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"I cannot in all good conscience raise taxes 30 percent (from 5 percent to 6.5 percent sales tax), especially on those folks who are out of work in Burley."



— Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome

"Generally speaking, (the governor) is saying what I've been saying all along. I think a sales tax increase is inevitable. Whether 1.5 cents is the right amount is a good question, and probably a shorter sunset timeline is needed. You can always extend a sunset."



— Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer

"It's still raining outside, and I don't think it's necessary to put money away in a rainy day account. If he wants to raise that much money — \$270 million — we should put it into education."



— Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum

Kempthorne: No fat to trim

In budget address, governor presses case for tax hikes, says schools, social services, prisons should receive more funding

By Bob Fick
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne laid out a \$2 billion budget on Thursday that he said can only maintain core state services if lawmakers approve his proposed \$270 million tax hike.

"We have cut the fat — and we cut into the muscle," Kempthorne said. "We are not asking our citizens to pay more to expand government. We are asking them to participate in ensuring that we can meet the critical needs of the people of Idaho — today and into the future."

The only option to higher taxes, he told lawmakers, is the unacceptable elimination of essential programs and vital services.

Kempthorne, who briefed state agency managers on his plan about three hours before his address to a joint session of the Legislature, also pointed out that he has incorporated the \$19.5 million in spending cuts he imposed last summer to balance this year's budget.

The spending levels recommended for



Gov. Kempthorne talks about the budget Thursday in Boise.

"The comment was made that we're not going to grow government. The projected growth in state revenues is 4.1 percent, and yet the budget is growing faster than the 4.1 percent growth. The e-mails I've gotten so far is that people don't want an increase in the sales tax."

— Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert

"I think 1.5 cents is too much. When (the governor) talks about all the agencies being cut, he's talking about the original appropriations, not the actual expenditures after the holdbacks. It appears that he's actually getting an increase from that. Community colleges would actually get a 1.5 percent increase."

— Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

"The thing is, if you're not being over. The state's revenue branch has to be able to do the job that it's supposed to do."

— Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley

"I think it's a pretty tough sell. We need to watch the revenues as they come in. We need to work through the process with JFAC. We need to get the department heads and the Legislature and the public to understand what we're already doing and what we're already funding. We need to get the Legislature and the public to understand what we're already doing and what we're already funding."

— Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls

"Depending on what we want to fund. We need to look at exemptions and further cuts in the budget."

— Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone

"I'm not sure I'm satisfied with the idea. We have a process and we have to go through it. We have to get the numbers and the options and then make some tough decisions."

— Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

"I hope when we get through the numbers, we don't have to go that high. I think the governor's message is pretty clear and we do arrive at that solution, then we need to put a sunset clause on it that is almost irrevocable."

— Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl

Educators welcome reprieve from cuts

Funding increases would be slight; CSI arts building part of plan

By Robert Mayer
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley educators weren't rejoicing, but neither were they complaining about Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

The governor has proposed slight spending increases both for the College of Southern Idaho and public schools.

And he has given the green light to a delayed expansion of CSI's Fine Arts Building.



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CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said he was relieved to see the governor's proposed 4.3 percent increase for community colleges, but added that an increase in student tuition and fees remains likely.

Kempthorne's plan calls for CSI to receive \$9.8 million in state money for the 2004 fiscal year, up from \$9.4 million this year. K-12 schools across the state would get a boost as well with \$619.4 million, a \$17.2 million increase over this year's budget. Accounting for the previous holdbacks, that essentially would bring the public school system budget back to 2001-02 school year figures.

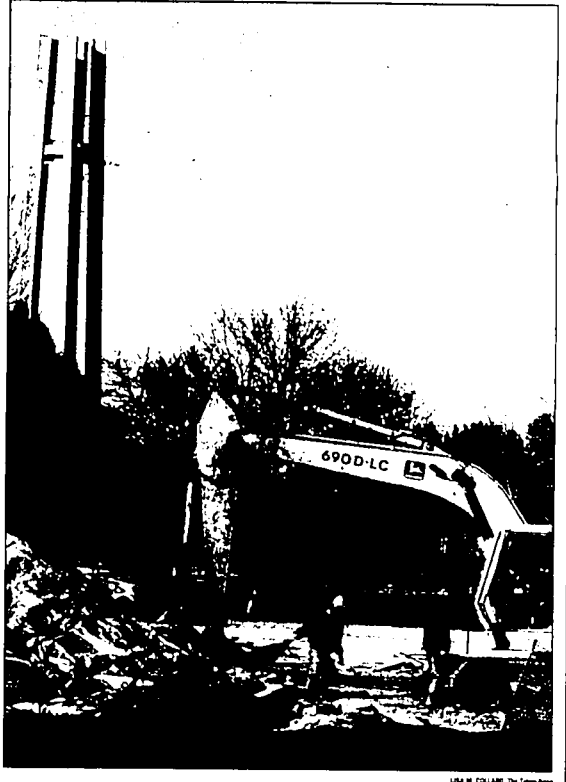
Neither CSI nor public school employees should expect significant pay raises under Kempthorne's plan, officials said.

CSI's staff members were generally understanding about the lack of raises during last year's budget crunch, but Meyerhoeffer wonders if that understanding will remain for a second year.

"It's very difficult," Meyerhoeffer said. "It's a morale issue. This is the biggest issue to deal with."

Because community colleges receive state money in one lump sum, CSI can divert some toward pay raises for a few staff members, Meyerhoeffer said. But such raises would be sparsely distributed to those who have increased in rank, or received additional education or have taken on additional responsibilities. There will be no cost-of-liv-

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Having money set aside enabled the College of Southern Idaho to start construction on a new Student Union Building. An expansion of the Fine Arts Building, however, had been put on hold due to last year's state holdbacks. But if Gov. Dirk Kempthorne gets his way, the project will be back on the table.

Idaho lawmakers get new clout

Simpson nabs key finance panel seat



Rep. Mike Simpson

By David Enrich
 States News Service

WASHINGTON — Thanks to their increasing seniority and the Republican takeover of the Senate, Idaho's four GOP lawmakers are receiving plum committee assignments and boosting the overall clout of the state's congressional delegation.

Rep. Mike Simpson was named this week to the House

third congressional term, says he is the first Idahoan in 50 years to sit on the House committee. He

also noted that the Pacific Northwest and mountain regions currently are under-represented on the committee.

"There has been a void there, and I wanted to fill that void," Simpson said. "I hope to use my position on the Appropriations Committee to help bring new opportunities and economic growth to Idaho."

Holding one of the several dozen seats on the panel generally is a good — but not guaranteed — way for lawmakers to steer more federal spending toward

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U.S. scales back talk of late January deadline for Iraq

By Robin Wright
 Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The drumbeat of war may be losing momentum.

After weeks of mounting expectations that an invasion is imminent, the United States and many of the key players in the showdown with Iraq indicated Thursday that U.S. weapons inspections will run on well beyond the Jan. 27 due date for the first formal report to the world body on Saddam Hussein's cooperation.

Barring solid discoveries or new evidence about Iraq's weapons programs, widespread assumptions about a U.S.-led military operation beginning in early February may also be off, according to U.S., European and U.N. officials.

"It's wrong to assume anything has to happen in January or February. We're not in this to call a quick war, so don't assume any timetable," a senior State Department official said Thursday.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool with on and off light rain or snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tomorrow: Slightly above normal temperatures along with mostly cloudy skies and mostly dry conditions. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Isolated to widely scattered rain and snow showers and cloudy skies. Highs near 40.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Lows in the middle 20s.

Tomorrow: Above normal temperatures, mostly cloudy skies and mostly dry conditions. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snow showers and flurries will be likely for today and tomorrow. Small accumulations of snow in the higher elevations with the valleys not seeing much in the way of accumulations.

Today Highs 23 to 34. Tonight's Lows 8 to 19.

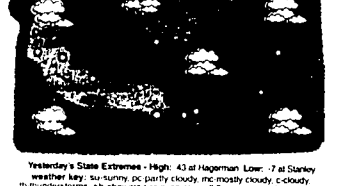
BOISE
Clouds will prevail for the next several days and scattered rain and snow showers will come and go as well. Precipitation will generally be light and any snowfall will be confined to the mountains.

Today Highs/Lows 37 to 42/28 to 33.

NORTHERN UTAH FORECAST

Today: Scattered rain and snow showers are likely today with a few showers continuing into Saturday.

Today Highs/Lows 37 to 42/28 to 33.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 43 at Hagerman, Low: -7 at Starley weather hazy; sun sunny; pt partly cloudy; ic mostly cloudy; c cloudy; fl; thunderstorms; sh; showers/rain; sn; snow; fl; flurries; w; wind; m; missing

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy skies and a few rain or snow showers	Mostly cloudy, snow, isolated snow showers	Mostly cloudy, breezy and moist	Cloudy, cool and mostly dry	Cloudy skies and spotty rain or snow showers	Scattered light rain and snow showers
High 38	Low 29	40 / 29	44 / 30	42 / 28	37 / 24

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature Yesterday's High: 37 Yesterday's Low: 20 Normal High/Low: 33/18 Record High: 49 in 1963 Record Low: -11 in 1974	Precipitation Yesterday's: 0.00" Month to Date: 0.01" Normal: 0.24" Avg. Water Year to Date: 3.28" Temp. in Precipitation used through 6pm yesterday	Humidity Yesterday's High: 100% Yesterday's Low: 54% Today's Forecast High: 88% Today's Forecast Low: 65%	Barometric Pressure 6 pm, January 10: 30.15	Sunrise and Sunset Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 4:56 PM
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MOON PHASES

Month	Phase	Day
Jan. 10	Full Moon	Jan. 10
Jan. 18	First Quarter	Jan. 18
Jan. 25	Last Quarter	Jan. 25
Feb. 1	New Moon	Feb. 1

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	39/30	43/32	45/33
Bonanza Ferry	38/30	42/31	44/32
Burley	40/26	44/23	43/24
Chubbuck	39/30	43/31	45/32
County of Adams	29/18	31/23	33/28
Elio, HI	40/25	43/21	44/31
Endicott, OR	21/17	23/18	25/19
Gooding	40/30	42/30	44/31
Jerome	31/21	35/28	37/31
Hagerman	41/26	43/28	47/29
Hailey	38/23	41/28	39/29
Idaho Falls	39/28	43/31	45/32
Kalispell, MT	24/06	28/18	33/20
Lewiston	34/28	42/36	45/30
Madad City, MD	35/25	38/22	40/21
McCall	31/20	35/28	37/31
Maria, MT	27/15	30/20	33/21
Pocatello	34/26	37/26	39/25
Porland, OR	45/37	46/42	47/50
Rupert	38/28	42/35	44/32
Reburig	23/16	30/17	30/21
Richardson, WA	38/28	42/35	44/32
Rogerson	30/20	40/30	44/31
Salt Lake City, UT	12/02	14/01	16/01
Spokane, WA	41/20	41/20	42/30
Starley	29/18	31/25	30/30
Sun Valley	33/14	33/20	35/21
Twin Falls	38/28	42/35	44/32
Yellowstone, MT	19/2	22/10	23/18

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	34/16	31/21
Edmonton	28/16	30/12
Lethbridge	30/21	28/23
Regina	29/14	23/16
Seattle	28/21	27/23
Vancouver	46/34	48/32
Victoria	46/34	47/38
Winnipeg	32/16	21/16

Yesterday's Weather

City	High	Low	Wind	Conditions
Boise	38	21	W 15	Partly cloudy
Burley	41	24	W 15	Partly cloudy
Chubbuck	40	23	W 15	Partly cloudy
Endicott	40	25	W 15	Partly cloudy
Gooding	40	30	W 15	Partly cloudy
Jerome	31	21	W 15	Partly cloudy
Hagerman	41	26	W 15	Partly cloudy
Hailey	38	23	W 15	Partly cloudy
Idaho Falls	39	28	W 15	Partly cloudy
Kalispell	24	6	W 15	Partly cloudy
Lewiston	34	28	W 15	Partly cloudy
Madad City	35	25	W 15	Partly cloudy
McCall	31	20	W 15	Partly cloudy
Maria	27	15	W 15	Partly cloudy
Pocatello	34	26	W 15	Partly cloudy
Rupert	38	28	W 15	Partly cloudy
Reburig	23	16	W 15	Partly cloudy
Richardson	38	28	W 15	Partly cloudy
Rogerson	30	20	W 15	Partly cloudy
Salt Lake City	12	0	W 15	Partly cloudy
Spokane	41	20	W 15	Partly cloudy
Starley	29	18	W 15	Partly cloudy
Sun Valley	33	14	W 15	Partly cloudy
Twin Falls	38	28	W 15	Partly cloudy
Yellowstone	19	2	W 15	Partly cloudy

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Moonrise	12:25 PM	Moonset	12:41 AM
Starley, HI Above	12:25 PM	12:41 AM	12:41 AM
Starley, HI Below	12:41 AM	12:41 AM	12:41 AM

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Forecast: High 10, Low 6

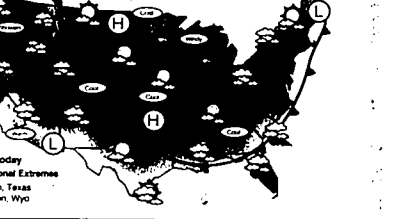
SNOWPACK

Starley, HI Above: 95%	Starley, HI Below: 79%
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Anchorage	60/35	60/35
Albuquerque	58/45	61/50
Atlanta	65/57	73/63
Baltimore	52/37	55/41
Boston	51/33	52/38
Buffalo	52/37	55/41
Chicago	54/38	55/41
Cincinnati	54/38	55/41
Cleveland	54/38	55/41
Dallas	54/38	55/41
Denver	54/38	55/41
Detroit	54/38	55/41
Houston	54/38	55/41
Kansas City	54/38	55/41
Las Vegas	54/38	55/41
Los Angeles	54/38	55/41
Los Angeles	54/38	55/41
London	54/38	55/41
Madrid	54/38	55/41
Memphis	54/38	55/41
Miami	54/38	55/41
Minneapolis	54/38	55/41
New York	54/38	55/41
Oakland	54/38	55/41
Philadelphia	54/38	55/41
Portland	54/38	55/41
San Antonio	54/38	55/41
San Diego	54/38	55/41
San Francisco	54/38	55/41
Seattle	54/38	55/41
St. Louis	54/38	55/41
St. Paul	54/38	55/41
Salt Lake City	54/38	55/41
San Jose	54/38	55/41
San Juan	54/38	55/41
Sarasota	54/38	55/41
St. Petersburg	54/38	55/41
Tampa	54/38	55/41
Washington	54/38	55/41
Wichita	54/38	55/41
Zurich	54/38	55/41

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Idaho

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their districts. Nonetheless, Simpson said Idahoans should not expect a sudden influx of federal largesse.

"Sometimes you have to say no to your own constituents because what they want may not be in the interest of the country as a whole," he said.

Sen. Larry Craig will retain his seat on the Senate Appropriations panel.

Idaho's other Republican senator, Mike Crapo, will become chairman of a subcommittee that has jurisdiction over issues involving fisheries, wildlife and water. He also has been named to the Senate Budget Committee, which sets the broad parameters of federal spending.

"The impact of congressional fiscal policy on the economy of any state, as well as the nation as a whole, is hard to underestimate," Crapo said. He said the fiscal would help him push for federal discipline and balanced budgets.

Meanwhile, Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter was assigned to the House Energy and Commerce committee, which has jurisdiction over a wide range of issues including energy production, telecommunications and some areas of agriculture.

"This will give us a seat at the table on such issues as national energy policy, dam reauthorization and the Bonneville Power Administration, Superfund Cleanup, Medicaid and the Internet," Otter said. "Everyone from workers at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to residents of the Coeur d'Alene Basin stands to benefit."

Craig already sits on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and it will become chairman of its Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee.

Otter and Crapo each have been named to one of several deputy whip positions in the House and Senate, positions they both have held in previous sessions.

The promotions in committee assignments come at a good time for Idaho, because Craig, the only Idahoan in a leadership role, is losing his position due to term limits. He was going to serve as a "counsel" to former GOP Senate leader Trent Lott, but Lott stepped down last month because of a racially charged statement. Craig spokesman Will Hart said the senator will not have a formal role with the new Senate Republican leader, Bill Frist of Tennessee.

But Craig is hardly losing all power. He was chosen to only the Senate Special Committee on Aging, a position he held for several months before Democrats took control of the Senate mid-way through 2001. He also picked up a seat on the powerful Judiciary Committee, which is expected to be a battleground over the next two years for President Bush's judicial nominees.

"He's excited (about) the potential of promotions to the Supreme Court," Hart said.

The senator also is hoping that the judiciary panel seat will help him push for a third federal district court judge in Idaho and for legislation to remove Idaho from the jurisdiction of the notoriously liberal 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Budget

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most agencies were still below those authorized by lawmakers five years ago before the bottom dropped out of the economy. And state employees would see pay frozen for a second straight year although increased health insurance premiums would be covered by the state.

Only a few targeted areas - public education, health care for the poor and the prison system - would operate with budgets higher than they were authorized for the 2001-2002 spending year.

"We've made the cuts, we've gone to our savings accounts, and friends, the reserves are virtually depleted," the governor said.

"While Idahoans recognize that programs and services have been reduced during these difficult times, they also recognize that the state has a fundamental responsibility to provide for both current and future needs in education, public safety and vital health care.

But it was still not enough to convince many lawmakers that his three-year sales tax increase is the only way to avoid unacceptable cuts in essential government programs and services.

"It is a pretty austere budget," said Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said. "But the members don't believe that we've already cut into the muscle. They believe there are still places to cut."

"If the vote's taken today, he probably wouldn't get the tax increase," Cameron said. "But who knows what March brings."

As he described the 2.9 percent increase in general tax spending for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, Kemphorne acknowledged that lawmakers need time to come to grips with the severity of the financial crisis, but he agreed that when they do they will proceed with him.

His proposed support for public safety at \$69.4 million is only about \$9 million more than was originally approved for the 2001-2002 fiscal year before the economy began deteriorating. The three universities and Lewis-Clark State College would get nearly \$9 million more than this year and still be \$14 million short of the budget originally approved for 2001-2002.

But University of Idaho President Robert Hoover, after suffering two successive years of declining state support, said the governor was now moving in the right direction.

"Given the fiscal situation, it was very helpful to all of us in higher education," Hoover said.

One of the few expansions Kemphorne recommended was an increase of \$1 million in cash for college scholarships - based on financial need. That would put

Lawmakers take on warming

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Key lawmakers contended that President Bush is mishandling the threat of global warming launched a drive this week for mandatory limits on carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases that many scientists blame for a troubling rise in the Earth's temperature.

Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., unveiled their plan to require all U.S. power plants and industries to set mandatory targets for the reduction of industrial greenhouse gas emissions at a hearing by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

Senate Minority Leader Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. James Jeffords, I-Vt., meanwhile, touted a new "Global Climate Security Act" to address the problems of climate change and air pollution and promote clean energy.

And House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., and other GOP House moderates are supporting tough measures to combat rising temperatures while voicing impatience with the pace of some of Bush's voluntary initiatives.

Bush has called for more research into the causes and effects of global warming.

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N. Korea pulls out of nuclear treaty; U.S. governor will travel to country

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a former U.N. ambassador, became a surprise intermediary between the United States and North Korea, meeting Thursday night in his state with two envoys from the communist country.

Tensions escalated late Thursday when North Korea's official news agency announced the nation's withdrawal from the global nuclear arms control treaty.

Leaving the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty will free North Korea from safeguard obligations to the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, the news agency said. "The withdrawal from the



Gov. Bill Richardson

United States of plotting to invade it.

The announcement came as the United States was awaiting a reply from Pyongyang about its decision to open dialogue to seek

a peaceful resolution of the country's nuclear weapons development.

Richardson walked the two officials out of the governor's mansion after what Richardson's spokesman described as a working dinner, and the North Koreans left in a white sports utility vehicle, with neither then nor Richardson commenting to reporters. They were to meet again Friday.

"I want to be able to help my country," Richardson, who was sworn in Jan. 1 as governor, said earlier. He had visited North Korea on two diplomatic missions while he was still a member of Congress during the 1990s.

Deficit predictions soar with Bush plan

The Washington Post

President Bush's 10-year, \$674 billion economic growth package — coupled with a war with Iraq — would push the federal budget deficit well into record territory next year, and possibly as high as \$350 billion, private-sector budget forecasters said Thursday.

Measured against the size of the economy, a \$350 billion deficit would still be smaller than the deficits of the late 1980s and early 1990s. But in sheer dollar terms, it would easily eclipse the \$290 billion record set in 1992, the last

year of George H.W. Bush's administration. It also represents a steep fall from the record \$236 billion surplus of 2000.

Moreover, the deficit's rapid rise is coming just a few years before the aging baby-boom generation begins to make itself felt on federal spending, said David Wyes, chief economist at Standard & Poor's DRI.

"The collision course is pretty easy to see," agreed Diane Swonk, chief economist at Bank One Corp. in Chicago.

But those rosy predictions have

central issue in the coming debate in Congress over the president's ambitious economic package, which was unveiled in Chicago on Tuesday.

"Tax cuts are not free," said Sen. John Breaux, a key Bush ally in the battle over his 2001 tax cut.

That year, when Bush proposed a 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut, lawmakers believed those funds would be easily covered by the \$5.6 trillion budget surplus that forecasters were anticipating through the end of this decade.

But those rosy predictions have evaporated.

Iraq

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day on condition of anonymity. "We have to exhaust the U.N. process to get people to come through with military and other support."

At the White House, press secretary Ari Fleischer stressed Thursday that President Bush has not imposed a timeline on the process. "The president has said that he wants the inspectors to be able to do their jobs, to continue their efforts, and that's what we support," he told reporters.

The flurry of signals from the Bush administration is in part to "puncture the bubble" of speculation about U.S. intentions amid a rapidly accelerating deployment of American troops near Iraq, the State Department official said.

But it also reflects some of the complex realities of the process — and several reasons for caution.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix is likely to ask for more time Jan. 27 if the U.N. teams have not yet found evidence of any nuclear, chemical or biological weapons or ballistic missiles in Baghdad's arsenal.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has been the strongest U.S. ally, said Thursday that the inspections are only "in the middle" of a process and that Jan. 27 should not be seen as any kind of deadline for a decision about war.

"We're asking the (inspectors) to step up the intensity of what they're doing. But they've got to do it professionally, and they need time," Britain's U.N. ambassador, Jeremy Greenstock, told reporters after Blix briefed the Security Council on Thursday.

"Jan. 27 will be another in a series of reports, and probably not the last."

Schools

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ing increases to compensate for inflation, he said.

CSU's Fine Arts Building expansion had been put on hold, along with a number of other construction projects at state colleges and universities. Kempthorne proposes to move forward with the \$60 million in projects — CSU's would use \$5.4 million — by issuing bonds that would be repaid over 20 years.

For K-12 public education, Kempthorne's proposed budget was \$28 million less than Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard had requested.

"I'm not surprised," Howard said. "After we listened to the State of the State speech, we knew this state does not have the money to support essential services."

Despite Howard's request for a 2 percent increase, teacher and administrator salaries would likely change little under Kempthorne's plan. Public school employers would continue to move across the salary schedules, receiving additional pay for experience and more education, but probably not see other raises.

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terrell Donich said the proposed budget would allow the district to maintain the status quo.

"It's a positive sign that education is not being cut further," he said. "If this is the most we can hope for, it's kind of depressing, in that it doesn't move Idaho any further than it was two years ago."

While that could mean Twin Falls might not have to revisit staff and program cuts like those last spring, Idaho's public school budget doesn't bode well for

accommodating the federal mandates in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Donich said.

One area of concern is the requirement that calls for "highly qualified" staff.

"You can't enhance teacher quality if salaries don't increase," Donich said.

By offering lower salaries than those in surrounding states, Idaho will have a tough time recruiting and maintaining a "highly qualified" staff, Donich said.

Both Meyerhoeffer and Donich recognized that Kempthorne's budget is merely a proposal and will go through numerous revisions as it makes its way through the Legislature.

"It's got a long way to go before it gets through the process," Donich said.

Discovery allows glimpse of dawn of the universe

The Washington Post

Astronomers have gotten their first glimpses of the cosmic dawn, a time more than 13 billion years ago when the light of the earliest stars and galaxies came glimmering through the remnants of a primordial fog.

Two independent teams of astronomers, pushing modern technology to its limits, on Thursday reported the discovery of multiple faint galaxies and three blaring quasars that may have helped end the cosmic "dark ages." This murky period began perhaps 300 thousand years after the universe was born in the big bang, and persisted for hundreds of millions of years. During this epoch, the young universe was clouded with light-absorbing hydrogen gas.

"The question of when the first light formed was addressed by religious texts for a long time before scientists could start to deal with it," said Avi Loeb, of Harvard University, a leading theorist in this emerging field of inquiry, in a phone interview.

"This is the first time in human history that we are able to address this question scientifically."

At a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Seattle, a group led by Xiaohui Fan, of the University of Arizona, announced it had discovered the three new quasars, including the most distant one ever detected. The quasar images show what the scientists believe are the shadows of the last wisps of obscuring hydrogen fog. The key observation was made by the 2.5 meter telescope of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, at Apache Point Observatory in New Mexico, and verified by telescopes in Hawaii, Texas and Spain.

"These discoveries are giving us the first glimpse of the universe when it was only 5 percent of its present age," said Michael Strauss of Princeton University, a leader of the project.

Bat saliva could aid stroke victims

DALLAS (AP) — A substance in the saliva of vampire bats could prove to be a potent new treatment for strokes, an Australian scientist says.

"When the vampire bat bites its victim, it secretes this powerful clot-dissolving substance so that the victim's blood will keep flowing, allowing the bat to feed," said Dr. Robert Medall of the Monash University Department of Medicine at Box Hill Hospital in Victoria, Australia.

That same substance — Desmodes rotundus salivary plasminogen activator, or DSPA — might someday be given to stroke victims to dissolve clots and

thereby limit brain damage, he said.

The substance has yet to be tested for effectiveness and safety in humans, but it showed promise in preliminary experiments in mice. The findings were reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Stroke, published by the American Heart Association.

The research involves ischemic strokes, which are the most common kind of stroke and occur when a blood clot or narrowing of blood vessels prevents blood from getting to the brain. The other type of stroke is a hemorrhagic stroke, which occurs when a blood vessel bursts and causes bleeding in the brain.

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Yemeni security personnel will train in United States

SANA, Yemen — Yemeni security officers will be trained in the United States to improve counterterrorism efforts in their homeland, which has seen a rash of attacks linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, the U.S. Embassy announced.

In a statement posted on the embassy Web site Wednesday, it said the Defense Department would train as many as nine Yemeni officers.

One would be sent to the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., while between four and eight officers from Yemen's military intelligence would study English at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, the statement said.

Yemen has been on the front line in the U.S.-led war on terrorism and its government signed on as Washington's partner after the Sept. 11 attacks. But anti-American sentiment has been running high over Washington's perceived support for Israel and the standoff with Iraq.

Land mine injures U.S. soldier in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — A U.S. soldier stepped on a land mine while helping in mine clearance at Bagram Air Base on Thursday, and his foot had to be amputated, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The soldier stepped on the mine at about 9 a.m. at the south-east side of the base, the U.S. military headquarters said. Roger King, the soldier's name was being withheld pending notification of loved ones.

Mine-clearing efforts have been under way at Bagram for months. Two decades of war left an estimated 5 million to 70 million mines in Afghanistan, the vast majority of them placed by the Soviets during their 1979-1989 occupation.

Police capture woman wanted in child abuse case

NEWARK, N.J. — A 30-year-old woman who was supposed to be caring for three young brothers found dead or starving in a locked basement was captured after a four-day manhunt Thursday when a stalker turned her in.

Authorities had been looking as far as North Carolina for Sherry Murphy since Saturday, when two of the brothers were found emaciated and starving in her home. The next day, authorities discovered the body of the third brother stuffed into a purple plastic storage bin.

The case has touched off a turf war over New Jersey's child welfare system, which had investigated complaints about the family but closed the case last year. Murphy, 41, was arrested on child endangerment charges.

The man who turned her in had seen her crying at a phone booth near a go-go bar and offered her a place to stay after she told him she had just arrived from the South with no where to go. Mayor Sharpe James said. Joe Claude Dessources later requested that Murphy be sent to his cousin's apartment next door and called police. James said.

Police arrest suspected al-Qaida after shootout

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistani police and FBI agents — acting after a month of surveillance — opened a house on the outskirts of Karachi's largest city Thursday, arresting three suspected al-Qaida operatives in a hail of gunfire and grenades.

Police said at least two foreigners, both apparently of Middle Eastern origin and suspected of being linked to Osama bin Laden's terror network, were among nine people arrested. It was the third major arrest of terrorism suspects in Karachi in less than a month.

Intelligence officials say Karachi — the site of a series of attacks on foreigners last year — has become a haven for al-Qaida members who fled U.S. operations in neighboring Afghanistan.

Afghan official: Four Taliban fighters die in gun battle

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — At least four suspected members of the so-called Taliban militia were killed and two others captured

Nation/world in brief

after a gun battle in southeastern Afghanistan with soldiers from the nation's new army, a government official said Thursday.

The soldiers confronted about 60 fighters during a routine patrol on Monday in the area of Balai Zhar, about 75 miles southeast of Kandahar, said Khalid Pashtoon, a top government spokesman in Kandahar. The Afghan soldiers suffered no casualties, he said.

Kandahar was the stronghold of the Taliban, the rigorously Islamic regime that was ousted from power in late 2001 by a U.S.-led military coalition.

Angry Sharon says he didn't know about \$1.5M loan

JERUSALEM — An angry Ariel Sharon said Thursday he did not know about a \$1.5 million loan from a longtime friend to his prime minister's center of corruption allegations that for the first time seriously threaten the prime minister's prospects for re-election on Jan. 28.

A few minutes into his prime-time news conference, Sharon was yanked off the air. The head of Israel's Election Commission deemed the prime minister's claim that the opposition Labor Party was orchestrating the scandal to be political propaganda — which is not permitted on radio or television before an election.

The "recent days" bitter exchanges — Labor leader Amram Mitzna has called Sharon a "Godfather" — reflected a new intensity in a campaign whose outcome could shift the course of two years of Middle East violence. Mitzna is calling for an unconditional return to peace talks with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Sharon called early elections after Labor bolted his coalition in November in a dispute over Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At the time, it was expected that Israeli voters, angry over two years of fighting with the Palestinians, would hand Sharon an easy victory. But several polls on Thursday showed Sharon's lead has been largely wiped out by the widening corruption scandal.

Giant statue of Hindu god topples, killing worker

NEW DELHI, India — A giant statue of a Hindu god toppled this week, killing at least one worker and injuring several others, police said Thursday.

The 108-foot statue of the Hindu god Krishna collapsed Monday in the village of Nar Singhpur on the outskirts of the town capital, said police officer Ram Kisan said. About two dozen laborers were working on the statue, which had been under construction for six years, at the time of the accident.

Most Massachusetts state senators will forgo raises

BOSTON — Most of Massachusetts' state senators have agreed to pass up a constitutionally guaranteed pay raise to help deal with a looming \$3 billion deficit. But the debate is still raging among members of the House.

The senators are taking their cue from new Republican Gov. Mitt Romney and Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, who recently announced that they would give up their pay for their entire four-year terms to help pay their state's deficit salaries. Both are independently wealthy.

Government says gas prices could spike

WASHINGTON — Even if war is averted in Iraq, motorists should be ready to pay at least a dime a gallon more for gasoline this spring, the Energy Department says.

Oil and gasoline imports from Venezuela probably won't return to normal before summer — if then.

Despite tight supplies of crude, the Bush administration gave no sign Thursday it was ready to use emergency oil reserves to soften the supply or price impacts, although U.S. officials were lobbying foreign producers to increase oil output.

—compiled from wire reports

Lawmaker seeks attention for Ethiopia famine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Frank Wolf never thought he'd see anything as bad as the starvation he saw in Ethiopia nearly 20 years ago. Last week he did — on a return visit to the African nation.

Thin children with bloated bellies. A boy so weak he couldn't chew his bread. A woman who said she shares what little food she has so that someone will be around to go to her funeral.

Before the trip "I couldn't believe that it could be comparable," Wolf, R-Va., said in an interview. "Sure enough, it was the same scenes I saw in '84."

Now back in Washington, Wolf wants to tell Americans about the famine in Ethiopia and neighboring Eritrea. He said it could turn out to be worse than what was in 1984-85, when images of Ethiopia's hunger stunned the world and inspired massive food-aid drives and celebrity fund-raising concerts.

Attracting that kind of attention will be more difficult now, with the United States distracted by a possible war with Iraq, nuclear tensions with North Korea and continuing concerns about terrorism.

So Wolf is using his office to bring attention to the famine, sending letters to his House colleagues, pleading with the news media to write about the famine



Three-year-old Nasruden Aman clings to his mother's back Sept. 27, 2002, in the village of Billa in southeastern Ethiopia. Severe drought has led to famine in the region.

and meeting Tuesday with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

He is seeking an appointment with President Bush and wants to encourage him to visit Ethiopia when he reschedules a recently postponed trip to Africa. "We're just trying to spread the word. There's a lot that can be done," Wolf said.

The U.N. World Food Program estimates that 11.3 million people will need food aid this year in

Ethiopia, and another 900,000 in Eritrea. Together, they will need about 1.6 million tons of food this year.

Wolf said the United States has provided about 430,000 tons of food, valued at \$179 million, since August. He said he would like to see greater contributions both from the government and from individuals.

He said Powell was "very motivated. He said he was commi-

NTSB says downed plane's tail equipment was acting up

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A key piece of guidance equipment in the tail of a commuter plane was moving erratically before the plane crashed here this week, killing all 21 people aboard, a federal investigator said Thursday.

National Transportation Safety Board member John Goglia said information from the flight data recorder has led investigators to

take a close look at the airplane's elevator. The equipment determines whether the plane goes up or down — and how steeply.

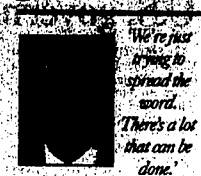
The data recorder shows the plane took off with its nose up 7 degrees, which is normal takeoff pitch. The pitch was 32 degrees by the time the plane reached 1,200 feet.

"Something occurred to drive

that pitch angle to 52 degrees," Goglia said. "That is abnormal."

The Beech 190 had an elevator tab replaced at an Air Midwest facility in Huntington, W.Va., on Monday. The data recorder shows the elevator had moved erratically since then.

"We need to know which procedures were followed at the maintenance facility," Goglia said.



— Rep. Frank Wolf

ted to doing something about it." But Wolf said the Office of Management and Budget, which oversees spending, "has been really dragging their feet on this thing and not looking aggressively at how they can release money in time to make a difference."

An OMB spokeswoman, Amy Call, said it hasn't delayed the aid.

She noted that Congress has not yet passed a foreign aid spending bill for the current fiscal year. Without a spending bill, the amount of money that can be released is governed by stopgap bills that fund programs at last year's spending levels. Call said OMB has to stay within the guidelines of those temporary measures.

Any erratic motion may not have influenced seven other flights between the maintenance and the doomed takeoff. But the plane was near weight capacity Wednesday, which may have been a factor in the crash.

The plane, carrying 19 passengers and two crew members, took off to the south, then banked toward the airport and fell, witnesses said.



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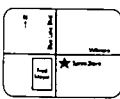


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EDITORIAL

State should not overlook actions of former principal

Depriving someone of the right to pursue her occupation is a hard punishment. But in the case of former principal Mary Lee Roberts, that fate is entirely possible — and, in our view, fully warranted.

Roberts pleaded guilty to a felony drug charge last summer, after she mailed herself a pound of marijuana. She quit her job at Bickel Elementary School before the school year

and that means a suspension of Roberts' license.

Because Roberts' crime was a first offense, some may argue for leniency in the criminal justice system. There's a good case for that. First-time violators of marijuana laws should be given a chance to steer their lives away from drug use. So Roberts' case has been moved to Drug Court, a diversion program that ultimately could allow the charge against her to be dropped.

Our view: Former

Twin Falls school principal Mary Lee Roberts should have her teaching credential suspended for her felony drug plea.

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

begin, but she's now fighting for the right to return to work in a public school. A certification officer for the Idaho Department of Education recently filed a complaint against Roberts for her actions last summer. From that complaint, the Idaho Professional Standards Commission determined that Roberts' actions violated the Code of Ethics of the Idaho Teaching Profession, and that she could be suspended for five years. That code says educators "shall not engage in conduct which is offensive to ordinary dignity, decency, and morality of others."

Roberts' attorneys deny that she has broken the code of ethics. That line of reasoning is hard to swallow. Any way you look at it, Roberts' actions go against the principles that the code stands for. The state has an obligation to enforce its professional expectations —

But professional standards are a different matter. Educators and especially principals, serve a vital public interest. They are role models and protectors for our children. The education system should hold them to a high standard of conduct.

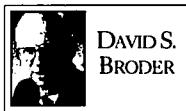
When Roberts broke federal drug laws, she violated the trust of children, parents, co-workers and taxpayers. That trust cannot be repaired automatically. This is why the state should suspend Roberts' teaching certificate for a suitable period.

By fighting a suspension, Roberts appears not to recognize the harm she has done. She's entitled to self-defense, but the question is: Does society recognize the harm she has inflicted?

The commission clearly is justified in suspending her teaching credential. Roberts' conduct offends the dignity and moral standing of her profession. She doesn't deserve a speedy return to the classroom.

N.C. senator leaps into national spotlight

In a Democratic nomination field vice presidential candidate, the former leader of the House and the senior former governor, it may seem odd that so much attention was paid last week to an announcement of candidacy by Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, who did not enter the race until four years ago. But it is not a mistake.



DAVID S. BRODER

Edwards brings enough solid assets to the wide-open race that his credentials are worth examining — even if his shortcomings are also apparent.

The first of those assets is geographical. He is currently the only Southerner in the field, and Democrats know their only successful presidential candidates in the past 40 years came from Texas, Georgia and Arkansas. Sen. Bob Graham of Florida and retired Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas may yet run, so this advantage is possibly perishable. But while it lasts, it is significant, especially since the South Carolina primary may be as important to the Democrats in 2004 as it was to the Republicans in 2000.

The second asset is personal. The Democratic field is longer on competence than on charisma. Edwards can light up a room and he bonds with voters more easily than any other candidate in the field.

Edwards is a Harvard graduate of Massachusetts, who far outranks him in seniority. His life story is one that voters can appreciate: Hard-working, blue-collar parents, the first in his family to earn a college degree, a handsome wife who shared with him the tragic loss of a young son, and attractive youngsters still at home.

The third asset is smart. None of the potential candidates is a slouch, but Edwards has made the



effort to establish his own policy credentials with a series of serious speeches late last year on national security, foreign policy, education and the economy. He has shown himself a competent legislator in managing the patients' rights bill and a skilled questioner of judicial nominees on the Judiciary Committee. He is more comfortable on domestic issues than on international affairs, but the same could have been said of President Bush three years ago.

Other parts of his resume and persona are more equivocal. His pre-Senate career as a wealthy trial lawyer gives him access to an important financial constituency but makes him vulnerable to a Republican attack already launched by party committees in Raleigh and Washington, D.C.

At 49, he is a decade younger than most of the other Democrats, but he looks even younger — not exactly the profile for a prospective wartime commander in chief.

And the same ambition which has jet-propelled his career can stir suspicions. Edwards has not foreclosed the possibility of run-

ning for re-election to a second term in the Senate next year, but many of the Democrats I know in North Carolina — and virtually all the Republicans — believe he has burned his bridges behind him.

Votes he cast on labor union matters on some social issues have won favor from important national Democratic constituencies, but do not sit well with many voters at home.

In Iowa, site of the leadoff caucuses, Edwards showered local candidates last year with computers and other equipment they could use in their races. It gained him attention, but some of them I met there last summer thought it came close to suggesting that their support was for sale.

And television is still a risk for this highly telegraphic candidate. His appearance on "Meet the Press" last May where Tim Russert exposed his shakiness on foreign policy, was enough of a disaster that Edwards himself has asked Russert for a second chance. He did better last Sunday under the gentle examination of ABC's George Stephanopoulos.

but inexplicably froze on an unexpected question asking the identity of the philosopher most influential in his life. He flustered for, an agonizing long time, and finally said he couldn't answer.

Edwards is a New Democrat — his principles echo those of President Clinton — but unlike Clinton, he has not identified himself with the main network of those folks, the Democratic Leadership Council, apparently believing that prospective rival Joseph Lieberman, the Connecticut senator and 2000 vice presidential candidate, has the inside track there.

With Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri having strong ties in neighboring Iowa and with Boston's Kerry and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean coming in New Hampshire, Edwards faces a tough early schedule before South Carolina votes.

But the raw political talent is there — so he's worth watching.

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LETTER

Dairy writers create driver's frustration

Born-again with Jacqueline Machado's vitriol and hate-filled personal attack in response to my recent letter, I learned that Ms. Machado is Jacqueline Nunes Machado. Readers will recall Twin Falls County commissioners recently denied an application from the Nunes family for a variance under the Livestock Containment Ordinance.

The Nunes family desired to add a heifer raising operation as Mrs. Nunes said in a planning and zoning meeting they didn't want to continue importing heifers from California. Their requested variance wasn't in compliance with the ordinance.

Ms. Machado alleges I lied with respect to the Bush Administration's Livestock Containment Program. I would ask that readers review the in-depth article, "Brought payouts over bull-

get" of Dec. 21, 2002, by Julie Pence and form their own decisions.

Another local dairyman also called me a liar.

He asserted he had "never received a penny of tax subsidies in his life."

Not wanting to cause friction and hoping that a compromise could be reached by the committee working on the proposed ordinance, I refrained from publishing the listing of every amount he had received since 1996 from the Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program and United States Department of Agriculture subsidies as reported by the Farm Subsidy Database.

That information is a matter of public record.

Ms. Machado, you talk about "hate," "compromise" and "anger," yet it was the dairy contingent on the livestock ordinance committee which repeatedly refused to "compromise."

Don't make the mistake of attributing "hate" to those

LETTER

Give poor federal judges their due with salary increase

By all means, give the judge his raise. After all, close to \$200,000 is a nice salary — so the 1.4 percent cost of living increase (by law) I was given should make a tidy increase.

Of course, his medical insurance might also have increased by 10 percent, *c'est la vie*. Poor man — will have to adjust — after all, who pays his salary?

VIOLENDE BENNETT
Hulley

who are "angered" with the degradation of Idaho by immigrant industrial dairies.

There is a huge difference between agricultural and industrial operations.

I personally do not "hate" the sniffer, but I do "hate" the sin of destruction of the environment.

My husband and I pray daily for a cessation of the degradation and a solution in which problem dairies take responsibility for the earth's resources and their neighbors regain the quality of life enjoyed pre-industrial dairy.

If the dairy industry would spend a fraction of the money it spends on paid lobbyists and propaganda and rectify the environmental damage caused by the immigrant industrial dairies, there would be no problem.

In the knowledge we are God's children and he loves us — dairy men and environmentalist alike — shalom!

HELEN MCCracken
Filer

U.S. forces foes into nuclear corner

Washington's goal of nuclear nonproliferation has suffered two serious setbacks in recent months. North Korea has admitted to pursuing a covert uranium enrichment program and is moving to reactivate a nuclear reactor in violation of the agreement it signed in 1994 to freeze its nuclear weapons program. And in December, U.S. intelligence sources reported suspicious activity at two possible nuclear sites in Iran.

What officials in Washington do not recognize is that such actions are a logical, perhaps even inevitable, response to the foreign policy the United States has pursued since the end of the Cold War.

Consider the extent of U.S. military action since the opening of the Berlin Wall in 1989: The United States invaded Panama and overthrew the government; devastated Iraq in the Persian Gulf War; forced the government of Haiti from power by threatening to invade the country; bombed the Bosnian Serbs into accepting a peace agreement; bombed Yugoslavia into relinquishing control over its province of Kosovo; invaded and occupied Afghanistan; and is now threatening to attack Iraq and oust its government.

Moreover, in his 2002 State of the Union address, President Bush explicitly linked both North Korea and Iran to Iraq in an "axis of evil."

It would hardly be surprising if Pyongyang and Tehran concluded they would be next on Washington's hit list unless they could effectively deter an attack.

Yet neither country could hope to match the conventional military capabilities of a superpower.

The most reliable deterrent — maybe the only reliable deterrent

TED GALEN CARPENTER

is to have nuclear weapons.

In other words, U.S. behavior may have inadvertently created a powerful incentive for nuclear weapons proliferation — the last thing Washington wanted to occur.

American officials dismiss the fears of countries such as North Korea and Iran as manifestations of paranoia. That is true to a point. When the Creator passed out paranoia, the North Korean and Iranian political elites got in line twice. But as Henry Kissinger once pointed out, even paranoids have real enemies. And there is little doubt that the United States is the enemy of both countries.

Pyeonggiang and Tehran probably noticed that the United States treats nations that possess nuclear weapons quite differently from those that do not possess them. That is not a new phenomenon.

Just six years after China began to develop nuclear arms, the United States sought to normalize relations, reversing a policy of isolation that had lasted more than two decades.

U.S. leaders show a nuclear-armed Russia a fair amount of respect even though that country has become a second-rate conventional military power and a third-

rate economic power.

And Washington treats Pakistan and India with far greater respect since those countries barged into the global nuclear weapons club in 1998.

Contrast those actions with Washington's conduct toward nonnuclear powers, such as Iraq and Yugoslavia.

The lesson that North Korea and Iran learned is that possessing a nuclear arsenal is the way to compel the United States to exhibit caution and a certain amount of respect. That is especially true if a country has an adversarial relationship with the United States.

U.S. leaders need to face the reality that the United States' foreign policy may cause unintended (and sometimes unpleasant) consequences.

Those people who cheered such initiatives as the expulsion of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, the ouster of the dictatorship in Haiti and the nation-building crusades in the Balkans, and who now thirst for war with Iraq, need to ask themselves whether increasing the incentives for nuclear proliferation was a price worth paying. Because greater proliferation is the price we are almost certainly going to pay.

Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, is the author of "Peace & Freedom: Foreign Policy for a Constitutional Republic."

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Sharpton could be left-wing rebuttal to Rush Limbaugh

The Democrats, since their November debacle, have taken to loudly decrying the Republican stranglehold on the radio. The party is desperately seeking a liberal antidote to Rush Limbaugh. I have a candidate: Al Sharpton.

To understand why Sharpton's the right man for the left, start with the reasons Limbaugh is such a success.

I remember discovering Rush in the late '80s. I was in Detroit, driving around, when Clarence "Frogman" Henry came on the radio singing "Ain't Got No Home" - unusual because you don't get much New Orleans R&B in Motown. Then an audibly smirking voice started going "dit dit dit, homeless update, dit dit dit, over the music, and I almost crashed the car.

Someone making fun of the homeless? In the middle of the day on AM radio? Who was this guy?

It was Rush, of course. The homeless bit was heartless, hilarious and, once it segued into a critique of liberal social policy, smart and interesting. That's Limbaugh's secret - he's a great entertainer. He has no ideas you can't find on the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal, but he is an original and charismatic radio personality - bombastic, cocksure, quick-witted, sharp-tongued and slyly self-mocking.

The only liberal with similar gifts is Al Sharpton.

In his new book, "Al on America" (written with my colleague Karen Hunter), the Rev refers to James Brown as the greatest influence of his life. "What I learned from (Brown)," writes he, "makes it possible for me to do the things I do today." Sharpton isn't influenced by Brown's politics - the Godfather supported Richard Nixon for president - but his genius for self-promotion and showmanship. Brown taught young Al how to get and hold an audience.

That's what media liberals don't know who do. Partly, because they weren't schooled by

ZEV CHAFETS

a showbiz giant like the Godfather (Bill Moyers' patron, for example, was Lyndon Johnson). Partly, because of a lack of conviction in their own dogma. Radio leftists equivocate. They offer practical rationales ("profiling is ineffective," "a tax cut won't stimulate the economy," "the U.N. can disarm Saddam more easily than the U.S.") for principled positions. This is supposed to pass for sophistication, but everybody hears it for what it is: intellectual surrender.

Sharpton doesn't own a white flag, and he doesn't have a nuance to his name. He's against profiling whether it works or not. He opposes tax cuts even if they do stimulate the economy. He thinks the U.S. has no damn business meddling with Iraq. To him, liberalism isn't an improved brand of conservatism, it's a call to arms. "Most Americans," he writes, "need to be liberated - that's what a liberal will must be all about."

This radical fervor ensures Sharpton will not be successful in his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination. When the primaries end, he'll be looking for a day job. He's going too old to raise hell in the streets. Somebody needs to give him his own microphone.

Sharpton already has some radio host experience. His show, "Sharp Talk," airs Sundays nights between 6 and 8 on WLJB in New York. It's a parochial program, aimed at what he calls "the community," but it showcases Sharpton's undeniable skills as an unapologetic left-wing polemicist and showman.

Put him on the air, coast to coast, five days a week, and liberals will have, for the first time, somebody who can play in the Limbaugh League.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

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New Times-News Web site is even better than ever

Again, I want to thank you for this Web site. It has been great to see all that is going on in the valley. The new improvements to the way we view a story is great. Thank you again.

SGT. DARRELL GLICK
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Water Resources

chief OKs expansion

SHOEBONE - State water regulators extended this week Water District 130 to include another 321 groundwater rights in the Magic Valley north of the Snake River.

Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, said he signed the expansion order late Wednesday, and letters informing affected water right holders were sent out Thursday.

Including groundwater users in water districts enables the state to regulate groundwater consumption to protect senior water right holders - generally surface water users reliant on spring flows.

Water District 130 covers the Magic Valley north of the Snake River. The expansion will extend the district north of Shoebone and Gooding to the northern boundaries of the regional aquifer. The expansion will include about 1,400 square miles and affect 321 groundwater users, who were first notified of the plan in November.

Water rights solely for domestic or stockwater uses will not be affected at this time, the department said.

Exercise class welcomes pregnant women

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a new series of classes designed to help pregnant women get the most from their fitness efforts, according to a hospital news release.

The class will teach participants how to exercise safely to benefit them and their developing babies.

The Step Ahead pregnancy exercise classes meet once a week for four weeks. Women will meet with a specially trained physical therapist to participate in monitored exercise. Exercise is supplemented with learning modules that teach safety, proper body mechanics and balance that participants can apply to their regular fitness activities.

Step Ahead instructors also provide patient-specific feedback to a woman's doctor. This information includes results of monitored exercise, the teaching modules that were completed and any specific questions or issues related to the health of the participant's pregnancy. Identified issues can then be addressed by her physician as part of ongoing prenatal care.

The four-week course costs \$20 and will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16, 23 and 30, and Feb. 6 at Magic Valley Regional's Pediatric Therapy office, 564 Shoup Ave. W. To register, call 737-2870.

Wild game feed benefits law enforcement

TWIN FALLS - The James Moulson Wild Game Feed will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Proceeds from the event will benefit law enforcement scholarships at the College of Southern Idaho and other needs for area peace officers.

The foundation is looking for people who would like to donate wild game for the event. Area chefs will use the game to prepare a wide variety of dishes. Tickets to the event are \$15 per person and include dinner. To purchase tickets in advance, or for more information about the event or donating items, contact Robert Moulson at 734-6286, Carol Thomas at 733-3799 or Shirley Noble at 734-8518.

Art exhibit goes on display in Buhl today

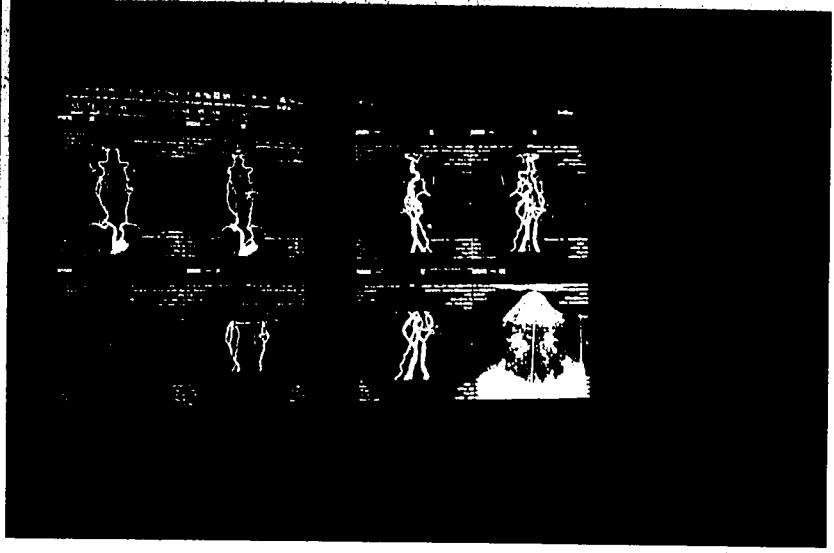
BUHL - A retrospective of the work of Boise-based artist Tarmo Watia goes on display at the Eighth Street Center today.

The paintings, drawings and prints will be exhibited through Feb. 26.

An opening reception is planned for 5-7 p.m., with entertainment by Blueheart.

The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

MVRMC goes digital



Dr. Rick Albertson, a radiologist at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, looks over a scan on a work station in his office. The hospital has some digital imaging equipment now and might spend \$2.6 million more to eliminate old-style film X-rays.

Hospital looks to buy new imaging equipment

By Sandy Miller
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Diagnostic imaging at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is a step closer to going "filmless."

The hospital's Finance Committee Thursday decided it will recommend to the Hospital Board that it approve the hospital's plan to make Magic Valley Regional's diagnostic imaging department completely digital.

Medical technology doesn't come cheap. If the plan is approved by the board, the hospital will spend almost \$2.6 million to buy the new digital equipment. The Finance Committee approved putting an additional \$1.5 million into the hospital's \$5 million capital budget to buy the equipment. It still must be approved by the Hospital Board.

In the long run, the hospital would save money, said Ancillary Services Director Susan Morris, who along with Diagnostic Imaging Manager Jacob Rice explained the plan to the committee. Because digital imaging is faster and more efficient, it would require fewer technicians. The hospital estimates it could save \$2.1 million over a five-year period in film and labor costs alone.

Radiology technicians are hard to come by. The hospital has four radiology tech openings and often must depend on "travelers" - technicians who travel in from out of state to ease the load.

"Travelers are expensive,"

Magic Valley Regional Finance			
Month-end numbers			
Revenue			
	November 2002	November 2001	Pct. change
Inpatient revenue	\$7,747,276	\$5,909,897	131%
Outpatient revenue	\$7,115,892	\$6,541,274	109%
Total patient revenue	\$14,863,168	\$12,451,171	120%
Deductions from revenue	\$5,147,472	\$4,647,304	110%
Net patient revenue	\$9,715,696	\$7,803,867	124%
Other operating revenue	\$207,000	\$43,744	473%
Total operating revenue	\$9,922,696	\$7,847,611	126%
Expenditures			
	November 2002	November 2001	Pct. change
Salaries	\$3,433,777	\$2,721,170	126%
Benefits	\$289,777	\$228,743	127%
Fees/Professions	\$352,294	\$271,119	129%
Rentals/Other	\$1,217,247	\$1,227,119	100%
Supplies	\$1,107,741	\$1,014,244	109%
Utilities	\$331,277	\$322,124	103%
Reps. & Maintenance	\$473,292	\$426,248	111%
Leases/Rentals	\$38,762	\$27,232	142%
Insurance	\$38,762	\$27,232	142%
Interest expense	\$123,110	\$127,640	97%
Unpaid patient bills	\$416,149	\$307,540	135%
Depreciation	\$579,750	\$497,110	117%
Other expense	\$138,227	\$77,227	178%
Total operating expense	\$9,318,218	\$6,317,743	148%
Income from operations	\$604,478	\$1,525,868	39%
Nonoperating revenue	\$124,472	\$121,110	102%
Regain 280 on profits	\$1	\$1	100%
Market valuation adjustment	\$332,000	\$0	
Net income	\$(12,197)	\$52,288	123%

Morris said. The shortage could ease a little when the College of Southern Idaho graduates its first class of technicians in the spring of 2004. With the shortage, the new graduates will be able to pick and

choose where they want to work, but having state-of-the-art digital imaging could give Magic Valley Regional an edge on the competition, not only in hiring new graduates.

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Stivers steps down from Hospital Board

By Sandy Miller
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Rich Stivers said when he, Dr. Mark McKim and the late Dr. Rod Swartling were appointed to the Hospital Board six years ago, they fancied themselves as the "young revolutionaries." They were going to "start things up," Stivers said.

Six things up, they did. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is on its third chief executive officer and its third chief financial officer since the trio first came on board.

Stivers said he has accomplished everything he set out to do, and on Thursday, he announced he was stepping down from the board and the hospital's Finance Committee.

"I figured I've done enough damage," he joked. "Six years is long enough. It's time to move on."

The Title Fact Inc. owner will remain active in the community. He was recently appointed to the board of the Urban Renewal Agency.

He said the hospital is back on the right path.

Stivers said when his tenure began, there were a number of problems at Magic Valley

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Wood basins look good; upper Snake is still short

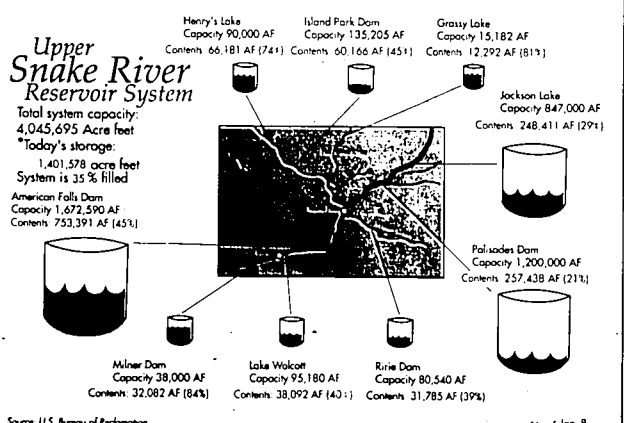
By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The best news in the state are in the Big Wood and Little Wood basins north of Ketchum, but eastern Idaho - which supplies much of Magic Valley's irrigation - looks parched for the third year running.

The Twin Falls' and Northside canal companies together farm about 350,000 acres and are reliant on upper Snake River

water supplies.

Twin Falls Canal Co. general manager Vince Alberdi expects the water outlook to be of primary interest to shareholders at the company's annual meeting. It runs from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Guest speakers include water supply specialists from the Bureau of Reclamation and Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

*As of Jan. 8

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Wendell mayor faces recall

By Gina Mulder
 Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Alleging that the mayor of Wendell is using his office for personal gain, one resident is seeking to recall the city leader.

Just one year after taking office, Mayor Paul Isaacson has found himself tending off allegations from Lisa Espinoza that he has fallen delinquent on his property taxes dating back to 1999, and that he has used his position as mayor to purchase a personal property.

Isaacson admitted he has fallen behind on his property taxes, but he is currently unemployed and unable to pay the taxes on his own. But he said he is making an effort to resolve the situation.

According to Gooding County Treasurer Fay Christensen, Isaacson's delinquent property tax bill totals \$2,115.37, including charges and penalties. Christensen said Isaacson recently contacted the county and agreed to monthly payment arrangements to bring his past due taxes current.

"I just don't think he sets a good example," Espinoza said. "When all of us in Wendell didn't pay our property taxes? What would he do for our schools or our roads? He needs to comply with the same laws that the rest of us have to live by."

Isaacson said he has not recalled either his property taxes or his abilities as mayor but instead stems from a "personal conversation" he had a few days ago with Wendell City Clerk Marina Bann.

Durham, that conversation Isaacson said he mentioned that he might not reappoint Bann as city clerk.

"That was a conversation between me and her and it was all out of proportion and it's a family that is concerned about this."

RECALL

Bowcut seeks \$100K from county

By Shelley Ridenour
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - Convicted child pornographer Leslie Peter Bowcut's mother has filed a \$100,000 tort claim against Cassia County, alleging that the police illegally searched her son's car while he was in jail.

Helen Bowcut is asking for \$100,000 "for damages caused by the unconstitutional search and seizure of Peter Bowcut's personal materials." She identifies herself as her son's "attorney in fact" on the single-page notice of tort claim.

Helen Bowcut names Cassia County, the county sheriff's office and the county prosecuting attorney in the notice.

Peter Bowcut was sentenced in October to a minimum of 10 years in the Idaho State Penitentiary in Boise after he pleaded guilty to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor younger than age 16. Another 28 counts of sex abuse were dismissed.

The notice of tort claim was filed with Cassia County officials Dec. 4. Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said county commissioners have chosen to not officially deny the claim, which is an option. Government entities must either deny a tort claim or ignore it, either of which allows the claimant to file a civil complaint.

In the notice of tort claim, Helen Bowcut stated Peter Bowcut's possessions, personal logs, correspondence and attorney-client communication were

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DEATH NOTICES

Liman Alvin Ward
 IDAHO FALLS — Liman Alvin Ward of Idaho Falls died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, at his daughter's home in Jerome. Arrangements will be

announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Donald Lief Erickson
 HAGERMAN — Donald Lief

Erickson, 71, of Hagerman and formerly of Boise, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

SERVICES

Edna Lorena Gwynette of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the 9th Ward LDS Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

H. Gay Curtis of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Robert (Bob) Ross Morrison of Caldwell, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 E. Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell.

Elmer John Sommer of Twin Falls, friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Parke's Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Agape FourSquare Church, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls.

Gene L. Peterson of Gooding, memorial service at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding; a special tribute will follow at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Callie H. Peterson of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 520 N. Lincoln, Jerome; visitation from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and one hour before the service at the church; interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Ruth Cottingham of Burley, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Side Center, 2420 Parke Ave., Burley; burial at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Richfield Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Lauree L. Holyoak of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 South 200 West, Burley; burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10:10-4 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Rueben Dee Miller of Fairfield, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Camas County High School Gym. Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Vicki Behrens Rest of Boise, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel, 3629 E. Ustick Road, Meridian; graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. the Jerome Cemetery.

Gregory Lee Armstrong of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Irl H. Bartlett Jr. of Twin Falls, memorial service at 5 p.m. Sunday at Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Warren Craig Saunders, formerly of Twin Falls and Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Vista Cemetery and Funeral Home in Yuma, Ariz.; the graveside service will be held in July in Wilder.

Lawmakers resist proposed tax hike

BOISE (AP) — State lawmakers maintained their skeptical reaction to the proposed sales and tobacco tax increases that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne outlined Thursday in his annual budget address.

There is especially heavy opposition to the governor's plan to allocate \$18 million to the cash treasury.

"rainy day fund" and \$31 million to replenish some of the money raised this year from the tobacco settlement fund.

Kempthorne is urging lawmakers to boost the 5-cent sales tax to 6.5 cents and would more than double the tax on cigarettes to 62 cents a pack to plug an estimated \$160 million budget deficit next year.

"I see the value of having savings, but frankly, I don't know that I would ask people to pay more taxes so we can save it," said Jerome Republican Rep. Maxine Bell, co-chairman of the legislature's budget panel.

Democratic Senate Floor Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum also opposed the plan, but for a different reason.

"We should be putting more money into public education and higher education rather than into the rainy day fund," Stennett said. House Revenue and Taxation Committee chairwoman Dolores Crow of Nampa remained steadfastly opposed to any tax increase.

"I think that the government should hurt as bad as the citizen out there," said Crow, who is worried that a tax increase, even if it

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is set to stop in three years, would become a permanent part of Idaho's revenue stream.

House Majority Floor Leader Lawrence Denney of Midvale said many GOP caucus members object to the three-year time frame of the sales tax increase. They also question whether the full 1.5 cents is needed.

"There's some resistance to the three years," Denney said, adding that lawmakers would be more amenable to single-year adjustments.

State Superintendent for Public Instruction Marilyn Howard tussled with Kempthorne and Republican lawmakers during the past two years, when lawmakers first increased but then cut education funding.

"Kempthorne suggested a \$943 million public schools budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, a 2.5 percent increase.

"This year, we're seeing a hard and realistic look at what this state can afford to maintain in services to children, adults and communities," Howard said. "The fact that the governor asked for a three-year commitment shows he thinks we're in for a long recovery."

Also under Kempthorne's budget, state employees would not receive a cost-of-living salary increase for the second consecutive year.

Donna Vantrase, executive director of the Idaho Public Employees Association, said members are concerned especially about having to pay higher prices for health care insurance or related costs.

"We knew salary increases were not going to happen, but we want to make sure there are no more cuts on health insurance benefits," Vantrase said.

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GOP leaders stew over official party line


BOISE (AP) — Republican Party chairman John Sandy, former state senator from Hagerman, pressured members of his own party Thursday with a statement putting the weight of the GOP behind Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed tax increase.

But Sandy's statement, faxed to news organizations late Thursday, angered some legislative leaders and may have the opposite effect.

The three-paragraph statement praised Kempthorne's budget message delivered earlier in the day.

"We are in difficult times and the budget reflects that, but the Governor's plan is a no-frills affair that will see us through," said Sandy, who served four terms as a state senator before taking over as party chairman last year.

"Governor Kempthorne did not create this problem, but he intends to solve it," Sandy continued. "His dedication is reflected in his determination to fully



John Sandy

fund, and increase, the state's commitment to children. His dedication to Idaho's citizens is reflected by his refusal to propose a budget that postpones the day of reckoning or greatly expands the cost of government."

However, some high-ranking Republican leaders who oppose any tax increases, such as House Assistant Majority Leader Mike Moyist of Star, were clearly disturbed about the faxed party statement but refused to comment for the record.

Later Wednesday, Sandy confirmed that he was speaking in his official capacity as head of the state Republican party and said, "I made some calls today, and the overwhelming number of people I talked to agreed," with Kempthorne's plan.

"Sometimes you have to take a courageous stand," he said. Sandy acknowledged that other budget-balancing plans would readily be evaluated. But none had been presented, he said, and there was no way to operate state government at current funding levels "without shutting down whole segments of our ability to serve the people."

Senate Floor Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls reacted with diplomatic level-headedness to Sandy's statement, saying there was "no doubt that we accept the governor's invitation to lead Idaho to a brighter economic future. But the Legislature may not ultimately embrace his recommendations totally."

But Davis responded coolly to the notion that Sandy's comments should be considered the official Republican party line with regard to the budget deficit.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Thursday

Introduced in Senate
 SB1001 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires decisions on imposition of the death penalty to be made by juries, not judges.

SB1002 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes qualifications for and regulation of certified evaluators for psychosocial evaluations of convicted sex offenders.

Completes for Wednesday

Introduced in House
 HRI (Leadership) — Sets hourly wages for House clerks, secretaries, information specialists, chaplain, pages and tour guides.

House Republican leaders draft new protocol for caucus meetings

BOISE (AP) — House Republican leaders are drafting a new protocol for caucus rules.

In past years, a coalition of reporters and editors has led an effort to convince lawmakers to open caucus meetings to the public.

Republicans, who hold a majority in both House and Senate, regularly meet behind closed doors to discuss legislation and party strategy. Democrats, who hold less than a third of the seats in either chamber, hold open caucuses.

Rep. Julie Ellsworth, House Republican Caucus Chairwoman, said she is drafting caucus standards that will ban voting or bill drafting behind closed doors. She

said the caucus may also issue written handouts of presented information and a formal summary of caucus meetings.

Bill would freeze jobless insurance tax amount

A bill introduced Thursday in the House Commerce and Human Resources Committee would freeze the amount of unemployment insurance tax paid by employers.

The bill, which was requested by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, would prevent a \$48 million tax hike on business this year and \$70 million the next year.

There was no apparent opposition.

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Community seeks solution for drugs

Times-News writer

BURLEY - Community members who gathered Thursday to discuss Mini-Cassia's drug problem issued a call to start focusing on prevention and rehabilitation.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bolter said current approaches such as probation and drug court are seeing some success, while incarcerating drug users usually drives them deeper into criminality.

Those who share that opinion have organized a presentation by retired Los Angeles Police Department officer Triana Ferrata on Feb. 4 at the King Fine Arts Center. Ferrata will talk first to law enforcement and

medical professionals at 3 p.m. in the Mini-Cassia Theater and then to parents and the public at 7 p.m. Her talk will focus on date rape and club drugs along with methamphetamine.

A community forum will then be held on Feb. 20 to begin creating specific actionable community members can take in the areas of drug prevention and rehabilitation.

"Drugs are everyone's problem. We can address it or it will eat us alive," said John Hathaway with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Similar forums are scheduled throughout the Magic Valley, but officials have realized there are different needs in the Twin Falls area, Mini-Cassia and the Wood

River Valley and are hoping each community will form a local group.

Hathaway listed many groups that need to be involved with the community forum - schools, courts, businesses, faith-based organizations, media; housing and migrant councils. Each are affected by drug use and can help create prevention and rehabilitation techniques. The groups must be informed and work together, Hathaway said. "They can't do it alone."

Some of the groups already tackling drug use in the area spoke at Thursday's meeting. Randy Kidd with the Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force said, "I could have 10 officers and we could not handle the requests for service. We've got two."

Police can arrest those who break the law, but arresting them doesn't get them off drugs, Kidd said.

Judge Larry Duff, who oversees the juvenile drug court program in the area, talked of the success of the program - a 75 percent success rate currently - but then discussed the costs of the program. More than \$20,000 is spent just on drug testing. Another \$150,000 is needed for treatment.

Mini-Cassia Health Net Coordinator Tammy Neeks talked of the asset program. Children in Minidoka County have just 19.5 of 40 assets needed to be successful. Statistics show children who have more assets are less likely to be doing drugs and alcohol.

Naturalist holds animal tracking workshop Saturday near Ketchum

Valley In brief

KETCHUM - Ketchum naturalist Ann Christensen will lead an animal tracking workshop on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the woods north of Ketchum.

Participants need to bring their own snowshoes and lunch. To register, call the Environmental Resource Center at 726-4333.

Film festival kicks off today in Ketchum

KETCHUM - Base jumping, the power and beauty of avalanches and a humorous glimpse into "front range freaks" or world-class climbers will be among the subjects of films offered at this weekend's film festival. Telluride Mountainfilm Festival.

The movies will be shown today and Saturday at nextStage Theatre in Ketchum.

There will be showings at 7 p.m. both days and a kids matinee open to adults at 4 p.m. Saturday. Friday's offerings are "Ode to Avalanche;" "Annapurna: History of a Conquest," a tale of the 1950 French team conquest of the first 8,000-meter peak; and "Troubled Waters," a film about the damming and dam breaching on Troubled Waters.

Saturday's matinee features films on the Congo, Sumatra, base jumping, unicycle riding, the humorous peak at world-class climbers and "Flight of Swallows," a trip around the world in 10 minutes.

Saturday night's movies include "Mizma: Haunt of the

Riverhorse;" "The Second Step" about a climb at Federation Peak; and "Killing Terraces," a film about the suppression of the Nepalese people.

Movie tickets are \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults. The evening's showings are \$12. The festival is a benefit for the Environmental Resource Center.

Cassia County hires new deputy prosecutor

BURLEY - Rupert attorney Tim Schneider has been hired as deputy prosecuting attorney for Cassia County, according to Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus.

Schneider will begin working for the county Feb. 1. He replaces Kerry McMurray, who resigned his deputy prosecuting attorney's job to become the new Cassia County administrator. Schneider will be paid \$36,000 a year.

Barrus picked Schneider from a pool of highly qualified applicants, he said.

"We had a very difficult time choosing," Barrus said. Schneider now works for the Rupert law firm of Lund and Robinson. He lives in Hevburn. He received his law degree from the University of Idaho in 1979. Schneider doesn't plan to work outside the prosecutor's office.

- compiled from staff reports

Cassia County P&Z board defines large CAFOs

By Mark Johnson

Times-News writer

BURLEY - Confined animal feeding operations should have more than 10 helters, or an equivalent number of animals, before the county can regulate them, Cassia County planners say.

That was the suggestion of the county Planning and Zoning Commission made Thursday night. The commissioners also pinned down plans for other zoning ordinance changes, which they had discussed in the past.

The commissioners suggested the county zoning ordinance define a large CAFO as a CAFO with more than 10 animal units. Because Idaho's Local Land Use Planning Act allows counties to regulate only large animal farms,

commissioners said they should define "large" in their ordinance.

Under state statute, the eight counties in the Magic Valley might not have the authority to regulate confined animal feeding operations because they have not defined "large CAFOs."

To change the ordinance the county commissioners would have to hold a public hearing and make an amendment.

The planning and zoning board suggested the number 10 because a farm with fewer than 10 helters, or an equivalent number of animals, is not considered a CAFO in Cassia County. This definition is cosmetic change that puts the ordinance squarely in accord with state law while allowing the county to continue business as usual. In essence, by defining all CAFOs

as "large," the county can regulate dairies and feedlots as it has always done.

Commissioners also made the following suggestions for zoning ordinance amendments:

• Notice of hearings - When someone wants to build a CAFO in Cassia County they must notify their neighbors. But how many of the neighbors must they notify and in what form of notification?

Commissioners said they thought developers in the CAFO overlay, multiple use and prime agricultural zones should notify all those who own property within a mile of the CAFO itself, but not the waste management area. The notice should be sent by first class mail. Developers should sign affidavits swearing they had sent the letters.

• Violations - The commission had discussed giving itself the authority to take away the permits they issue if permittees have not followed the terms.

"I don't see how we can do that using the Local Land Use Planning Act," said Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray.

The county prosecutor should be responsible for pursuing legal action against permittees, he said.

• Permit file span - To deter people from speculatively applying for permits, the commissioners agreed to make a time frame for development on some permits. If the permittees had not started work within the time frame the permit would be forfeited.

Stivers

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Regional, including an administrator who seemed disconnected from the medical community and his employees. He said some of the reasons had been concerned about the direction the hospital was taking, but they didn't have any support - until Stivers, McKain and Swartling came along.

Things needed to change,

Sivers said. The hospital board decided to not renew then-CEO John Bingham's contract and brought in new CEO Jerry Hart, who brought the office down from the fourth floor to the first to be more accessible to hospital staff. Communication improved, Stivers said.

When Hart retired, John Kee took over the top post.

The hospital is also on its third

chief financial officer. John Groesbeck is the current numbers cruncher now.

Sivers said he's happy with the hospital's current direction.

"The hospital is in much better hands than it was six years ago," he said.

Sivers said he's also pleased with the hospital's other recent accomplishments, such as the purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic

and Hospital.

He said he has enjoyed his six years on the board and has encouraged others to get involved.

"It's been a learning experience, and you get to meet some great people," he said.

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Hospital

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ates, but experienced technicians will be, officials said. "It would attract radiologists," Matis said. "Radiologists who've worked in this kind of environment don't want to go back (to film)."

There are benefits for patients and physicians, too. Radiologists will be able to see an image immediately, resulting in less time the patient must spend on the table. Physicians can see the test results with the click of a mouse, resulting in quicker diagnosis for the patient. If the physician wanted a second opinion call from a doctor outside the area, the doctor could send the image via the information superhighway.

The new equipment, which has a life expectancy of 20 to 25 years, includes:

- Ultrasound unit - \$190,000
- Computerized radiology system

tem for the Shoshone Street location - \$250,000.

• Computerized radiology system for the Addison Avenue location - \$250,000.

• Software for the Shoshone Street location - \$55,000.

• Digital equipment for the main X-ray room at the Addison Avenue location - \$350,000.

• Software for picture archival and communications system - \$267,400.

• Bone scanning unit - \$75,000.

• Computerized radiology system for intensive care unit - \$230,000.

• Computerized radiology system for intermediate care unit/neonatal unit - \$230,000.

• Computerized radiology system for Physicians Center - \$230,000.

• Digital X-ray system for room at Addison Street location - \$409,000.

• Software to attach room on

main campus to network - \$30,000.

In other action Thursday, the Finance Committee heard a report on the hospital's finances from Chief Finance Officer John Groesbeck.

"We are performing ahead of plan and ahead of projection," Groesbeck said.

The hospital's finances continue to reflect its purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital a year ago. Magic Valley Regional brought in \$7.9 million in inpatient revenue in November 2002, up from \$5.9 million, or 34 percent, from the previous year.

Here are some other highlights from the hospital's November 2002 financial statements:

- Outpatient revenue - \$5.1 million, up from \$4.5 million, or 13 percent from the previous year.
- Total operating revenue - \$8.1 million, up from \$6.4 million, or 25 percent from the previous year.

vious year.

• Total expenditures - \$8.1 million, up from \$6.3 million, or 28 percent from the previous year.

• Largest expenditure - \$1.3 million for supplies, up from \$959,286, or 36 percent from the previous year.

• Net income - The hospital was \$12,197 in the red in November when it came to net income, compared to being \$52,288 in the black the previous year.

• Total assets - \$113.4 million, up from \$91.5 million the previous year.

• Total liabilities and equity - \$113.4 million, up from \$91.5 million the previous year.

• Admissions - The hospital admitted 870 patients in November, up from 693 patients the previous year.

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Recall

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stuff," Isaacson said. "This (the reappointment) hasn't been done yet and this whole thing is very premature."

The appointment of city employees will be discussed during the Jan. 14 City Council meeting.

"The driving force behind my recall efforts isn't about my sister's employment. It's about Paul's ability to lead this city," Espinoza said.

Espinoza is also calling into question a walnut desk and credenza table along with a chair that Isaacson purchased in June from the State of Idaho Federal Surplus Property, which is part of the

Department of Administration. Records show the tax-exempt office furniture was purchased for \$237.50 on June 11. City records show that a week later, June 17, Isaacson reimbursed the city \$237.50 for the purchase of the desk, credenza table and chair, an apparent violation of the state agency's terms and conditions for purchase.

The Boise agency deals strictly with excess federal property that can be purchased by tax-supported agencies such as city and county offices and school districts, for example.

It is not legal for private citizens to purchase the property for personal use, and such actions

could spur an investigation by the state. Manager of Operations Bruce Hutchinson said. He said the Wendell incident is under review.

"This is an example as to why I feel that he (Isaacson) doesn't represent the city of Wendell in a professional manner," Espinoza said. "There are some questions about his ethics."

But Isaacson said he wanted a desk for the mayor's office and found that he was looking for at the Federal Surplus. Isaacson said he knew the city didn't have the money in its coffers for the desk so he decided to donate the money.

"It is not my personal desk, it is

mayor's desk. I put some money into the city budget so that we could then purchase that desk," Isaacson said.

In the meantime, Espinoza is pushing the recall effort forward. Her first step is to gather signatures on a petition. The number of signatures needed on the petition must equal 20 percent of the number of registered voters during the last general city election, or 211 people. After the city clerk files and verifies the petition, a special, city-wide election will be scheduled.

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Snowpack

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The snow season is considered halfway over by mid-January. So far the upper Snake River system has a third of the average total snowpack for a season.

"There isn't enough there in comparison to normal, yet, to have a comfort level," Alberdi said.

"Streamflow forecasts in the upper Snake River Basin are 81 percent of average based upon the existing snowpack. At least that much is needed for adequate water supplies during the irrigation season," said Ron Abramovitch, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservancy Service. But he cautions irrigators to err on the side of planning for continued dry conditions. Even average snowpack might not provide ample water, as dry soils can absorb as much as 20 percent of spring snowmelt before it reaches the river.

The upper Snake's 1989 snowpack rebounded to 113 percent of average after a dry spell, but delayed rains still consumed enough of the runoff that streamflows that year were reduced to about 70 percent of average.

The state's best snowpacks are in the central mountains and the Big Wood and Little Wood basins, thanks to storms that dumped ample amounts of snow between Christmas and New Year's.

The Big Wood Canal Co. stores water in Magic Reservoir and irrigates 38,000 acres. In years of average precipitation, Magic Reservoir has about 80,000 acre-feet of water stored at the end of December. This year the reservoir has just 14,800 acre-feet of water in storage - about the same as last year.

But the year-end storms boosted Wood River snowpack to above-normal levels and offered a brighter outlook.

"We're cautiously optimistic at this point," said Lynn Harrison, manager of the Big Wood Canal Co. More snow is needed before Wood River irrigators can get comfortable, he said.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	'82	'83	'84	'85	'86	'87	'88	'89	'90	'91	'92
Upper Snake River	72	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Salmon Falls	76	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Oakley	80	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Big Wood	105	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Little Wood	132	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Henry's Fork Tetton	72	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Big Lost	178	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Life Lost	178	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21

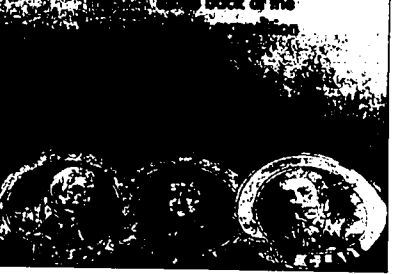
A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 20-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.



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Bowcut

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seized from his jail cell in June 2002 by a Cassia County sheriff's deputy, at Barrus' direction. The documents were intended to be used in Bowcut's defense in the criminal case he faced in Cassia County, his mother wrote. Their seizure "played a major role in causing Peter Bowcut to enter pleas of guilty to various charges."

During the sentencing hearing, Cassia County Sheriff's Detective

Rod Gates testified that Peter Bowcut blamed Gates for "ruining his family away from him," and accused Gates of violating his civil rights when Gates seized the documents from his jail cell.

Peter Bowcut's former attorney, Steven Richter, said at the sentencing that Peter Bowcut's jail cell had been searched and his "homework" seized. The homework stemmed from Peter Bowcut's counseling sessions with

sex offender therapists. Peter Bowcut has also appealed his sentence to the Idaho Supreme Court, claiming it was "excessive."

"Peter Bowcut, 29, is now in jail in Fresno, Calif., awaiting a Monday status conference hearing on a federal charge of conspiring to sexually exploit children. Indicted on the federal charge in August 2002, he was one of 20 people in the United

States busted as part of Internet child pornography ring.

He pleaded innocent to the federal charge at his Dec. 16 arraignment in U.S. District Court in Fresno, Calif., where he was taken last month.

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BSU will cut expansion rate by half

BOISE (AP) — Boise State University cannot maintain its current growth and school officials will ask some potential students to go elsewhere.

University President Charles Ruch said Wednesday the school's recent growth cannot continue without additional state funding. Since the state is in a budget crunch, Boise State will reduce its current 4 percent growth rate to 2 percent, he said. "We don't have any more room," said Ruch, who spoke to faculty and staff to open the spring semester.

Beginning in the 2003-04 school year, students will be assessed for their potential to finish their studies. Those who are "academically at-risk" will be asked to consider other options, he said.

They may be asked to attend an intensive "Summer Bridge Program" to better prepare them for college work and increase their likelihood of graduating on time.

They may be encouraged to apply for vocational programs in the College of Applied Technology. Or the school may ask them to enroll as part-time, non-degree-seeking students.

Study: Latah County economy relies on schools

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho represents at least half of Latah County's economy and supplies most of the jobs, a new study said.

Neighboring Washington State University is the second largest employer in Latah County. The two universities and Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston amount to \$1 billion in business for four counties straddling the border.

The university brings more than 10,000 jobs in Latah County, said Charles Hatch, University of Idaho vice president for research and outreach. He addressed the Moscow Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

Through research at Idaho, the local economy stands to benefit from even the war on terrorism through grant money developing security software, biohazard sensors and other advances, he said.

The university accounts for 49 percent of all sales in the county at \$99 million. It supplies 54 percent of the jobs with 10,288, and 55 percent of earnings at \$261 million.

Woman gets jail for stealing from school

LEWISTON (AP) — A woman convicted of embezzling from the University of Idaho has been sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Former university cashier Kathy D. Adair, 44, also was ordered Wednesday to repay \$100,000.

The school claims up to \$100,000 is missing. To date, none has been recovered.

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Pearse Cashman kite boards at Guy Wicks Field in Moscow Tuesday. Cashman was using a 6.2-square-meter kite and a mountain board to catch the wind and roll across the field.

Court rejects inmate's bid to smoke as rite

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Court of Appeals has rejected a bid by a prison inmate to smoke tobacco as a religious rite despite the state's 1995 ban on smoking in Department of Correction buildings.

Raymond Roles appealed 3rd District Judge Sergio Gutierrez' refusal to grant him a summary judgment. He argued that the Idaho Board of Correction's tobacco-free policy violated his right to freely exercise his religion.

Roles said he practices a Native American religion, using tobacco as "an offering and sacred token to Mother Earth and Grandfather Sky," court records said.

"Tobacco carries his prayers," the documents said. "He desires to smoke tobacco for the purification of body and spirit and to keep away evil and sickness."

In 1995, the board designated Correction Department buildings, including the prisons, as a smoke-free environment and advised prisoners the use of tobacco would be phased out.

Roles later challenged the policy in court, saying it violates his rights under Idaho's Free Exercise of Religion Act.

The state points out the board policy allows American Indians to smoke other substances in their religious activities, including kinnikinnick, or bear berry; cedar; sage; and sweetgrass. The board said that if Roles could have tobacco, it would be a burden on staff to regulate it, would expose others to second-hand smoke and could increase inmate medical costs.

The appellate court said the state has shown those are compelling reasons for banning tobacco.

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Nevada files new challenge to Yucca Mountain plan

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada filed a new constitutional challenge Thursday to the federal government's plan to bury the nation's nuclear waste 90 miles from Las Vegas.

State Attorney General Brian Sandoval said Nevada's sixth federal lawsuit against the Yucca Mountain project hinges on state sovereignty and whether the government can force Nevada to accept a dump it neither wants nor needs.

"At issue ... is the right of a state not to be singled out and unduly burdened, with respect to other states, by the federal government," Sandoval said.

SLC mayor's office increases reward in Elizabeth Smart case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mayor Rocky Anderson's office today will announce an increase in the reward for information on the whereabouts of Elizabeth Smart, who has been missing since June.

The current reward from the

city and the FBI is \$25,000 for information leading to the location of the girl, who was taken from her room at gunpoint on June 5.

That reward is separate from a \$250,000 community reward for her safe return.

Also today, Elizabeth Smart's five siblings will speak for the first time on the CBS News show "48 Hours Investigates."

Mary Katherine, 10, Charles, 16, Andrew, 12, Edward Jr., 8, and William, 4, were interviewed as a group and not individually,

encasing spent nuclear fuel in containers made of a special metal alloy and placing them in mined tunnels 1,000 feet below the mountain surface.

The 14-page lawsuit filed on behalf of the state of Nevada, Clark County and the city of Las Vegas names the Energy Department, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and the United States of America as defendants.

It asks a judge to declare approval of the Yucca project unconstitutional and to halt all development and licensing work.

Already pending in federal court are challenges of the site selection guidelines and the

Gooding County helps parents deal with teens

By Mickey Walker
 Times-News Correspondent

GOODING — With two more instructors for the Parent Project, Gooding County probation director Ralph Geer said he thinks the program can only get better.

The Parent Project was implemented more than two years ago. It provides parents, either on a voluntary basis or mandated by the court, to learn in a classroom setting a way to manage teen behavior problems at home.

"Initially, some parents resent being made to go, but at the end of the course, I believe they feel it has really benefited them and their children," Geer told Gooding County commissioners Monday.

Currently, three adult instructors are trained to teach the 10- to 16-week course. Geer said the probation department's budget would allow \$1,500 for each of the new instructor's training. The cost would include airfare, lodging and the 40-hour training.

Following training, an instructor receives \$500 for teaching a

10-week session. The majority of the money comes from Justice block grants. Annie Fritz heads up a small portion from taxpayers, county clerk Helen Edwards said Thursday.

Linda Cheney, who recruited the prospective instructors, told commissioners the additional instructors would allow two classes to be taught at once.

"Those 10-week classes are really hard for anyone to commit to for that long," she said. "This would allow the instructor a more flexible schedule for the duration of the session."

Cheney also said it would give the courts, schools and diversion board a lot of relief to rely on.

Other county business included:

- Property taxes — The commission accepted the missed property tax and missed occupancy rolls from assessor Patty Bauescher.

- Ordinance hearing — After accepting the changes made to the proposed confined animal feeding operation ordinance, the hearing date was reset for 6 p.m. Feb. 24 in the commissioner's meeting room.

process leading to federal approval for the Yucca Mountain site, plus a challenge of the Environmental Protection Agency's radiation standards for the project.

Benson said the new lawsuit resembled one the state filed almost 15 years ago.

That suit came after Congress in 1987 named Yucca Mountain the only site to study for a nuclear waste repository.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled against the state in September 1990, saying it would not block the Energy Department from studying the site.

Ed Smart, Elizabeth's father. The camera crew agreed to film them in a way that doesn't show their faces directly.

The film crew was allowed to shoot the address of the house where the kidnapper is believed to have walked.

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Proposed budget emphasizes funds for education, social services

The money goes to

Here, at a glance, are highlights of Gov. Dick Kempthorne's budget proposal for the 2003-04 spending year:

Taxes

- Sales tax raised from 5 percent to 6.5 percent on May 1, raising \$240 million in its first year, expiring on June 30, 2006. Some of the new money would be diverted from the general treasury for local government revenue sharing or other purposes.

- Cigarette tax permanently increased from 28 cents a pack to 62 cents on June 1. None of the extra money will be diverted from the general treasury to other purposes.

- Grocery credit on the income tax extended to all Idaho citizens and increased from \$35 to \$40 per person for senior citizens and \$20 to \$25 per person for everyone else.

- Unemployment insurance tax rates frozen for two more years, saving businesses a total of \$120 million.

Education

- Just over 2.1 percent increase in state support for public schools to \$869.4 million for the 2003-2004 school year.



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Included is \$1.5 million to cover interest on construction bonds from qualifying school districts. But \$4.5 million of the support package was included just to cover part of a \$15 million decline in cash from the state Endowment Fund.

- A 4.2 percent increase in state support for the three universities and Lewis-Clark State College to \$222.5 million.

- An increase of just over \$1 million for higher education scholarships for those in financial need. That would push the total state commitment to need-based scholarships to more than \$3 million.

- Recognition that the state will receive for distribution to all public school districts \$27 million through the federal No Child Left Behind education law.

Health and Welfare

- Implementation of a utilization

management system to help control the escalating cost of the Medicaid program, including care management for developmental disability and mental health beneficiaries.

- A 5 percent increase in the reimbursement for foster families to help cope with the escalating demand for foster care.

- Continued state subsidization of the cost over \$5,000 of catastrophic health care for poor people suffering from smoking-related illnesses.

Natural resources

- \$1 million in federal and sportsmen's funds to implement a new sportsmen's licensing system.

- \$704,000 to address nongame wildlife species and other species of concern that could be protected under federal law.

- \$40,000 in dedicated money to implement a new campground

management system for state parks.

- \$126,000 to resume state operation of Eagle Island State Park.

- \$497,000 in water pollution control money to avoid the layoff of six technical specialists in the Water Resources Department.

- \$300,000 for the final state contribution to the Snake River Plain Aquifer Model project.

- \$300,000 to reduce the regulatory burden on large corporations under certain provisions of the federal Air Quality Act.

- \$100,000 for local grants to finance programs and projects in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Public safety

- \$115,000 to boost pay for experts in the State Police forensic division to curtail turnover.

- \$3 million to replace 54 State Police cruisers and other equipment.

- Additional manpower to enforce state liquor laws.

- Restoration of \$340,000 to assure the drug court program is operating in all seven judicial districts.

- Three additional people for the parole board to more effectively handle parole applications.
- Sixteen more pre-sentence

investigators and parole officers to deal with increasing caseloads.

- \$1 million to bring 190 additional beds on line at the St. Anthony Work Camp and the Southern Idaho Correctional Institution.

- \$1.5 million to house inmate overflow from the current prison system.

State employees

- Continued freeze of state salaries that was imposed last July.

- State financing of the employee's share of an estimated 15 percent increase in health insurance premiums.

Building projects

Here is a list of buildings Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Thursday proposed to finance with borrowed money. The projects had been approved in the 2001-2002 budget but the money was diverted to deal with a budget deficit.

- Eastern Idaho Technical College, maintenance building expansion, \$233,000.

- Women's community work center expansion in Pocatello, \$3.9 million.

- Idaho State Police Training Academy expansion, \$2.3 million.
- North Idaho College, Allied

Health/Nursing/Life Science Building \$11 million.

- Idaho State University, Classroom Building, \$12.2 million.

- State Historical Society, Historical Museum Phase II, \$1 million.

- Boise State University, academic building on the Nampa campus, \$8.7 million.

- University of Idaho, Teaching and Learning Center, \$11.7 million.

- College of Southern Idaho, Fine Arts addition, \$5.4 million.

- Lewis-Clark State College, Campus Activity Center, \$10.9 million.

The total, \$67.2 million, would require an annual bond payment of nearly \$5 million for 20 years.

The administration also proposed buying the Morrison Knudsen Plaza just east of downtown Boise for \$64 million for state agencies using leased space throughout the city.

The plaza has four buildings with nearly 600,000 square feet spread over 25 acres of land. It's owned by one of the nation's largest public utilities through the MK Plaza Trust. Officials at American ReSurge, which is the landlord for the plaza, said they could not identify the utility specifically.

Study: Poor pay high tax percentage

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah's poor and middle-class are paying a far bigger share of their income for state and local taxes than the rich.

It's the same in most states, according to a study released this week by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a private think tank.

The study says that the wealthiest 1 percent of Utah taxpayers - with average incomes of \$826,000 - pay about 5.5 percent of their income for state and local taxes.

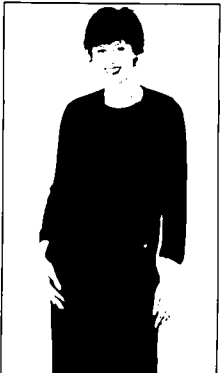
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Group gives Idaho 'F+' in gun safety

BOISE — Idaho has again received a failing grade from a national gun-control organization, which says the state is among the worst at protecting children from gunfire.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence awarded Idaho an "F+" for the third straight year, after three years of a "D" ranking. The organization is named after James Brady, the former press secretary severely wounded in the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan by John Hinckley Jr. in 1981.

West in brief

Idaho does not require child-safety trigger locks to be sold with guns, does not hold adults responsible for leaving loaded firearms around children, and does not have any safety standards for handguns, the group said Wednesday. It has no laws mandating safety designs on guns such as magazine safety disconnects and restrictions of "Saturday night special junk guns."

The report stated that in 2000, the most recent year for which data is available, 14 Idaho children and teenagers died from gunfire.

A National Rifle Association official says each household should determine what level of safety it needs to protect the young.

School district asks for million-dollar levy

POCAHELLO — Budget cuts and a shrinking student body have school district officials asking for \$1 million in a supplemental levy election.

The supplemental levy is now \$4 million and the school board voted Tuesday to ask voters to approve increasing the levy by \$1 million.

"The rubber band is stretched to a variety of reasons," Superintendent Linda Powell said. "We need to stabilize the district. The \$1 million allows us to move forward with only minor staff reductions."

A combination of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget holdback late in an increased operating costs and decreasing enrollment have caused a \$3 million deficit in the district's projected 2004 budget.

Unemployment services can now be handled online

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Labor announced Wednesday that employers can now pay unemployment insurance services online.

Workers can also file initial claims for unemployment benefits over the Internet.

Department officials said the new system — on the Department of Labor Web site — will make it easier for employers to file their reports and make payments by eliminating the need to submit quarterly wage tax reports and payments by mail.

Bush renominates Lance for veterans claims court

BOISE — Former Republican Attorney General Al Lance has been renominated by President Bush to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Sen. Larry Craig, a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said the nomination has been turned over to the committee and a hearing will be scheduled. Lance, the former national commander of the American Legion, was originally nominated for the job last September to complete the final 13 years of the term of Frank Quill Nebeker, who resigned. But Congress adjourned without confirming him.

Survey: Half of Spokane parents say spanking OK

SPOKANE, Wash. — Naughty children should stay away from Spokane, where a survey has found that more than half of parents said it was OK to spank their kids.

The survey by the Spokane Regional Health District revealed that Spokane parents were out of step with a national trend that overwhelmingly rejects spanking. Despite the findings, the health district does not plan a crusade against spanking.

"I can't see us embarking on a huge public awareness campaign," said district spokeswoman Melanie Rose.

—Compiled from wire reports

Foundation system would share student information

BOISE (AP) — A foundation created by the late grocery magnate Joe Albertson is offering Idaho \$35 million to create a statewide student information system.

The network would connect all the schools to provide data for parents, teachers, students, administrators, lawmakers and the public. Idaho has no such system, but would become one of the first states to establish one.

"Schools can't really share that

information easily. It's not their intention not to share it, but trying to get it around is a more cumbersome task than you would like," said Chris Latter, spokeswoman for the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne complimented the foundation during his Tuesday State of the State Address.

"Like our health districts four years ago, today, our school districts cannot share basic student

information among themselves, nor are they able to communicate statistical data with the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education," he said. "We need to correct this."

The state is increasing its assessment of students' performance through standardized tests, and the results should be made available, he said.

"It is one thing to measure what's been learned, and another to learn

from what's been measured."

"The plan is to have the system Web-based so we don't need a lot of additional hardware," said Wayne Rush, foundation senior program officer.

Most of the grant would be used to acquire software and train teachers in its use, he said.

"We really want teachers to use it for their classrooms," Rush said. "They can set up their day plans and this would be their grade book."

Parents also could access the system for their children's grades, homework assignments and attendance records. Meridian and Idaho Falls school districts already have similar systems in place, Rush said.

Kempthorne said Idaho's broadband investment tax enacted in 2001 will help the work get up and running over the next few years. The state would shoulder the cost after that.

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Funny girl

Margaret Cho will do two shows a night at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in Salt Lake City tonight and Saturday night.



Star of strings

Violinist Carrie Kennedy, winner of the National Young Artist Competition, will perform Saturday night in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, a fundraiser for Twin Falls Music Club scholarships.

They're beautiful

The Viacomettes will perform Monday night and every Monday through early April in the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort.



Jakob & Co.

The Wallflowers will play Boise's Big Easy Concert House Wednesday night.

Crocodile rock

Dragon Tales Live will perform two shows at the Bank of America Center in Boise today, three on Saturday and two on Sunday.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C3-4 and 6.

Friends of CSI Players entertain 'The Nerd'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The pocket-protector, the horn-rimmed eye-glass frames taped together, the ill-fitting trousers - they were all still in Tony Mannen's basement.

"There was some question about whether I could still get into the pants," said Joe Requa, who's playing the title role in the Friends of CSI Players production of Larry Shue's "The Nerd."

• **Where:** Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls.

• **When:** Thursday and Jan. 17-18 and 23-25, 7 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance, are available at the Lamphouse Theater, the CSI Community Education Center, or by phoning 732-6288.

It's the same part Requa played for Mannen in a CSI performance of the same comedy 12 years ago. "But I told Tony that the pants are supposed to be ill-fitting."

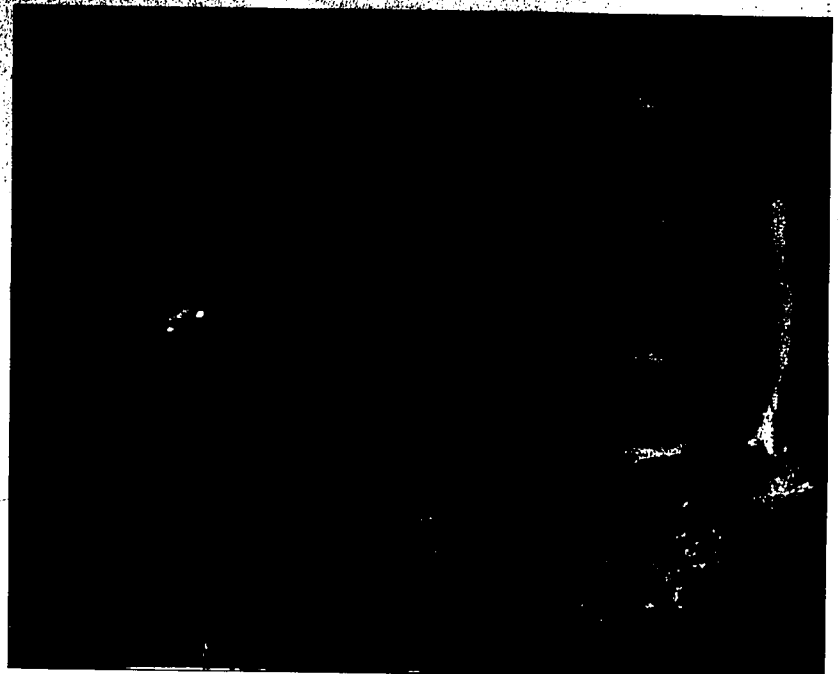
The New Orleans-born Shue, who died in a plane crash in 1985 at the age of 39, has long been a favorite of Mannen's, who says he's staging this production in honor of CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer.

"Jerry has always been a great supporter of theater at CSI, and we've worked together for 28 years, so it's a pleasure to do this his 65th birthday," Mannen said. "Besides, he's 10 years older than me."

Requa, who's 20 years younger than Mannen, likes the ensemble approach of the Friends of CSI Players and the ambiance of the Lamphouse Theater.

"It's a chance to do material that's maybe a little more risqué than we could do elsewhere."

The Friends of CSI Players is a semi-professional theater troupe



Penny Mothershead, Beau Davidson, Camille Baragar and Jud Harmon, from left, rehearse a scene from Larry Shue's play 'The Nerd.' The Friends of CSI Players production opens Thursday at The Lamphouse theater in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

formed last year with financial support from the CSI Foundation to promote the college by doing performances throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada. "The Nerd" is its fourth production.

It's the story of Willum Gilbert (Jud Harmon), a fast-rising architect whose tidy world is upended by Rick Steadman (Requa), the ultimate social misfit, who comes to visit and puts

everything in peril.

Rick saved Willum's life in Vietnam, and now has come back to take advantage of a vow that Willum had made to him - 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 Willum, Rick decides to take him up on his offer by showing up at his apartment in the middle of Willum's birthday party.

Rick oversteals his welcome with a vengeance, coming close to ruining Willum's career and his social life until Willum hits upon the idea of trying to out-nerd his houseguest.

"(Rick) is not a complicated character at all," Requa said. "He's a total misfit, and I play him without any redeeming values."

Also in the cast are Beau Davidson, Camille Baragar, Penny

Mothershead and Kyle Wood.

Mannen is the director. "It's a lot of fun," Requa said. "I shaved my head for the role 12 years ago, but I'm not sure about doing it this time."

"Still, hair is a renewable resource, I guess."

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Spike Jonze directs double-dealing classic

By Christy Lemire
The Associated Press

This much we know is true: Charlie Kaufman wrote the screenplay for 1999's "Being John Malkovich," about a hapless mortal that allows people to enter the actor's mind.

It was heralded - and rightly so - for being bold and innovative, the product of a twisted, brilliant brain. The movie earned Kaufman an Academy Award nomination.

It also earned him his next assignment: a screenplay based on Susan Orlean's nonfiction book "The Orchid Thief," itself based on an article she'd written for The New Yorker about a Florida man's obsession with finding a rare, perfect flower.

This is where truth cross-pollinates with mythology. Kaufman supposedly was so stumped by the prospect of adapting Orlean's book, that after months of frustration and procrastination, he gave up and wrote himself into the screenplay.

The result is "Adaptation," in which Kaufman, played by Nicolas Cage, is so stumped by the prospect of adapting Orlean's book, that after months of frustration and procrastination, he gives up and writes himself into the screenplay.

Cage plays Charlie Kaufman and Kaufman's identical twin brother, Donald, who has no trouble writing a screenplay; he's a hack, churning out mind-numbing tripe about a serial killer. In real life, Kaufman doesn't have a twin brother, but Donald gets co-screenwriting credit.

Confused? Just wait. "Adaptation," like "Malkovich," is directed by Spike Jonze, who shares Kaufman's sense of daring and vision. And at its most thrilling, "Adaptation" evokes the same kind of trippy fun house exhilaration that made "Malkovich" such a joy to watch.

The movie skillfully, if self-indulgently, follows two story lines, which ultimately merge into



Nicolas Cage stars in 'Adaptation.'

Flix

each other. Charlie reads Susan's book and tries to figure out how to turn her story into a movie, while, three years earlier, Susan (Meryl Streep) interviews orchid breeder John Laroche (Chris Cooper) and tries to figure out how to turn his story into a book.

In a hilarious extended opening sequence, Charlie berates himself for being "old, fat, bald, ugly, disgusting." Susan, we learn, has her own insecurities: She doesn't know how to feel passionately about anything.

But Charlie becomes fascinated by Susan in the same way Susan had been fascinated by Laroche, an eccentric for whom orchids are merely the latest obsession. The idea of adaptation has to do not only with writing, but also with adapting to the world, with finding something that changes you and makes you feel alive. Something clearly changed within the actor off screen, as well.

This is the best work we've seen from Cage in the last 10 years, maybe the last 15 - 1987 was especially good year for him, between "Moonstruck" and "Raging Arizona." From "RAM!" to "Bringing Out the Dead" to

'Adaptation'

- Who's in it? Meryl Streep, Nicolas Cage, Chris Cooper
- What's it rated? R
- Where's it playing? Theaters
- Should you go? Yes

"Captain Corelli's Mandolin," Cage has been better known lately for brooding rather than acting, here, in two very different roles, he lets himself have fun again, and his enthusiasm is contagious.

It's also the best work we've seen from Streep in a long time, possibly since "Ironweed" in 1988, which earned her one of her 12 Oscar nominations. She's not so obviously acting, she lets loose and takes chances, like Cage, she actually seems to be enjoying herself.

And Cooper could have made Laroche a stereotype, a freaky Floridian traipsing through the swamp, looking for a flower that may not even exist. Instead, he's a complete person, strangely sensitive despite his stringy hair and missing teeth - and, like the people who adapted his character from real life to page to screen, he's wonderfully alive.

'Satin Rouge' opens the Magic Valley Arts' Council's 15th annual Foreign Film Festival.

Foreign film fest opens with fable about belly-dancing

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Arts Council's 15th annual Foreign Film Festival opens Wednesday night with the French-made "Satin Rouge," the first of five movies to be featured.

Two others, Francois Ozon's "8 Women" and Gerald Krawczyk's "Wasabi," are also from France. "The Last Kiss" was made by Italian director Gabriele Muccino, and "Secret Ballot" by Iranian-born Canadian filmmaker Babak Payami.

The films will be screened on Wednesday and Friday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. through Feb. 16 at the Lamphouse Theater in Old Towne. Single ticket prices are \$7.50, or punch cards for 10 or five admissions are available by \$60 and \$32, respectively, at the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 132 Main Ave. S. and the Lamphouse Theater.

An opening-night gala is planned for Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Lamphouse.

Tickets are \$20, and will include champagne, hors d'oeuvres, drawings and entry to the movie. Admission to the movie on the first night is limited to those holding a gala ticket.

This year's featured movies in detail:

• **'Satin Rouge'**
France, 2002. Directed by Raja Amari, and starring Hiam Abbass, Hani El Fehem, Maher Kamoun. Not rated.
Wednesday and Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m., and Jan. 19, 1:30 p.m.

Quite possibly the first Tunisian feminist belly-dancing film, "Satin Rouge" isn't your average empowerment trip. Written and directed by 31-year-old Raja Amari, the coming-of-middle-age story centers on a widowed seamstress, Lila (Hiam Abbass), who through belly dancing finds herself in the company of women whose formidable beliefs could slap men silly and usually do.

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WEEKEND

The musical is back: 'Chicago' hits theaters

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.

'Adaptation'

A woefully insecure writer named Charlie Kaufman is agonizing over turning Susan Orlean's best-selling book 'The Orchid Thief' into a film. Which is exactly the problem the real-life Kaufman faced after he and directing partner Spike Jonze took on the book after triumphing with the boundary-expanding 'Being John Malkovich.' Kaufman has given himself an imaginary identical twin brother named Donald (a hangdog Nicholas Cage plays them both), taken real people and turned them into half-fictional creatures of his imagination, and he's written a script about how he couldn't write a script that is not only dazzlingly funny but also a wonderful essay on the creative process. The boldest and most imaginative studio film of the year. With Meryl Streep and Chris Cooper. (1:54. R, for language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.)

'Antwone Fisher'

Like the individual it's named after, a man who wrote the screenplay of the film based on his own life and then had to wait nearly a decade to see it arrive on screen, this is the story of obstacles overcome. An emotional story of how a damaged boy became a whole man, it is a measure of its strengths that it overcomes storytelling flaws that would have disabled a weaker project. For there are moments when this film plays as overly earnest and conventional, moments when issues resolve too tidily or do not resolve at all. But because you'd have to be a stone not to be moved by this tale of hope, forgiveness and love, those difficulties seem insignificant and beside the point compared to the vibrant acting debut by star Derek Luke and a satisfying first-time behind-the-camera for co-star Denzel Washington. With Joy Bryant, Novella Nelson and Viola Davis. (1:57. PG-13, for violence, language and mature thematic material involving abuse.)

'Catch Me if You Can'

A frothy entertainment about a quick-change artist by Steven Spielberg, the most nimble quick-change artist in American movies, the film traces the life and presage criminal times of Frank Abagnale, a 1960s teenager who for a few blissed-out years pretended to be an airline pilot, a pediatrician and a lawyer. After going over to the dark side with 'Minority Report,' Spielberg has returned to the sort of lost paradise where he has always been most at ease as a storyteller, never mind that these days even paradise can



Rene Zellweger plays chorus girl Roxie Hart in Rob Marshall's 'Chicago.'

seem cramped for a filmmaker of his ambitions. Leonard DiCaprio, Tom Hanks and Christopher Walken star. (2:20. PG-13, for some sexual content and brief language.)

'Chicago'

Rob Marshall's film version of the 1975 musical first staged by Bob Fosse stars Catherine Zeta-Jones, Rene Zellweger and Richard Gere in the time of bootleggers and Tommy guns. A quarter of a century later, Fosse's ostensible cynicism, at least as interpreted by Marshall, who also did the choreography for the film, seems quaintly earnest. Denied of satire, the musical how comes across as another charming if creaky theatrical contrivance. Instead of letting his performers just do their own thing, Marshall chops up their bodies like some lunatic cubist then frantically tosses the pieces around. Some of the three leads is truly up to the demands of either the choreography or Kander and Ebb's lush vaudeville pastiche, but it's maddening that for most of their numbers, you're not allowed to fully watch them try. Energetic and eager to please, the trio all appear to be having a good time, but it's Zeta-Jones who keeps you watching from start to finish (1:54. PG-13, for sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.)

'Die Another Day'

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

PG-13, for action violence and sexuality.)

'Drumline'

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

'Empire'

John Leguizamo is a likable guy, and that's one of the big problems with this tale of a once-ruthless drug dealer trying to go legit. This debut feature from Arenas Entertainment, which is dedicated to making movies for Hispanic audiences, presents its white, black and Latino characters in an equally skewed light. Rated R, violence, language, sexual situations. 1 hour, 40 minutes.

'The Emperor's Club'

Kevin Kline as a classics instructor at a tony prep school where even the crabs have crests. Although it aspires to be an uplifting inspirational in the Mr. Chips tradition, it's a soggy perspiration about an idealist who does not always practice what he teaches. PG-13 (sexual candor, profanity.)

'Gangs of New York'

Martin Scorsese's tale of 19th century street fighting men, first announced in a trade paper ad 25 years ago, has not been worth the wait. Despite having Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonard DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz in a melodramatic story centered on murder and revenge, the film plays like an interminable airplane flight. You look at your laptop, hoping it's nearly time to land, only to realize with a sinking heart you're not even halfway there. While it is surprisingly heavier on tedium than bloodshed, when we are not being bored we are being assaulted by the film's pal-

Big box office

Last week's top-grossing movies:
1. 'The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers,' New Line.
2. 'Catch Me If You Can,' DreamWorks.

pable violence, always a Scorsese preoccupation, and prominent enough here that some people are calling the result 'Stab Wounds of New York.' The virtues of 'Gangs,' a failed film but not a fiasco, are the virtues of a pageant, not a drama. With Brendan Gleeson, John C. Reilly, Henry Thomas, Jim Broadbent and Liam Neeson. (2:45. R, for intense strong violence, sexuality/nudity and language.)

'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'

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

'The Hot Chick'

The idea of Rob Schneider as

What's Playing

"Reel Women Have Curves," Lamphouse Theater	"Rodger Dodger," Twin Cinema
"Satin Rouge," Lamphouse Theater (starts Wednesday)	"Star Trek: Nemesis," Odyssey Theater
"Treasure Planet," Twin Cinema	"Two Weeks Notice," Twin Cinema
"The Wild Thornberry Movie," Twin Cinema	
"Catch Me If You Can," Century Cinema	"Hot Chick," Century Cinema
"Just Married," Century Cinema	"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," Century Cinema
"Maid in Manhattan," Century Cinema	"Two Weeks Notice," Century Cinema
"Die Another Day," Odyssey Theater	"Drumline," Odyssey Theater
"Empire," Odyssey Theater	"Emperor's Club," Odyssey Theater
"Gangs of New York," The Orpheum	"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Twin Cinema
"Hot Chick," Twin Cinema	"Just Married," Odyssey Theater
"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," Twin Cinema	"Maid in Manhattan," Twin Cinema
"My Big Fat Greek Wedding," Twin Cinema	
	No movies this week.

a lawlife crook who gets trapped inside the body of a high school campus queen (Rachel McAdams) may sound tiresome, but beneath a crass veneer this rowdy picture proves a surprisingly provocative gender-bender comedy. Another subversive work from Adam Sandler's Happy Madison company. Anna Faris as McAdams' staunch friend co-stars. (1:41. PG-13, for crude and sexual humor, language and drug references.)

'Just Married'

A young, recently hitched couple experience the honeymoon from hell due to bad luck and a jealous ex. Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy star. (PG-13, for sexual content, some crude humor and a brief drug reference.)

'The 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 on its way 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 moving with a sense of adventure. Like Frodo and Aragorn, we have to cover a lot of middling exposition 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, 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 chamber-maid 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'

Nia Vardalos' autobiographical one-woman stage play about growing up Greek is transfigured into a mushy, overcooked

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

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



Sunday - Utah
Crazy Town will play Club X 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. X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

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

Wednesday - 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.

Wednesday through Jan. 19
Heartache Tonight, an Eagles tribute act, will play two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturdays and \$14.99 on weekends and Sundays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on Saturdays and \$7.50 on weekends and Sundays. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

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. 20 - Utah
John Doe, of the band X, will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Jan. 22 - Boise
They will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 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. 22 - Utah
Jason Mraz will perform in Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX. X Scope is located at 301 South West Temple.

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
G.B.H. will perform at X Scope in Salt Lake City at 8 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.

Jan. 29 - Utah
Alkaline Trio, One Man Army and Paris Texas will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Jan. 31 - Utah
The Boneshakers will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. 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. 1 - Utah
The Aquabats will perform at 7 p.m. at Brick's in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Feb. 7 - Utah
Celebrity will perform at the Baller's 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. Baller's Resort is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City, take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

Feb. 8 - Utah
Ben Kweller 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
Cobreed & Cambria 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 perform at 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 Dubblers will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. 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 \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

March 1 - Utah
Glasgow 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 Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

Saturday
Pocketchange will play classic country music from 8 p.m. to midnight at Garibaldi's (formerly the Kamona Lounge), 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl.

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

Jan. 27 - Utah
Slabberbone 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
Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.75, \$27.75 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

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 Art Tix at (801) 355-2787.

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

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

Tonight, Saturday and Wednesday
Karaoke will be featured at 8 p.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

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

Tuesday
Krookers 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
Rabid Dog Entertainment will feature Karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewhub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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

Thursday
Three's Company Karaoke, with DJ Ace, will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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

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

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MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight and Saturday

Debra Lee and her new band Seduction will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.



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

BeauSoleil will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, \$22 and \$27, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 21

Bartone Robert Sims will sing at 7:30 p.m. in Roper 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 \$36.75 for adults, \$18.38 for students and \$91.88 for families. For information, call 733-4858.

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.

B L U E S

Feb. 12 - Boise

The Derek Trucks Band and The Tony Furtado Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House. Tickets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

J A Z Z

Jan. 21 - Utah

Liquid Soul will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Jan. 24-25

The eighth annual College of Southern Idaho Jazz Summit will be held in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Concerts are planned for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 and 25. Tickets, which are \$8, are available at the door. Kids 12 and under get in free.

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.

Saturday

Violinist Carrie Kennedy, winner of the National Young Artist Competition, will perform in recital at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. With proceeds to be raised for Twin Falls Music Club scholarships. 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.

Monday

Sweet Water rhythm 'n blues band, featuring Daron Novotny, Tony Spence and Joe Youngson, will host the open mic night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Monday night at Muggers & Bloop, 510 Second St. S., Twin Falls. All performers are welcome. No cover charge. For more information, call 308-0369.

Wednesday

Cruiser's Music Madness with DJ will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

Jan. 17-18 - Utah

Doc Severinsen will perform with Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$21, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.



Feb. 21 - Boise

The Waiters and Topaz will

ENGAGEMENT

MOSS-HOLLAND

BURLEY - Gail and Loretta Grundig of West Jordan, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Moss, to Nathan Holland, son of Martell and Terri Holland of Burley.



Nathan Holland and Denise Moss

Moss is employed in the human resource department of Ballard Medical in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Holland is a graduate of Utah State University in finance and marketing. He is employed at Beneficial Finance in Salt Lake City.

The wedding will be held today at the Magnolia Grove Reception Center in South Jordan, Utah.

H O P

Jan. 20 - Utah

Das EFX will play Club Axis 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 Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

Jan. 21 - Boise

Das EFX will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 30 - Utah

Insane Clown Posse will play Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City; take Interstate 180 to Exit 104.

Jan. 31 - Boise

Insane Clown Posse and 2 Live Crew will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

C L A S S I C A L

Tonight and Saturday - Utah

Utah Symphony will present Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 23 - Utah

Utah Symphony will present Beethoven's Fourth Symphony at 8 p.m. at the Libby Gardner Concert Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 24

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

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 7-8 - Utah

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



Feb. 16

The Rosetti String Quartet will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum at 8 p.m., the final concert of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Chamber Artist Series. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491.

Feb. 21 - Utah

Violinist Joshua Bell will play Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call Art Tix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 21-22 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony, 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 28

The Magic Valley Symphony will perform Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and music from Igor Stravinsky's ballet "The Firebird," 8 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students, are available at the CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Crowley's Soda Fountain in Twin Falls.

Feb. 28-March 1 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-27987. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

E L E C T R O N I C

Thursday - Utah

Paul Oakenfold will play Club Axis in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

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When the film opens, there's Lila (Lila) looking at her hairy man there. Her life and worries seem to revolve around her only daughter, Salma (Salma).



'The Last Kiss'

Lila seems drained of purpose, but her friends (Lila) are a group of snapping neighbors in her life, and an equally intrusive brother-in-law, but most of the time she keeps company with soap opera stars and her dead husband's photographs, re-clearing the already-scrubbed rooms of her former apartment.

Then, at the very moment you're ready to snap off the TV yourself and boot the character and her director out the front door, something happens: One afternoon while doing her housework, Lila begins moving to some music on the radio. Posing in front of a full-length mirror, she sways her hips and drifts into the moment, unaware that the rhythm pulsing through her body is now coming from deep within.

Because she's starting to awaken, Lila suspects that her daughter's nights may not be entirely innocent, going so far as to track Salma's boyfriend, a shy musicologist named Chokri (Maher Kamoun), to the cabaret where he works as a drummer. Intrigued, Lila later returns to the club and watches into a window, indulging in flesh and throbbing music, a world of such intoxication that she instantly falls into a dead faint.

Initially overcome ("the smoke, the men, the atmosphere," she exclaims), once revived, Lila proves unstoppable. Donning a spangled push-me-up and peckaboo skirt, the widow soon shakes her inhibitions, as well as an ample hourglass figure, and joins a sisterhood whose check of transgression would delight Pedro Almodovar.

Amani has the Spanish auteur's love of outsider communities and she shares French filmmaker Claude Akerman's sense of female-specific space, although her most prominent touchstone here is Douglas Sirk's 1955 suster "All That Heaven Allows." As in the Sirk film, it's a younger man who ushers the widow back into the world but in "Satin Rouge" she also gets to make friends, dress like Scheherazade and work her groove thing. That's also to the good of the film, because once Lila gets moving, the pace picks up considerably.

Belly dancing isn't always the most thrilling of dances, but it's a blast to see these women shaking and rolling because they're so thoroughly in charge of the music, clientele and their own sexuality. If nothing else, these big, not necessarily beautiful bellies are a sharp rebuke to a world in which a woman's perfection is measured by how closely she shrinks to zero.

When Lila first tries on the belly dancer's costume alone in a dressing room, the camera pans away before she undoes her clothes, as if shielding its eyes (and ours) from her nakedness. There's a sense of discretion, even modesty in how the camera looks away, and also a sense of respect. But the camera movement is also useful because it allows us to take in the surrounding clutter—a riot of color and texture, along with a bottle of Johnny Walker—so at odds with the ordered sterility of Lila's home. The next time she steps on a dance outfit—it's just her sister and friends, not this time—there's no doubt it's clear that in stepping out of her everyday clothes, Lila has jumped into the fray for good.

"It'll be fun," promises one of the dancers. "We'll drive them crazy." In "Satin Rouge," that's not just a promise, it's a declaration of fabulous independence.

Manohla Dargis, Los Angeles Times

'The Last Kiss'
Italy, 2002. Directed by Gabriele Muccino, and starring Stefano Accorsi, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Stefania Sandrelli. Rated R.
Jan. 22 and 24, 7:30 p.m., and Jan. 26, 1:30 p.m.

There's a lot of shouting in "The Last Kiss." Most of it comes from young Italian men who are having problems with love. But even though many of these guys are less than adorable (their lamentations are pretty much self-centered), there's something vital about the movie. It's not Fellini, by any means, but it's lively. Never stops moving, even though it craves into clichés along the way. There are many story threads to

follow in this Italian movie (also known as "L'Ultimo Bacio"). But the main one is about the almost-30 Carlo (Stefania Sandrelli) whose live-in girlfriend Giulia (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) just became pregnant. They have decided to keep the child and remain living together. But after announcing this decision to their combined families, Carlo has second thoughts about commitment to Giulia.

Giulia's mother (Stefania Sandrelli) is also agitating. She's not sure about being a granny. And she's thinking of leaving her husband, Emilio (Luigi Diberti), who seems devoid of passion.

Carlo's friends (also facing 30) are all over the map, romantically speaking. Paolo (Claudio Santamaria) has a bizarre inability to wake up, smell the coffee and leave his estranged girlfriend Arianna (Regina Grieff) alone. Adriano (George Costanza) is suffering emotional claustrophobia. Wants to dump his wife and child so he can be master of his domain. And Alberto (Marco Cocci) is an all-over-the-top ladies' man, who can't imagine sleeping with only one woman.

And meanwhile, Carlo, Mr. Ph.D., decides to chase Franca (Marina Scellio), an 18-year-old blonde who's still carrying books to school.

These attractive men, who like to scream in front of water fountains about their lost freedom and the beautiful women that are destroying their lives, are basically idiots.

But at least Carlo comes through and realizes he's an idiot.

Some of Gabriele Muccino's romantic comedy is tedious, particularly when it involves listening too long to these empty-headed dudes and their distraught women. But the performances are strong. And the faces and bodies are beautiful. And there's a nice thematic counterpoint between Carlo's unmet desire for freedom and the quieter torment faced by his wife who's mother-in-law, who tries to branch out on her own.

Sure, there's little doubt Carlo and Giulia will get through all this. (It's a tough-minded movie that leaves an unborn child without two parents.) But it's satisfying all the same. At least someone in this giddy world is growing up.

Desnon Howe, Washington Post

'8 Women'
France, 2002. Directed by Franca Ozon, and starring Catherine Deneuve, Isabelle Huppert, Danielle Darrieux.
Jan. 29 and 31, 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m.

"8 Women" is a deserv of a movie, an airy, light concoction that froths together eight of France's greatest actresses in a combination of murder and musical. The obvious antecedent of "8 Women" in America is "The Women," another movie with an all-female cast bitching at each other for 90 minutes, but "8 Women" ups the ante because it's set at a Christmas party where it's Agatha Christie could love: A bunch of people who hate each other are snowbound, trapped with a dead body and without phones. And just so you know not to take any of this too seriously, each woman is given a musical number to explain her feelings.

Catherine Deneuve as an elegantly sarcastic matron; Isabelle Huppert as an amusingly melodramatic spinster; Danielle Darrieux, Emmanuelle Beart, Fanny Ardant and others—all clear had a grand time, whopping it up as over-the-top characters, clad in house-dress-

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es so elaborately tailored they'd be a bit much for an appearance on an awards show.

Having established an atmosphere of carefree fun, where everybody has a secret and a production number, writer/director Francois Ozon suddenly takes things in a different direction. Just when we've decided these women are too outlandish to be believed, he pulls the rug out from under us. There are some feelings behind this clever puzzle, and Ozon appears to believe that, even if you eat dessert first, you want to make sure you follow it with a little something more substantial.

Chris Hewitt, Saint Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press

'Wasabi'
France, 2002. Directed by Gerard Krauzczyk, and starring Jean Reno, Ryoko Hirose, Michel Muller.
Feb. 5 and 7, 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m.

Jean Reno only gets cooler with age. As a French Dirty Harry let loose in Japan, he's equally soulful whether mourning the loss of a lover 20 years ago or wasting a roomful of bad guys in a downtown arcade. Those dark rings beneath his eyes are the hardest-working in show business.

Sadly, he's one of the few saving graces in "Wasabi," a French revenge thriller penned by Luc Besson of the "Léon" and "Nikita." Don't let the subtitles fool you; this movie only proves that Hollywood no longer has a monopoly on mindless action.

Reno's no-nonsense police offi-

cer Hubert is constantly called on the carpet for his strong-arm tactics. So when he's named in his longest love's will and must go to Tokyo to hear it read, Hubert's superiors are all for the trip.

Upon arrival, he learns not only that the woman had a daughter named Yumi (Ryoko Hirose) by him, but that Yumi is to inherit a \$20 million fortune. Now it's Hubert's job to protect her for the two days until she comes of age and claim it on her 20th birthday.

The basic premise—grizzled tough guy made human by the girl—should sound familiar because Besson and Reno did it all before in 1994's "The Professional." Instead of a precocious little kid, Yumi is yummy, a kinetic party girl in short plaid skirts and cratched halter tops.

Exactly why Hubert can't reveal his true identity to the girl doesn't make much sense, but it does make for a couple of funny scenes. These occur in a mall, where she's on a shopping spree for clothes, and later at a video arcade, where Hubert's shooting challenge with one of Yumi's friends is interrupted when he has to pick off some real bad guys.

Ultimately, however, "Wasabi" is about opportunities set up and never delivered. Much is made of the pair of suitcases filled with grenades, machine guns and rocket launchers, but Hubert never gets to use them. It also introduces, then drops, the relationship with a sexy widow who tells Hubert to come back to her when he's come to grips with her past.

The film's sloppiness is likely

the result of an overworked Besson, who has been writing and producing countless projects, including "The Transporter." That's also a junk-food movie, but chock full of over-the-top scenes sadly missing from this one.

John Monaghan, Detroit Free Press

'Secret Ballot'
Canada, 2002. Directed by Babak Payami, and starring Nassim Abdi, Cyrus Ab and Youssef Habashi. Rated G.
Feb. 12 and 14, 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 16, 1:30 p.m.

It could be an alien invasion: an enormous box dropped by parachute onto the remote island off the coast of Iran. And then, the boat that approaches and the mysterious woman who disembarks.

A centry (Cyrus Abidi), assigned to watch for smugglers, is baffled. The visitor is an unnamed woman (Nassim Abdi), an election official, who informs the guard this is Election Day. And the airproud load is a ballot box, which needs to be transported around the island as the two of them collect votes.

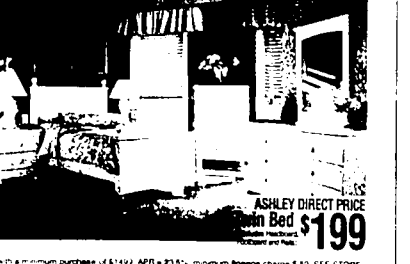
The two of them? The guard, a man of his time and society, has to make some mental adjustments, not the least of which is a woman telling him what to do. And this woman seems to be the most single-minded bureaucrat in the country. She means to get every vote.

The guard and woman take off in an old World War II jeep. For all her tenacity and author-

Desnon Howe, Washington Post



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REGGAE

Tuesday - Boise

Eek a Mouse will play Big Easy Concert House in Boise at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning...

OPERA

Jan. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 - Utah

Utah Opera will sing Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme" 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12 to \$60, can be reserved by phoning...

CHILDREN'S

Today, Saturday and Sunday - Boise

Dragon Tails Live will perform at the Bank of America Center. Shows are 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. today, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets, which are \$10, \$14 and \$18 for children and \$12, \$16 and \$20 for adults, can be reserved by phoning...

Feb. 3 - Utah

The Wiggles will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, \$21 and \$26, are available by phoning...

DANCE

Saturday

Roseband Band will play from 8:15 p.m. at the West End Semin Center, 1010 Main, Buhl. Cost is \$4 per person.

Saturday

Dance to DJ music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1519 Fillmore St. N., Ivan Falls.

Thursday

Dance to DJ music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1519 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$7 for 18 and older.

Jan. 17-18 - Boise

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

Feb. 7-8, 12-15 - Utah

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

Feb. 8

The 14th annual Freeze Frame, a fund-raising event for the central Idaho chapter of the

Idaho Dance Arts Alliance, will be held at 7 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Ticket information will be announced at a later date.

Feb. 27

Spirit of the Dance will perform at Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$36.50 for reserved seating, are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls or by phoning (715) 832-2787.

COMEDY

Tonight and Saturday - Utah

Margaret Cho will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in Salt Lake City at 8 and 10 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning...

Monday

The Vuarnettes will perform Monday and every Monday through early April at 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door.

Thursday - Boise

The Detroit-based troupe of Second City will perform at 7 p.m. in the Hatch Ballroom in the Student Union Building on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$7, are available by phoning...

Feb. 28 - Utah

Jeff Foxworthy and Bill Engvall will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29 and \$36, can be reserved by phoning...

THEATER

Thursday through Jan. 18, 23-25

The Friends of CSI Players will present "The Nerd," 7 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls/Old Towne. Tickets, which are \$30 at the door and \$8 in advance, are available at the Lamphouse, the CSI Outreach Education Center, or by phoning 732-6288.

Feb. 7-8

The Junior Musical Playhouse will present "Disney Mania," 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Ticket information will be announced at a later date.

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

Jan. 17-18, Feb. 7-9, 21-22

The Sun Valley Resort production of Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid" 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. 24-25, 30-31, Feb. 1

The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Alan Jay Lerner and Frederic Loewe's "My Fair Lady," 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 25, King Fine Arts Center, Burley. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$8 for reserved seats, are available at The Times-News Burley office and at The Book Store in Rupert.

Jan. 28-30 - Boise

The national touring production of the musical "Saturday Night Fever" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, \$38.50 and \$46, can be reserved by phoning...

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. Seating tickets are \$50 for adults, \$40 for students and \$45 for senior citizens (60 and over). Reserved season tickets are \$60 for adults and \$50 for students, available by phoning 732-6288 or 733-9554, Ext. 6289. Individual event tickets are \$14 for adults, \$10 for students and children. Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, CSI Community Education Center, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

Feb. 17-18

The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "The Search for Life in the Universe," Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Other shows are "Larry Cat in Space" on Saturdays at 2 p.m. and "The Dinosaur Chronicles" on Saturdays at 4 p.m. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9

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 Foe 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.

ACROBATICS

Jan. 20 - Utah

Peking Acrobats will perform at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$15, \$18 and \$21, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

FILM FESTIVAL

Wednesday and Jan. 17 and 19

The Magic Valley Arts Council's 15th Annual Foreign Film Festival will open with Raja Amari's "Satin Rouge," 7 p.m. Wednesday and on Jan. 17 and 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. An opening night gala is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Wednesday; tickets are \$20, including champagne, hors d'oeuvres, drawings and movie tickets. Admission on opening night is limited to those with pre-tickets. Festival tickets are \$7.50. For further information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-2787.

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The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "The Search for Life in the Universe," Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Other shows are "Larry Cat in Space" on Saturdays at 2 p.m. and "The Dinosaur Chronicles" on Saturdays at 4 p.m. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9

for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

COWBOY POETRY

Jan. 25-Feb. 1

The 2003 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held at sites around Elko, Nev. For ticket information, call (888) 880-5885.

ART SHOW

Today through Feb. 26

The art of Tarmo Watia will be on display at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. An opening reception is planned tonight from 5-7 p.m. Admission is free. The Eighth Street Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m., and is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

Through Jan. 25

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

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CSI will present eighth jazz summit

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Department of Music will present its eighth annual CSI Jazz Summit Jan. 24-25 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Featured artists include The Acoustic Jazz Quartet (David Sillis on sax, Brent Jensen on guitar, Zac Matthews on bass, Dean Koba on drums) from Los Angeles, The New Trio (Chuck Smith on piano, Sandon Mayhew on sax, Rod Wray on bass) from

Boise and Brent Jensen (director of Jazz Studies at CSI).

The summit will begin with an evening concert at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24. The concert will open with the Brent Jensen/David Sillis Quartet performing music from its recent Origin Records release *Stay Cool*, a tribute to the "cool school" of jazz. The Acoustic Jazz Quartet also will perform music from its recent Origin Records release *Organic*, which features original music by members of the quartet.

Clinics on instrumental tech-

nique, rhythm section fundamentals and jazz improvisation will be presented throughout the day Jan. 25. High school and junior high school jazz ensembles from throughout southern Idaho will perform in the Fine Arts Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. These daytime events are free and open to the public.

The evening concert Jan. 25 will feature a Tribute to Paul Desmond by the Brent Jensen Quartet performing music from *The Sound of a Dry Martini*, Jensen's debut compact disc on

the Origin Records label. The New Trio from Boise will perform selections from its CD, *New Territory*, and with special guest Rob Walker (trumpet). The Acoustic Jazz Quartet will close the concert with more original music from its two CDs, *Acoustic Jazz Quartet* and *Organic*.

General admission to each evening concert is \$8 and is available at the door. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, call Brent Jensen at 732-6765.

Acclaimed violinist performs on CSI stage

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Violinist Carrie Kennedy, winner of the National Young Artist Competition, will perform in recital Saturday night 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.



Carrie Kennedy Studies violin performance at USC

Elko opens its doors to cowboy poetry gathering on January 25

The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — Many of the West's best cowboy poets and musicians will perform during the 19th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering here Jan. 25-26.

In addition to verse and song, visitors can scrutinize G.S. Garcia's famous vaquero gear which is part of a Western Folklife Center exhibit: "Everything for the Vaquero: the Legacy of G.S. Garcia."

This year's evening shows include performances by former Magic Valley resident Baxter Black, living legend Ramblin' Jack Elliott, ex-rodde rider Paul Zarewki and Great Basin poets Rusty and Deanna McCull. Audience members will also hear Washington state rocker Wylie Gustafson and his Wild West band, the Irish and Scottish-influenced Canadian band Cowboy Celtic, as well as Glenn Orlich, Reid Steagall, Don Edwards, Waddie Mitchell and others.

Highlights

- "The Year of the Horse" on Jan. 31 is an evening of poetry and music at the Elko Convention Center focused on the horse. Performers include Texas poet Joel Nelson, Nevada Writers' Silver Pen Award winner Linda Hussa, National

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Heritage Fellow Wally McRae, Colorado poet and rancher Laurie Wagner Buyer, Texas Panhandle poet Larry McWhorter, former Gathering keynote speaker and rancher John Dofflemeyer, northern Arizona cowboy Gail Steiger, Nevada writer and poet Carolyn Dufurra, singer/songwriter/poet Red Steagall, and Wrangler Award for Poetry winner J.B. Allen.

- "Everything for the Vaquero: the Legacy of G.S. Garcia." This exhibition makes note of the legacy of handcrafted gear that bears his Garcia's name. He was the individual most responsible for establishing Elko's reputation as a mecca for vaquero gear. The exhibit opens at the Western Folklife Center on Jan. 30.

- "Wild women." This Northeastern Nevada Museum exhibit features women artists

as pioneers who use a variety of mediums including fabric, clay, metal, jewelry, painting, dolls, sculpture and pottery.

- Charros. This Northeastern Nevada Museum exhibit features historic and contemporary photos, along with cowboy gear representing the Mexican cowboys from the northeastern corner of the Great Basin.

Throughout the entire Gathering visitors and locals can browse through cowboy gear trade shows and art exhibits. Gathering venues include the Western Folklife Center, the Elko Convention Center and the Elko Junior High Auxiliary. Saloon-style piano music can be heard daily at the Western Folklife Center headquarters in the Historic Pioneer Saloon.

Most daytime poetry and music performances are open seating and free to individuals who purchase a day Pass or three-day guest pass. Tickets to this year's Gathering can be obtained by calling the Western Folklife Center ticket office at (775) 738-7508 or (888) 880-5885.

An Advance guest pass costs \$26 and includes a program book and pin. Single Day Passes purchased in advance cost \$11 (program book must be purchased separately). Evening events require tickets that can be purchased by phone or through the mail.

Mt. Harrison Foundation will stage 'My Fair Lady'

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Alan Jay Lerner and Fredric Loewe's "My Fair Lady" this month.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24, 30-31 and Feb. 1 and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the King Fine Arts Center.

Starring Rob Newman as Professor Henry Higgins and Laura Loveland as Eliza Doolittle, the musical will be directed by Dennis Byington. The music director is Alan Hale.

Tickets, which are \$8 for reserved seats and \$5 for general admission, are available at The Times-News Burley office, at the Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert.

M.V. Symphony begins rehearsals on Tuesday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The first rehearsal for the spring 2003 season of the Magic Valley Symphony will be held Tuesday night at 7:30.

It's scheduled for the stage of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Musicians — string, wind and percussion players — who would like to play symphonic orchestral music should contact Music Director Ted Hadley at 733-1079. Both adults and students

are encouraged. The symphony's next concert will be Feb. 28, featuring a program of orchestral works that includes Franz Schubert's "Unfinished" symphony and Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird." The symphony's pops concert will be May 3.

For further information, call Hadley at 733-1079.

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Buhl-bred filmmaker schedules auditions

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Think you oughta be in pictures?

Buhl-bred filmmaker Jaffe Zinn will hold auditions here Saturday for his new movie, "Grand Beart."

Zinn, a senior at New York University, was one of 10 students chosen to have his film funded by NYU. The movie will be shot in late May and early June.

The auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Westcott Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Zinn is seeking an assortment of male and female characters in their late teens, as well as a woman in her fifties, a man in his late fifties and another man in his thirties.

Zinn's previous film, "A Life for M100," was screened in New York City and the Los Angeles Directors' Guild of America to an audience composed of the general public and representatives of the entertainment industry. It received a nomination for NYU's most prestigious honor, The Wasserman Award, and won The New York Magazine Award of Excellence.

Zinn is a 1999 graduate of Buhl High School.



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WEEKEND

Movies

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ethnic comedy with culture clash jokes whose freshness date expired 30 years ago. Vardalos, however, is affecting as the glum, withdrawn single gal who gets everyone at home riled over her engagement with a non-Greek guy (John Corbett). With Michael Constantine, Laine Kazan, Andrea Martin and Joey Fatone. Directed by Joel Zwick. (135. PG for sensuality and language.)

'Real Women Have Curves'

Director Patricia Cardoso's delightful coming-of-age comedy-drama about an 18-year-old Mexican-American (America Ferrera) who learns to be at home in her own Rubensian skin. With Lupe Ontiveros. PG-13 (sexual candor, mild naths)

'Rodger Dodger'

Whip-smart and wicked, writer-director Dylan Kidd's surefooted debut puts a new spin on the 'Sex and the City' world of haute couture. New Yorkers obsessed by corporate and corporate advancement. Campbell Scott stars as a cynical ladies man who tries to teach his younger-old nephews a thing or two about the opposite sex. Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Berkley and Isabella Rossellini are among the distaff throng. R (sex, nudity, language, adult themes)

'Satin Rouge'

Raja Amari's first feature-length film is a meditation on the transformative powers of self-expression. Lilia Liliam Abbasi is a widowed Tunisian

housewife, tired of living the shadows of others. She follows her daughter Salma (Hond El Fahem), and discovers she is having a secret liaison with a cabaret musician who works in the forbidden belly dance cabaret down the street. After watching the hypnotic shifting of hips and the euphoria of the crowds, Lilia is herself overcome with the urge to dance. From then on, nothing is the same, and nothing is out of the question, not even sharing her father's boyfriend. Not rated.

'Star Trek: Nemesis'

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

has always been about. We've been here before, and we like the neighborhood. Patrick Stewart, Tom Hardy, Jonathan Frakes, Marina Sirtis and Brent Spiner star. (157. PG-13, for sci-fi action violence and a scene of sexual conduct.)

'Treasure Planet'

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)

'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 classics. She's an activist attorney co-opted by Manhattan real

estate developer. Grant to become his legal counsel, fostering emotional entanglements so mightily they do not realize they are falling in love. The result is a holiday treat. With Alicia Witt and Dana Ivey. (140. PG-13 for some sex-related humor.)

'The Wild Thornberrys Movie'

A tame, inoffensive animated kids' comedy, based on the TV series about a little girl who can talk to animals. Rated PG; some mild violence. 1 hour, 28 minutes.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“We saved half a million dollars.”

“—UTEP athletic director Bob Stull, on UTEP agreeing to pay about \$124,500 to former coach Jason Rababecus, who resigned 19 days before the start of the season.”

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
The Community College of Southern Nevada plays its home basketball games where?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
M.V. Christian at Mountain Cove, 5 p.m.
Bliss at The Community School, 7:30 p.m.
Buhl at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Carey at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Declo at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
Century at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Bliss at The Community School, 6 p.m.
Carey at Richfield, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.
Camas County at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Minico at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.
Highland at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
High school wrestling
Buhl Invitational, 3 p.m.
Madison Invitational, 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

T.F. Legion meeting will be Sunday
TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for American Legion Baseball parents and board members will be held on Sunday at 7 p.m. in Room G2 at Twin Falls High School.
The group will discuss the summer season and plans for its April fund-raising auction.
For more information, call Dusty Tenney at 733-5529.

Burley teen fires first-ever ace with 6-iron
BURLEY — Thirteen-year-old Kasey Kerbs, of Burley, got his first-ever hole in one at Coyote Lakes Golf Club in the Phoenix area Jan. 3, aching the 135-yard Par 3 16th hole with a 6-iron. Witnesses were his parents, Brent and Lori, and his older brother, Kolby.

Blaine County Rec offers youth hoops
HAILEY — Youth basketball registration for boys and girls in first through sixth grades will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Hailey Elementary multipurpose room. Registration can also be accepted at the Blaine County Recreation District office at 308 N. Main St.
Cost is \$25 for kids who have a recreation district jersey and \$37 for those who do not. A \$10 late fee will be charged for those registering after Jan. 21.
Volunteer coaches are also encouraged to call the Recreation District office at 788-2117.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
On the campus of University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Buhl Invitational boasts strong 3A field

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

BUHL — Expect the state Class 3A wrestling rankings to change after this weekend.
Three of the top six teams and a number of ranked grapplers will be in action at the two-day 29th annual Buhl Invitational this weekend, starting at 3:15 p.m. Friday at the Buhl Middle School gym.
Seventeen teams are expected with Class 3A No. 2-ranked Snake River facing No. 4 Kimberly and No. 5 Buhl along with Nevada powers Elko and Spring Creek.
Buhl isn't as strong right now as the ranking suggests. JD Gould, 140 pounds, will return this weekend from an injury

29th Annual Buhl Wrestling Invitational
Where: Buhl Middle School gym
When: Friday, 3:15 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Teams: Buhl, Burley, Declo, Emmett, Filer, Glenna Ferry, Gooding, Jerome, Kimberly, Middleton, North Fremont, Snake River, South Fremont, Twin Falls, Wendell, Wood River and Nevada schools: Elko and Spring Creek.
Admission: Daily is \$6 adults; \$5 students (with activity card). Tournament passes are \$10 for adults and \$9 for students.

suffered during the Bear-Cat Invitational last month but 152-pounder Will Baggs, ranked No. 1 in the state, is out with mononucleosis. Senior Chris Wolf, 160, is out for the season due to a recurring back injury.
Flu and injuries have weakened Buhl's chances of topping favored Snake River and defending champ North Fremont.
“It's run the whole gamut,” said Indians

wrestler coach Stacy Wilson of the injuries. “We need matches to get back into shape. It's been ugly (in dual meets) with only half a team.”
Snake River has two No. 1-ranked wrestlers in Todd Turpin at 119 pounds and Andy Gerber at 160. The team has a ranked wrestler in eight of the 14 weight classes. The Panthers include five state placers from last season. Gerber took sec-

ond at state.
“They are a full team with good freshmen in the light weights,” Wilson said. “It helps a lot when you have freshmen come in that are already good.”
The best team competition for Snake River could come from the Nevada schools. The Twin Falls varsity is one of the area teams entered. Though a small team, the Bruins boast the top-ranked 125-pound 5A wrestler in Ryan Polhaman. No. 4-ranked Dustin Scott at 189 and No. 4 Leonard Von Bernhardt at 130 are also ranked.
Top-ranked wrestlers also expected to compete include Snake River's Turpin at 119 pounds; freshman Kendall Kyle Gardner of Kimberly at 130; Gooding's

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Bruins shred Bobcats

T.F. boys net 16 3-pointers in 84-55 win

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It proved to be a fitting end to a lopsided contest.
Twin Falls reserve Casey Stroud tossed up a what-the-beck, buzzer-beating attempt and the ball bounced off the glass and in for the Bruins' 16th 3-pointer in their 84-55 nonconference boys basketball win over Burley on Thursday.
It's easier to remember the Bruins 3-point misses because there were so few of them.
The 8-3 Bruins shot a sizzling 59.3 percent (16-of-27) from 3-point range for the game and more importantly had eight players connect from long range.
Burley (3-7) was simply no match for Twin Falls Thursday night.
Burley stayed close thanks to 14 points and five rebounds from Scott Bame and 13 points and four boards from Scott Randlek. None of them came easy.
“We can't trade three points for two every time down the floor,” said Burley coach Jack Burley. “I've never seen a high school team shoot as well as them. They hit 16 3-pointers and most were contested.”
More balanced scoring is the main reason the Bruins have won five straight, said head coach Matt Hart. Brent Stokes, Chris Herzinger and Brett Miller all scored in double figures, 16, 15 and 15 points, respectively.
The third quarter was the big one for us,” Hart said. “We knew we had to build on our lead. We went 10 deep on the first half so we knew we would have fresher legs. I wanted it to pay off in the third.”
I did, thanks to a shooting clinic from a clicking Bruins offense. Herzinger scored nine of his 15 points in the final 2:24 to turn a 55-40 lead into a 64-42 command entering the fourth quarter.
They were setting good screens and getting me open,” Herzinger said matter of factly. “We're playing more as a team and getting everyone involved.”
Another player who stepped up was Miller, who shot 5-of-7 from



Twin Falls post Dirk Reitsma takes a pass in the paint against the Burley Bobcats in Thursday night's game, won by the Bruins 84-55.

long range on his way to 15 points. Miller scored Twin Falls' first six points, ensuring the Class 5A Bruins would never trail their 4A counterparts. Twin Falls led 24-10 after one quarter and 41-29 at the break.
Burley got within seven, 26-19, with 5:34 left in the second quarter, but would get no closer.
Bagley admitted he was surprised by how well Miller and Herzinger exploited the Bobcats'

boy and one defense on Bruins standout Stokes, who scored eight of his game-high 16 during a 79-second span in the first quarter to blow the game open.
That scoring outburst prompted a Burley timeout at 19:06 and a change from zone to the box-and-one. It didn't work well either.
“I didn't realize (Herzinger and Miller) were as good as they were,” Bagley said.
Another key Bruins contribu-

tor, inside, was senior post Jayson Vogt, who scored six points, hauled down a couple rebounds and made two steals. Two starters, Andre Coats and Cole Easter, stayed home sick while forward Luc Martin was slowed by the lingering flu effects. He still managed seven points and a game-high seven rebounds.
Vogt did a good job fronting

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Foreman leads inductees into boxing Hall

The Associated Press

CANASTOTA, N.Y. — George Foreman leads the International Boxing Hall of Fame's 2003 induction class.
Foreman capped a remarkable comeback to become boxing's oldest heavyweight champion from Jamaica, Forman, the 41-year-old former world champion, was one of 17 other boys official and personalities, including Mike McCallum, a boxing promoter, who were inducted into the hall. McCallum is a boxing promoter, promoter Dan Duhaime and his father, Dan Duhaime, were inducted.

The announcement was made Thursday.
“What a happy moment for me,” said Foreman, who won the world title with McCallum, was a fighter in his first year of college, but he has five years away from the ring.
“I have my name in the hall,” said Jack Johnson and Muhammad Ali. “I have made it,” Foreman said.

Foreman won the Olympic gold medal in 1968 and then won the first 17 professional titles. He was knocked out by Ken Kesey of the Frazier bout in the 22nd round, capturing the championship. He defended the title twice and then lost the crown to Muhammad Ali in the 1974 bout in Zaire, one of his biggest upsets.
He continued to fight until March 17, 1977, when he lost a 12-round decision to Billy James Young. He then returned to become a preacher with his own church and evangelist in an urban Houston.

After a 10-year absence, Foreman made an unlikely comeback, eventually capturing a title match against Eastman Stribling, which he lost in 11 rounds.
Then, on Nov. 7, 1994, at age 45, he knocked out 29-year-old Michael Moorer in the 10th round to win the WBA and IBF heavyweights titles, becoming boxing's oldest champion. He retired for good in 1997 with a record of 50 fights and 8 KOs.
The Jamaica-born McCallum was nicknamed “The Bad Statcher” en route to a career record of 48-51 with 16 knockouts. During his career, he held championship belts as a junior middleweight and mid-dleweight and light-heavyweight.

Burt returns to Huskies bench

Player recuperates after cardiac arrest on New Year's Eve

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington guard Kayla Burt, who spent most of last week in a hospital bed after a near-death episode, rejoined the Huskies Thursday night and cheered from the bench as her teammates played Arizona State.
After Washington's starters were introduced, Burt received a lengthy standing ovation when the public address announcer added her to the lineup as “an honorary sixth starter for the Huskies.”



Washington's Kayla Burt is hugged by teammate Sarah Koeler as Burt is introduced before a game with Arizona State Thursday in Seattle. Burt nearly died on New Year's Eve after her heart stopped. Teammates revived her. At left is Ange Jones.

Holmes runs away with award for NFL top offensive player

The Associated Press

Priest Holmes accomplished in 14 games what many players can't in two full seasons. His reward: The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year award.
The dynamic running back for the Kansas City Chiefs was on pace to shatter several NFL records before a deep hip bruise sidelined him for the final two games of 2002.
Still, Holmes set 10 team records, including 1,615 yards rushing and 21 TDs. He also had three scores as a receiver, and the 24 TDs were two short of Marshall Faulk's league mark.



Priest Holmes

NFL Offensive Player of the Year voting

Voting for the 2002 NFL Offensive Player of the Year was open to a nationwide public vote.

Priest Holmes, Kansas City	20.5
Mark Brunell, Tampa Bay	18.0
Rich Gannon, Oakland	9
Steve Watson, Miami	5
Deva McNeil, Tennessee	3

Holmes' 2,287 yards from scrimmage fell 142 short of Faulk's NFL record. And in 38 touches, Holmes had only one fumble.
Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil researched Holmes' total yards from scrimmage and found it was the most ever in a 14-game span.
“After I missed the last two

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SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS *By Steve Moore*



"We did blood tests, CAT scan, MRI, colonoscopy, spinal tap, EKG and biopsies up the ying-yang, and they all point to the same conclusion: You've got no game."

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Golf**
 - NBA, Host of Jazz, PWPT, 7 p.m.
 - NBA, Clippers at Superonics, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.
 - Euro Tour, Always Open, second round, TBC, 7 a.m.
 - PGA, Mercedes Championships, second round, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Basketball**
 - NBA, Celtics at Mavericks, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Depicted: Jimmy Knepper

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Boxing

- Friday Night Fights, ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.

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Round of 64 gives him share of lead with Els

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Jim Furyk felt right at home Thursday in the Mercedes Championships, where he polished off a 9-under 64 just 300 yards from his house and wound up in a share of the lead with Ernie Els.

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SPORTS

Pennington deflects comparisons

QB doesn't want to disrespect legacy of idol Montana

By Bob Glauber
Newsday

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Of course, he finds the comparison flattering. Who wouldn't want to be spoken of in the same breath as Joe Montana? Especially when the guy was your childhood idol.

But Jets quarterback Chad Pennington also is troubled by this sudden fascination with labeling him the next Montana. It's just not right.

Not now, anyway. "If I'm going to be compared to someone, I'd love to be compared to Joe Montana," Pennington said. "But I don't like being compared to him, because that's almost disrespectful to him because of what he was able to accomplish. I'm just a third-year player trying to win another game. He won four Super Bowls and is in the Hall of Fame."

Yet the fact that we are even having this discussion shows how incredible Pennington's stunning early success has been. Pennington a younger version of Montana? Why not?

They played in the same offense, have been coached by the same coordinator, are known for being exceptional tough passers with the benefit of a strong arm, are unflappable in the face of adversity, and are looked to by teammates and coaches as leaders without peer. Montana won his first Super Bowl in his third year. Pennington is in his third year, and is two victories away from the Super Bowl.

"I learned a lot of my skills about quarterback play from Joe Montana," said Jets offensive coordinator Paul Hackett, who worked with Montana from 1983-85. "So a lot of what I will pass on to Chad is being to have a lot of Montana in them, because that's where I learned the offense."

Hackett said Pennington is only just beginning to scratch the surface of his potential, and that he will get even better over time once he masters the intricacies of the offense.

The question remains: Will he ever get to the level of Montana, regarded by many as the greatest quarterback of all time?

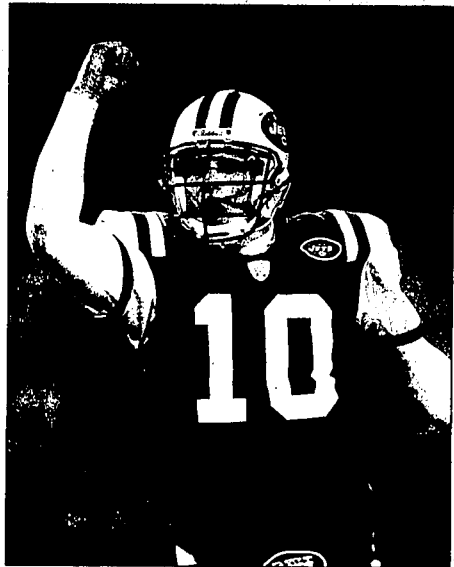
"It's awfully hard to relate an all-time player with all the years of experience that Joe had," said former Jets Coach Bill Walsh, the holder of the West Coast offense that helped spawn Montana's stellar career. "But I do see the real thing and he will be one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL. I think he's already one of the premier passers. He has great touch, is very accurate, has poise, precision and mobility. They talk about a weak arm, but I see an arm that's perfectly suited for the NFL."

Had circumstances been different, Pennington might have been the 49ers' quarterback. Walsh said Wednesday the 49ers' coach and multiple draft picks in the first round of the 2000 draft had defensive needs not been so pressing. San Francisco used its first round pick on linebacker Julian Peterson that year.

"I will tell you that we gave serious consideration when we made our first selection," Walsh said. "We had to have defensive players. It was still very difficult to pass up."

But Walsh said at night he was unreasonable to expect Pennington to perform at the level he has achieved this year. Pennington led all NFL starters during the regular season with a 101.2 rating.

"His rating is very high, abnormally high."



New York Jets quarterback Chad Pennington celebrates a touchdown pass against the Indianapolis Colts during the AFC wild card game at Giants Stadium Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Walsh said. "You'd have to say there's a certain amount of good fortune that may not be there every year. Even with Montana, Steve Young, Brett Favre, Kurt Warner, the ratings weren't always that high. But that doesn't mean he won't take his team to the NFL championship."

Another of Montana's mentors is a bit more cautious about anointing Pennington as another Joe Legend. "Anybody who makes comparisons to Joe Montana is really putting a lot on him," said Mike Holmgren, the Seattle Seahawks head coach. Holmgren was Montana's quarterback coach from 1986-88 and the 49ers' offensive coordinator from 1989-91. "In my opinion, I think Joe had a little more juice in his arm than Chad. I always felt Joe's arm strength was underrated. At times, he was so smooth and made it look so effortless that he didn't appear as though he needed to throw it hard."

But Holmgren does see similarities in how the two quarterbacks run the West Coast offense.

"In terms of the mechanics of the position, the way he throws the ball on time without a lot of wasted movement, that kind of thing," Holmgren said. "But with Joe, I don't think it would have mattered which system he was in. I think he would have been great, regardless."

Asked whether he thought anyone, including Pennington, would ever reach Montana's level, Holmgren replied simply: "No."

But no one around the Jets is willing to put any limits on Pennington. Least of all coach Herman Edwards, who not only played against Montana but was an assistant coach with the Chiefs when Montana played for Kansas City.

"Joe made his career, and Chad still has to make it," Edwards said. "Chad is like a piece of clay right now. But the thing I see that a lot of people have is the ability, when they walk in the huddle, to make everybody believe in them. That's what all the great quarterbacks do. Joe taught me, when you walk in the huddle, get the attention of the offensive line. Not the skill guys, because they want the ball. It's the guys who put their hands in the dirt."

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Translation: Edwards is putting no limits on just how good Pennington can be.

Pennington's father battles leukemia

Chad Pennington's father-in-law is battling leukemia, but the Jets' quarterback doesn't want to discuss the subject.

Pennington said Thursday he was disappointed that the story was made public.

"That was not something I wanted to get out. I will live and learn," the third-year pro said. "It's a family issue, and I would like to keep it that way."

ESPN The Magazine posted a story on its website Tuesday reporting on Pennington's father-in-law, and the Daily News published an article Thursday.

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Playoff weekend features intriguing QB matchups

The Associated Press

Young Joe Montana against old Joe Montana? That's the way the New York Jets' visit to Oakland for an AFC divisional playoff game is being portrayed, with Chad Pennington as young Joe and Rich Gannon as the old one — and winner of his first NFL MVP award at age 37.

There are other elements, of course, to the Jets-Raiders game, which wraps up the quarterfinal weekend at 2:30 p.m. MST Sunday.

There's another intriguing matchup between QBs in one of the NFC games — Atlanta and Michael Vick against Donovan McNabb and Philadelphia at Veterans Stadium in the Saturday night game. Two young, scrambling Steve Youngs?

In other quarterfinal games, Pittsburgh is at Tennessee at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, and San Francisco is at Tampa Bay at 11 a.m. Sunday.

All the home teams were off last week, a distinct edge because since the current playoff format began in 1990, teams with opening-round byes are 31-9 in the next game.

But the Jets certainly have a shot. New York, making its fourth trip to Oakland in two seasons, meets the Raiders in a rematch of a 26-20 loss on Dec. 2 in which Pennington had his team in position to win late in the game.

A first-round pick in 2000, Pennington sat behind Vinny Testaverde until the Jets slipped to 1-3.

Pennington replaced Testaverde, went 8-4 in the regular season and was nearly perfect in his fourth win, a 41-0 romp over Indianapolis in a wild-card game last week.

The Raiders aren't slouches, of course. They won their first four, lost their next four and have since won seven of eight to secure home-field advantage in the AFC. That keeps them on their slow track — it's wet at this time of year in the Bay Area — and it means their aging stars can sleep in their own beds.

Indeed, the Raiders have been carried this season by the 37-year-old Gannon throwing to the 40-year-old Jerry Rice and 36-year-old Tim Brown. Rod Woodson, 37, and Bill Romanowski, 36, are among the defensive leaders.

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By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

The oddsmakers don't buy the argument that Michael Vick can cancel out Donovan McNabb in Philadelphia.

They look at the Falcons and the Eagles overall, which are both the Eagles are favored by 7.5 in their matchup in Philadelphia on Saturday night.

If Atlanta has any edge, it's that it has already played a night game in cold weather, beating Green Bay at Lambeau Field 27-7 — this is another 8 p.m. Saturday start.

The difference this week is that playing a healthier team, with McNabb back from his broken ankle, McNabb even thinks he'll be able to scramble — not like Vick, perhaps — but well enough to put the threat of the run in the minds of the Atlanta defenders.

But the bottom line is that the Eagles, especially with McNabb, are the NFL's best team. And they were a 10-0 against NFC teams until losing their final game to the Giants in the Meadowlands.

Go with the field. Go with the better team. **EAGLES, 31-11**

New York Jets (plus 5.5) at Oakland

This spread sounds just like the Monday night meeting between these two, won by the Raiders 26-20.

But that was a game New York could have won. Chad Pennington had a rare brain warp in that one, and the Jets were threatening when time ran out.

The Jets are everyone's favorite underdog after their 41-0 demolition of the Colts.

Charles Woodson and Tory James, the Raiders' cornerbacks, will play hurt, meaning Laveranues Coles, Wayne

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Can 26-year-old Joe ... or Chad Pennington overcome that experience? Interesting game.

San Francisco (11-0) at Tampa Bay (12-4)

Are the 49ers exhausted after coming back from a 24-point deficit to beat the Giants last week at Candlestick?

"I think we really wore out the Giants," San Francisco center Jeremy Newberry said. "I don't think they were in the physical condition we were in."

But if the Niners aren't physically spent, they could be emotionally drained by all the work they had to do in the final 20 minutes.

The Bucs' week off helped Brad Johnson re-emerge back, especially since the ineffective tandem of Shaun King and Rob Johnson showed just how important he is at quarterback for Tampa Bay.

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Pro picks

Chrebt and Santana Moss will have room.

This will be the fourth game in Oakland for the Jets in the past two seasons, so they should feel at home.

Upset special. **JETS 24-23**

San Francisco (plus 5) at Tampa Bay

Any team with Jeff Garcia throwing to Terrell Owens is never in a game, as the 49ers proved in coming back from 24 points down against the Giants last week.

But they may have spent too much emotion and energy in that game to come back against the rested Bucs, who will have quarterback Brad Johnson back to get their offense restarted.

Tampa Bay's defense is too solid to melt down the way New York did last week, especially at home. **BUCS, 26-17**

Pittsburgh (plus 4) at Tennessee

This is a replay of a 31-23 Titans win — the game in which Tommy Maddox injured his spine.

Maddox is back — the comeback player of the year for his emergence from nowhere and then from that injury. Last week, he rallied the Steelers from a 17-point deficit against Cleveland.

But the Titans are lurking quietly — nobody really seems to have noticed they finished the season with 10 wins in 11 games, No. Tennessee player made the Pro Bowl, although linebacker Keith Bulluck made second-team All-Pro. **TITANS, 31-23**

Eagles say the 3-4 doesn't worry them

McNabb likely will face barrage of blitzes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb can expect to see plenty of blitzes from the Atlanta Falcons, and not because he's returning from a broken ankle.

Unlike most of the Philadelphia Eagles' opponents this season, the Falcons play a 3-4 defense under offensive coordinator Wade Phillips. The set features three down linemen and four linebackers in its basic alignment, creates different matchups for offensive linemen and relies on the blitz perhaps more than any other defensive scheme.

The Eagles, who play Atlanta in an AFC divisional playoff game Saturday night, faced the 3-4 just this season, against the expansion Houston Texans in Philadelphia won 17-17, but took a while to adjust to Houston's defense.

The Texans blitzed McNabb 40- to 50 times. He was sacked three times and pressured on numerous occasions, but completed 24 of 42 passes for 259 yards and one touchdown.

"It's not like we've never seen it," Eagles center Hank Fraley said Thursday. "On certain downs, some teams play a 3-4 defense. We're comfortable with it and with the week of practice, we'll be fine."

Fraley is most affected by the 3-4. He'll have defensive tackle Ed Jasper line up over him on every snap, while guards John Welbourn and Jermaine Mayberry will be uncovered.

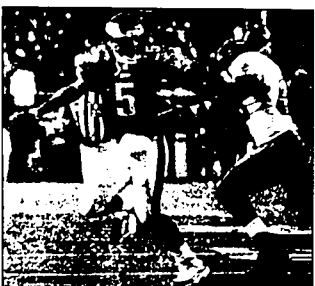
"Atlanta does a good job with it," said Mayberry, a Pro Bowl tight end guard. "They have athletic players, that lets them move around. It's going to be a challenge."

Using the 3-4, Atlanta finished 19th on overall defense — 23rd against the run and 16th against the pass. The Falcons allowed 314 points, an average of 19.6, and had 47 sacks.

Left end Patrick Kerney led Atlanta with 10.5 sacks, tackle Ellis Johnson had seven and right

end Brady Smith and outside linebacker Sam Rogers each had 6.5. Linebacker Keith Brooking excelled against the run, finishing with 212 tackles and earned his second consecutive trip to the Pro Bowl.

While Atlanta's defense is unfamiliar to the Eagles, Philadelphia's offense won't sur-



The Eagles' Donovan McNabb fends off Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks Jan. 12, 2002, in the NFC wild-card game in Philadelphia.

prised the Falcons. Atlanta has played three of its last five games against teams that run a version of the West Coast offense, including last week's 27-7 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

"Whether it's 3-4, 5-2, 6-1, it's all going to come down to execution," Eagles wide receiver Antonio Freeman said.

field, but his numbers on it are incredibly expressive. He rushed for more than 100 yards nine times. He scored four touchdowns in the run, finished with two other games. Holmes gained 307 yards against Seattle (197 rushing, 110 receiving).

That enabled him to beat out running back receiver Marvin Harrison of Indianapolis, who was second in the balloting with 14.5 votes. Harrison snatched the NFL mark for receptions in a season with 143, 20 more than the previous record.

Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon, the league's most valuable player, was third in the balloting with nine votes, followed by Miami running back Ricky Williams with three, and Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair with one.

Holmes is the first Chief to win the award, which went to Faulk the last three seasons. The last seven Offensive Player of the Year awards have come to running backs; Brett Favre in 1995 was the last quarterback to win it, and Jerry Rice, in 1993, the last receiver.

Award

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games. I wasn't even thinking about any honors or awards or anything," Holmes admitted Thursday after receiving 20.5 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters who operate the league. "I really appreciate this."

"But I'm grateful to my offensive line and coaches more than anything for what they did for me."

Holmes' line, featuring Pro Bowl selections William Roof at tackle and Will Shields at guard, was intact the entire season.

Still, Holmes' skills as a runner and receiver probably made the linemen look pretty good, too.

"It's nice to know his performance is being recognized," said Vermel, who recruited Holmes as a free agent shortly after taking the Chiefs' job in January 2001. "His performance on the field on game day is only a reflection of what he's about every day. It's hard even for me to get him to talk about himself. And it's not an artificial humbleness. That's really just the way he is."

Holmes might be quiet off the

Duke narrowly escapes

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. (AP) — Alana Beard made two free throws with eight minutes of a second to play, capping a stunning 41-point performance that lifted top-ranked Duke to a 60-59 victory Thursday night over Virginia.

The Blue Devils (14-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) maintained the best start in school history only because of their best player, who scored 27 of her team's 37 second-half points, including the last six.

Virginia (5-8, 0-3), and seemed to have the victory secure when Beard missed in the final seconds. But as the ball caromed toward midcourt, Beard gave chase and so did Karen Jaeger, who was whistled for a foul with 10.08 on the clock.

Beard calmly swished both shots despite the frantic and angry fans, and the Cavaliers didn't even get off a desperation shot at the end.

No. 2 LSU 54, Auburn 45

AUBURN, Ala. — Selimou Augustus scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half, and defeated Auburn in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

Auburn (12-2) was led by La'Coie Willingham's 17 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 9 Minnesota 77, Illinois 62

MINNEAPOLIS — Janel McCarville tied her career-high with 23 points, and Lindsay Whalen added 21 and a career-high 12 rebounds for Minnesota (13-1, 2-1 Big Ten).

Cindy Dallas led the Illini (0-3, 2-1) with 17 points.

No. 10 North Carolina 86, Wake Forest 56

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Leah McLaughlin and La'Tangela Atkinson scored 14 points apiece, and North Carolina (13-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) got its 10th straight victory.

Wake Forest (10-3, 1-2) missed 19 of its first 21 shots and trailed 42-20 at halftime.

No. 12 Louisiana Tech 83, San Jose St. 38

RUSTON, La. — Amber Obaze scored 18 points for Louisiana Tech ended San Jose State's regular-season Western Athletic Conference winning streak at eight games.

The victory was the seventh in a row for the Lady Techsters (9-2, 2-0). San Jose State (6-6, 2-1) entered the game with its streak dating to last season.

No. 13 South Carolina 83, No. 14 Mississippi St. 79

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Koretha



Duke's Alana Beard is fouled by Virginia's Karen Jaeger with 10 seconds remaining as Virginia led by a point Thursday in Charlottesville, Va. Duke won 60-59.

No. 23 Ohio St. 70, COLUMBUS, Ohio — Courtney Coleman scored 22 points and helped lead a decisive second-half to Ohio State's eighth straight victory.

Michigan State (7-4, 1-2 Big Ten) got as close as 48-46 with 10:56 to play, but Coleman and LaToya Turner led an 18-7 run by Ohio State (11-2, 2-0) in the next 7:55 minutes with seven points each.

No. 17 Penn State 86, Iowa 52

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Kelly Mazzante scored 26 of her 33 points in the second half, and Tanisha Wright finished with 27 points as 17 Penn State (12-3, 3-0 Big Ten) turned a close game into a rout.

Kristi Faulkner led Iowa (8-4, 0-1) with 18 points.

Men's Top 25

No. 25 Michigan St 66, Ohio St 55

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Ohio State treated the Michigan State Spartans as if they had a one man team and found out otherwise.

Alan Anderson scored a career-high 18 points and Maurice Ager had a career-best 15 as No. 25 Michigan State (9-4, 1-0 Big Ten) beat the Buckeyes, 66-55 Thursday night in the Big Ten opener for both schools.

Ohio State (7-5, 0-4) held Chas Hill, the Spartans' leading scorer, to four points total, 12 below his average.

Brent Darby scored 10 points to lead Ohio State.

Other scores

- No. 7 Purdue 59, Wisconsin 53
- No. 11 Arkansas 78, Memphis 64

Site of next America's Cup is yet to be determined

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The Swiss syndicate Alinghi would favor defending the America's Cup in Europe if it wins the trophy next month.

Alinghi is one of three remaining teams in the America's Cup, along with fellow challenger finalist Oracle of San Francisco and defending Team New Zealand.

Depending on which team wins the best-of-nine series in February, the next America's Cup could be held in Hawaii, Singapore, on San Francisco Bay or in Auckland.

Uncertainty has surrounded the location of a regatta hosted by Alinghi because landlocked Switzerland would be the first Cup defender from a country that has no coastline.

The team's eligibility for the challenger series was once questioned because the America's Cup's Deed of Gift specifies a challenger yacht club must hold its annual regatta on the sea or an arm of the sea.

Alinghi, backed by Societe

Nautique de Geneve, represent a tradition of lake sailors and was saved from exclusion by the Societe's hosting of annual ocean series.

Alinghi, which begins a best-of-nine challenger final against Oracle on Friday, had refused to speculate about a Swiss defense until Thursday.

"We are now obliged to consider the question," Alinghi spokesman Bernard Schopfer said. "It is logical we should do so at this stage."

If Team New Zealand wins, the next regatta will be held on Auckland's Hauraki Gulf in late 2005 and early 2006.

If either the challenger finalists takes the Cup from New Zealand, the next location would be in question.

Oracle and Alinghi have the ability to explore a number of options.

Alinghi's defense would likely be held on the Mediterranean or on Europe's Atlantic coast, Schopfer said.

Sacramento blasts New Jersey as NBA West appears far stronger

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The second-best team in the West humiliated the top team in the East.

The Sacramento Kings went on a 38-10 run bridging the first and second quarters and eventually led by as many as 42 in defeating New Jersey 118-82 Thursday night, preventing the Nets from matching the longest winning streak in franchise history—11 games.

It was the first home loss for the Nets since Nov. 16, when the West's other powerhouse—the Dallas Mavericks—beat them by eight. That game at least was competitive, a quality this game

Lacked for a majority of its 48 minutes.

Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points, Mike Bibby added 23 and Chris Webber had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who won their fourth in a row to improve to 27-9.

Lucious Harris and Jason Collins scored 11 apiece for the Nets, whose home winning streak was snapped at 11.

A jumper by Kevin Clark tied the game at 19:19, and Stojakovic scored the final seven points of an ensuing 11:0 run that helped the Kings to a 41-23 lead after one quarter.

Burt

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to adorning fans as she returned to the bench.

One fan held up a sign that said "We Love Kayla." Her parents, Ken and Teri Burt, stood and applauded from the second row near Washington's bench.

Burt's heart stopped beating on New Year's Eve and five team mates kept her alive with CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until paramedics arrived.

The 20-year-old Burt, whose condition was diagnosed with Long QT Syndrome, a rare inherited electrical disorder that causes heart-beat irregularities. She had a defibrillator implanted in her chest Monday and was released from University of Washington Medical Center the next day.

About 19 minutes before tipoff, fans stood and cheered when Burt walked onto the court behind her teammates. She took a spot on the baseline to watch the Huskies warm up, and later walked to midcourt for the team captain's meeting.

On Wednesday, Burt appeared at a news conference to recount her harrowing New Year's Eve as cool-headed teammates scrambled to save her life.

"I'm as lucky as anyone has ever been lucky," Burt said. "My heart was stopped. I was dead and started even really loved everything in yet. I feel so blessed by everyone. I'm here."

"I'm happy. I don't know what to say. I've gone through so much in the past week."

Five teammates kept a phone line open as their emergency operator performed CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and went outside to direct paramedics to her apartment.

"I've been studying how to do it. It's a debit to talk with an 'R,'" she said, breaking up the word. "It's on my right side. It's a little painful. It hurts to touch, which is normal. The swelling will go down."

The device monitors the heart beat and applies a shock if irregularities are detected. Burt said she hasn't felt any shocks yet.

After that a week later, the Huskies are still trying to grasp what happened.

"It's definitely surreal," said Erica Shells said.

"I feel normal," Burt said. "I feel like I could go play a basketball game right now."

Sadly, she can't. Her playing career is over because doctors deemed it too dangerous with the heart condition, though she's expected to return eventually to a normal life-style.

She started 10 games, averaging eight points, 3.7 rebounds and 4.1 assists.

Burt is a sophomore, but coach June Tanghera plans to renew her scholarship for graduation and she will remain with the team.

Flyers blank Islanders for fifth straight win

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Roman Cechmanek made 24 saves for his first shutout of the season, and Eric Desjardins had a goal and assist in the Philadelphia Flyers' 4-0 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

The Flyers have won five straight and they snapped New York's seven-game streak of earning at least one point (6-0-1).

Pavel Brendl, Jeremy Roenick and Marty Murray also scored for the Flyers, who won both visits to Long Island this season by a combined score of 10-2. It was Cechmanek's 15th career shutout.

Garth Snow gave regular Islanders goalie Chris Osgood the night off and stopped 16 shots.



The Flyers' Roman Cechmanek makes a save as Michael Handzus keeps the Islanders' Dave Scatch away during the second period of Philadelphia's 4-0 victory over New York Thursday.

Thrashers 3, Lightning 2, OT

TAMPA, Fla. — Ilya Kovalchuk scored his second goal of the game with 15:2 seconds left in overtime as Atlanta beat Southeast Division-leading Tampa Bay.

Kovalchuk scored from a right circle soon after Atlanta goalie Byron Dafoe stopped Vincent Lecavalier on a break-away.

Lecavalier and Dave Andreychuk scored power-play goals in the third period as the Lightning rallied to a 2-2 tie.

Tony Hrkac also scored for Atlanta, which has the NHL's second-worst record (11-24-2-4).

Canadiens 3, Rangers 2

MONTREAL — Marcel Hossa scored his second goal in as many games, since being recalled from the minors to lift Montreal over the New York Rangers.

Montreal ended a season-high seven-game winning streak. The teams were tied 2-2 in the first period.

Defensemen Karl Dykhuizen and Andrei Markov also scored for the Canadiens, who hadn't played at home since a 6-2 win over Buffalo on Dec. 21.

Lundmark scored for New York, 4-0-2-1 in his last 17 games.

Maple Leafs 4, Penguins 2

PITTSBURGH — Toronto

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allowed Pittsburgh's league-leading power play to convert only 1-of-9 chances without the injured Mario Lemieux, and Nik Antropov scored the decisive goal in Toronto's victory.

Travis Green scored short-handed and also helped set up Jyrki Lumme's goal with 2:5 minutes gone as the Maple Leafs went 3-1 in the season series, winning twice in Pittsburgh.

Antropov also assisted on

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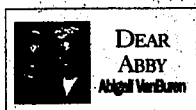
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Teen wants to help bulimic friend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl. Each day at lunch, my friend, "Lily," runs to the bathroom right after she eats. I'm pretty sure she's throwing up. Lily's other friends agree with me, because one of them heard puking noises coming from a bathroom stall Lily went into. I don't know what the word is for making yourself throw up, but I do know it can ruin your health and could even kill you. My sister says that Lily needs to understand her behavior is dangerous to her health, but I'm afraid she'll feel betrayed if I tell. What should I do?

- ANONYMOUS IN SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Lily is fortunate to have such a caring friend as you. The name for her problem is bulimia, and you are correct that it is very serious. Once people get into the habit of vomiting their food after eating, it may take professional intervention and therapy to stop. I urge you to tell a trusted teacher or counselor at school what you have written to me.



DEAR ABBY: I am 52 and have been a widow for nearly 10 years. I am going with a wonderful guy, "Gus," who had quadruple bypass surgery a year ago. Gus is 53. He takes care of himself by watching his diet and doing aerobics. My mother thinks I should break up with him because of his health problems. I've also had health problems - a blood clot two years ago and total knee replacement early last year. Gus and I love each other and feel we can support each other

through our health challenges. Should I listen to my mother and lead a lonely life - or make a lifelong commitment to Gus?
- HAPPY AGAIN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HAPPY AGAIN: Your mother means well, but listen to your heart. It's not the length of your years, but how well you live them that counts. Since Gus takes care of himself, you could both live long, happy lives together.

DEAR ABBY: I appreciated learning about the VISION USA free eye-care program that was recently mentioned in your column, but I want you and your readers to know that there are also other assistance programs available. Every day I see working people who can't afford insurance for themselves and their families. That is where the Lions clubs come in. Many Lions clubs provide assistance with free eye care (exams, glasses and surgery) for those in need. There are approximately 1.4 million mem-

bers in more than 44,500 clubs in 130 countries. Over 20 years, the Lions have accumulated their service to help with hearing exams, hearing aids, medical assistance for diabetics. We work with local eye-care professionals to help children and adults.

To get in touch with your local Lions club, check community resources or visit www.lionsclubs.org. We need ordinary citizens trying to help needy people in our local areas. We also support youth programs, community development, eyeglass recycling and much more. Thank you, Abby, for your longtime support of the Lions clubs throughout the world.

- SANDY CARANO, GREAT BRIDGE LIONS CLUB, CHESAPEAKE, VA.

DEAR SANDY: You are the people who should be thanked for contributing to your communities in such an important way by helping people who could not otherwise find assistance.

Scholars believe juggling may be instinctive

Native jugglers have been observed in so many separate places on earth that scholars have come to believe juggling is instinctive. A Utah State University survey proves that 90 percent of the men who own dogs talk at length to said dogs. But it does not explain what's wrong with the 10 percent who don't. Pretty smart, the potato. After a beetle's first bite into it, said potato puts out a foul substance. So after the second bite, the beetle goes "pruuiii!" Or something like that. Color of a woman's eyes reveals nothing whatsoever about her character. You and I know that. Still, amateur analysts continue to claim brown eyes tend to be more expressive. So they contend a woman with such eyes, if and when she flirts, signals in a most intriguing manner. In Love and War, they say, nobody sends a message like a brown-eyed woman. Q. How can you tell a rubber-snake's head from its tail? A. Scare it. The end you then see is the tail. Curious beast. As you imply, its head and tail look alike. When attacked, it hides its head in its own coils and exposes its tail in the natural hope the enemy will go for the wrong end. Old rubbersnakes have beat-up tails. An orange is dandy, but you get more out of an onion. More solitary. The Nile's current flows north. Under wind that blows south. So a Nile sailor can go either way at will. Scholars



think it's where the first sailboats worked. Why are wives 60 times more likely than single women to suffer that distress called depression? A doctor reports this finding in a British medical journal. He says a three-year study of the matter proves the fact but not the reason for the fact. Q. Can a beaver close its nose? A. Can indeed. Ears, too. If you drank like a hippopotamus, you'd also take it in through your pores.

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Aries rejoices as things turn for the better

IF JANUARY 10TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are independent, an original thinker. You meet and succeed in challenges that test your ingenuity. You are passionate in romance, and for you there is no life without love. Leo, Aquarius individuals play major roles in activities, could these letters in names: A, S, J. During February, a relationship begins or ends. In March, you will beat the odds and win the game. October will be most romantic, profitable.

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now be accepted. Scorpio plays "passionate" role.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will be singing. "Everything is going my way." You give off vibrations of personality and sex appeal. Circumstances turn in your favor, forget lucky break.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You will overcome fear of the unknown. You will be induced to participate in theatrical production. Much to your own surprise, you enjoy the experience. Aries plays role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let not preconceived notions. Make it start. You suit friends and influence people. At the track. Choose number 1 post position in first race. Leo is represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family get together leads to decision concerning business, career. Participate in civic activities, bonding in community is enhanced. Marital status is featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be celebrating, published material brings joy and money. Bring forth sense of humor. Launch at your own toibles. Gemini, Sagittarius natives play outstanding role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Confusion exists concerning possible inheritance. Attend to details, do additional research. What had been rejected could

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Contractual obligations must be fulfilled. Later, you will enjoy freedom of thought, action. Flirtation serious, grows hot and heavy. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius figure in scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Attention revolves around home, desire for domestic tranquility. You could change residence and marital status. Your voice is melodious, sing in or out of the shower. Libra is featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Answer to question: It is love and lust, a blend of both. Scenario highlights children, challenge and a variety of experiences. Physical attraction is strong. Pisces plays enticing role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be involved in sale or purchase of property. Get priorities in order, and proceed with confidence. Relationship intensifies, maintain emotional equilibrium. Cancer native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look beyond the immediate; you will be dealing with relatives, short trips and unsolicited advice. Do things your way, your way is the right way today. Aries plays extraordinary role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): By making fresh start in new direction, you improve income potential. If married, love spark reignites. If single, you encounter future mate. Wear brighter colors, make personal appearances.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

H&R Block reduces part in tax loan deal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - H&R Block Inc. this week said it was reducing its direct involvement in a tax loan program, but that customers would get their money just as quickly as before.

The Kansas City company, which runs the nation's largest tax preparation service and has been a major lender in the program, said that customers who wanted cash advances known as refund anticipation loans would now get those advances from Household Tax Masters. The company, which is a unit of Household International Inc., makes the loans through Block's tax offices.

Clients of Block and other tax services with similar programs typically can shave about 10 days off their waits for refunds by accepting the cash advances, then repaying the money by signing over their Internal Revenue Service refunds.

Block and a different Household lending arm, Household FSB, previously made the loans together. But Household farmed out part of that business to an unrelated lender last fall following a nationwide settlement of unrelated predatory lending disputes and a pending merger with a British holding company.

Block worried that adjusting to the change so close to the onset of peak filing might interfere with service to clients, said company spokesman Tom Linfield.

So the company said it gave up its right to participate in the refund loans - and potentially \$50 million in projected additional revenue - in exchange for smaller direct payments from Household Tax Masters.

Those direct payments, plus reductions in lending costs, essentially balance the lower revenues, Block said. As a result, profits for the year ending April 30 still are expected to fall in the range of \$2.90 to \$3.10 a share, a range projected earlier this week when Block met with securities analysts.

CSI offers investment class starting Jan. 23

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the money-management class "Financial Workshop for the Individual Investor" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 23 through Feb. 13, at Edward Jones Investments.

Cost is \$40. Instructor is long-time community education instructor Rob Sturgill.

The four-week course will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of investments such as certificates of deposit, bonds, stocks, mutual funds and annuities. It will also cover retirement, college and estate planning. Organizers say this is an excellent class for individuals wanting to determine what investments are best suited for their needs and objectives.

For information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

Technology class focuses on home recording studios

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the technology class "Home Recording Studio Design" from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 23, in Shields room 102 on the CSI campus.

Cost is \$40.

Students will learn how to build and operate a home recording studio. Topics include: measuring and tuning the workspace, determining placement of studio monitors, choosing a digital audio workstation, choosing correct microphones, and how to wire it all together. All materials are included in the cost of the class.

The course is the first in Maestro Tech Boot Camp, a series of all new technology-based classes.

Instructor Michael Clair has over 25 years' experience in the technology industry and has worked as a designer/technician for Planet Hollywood.

Follow-up workshops include "How to Record a CD on a Budget," "Music Business 101," "Country Lead Guitar," "Home Pre-Wire," "CAT 5 Installation," "Home Theater Design," "Phone System Installer," "House Audio Systems" and more.

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December disappoints retailers

Retail sales

Here is a look at the percent change in major retailers' sales from the same month last year.

December 2002

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. 2.3% ▲

J.C. Penney & Co. Inc. 4.7% ▲

TJX Cos. 1.0% ▲

Limited Brands Inc. 0.0%

Target Corp. 0.3% ▼

Gap Inc. 5.0% ▲

Dillard's Inc. 4.0% ▼

Saks Inc. 2.1% ▼

Federated Department Stores Inc. 2.8% ▼

May Department Stores Co. 4.7% ▼

Sears, Roebuck and Co. 4.6% ▼

NOTE: Sales include those from stores open at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

SOURCE: Associated Press

Gap, J.C. Penney buck negative trend

NEW YORK - Consumers penny-pinch their way through the holiday season, the nation's retailers confirmed Thursday as they reported disappointing sales for December.

Economic uncertainty, along with a short season and a lack of must-have items, stalled sales in all types of retailing, including the usually strong discounters, such as Wal-Mart, Kohl's and Target.

Many mall-based apparel stores, particularly Talbots and AnnTaylor, also had a difficult season.

There were a few success stories, however. The reurgent Gap Inc. announced better than expected results, as did teen retailers Hot Topic and Pacific Sunwear of California.

J.C. Penney, benefiting from a fashion makeover, also turned in better-than-expected sales at department stores that had been open for at least a year, known as same-store sales. Same-store sales are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

"I think, in the near term, there will be a continuation of a

struggle in the retail industry," said Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. The possibility of war with Iraq and the nation's shaky economy will likely remain obstacles this year, he said.

The disappointing news followed a Labor Department announcement that new claims for unemployment benefits dipped last week. For the week ending Jan. 4, jobless claims fell to 389,000, the lowest level since Dec. 21. The decline came after new applications for unemployment benefits increased by

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MARKET AWAITS REBOUND



Floor specialists at the Credit Suisse booth on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange continue working as President Bush, in a televised speech, presents his economic plan to jump start the nation's economy Tuesday.

Fund managers see cause for optimism in '03

Los Angeles Times

War clouds are gathering. The economic outlook is murky. Oil prices are spiking. And stock mutual funds are coming out of their third consecutive down year.

In other words, fund managers would be warmly welcomed. "To predict a fourth losing year would be crazy," said Douglas Foreman, who manages the TCW Golden Agees Growth Funds and TCW Small Cap Growth funds in Los Angeles. "I don't know what else can go wrong."

Any turnaround, of course, would be warmly welcomed. Despite a fourth-quarter stock market rally that lifted the average U.S. equity fund 5.9 percent, the loss for the year still was 22.6 percent, according to fund track or Morningstar Inc. That was the worst performance since 1974 and about twice as bad as 2001, when the average fund slid 10.9 percent.

The last time stock funds endured three consecutive losing years was 1994.

"The third time was not charming," said Don Cassidy, senior research analyst at Lipper Inc. in Denver.

There was almost nowhere for fund investors to hide in 2002, with each of the nine major Morningstar stock fund categories ending in the red. Large-cap growth, for instance, tumbled 27.7 percent, and even small-cap value, a big winner in 2001, lost 10.3 percent.

The market's decline was so broad that among 27 stock fund sector categories, only two finished in the black: Precious metals funds - traditionally seen as a haven during tough times - soared 63 percent on average, and real estate funds gained 4.1 percent, helped by the allure of "hard" assets and by the hefty dividend yields paid by real estate investment trust stocks.

On the other end, technology sector funds were the worst performers for a second straight year, plummeting 43.1 percent on average and bringing their three-year average annualized loss to 5.6 percent.

Many of the most popular stock funds recorded double

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Skittishness of mutual funds tests managers' abilities

Experts see end to bonds' bull run

Los Angeles Times

For the mutual fund industry, three years of losses in the stock market have hit hard. Based on data through November, stock funds suffered their first year of net redemptions by investors (more money leaving than coming in) since 1988.

As assets shrink, more fund companies are closing or merging funds. Fidelity Investments and Putnam Investments, among other firms, have laid off some employees in the last year.

What the industry is hoping for in 2003 is that more investors will step up to make new commitments to equity funds. What the industry fears is that investors will remain skeptical about the market's prospects and will stay away - or worse, will pull money out of stock funds altogether.

Redemptions can hamstring

Burned yet again by stocks, mutual fund investors who turned to the relative safety of the bond market in 2002 were rewarded with strong gains.

It was the third consecutive year in which debt securities outshone stocks - the first time that's happened since 1939-41. Adding interest payments to bond price appreciation, the 2002 "total return" was 10.2 percent for a broad bond index tracked by Lehman Bros.

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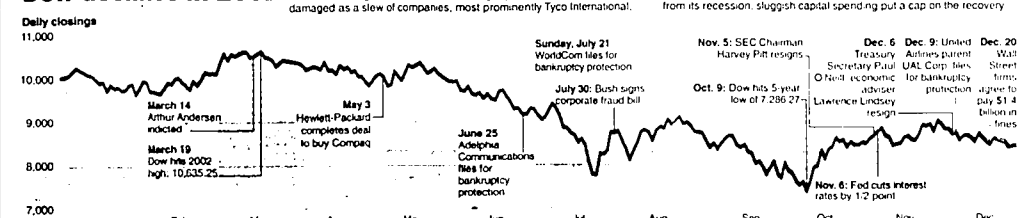
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Dow declines in 2002



SOURCE: Associated Press

AP

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fund losses in 2002. The \$61-billion Fidelity Magellan fund, a common choice in 401(k) retirement plans, sank 23.7 percent, and the flagship Janus Fund, a symbol of the 1990s' growth-stock market, dropped 27.6 percent. Both performed worse than the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index, which had a negative total return of 22.1 percent for the year.

Even most conservative "value" style stock funds ended in the red. American Funds' investment company of America, for example, lost 11.9 percent; Vanguard Wellington fell 6.9 percent.

Among the few domestic funds gaining ground in 2002 were Yacktman Focused and Yacktman Fund, both managed by Donald Yacktman, which rose 15 percent and 11.4 percent, respectively.

Yacktman, who tends to follow a "deep-value" approach, by the end of the third quarter had loaded up on such out-of-favor names as AOL Time Warner and Electronic Data Systems.

Winners among small-cap funds included Royce Special Equity, managed by Charlie DeGiacis, which gained 15 percent for the year, helped by rallies in shares of companies such as athletic shoe maker K-Swiss and tire maker Bridgestone.

Not surprisingly, funds that actively bet against stocks, such as through "short" sales, again were big winners. Leaders included Prudent Bear, managed by David Tice, which surged 50.6 percent, and the Index funds that follow a bearish strategy.

Meanwhile, the average foreign stock fund lost 13.8 percent for the year. Foreign losses were cushioned by the weak dollar.

Emerging-market funds weathered the downturn even better, losing 5.9 percent on average, as rising economies in countries such

'Oct. 9 was the bottom, and I believe the rally in October and November was the beginning of the next bull market.'

- Nicholas Galuccio, TCW Galileo Value Opportunities fund in New York

as Russia, South Africa and Thailand defied the losing trend in most of the world.

The drab year contained a kernel of hope for investors - a four-quarter rally that helped many funds post big gains in the waning months. Battered tech funds led the way with a 17.8 percent jump.

Jacob Internet fund rocketed 60 percent in the quarter, slashing its loss in 2002 to 13 percent. Other hot tech funds included Fidelity Select Software & Computer Services, up 31.6 percent, and RS Information Age, up 35.1 percent.

Skeptics noted, however, that 2001 also ended on a high note - which quickly turned sour as 2002 got underway.

In other trends last year:
• For a third year, funds that focus on so-called value stocks - typically, shares selling for below-average price-to-earnings ratios - performed better than growth funds, which generally targeted higher-growth, higher-P/E shares. But value funds' losses still were so large their "victory" over growth still seems hollow.

The average large-cap value fund's loss was 18.9 percent for the year, compared with a 27.7 percent loss for the average large-cap growth fund.

Bonds

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for bonds may be coming to an end. The gains have mainly resulted from the Federal Reserve's two-year campaign to ratchet down short-term interest rates; bond prices move up as yields decline.

The Fed's latest cut in November, sliced its target short-term rate - already at a 40-year low - by half a percentage point to 1.25 percent.

The 10-year Treasury note, a benchmark security that began trading at yielding 5.03 percent, ended it at 3.82 percent. It was a level many analysts say can't be sustained this year - a view that gained support last week when bond yields rose dramatically after an unexpectedly robust report on U.S. manufacturing. By Friday the 10-year T-note was at 4.02 percent.

"We've been spoiled for the past three years" by declining Fed rates, said Mark Kiesel, a senior portfolio manager at the Pimco funds in Newport Beach, Calif., the nation's largest group of bond mutual funds.

Kiesel figures about 6 percent in points of last year's average bond fund returns were due to the effect of falling interest rates on bond prices. "But," he warns, "now the bull market's over."

With that possibility in mind, analysts are especially cautious about longer-term Treasury bonds, which could plunge the most if rates rise again.

"Long-term Treasury yields have probably already peaked this year," said James Paulsen, chief investment officer at Wells Capital Management. In his New Year's message last week, Paulsen advised investors to focus on beaten-down stocks and shorter-term bonds.

Here's a more detailed look at

Municipals

The total return on funds that invest in long-term tax-free municipal debt nationwide averaged 8.6 percent in 2002, according to Morningstar.

Although he doesn't expect municipal funds' hefty returns of 2002 to continue this year, Kiesel said Pimco still regards munis as good buys compared with Treasury securities.

U.S. Trust Senior Vice President Gary Larsen, who manages the Excelsior California Tax Exempt Income Fund, which notched a 4.7 percent total return last year, said muni bonds now are paying 80 percent to 90 percent of the pretax yield of compa-

Treasuries

Reacting to the sluggish economy, corporate scandals and threats that new investors seeking safety flocked to U.S. government securities. Funds holding long-term Treasuries rose an eye-popping 13.2 percent for the year, on average, according to Morningstar.

In a year in which yields on money-market funds fell below 1 percent, even short-term U.S. government funds were able to notch an average total return of 6.6 percent, according to Morningstar.

But after the big run-up last year in demand and prices, the consensus among analysts is anything but bullish. "Treasuries," said Eric Jacobson, a senior bond analyst at Morningstar.

Assuming the economy continues to recover, "The real question isn't if rates will rise, but when, and by how much and for how long," he said.

Corporates

Despite meltdowns in energy and telecom company bonds, there was money to be made in higher grade corporate debt last year. Funds investing in long-term investment grade corporate bonds recorded an average total return of 8.6 percent in 2002, according to Morningstar.

Investors already seem to have decided that the sell-off in "junk" bonds - those rated below investment grade - was overdone. Although the category was in negative territory for the year - the average total return was a negative 2.1 percent - high-yield funds rose by 5.9 percent in the fourth quarter.

Foreign

Whether U.S. investors should dabble in foreign bond funds is a matter of debate among analysts, because foreign funds' performance involves such complex factors as relative changes in interest rates among countries and fluctuations in exchange rates.

Still, there is no doubt that the often volatile funds can present opportunities.

At Pimco, Kiesel's top pick among all bond investments is German government securities - a bet that interest rates in that country will decline as a result of a sluggish economy, while the euro will remain strong against the dollar.

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Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary.

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Table of grain prices including Wheat, Corn, and other grains with market data.

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Table of liquor prices including various types of spirits and their current rates.

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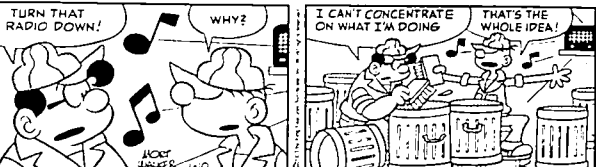
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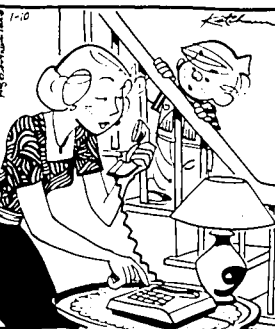
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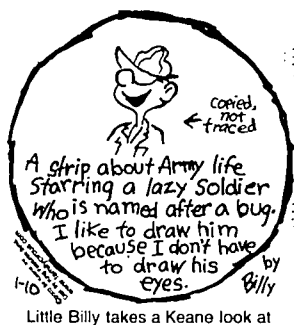
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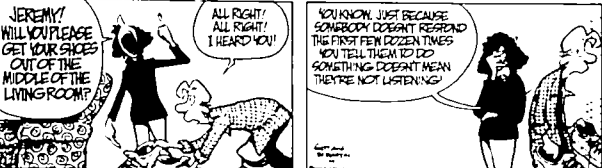
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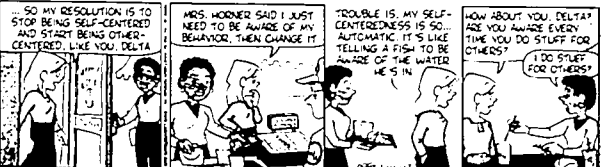
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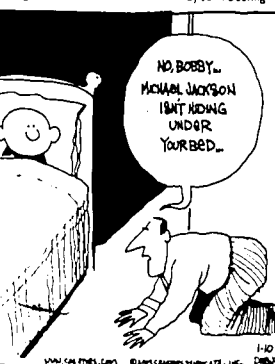
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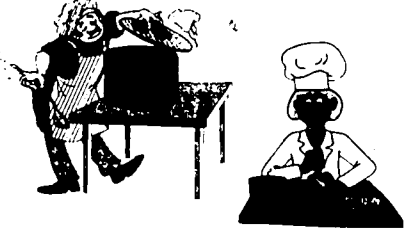
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PUBLISH: January 10 and 17, 2003.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Bureau of Reclamation proposes to lease water from the Snake River for 2003 from holders of Idaho irrigation water rights located below the Glen Canyon Dam. Proposals must be received by January 24, 2003. Under the program, land appurtenant to the water right is leased. Water will be leased into the Idaho State Water Bank. Only water rights with priority dates of 12/29/76 or earlier are eligible. A maximum of 10 contiguous acres must be leased. For more information and an application contact Ruth Page of Reclamation, P.O. Box 12012, Boise, Idaho 83722. Telephone: 208-333-1212. PUBLISH: January 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19, 2003.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District will hold the last quarterly hearing for 2002 on January 14, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. in the classroom at the Men's Club on Catalina Street, Second Avenue East in Twin Falls, Idaho. PUBLISH: January 10 and 14, 2003.

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Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. You are part of our government. We advise those notices to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper prints every notice to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.
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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) and the Idaho Department of Commerce (IDOC) are seeking public comment on the draft Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development 2003 Annual.

LEGAL NOTICE

Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan has been drafted to comply with Federal requirements for the Five-Year Plan (also known as the Consolidated Plan)—a state-wide housing and community development planning document. The Annual Action Plan draft provides a summary description of proposed activities for the program year beginning April 1, 2003.

The Action Plan outlines program year projections for federal block grant programs administered by IHFA and IDOC: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE

Shelter Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Following a 30-day public comment period, the Annual Action Plan will be amended to include all public comments received, then submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. From January 15 to February 15, 2003, copies of the draft Annual Action Plan may be reviewed at the following locations:

1. IHFA's Boise office and branch offices located at: 585 W. Myrtle, Boise, ID 83725; 110 W. Sunnyside, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; 1139 Falls Ave. E., Ste. B, Twin Falls, ID 83401; 215 10th St., Ste. 101, Lewiston, ID 83501. Copies of the Report may be obtained by calling the IHFA Grant Programs Department, 1-877-447-2887, TDD 1-800-545-1833, Ext. 400, or by sending an e-mail to: ihfa@ihfa.org. Please indicate how you would like to receive your copy and provide the appropriate contact information.

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Public Comment Period. The Public Comment Period ends at noon on Wednesday, February 12, 2003. Written comments on the Annual Action Plan may be submitted to Erik Kingston, Housing Resource Coordinator, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899. Telephone number: (208) 331-4800, via e-mail at ihfa@ihfa.org. PUBLISH: January 10, 2003.

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 DEED OF TRUST FOR THE REALTY INTEREST, RECORDED IN OFFICE OF CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, UNDER THE WEST 143 PAGE THIRD EDITION.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge as to the whereabouts of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 6011B, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been named and is, sometimes associated with said real property.

It is hereby ordered, without consent or contrary to the wishes of the parties, that the Successor Trustee be and is authorized to execute and deliver to the Trustee of the Trust created by the Deed of Trust recorded on August 12, 1999, as instrument No. 200-099922, a Deed of Trust for the real property described in the Deed of Trust recorded on August 12, 1999, as instrument No. 200-099922, in the amount of \$444,000 each, for the months of August through November, 2002, inclusive, and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.44% per annum from July 1, 2002. The principal balance of the Deed of Trust is \$45,808.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.44% per annum from July 1, 2002.

CHARLES W. FAWCETT
 A Member of the Idaho State Bar
 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

PUBLISH: December 20, 27, 2002, January 3 and 10, 2003

NOTICE OF DEFAULT
 JOHN M. HUNT and SARAH L. HUNT, husband and wife, were the Grantors of a Deed of Trust described as follows:

Deed of Trust to secure an original indebtedness of \$116,250.01, and any other amounts and obligations secured thereby.
 Recorded: August 9, 1999, as instrument No. 200-099922.

Grantor: John M. Hunt and Sara L. Hunt, Husband and Wife
 Lender: First American Title Company
 Beneficiary: Beneficial Mortgage Co of Idaho

Part of the following described real property in Twin Falls County, Idaho:

The West one-half of Lot 15 and the West one-half of Lot 18 in Block 4 of SUBURBAN PARK SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 2 of Real, page 12.

BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO OF IDAHO is the Successor in Interest by merger to Transamerica Financial Services. A branch of said Deed of Trust has been assigned to the Credit Agreement for the Deed of Trust secured by the Deed of Trust in default for failure of the Grantors on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust to pay the monthly installment payments due for the months of March 2002 and every month thereafter in the amount of \$1,125.37. As of 12 November 2002, the installment principal balance owing on the Promissory Note or Credit Agreement secured by the Deed of Trust was \$128,243.99 plus accrued interest of \$18,252.40. Additional interest accrues at the rate of 8.25% per day thereafter must also pay outstanding late fees (\$172.50) interest, penalties, late charges, service charges, appraisal fees, title policy fees, and any other disbursements, costs, fees or charges incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or Trustee established with this Notice of Default and the foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust, Promissory Note or Credit Agreement, or by Idaho Code, Title 15, Chapter 10, Section 2002.

R. Wayne Sweney, Successor Trustee

PUBLISH January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2003

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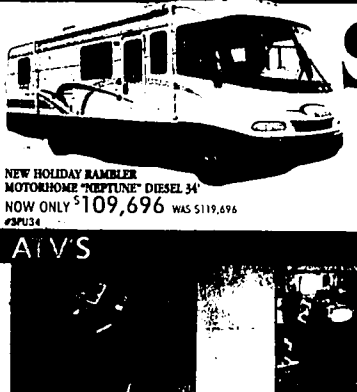
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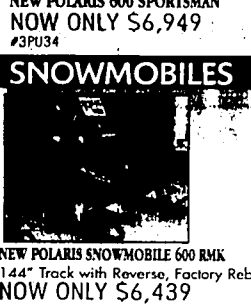
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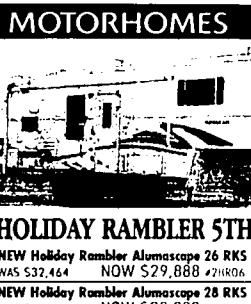
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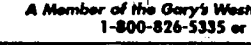
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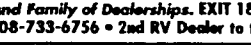
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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Today's hand from a team game is a combination of very thoughtful play by East over a pre-emptive jump overall. East got his partner off to the lead of the diamond six against three no-trump. Declarer played low from dummy, and East, who could read the lead as a singleton or doubleton, resisted the knee-jerk reaction to top up with the king, that would have won the trick but killed the defense. Instead, he contributed the jack, trying to preserve some defensive communications in the diamond suit. South took the lead as a singleton or doubleton, and East, who could read the lead as a singleton or doubleton, resisted the knee-jerk reaction to top up with the king, that would have won the trick but killed the defense. Instead, he contributed the jack, trying to preserve some defensive communications in the diamond suit. South took the lead as a singleton or doubleton, and East, who could read the lead as a singleton or doubleton, resisted the knee-jerk reaction to top up with the king, that would have won the trick but killed the defense. Instead, he contributed the jack, trying to preserve some defensive communications in the diamond suit.

East was a high no-mud optimist, was confidently expecting to score on this board when he came back to score up, but it turned out that his teammates had also gone two down in three no-trump. When he asked how the play had gone, his teammates explained. North had declared three no-trump. East had led a low diamond, late. East had no difficulty in holding up his club king to let West in to set up his partner's suit. "Why do you ask?" Was there any problem at your table? "

NORTH
♠ A 9 7
♥ K J 4
♦ A 5
♣ Q 10 8 6 5

EAST
♠ 9 5 3
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ 4 2
♣ A 7 2

SOUTH
♠ J 7 3 2
♥ A K Q
♦ Q 10 7
♣ J 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 6 5
♥ A 9 7
♦ K J 4
♣ 5 3 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

The bidding:
South West North East
3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Diamond six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ 9
♥ K J 8 4
♦ K J 8 4
♣ K 3

South West North East
2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Except by prior agreement, new suits are forcing in response to a weak two bid, so you must bid again. Since repeating diamond on this many suit is unattractive, and introducing hearts seems excessively forward, temporize with two no-trump and hope partner can now bid a red suit.

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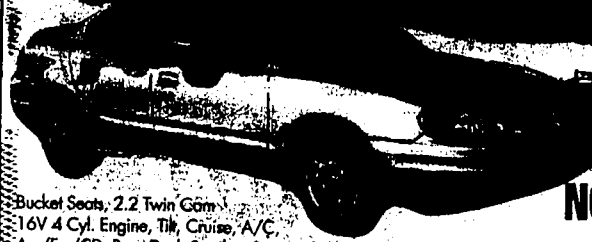
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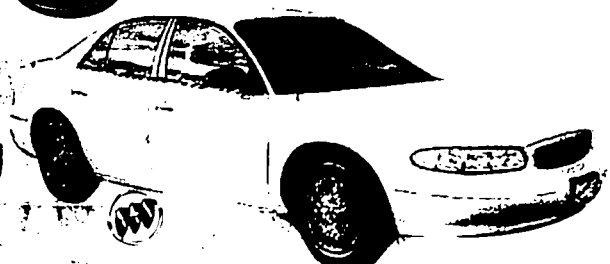
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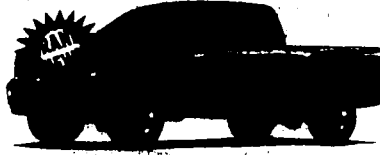
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