willing to give romance another chance. Gemini, Sagittarius play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. August will be your most intense, romantic and profitable month of 2003; you possess intellectual curiosity and a fine sense of humor. Those who know you only superficially are not aware of your sensitivity. You have been disappointed in love but are always willing to give romance another chance. Gemini, Sagittarius play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. August will be your most intense, romantic and profitable month of 2003.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Take initiative, let it be known you are indeed ready for promotion. Imprint style, do not follow others. Your value will be acknowledged, meaning increase as result. **TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You may be leaving home, but you will return. Separation from loved one is painful but temporary. Lunar position highlights philosophy, publishing and travel. Capricorn involved. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Emphasis placed on versatility, diversity and intellectual curiosity. You will exhibit gift of making people smile if even through moments of grief. Financial problems will be solved. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Despite odds, your luck will hold; stick with number 4 and begin rebuilding program. Don't overlook possible clause in legal agreement. Marriage decision made tonight. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Get thoughts on paper; this could be the key to monetary and emotional fulfillment. Flirtation gets hot and heavy. Don't play games

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with emotions - you could break your own heart. **LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Domestic adjustment restores harmony, if you so permit. Push aside pride and ego; make gesture of reconciliation. Gift received could be start of something big. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Define terms, perceive relationship in realistic light. You could be involved with sale or purchase of property. Get commitments in writing. Pisces, Virgo play major roles. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Avoid pressing too hard; put aside desire for aggression, revenge. Some people are preparing to trap you; avoid rushing and not being aware of consequences. Capricorn is represented. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Let go of losing proposition. Steer clear of one who constantly takes you for granted. Love relationship can be idealistic if you so permit. Don't lower standards; travel is involved. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Answer to question: Yes, make fresh start, go into business. Circumstances turn in your favor; follow hunch, stick close to number 1. Events transpire to bring you close to romance, success. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** If single, you encounter future mate. If married, be ready for addition to family. Married or single, you will locate suitable living quarters. Capricorn will play dramatic role. **PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** You will have reason to celebrate! Wish is fulfilled, social activities accelerate. Popularity is on the rise, people want to wine-and-dine you. Sagittarius figures in scenario.


Florida elections officials give away notorious punch-card ballots

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - It's a chance in a lifetime to own a piece of history - chads and all. Hillsborough County elections officials are giving away 140,000 unused ballots - complete with attached chads - printed for the mangled punch-card machines, retired after the 2000 election debacle, said Pam Iorio, the county's elections supervisor. Anyone wanting some free ballots may pick them up during business hours Thursday or Friday in Iorio's office in down-

town Tampa or at the Elections Service Center in suburban Brandon. All Florida counties that use punch cards in 2000 have since shifted to modern voting machines, such as touch-screen systems. Ballots that were used in the presidential election and its disputed recounts are sitting in warehouses around the state, while officials decide whether they should be saved for posterity.

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Keep ag tax exemption for undeveloped lands

Pretty much everyone agrees that residential lots should pay more property taxes than farmland does. But when farmland gets subdivided, at what point does it officially turn into residential land?

That's an important question in a developing Western state. Idaho's Legislature needs to clarify its answer this year.

The main goals should be to make property tax assessments fair for landowners, and to ensure orderly land development.

The first step in creating a subdivision is to divide the land into future lots - on a legal diagram known as a plat.

Historically, farmland paid cheaper property taxes up to that point. But as soon as the land was divided for residential use, it lost its "ag exemption," and it could be assessed at the higher residential property value.

The Legislature changed that last year. The new law says the landowner can continue paying ag property taxes until home construction actually begins.

The bill was written with good intentions, but amendments along the way changed the results. The new law goes a bit too far.

Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Rexburg, and development groups are pushing a plan to clarify the law's intent. Under their proposal, merely plating a subdivision wouldn't mean higher taxes, provided the land was designated agricultural when it was platted and approved by the county. But as soon as the owner sells, leases, or builds improvements on the parcels, he loses the ag exemp-

tion and starts paying residential taxes.

County tax assessors around the state have a different goal in mind. They oppose last year's new law altogether, and they want it repealed.

Assessors say the ag exemption should apply only to lands that are actively being farmed. They say the new law shifts property taxes from developers to other taxpayers.

But the real tax shift was the one experienced by the farmland owner under the previous law. He was forced to pay residential taxes the minute he laid out a potential subdivision. Why collect residential taxes for vacant land?

Assessors naturally think in terms of maximizing tax revenue. But when lawmakers tinker with tax laws, they should also think about how laws affect economic behavior.

In this case, boosting taxes on a future home site - before the land is actually developed - penalizes patience. It encourages the landowner to sell out quickly, potentially eroding property values.

That's bad for communities. And ultimately, it's bad for tax revenue. If anything, the new law (once it's clarified this year) will help counties maintain higher valuations on properties.

"It helps prevent a developer from having a fire sale on undeveloped lots to avoid high residential taxes," Raybould said. Once clarified, the new law should make property taxes fairer for rural landowners whose land is in transition. Counties eventually should benefit as well.

U.S. should not rush into military solutions

North Korea's latest nuchumbing at the global community by kicking out international nuclear-energy inspectors reminded me of the bromeliad in Caspar Weinberger's "The Next War." The former U.S. defense secretary garnered a lot of negative attention when the book was published in the mid-1990s. Critics - who apparently had consumed too much New World Order elixir - dismissed it as a collection of fairy tales and scare tactics.

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But given the frequency and ferocity of modern conflicts, it's clear that Weinberger was essentially on the right track. His analysis - which peered a decade into the future - was designed to point out the potential for danger in the post-Cold War world and underscore the need to maintain sufficient defense spending.

As Weinberger forewarned, global challenges have indeed stretched the U.S. military's resources - despite Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's bravado about the U.S. capability to wage war in the Persian Gulf and on the Korean peninsula at the same time.

A nightmare scenario has begun to evolve that easily could worsen and tax American military might to the ineffective point. Consider that the United States now faces:

- A global war against terrorism that lacks a timeframe, has uncertain direction, and could cost hundreds of billions of dollars.
- A time-consuming, expensive, nation-building operation in Afghanistan linked directly to the U.S.-led war in that country.
- The prospect of revisiting conflict in the Persian Gulf against Iraq, which could force the spending of more hundreds of billions of dollars, involve



weapons of mass destruction, spawn new enemies for the United States and create another costly nation-building burden.

Israel-Palestinian strife that shows every sign of deepening. In the worst case, the situation could boil over into regional fighting.

Nuclear-weapons-armed Pakistan and India, which already have taken too many steps toward the brink.

And, now, the possibility of a showdown with nuclear-weapons-armed North Korea in perhaps the most militarized part of the globe, including thousands of U.S. troops.

That list excludes numerous other unstable hot spots around the world and doesn't emphasize the biggest, ongoing question of them all: When and where will al-Qaida and its cohorts strike again, and what impact will that attack have on the United States?

Collectively, those problems might tempt some Americans to pull back from issues and events beyond the nation's borders. But that's not a realistic option in a period of intensifying interdependence and globalization. As the world's sole superpower, the United States would condemn the world to mayhem by turning away.

Rather, America must remain engaged, build up its military resources, work with other nations to defuse crises before they erupt and devise sound foreign-policy priorities.

The first and foremost priority is simple: the war against terrorism. Only by bounding terrorists and forcing them back into the shadows can the United States hope to concentrate more fully on other issues.

Israeli-Palestinian tensions, because of their explosive nature, deserve the next highest

priority. The potential of negotiations appears feeble but not dismissible. Otherwise, an alternative - such as an extended, U.N.-supervised separation of the parties and cooling-off period - may prove the better solution.

The remaining issues deserve close U.S. monitoring and involvement, but there's no need to rush to military solutions. Even in a chaotic world, the United States, with a steady, proactive hand, can work to calm the disorder without straining to shoulder the lead military responsibility in too many conflicts.

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9th Circuit Court of Appeals fires salvos on gun rights

The language of the Second Amendment seems straightforward. "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Yet the debate rages on: Does each American citizen have the right to own firearms or not?

Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit said yes. Citing historical evidence that clearly shows the Second Amendment was intended as a personal right, the Court said the Constitution guarantees to each individual American the right to keep and bear arms. The Justice Department soon adopted this interpretation.

Wrong, the 9th Circuit recently responded. In an opinion penned by one of the judges who declared the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional, the court resoundingly different historical evidence to conclude that the Second Amendment protects only the right of the people to maintain an effective militia. In other words, the amendment doesn't protect individual rights at all.

With the decision of the 9th Circuit, the issue is ripe for resolution by the Supreme Court.

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Indeed, some observers say that the 9th Circuit's ruling is something of a challenge to the court, deliberately setting up a conflict between it and the 5th Circuit and during the federal government to look the other way. It's been more than 60 years since the Supreme Court last considered the question, so it may not be able to avoid resolving it much longer.

The issue isn't so much the amount of regulation. Hardly anyone, including the vast majority of those who say the Second Amendment protects an individual right, suggests that the amendment is an absolute prohibition on all government regulation of the use and ownership of firearms. Yes, they say, the amendment doesn't prohibit the government from making it illegal for the average citizen to own, say, a grenade launcher or a semi-automatic weapon without registering them.

No, the issue isn't "reasonable regulation." Everyone agrees that within some reasonable bounds,

the government can and should regulate who owns which types of weapons.

What then lies behind the conflict? A question as old as civilization itself: Exactly how much power does the government have to regulate individual conduct? Our Founders' answer to the question was plain: The Constitution comes down squarely on the side of limited government and individual liberty. Our entire Constitution resonates with the idea that "that government is best which governs least" - and the Second Amendment is no exception.

This view was widely held at the time the Constitution was framed. One commentary on the Bill of Rights, published anonymously in the Pennsylvania Gazette in 1788, asked: "Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? ... Congress has no power to disarm the militia. Their swords - are the birthright of an American ... The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people."

Some of the Founders themselves made it clear that the 5th

Circuit's position isn't exactly a radical one. "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms ... serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man," said Thomas Jefferson in his "Commonplace Book." Alexander Hamilton wrote in "The Federalist Papers" that no federal army could threaten our liberties as long as "a large body of citizens" proficient in "the use of arms," stands ready to defend them.

A due regard for this history demonstrates the error of the 9th Circuit's decision. Though the question may have little practical consequences, it lies at the core of the American self-conception and makes all the difference in the world. For at the center of the American heritage lies a distrust of governmental power. Just how that heritage plays out in this case may soon be decided by the Supreme Court. It should remember where we came from.

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Doonesbury flashback



By Garry Trudeau



Overproduction helps giant dairies survive

The paper has been talking about the dairymen's price of milk being too low. Any true farmer knows if you over produce prices go down. The large confined factory dairies shoot their cows with hormones so they will produce more milk. It is hard on the cows and injurious to some people who drink the milk, but it makes more money for the greedy dairymen.

Mallard fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



regardless how it affects my neighbors or the rest of the world.

Money is our idol god. Money is power. Power to rule and make or ruin lives. History proves that greed destroyed many civilizations. It is time we started practicing our beliefs and do away with excessive greed. If we can't save the world we could at least save Maggie Valley.
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Cloning arrives too late

Cal Thomas

Cloning is declared useful to live—regardless of the reason—others become at risk to the whims of society at a given moment. We still recoil at what Hitler did to the Jews, gypsies, homosexuals and the sick, but he was simply ahead of his time. Today, he might be invited to speak at Princeton about his unique form of eugenics. Why Princeton? It is the home of Dr. Peter Singer, the Australian philosopher who believes human life is not sacred and can and should be manipulated for whatever end the "healthy" and "fit" determine would serve their current interests. In fact, Hitler might be a candidate for cloning among those who believe his "work" should continue.

Cloning might produce large armies, such as those bred for war by the evil Saruman in "The Lord of the Rings." Clone wars might remove any sense of morality or immorality about war since those who are killing, or being killed, would be the fruits of soulless technology and of no greater value (but less expense) than an airplane or tank.

Some members of Congress,

including many who have lost any moral standing on this issue because of their support of abortion during all nine months and even during delivery (known as "partial birth abortion"), now express shock and outrage over the latest cloning news. They are too late to be taken seriously. Having allowed the process to begin and failed to do anything to stop it, they may pass a law in hopes of slowing down the inevitable, but they will not succeed.

Western culture has told God that we don't need or want Him. It has told history that we will neither learn from it nor care. It worships at the shrine of The Self, and in so doing it has produced a type of "Rosemary's baby" that will be impossible to control absent a revival of the things that once mattered most about life.

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Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 02 — DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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03-0801-0391, *Rules Governing Sheep and Goats and the Idaho Board of Sheep Commissioners.* Enables the Idaho Sheep Commission to control scrapie, a fatal neurological disease, and makes the rules consistent with new federal scrapie rules. Comment by: 1/22/03.

IDAPA 16 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

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16-0309-0301, *Rules Governing the Medical Assistance Program.* The Idaho Medicaid Program will reimburse for out-of-state nursing home placements when services are not available in Idaho to meet the recipient's medical need, or in temporary situation for a limited period of time required to safely transport the recipient to an Idaho facility. Comment by: 1/22/03.

16-0310-0301, *Rules Governing Medicaid Provider Reimbursement in Idaho.* The Idaho Medicaid Program will reimburse for out-of-state nursing home placements when services are not available in Idaho to meet the recipient's medical need, or in a temporary situation for a limited period of time required to safely transport the recipient to an Idaho facility, at the per diem rate set by the Medicaid Program in the state where the nursing home is located. Comment by: 1/22/03.

16-0414-0301, *Rules Governing the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.* Removes the benefit determination procedures and percentages from rule and puts them in the Intake Manual used for LIHEAP and replaces them with an annual benefit determination summary. Comment by: 1/22/03.

16-0601-0301, *Rules Governing Family and Children's Services.* Adds definition for "certified adoption professional" to replace "qualified individual"; clarifies term "legal parent" to make it more inclusive; makes appeals process consistent with department rules; removes obsolete language and updates references. Comment by: 1/22/03.

16-0603-0301, *Rules and Minimum Standards Governing Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment.* New section provides standards by which Outpatient Drug Court Facilities can be approved for substance abuse treatment; adds required sections to rule; adds new definitions; changes rules for the licensed social workers to comply with the Social Work Licensing Act; deletes obsolete language; clarifies and updates rules pertaining to supervision of counselors, work experience of program directors working with adolescents, reimbursement by programs under contract with the Department, and the use of patient placement criteria. Comment by: 1/22/03.

IDAPA 33 — IDAHO REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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33-0101-0301, *Rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission.* Allows licensees to "self-certify" their continuing education (CE) compliance when renewing or reactivating a license; sets forth CE documentation licensee needs to keep; authorizes Commission to request the documentation in order to verify the CE certificate of compliance; sets consequences for failure to comply; and lists the "approved CE topics." Comment by: 1/22/03.

IDAPA 48 — DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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48-0103-0301, *Rules of the Idaho Regional Travel and Convention Grant Program.* Increases the limit at which grantees can shift ITC dollars (\$2500) from line items during a grant cycle; raises the formal bid requirement for projects greater than \$2500; and utilizes the same electronic format as grant applications for application amendments. Comment by: 1/22/03.

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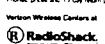
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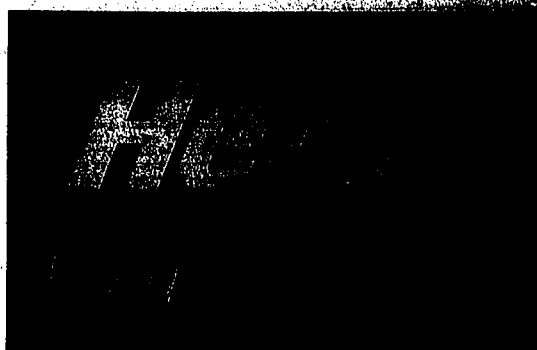
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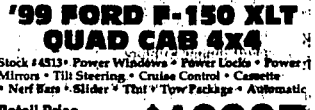
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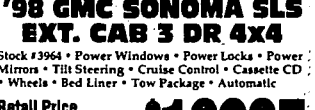
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Woman, 80, dies in car crash

JEROME - A Hazelton woman died Thursday from injuries she sustained in a car accident in Jerome County.

Elizabeth Werner, 80, was headed east in a Mazda 626 on Idaho Highway 25 when she failed to yield to a 1999 Suburban which was southbound on U.S. Highway 33, the Idaho State Police said.

The driver of the Suburban, Wesley Barton, 28, and his passenger, Leah Steinhart, both of Jackpot, Nev., were wearing seat belts. They were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where they were treated and released.

The accident occurred at 2:48 p.m. Werner was not wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The crash is still under investigation.

Those needing eye docs can get help online

TWIN FALLS - People searching for eye doctors can now get some assistance online.

The American Optometric Association's Web site recently added a new feature called AOA Dr. Locator. Patients can locate an AOA member optometrist close to them by entering their zip code and other information.

- AOA Dr. Locator's site address is www.aodrlocator.org.

The American Optometric Association, founded in 1898, represents more than 33,000 doctors of optometry, optometry assistants and paraprofessionals and technicians in more than 6,600 communities around the globe, according to a news release from the organization.

Kimberly seniors hold fund-raiser dinner Sunday

KIMBERLY - The first fundraiser dinner for the Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens for the new year will be held Sunday in the senior center at 10 Main N. in Kimberly.

The menu will feature pork chops and will cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. The meal will be served from noon until 2 p.m. and the public is invited.

Cassia deputies catch suspected thief

BURLEY - Cassia County sheriff's deputies have caught a man suspected of leaving an automotive service shop without paying his bill, after receiving an al change and four new tires.

Tyler Christiansen, 20, of Heyburn was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of stealing tires and services, worth \$250, from the Wal-Mart automotive service center on Dec. 21, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins wrote in a press release.

Wal-Mart employees told officers Christiansen dropped his van off Dec. 21 and said he would return later to pick it up. Footage from surveillance cameras in the store's parking lot show that a man returned to the van and using another key, got in the van and drove away, Higgins stated.

Wal-Mart employees identified Christiansen out of a photo lineup.

Sheriff's deputy Mark Loos spotted a van matching the description of Christiansen's vehicle in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Wednesday. Wal-Mart employees confirmed it was the same van they had serviced. The stolen tires were on the wheels, Higgins said.

When Christiansen approached the vehicle, Loos arrested him on suspicion of stealing the tires.

Mindoka Memorial offers free mammograms

RUPERT - Fifty free mammograms are being offered at Mindoka Memorial Hospital to people ages 35 to 49 who don't have insurance.

The hospital received a grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to offer the free mammograms, hospital community relations spokeswoman Tammy Hanks said.

Those who qualify for the free test should contact the radiology department at the hospital at 436-8143.

Mammograms can be expensive without health insurance, Hanks said, yet mammograms are an effective tool in preventing breast cancer.

Both men and women who meet the criteria are eligible for the program.

Compiled from staff reports

BORERS ASSAULT BIRCHES



Craig Kelley, manager of Kelley Garden Center & Landscaping Service, inspects a birch tree he had treated for wood borers last summer. He said the borers are infesting trees all over the country and no birch tree, no matter how healthy, is immune from the pests.

Amid drought, insects prey on area's weakened trees

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Water-loving birch trees are suffering from several years of drought, and opportunistic insects are taking advantage of the weakened trees.

"All over town, birch trees have been cut down," said Dave Meier, chairman of the Twin Falls Tree Commission.

In dry climates, ornamental birch trees need watering, he said. This past fall he watered his birch trees through the summer into November and plans to begin watering again, well ahead of spring, later this month. If roots dry out, trees are weakened and

more susceptible to the bronze birch borer.

"Birch like lots of water," said Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries & Landscaping Service.

Keeping the trees healthy and watered is the best defense against the bronze birch borer, he said. Catching any problems early is key. Bore holes - about as large as the tip of a sharpened pencil - in the tree trunk and limbs are telltale signs.

Adult bronze-colored beetles emerge in late spring, and the females lay eggs on the birch bark in July, according to University of Idaho Cooperative Extension. The tiny eggs hatch into cream-colored worms with

brownish heads. The larvae bore just beneath the bark, where they tunnel a series of winding trails cut into the wood. Eventually adult beetles emerge, creating D-shaped holes in the tree trunk and limbs. The trees suffer yellowing and thinning foliage and eventually can die.

The birch borer is a problem all across the country, said Craig Kelley, manager of Kelley Garden Center & Landscaping Service. He recommends treating birch trees with a systemic insecticide in the spring. The treatment can last up to a year, he said, and be repeated annually.

"The key is, because we're having dry winters, to water them

really late into the fall and really early in the spring," Kelley said.

Ridding a tree of dead limbs by pruning it may make it more susceptible to infestation, tree experts say. Proper pruning is recommended in fall and winter.

Ash trees also have been in the news lately. They suffer from a more daunting pest: The ash borer tunnels deep into the tree.

Three dead blue ash trees and three dead birch trees recently were removed from Twin Falls City Park.

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Anti-gambling forces file lawsuit against tribes

The Associated Press

BOISE - Some Magic Valley leaders are among those who have filed a lawsuit in the Idaho Supreme Court to overturn the Indian Gaming Initiative, which voters passed by a 16-point margin last November.

The challenge was filed Tuesday by the nonprofit group, "Straight Talk: Gambling in Idaho," led by Republican Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly. He had promised the legal challenge even before the measure passed on Nov. 5.

Proposition 1 legalized gambling machines currently in use on Indian reservations but limits their growth over the next 10 years. It was sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai and Nez Perce tribes and passed 58 percent to 42 percent.

Noh is joined by Republican Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome, Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen and Boise-area pastor Bryan Fischer, who also served as chaplain to the Idaho Senate in 2001.

Noh said Idaho voters simply were uninformed about the pit-

falls of reservation gambling before the vote.

He pointed to a Time magazine national cover story published on Dec. 16 - five weeks after the general election - which exposed reservation gambling across the country as a cash cow for rich investors and a handful of Indians while poor tribal members were left out.

The article did not report information about any Idaho tribes.

Noh said the Idaho tribes' 16-percent victory margin came "before courageous actions of



Sen. Laird Noh



Rep. Maxine Bell

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Recent storms hit central Idaho hardest

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - Federal hydrologist Ron Abramovich had a workout Thursday hiking to the snow gauge on Morris Creek Summit, where snowmelt for the Boise River Basin originates.

"There's a lot of new snow to get through," he said.

He recorded 20 inches of old snow - including an ice layer from rains in late December - then 40 inches of new flakes on top of that.

Heavy snows through the holidays were welcome in a parched Idaho, although the state has months to go before it is certain how much water the storms will yield.

"It seemed to hit the central Idaho mountains. They got the best out of the storms this week," fellow Natural Resources Conservation Service hydrologist Phil Morrissey said Thursday. "It looked like a lot of our snow sites doubled since Christmas."

The storms made a big difference in the normally dry south-

Snowpack levels

Watershed	1 of Aug	% season peak
Upper Snake River	76%	33%
Salmon Falls	83%	32%
Salmon	69%	36%
Oakley	71%	28%
Big Wood	114%	47%
Little Wood	146%	58%
Henry Fork/Teton	75%	31%
Big Lost	126%	53%
Little Lost	78%	33%

*As of Jan. 2. A compilation of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.

**As of Jan. 8. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring, with a 30-year season average.



central Idaho, where the Big and Little Wood basins had 114 and 146 percent of average snowpack, respectively, for this time of year. The Big Lost River drainage had 126 percent.

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Food banks get busy

Pantries see a rush during the holidays

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

JEROME - The emergency food pantry at Jerome's First Church of God assisted more than 800 people with emergency food during December, more than twice as many people as it helped in November, said food bank volunteer Beverly Meyers.

"We really handed out the boxes," Meyers said. "The people we see are the people who fall through the cracks. If you're out of work for a week and have kids, you're out of food."

But it's not just the hungry who are looking for help. The food banks have had no problem keeping their pantry full.

"Our church pitches in and buys things from the Idaho Food Bank, and we get a lot of donated food," Meyers said.

She said the food bank distributed 100 turkeys over the holidays but still has 20 left.

Meanwhile, the pantry at South Central Community Action Agency's food bank was looking pretty grim before the holidays, but the agency managed to restock the shelves.

"We just did one food drive after another, and we had some wonderful participation from the community," said Leanne Trappen, the agency's community services director. "Several businesses did food drives for us."

Trappen said the agency helped 600 families with food baskets at Thanksgiving. The Salvation Army took over the Christmas food basket duties, helping more than 300 families this Christmas, said Maj. Ann Patterson.

The Salvation Army also saw less food cases in this year.

"We were down lower, but not as low as some others," said Salvation Army Maj. Eddie Patterson. "We were down about 20 to 25 percent."

The situation is not likely to improve in 2003.

Emergency food and shelter programs in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties will receive less money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 2003, Trappen said. The four-county region will receive just over \$58,000 this year, \$26,000 less than it received in 2002.

Twin Falls County will receive \$27,044; Minidoka County, \$13,099; Cassia County, \$10,695; and Jerome County, \$7,175, Trappen said.

"Hopefully, we'll get more next year," Trappen said.

The cut in funding comes at a difficult time for nonprofit agencies which are seeing more peo-

ple seeking help.

Robert Holding

San Diego and Little America hotels in Wyoming and Arizona.

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Sun Valley Resort owner Holding remains hospitalized

Company official: Stroke causes limited impairment

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Robert Earl Holding, owner of Sun Valley Resort, remained hospitalized at the University of Utah hospital after suffering a stroke "a few weeks ago," a spokesman said.

Clint Ensign, a Sinclair Oil vice

president, said Thursday that Holding, 76, was in Flagstaff, Ariz., for a company Christmas event when the stroke occurred. Holding was with his family at the time and received immediate medical attention, he said.

The stroke caused a "limited amount of physical impairment,"

Ensign said. Company officials previously offered no comment on Holding's condition.

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Cracked windows in M-C



Ryan Loveland and Fortunado Miranda of Kim Hansen Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Inc. clean broken glass out of a window in Andy and Jane Wilson's car. The car window was broken by a vandal shooting a pellet or BB gun.

Sherriff asks for public's help

By Mary Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — When Andy and Jane Wilson walked out of the Shon-Hing Restaurant Wednesday evening they found the passenger-side window of their car shattered after someone shot it with a BB or pellet gun.

The Wilsons are not alone. In the past two weeks at least eight people in Cassia County, four in Rupert and five in Hayden have reported shattered car windows to local police. In each case there were cracks radiating from a small hole in the window. Nothing has been reported missing from the cars. Five windows in buildings have recently been broken in a similar fashion.

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said he believes someone, or a group of people, is shooting the windows while driving by. The criminals are probably young, he said.

"Not too many 40-year-olds go around with BB guns shooting windows out," Hignens said.

The police are asking for help. They have no information except for reports of shattered windows. Hignens asks people to watch for the vandals.

"That's usually how we catch these kids, someone sees something and calls us," Hignens said.

Some of the shootings have happened downtown during the day, and still no one has come forward to say they saw anything unusual. The vandals must have shot the Wilsons' car parked near the intersection of Main Street and Overland Avenue, between 5 and 6 p.m., said Jane Wilson.

Nyles Tilley, an auto glass technician at Nu-Vu Glass Inc.,

has repaired some of the damage. Each time another car comes in with a bullet hole in the window it makes Tilley a little more angry.

"I don't mind working, but this is ridiculous," Tilley said.

Each job costs between \$250 and \$400. While many people have comprehensive auto insurance coverage, most have deductibles of around \$300,

Tilley said. The Wilsons have a deductible of \$250, Jane Wilson said.

The deductibles on comprehensive coverage range from \$50 to \$1,000, said Cruz Hernandez, an insurance agent for Insurance Marketing Inc.

Then there are the houses. Two people in Burley reported Dec. 5 someone had shot at their houses. In Rupert someone

shot windows of a house, Memorial Elementary School and Burgers Etc., said Keri Lyn Ruch of the Rupert Police Department.

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Dentists plan campaign to restore program

NAMPA (AP) — The Idaho State Dental Association is finalizing its campaign to pressure the state into restoring non-emergency dental care for poor people.

Scott Kido, the Nampa dentist heading the association's Medicaid Task Force, said dentists across the state want to revamp the Medicaid program so that critical non-emergency treatment can be provided without increasing taxpayers costs.

The association has hired former Republican state Sen. Skipper Smyser to spearhead its lobbying campaign for restoration of non-emergency care.

Without any public discussion last winter, legislative budget writers voted to end non-emergency dental care for some 37,000 poor adults to shave an estimated \$2 million from the rapidly escalating Medicaid budget.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne went along, but in May he ordered the policy modified after a 92-year-old woman was denied dentures. She essentially told she could get her foot. The governor said "human dignity" should be a major factor in determining whether any care can be considered an emergency.

Two months later, the state reached agreement with Idaho's

600 dentists that left them to decide what dental procedures rise to the level of emergencies.

But Kido argues that the state's underlying policy against non-emergency care actually costs money in the long run, as relatively minor dental problems become full-blown — and expensive — dental emergencies.

State Health and Welfare Department officials have acknowledged that likelihood. But spokesman Ross Mason said there are no plans to drop the ban on non-emergency dental care.

Kido said dentists understand the way spiraling Medicaid costs aggravate the state's financial crisis, but he and others also point out that Medicaid pays so little for the services it does cover that many dentists refuse to take patients on government subsidized health programs.

"You lose a lot of money when you see a Medicaid patient," Kido said.

What the dentists want is some say in the Medicaid dental coverage offered by the state. There are places where savings can be generated, he said, but dentists want to make sure that the same kind of problems that resulted from the ban on "non-emergency" dentures do not surface again.

Priest criticizes Utah city's crackdown on immigrants

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest criticized the city for joining police with federal immigration officers in a perceived crackdown on the Latino community.

The Rev. Robert Bussen said the arrests of about three dozen undocumented workers polarized the community and undermined Latino cooperation in community policing.

"You have to have the cooperation of the people to find drug dealers," said Bussen, pastor of the St. Lawrence Parish. "The Mexican people will not talk to the Heber police because they're working with the INS."

"They don't feel safe going to the grocery store or driving to work," he said.

Utah's Immigration and Naturalization Service said drug trafficking prompted the November arrests of 10 undocumented immigrants. But Bussen said no drugs were seized and that more than 25 other undocumented workers were arrested

and presumably deported since September.

Mayor Lynn Adams insisted Heber is open to all newcomers and that police aren't targeting law-abiding Latinos.

"Park City hasn't done much to house them," he said. "Wasatch County has been one of the areas where they live here."

Latinos made up more than 7 percent of Heber's population in the 2000 census, but city officials said the figure could be higher now.

"This office will aggressively pursue anyone who is in the U.S. without INS special agent visas," said David Ward said. "Lords and landscapers are not high on our priority list. There are so many criminal illegal aliens that we are taxed to the limit."

Ward said INS special agent arrests were of Latinos with criminal records. Some had been deported previously. "They're all criminals. I don't know what more we can do to satisfy the community," he said.

Researchers find how plant survives geyser basin

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Researchers believe they have discovered why a certain plant variety survives the hot soil temperatures of the Yellowstone National Park's geyser basin.

The plant called hot springs panic grass appears to tolerate the heated soil because of a fungus that attaches to it and apparently lives between the plant's cells.

"As far as we know, this is the first report of heat tolerance conferred by fungal involvement,"

Montana State University researcher Rich Stout said. "The question is why, and that's what we're working on now."

The research recently appeared in the journal *Science*.

Researchers from Montana State and the University of Washington studied samples of the grass from Yellowstone National Park and from Lassen Volcanic National Park in California. They also grew specimens in a laboratory with and without the fungus, called *curvularia*, and then heated the soil.

What they found was plants with the fungus survived soil release some 400 minutes from 149 degrees while those without shriveled at 122 degrees.

In fact, neither the plant nor the fungus could live without each other in Yellowstone's hot soil, Stout said.

Researchers are still trying to understand how the plant and the fungus interact, but they think it might start as soon as a fungal spore in the air latches onto the plant.

They think that when they do

shot windows of a house, Memorial Elementary School and Burgers Etc., said Keri Lyn Ruch of the Rupert Police Department.

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Utah officials may cut DUI squad due to budget shortfall

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Department of Public Safety's full-time drunk dedicated to stopping drunken drivers may fall victim to the state's budget troubles.

The department has proposed dissolving the DUI squad in light of nearly \$1.5 billion in budget cuts handed down by the Legislature during a Dec. 18 special session.

Gambling

Time magazine. The public is much more aware of the issue now," he said. "This has the potential to drastically change the state of Idaho to the detriment of our people," Noh said.

The Coueur d'Alene Tribe, which poured the lion's share of more than \$4 million into the campaign to pass the measure, called the lawsuit an attempt to override the will of the people and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

"That is it about 'yes' that the plaintiffs don't understand," Coueur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Ernie Stensgar said in a prepared statement. "I am saddened that we will have to go

through this unnecessary legal battle once again, and that the taxpayers and our tribe will have to foot the bill for this lesson in futility."

Last August, the state Supreme Court unanimously dismissed a petition by Noh's group asking the court to determine the constitutionality of the initiative.

The court declined, saying any question of constitutionality was moot because the initiative had not yet passed.

Before the election, a University of Idaho study paid for by the tribes found that Idaho's Indian gaming facilities support 4,455 jobs in the state,

a week after the Utah Department of Corrections announced it might have to release some 400 inmates from prison to deal with \$3.4 million in budget cuts handed down by the Legislature during the special session.

Lawmakers concluded the session, their fifth of the year, by approving an additional

\$117 million in state budget cuts. Gov. Mike Leavitt has until the middle of January to approve the Legislature's budget or veto it in total or by line item.

Leavitt will consult with all of the state's department heads before making any final decisions, said spokeswoman Natalie Gochour.

Motocross accident paralyzes man

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A New Year's Day amateur motocross race at the Delta Center sent eight people to a hospital emergency room, including a man whose fractured spine left him a quadriplegic.

About 750 people competed in the Delta Center event, where participants raced their own dirt bikes up and down hills on a dirt track.

Up to 18 racers competed at one time. Emergency physicians at LDS

Hospital treated the injured throughout Wednesday. The patients, all men in their late-twenties and early 20s, were delivered by ambulance. Their injuries were mostly orthopedic ankle and wrist fractures — with some head and torso injuries.

Most of the patients arrived at the hospital conscious but in severe pain. According to Dr. Kirk Gilmore, the man who is now quadriplegic probably will have limited body movement for the rest of his life.

Food

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in need and less to go around.

"We need it every year, but because of the economy, we're going to need it more this year than ever before," Eddie Patterson said.

Meanwhile, food banks around the state are experiencing similar difficulties. The Associated Press reported Thursday.

"More and more people are telling us they are working minimum wage jobs and can't meet the increase in utility costs. The need for food is increasing," Idaho Food Bank Development Manager Linda Roiman said.

Requests for food have grown for the second year in a row, said Emmett Food Bank vice president Kari Thornton.

"It's the second year since the mill shut down here, and that's why. We gave 197 families Christmas dinners and presents this year, and only slightly less at Thanksgiving," Thornton said.

St. Vincent DePaul Centers in Boise gave out 1,600 Thanksgiving food boxes this year, said executive director Laurie Lafollette, compared with 1,200 last year. Lewiston's food bank director

also noticed a sharp increase in need.

"I distributed 745 turkeys this year and I probably could have used 1,200," said Fern Wilman, the northern director of the Idaho Food Bank. "There were fewer food drives this year too, oddly enough. I think that in our area, people feel the economy is kind of off."

The increase in food requests comes because more people are working in low-wage jobs, Wilman said.

"Idaho fails to pay a living wage in most areas, so we have the working poor. There's too many people working in fast food or other low-paying jobs, and they're asking for more food so they can buy their children presents for Christmas."

Wilman anticipates getting even more food requests this month, as seasonal retail workers are laid off.

"Need has no season — we still have hungry people in January and February," said Wilman. "But we get fewer donations those months. It's kind of a donation burnout period."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Snow

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Meanwhile, the Upper Snake River Basin, which supplies much of the water for southern Idaho's irrigators, was at 76 percent of average snowpack at this point in the season.

Deadwood in south-western Idaho had 48 inches of snow on Dec. 20, but read 84.3 inches on Thursday. Still, the amount of water in that snow is about average for this time of

year. The Boise drainage has 85 percent of normal precipitation for the snow year which began Oct. 1.

The Payette and Weiser basins held about the same. Snow was sparse in other portions of the state, and the recent flurries, did not erase that deficit.

"North Idaho is still way below normal, in the Clearwater

area to north of the Salmon River," Morrissy said.

The Panhandle holds only two-thirds of its precipitation. The Clearwater drainage is 63 percent.

Water experts feared the El Niño weather pattern we're seeing in warmer, drier weather than usual in Idaho, so the latest storms are a nice surprise. Idaho had gone through 40 percent of the snow year on Jan.

was a federal issue under litigation by other parties in federal courts.

Bell said the lawsuit was filed because the state constitution forbids gambling and allows only the same kinds of games that the official state lottery permits.

Asked whether it would be appropriate to change Idaho's Constitution to reflect the initiative's passage, Bell said, "I don't think some of us think gambling is good for Idaho."

The respondents in the lawsuit, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, retiring Secretary of State Pete Centrusa and Stensgar, have three weeks to reply.

April 1 traditionally marks the peak snowpack before the melt begins. More than average snow is needed to bring the reservoirs up to their normal capacity for the summer.

"Apparently, it's going in sports with a dry spell in November and December, a week of storms and then some dry weather," Morrissy said. "We still have the potential for more big storms."

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Idaho National Guard members head to Kuwait

BOISE (AP) — More than 150 Idaho Air National Guardsmen were sent to Kuwait on Thursday for Operation Southern Watch. They will be patrolling the no-fly zone in southern Iraq for the operation, which has been in place since the end of the Persian Gulf war.

The members of the 124th Wing will join other Idaho Air Guardsmen and six Idaho Air National Guard A-10 aircraft already in Kuwait. They are expected to return in February.

The mission is part of an effort to spread the burden of long-term military commitments between active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units, said Brig. Gen. Gary Saylor, commander of the 124th Wing.

SERVICES

Steven Harrison of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Woodrow "Woody" Barlow of Burley, service at 2 p.m. today at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Cindy Lee Climer Roberts of Reno, Nev., memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kimberly 1st Ward LDS chapel.

Harvey Jake Walter of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Ricardo "R.G." Hitchcock of Pocatello, viewing from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; and from 9-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Bull LDS Chapel on Fair St.; the service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church; burial will follow at the Bull Cemetery.

Leo Holcomb of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2628 Whispering Pine, Twin Falls (White Mortuary and Crematory, Twin Falls).

Justin Dean Fries of Declo, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the

Declo Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St.; burial will be in the Declo Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Dorothy Kunau of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m.

today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Vanita May Josephine Helms of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home; interment will be at the Soldier Mountain/Mt. View Cemetery above Fairfield.

DEATH NOTICES

Pearl Berg
RUPERT — Pearl Berg, 91, of Rupert died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care.

The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at Rupert Cemetery. The family has asked that everyone meet at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel to go in funeral procession to the cemetery. If the weather is bad, a brief service will be held at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Andrew 'Denny' Moritz
TWIN FALLS — Andrew "Denny" Moritz, 54, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Phillip Snow
BURLEY — Phillip Snow, 69, of Burley died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Frank Sprague
RUPERT — Frank Sprague, 50, of Rupert died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2002, in Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary.

Richard C. 'Dick' Johnson
JEROME — Richard C. 'Dick' Johnson, 65, of Jerome died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Ester Mae Melody
TWIN FALLS — Ester Mae Melody, 71, of Twin Falls died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

OBITUARY

OAKLEY



Emma Taylor
Emma Taylor, 96, formerly of Oakley, died Wednesday, January 1, 2003, at the Sandy Regional Health Center in Sandy, Utah. She was born May 18, 1906, in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, the

first of eight children to George and Emma Henry. Emma attended grade school in Thatcher, Arizona, and Oakley, in 1924, she graduated from Oakley High School and went on to attend Albion State Normal School. Years later she took nursing and evening classes at San Jose State University and received a degree in education.

Emma loved teaching young people. Her positive attitude and quick wit inspired many students including her own children and grandchildren. She taught all grades in the one room school facilities of Moulton and Yale, Emma also taught in Springdale and San Jose, California. However, most of the time she spent teaching was in Oakley.

Emma married Elmer L. Taylor on April 27, 1927, in Oakley. In October of 1928, the marriage was solemnized in the Logan Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elmer and Emma had five children. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Emma is survived by her sons, Keith E. (Paula) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Duane H. (Ann) of San George, Utah, Clinton F. (Nadine) of Midvale, Utah, and Gary G. (Melody) of Salt Lake City, and her daughter, Joyce E. (Floyd) Pickett of Oakley. Emma's posterity includes, 29 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2003, at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 North Center Avenue, with Bishop Randy L. Hardy officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery.

Friends may call at the church on Saturday, from 12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m. in preparation for the funeral at Farnsworth Mortuary Home, 1560 East 18th Street, Burley.

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Hot hip-hop

Lil Flip, Clipse and Cam'ron will play the E. Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City tonight.



World premiere

Evan Ziporyn and Todd Reynolds will present the debut of Ziporyn's work "No Return - River Impressions 2002" tonight at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum.

Just jazzed

The Great Riff Jazz Society will present Jazz Sunday at Gerie's Brick Oven Cookery in downtown Twin Falls. It's free.



Miles and Miles

Keyboardist Herbie Hancock will play a tribute to jazz legend Miles Davis Tuesday night in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Page C3



Cable One field technician Sean Burgess does a line check in Twin Falls to ensure picture quality.

Cable TV in the Magic Valley is changing fast

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's a tempestuous new world out there in cable TV land, with information overwhelming time - even in an electronic backwater like the Magic Valley.

"Choice, I guess, is the biggest thing," said Russ Young, who manages Cable One's operations in south-central Idaho. "A lot of channels, a lot of options." But choice means change, and the average cable subscriber's bill reads accordingly. Cable One charges some of its 17,000 subscribers \$36.49 a month for 52 channels. Four years ago, under Cable One's predecessor in the Twin Falls market, TCI, you could buy 47 channels for \$28.49.

Cable One's local competitor, Teton Wireless TeleVision, charges \$33.95 a month for 38

channels in the Twin Falls area after a recent \$2 rate hike. "Technology is expensive, but we've increased our service substantially," Young said.

Primarily through digital TV, the language that the next generation high-definition television will speak. A Cable One package offers 18 digital channels plus access to pay-per-view TV for an additional \$12.95 a month.

And the company also sells high-speed Internet access for an additional fee - provided you're a Cable One subscriber.

Call it customized TV - what you want, when you want it.

"That's the wave of the future," Young said.

But Young's counterpart at the Twin Falls office of Teton Wireless argues hi-tech isn't what local cable viewers are looking for.

"This is an old-fashioned cable

market," said Anthony De Bartolo said. "Subscribers here want it simple and they want it reliable. And if they have a problem, they want to be able to call up and not get put on hold."

Satellite television is also a significant part of Twin Falls-area pay-TV, although it's hard to quantify how large because the market is so fragmented.

De Bartolo won't say how many subscribers Teton Wireless has locally - the company also serves Pocatello and Idaho Falls - but estimates it has 24,000 viewers in the Twin Falls area and is looking to expand the number of channels it offers.

So is the competition, which has been busily laying fiber-optic cable since Continental owned the Twin Falls-area cable operation in the mid-1990s. Cable One, an industry giant owned by the Washington Post,

is now in the process of improving its infrastructure and services in Jerome County.

"The options, in terms of the quantity and quality of what we can offer, are really wide open," Young said.

Still, the bulk of Twin Falls-area cable subscribers couldn't care less about digital TV, De Bartolo argues. They want a reasonable range of channel choices - without the bells and whistles.

"Most of our new customers come either from the other cable company or the satellite TV providers," he said. "They want cable service that's easy and reliable."

Yet it's unlikely that cable TV will be simpler in the future. Broadband - the capacity to offer cable TV and Internet access to a subscriber - is burgeoning, and when the federal government and broadcasters

finally agree to switch TV signals to an all-digital format, it's bound on late repercussions on the cable TV business.

"The technology is headed toward programming on demand," Young said.

For example, Cable One may soon offer a channel that mixes Fox Sports network feeds, allowing Twin Falls-area subscribers to watch the Utah Jazz one night and the Seattle Mariners the next, as well as getting sports from the South, Midwest and East.

"Programming on demand is getting closer," Young said. "It may not be that long before it's here."

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Warmed-over Hollywood flops badly at box office

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD - In recent years, everyone in the movie business has been scrambling to churn out sequels, remakes and rereleases, justifying the unseemly artistic results by trumpeting the killing they've made at the box office. Well, if you've been keeping tabs over the past six weeks, the scorecard reads: Moviegators: 5. Risk-Averse Studios: 1.

If you'd put your ear to the door at almost any studio in town last week, you could've heard someone saying, "Geez, maybe getting audiences to spend \$9.50 for a half-baked update of a (fill in the blank) TV spy show/70s adventure movie/60s thriller/70s art-house classic isn't such a slam-dunk after all."

The musing was especially loud at Sony Pictures, where the studio's supposed sure thing "I Spy" staggered into the theaters with a feeble \$12 million opening weekend and has earned just \$33 million since its release on Nov. 1. "The Four Feathers," a lavish remake co-financed by Paramount and Miramax, did even worse, making \$18 million in its brief stay in theaters. "Sweet Away," the Madonna-starring remake of Lina Wertmuller's 1975 original, disap-

peared after making a paltry \$598,000 in its short run. Jonathan Demme's "The Truth About Charlie," an update of Stanley Donen's "Charade," has stumbled badly, earning \$5 million in its first three months. Even the \$90 million "Red Dragon," a third installment in the Hannibal Lecter series that was supposed to be Universal's big moneymaker this year, has barely broken even since its release on Oct. 4, a steep drop-off from 2001's \$165 million-grossing "Hannibal" sequel.

The only rerelease to have a solid opening was Disney's "Santa Clause 2," which has made \$135 million since its release on Nov. 1. Even it will be hard-pressed to top the original, which made \$144 million in 1994 and was so well-liked that it did better in its third weekend of release than its first.

The common denominator with nearly every failure was a woeful absence of originality, not to mention ambition. No matter how hard Hollywood tries to brainwash moviegators into embracing familiarity, when we gather in the dark we crave something fresh and new. Maybe that's why films such as "The Ring," "Big Fat Greek Wedding" and "Barbershop" have found such surprisingly large, loyal audiences.

An actor's life: Jarrett considers Meisner

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Feel a need to be put in your place? To be reminded of the finer points of life?

You'll get them under the expert tutelage of Sanford Meisner, a purist who despised Hollywood for its "fast-food acting."

The crochety old drama teacher will have you squirming in your seat as if you were Huck Finn. But by the time class is over, you'll have a new way of looking at life.

Sun Valley actor Jim Jarrett will reprise his one-man show of "Sanford Meisner: A Teacher" tonight through Sunday at the nextStage Theater.

It's an altruistic gesture on Jarrett's part. He'll donate his performance fee and all proceeds to the nextStage. He's invited all teachers in the Wood River Valley to the opening performance free of charge to celebrate their life-changing force. And he's dropped the ticket price to \$5 for those ages 16 through 18 to encourage teens to sit in on this extraordinary class.

All this is in keeping with Meisner, whose roster of students included Gregory Peck, Geraldine Page, Grace Kelly, Joanne Woodward, Steve McQueen, James Wood, Jon Voight, Peter Falk, Michelle Pfeiffer, Mary Steenburgen, Susan Sarandon and Sydney Pollack.

If you go ...

- **What:** Actor Jim Jarrett will present his one-man show "Sanford Meisner: A Teacher."
- **Where:** nextStage Theater, Ketchum.
- **When:** Tonight, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Admission is \$20 for adults and \$5 for teens 16 through 18 with IDs. Teachers will be admitted free on opening night. For more information, call 726-9124.

Actor Robert Duvall said upon receiving The American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award: "I owe everything I am, everything that I've achieved as an actor to Sanford Meisner. There isn't a day that passes where I don't think of Sandy and what he's meant to my career. He changed my life forever."

Meisner, who directed the celebrated Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theater in New York for 65 of his 91 years, also changed student Jim Jarrett's life forever.

Because of Meisner's influence, Jarrett grew disillusioned with Hollywood Food Chain and turned his back on television where he had had roles in "Columbo," "Cheers" and other shows. He took Leonard Nimoy's one-man play "Vincent" around the world, establishing it as one

of the most successful touring one-man shows going.

He wrote "Vincent" from books of notes he took at Meisner's class. The end result: An extraordinarily well-written, passionate, hard-hitting play that instructs as much as it entertains.

"Most of the audience who walks into the theater will come in never having heard of Sanford Meisner," said Jarrett, who has taken the production on the road for the past two years. "They'll be touched by the fact that there was someone alive on this planet who really cared."

Fans of Jarrett will be pleased to know that Jarrett has two new shows in the works.

One, an original full-length play titled "Graduation Day," will begin touring later this year. It is, Jarrett says, "the most rable-raising, thought-provoking, hysterical, powerful, electrifying commencement speech you've ever experienced."

The other, "Manners Matter," is a 55-minute piece directed at kindergartners through fifth-graders that grew out of Jarrett's relationship with his own daughter.

The play revolves around dolls - each with a story, each whose behavior has an effect on the others. It deals not just with pleasure and thanks you's but the more important issues of teasing, learning from one's mistakes and the importance of honesty.

WEEKEND

Catch Leonardo DiCaprio in 'Catch Me If You Can'

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's safe to hate Adam Sandler again. After showing some soul in "Punch-Drunk Love," he returns to form, supplying the voices and the gags to an animated Hanukkah musical about a small-town Scrooge whose heart thaws to the sounds of burps and flatulence. Rated PG-13; gross humor, language, drinking and drug references. 1 hour, 14 minutes.

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 over the credits. Rated R; language, violence. 1 hour, 36 minutes.

Catch Me If You Can

Steven Spielberg's second movie of 2002 is an entertainingly stylized take on the true story of Frank Abagnale Jr. (Leonardo DiCaprio), who, between age 16 and 21, passed himself off as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, and in the process passed millions of dollars in forged checks. Tom Hanks plays the FBI agent who devoted his career to catching Abagnale, and became a kind of surrogate father. It's as breezily entertaining as any "Minority Report" was forbidding, but at 140 minutes has not learned the Abagnale lesson of not overstaying your welcome. Rated PG-13; language, sexual situations. 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Drumline

An 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 art of show-styler 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 Antonio Jones star. Directed by Charles Stone. PG-13, for (intended) and language.

Die Another Day

The newest James Bond movie once again stars Pierce Brosnan, whose glazed implacability suggests a man who rarely gets shaken, and 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 the world of its own intermittently entertaining but it's hard not to feel it's just impossible not to feel nostalgic for movies you grew up with. Halle Berry, as Bond's next 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.)

Frida

The brilliant Mexican painter Frida Kahlo was famous for a lot of things - her glorious paintings, her grotesque pain, her love affairs, even her unruly eyebrows, which hovered above her piercing dark eyes like a bird in flight. To play the part of Kahlo in director Julie Taymor's new film, actress Salma Hayek has put aside her tweezers and danced on a few prosthetic birds. Instead of a flying bird, the effect



Daniel Day-Lewis, who received a Golden Globes nomination for best actor in a drama film, appears in a scene in Miramax Films' 'Gangs of New York.' In addition to the best actor nod, 'Gangs' garnered best picture, best director and best supporting actress nominations.



Frank Abagnale (Leonardo DiCaprio) learns it will be so easy to start a new life in DreamWorks Pictures' 'Catch Me If You Can.'

is of a pair of wings that wouldn't make it through a strong breeze much less the storm that was Kahlo's life. As with much of this film, Hayek's resemblance to the artist is cosmetically faithful but fails to get at the core of a woman who painted a self-portrait in which she gives birth to her adult self, as if she were Zeus and Diana at once. (1:58. R, for sexuality/nudity and language.)

Gangs of New York

Director Martin Scorsese's long-planned epic based on Herbert Asbury's colorful 1928 book about the violent characters and corrupt politicians who exploited the teeming immigrants of Civil War-era New York is the bloodiest, mudgiest and giestiest epic since "Braveheart." Even more ambitiously, it argues that New York City was built not by developers and aristocrats but by street fighters like Bill the Butcher (Daniel Day-Lewis), whose murder of an Irish rival (Liam Neeson) inspires the dead man's son (Leonardo DiCaprio) to seek ice-cold revenge. The story is as melodramatic as any Warner Bros. movie of the 1940s, complete with a hard dame (Cameron Diaz) whom both men love. But the film's scope is almost as remarkable as the performance by Day-Lewis as a larger-than-life villain with a surprising number of redeeming qualities. Rated R; graphic violence, language, nudity, sexual situations, drug use. 2 hours, 40 minutes.

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

Brace yourself: This comedy about a selfish teen queen who wakes up inside the halcy body of Rob Schneider is as clever and sweet as it is goofy and gross. Rated PG-13; sex and potty gags, language. 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Peter Jackson's adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy has now entered an awkward adolescence with its middle feature and its way

Big box office

Last weekend's top-grossing movies:

1. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," New Line.
 2. "Catch Me If You Can," DreamWorks.
 3. "Two Weeks Notice," Warner Bros.
 4. "Maid in Manhattan," Sony.
 5. "Gangs of New York," Miramax.
- Source: Exhibitor Relations Co.

to the concluding volume, "The Return of the King." If the second film never reaches the highs of the first - we have met the players before and there are no new worlds of wonder - it nonetheless invests movieworld with a sense of adventure. Like Frodo and Aragorn, we have to cover a lot of middling expository ground here - we're just passing through on our way to the end. Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, John Rhys-Davies, Dominic Monaghan and Billy Boyd. (2:59. PG-13 for 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 mom from the Bronx who catches the eye of an ambitious politician (Ralph Fiennes), while working as a maid in a swank Park Avenue hotel. 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 Marissa Matrone. (1:43. PG-13 for some language/sexual references.)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

While this autobiographical comedy from Second City veteran Nia Vardalos would like to be the Greek "Moonstruck," it never flies that high. Still, its fairytale story about a Greek-American (Vardalos) who makes her crazy family crazy by falling for a WASP Prince Charming (John

- "Adam Sandler's 8 Crazy Nights," Century Cinema
- "Analyze That," Odyssey Theater
- "Catch Me If You Can," Twin Cinema
- "Die Another Day," Odyssey Theater
- "Drumline," Odyssey Theater
- "Frida," Lamphouse Theater
- "Gangs of New York," The Orpheum
- "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Twin Cinema
- "Hot Chick," Twin Cinema
- "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," Twin Cinema
- "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," Twin Cinema
- "Pinocchio," Odyssey Theater
- "The Santa Clause 2," Twin Cinema
- "Star Trek: Nemesis," Odyssey Theater
- "Treasure Planet," Twin Cinema
- "Two Weeks Notice," Twin Cinema
- "The Wild Thornberrys," Twin Cinema

"Catch Me If You Can," Century Cinema

Corbett lets Vardalos show off her talent as an actor and an observational comic. Michael Constantine and Lainie Kazan play her parents, loudly, and many lambs are sacrificed in the name of tradition. Rated PG; language. 1 hour, 35 minutes.

Pinocchio

"Life is Beautiful" Oscar-winner Roberto Benigni likely had good intentions for bringing Carlo Collodi's classic fable to the screen. But his typically manic performance as the puppet makes you wish someone would turn him into kindling. Rated G; disturbing imagery. 1 hour, 48 minutes.

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

What appears to be the final journey for the "Next Generation" crew includes an intercrew marriage, the emergence of a Data (Brent Spiner) ancestor and the revelation that Capt. Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) has an illegitimate offspring whose intentions may not be familial. Rated PG-13; violence.



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- "Star Trek: Nemesis," Century Cinema
- "Two Weeks Notice," Century Cinema
- "Analyze That," Gooding Cinema
- "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Shoshone Showhouse

Treasure Planet
The 1950 adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" marked the Disney Studio's first fully live-action feature. A little over a half-century later, the studio's animation folks are taking another whack at the trusty Stevenson tale with "Treasure Planet." Sci-fi meets sea-faring fantasy, and the mix isn't half bad. PG (cartoon violence, scares) - Steven Rea.

Two Weeks Notice
Teamed with Hugh Grant and her "Miss Congeniality" writer-turned-director Marc Lawrence, producer-star Sandra Bullock has pulled off that most elusive of feats: to make a contemporary romantic comedy in the blithe, witty spirit of the Hollywood classic. She's an activist attorney co-opted by Manhattan real estate developer Grant to become his legal counsel, resulting in emotional entanglements so mighty they do not realize they are falling in love. The result is a holiday treat. With Alicia Witt and Dana Ivey. (1:40. PG-13 for some sex-related humor.)

The Wild Thornberrys
The witty animated cable show makes a delightful transition to the big screen with its globe-trotting documentary filmmakers' precocious 12-year-old daughter taking on a ruthless husband-and-wife poaching team menacing the animal kingdom of Africa's Serengeti plain. (1:28. PG, for some adventure peril.)

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"Stanford Meisner: A Teacher," a one-man play with actor Jim Jarrett, is scheduled for Ketchum's newStage Theater at 7 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$5 for teens 16 through 18, are available at the door.

Jan. 16-18, 23-25

The Friends of CSI Players will present "The Nerd," 7 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls' Old Town. Tickets, which are \$10 at the door and \$8 in advance, are available at the Lamphouse, the CSI Community Education Center, or by phoning 732-6288.

Jan. 17-18, Feb. 7-8 Feb. 21-22

The Sun Valley Resort production of Stuart Ross' "Forever Field" is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. in the Boiler Room. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under, are available at the door.

Jan. 28-30 - Boise

The national touring production of the musical "Saturday Night Fever" will play at 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. Arts 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, Saw Mor Drug in Buhl, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, the CSI Community Education Center, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

Feb. 12-March 9

Company of Fools will perform William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$20 for reserved seats and \$15 for students and senior citizens, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

Feb. 25-March 2 - Utah

The national touring company of the musical Fosse will play Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 8 p.m. on Feb. 25-March 2 and 2 p.m. on March 1-2. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30, \$37.50, \$40, \$45, \$47.50 and \$50, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

ROCK 'N ROLL

Wednesday through Jan. 12

Righteous Brothers Tribute will do two shows a night at Cactus Events Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturdays and \$14.99 on weeknights and



Sundays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on Saturdays and \$7.50 on weeknights and Sundays. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.



Jan. 12 - Utah

Crazy Town will play Club X Scope in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

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 Artix 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. 18 - Utah

Piebald will perform at X Scope in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

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 Scope 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 Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

Jan. 29 - Utah

Albaine Trio, Ben 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 574 West 200 South.

Feb. 7 - Utah

Coldplay will perform at the Saltair 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. Saltair Resort is located at 1000 S. 1000 W. in Magna, Utah.

Feb. 8 - Utah

Ben Kweiller will play X Scope in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

Feb. 8 - Utah

Colehead & Cumbria will play X Scope in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

Feb. 10 - Utah

Toad the Wet Sprocket will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Feb. 11 - Utah

David Gray will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Feb. 13 - Utah

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

Feb. 15 - Boise

The Reverend Horton Heat will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 27 - Boise

Further Seems Forever will perform at JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

Feb. 27-28 - Utah

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

Feb. 28 - Utah

Further Seems Forever will perform at Salt Lake City's X Scope at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$0, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

March 1 - Utah

Glassjaw and Sparta will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Tonight and Saturday

Country Classics will play from

8 p.m. to midnight at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Jan. 27 - Utah

Stobberbone will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, 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

Fly-2-Void will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Feb. 15 - Boise

Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will perform at the Idaho Center 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.

Feb. 19 - Utah

The Del McCoury Band will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787.

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

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

Tonight and Saturday

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday

Karaoke contest will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 81 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., Hareilton. No cover charge.

Saturday

Kroakers 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.

Tuesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tuesday through Saturday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Thursday

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight

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.

Tonight and Saturday

Fly-2-Void will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. 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. 13

Sweet Water rhythm and blues band, featuring Daron Novotny, Troy Spence and Joe Yeargeonoff, will host the opened mic night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Monday night at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. All performers are welcome. No cover charge. For more information, call 308-0369.

Jan. 17-18 - Utah

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

Feb. 21 - Boise

The Waiters and Topaz will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21, 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.

Feb. 20 - Utah

Beansoleil will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, \$22 and \$27, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 21

Baritone Robert Sims will sing at 7:30 p.m. in Roger Auditorium in Twin Falls, a Magic Valley Community Concerts event. Tickets, which are sold on a space-available basis, are \$15 at the door. Season tickets are \$67.75 for adults, \$18.38 for students and \$91.88 for families. For information, call 733-4898.

Feb. 21 - Boise

Incense Clown Posse will play Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City. Take Interstate 186 to Exit 104.

Jan. 31 - Boise

Incense Clown Posse and 2 Live Crew will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Feb. 22

Violinist Lara St. John will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the King Center in Burley, a Mini-Cassia Community Concerts event. Admission, which is by season membership only, is \$31.50 for adults, \$15.75 for students and \$94.50 for families, and they're available by phoning 678-1798 or 678-1566.

JAZZ

Sunday

The Great Riff Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies Program, presents Jazz Sunday from 4:46 p.m. at Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Students and families are welcome. No cover charge.

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

Feb. 2 - Boise

Victor Wooten will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 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.

HIP-HOP

Tonight - Utah

Lil Flip, Clipse 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 Dacker Lake Drive.

Jan. 20 - Utah

DeeLEx will play Club Aspen in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club Aspen is located at 500 West 100 South.

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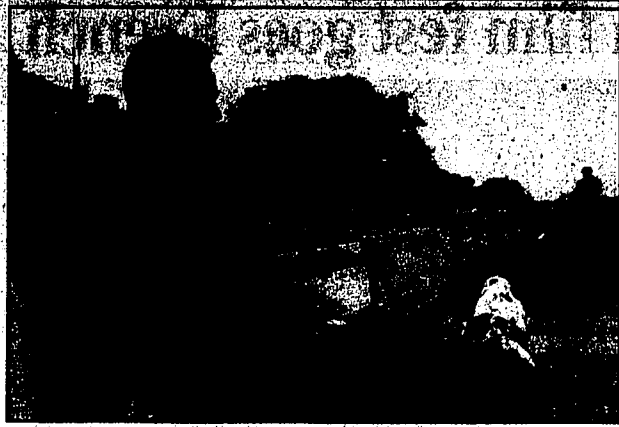
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Newly Dragan (Edward Norton) gets to spend 24 hours with his two best friends before he goes to prison for seven years for pushing heroin in '25th Hour.'

HOLLYWOOD CHAMELEON

Ed Norton fills many roles, both on- and off-screen

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD - Edward Norton is eating a burrito. It seems more a pastime that would have better suited Ed Norton, as the actor was known before he became famous. Unlike some of his contemporaries, Edward does not use a faux-familiar nickname like Tom, Brad, Matt or Ben; he's made it clear that he's not the guy who would ever end up in a Tiger Beat poster or deemed by people magazine the sexiest man alive.

You can even hear the Hollywood cognoscenti struggle with the all-too-human impulse to chuck the formality of his moniker and just call him Ed. But one fears, sitting across from Norton, clothed in a casual black shirt and jeans hanging off his frame, that such familiarity might be taken as reductio ad absurdum, an unwanted winnowing down of his persona.

Since he burst on the scene eight years ago with twin Oscar nominations for his film debut "Primal Fear" and then for "American History X," Norton, a onetime upper-middle-class kid from Columbia, Md., has been posted in public-relations speak as the Gen-Y actor's actor, the inheritor of the great acting mantle worn by such luminaries as Robert De Niro and Dustin Hoffman. In person, the 33-year-old looks like an elongated choirboy, with an actor's face perfect in its indistinct opaqueness and malleable as putty.

Hair dramatically changes his visage - it can rise upward from his scalp to give him fur, or flop around over his forehead to make him seem weak or sniveling. With the addition of a goatee (like in "American History X" or his current film, "25th Hour"), he can appear menacing, and without, he easily dissolves into sweet harmless.

At 6-foot-1, a tiny mustache lies across his upper lip like a dead caterpillar, an unfortunate reminder of a part (the villain) he didn't want in a movie ("The Italian Job") he didn't want to make but was forced into making (at the point of a multi-million-dollar lawsuit).

Norton doesn't much relish interviews, but he's not cold. Caught without a costume, he simply uses words to veil himself. His voice is thin, but he talks and talks, amiably like a savvy and articulate politician. Still, much of what he says drifts by in a haze of benign erudition, and that seems to be the point.

It's only in flashes that a more vital Norton pops out. One is the secretly amused, adoring light that emanates when he talks about his longtime girlfriend, actress Salma Hayek (only in context of course, discussing their film "Frida").

The other is a kind of contentiousness - mostly clamped down and tightly disciplined - that nonetheless flickers to life in the discussion of such life-and-death issues as artistic integrity. One senses that Norton enjoys debate. He also appears to have a taste for control. This is why acting, even at the level of being a movie star who can command \$9 million a picture, can be frustrating.

"I guess there's part of me that's always resented it, if you're a painter or a writer or a photographer, even if one's buying it, you can sit in your room and do it. But to be an actor, you have to



Ed Norton

Star of "Fight Club" and "Primal Fear"

have someone else say yes to you," he says. "You're beholden. Someone else is allowing you the opportunity, and that annoys me. Again, there's this sort of built-in vulnerability and lack of autonomy in terms of control of your own work as an actor. I always found that aspect of it very difficult."

Part of the reason is that, when working, Norton does not merely show up and recite his lines, but impresses himself body and soul on the production. Euphemistically speaking, he's a man of a thousand questions, approaching each role with his Yale-educated brain, ready for a little deconstruction.

He's also known to have wielded the pen himself on everything from "American History X" to last year's caper film "The Score," of which he says, "I rewrote 'The Score' pretty totally." He also wrote the shooting draft of "Frida," Hayek's labor of love, although he was denied credit in a Writers Guild arbitration. And of course, there's the famous tale of how he spent two months in the editing room of "American History X," which apparently improved the film but led to very public distress on the part of neophyte director Tony Kaye.

None of it is the expected role of an actor, particularly a relatively young one, but Norton thinks the customary terminology to describe relations between talent and directors is basically ignorant of the organic nature of the creative process. "I'm not being dramatic," he says, rising to the debate. "That's a received set of criteria, about arbitrary assignments of what's an actor, what's a director. It doesn't mean anything. Some people do certain things and some of them do others."

Still, the idea of an actor assuming alternate roles (such as screenwriter) gives many in Hollywood pause. The industry tends to view articulate, opinionated actors with great wariness, but it does make allowances, chiefly for box office clout - and also for talent. As one Hollywood player who knows him notes, "If he were stupid and difficult, that would be one thing. But he's smart and talented and difficult, that's another."

Even his friends and admirers say Norton can be challenging. "I think any actor who is reasonably smart is going to want to make sure the person who they're following into battle has done their homework. Under most normal circumstances, that probing ends three to four weeks into the making of the production. That's not true with Edward."

It continues through 4 in the morning on the last day of shooting," says David Fincher, who, through a grueling month-long shoot, guided Norton in an unnerving performance in the controversial "Fight Club."

"I appreciate that. It's nice to have a backboard, somebody to ricochet ideas off," says Fincher. "Edward tended to intellectualize the material but not his performance," says director Brett Ratner, who recently directed Norton in "Red Dragon." "He likes to challenge the director. It's all about intellectual debate. His questions are valid. It's not easy I think it did take some manipulation on my part to get him to do what I wanted. I thought he helped me make the film better."

Norton chortles with disarming laughter when asked if he's arrogant. "Arrogance is the assumption that you know best exclusively. It's like 'Broadcast News' when the guy says to Holly Hunter, 'It must be great to always be the smartest person,' and she says, 'No, it's awful.' It's hilarious. I've never felt like that though," he says. "You're lucky enough to get in the room with people like Fincher or Milos (Forman), you know you're not the smartest person in the room. It's great. I love those situations."

Norton takes pride in the careful selection of every movie he's made, shunning most mindless commercial fare, in an attempt perhaps to live up to his advance billing as a great American actor. This is why the situation with "The Italian Job" is so painful.

Norton fairly quivers with indignation when asked about it. He fastens his gaze on the listener and clearly enunciates every word, says: "My contract with Paramount explicitly forbids me from discussing the film or the nature of my employment without their permission and they have very definitely not given me permission to discuss it."

The fracas dates to "Primal Fear," when Paramount, in return for casting the unknown, extracted from Norton options for several more films at modest rates. It's a common studio practice, and according to several with knowledge of the deal, Norton's contract initially called for several options in the \$100,000 range, but was later renegotiated for one star at \$1 million, now almost 90 percent off his movie-star rate.

In the intervening years, the two sides haggled about what the film should be until, finally, the studio demanded one star in "The Italian Job," a remake of the Michael Caine heist film starring Mark Wahlberg and Charlize Theron. The studio threatened to file a multimillion-dollar lawsuit if he balked.

For Paramount, the deal has worked out fine. The studio cut \$8 million out of the budget and, says Friedman, "Norton's acted very professionally. We're thrilled with him." Of course, there's an alternate explanation to describe an Edward Norton who simply shows up and goes through the paces, no questions asked. This is the Edward Norton who doesn't care.

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Grand Ole Opry will honor legacy of Hank Williams

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Legend has it that when Hank Williams took the Grand Ole Opry stage for the first time in 1946 he sang "Lovesick Blues" and was called back for an unheard-of six encores.

Williams would spend the next few years as an Opry regular. But his career at the premier country music program was cut short by erratic, self-destructive behavior, and soon after that his life was cut short as well.

Fifty years after his mysterious death at age 27, Williams' influence on the Opry remains large.

"If you had to divide the history of the Opry into three or four major eras, Hank would be one of those," said Charles Wolfe, author of "A Good Natured Riot," a history of the Grand Ole Opry radio show.

The Opry plans to honor Williams this weekend when his son, daughter and grandson perform at the Ryman Auditorium. Daughter Jett Williams is to play Friday night, while Hank Williams Jr. and Hank Williams III share the stage Saturday in a rare joint performance. The Saturday show was to be televised live on the cable network Country Music Television.

Some call Williams' debut at the Grand Ole Opry "the night of the blue streak" because the crowd is said to have kicked up clouds of dust with its wild applause.

"I'd never seen anything like it before and never seen anything like it since," said Little Jimmy Dickens, a longtime Opry star who was there that night.

"He had something about him that people loved."

A wiry man with chiseled features and a cowboy hat, Williams played raw, honest songs such as "Cold Heart," "I Can't Help It (If I'm Still In Love With You)" and "Your Cheating Heart."

"Up until that point, country music was mired in the values and rhetoric of earlier days," Wolfe said. "Hank wrote about things people were really concerned about - divorce, loneliness, separation, drinking - real problems for real people."

But Williams' growing fame and his bouts with the bottle and pills began to take a toll. He found it harder to keep up with the Opry's vigorous schedule and missed shows. His performances often were erratic.

"He went on stage a lot of times when he shouldn't have," Dickens said. He described Williams as "the most moody man I think I've ever seen."

Williams eventually asked Opry managers to leave. They sent him back to the Louisiana Hayride radio show in Shreveport, La., where he had cut his teeth before coming to the Opry. Wolfe compared it to a minor-league farm club.

"They thought he'd go down there and straighten himself out and come back," he said.

But Williams never made it



This is an undated photo of country and western singer and guitarist Hank Williams. He was born in Georgiana, Ala., in 1923 as Hiram King Williams, and he died of a heart attack in 1953. Williams' tumultuous career and life ended on Jan. 1, 1953, but his legend has been growing for 50 years. Williams died in the back seat of his blue Cadillac while on the way to a concert. He was only 29.

back. He was found dead in the back seat of his Cadillac in West Virginia on New Year's Day 1953. He was on the way to a show in Canton, Ohio. The official cause of death: heart failure.

Some credit his continued popularity to his rebellious streak and untimely death, and of course to his music.

"You felt that this man had lived every line that he wrote, and in most cases he had," said

Eddie Stubbs, a Grand Ole Opry announcer and on-air personality at WSM radio in Nashville.

Hank Williams Jr. said that despite his father's checkered history with the Opry, it is fitting that his music be commemorated there on the 50th anniversary of his death.

"It was his ultimate goal and dream to perform and be a member of the Grand Ole Opry," Williams said.

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WEEKEND

Foreign film fest goes French

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Movie buffs will find something for every taste at this year's Magic Valley Arts Council's Foreign Film Festival that starts Jan. 15.

It's the 15th foreign film fest to be held at the Lamphouse Theater in Historic Old Towne.

This year's selections include movies from Tunisia, Italy, France and Iran.

The series event begins with a gala premiere on Jan. 15, and runs for five weeks through Feb. 16. The films will be shown on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

This year's movies include "Satin Rouge," a French film dealing with a growing child, belly-dancing and the rights of women in Tunisia's patriarchal society; "The Last Dance," an Italian movie about couples moving from their twenties into a more sedate lifestyle; "8 Women," a French comedy set during Christmastime in the 1950s; "Wasabi," the story of a French policeman who returns to Japan to investigate the death of a former lover, and "Secret Ballot," a tale of democracy entering a restrictive society during elections.

The gala is scheduled for the first night of the festival, from 6-7 p.m. at the Lamphouse. Tickets, which are \$20 and include champagne, hors d'oeuvres, drawings and admission to the movie, are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office or the Lamphouse Theater.

The festival's single ticket price is \$7.50. Punch cards of four and five punches are available for \$60 and \$32, respectively.

For more information, call 734-2787.

The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.



French action hero Jean Reno plays a cop who returns to Japan to investigate the death of a former lover in Luc Besson's "Wasabi," one of the movies in the Magic Valley Arts Council Foreign Film Festival.



Violinist Carrie Kennedy will perform on Jan. 11 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Violinist Carrie Kennedy plans Jan. 11 recital

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Violinist Carrie Kennedy, winner of the National Young Artist Competition, will perform in recital on Jan. 11 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with proceeds to be used for Music Club scholarships.

Kennedy, from Houston, won the 2001 National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist Award for strings. She is now studying violin performance at the University of Southern California.

Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students, are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, Everybody's Business and Welch Music in Twin Falls.

WEDDINGS

CLAYTON-PIERSON

BURLEY - Kimberly Ann Clayton and Adam James Pierson were married Dec. 28, 2002, in the Portland LDS Temple in Portland, Ore.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann and Don Clayton of Burley High School and is currently studying at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

The bridegroom is the son of Carolyn and Ken Pierson of Salem, Ore. He is a 1999 graduate of Sprague High School and is currently studying information technology at BYU. He served an LDS mission in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

KOYLE-JENSEN

BURLEY - Ray M. and Cheryl Koyle of Burley announce the marriage of their daughter, Emily Koyle, to Kevin Jensen, son of Miles and Janet Jensen of Logan, Utah.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of DeLoe High School and a 2001 graduate of the LDS Business College. She is employed at Snow Farm in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Logan High School and served a mission in Chile. He is attending the University of Utah and will graduate next year in exercise physiology.

The wedding was held Dec. 13.



Adam and Kimberly Pierson

continue their studies at BYU while living in Orem, Utah.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. today at the View LDS Church, 554 S. 490 E., Burley.



Kevin and Emily Jensen

2002. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the Unity 1st Ward Church, 275 S. 250 E., Burley.

Many wonder: Is HDTV in the picture yet?

The Washington Post

Is this the year to treat the family to a high-definition television?

It's a question many fear to ask without first getting the answer to a more basic question: If I spend a sum north of four figures for a high-def TV, what will I be able to see?

The answer, almost twice as much fear, is it was available last year at this time.

The push toward universal digital telecasting has been an often-confusing one for consumers. The issue recurred a dozen of finicky in the summer when the FCC mandated that nearly all new televisions be equipped with digital tuners by 2007. Conventional sets would require a tuner-decoder to receive these signals, but would display them within the monitor's limits.

Opinions vary as to whether now is a good time to purchase a high-definition set, but a few things are clear. Costs have come down considerably in recent years and will probably continue to do so. And if a customer does spring for a set now,

there will be something to watch.

Among the major networks, ABC makes all of its scripted prime-time comedies and dramas available in HDTV, except for its reruns of "Monk" and the new series "Dinotopia," which has technical complexities that prevent it from being presented in high def.

CBS airs its entire comedy and drama lineup in high definition, along with one daytime serial, "The Young and the Restless." NBC offers much of its prime-time roster of high definition, as well as "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

And an increasing number of high-profile sports events soon will be carried in high definition. Potential consumers, whether walking into an audio/video specialty shop or the TV section of a department store, can't help being impressed by high-definition television. Then comes the technical stuff.

The picture that greets the shopper is far better than the picture most people are used to, and the sound is better as well.

The image is in a 16:9 ratio of width to height, similar to the

manner in which most feature films are displayed and more closely matching the way we see the world with our eyes. The ratio on a conventional set is 4:3.

All high definition is digital, but not all digital is high definition. HDTV refers to the highest quality level of digital transmission, a distinction to keep in mind while shopping.

Some sets are sold with built-in tuners that are capable of receiving high-definition signals and displaying them on the set's HD monitor. These are referred to as integrated sets.

Others consist of HD-capable monitors that require the addition of an external tuner to decode the high-definition signals and pass them to the monitor. This type of set is called HD-ready.

Among the high-definition offerings on cable and satellite TV, HDNet, a high-def service available to DirecTV satellite subscribers.

HBO and Showtime offer HD transmissions via DirecTV and the Dish satellite service. Discovery's HD Theater is available from Dish.

Dilettantes start rehearsals for 'Oklahoma'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Rehearsals will begin Monday night for the Dilettantes of the Magic Valley's spring production, "Oklahoma."

The first session is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. Enter through the door next to the basketball courts.

Rehearsals will continue on weeknights, for three hours a night. Production crew is also needed.

"Oklahoma" will be staged on March 21-23 and 27-29.

For further information, call Ola Cannon at 733-8116.

Youth Orchestra starts rehearsals Saturday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will begin rehearsals for its winter concert

Saturday morning in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Rehearsals start at 9:30 a.m. All youngsters interested in joining

the orchestra should attend the first rehearsal. For more information, phone Judy Call at 734-7335. The orchestra's winter concert is scheduled for Feb. 22.

Tickets go on sale for 'The Nerd'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Friends of CSI Players, Twin Falls, first semi-professional theatre company, present an ensemble comedy, "The Nerd," on the side stage at the Lamphouse Theatre in Historic Old Towne later this month.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. Tickets cost \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance and are available at the Lamphouse Theatre, the CSI Community Education Center, or by calling 732-6288.

"The Nerd" is the story of William Gilbert. William has all that - a promising career as an architect, devoted friends, even,

maybe, a serious girlfriend. But then Rick Steadman, the ultimate put-itself first, comes to visit and puts everything in peril. Rick saves William's life in Vietnam and now he has come back to take advantage of a vow that William had made to him - a vow that as long as Rick lived, he would have one person on earth who would do anything for him.

So, much to the delight of William, Rick decides to take him up on his offer by showing up at his apartment in the middle of his birthday party. However, Rick overstays his welcome with

a vengeance. In fact, Rick comes painfully close to ruining William's career, and his social life. As the tension mounts and the situations become increasingly more ridiculous, William tries to out-nerd his sanity-destroying houseguest.

"The Nerd" features an ensemble cast of veteran actors, including Jud Harmon, Beau Davidson, Joe Requa, Camille Barigar and others.

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It's going to be as hard a game as we've had this year, probably the hardest we've ever played."

—University of Miami center Brent Romberg, on playing Ohio State for the national championship in tonight's Fiesta Bowl

Trojans trample Iowa

By Steven Wain Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer played loop- away from Brad Banks, and Southern California looked right at home playing in the Orange Bowl for the first time.

Palmer dominated his duel with Heisman runner-up Banks, helping the No. 5 Trojans to a 16-minute advantage in time of possession as they beat third-ranked Iowa 38-17 Thursday night.

Palmer led scoring drives of 79,

80, 99, 85 and 61 yards, helping USC blow open a game that was 10-all at halftime. He threw for 303 yards and a touchdown and was chosen the game's most valuable player.

Banks was limited to 204 yards passing and failed to lead Iowa's normally high-powered offense into the end zone until the final minute.

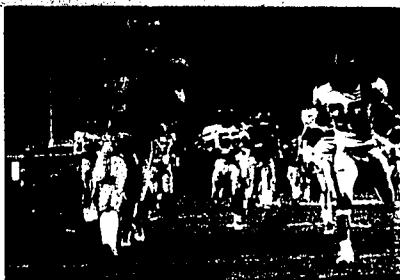
The Hawkeyes' biggest play came when C.J. Jones returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. Southern California (11-2) beat a top 25 team for the seventh

time this season. USC won its final eight games and snapped a nine-game winning streak by Iowa (11-2).

"We didn't think it would be this easy," said Mike Williams, who caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Palmer. "After the kickoff, they didn't do anything."

The Trojans outscored UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa 134-51 in their final three games, a showing that may be impressive enough to vault them to second in the final rankings behind the Fiesta Bowl winner. It would be USC's highest finish since 1979.

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USC's Justin Fargas takes the ball into the end zone after a 50-yard, third quarter touchdown run against Iowa Thursday in the Orange Bowl at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. Chasing is Antwan Allen (20).



Filer completes sweep

Jerome fails to avenge earlier loss

By Ely Garrow Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome Tigers hoped to avenge their early season loss to the Filer Wildcats, however, Thursday night was not their night.

The Wildcats got 21 points from Luke Gerrish, who had five of Filer's seven 3s, to sweep the Tigers 58-45 at Jerome on Thursday in their non-conference boys basketball game.

Filer defeated Jerome 51-39 at home on Dec. 21.

A back-and-forth first half had the Tigers (3-5) clawing toward the win and the Wildcats frustrated with their lack of offense although they held the 22-20 lead.

Jerome took its first lead of the night at 24-22 on a bucket by Brett Hamilton. Tyler Lunka and Cory Musgrave each hit field goals to extend the margin to 28-24 with 5:54 left in the third.

Gerrish responded by hitting a 3-pointer and then the second of two free throws to tie the game at 28. Filer would hit two field goals, but Jerome rallied with a field goal to close the gap to 32-30.

Filer coach Jim Annala was much happier with the second half.

"In the second half we played much better," he said. "They were more disciplined and they let the offense come to them and let the shots just come. Gerrish was able to make the shots."

Gerrish said the Wildcats (5-1) shared the ball.

"I didn't shoot well in the first, but then we ran then we were able to run the offense better in the second and I could score," he said. "My teammates did a good job of getting me the ball when I was open."

Tiger Houston Finn said that the game came down to
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Jerome forward Brett Hamilton goes up for two against Filer guard Skyler Collins in Thursday night's nonconference game in Jerome. Filer won the cross-canyon showdown 58-45 to sweep the season series.

Eagles sweep Spartans

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The new year proved to be happy for both College of Southern Idaho basketball teams on Thursday.

Playing in their first game at home since Nov. 23, the Golden Eagle men's shot 53 percent on 37-of-67 shooting to dominate overmatched Colorado Northwestern Community College, 106-55 at CSI Gymnasium on Thursday.

Sami Ibrahim led all scorers with 17 points, Dante Sawyer added 16 and Yakhoubia Diawara had 13 as CSI earned its first scenic West Athletic Conference victory of the season.

Earlier, the CSI ladies had three players in double figures to down the Spartans 85-62.

Coach Guy Beach said he was satisfied with the dominating performance by the men, who last played Dec. 7.

"2003 starting off with a win is very good," Beach said. "I was very pleased with the way we came out tonight. Colorado is not Duke, but with the same intensity they love to North Idaho by 15 and we beat them by 50."

The game was over by the 7:27 mark of the first half after the Golden Eagles (13-2, 1-2 SWAC) broke open a 11-7 game with a 26-2 run midway through the first half to take a commanding 37-9 lead with 7:27 still showing in the half.

The Spartans snapped an almost 10-minute scoreless streak in the first half with a pair of free throws by Stephen Hicks.

Leading 51-23 at halftime, CSI opened the second half with an 13-4 run then added another 11-2 spurt to open up a 75-29 lead with 10 minutes left.

Jeff Williams netted a season-high 11 points, which included three 3-point goals and Clint Deas added 11 rebounds.

Rickey Mitchell scored 12 points and Travis Day had 11 to lead the Spartans (0-3-11).
CSI shot a sizzling 59 percent in the first half (19-of-32) and
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball

- Richfield at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
- Castelford at M.V. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Hagerman at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
- Valley at Aberdeen, 7:30 p.m.
- Buhl at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
- Bishop Kelly at Twin Falls, 8:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball

- Richfield at Camas County, 6 p.m.
- Castelford at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.
- Gooding at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
- Kimberly at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
- Vallivue at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- Twin Falls at Bishop Kelly, 7:30 p.m.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Which school holds the Pacific 8 Conference record for kickoff return yardage in a bowl game?

...ANSWER below

IN BRIEF

Cowboys, Parcels make it official

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcels is back for sure, taking over the Dallas Cowboys Thursday to end any doubt about his return to the NFL.

Parcels was introduced by the team after more than a week of speculation and conflicting reports about a coach with a history of walking away from deals.

The two-time Super Bowl winner was hired three days after Dave Campo, saying he wanted a proven coach and a "change in philosophy."

"I'm energized, determined and I look forward to being part of the community here in Dallas," said Parcels, already wearing Cowboys colors — a silver-and-blue striped tie.

Parcels, who got a four-year contract reportedly worth \$17.1 million, will try to turn around a team that went 15-33 in the last three seasons. He is the first Cowboys coach with prior experience as an NFL head coach.

Utah State promotes former T.F. assistant

LOGAN, Utah — Jeff Choate, a former graduate assistant for the Utah State football team, was named special teams coordinator, head coach Mick Denney announced on Thursday.

Choate was the head coach and athletics director at Post Falls High School prior to coming to Utah State. He also was the defensive coordinator for the 1996 season at Twin Falls High School and also coached at Challis and Montana-Western.

Bronco comes back coach steps down

BOISE — Boise State University cornerback coach Kenny Lawler has stepped down, head football coach Dan Hawkins announced Thursday.

Lawler will return to Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif. to be the school's defensive coordinator. He coached at the college from 1995 to 1999 as co-defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach.

Lawler served one season at BSU under Dirk Koetter and two under Hawkins.

Hawkins has not announced a replacement for Lawler.

Compiled from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

UCLA, 259 yards in eight returns against Illinois in the 1947 Rose Bowl game.

'Canes, Buckeyes bristle for title tilt

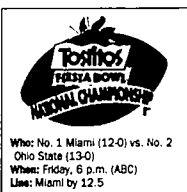
By Richard Rosenblatt Associated Press writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Miami is well aware of the expectations: Beat Ohio State easily for the national title, then go for a third straight championship and college football's longest winning streak next season.

Top-ranked Miami (12-0) is trying to win its sixth national title, all since 1983, and become just the second team since 1979 to take back-to-back championships. The Canes are favored by 13 points in the Fiesta Bowl on Friday night.

A victory would extend their winning streak to 35 games, 12 shy of Oklahoma's 47-game streak from 1953-57. The Hurricanes could then tie the record in the 2003 regular-season finale.

No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) is far from awed, though. The Buckeyes have national titles of their own, though none since



Who: No. 1 Miami (12-0) vs. No. 2 Ohio State (13-0)
When: Friday, 6 p.m. (ABC)
Site: Miami by 12.5

1968. Nine times since, they had chances and failed, mostly because of losses to rival Michigan at the end of a season.

The last time the Buckeyes needed a bowl win to clinch the title, they lost to Southern California 17-16 in the Rose Bowl following the 1979 season.

Both coaches said their players are anxious for action. Ohio State hasn't played for 41 days, Miami 27 days.

"The players are tired of practicing," said Miami coach Larry

Coker, 24-0 since he replaced Butch Davis before last season. "It's time to play the game, and we're happy to be on this stage."

So is Ohio State's second-year coach Jim Tressel, who won four I-AA national titles at Youngstown State.

"You just can't beat it. This is exactly what you prepare for," Tressel said Thursday. "We can't wait to get out there."

Tailbacks could determine the winner.

Simply, Ohio State needs a big game from Maurice Clarett to have a chance. The freshman ran for 1,190 yards and scored 16 touchdowns despite missing three games with injuries.

Clarett created a stir this week by accusing his school of lying about the reasons he wasn't allowed to fly home to attend a friend's funeral. He says it won't affect his play. It's just another bump in the road.

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Jordan battles emotions as Wizards beat Bulls in Chicago

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The good times and the memories are easier to forget when he's away.

But when Michael Jordan returns to the United Center, sees his fans and hears those thunderous ovations, even he

longs for the old days with the Chicago Bulls.

"When I'm not around here, my mind is focusing on representing my franchise. Anytime I step in this building, it's tough to see me not in red and white," Jordan said Thursday night after his second trip to Chicago as a visitor, yet another emotional homecoming.

"Tonight was different." And yet, oh, so similar. The United Center was rocking, and Jordan and his trusty sidekicks embraced yet another oppo-



Michael Jordan waves to the crowd after receiving a standing ovation when he was introduced before the game Thursday in Chicago.

nent. Only this time, Jordan was helping humiliate the Bulls as the Washington Wizards ran away
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SPORTS

Burley boys nab first victory

The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS - Burley got its first win of the season Thursday, beating Idaho Falls Skyline 65-64.

Burley's Scott Bame netted 21 points to lead all scorers, including two 3-pointers, and Cole Nelson added 15.

Burley started slow - down seven points and the end of the first - but made a comeback in the fourth to take the lead for the first time in the last minutes of the game.

Burley (1-6, 0-1 Region III) hosts Minico on Saturday.

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Blackfoot wrestles hand Mimico rare loss

By Scott Thompson

RUPERT - Blackfoot's Brian Barlow was one happy wrestler coach leaving Minico Thursday night.

"To tell you the truth, I just let it be a big old sigh," Barlow said. "That felt good. This is always one of those programs that's just tough to get a win on."

As expected, Blackfoot's strength came in the higher weights as every Bronco from 145 pounds and up qualified for state a year ago.

However, Mimico did get a pair of wins in that stretch, including an 11-7 come-from-behind victory by Nate McLellan at 160 pounds and a pin from 171-pounder Joey Vail, who ran his record to a perfect 80 on the season.

For Vail, the victory was satisfying on many levels, as it avenged a pair of losses to Blackfoot's Tyson Taylor from a year ago and came in front of family members from as far away as Texas.

And not to mention some from Blackfoot.

"(Taylor's) next-door neighbors to my uncle, who came here," Vail said. "So, we're good friends. My grandpa sold them the land their house is on."

Vail wasn't nearly as friendly on the mat, running out to a 7-0 lead before pinning Taylor at the 3:46 mark. Seven of his eight wins have come via pins.

"Joey made a statement tonight," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "He skipped wrestling this summer for wrestling camp and his hard work is paying off."

In another match pitting two of the top wrestlers in the state,

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Hossa nets four as Senators blast Thrashers

OTTAWA (AP) - Marian Hossa had a career-high and team-record four goals - including three straight in the first period - to lead the financially troubled Ottawa Senators to an 8-1 victory Thursday night over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Ottawa, which leads the Eastern Conference with 53 points, played its first game since failing to meet its payroll after a complex refinancing deal fell through two days earlier.

Todd White - selected earlier in the day as the NHL's player of the month for December - Jody Hull, Shaun Van Allen and Radek Bonk also scored for the Senators. They have lost just three of their last 26 games (19-3-4).

Hossa, who also had an assist, scored on Ottawa's third, fifth and seventh shots for a 4-0 lead and chased Atlanta goalie Byron Dafeo 12:03 in. Hossa got his third hat trick of the season, then added his fourth goal of the game and 25th overall against Milan Hrnjicika at 6:02 of the second period.



Ottawa's Marian Hossa scores his third straight goal past Atlanta's Byron Dafeo in the first period in Ottawa Thursday. Hossa had four goals in an 8-1 Senators victory.

blanked the Blues before Cory Stillman scored his 15th goal of the season and the 150th of his career at 6:35 of the third period.

Thibault made his 14th straight start in goal, following a 33-save effort in a 2-0 victory over the Kings on Monday, and is 9-23 in that stretch.

Alexander Karpovtsev, Theo Fleury and Steve Sullivan also had goals for Chicago.

Panthers 4, Avalanche 1

DENVER - Viktor Kozlov scored two goals, Jani Hurne scored 27 shots and Florida flexed its road muscles once more.

Despite winning for just the second time in seven games, the Panthers earned a point for a 14th straight road game. They are 6-0-4-4 in that span.

Olli Jokinen and Lance Ward also scored for Florida, which got three first-period goals against David Aebischer. Peter Forsberg scored his fifth goal in three games for the Avalanche.

The Hawkeyes earned a first down at the 1 with 10 seconds left in the half, but after Banks overthrew Brown in the end zone, they sent in the field goal team.

Consecutive false-start penalties pushed the ball back to the 11, and Bernard Riley then blocked Kaeding's 29-yard attempt, ending the half with the score tied.

Towa never recovered from that deflating sequence. USC took the lead for good by driving 80 yards on the first possession of the second half and scoring on Williams' acrobatic catch.

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down drives on each of his first three possessions in the second half and totaled 363 yards in the second half.

"They weren't used to our speed," Kelly said. "We're a second-half team, and we came out with a lot of fire."

The matchup was dubbed the Rose Bowl of the East because Pasadena is the more traditional post-season reward for both teams, but Southern California thrived in the unfamiliar setting.

Justin Fargas rushed for 122 yards, including touchdowns of 4 and 50 yards. Williams caught six passes for 99 yards, including his 14th touchdown reception of the season to tie an NCAA freshman record.

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Palmer completed 21 of 31 passes, feasting on a defense that ranked last in the Big Ten against the pass. His 65-yard bomb to Kareem Kelly set up Southern Cal's first score, but mostly Palmer made short throws to keep the drive alive.

"He was the better quarterback tonight," Kelly said. "The Heisman showed up."

Banks, a Florida native playing with dozens of relatives in the stands, went 15-for-20 and threw his first interception since Oct. 19.

Iowa's muscle was a concern for Southern California coming into the game, but instead the speedy Trojans wore down the Hawkeyes. USC mounted long

Filer

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rebounds and turnovers for Jerome.

"We have two problems; we don't rebound and we turn the ball over, and in actuality that's what it boils down to," he said. "We had excellent practices and we fix it our problems in practice and then it shows back up in the games. I expected some much better stuff tonight."

Brett Hamilton led Jerome with 11 points.

CSI

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10 of 11 free throws. The Golden Eagles broke the century mark for the fifth time this season, but the first in nine games.

The College of Eastern Utah men's and women visit CSI on Saturday.

"Saturday's going to be a big game," Beach said. "If we play the way we can inside, we'll beat them."

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No. 3 Blue Devils remain perfect, trouncing Fairfield

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - Dahtay Jones scored 22 points and J.J. Redick had 20 as No. 3 Duke beat Fairfield 86-58 Thursday.

Williams added 16 points and 10 rebounds for Duke, which improved to 8-0 for the 11th time in 23 seasons under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Duke held a double-digit lead for most of the game but shot just 39 percent.

The Blue Devils held the Stags (5-5) to 37 percent shooting, blocked 11 shots and forced 23 turnovers.

Oscar Garcia scored 19 points for Fairfield.

College Fairfield 86-58

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Nine area wrestlers get No. 1 rankings in first poll

The Times-News

BUHL - Nine area wrestlers top the state's inaugural Idaho high school rankings of the new year in their weight divisions, according to independent wrestling authority Rocky Bartlett of Buhl.

In Class 5A, Bartlett ranked Minico 112-pounder Eric Adams and 171-pounder Joey Vail and Twin Falls 125-pounder Ryan Pohlan as the best in the business at their weight classes.

The Spartans' 10 ranked wrestlers were by far the most of any local team. As a team, Minico is ranked fourth, while Twin Falls is not ranked.

In Class 4A, neither Burley nor Jerome were ranked and neither squad had anybody ranked as No. 1 individually. Burley had six wrestlers ranked, while Jerome had three and the top six in their weight classes.

And not to mention some from Blackfoot.

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Jordan

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with a 1:19 left to play. Jalen Rose led the Bulls with 26 points.

The game was not over really in doubt after the first quarter. Leading by one, Jordan made a fallaway jumper to spark a 12-2 run that gave Washington a 26-15 lead with 1:48 to play in the first.

In the second quarter, Stachouse made it a back-to-back baskets to cap a 20-8 run and give Washington a 75-48 lead with 1:40 left in the third.

Chicago fans were so disgusted they booed the Bulls at the end of the period. One fan held up a sign saying, "Krause is a total f---in' fault," in a reference to Bulls general manager Jerry Krause.

Fiesta

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Willis McGehee, who ran for 1,686 yards and 27 touchdowns, is only one of Miami's go-to guys.

While the Hurricanes are counting on their tailback's power and speed for a few big gains, their versatile offense can score quickly in other ways.

With Ken Dorsey - 38-1 as a starter - at the controls, the 'Canes averaged 41.3 points and 473.9 yards.

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MINICO WRESTLERS RUL



The conference champion seventh-grade wrestling team at East Minico Middle School consisted of, in no particular order, David Burgara (first, 75 pounds), Jimmy O'Dell (first, 84), Tim Harris, Zack Paul, Wesley McClary, Thamy Breze (fourth), Nathan Crane (second, 98), Jared Montgomery, Spencer Ulrich, Chris Killoy (third, 103), Derek Jentzsch (third), Anthony Salinas (third, 112), B.J. Lee, Raymond Ralph, Eduardo (third, 119), Jaren Wheeler (fourth, 119), Landon Whitesides, Zane McKnight (second, 125), Brian Christiansen (third, 125), Alex Rodriguez (second, 145) and Brady Cooper (first, 152). The team finished 8-0 in conference and won its fourth straight title.

East Minico's eighth-grade team also won its fourth straight title. The team consisted of the following, in no particular order: Sean Ahern (82, 82 pounds), Vicente Martinez (third, 82), J.D. Cameron (fourth, 82), Daniel McClary (first, 90), Adam Shope (third, 90), Travis Horton (second, 98), Josh Clapier (first, 103), Kirk Taylor (second, 103), Colby Anderson (first, 112), Aaron Malhot (second, 112), Zack Peterson (third, 112), Nino Olmos (second, 119), Jeremy Aragon, Derek Gonzalez, Martin Eguert, Matt Tracy (first, 128), Tyson Hoyt (fourth, 128), Cory Rogers, Casey Hruza (first, 130), Chris Warr, Kottae Barrie (second, 135), Brian Gillespie (fourth, 138), Elias Nevarez (fourth, 140), Josh Garcia, Rhett Jones (first, 152), Jed South (second, 152), Jessie Quilroz (first, 160), Jack McChile (second, 171), Ryan Snyder (third, 171), Chance Pebley (first, 183). The team finished 8-0.

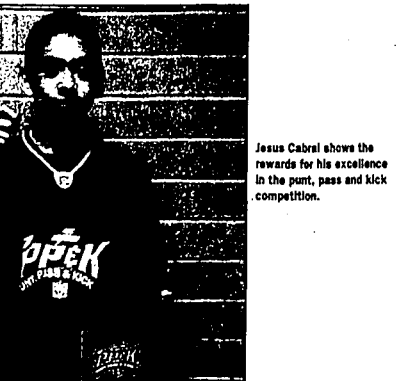
Local youth shines in punt, pass, kick event

The Times-News

Jesus Cabral, a seventh-grader at Mirtuagh High School, recently took second place in the 2002 NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick Team Championships in Seattle.

Cabral won both the 12-13-year-old boys local competition held in Mirtuagh and the regional competition held this fall in Filer. To earn the right to compete in Seattle, Cabral's sectional scores were compared to boys in five other states where he ranked fifth overall.

Cabral is the son of Adolfo and Elena Cabral of Mirtuagh. The family won tickets to see the Seattle Seahawks play the Philadelphia Eagles.



Jesus Cabral shows the rewards for his excellence in the punt, pass and kick competition.

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Photo courtesy of Gatorade Games

Bowling center is run by rivals, turned partners

Many of you bowlers know about Snake River Bowl in Mini-Cassia co-owned by Wally Studer and Marty Holland.

But do you know the history of Wally and Marty? They were former competitors turned co-proprietors. Wally started at Rupert Bowl in 1976, 10 years later he purchased it from the previous owners.

Over the years Y-Dell's business steadily declined and Marty, admittedly a dithering manager in the center. Even though Wally reinvested several thousand dollars in the Rupert Bowl, he felt it didn't make sense to keep spending money. He simply needed to expand on his country's keep running the center.

The bowlers understandably wanted more. By the mid-1990s, Marty, who is the Cassia County assessor, was operating Y-Dell only part-time. Both men realized the area could only support one center.

Wally had heard that Marty was thinking about rebuilding and if he built a new center it would make bowling news from him. Consequently, if he built a new center it would have a serious impact on Marty's business. The two bowlers had known each other for years and had bowled in each other's centers, so they figured they could be compatible business partners.

Two years passed before the two would be partners received a loan for a new bowling center. The Snake River Bowl cost \$1.8 million. They saved money by using much of the equipment from their old centers, including pinsetters, house balls, rental shoes and restaurant equipment. This made a big difference as they could not have afforded to purchase all new equipment.

The merger was not an easy decision for Marty, particularly since the Y-Bowl had been a family business for more than five decades.

Wally runs the day-to-day operations of Snake River Bowl, while Marty is available for consultation on any issue.

When the center opened there were a number of changes. It is a smoking facility and it has an open bowling.



At the old centers, leagues play generated 70-75 percent of revenues. At Snake River Bowl leagues generate about 35 percent.

The men were recently profiled in Bowling Center Management Magazine, where Wally is quoted as saying: "I would like to have had an additional \$50,000-\$100,000 in loans, but I wouldn't change much. Going bigger created more potential to do other things such as promotions, open play and company parties. You still have to wear many hats, but it's easier. I think it's important for proprietors to realize that other proprietors and bowling centers are not their competition. It's other forms of entertainment."

When asked if they would partner in the joint adventure again, they both responded, "Without a doubt."

The magazine is the only publication devoted exclusively to bowling center operators and is an official publication of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA). The recent article on Snake River Bowl was written by Barry Sparks, a freelance business writer based in York, Pa.

Junior bowlers get rolling. Now that the holidays are over it is time to get those junior bowlers back on the lanes. On Saturday, Jan. 18, all ages can bowl at the Bowlarama at 9:30 a.m.

On Jan. 13, right after school, high school leagues get under way and on Jan. 16, also right after school, leagues will start for junior high-aged bowlers and below. So call and sign up or just have those junior bowlers there on the respective dates. Now, Let's Go Bowling!

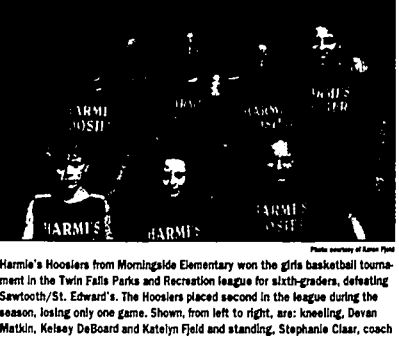
Thelma's column appears regularly in YourSports. Contact her at 733-4377, or e-mail at thelma@starlink.com or fax at (208) 733-3197.

STRONG SHOWING



Twin Falls Junior runner Tyler Jones placed 30th out of 324 runners at the National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships in Carrolton, Ga., on Dec. 14.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS



Harmis Hoosiers from Morningside Elementary won the girls basketball tournament in the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation league for sixth-graders, defeating Southport/St. Edward's. The Hoosiers placed second in the league during the season, losing only one game. Shown from left to right, are: kneeling, Devan Matkin, Kelsey DeBoard and Katelyn Field and standing, Stephanie Clear, coach Hannah Heldenreich, Becci Smith, Melissa Bolton and coach Jayme Hamilton.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

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Advertisement for YMCA/City Pool and YMCA Memberships, including pricing and contact information.

Boise, Jan. 13, 2003

Agriculture gains ground

Idaho farmers record more sales while rest of economy worsens

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — While the rest of the economy was sliding, Idaho farmers enjoyed record sales and income in 2002.

University of Idaho agricultural economists reported farm and ranch receipts topped \$4 billion for the first time, rising 5 percent, or \$183 million, from 2001.

At the same time, farm income — receipts less expenses — was up 11 percent to nearly \$1.3 billion.

Both sales and income records were set with only limited government payments.

"These are the good old days for agricultural producers," said R.G. Taylor, assistant professor of agricultural economics.

Government payments in Idaho last year totaled just \$30 million, less than a quarter of the cash the Agriculture Department shelled out the year before. Taylor said it proves that Idaho agriculture is not reliant on the federal dole.

The benefit of a solid profit year is also augmented by record-low interest rates that keep operating costs down as farmers begin 2003.

But the prosperity was not across the board.

"This year, the teeter-totter that is the agricultural economy dipped on the livestock side and rose on the crops side," Taylor said.

Still, the increase in crop commodity earnings stood in stark contrast to the past several years when both livestock and crops sagged under the weight of global surpluses.

The generally strong showing of field crops reflected the ability of Idaho producers to capitalize on

shortages in more drought-stricken areas of the nation.

Idaho's signature crop, potatoes, posted the strongest comeback. Growers benefited not only from a 45 percent increase in the market price but an 11 percent rise in production.

The combination pushed receipts to nearly \$900 million, a record.

But it was not enough to topple dairy production as the state's top commodity. Even though dairy farmers saw sales fall 11 percent last year, they still managed to generate \$523 million.

Beef producers suffered a 14 percent decline in receipts, to \$790 million.

A HELP TO THE CASH POOR



Alisa and Glen Atkins stand on the terrace of their home in the Hollywood Hills section of Los Angeles, Monday. The Atkins are among the many senior citizens who have taken out reverse mortgages. Reverse mortgages, that allow homeowners to borrow against the equity they've built up, have been available for years but didn't really gain popularity until the early 1990s.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Genealogists plan Jan. 18 conference

BOISE — The Idaho chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will hold its Winter Conference Jan. 18 at Boise State University's Student Union Building.

Five Idaho professional genealogists will present one-hour sessions at the all-day conference, which is open to the public from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the second floor of the Student Union Building by the Hatch Ballroom.

Conference presenters are Gene Williams, certified genealogical records specialist; Boise, Ronald Ames Hill, certified genealogist; Star; and Loretta Evans, accredited genealogist; Gayle Hix, certified lineage specialist; and Veldon Hix, all of Idaho Falls.

A few of the conference topics include research in U.S. land records, newspaper research and being a professional.

APG is an independent organization with more than 1,300 members worldwide. Members include genealogists, historians, researchers, librarians, archivists, writers, editors, consultants, indexes, instructors, lecturers, columnists, bookkeepers, publishers, computer specialists and geneticists.

Registration for the all-day conference is \$30, which includes a boxed lunch and free parking. For preconference registration, contact LuAnne Martin at P.O. Box 313, Boise, Idaho 83701 or 461-8861 or by e-mail at luanne@earthlink.net.

Computer makers tout recycling old machines

WASHINGTON — The traditional last resting place for a discarded computer is anywhere it won't be in the way — in a closet, under a lamp, in the attic, anywhere. But there are a growing number of computer-recycling options that won't take up space.

More than 100 of the new recycling programs don't involve picking old computer parts — which can include several toxic chemicals — into the trash.

Computer makers Dell, Gateway and Hewlett-Packard have recently launched or improved programs to collect old PCs and printers from any manufacturer.

The message is that whatever you do with your old computer, don't throw it in the trash," said Michele Glaze, a Dell spokeswoman. "That's not an appropriate way to get rid of any piece of any electronic equipment."

At the Dell Exchange Web site (www.dellexchange.com), people have four options. They can donate old models to a nonprofit organization, recycle them for proper disposal, trade them in for a discount on a new Dell or auction them to the highest bidder.

HP offers to do the recycling work for the consumer as well (www.hp.com/go/recycle). The company charges for shipping and handling \$13 to \$34 per item, depending on the type of hardware to be returned.

Returned equipment is either donated to nonprofit organizations or, if too old to be useful, broken down to its key commodities at shredders the company has in California or Tennessee.

Gateway's new Trade-In Program (www.gateway.tradeups.com) offers consumers a rebate when they purchase a PC or other products from Gateway and trade in their old hardware. For a limited time, in addition to the trade-in rebate, consumers trading in older PCs will receive \$100 credit Gateway.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Chairman wants new tax break

BOISE — The chairman of the House tax-writing committee wants to trade one major business tax incentive for another.

Nampa Republican Dolores Crow is proposing a plan to put a three-year moratorium on Idaho's investment tax credit so the state could adopt the Bush administration's accelerated schedule for allowing businesses to write off a portion of their new investments.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said last spring when the federal tax break was proposed that the state would not adopt it because of the \$25 million annual price tag for three years.

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However, Idaho's production increased to 54 million bushels, up 7 percent from the previous year, while prices also rose 7 percent, according to figures compiled by the University of Idaho.

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Reverse mortgages catch on with seniors

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Helen Grady thought she had run out of options. The 76-year-old widow was in poor health and in danger of losing her home because of mounting debts. Her roof leaked, the well was contaminated and the dishwasher was broken.

"I knew I was losing the house and it was going to be sold for taxes. I used to be awake all night thinking, 'Oh God, where am I going to go? What's going to become of me,'" said Grady, who has no living children and lives off \$1,008 a month in Social Security.

Then the Canadensis, Pa., woman went to a seniors' meeting where she heard about reverse mortgages, and later took one out.

"This mortgage has given me the right to stay independent," Grady said. She had to sign an agreement to stay in the home for five years as part of her deal. "Suits me. I told them when I go out of this house I'm going feet first and with a tag on my toe. I love my spot."

Reverse mortgages have been

available for years but didn't really gain popularity until the early 1990s. Essentially a mirror image of traditional mortgages, they let homeowners borrow against the equity they've built up without having to pay the money back until they either move or die.

Today, reverse mortgages are increasingly a salvation for seniors with mounting health and retirement incomes that have fallen in tandem with the stock market and interest rates.

The National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association reported that for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, lenders closed a record 13,049 reverse mortgages — a 63 percent increase over the previous record of 7,982 in 1999. Los Angeles, Denver, New York, Detroit, San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, Santa Ana, Calif., Richmond, Va. and Newark, N.J., were the top 10 areas where seniors sought the loans.

A reverse mortgage allows a senior citizen to "continue to live independently, and comfortably, right where they are," said Peter

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THE REVERSE MORTGAGE

Money up front, payment at back end

Applicants for reverse mortgages must be at least 62 years old, live in their home as their principal residence and have some equity established. They also must receive mandatory counseling on how reverse mortgages work.



Loan criteria

- ▶ age (older applicants qualify for a higher amount)
- ▶ value and amount of equity in the home
- ▶ where the applicant lives
- ▶ current interest rates

Upon approval

If the loan package is approved, the applicant can choose a lump sum or:

- ▶ fixed monthly payments
- ▶ a line of credit
- ▶ a combination of the three

Making the payment

When the loan is repaid, the amount due includes the money borrowed, accrued interest and typical fees such as:

- ▶ origination fee
- ▶ credit report fees
- ▶ insurance premiums
- ▶ endorsements

SOURCE: National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association AP

Brewers worry about poor barley crop, rise in price

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from the previous year, to 57 million bushels.

Production in Canada dropped 33 percent, according to Statistics Canada.

Disease, drought and other weather problems were to blame for the drop in production.

Thanks to the steep decline, quality malting barley has been bringing \$3.50 per bushel or more at grain elevators, compared with about \$2.25 last year at the same time.

"The last time we had a price spike this high was in 1988," said Jim Broten, a Dazey farmer and chairman of the North Dakota Barley Council.

"The ones who were lucky enough to have a pretty fair crop, especially if they didn't contract, they're going to come out with a good barley year," Broten said. "Unfortunately, that's a small minority."

The Milwaukee-based American Malting Barley

Association, which represents major U.S. brewers such as Anheuser-Busch and Miller along with major U.S. maltsters, is asking farmers to closely monitor the crop they have stored in their bins.

"Rainfall during or just prior to harvest has made a substantial portion of the crop unsuitable for malting due to initiation of germination ... and high grain moisture that leads to heat or mold damage," said Michael Davis, president of the trade association.

Ray Albrecht, an agronomist with Cargill Malt, said poor weather conditions during 2002 might limit the supply of quality peating seed in the spring.

Many farmers have a smaller-than-normal crop to sell, and not all barley is of high grade, Broten said.

Broten said some brewers began contracting with farmers late last year for this year's crop

Drug use in the workplace

Seminar will give employers advice

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project, a coalition of Magic Valley employers, plans a seminar this month on illegal drug use in the workplace.

Registration for the Jan. 16 seminar, dubbed "Reasonable Suspicion: Recognizing & Deterring Drug Use in the Workplace," is free.

The morning session deals with drug recognition, and the afternoon with documentation, treatment and legal issues. The seminar aims to address such questions as: What are the signs and symptoms of drug use on the job? How do you document an employee who may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol? And, how can you effectively and legally confront an employee if there's reasonable suspicion?

Here's the seminar's speaker list:

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The seminar will run from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Jan. 16 at the College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Administration Building, Room 276. Lunch is not included.

Space is limited, the coalition said. To register, call 733-1300 or visit www.mvdrugfree.org online.

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— a process that does not normally start until after the first of the year.

"Contract prices are up 80 cents to a dollar (per bushel) over last year," Broten said.

Scott Heisel, a vice president and technical director with the American Malting Barley Association, said brewing companies typically do not disclose how much supply they have on hand, for competition reasons. But he said "there has been a shortage of malting barley."

Heisel declined to comment on whether that could lead to higher beer prices, citing competition among brewers.

Broten said planted barley acreage in North Dakota likely will increase slightly because of the higher grain prices driven by the reduced supply.

"If we have a short crop again ... it could be a problem," he said. "People don't quit drinking beer."

MONEY

Rally leads to gains for many last quarter

Mutual funds may have finally yielded positives

By Bill Deener
The Dallas Morning News

Investors may get the heebie-jeebies just thinking about opening a quarterly mutual fund statements this month. But it's OK — tear into those fourth-quarter statements, because a pleasant surprise may await. The headlines were scary and the markets were volatile, but most fund investors made money in the fourth quarter.

"The quarter didn't feel very good, because we got off to such a nasty start, and we didn't end the year very well either," said Christine Benz, editor of Morningstar FundInvestor, a newsletter for small investors.

"But sandwiched in there was one heck of a rally."

The stock market hit what seemed to be its bear-market bottom on Oct. 9, with the three major averages below their previous bear-market lows of last summer. At that point, the Dow Jones industrial average had lost about one-third of its value since 2000, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index had given up about half.

But after that plunge, the market spent the rest of October and much of November on a steep upward trajectory that restored 1,700 points, or 24 percent, to the Dow. The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index climbed an impressive 34 percent.

Stocks spent most of December in a serious funk — in fact, it was the worst December for the Dow since 1931 — and some of the quarter's bear market lows were trimmed, but the final tally was still positive. The average U.S. diversified stock mutual fund gained about 6 percent in the

quarter, according to preliminary estimates from Lipper Inc., which tracks mutual fund performance.

This was a dramatic turnaround from the third quarter, when the average stock fund dropped 14.3 percent.

"The market was really sold out after Oct. 9, and no area was oversold than technology," said Larry Puglia, portfolio manager of The R. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund. "We bought some of the beaten-down tech stocks in October, and that really helped us for the quarter."

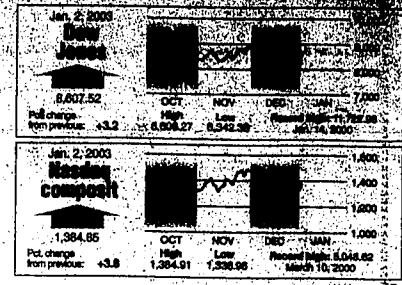
Puglia's fund was up about 14 percent for the quarter, but stout gains were the norm with almost every mutual fund category posting good results. The average large-cap growth fund, one of the largest and most popular fund categories, posted a 4.8 percent gain. Even with that performance, however, this category still remains down 28.6 percent for the year.

Another popular category — large-cap value — gained 8.2 per-

cent in the quarter, but like the growth category, it remains in negative territory for the year, down 20.2 percent. Value stock funds typically buy slow-growing, more mature companies, while growth funds buy faster-growing, often more immature companies.

Bond funds also continued to post some respectable gains for the quarter, adding to the already stellar performance of the previous three quarters. For example, the average corporate bond fund gained about 2.6 percent in the quarter and is up 4.6 percent for the year, according to Lipper.

Michael Kennedy, manager of the Stein Roe Liberty Intermediate Bond Fund, explained that falling interest rates have provided a nice tailwind for bonds, since bond prices rise as interest rates fall. At the beginning of the year, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury bond was yielding 5.1 percent, but it has fallen to its current yield of 3.8 percent.



Manufacturing report prompts stock rally

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street had a strong start to 2003 Thursday with stocks posting their best gains in more than two months. The Dow Jones industrial average also soared more than 260 points following an unexpected surge in the manufacturing sector.

"We got a positive manufacturing report and that really was a turn-on," said Larry Wachter, market analyst at Prudential Securities.

The rally was also owed to investors' relief at the end of three years of declines and the start of a new year. Many institutional investors are busy buying stocks. The Dow closed up 265.89, or 3.2 percent, at 8,607.52, claiming its biggest one-day gain since Oct. 15, when it rose 378.28. The rally came on the heels of the Dow having lost 16.8 percent in 2002 and 27.5 percent from 2000-2002.

The broader market was also sharply higher. The Nasdaq com-

posite index rose 49.34, or 3.7 percent, to 1,384.85 after falling 31.5 percent last year and 66.9 percent over the past three years. The last time the Nasdaq had a bigger one-session gain was Oct. 15, when it climbed 61.91.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 29.21, or 3.3 percent, to 909.03, following last year's loss of 23.4 percent and a three-year drop of 40.1 percent. The last time the S&P had a stronger finish was Oct. 15, when it rose 39.83.

The market was cheered by news that U.S. manufacturing activity grew in December for the first time in four months. The Institute for Supply Management said its index of business activity rose to 54.7 in December from the 49.2 in November. A reading above 50 indicates the manufacturing sector is growing, while a reading below 50 signals contraction in the sector.

Tax

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But Crow, one of the major advocates of the \$110 million tax enacted in 2001, says her proposal makes it possible to become the cost of the credit is greater than that of the speedier depreciation.

That could change, however, if President Bush enhances the depreciation incentive as has been discussed.

Ideaho business leaders are interested, but they want to see details before giving their blessing.

The investment tax credit lets businesses erase up to half of their state taxes by applying 3

percent of the value of equipment purchases during that tax year.

Credits accrued — because they exceed half the taxes owed or there was no tax bill — can be used during the next 13 years. It is one of the last broad-based state investment credits to survive the elimination of the federal investment credit two decades ago.

Economists estimate the credit cost Idaho about \$30 million in 2001.

The federal tax break initiated after the Sept. 11 attacks lets businesses immediately deduct 30 percent of the value of post-

attack investments, followed by 20 percent on the remaining balance. The break is available on investments through Sept. 11, 2004.

Potentially complicating the issue is the possibility that Bush's new economic stimulus package could raise the accelerated depreciation rate to 50 percent.

State analysts are still refining their estimate of the cost to Idaho of the 30 percent rate. Based on the earlier projection, a 50 percent rate could drain more than \$40 million in state revenue.

The projected deficit in the 2003-2004 state budget is \$160 million — without accounting for

the accelerated depreciation at any rate.

The state's largest business lobby, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, wants accelerated depreciation adopted, but it also wants to keep the investment tax credit.

"It might be that many companies would find themselves in a position of not being able to use the investment tax credit as much because of lower corporate earnings right now," Association President Steve Ahrens said. "I'd want to see the range of options available before feeling like the investment tax credit could be put in abeyance for three years."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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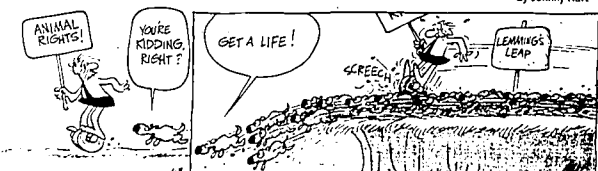
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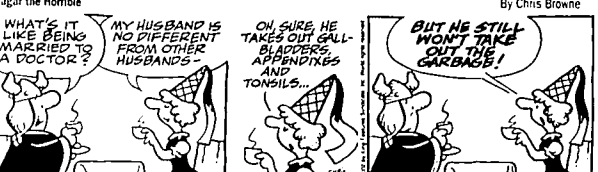
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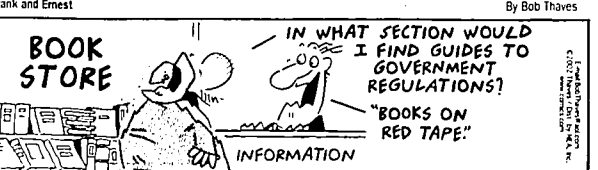
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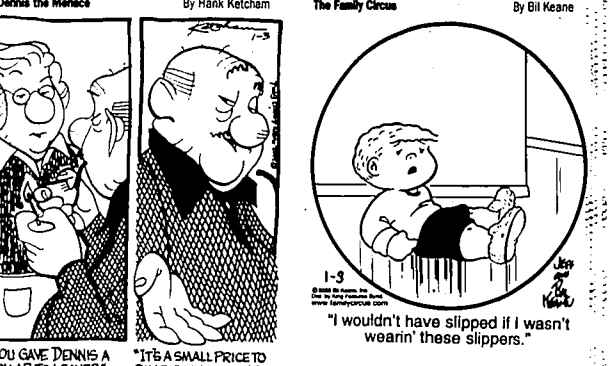


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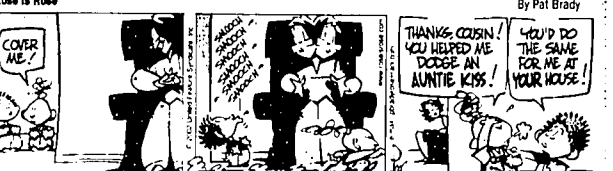
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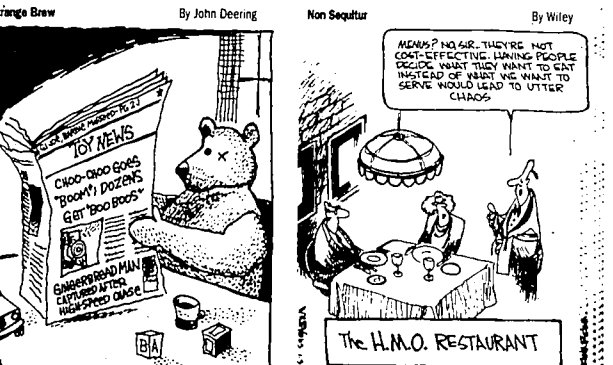


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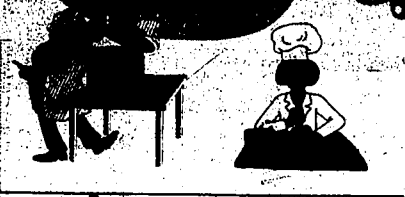
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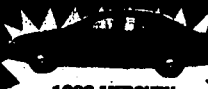
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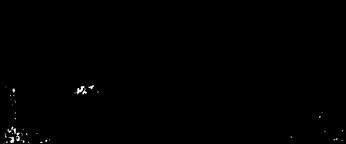
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