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Freeze for all?

Some teachers receive raises, even when budget is tight

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls district salary schedule - A2

Rod Draper, maintenance foreman. "It's two years of being kicked."

In response to the state's struggling economy, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed freezing the salaries of state employees, around 24,000 people, for a second year in a row.

"I think it's wrong," said state

employee Willy Alvarez, a clinical assistant for South Central District Health.

But not all public employees are being subjected to the freeze. School teachers, by virtue of negotiated contracts, are likely to continue receiving annual increases in 2003-04 - as they did this year.

Public school teachers - and other school employees - follow a salary schedule created by the 1994 Legislature that offers annu-

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'I believe teachers should continue to get raises mainly because Idaho teacher salaries, compared to the rest of the nation, are abysmal.'

- Bill Feusuhrens, Filer superintendent

Pay makes for debate in Boise

Some lawmakers say teacher salary should not be exempt

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - From some lawmakers' perspective, the public school budget always winds up being the scapegoat. It gets blamed for everything that goes wrong in the state.

To others, it always seems like a sacred cow that no one ever thinks about cutting.

The disagreement will likely surface again in this year's legislative session in several forms.

Conservative lawmakers are talking quietly about what kinds of cuts they would like to see. Besides

a fly in the ointment which programs aren't crucial to the survival of public education - and studying the idea of school district consolidation - they are running the numbers on how much money could be saved if the state were to freeze

public salaries.

Majority Leader Tom Denney said he would not support a freeze on public employees' salaries in 2004.

But just how much would lawmakers reduce? He says he doesn't know.

The practice of looking at the numbers but not making a decision whether to do it is common until the January legislative session in an early February Denney said.

Still, "My feeling is we will probably see some kind of budget compromise in the next few months," he said.

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CHROME SWEET CHROME



Above, Hagerman High School senior Shelby Mavencamp cringes as Debbie Hill cuts about 12 inches from her waist-length hair. She was one of about 35 Hagerman students who either cut their hair or shaved their heads during an assembly Thursday to lend support and raise money for sophomores Hannah Bates, who is undergoing treatment in Salt Lake City for a rare form of bone cancer, and Tim Jay, who recently underwent surgery to remove part of his lung. Mavencamp raised more than \$500 by pledging to cut her hair. "We have two kids at school who are really suffering right now because of cancer," Mavencamp said.

Hagerman students trim their locks for ailing classmates

At right, eighth-grader Kristi Burgess poses with friends while her mom snaps a photograph of her freshly shorn head. Hair will be donated to organizations that make wigs for people suffering from medically related hair loss. Students and teachers have raised more than \$3,000 to help the two families cover expenses that health insurance won't cover, such as travel and hotels. More fundraisers are planned.



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Terror camps train new wave of fighters

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press writer

PUBBI, Pakistan - A six hour walk along a narrow path that runs like a seam through Afghanistan's rugged mountains leads to a remote village near the Pakistani border. Grenades are lined up like sentries along a small patch of land, nearby there is a pile of explosives.

Najibullah, a young Afghan, described the terrorist training camp where he was being explosives training just last month, even as U.S. special forces and helicopter gunships scoured the mountains of eastern Afghanistan searching for militants.

For the first time, recruits told

READY TO SHIP OUT



Members from Britain's 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment of the 16th Air Assault Brigade train their weapons in a mock fire-fight during their final preparations Thursday in Colchester, England, before departing for the Gulf region. The United States and Britain signaled a willingness Thursday to give weapons inspectors more time in Iraq. Please see page A3.

Border smuggling turns more lucrative, violent

Criminals hold illegal immigrants for ransom

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Illegal immigrants who have smugglers to bring them across the Mexican border into Arizona are getting mixed up in an underworld more violent and more profitable than ever.

Law enforcement authorities say an increasing number of smugglers are holding immigrants until they or their families pay up. Rival gangs of criminals are stealing the immigrants away from the smugglers and holding them for ransom. And criminals are kidnaping illegals already settled in Arizona, confident the victims will probably not run to the authorities for fear of being deported.

More than 10 families from the border states of California, Arizona and New Mexico have been held for ransom in the past few months, says the FBI. Cases of San Diego and El Paso, Texas.

It's happening a lot because it's easy to get away with it," said Rob Hawkins, a detective in suburban Glendale.

Authorities say border smuggling is so lucrative now because it is so lucrative.

It's hard to get out of the border post Sept. 11 security along the border, smugglers are now charging more than \$1,200 per person for a trip that cost \$400 five years ago.

And the "covets" as the smugglers call them, are the ones who are being held for ransom. Please see IMMIGRANTS, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mild with rain showers. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: Rain mixing with snow. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: Another chance for mixed precipitation. Highs in the mid 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain showers mixing with light snow later in the day. Highs in the mid to the upper 40s.
Tonight: Snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Tomorrow: Still mild with a mix of rain and snow throughout the day. Highs in the mid 40s.

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Most Pacific air has a tight grip on the region and will continue to bring in mountain snow showers and mixed precipitation to the lower elevations.

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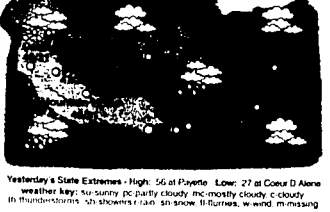
Today Highs 29 to 36. Tonight's Lows 9 to 23.
Temperatures will be mild and the atmosphere will continue to be very moist, making for another couple of days with developing rain showers, cloudy skies and a low snow showers overnight.

NORTHERN UTAH

As moist air continues to pump into the region from the west, developing rain and snow showers will stay around through Saturday.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast grid for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Saturday, and Sunday with icons for rain, snow, and sun.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise/Sunset times.

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Table showing Moon Phases for Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 9, and Feb. 16.

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Table of regional forecasts for cities like Boise, Bonanza, Burley, etc., with columns for Today, Tomorrow, and Sunday.

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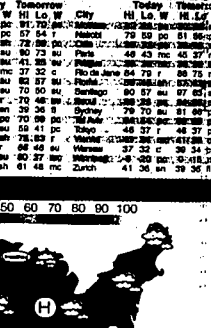
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Table of Canadian forecasts for cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, etc.

Immigrants

Continued from A1. United States. But Arizona ranked first among the four Southwest states in the number of arrests of illegal immigrants, with 376,000 last year.

Teachers

Continued from A1. In the Twin Falls School District, each additional year of teaching within the district adds around \$900 annually to a teacher's salary, up to a certain point.

What teachers make

Table showing salary schedules for Twin Falls School District, categorized by years of experience and credit requirements.

Budget

Continued from A1. Figures from the governor's budget proposal show \$12 million dedicated to paying Idaho teachers more for additional experience and education.

Raises don't go to all

Continued from A1. Meanwhile, a majority of teachers aren't getting raises. That's because the schedule "maxes out" after 20 years.

Local decision

Continued from A1. School employee salaries are set at the local level. Each spring, district officials negotiate the year's salaries with local representatives from the Idaho Education Association.

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WASHINGTON - The outline of a possible compromise on Iraq began to take shape Thursday, as the United States and Britain seriously considered allowing U.N. weapons inspections to continue for several weeks in hopes of making the case with skeptical allies and public opinion.

The two allies came to no formal conclusions during talks between U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. But both deliberated the option of giving the arms monitors extra time in exchange for assurances from allies that inspections won't drag on indefinitely, according to U.S. and British officials.

Nuclear issue bogs down Korea talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South and North Korea agreed early Friday to peacefully resolve the international standoff over North Korea's nuclear programs, according to a joint declaration released after Cabinet-level talks.

But South Korea acknowledged it had not been able to draw any compromises from the North over its nuclear programs during the two days of talks in Seoul.

In the joint declaration, the two sides said they had "sufficiently exchanged" positions on the nuclear issue and "agreed to

Rumsfeld's comments raise a ruckus - AA

The policy is working and to convince public opinion that you have let this process take its course. There's no need to go to war in February, for example," said a British official who requested anonymity.

Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld also moved to shore up support on Capitol Hill, where some key senators have complained that the administration has failed to make a case for war. Behind closed doors, the pair acknowledged the administration's concern over allied opposition to military intervention in Iraq, made most

vocally this week by France and Germany. Powell and Rumsfeld indicated that the administration is prepared to let the U.N. teams continue their work "a little longer," maybe a month or so, according to Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee.

In New York, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz charged that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is blocking cooperation by Iraqi scientists under threat of death. "We know from multiple sources that Saddam has ordered that any scientists who cooperate during interviews will be killed, as well as their families," he said in a speech outlining the scope of Iraq's noncompliance at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

U.S. seeks support from Security Council

actively cooperate to resolve this issue peacefully."

Meanwhile, a top American diplomat visited Tokyo to strengthen international support for putting the issue before the U.N. Security Council. The push comes as top officials in Washington say they detect a softening in North Korea's stance.

This week's Cabinet-level

meetings in Seoul were the first in months between the two Koreas, and South Korea promised to make them a forum for insisting North Korea scrap nuclear programs that could make weapons.

The two sides agreed to hold the next round of talks April 7-10 in Pyongyang and another round of inter-Korean economic talks Feb. 11-14 in Seoul. Both sides also pledged to work toward reconciliation on the Korean peninsula, which has been divided since 1945.

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Rumsfeld remarks rankle French, German officials

The Washington Post

PARIS - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who two weeks ago infuriated American veterans by saying draftees added "no value" to the U.S. military, has outraged French and German officials by labeling their countries "old Europe" in view of their opposition to a quick military strike on Iraq.



Joachka Fischer Donald Rumsfeld

"We should try to treat each other sensibly," said German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer. "Our position is not a problem. It is a constructive contribution."

French finance minister Francis Mer said in a television interview in Paris: "I want to remind everyone that 'old Europe' has resilience and is capable of bouncing back."

alliance as the "motor" driving European political and economic integration. French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Wednesday attended a Paris ceremony together to mark the 40th anniversary of the signing of a friendship treaty that helped bring on Europe's current unity.

Rumsfeld's remarks summed up a sentiment long felt on both sides of the Atlantic but rarely expressed openly - that as NATO and the European Union (EU) expand eastward, they are taking in new members that are more pro-American than many of the older members.

The United States most actively pushed last year for the invitations to join NATO that Romania and Bulgaria received at a November summit of the alliance. Many Europeans believe the motive was in part to add more pro-American voices around the table at the NATO council meetings.

Clinton says country faces health-care crisis

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Former President Clinton said Thursday that the United States is facing a new health-care crisis, and that President Bush's focus on tax cuts is contributing to rising medical insurance premiums and the growing number of Americans without coverage.

By injecting his voice into the emerging debate on health-care reform, Clinton set a marker for the Democratic Party on an issue likely to figure prominently in this congressional session and the 2004 presidential campaign.

The former president's remarks came just five days before Bush is expected to discuss health issues in his State of the Union address.

In addition to calling for prescription-drug coverage for seniors under Medicare, Bush intends to push for tax credits to help low-income workers buy medical insurance. Clinton denounced that proposal as well.

With Republicans back in control of both the White House and Congress - and Sen. Bill Frist, a physician from Tennessee, the new Senate majority leader - Republicans are under pressure to produce results on the health-care front.

Another sign of the gathering momentum surfaced Thursday when Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a centrist, proposed requiring every American to carry health insurance, with the government subsidizing the indigent.

Breaux is considered a bellwether lawmaker with a penchant for seeking bipartisan compromises.

"It's time to not continue to sink around the edges," Breaux said. "I believe that what we offer today can put America back on the right path toward an America where everyone has health insurance and quality health care."

Recent polls have found that public dissatisfaction with the health-care system has become more widespread in the past year.

Senate finally approves \$390B spending measure

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Nearly four months later, the Senate on Thursday approved a \$390 billion bill to fund the federal government's domestic agencies and foreign aid into next fall.

Passage of the legislation, on a 69-29 vote, was a notable victory for the Senate's new Republican leadership and an important step toward wrapping up leftover business from the 107th Congress.

The legislation, stitched together from the remains of 11 dead spending bills written last year when Democrats controlled the Senate, now heads into difficult negotiations. Details in the bill, crammed into more than 1,000 pages of text, must be reconciled with the possibilities of a fiscal priority of the GOP House and the Bush administration.

Taken together with two military spending laws enacted last year, the Senate-approved bill would chart the government's course to increase spending over all by 2.4 percent for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. Most of that increase would go toward defense spending to help fund a major military buildup, operations in and around Afghanistan and preparations for possible war in Iraq.

Funding for education, homeland security and overhaul of election systems would also rise. But other programs, on the whole, would be slightly pared back.

Conservative withdraws from White House AIDS panel

WASHINGTON - A Christian activist chosen by the Bush administration for an AIDS advisory panel withdrew his name under pressure Thursday after criticism of his characterization of the disease as the "gay plague."

The administration had asked Jerry Thacker to serve on the Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV and AIDS. He was to be sworn in along with other commission members next week by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

In a letter to Thompson, Hacker, a Pennsylvania marketing consultant, said his statements had been misconstrued but he nonetheless was no longer willing to accept the appointment.

Thacker contracted the AIDS virus in 1986 after his wife was infected during a blood transfusion received during childbirth. Their daughter born of that pregnancy also is HIV-positive. That experience led the Bob Jones University graduate to found the Scepter Institute to promote his workshops, books and videos on the topic of AIDS.

Sept. 11 victims fund gives lesbian partner \$500,000

WASHINGTON - A federal fund created to compensate victims of the Sept. 11 attacks has awarded \$500,000 to the lesbian partner of a woman who died at the Pentagon, a decision gay rights advocates hailed as a milestone.

Sheila Henn, 51, a civilian Army management analyst who died when a hijacked American Airlines jet slammed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., was

Nation in brief

wearing a gold band given her by Peggy Neff, her partner of 18 years. Another, emerald ring that had been a gift from Neff, was missing from Henn's remains. "She was my entire world and my soul mate, my closest confidante and my best friend," Neff added.

Under Virginia law, Neff was not eligible for state aid, but the head of a Department of Justice fund established after the attacks concluded that Neff was entitled to compensation.

Strong X-ray reveals how insects breathe

WASHINGTON - Bugs don't have lungs, so how do they breathe? Maybe more efficiently than people, according to the first close-up view of insects breathing in and out of tiny oxygen pipes.

It took one of the world's strongest X-ray beams - a view hundreds of times more detailed than today's most sophisticated medical scans can provide - for scientists at The Field Museum in Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory to videotape how beetles, crickets and ants breathe.

"They are really pumping some gas," said lead researcher Mark Westneat, the museum's associate curator of zoology.

While resting, the insects exchanged up to half the air inside their main oxygen tubes every second - equivalent to how hard a person breathes while doing moderate exercise, the researchers report in today's edition of the journal Science.

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Privacy organization says U.S. snoops on citizens

Washington, Jan. 22 — A leading privacy organization says the U.S. government is spying on citizens in a way that is "unprecedented and unacceptable."

The American Civil Liberties Union has challenged the Patriot Act in U.S. courts, demanding the government produce records on how often such searches are conducted.

The act granted sweeping powers to obtain personal information about U.S. citizens in an attempt to stop future terrorist attacks. Though sympathetic to such concerns, Duve said it was evolving into an unprecedented attack on freedom to read.

"This goes much too far," he said. "It may invite other governments to do the same."

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SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI, AP U.S. Marine Corps

Military helicopters crash in Texas on drug mission

FALCON HEIGHTS, Texas — Two military helicopters crashed in flames while helping the Border Patrol on a drug mission, killing all four Marine reservists on board.

The crash of the AH1W Super Cobra helicopters happened Wednesday night at Falcon State Park in far South Texas, near the Mexican border.

"We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire," said resident Larry Shoal. He saw another ball of fire close by.

"There was nobody that could have survived that," the 67-year-old said Thursday morning. "There was no way to help them." Each helicopter carried a crew of two, said Armando Carrasco, a spokesman for Joint Task Force Six, a Defense Department unit that helps the Border Patrol in efforts to combat drug smuggling.

Hearing winds down for U.S. pilots in 'friendly fire' case

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — A military hearing officer climbed into an F-16 for a look at the cockpit Thursday as defense attorneys for two U.S. pilots opened their case in the accidental bombing that killed four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan last year.

The examination didn't take long and defense attorney David Beck said he expected the hearing to wrap up later in the day. The hearing officer, Col. Patrick Rosenow, will then decide whether the two pilots, who are charged with involuntary manslaughter, will be court-martialed.

Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach were each flying F-16s last April when they spotted ground fire near Kandahar, mistook it for an enemy attack and dropped a 500-pound laser-guided bomb. Four Canadian infantrymen were killed and eight injured as they conducted live-fire exercises.

Defense attorneys have argued that the pilots thought they were under enemy fire and that they were never told allied troops might be in the area conducting exercises that night. They have also noted the men had taken Air Force-issued amphetamines that may have affected their judgment.

Nell Carter, singer, star of 'Gimme a Break!', dies at 54

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Nell Carter, who played the sassy, matronly housekeeper on the 1980s sitcom "Gimme a Break!" and received a Tony Award in 1978 for her performance in the Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin'" died Thursday, her publicist said. She was 54.

The singer-actress collapsed in her Beverly Hills home and was

Woman in brief

Found by local police, 13-year-old, spoke to Roger Laine.

Carter had suffered from diabetes for years, Laine added, and she was brain surgery in 1992 to fix a seizure. She recovered and continued to perform, mostly on stage.

Growing up in Birmingham,

Ala. Cop testified to her mother's

recordings of Elvis Presley records. She filed Doris Day, the Andrews Sisters, Johnny Mathis, and admitted the work of Cleo Laine and Barbra Streisand.

Toddler recovers after being left on school bus

MINNEAPOLIS — An 18-month-

old boy was recovering in the hospital Thursday after being left behind in a school bus for more than three hours at temperatures hovered below zero, authorities said.

Antonio Jackson was listed in good condition at Children's Hospital.

The boy, dressed in a snowsuit, was "somewhat responsive" when he was found shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday, police Lt.

Kevin Stoll said.

Stoll said the boy's mother apparently called and left a message about 6:30 p.m. at an early childhood center, saying the boy had not been dropped off at home. A staff member received the message later and notified other co-workers, Stoll said. After a brief search, they discovered the boy on the locked bus and called 911.

Talk show host Springer considers run for Senate

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Talk show host Jerry Springer has a secret of his own to share: He's considering running for the U.S. Senate next year. Springer, a Democrat, said he'll decide by summer whether to challenge George Voinovich, a Republican who has said he'll run for a second term in 2004.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho economy can't keep up with bigger government

When a state runs into a budget crisis, such as the \$160 million revenue shortage facing Idaho this year, the basic question is simple:

Who will bear the cost of filling that hole? The government, with program cuts and other savings? Or taxpayers, with more money going into state programs?

Some Idaho leaders say they have cut "to the bone" in the past two years. They say the state cannot afford more cuts into "essential services" on which Idahoans depend.

But updated numbers show once again that Idaho's government has grown faster than Idaho's economy for more than a decade. And if government spending over time outpaces the taxpayers who support it, shouldn't the state scale back when money is tight?

Each year, the watchdog group Associated Taxpayers of Idaho releases numbers showing statewide growth comparisons for population, inflation, personal income and state general fund spending.

Here are a few items to remember when the Legislature puts the state budget under its microscope:

In 14 years (from 1989 to 2002), the total personal income of all Idahoans grew at an average rate of 6.9 percent annually.

In that same span of time, the state's general fund spending grew at an average annual rate of 8.2 percent.

Total general fund spending has almost tripled in that time. In 1989, the general fund was \$699.2 million. By the end of fiscal year 2003, the state is looking to have spent \$1.95 billion.

Seeing government outgrow Idaho's personal income by a difference of 1.3 percent each

year may not seem like much. But if you apply the rule of compound interest, it adds up to a big difference over time.

But suppose state government hadn't spent all that money. Suppose state spending had grown no faster than Idaho's economy.

What sort of budget crisis would we be in then? The chart below suggests some important conclusions.

Our view: If state government grows faster than Idaho's economy during good times, it should be forced to cut programs during bad times.

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

What sort of budget crisis would we be in then? The chart below suggests some important conclusions. If the state had held its general fund appropriations to the rate of personal income growth (6.9 percent annually), the state general fund would have totaled only \$1.68 billion in fiscal year 2002, instead of \$1.98 billion.

In other words, if the budget had grown at the same speed as Idaho's economy, the state would have saved \$299.5 million in 2002 alone. That's more than enough to fill the current revenue gap.

The savings would have been even greater, if a formula had been used to keep state spending in line with inflation and the state's population growth. Using that standard, the general fund's average annual growth rate would have dropped to 5.2 percent. The amount spent in 2001-2002 would have been \$1.34 billion.

If you think that kind of standard sounds unrealistic, think again. Colorado passed a Taxpayer Bill of Rights in 1993 that limits tax increases to those same two indicators. Any tax increases on top of that must be approved by voters. When supporters of big government tell you they can't cut any more from the budget, they ignore the fact that they've outspent your income for the past 14 years. Now that the state can't afford that rate of spending, it should expect you to cough up even more to make up the difference.

How the state budget grows

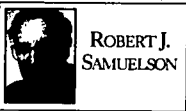
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General Fund Growth Scenarios

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Problems lurk in taxing the rich

The debate over whether the rich are being plundered or pumped is necessary one—even if it's hard to resolve. It's true that the wealthy would receive a huge part of President Bush's proposed tax cut. The top 1 percent would get more than a quarter of the cuts. But it's also true that overtaxing the rich poses dangers. It encourages self-serving and cynical politics. Government is tempted to tax the few and distribute to the many without considering the long-term consequences.



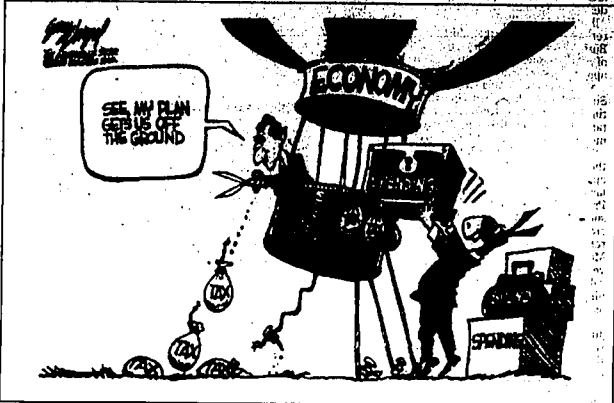
ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Here are the facts of today's system:

Federal taxes come increasingly from the rich and the upper-middle class. In 2001, the poorest 40 percent of taxpayers (incomes starting at \$373,000 a year) paid 25 percent of all taxes, including income and payroll taxes, according to the Center for Tax Justice, a liberal group. The more you pay by the richest 10 percent (incomes starting at \$72,000) was 66 percent. In 1979, these figures were 16 percent and 57 percent.

The concentration of taxes mainly reflects a concentration of income. In 2001, the richest 1 percent received 18 percent of income, up from 9 percent in 1979; the share of the richest fifth went from 46 percent to 58 percent. But tax cuts have also favored income in lower brackets. In 2001, the poorest 60 percent of Americans (incomes up to \$44,000) paid 14 percent of taxes, down from 22 percent in 1979.

Federal spending has shifted from defense to payments to individuals (Social Security, unemployment insurance, food stamps, Medicare). In 1955, military spending represented 62 percent of the federal budget. Payments to individuals now make up 21 percent. By 2001, the figures were almost reversed: defense, 17 percent; payments to individuals, 61 percent.



Not surprisingly, these transfers go heavily to the bottom half of the income spectrum. In 2001, about 60 percent of federal cash payments (retirement, disability, unemployment benefits) went to the poorest 40 percent of Americans, the Census Bureau reports. Non-cash programs (food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, public housing) are similarly skewed. Conventional wisdom holds that the wealthy rule politics through hefty campaign contributions. Not so. If the rich are so powerful, why are they taxed so heavily? Even after Bush's tax cuts, they would still pay most of the taxes. In our democracy, votes count for more—much more—than dollars. Rightly so.

This raises another question: If the rich are so outnumbered, why aren't they taxed even more? The common answer is that Americans don't loathe the rich. People want to become wealthy. True. But again, votes count. These values resonate politically because the rich and rich-vote more than everyone else. In 2000, half of those with incomes under \$35,000 voted, compared with three-quarters of those with incomes exceeding \$75,000. The voting

public has an upper-middle-class bias.

There is now a consensus that the rich should pay more than the poor and the middle class—but not a consensus on how much more. In 1996, Teddy Roosevelt said: "The man of great wealth owes a peculiar obligation to the state, because he derives special advantage from the mere existence of government." This is the classic case for the progressive income tax—higher rates on higher incomes. Government promotes social stability and protects property. Why should the rich get tax relief, ask Bush's critics, when their higher taxes mainly reflect higher incomes?

Government should narrow the gap between rich and poor. Here are competing ideals of tax justice. One says taxes shouldn't penalize success, but others say people should pay their "fair" share. The argument is endless, because no obvious dividing line exists between a legitimate levy and confiscation. If redistribution is the government's main purpose, then none of this is a problem. The rich should pay more; the poor should receive more; tax breaks

if affordable—should go to the middle of the middle class. But there is a problem if (as this writer worries) too much redistribution becomes politically corrupting and economically destructive. Under the guise of "meeting national needs," politics becomes an exercise in buying votes because burdens (taxes) fall narrowly and benefits are spread widely. The economic danger is suffocation under an excess of taxes, government subsidies and welfare programs. It's insidious because it creeps up slowly. Think Europe.

The case for spreading the tax burden more evenly is not to reward or punish. It is to restore political discipline. Politicians and citizens ought to weigh the promised gains of government against the costs. They won't if the direct costs are borne only by a tiny minority. It becomes easy to forget that taxes are the price of government. If people want more (less) of one, they ought to want more (less) of the other. This is an exacting standard that politicians of both parties would gladly evade.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

Long-term benefits take time for applicants

Suddenly becoming disabled and unable to provide for your living expenses is a frightening prospect to contemplate, especially if, like most of us, you've always taken your good health for granted. Social Security disability benefits exist to provide continuing coverage to people whose short-term disability benefits are exhausted. Many states offer disability benefits for the early stages of a disability. Worker's compensation payments may also be available, and many employers offer sick pay and other compensation for employees with short-term disabilities.

The almost 50-year-old Social Security disability law is very clear. Congress established disability benefits under Social Security as compensation for long-term and severe disabilities. Lawmakers agreed then that 12 months was a sufficient period of time to be considered "long term" and "severe."

It is important to note that the law does not require people to wait 12 months before they can apply for or receive disability benefits. Although people should apply for benefits as soon as they become disabled, the medical evidence must show that the impairment will last at least one year or be expected to end in death. However, the regulations also require a 15-month waiting period before the first disability check can be paid. This waiting period was adopted because it is considered a long enough period to demonstrate that the disability will be long term and satisfy the legal definition of a "disability."

Once again, during this five-month period, many people should be able to rely on disability compensation from other sources. Currently, Social Security pays more than 23,000 disabled workers under the age of 65 in the state of Idaho (more than 2,400 just in the Twin Falls area) and more than 7,000 dependent's benefits. The average monthly payment to a disabled worker is \$786; for a disabled worker with a spouse and one or more children, the average

payment is \$1,310. CORY PHILLIPS Twin Falls (Editor's note: Cory Phillips is the Social Security manager in Twin Falls.)

Saddam threatens peace and freedoms

I am so grateful for the rights and freedoms that we enjoy which gives Americans the right to demonstrate for peace. I, too, feel that world peace is what we should all strive to accomplish. It is horrible that men and women are used like pawns in a game to fight for countries and political beliefs.

In pondering the article, "Wood River Valley women organize for peace" published Jan. 17, I began to wonder if Hitler had won World War II because United States did not believe in war, whether the peace rally would have been able

to take place. Of course, we would have had world peace because any one that caused a problem would have been silenced. Just think, no racial discrimination, no poverty, no racial discrimination, no slavery and no freedoms.

Gun Taylor is very observant to comment, "Saddam Hussein may not be a very good man." My convictions are a little more opinionated than that, however. I believe that Hussein is prime evil and a threat not only to world peace but our nation's freedom. Get real, Mr. Taylor, how are we going to meet half-way? I don't see any meeting half way as reasonable. These are men with no honor and no integrity, even to their own religion and people. Are you going to take the chance that they will be honest in any agreements that they make? That's just plain being gullible.

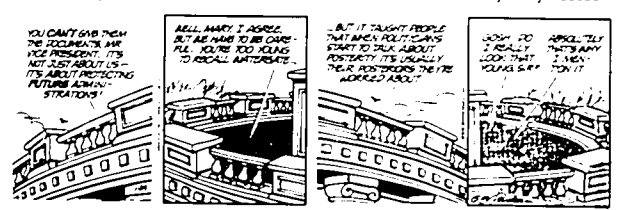
How terrible the thought of innocent people losing their lives

in war. Yes, what a devastating picture that paints in my mind, too. But the best the United States can do is to fight for what is right for all people. That woman would be happier having died in a war which will provide a better future for her progeny than to know that future generations will continue to live with foolish, tyrant, coward and evil rulers.

I am forever grateful for those who have fought for our country to protect the freedoms we enjoy. But now it is our duty to protect other countries from tyrant evil rulers. There will never be total peace in the world until pride and greed can be eliminated. My hat goes off to President Bush. What a burden he has on his shoulders. I hope that the government will spend our money wisely to protect the freedoms of our children and others around the world. GINA CARNEY Twin Falls

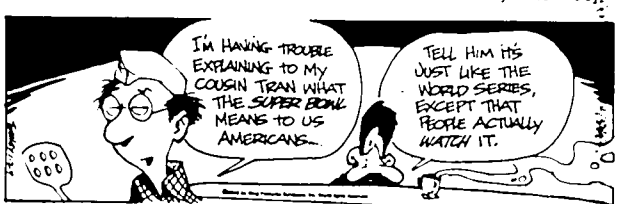
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LETTERS

Trial lawyers suck the life out of consumers

Wanna know what gripes me? Probably not, but I'm going to say it anyway!

America's trial lawyers, ambulance chasers and contingency fees. They have raised the price of everything! The cost of doctors' and hospital's malpractice insurance has raised the price of health care. Why? Because some shyster sees a way to split a settlement from an insurer. The same with auto insurance, cars, guns, fast food. The list goes on and on. Can you imagine somebody suing McDonald's because burgers and fries made them fat? Or because the coffee was hot?

Now some clown has gotten hold of two of the sniper victims and is bringing suit against the maker of the rifle that was used, and the store that sold or lost it in a burglary. How ridiculous is that?

Something has got to happen to change this sue-for-everything attitude. It's simply a way for lawyers to get rich. Consider the tobacco settlement - hundreds of billions of dollars, two-thirds to the states and one-third to the law firms. Who benefited the most?

And who pays? See what happened in the price of cigarettes since the settlement. The tobacco companies weren't hurt too, I don't smoke!

The same thing happens to any service or commodity every time some opportunist brings another

(maybe we can settle out of court) lawsuit. And juries should act more responsibly. The consuming public eventually pays these awards through higher prices.

The loser in such cases should pay the full cost of the action (both sides). At least put a cap on the amount that can be extorted. Trust me, it would benefit all of us, except the leeches who caused the whole mess to start with.

LARRY PARKER
Twin Falls

Learn how to express values in schools

Jaysa Crist, let me encourage you and all the other Christian kids out there who have Bible clubs going at their school or who would like to start one at their school this year.

There is an organization called Gateways to Better Education (www.gbe.org or 888-447-2736, Kids Advice Line, 949-586-KIDS). They will help "Kids, parents and educators appropriately express Christian values and ideas in the public schools." They will also be able to give the legal guidelines for your Bible club at your public school.

Remember, kids, be prayerful, peaceful and know God loves you (John 3:16). May we as parents be diligent this new year to be praying for our precious children and their schools.

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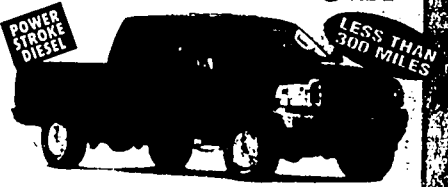
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The shows will be at 2, 4 and 7 p.m.

The new show explains how Earth's seasons occur by using the storyline of a young boy who falls asleep while stargazing, and dreams about visitors from a planet that has the same season all the time. By comparing Earth to this strange planet, he discovers where our seasons come from.

The Herrett Center is premiering the program with family audiences in mind, admitting everyone free when accompanied by a child of any age. Admission for the rest of the museum and galleries is always free of charge.

(The Herrett Center for Arts and Science is located on the north side of the CSI campus on North College Road. For information, call 732-6655.)

DEQ awards grant to Buhl for arsenic help

BOISE - The city of Buhl is getting a boost in its effort to meet new water quality standards.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced Thursday the award of a \$25,000 drinking water grant to the city.

The money will be used to determine the most appropriate method of complying with new federal arsenic regulations affecting municipal water supplies.

(The purpose of the project is to assure an adequate supply of safe drinking water for the city, a press release said.)

The total eligible cost of the project is \$50,000. The city is providing a 50 percent match.

Woman wants to break her trick ropo record

JEROME - Kimberly Mink of Jerome will attempt to set another world record for the women's "big loop" during halftime of the Jerome High School girls' varsity basketball game on Saturday at Jerome High School. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

Mink, a trick ropo, holds the world record for spinning the biggest loop around herself, with 71 feet, 9 inches of rope. She set the record at the Wild West Arts Competition in Las Vegas in March. Mink's goal is to spin a loop with 75 feet of rope.

Mink said she has been in contact with the Guinness Book of World Records publishers, who are willing to publish her record when it is properly documented. This will be the first time that Guinness has published a woman's record separate from the men's.

County seeks applicants for waterways board

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Department is looking for two people to fill vacancies on the board. The Castleford area is unrepresented now.

Anyone interested can send a resume to the Twin Falls County Commission, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, 83301 or fax to 736-4176.

Snowpack levels

| Watershed | % of Avg. | % season peak |
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| Upper Snake River | 72% | 41% |
| Salmon Falls | 62% | 35% |
| Salmon | 84% | 47% |
| Oakley | 85% | 30% |
| Big Wood | 96% | 54% |
| Little Wood | 118% | 84% |
| Henrys Fork/Teton | 72% | 40% |
| Big Lost | 104% | 55% |
| Little Lost | 72% | 39% |

As of Jan. 23

A comparison of basin snowpack, on Jan. 23, with the 30-year average.

COMPLIMENTS GALORE FOR CSI

Lawmakers' praise won't necessarily mean more money

By Julia Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - It was a love affair. Members of the Legislature's 20-member budget committee were clearly enamored with the College of Southern Idaho when its president, Jerry Meyerhoeffer, made his annual request for state support on Thursday.

One eastern Idaho senator complimented the college on the fact that it exposes the rest of the state in making its courses available to Magic Valley high schools through technology. The effort enables students to rack up college credits that double as high school graduation credits.

Another legislator asked Meyerhoeffer what lessons he could pass on to the state's four-year institutions when he comes to efficiency. Meyerhoeffer deftly dodged giving suggestions and explained that CSI instructors simply pulled together to do extra work to help the school get through last year's \$2 million shortfall.

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, applauded Meyerhoeffer for making CSI a home for everyone in Magic Valley.

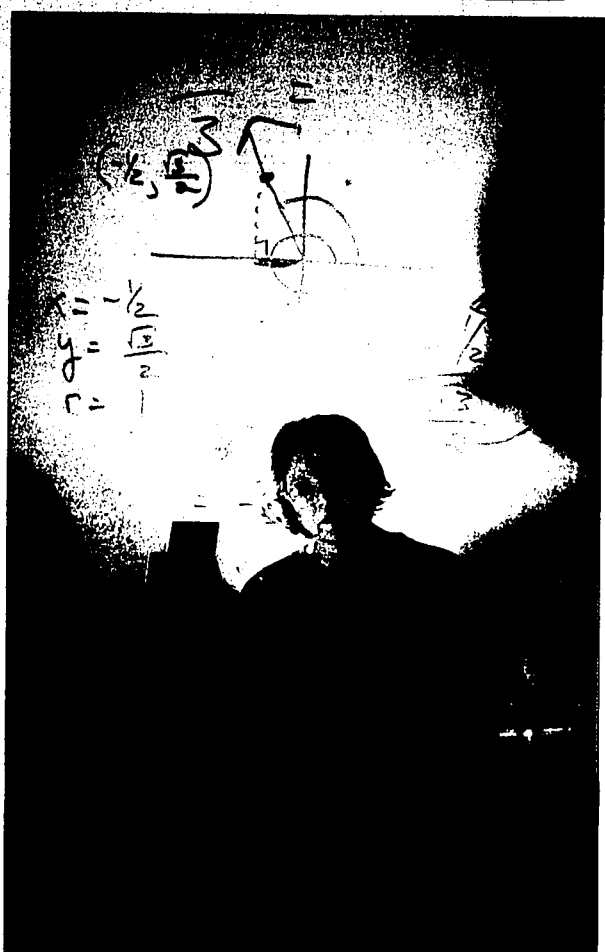
But do accolades mean the school will get an increase in funding for 2003-04 after absorbing about a 10 percent reduction in state funding for this year's budget? And are CSI and its sister - North Idaho College - wonderful enough to get the budget committee's blessing to follow through with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendation to issue bonds for new buildings?

Kempthorne said in his State of the Budget speech that Idaho's colleges and universities took enough of a hit last year. So, he recommended an increase of 6 percent in funding for CSI and NIC from the general fund. That would bring the colleges back to the level of the 2001-02 appropriation of \$19.9 million.

Through a gentlemen's agreement, the two schools split the money evenly.

In addition, saying it would stimulate the economy while supporting higher education.

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Twin Falls High School math teacher Nancy Robinson goes over a math problem in a precalculus class. The class is taught for dual credit with the College of Southern Idaho. While legislators Thursday praised the college for efforts like this, it wasn't clear if the college will get an increase in funding.

Area residents can still obtain flu shots

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - It has been a light flu season so far, but don't assume you're safe from the bug, local health officials say.

An 8-year-old Twin Falls boy was hospitalized Saturday with complications from influenza - it progressed to encephalitis, which causes swelling of the brain, South Central District Health spokeswoman Cheryl Becker said. And though the child is now home and recovering, there's still plenty of time for other serious flu-related ailments to hit Magic Valley people this winter.

"From surveys of physicians nationwide, it has been a very light year this year. There are

few people going to local doctors with flu-like systems," Becker said. "But that doesn't mean you can let down your guard. If

- **What it is:** A contagious disease caused by the influenza virus.
- **Symptoms:** It attacks the nose, throat and lungs in humans. Different from a cold, it usually comes on suddenly and may include fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat and body aches.
- **Recovery:** Most people recover in one to two weeks, but some people develop life-threatening complications such as pneumonia.
- **Treatment:** Rest, drink plenty of liquids, avoid alcohol and tobacco. Because it's a virus, antibiotics do not work to cure it.

you're high risk, you should be getting immunized every year."

The Twin Falls boy was the first case of influenza confirmed in the area this season, though there likely have been others. Not all people with flu-like symptoms have cultures taken for analysis, said Becker, who noted that several Northwrench School District teachers and substitute teachers reported such symptoms last week, shutting down the school for two days.

The state health lab is continuing two other cases of

Getting ready for war

Event offers full slate of activities

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Itching to get out of the house for some fun and exercise?

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a number of events and activities for "Cabin Fever Day" on Saturday at various locations throughout Twin Falls.

The events are intended to give children, families and adults the chance to get out of the house for winter fun and participate in "open house" activities.

Class sizes may be limited for a number of activities. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Swimming:** City Pool, 756 Locust St. N.; free admission from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; pool is open 1 to 5 p.m. with normal admission fees.
- **Self-defense:** Intermountain Martial Arts, 243 Main Ave. W., open to women of all ages from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Kayaking:** CSI Outdoors Program, YMCA Pool, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd.; open for ages 13 to adults, from 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley,** 999 Frontier Road; Session 1, roller hockey and billiards, 9 to 11 a.m. for kindergarten through second grade; Session 2, volleyball and billiards, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for third through sixth grade.
- **Twin Falls County 4-H,** 999 Frontier Road; Session 1, dough and aerospace, for kindergarten through second grade, 9 to 11 a.m.; Session 2, dough and pole building, for third through sixth grade, 11 to 1 p.m.
- **American Self Defense,** 181 Blue Lakes Blvd.; children ages 5-13 are welcome to a free lesson in martial arts. Session 1, 11 a.m. to noon; Session 2, 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Falls Avenue Fitness Unlimited,** 798 Falls Ave.; racquetball, aerobic classes and cycle classes. Open house from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Diversified Martial Arts,** 1300 Kimberly Road; Session 1, 10 a.m. for ages 5 to 7; Session 2, 11 a.m. for ages 8-10; Session 3, 1 p.m. for adults and teens.
- **Scuba diving:** City Pool, 756 Locust St. N.; Dive Magic will teach the basics of scuba diving. Parent signature will be required at the site. Open hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for ages 8 to adult.
- **YMCA,** 1751 Elizabeth Blvd.; indoor courts available for tennis.

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Leader: Detention facility offers hope

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Making juvenile offenders meet face to face with the people they've committed minor crimes against could be one of the most effective ways of getting troubled youngsters turned around, a local juvenile justice expert said.

That's one of the many approaches local officials have been taking in their efforts to get a handle on an apparently growing juvenile crime and delinquency problem, said Chris Talkington, director of the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls.



The detention center is having to deal with younger children, and more girls are getting into trouble, Talkington said during a speech Thursday to members of the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club.

"Today, we're becoming an equal-opportunity program," Talkington said.

Officials have had to deal with some offenders as young as 12 years old, and 40 percent of the children in the local juvenile justice system are girls, he said.

Even so, the most troubled group still seems to be changing their early bad habits, Talkington said.

"The jury is still out on what works," he said.

Talkington offered some statistics on juvenets's current status in 2002. Some of these figures are included:

- Juvenets were responsible for a total of 4,200 days of confinement in center, which has 20 beds.
- There was a total of \$2.4 million in restitution paid out to victims by juvenets.
- Juvenets were responsible for a total of 7,000 hours of community service work as part of their sentences.

An "intake survey" of information volunteered by the juvenets revealed that 57 percent admitted to using alcohol. Parents came from a home with only a father and 40 percent had only a mother present. About 7 percent apparently had no discernible family structure at home, Talkington said.

Drugs - especially alcohol and methamphetamine - were apparently at the root of many of the juvenets' problems, Talkington said. And more often than not it's the children's parents who

are responsible for the behavior.

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Getting ready for war

Do you have a family member serving in the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan? Are you a National Guard member or reservist who might be called to active duty? Or maybe you served in Operation Desert Storm. Or perhaps your background gives you some special insight into current events in the Middle East.

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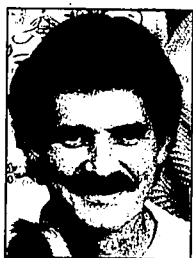
TWIN FALLS



Grace L. Gray Hodkins

Grace L. Gray Hodkins, 84, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, January 22, 2003, at her home. She was born Sept. 19, 1918, in Holbrook, Iowa, the daughter of Alvin and Carolyn King Watson. She was raised in Iowa and moved with her family to Twin Falls. She attended schools in Twin Falls and Iowa where she graduated High School. She enjoyed playing basketball and won numerous awards for her play. She married Jim Gray on Aug. 31, 1941, in Twin Falls. They moved several times while they were both employed by the U.S. Navy, retiring Jan. 1, 1962. She graduated Twin Falls High School in 1938. She was a member of the Ladies of the Wood and enjoyed life to the fullest.

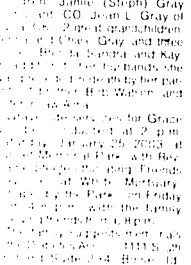
WINNEMUCCA, NEV.



Ed married Velda Moore

Ed married Velda Moore, February 3, 1945, in Jerome, Idaho. They lived north of Shoshone since their wedding where they were cattle ranchers. Velda would precede Ed in death in 1995. Ed was on the Highway Board for a number of years, the A.S.C. Board for 12 years and was a Grange member for 55 years. Survivors include one daughter, Carlene (Larry) Hathaway of North Shoshone; brother Art (Glady's) Sheer of Lakewood, Oregon; sisters: Alice Hahnstorf and Virginia (Pat) Pharris all of Hazelton; brother Walt (Doris) Sheer of Huntington, Maryland; numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, brother Roger "Mose" Sheer, sister Edna Jones both of Shoshone, Ed and then moved to Winnemucca and started working as a General Contractor. He loved to build things and was a wonderful craftsman. He made exquisite birdhouses. In his spare time he loved to fish, hunt, bowl and play Keno. He won many bowling and dart tournaments. He was a well liked person who was always loved and will be dearly missed.

HEYBURN



Blaine R. Short

Blaine R. Short, 61, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, January 22, 2003, at his home. He was born May 15, 1941, in Heyburn, Idaho. He was a member of the Heyburn Community Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Blaine and Mary Short. He is survived by his wife, Mary Short, and two children, Blaine and Mary Short.

RICHFIELD

Melba Johnson Sanders

Melba Johnson Sanders, age 80, of Richfield, died Wednesday, January 22, 2003, at her residence after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born March 9, 1922, in Springfield, Utah, the daughter of Chester and Dolores Barnett Johnson. She was raised in Richfield and graduated from Richfield High School. After attending 2 years at Brigham Young University she returned to Richfield and it was there that she married Stanley "Tom" Sanders on December 18, 1942. She later attended Idaho State University in Pocatello where she received her degree in home economics and music.

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Calvin (Sonny) Clinton Jensen

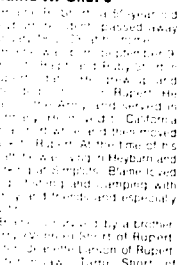
Calvin (Sonny) Clinton Jensen, 61, of Buhl, passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise. He was born November 23, 1941, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He and Vera Jensen in 1963 he married Juanita Meyers, and together they had four children: Calvin (Sonny), Marquette, Gene and Jack. Calvin worked for the Twin Falls Highway District for 10 years and Southern Idaho pipe and steel for 24 years. He was a 40 year member of the Buhl Fire Department and worked in logging, carpentry and spending vacations on the Oregon coast.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Marena L. Meacham

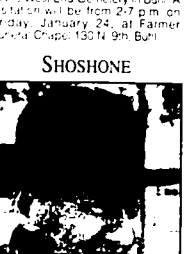
Marena L. Meacham, 43 year old Rupert resident, died Tuesday, January 21, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born September 13, 1959, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Robert T. and Margaret Lucy Jokumsen Meacham. Marena enjoyed camping, fishing and gardening, and especially spending time with her friends and family. She is survived by her children, Jake T. Smith and Chance D. Lawson both of Burley; her brothers, Robert T. Meacham of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Manuel P. Meacham of Hazel Park, Michigan; 2 stepbrothers, Frank, Trimmer, and Brad Trimmer; 6 stepdaughters, Danna Gales, Shay Leytham and Michael Trimmer. She is also survived her father, Robert T. Meacham and stepmother, Sharon Meacham both of Rupert.

SHOSHONE



Edmund 'Ed' Carl Sheer

Edmund "Ed" Carl Sheer, 89, of north Shoshone, Idaho, died Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, Idaho of complications following surgery. Ed was born in Sykeston, North Dakota, August 21, 1913, the oldest of seven children to Carl and Lydia Sheer. The family would



Clara McNeel Linford

Clara McNeel Linford, our beloved mother, died January 21, 2003, surrounded by her children. Clara was born February 15, 1923, in Allon, WY, to Wallace G. and Mary Barber McNeel. She married Blaine Linford on December 27, 1941, at Paris, ID. The marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Clara spent her early years in Etna, WY, living on the family farm. She attended and graduated

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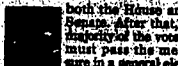
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Constitutional amendment add seat to the Land Board

BOISE (AP)—A constitutional amendment introduced Thursday would add the Idaho Treasurer to the six-member State Board of Land.

Introduced by Republican Rep. Tom Trail of Moscow, the proposal would also rescind the governor's regular vote. Although he would still act as chairman, the governor would only vote in case of a tie.

A resolution attempting to change the state constitution requires two-thirds approval of



both the House and Senate. After that, a majority of the voters must pass the measure in a general election.

The Land Board oversees the management of Idaho's "Trust Lands," including grazing leases and timber sales.

CD-ROM includes entire state budget

BOISE (AP)—The entire state budget is available for the first time this year on CD-ROM.

The disk includes the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Book, a section on fiscal facts outlining budgetary trends, and the Legislative Fiscal Report on the 2002 Fiscal Year. The budget is still available in paperback form, but it costs the state \$70 per copy to produce and

takes up nearly 5 pounds of paper. Only a limited number of copies are being printed this year.

The CD-ROM version comes with a thin paperback summary and costs about \$4 to produce, a spokeswoman for the Legislative Budget Office said. The CD version runs on Adobe Acrobat software.

Idaho schools keep accreditation status

BOISE (AP)—Six schools were cautioned, but none were dropped in the Idaho accreditation ratings for public and private schools for the 2002-2003 school year.

The state Board of Education approved the ratings earlier this

week after a committee assigned the ratings. None of the schools are in the Magic Valley.

Schools are rated approved, advised, warned or dropped. When a school is dropped it loses accreditation, and state funds are withheld.

SERVICES

Tressie D. Southard of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Sharon K. Stiles of Spokane, Wash., an formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ottie 'Tillie' Geisler of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

William E. 'Bud' Swan of Shoshone, 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel, 404 W. B. St., Shoshone; graveside service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Joplin Cemetery in Boise.

Verleene Mildred Cherry of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; there will be no public viewing.

Clara McNeel Linford of Salt Lake City, Utah, service at 1 p.m. today at the Mount

Olympus North LDS Stake Center, 4176 South Adonis Drive, 3950 East, Salt Lake City, Utah; friends may call from 11:30-12:45 p.m. today at the church; interment at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Star Valley Cemetery, Alton, Wyo.

Dale 'Junior' Herbst of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley; friends may call from 10:00-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

W. Frank 'Tony' Warner of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the 13th Ward LDS Chapel, 457 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Gene Grill of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Bible Church, 610 Yakima St., Filer; a luncheon buffet will be served immediately following the service at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Susan Marie Holmquist
HAILEY — Susan Marie Holmquist, 48, of Ketchum died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at her home. The memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at the Wood River Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood River Chapel, Hailey.

Jeffrey Charles Riemann
HAILEY — Jeffrey Charles Riemann, 34, of Hailey died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at the Hailey LDS Chapel with the Rev. Donald Fraser of St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Wood River Chapel.
Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel, Hailey.

Giselle M. 'Gill' Carson
BURLEY — Giselle Marie "Gill" Carson, 49, of Burley died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a lifelong fight with an illness. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop H. Scott Horsley officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends and family may call one hour before the service at the church. At Carson's request, there will be no public visitation. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

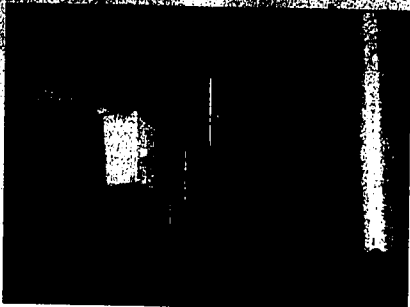
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Light goes up in Heyburn



Wally Walker finishes taking covers off the new traffic signals at Highway 30 and Seventh Street in Heyburn. The signals were tested Thursday and are now operating.

Mendoza said loop detectors — wires placed in the road — and cameras work together to trip the light to change when a car is waiting.

The cameras memorize what the road looks like empty, Mendoza explained. Then when a car comes into view, the camera senses the change and tells the control panel to change the

light. The loop detectors also send a signal telling the control panel to change when a car drives over the wire.

Lights flashed red and yellow as the last tests were finished. The signal was fully operational around 1 p.m. Thursday.

Heyburn Police Chief George Warrall III said police will have a presence in the area while

motorists get used to the new traffic signal.

When the traffic signal went in at U.S. Highway 30 and 21st Street in fall 2000, there were quite a few accidents and close calls, Warrall said. So police will be in the area of the new traffic signal in order to help people if an accident occurs.

People who travel through the area on a regular basis get used to new signals quicker, Warrall said. It took almost a month for people to remember to watch for the 21st Street signal.

Final installation of the Seventh Street signal was delayed numerous times. Kelly Walton of Walton Inc. said most delays occurred because of difficulties scheduling so many people to be at the site at the same time.

The signal's been ready for close to a month now," Walton said.

Walton also noted several motorists giving thumbs-up signs to crews when the light was turned on. Drivers coming from Seventh Street and turning across traffic were especially appreciative, he said.

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Burley shoots for road rebuilding

By Shelley Kidenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — City officials are getting a jump start on planning for the expected rebuilding of North Overland Avenue.

The City Council this week authorized the mayor to sign a resolution seeking \$1.25 million from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council for the \$4.25 million project, which should occur in 2008. The state is expected to fund \$3 million of the project, and the city's share is now estimated at \$91,750. The \$1.25 million the city is now applying for is from the federal highway budget.

That spurs calls for the state to pay 75 percent of the project costs. The city must match 7.34 percent of the federal contribution. With the project still six years away, those numbers will probably be revised several times, City Administrator Mark Mitton said. City officials should hear sometime this summer if the \$1.25 million grant is approved.

Mitton plans to begin including part of the city's required match in the budget he proposes to the City Council each year, so by the time the project occurs, the city will have its share in hand.

Officials with the Idaho Transportation Department plan to reconstruct Overland Avenue from the north side of the Snake River bridge to the Interstate 84 exit, Mitton said.

The proposed project is a comprehensive rebuilding of the road, Mitton said. Frontage streets will likely be taken out, and an additional traffic light will probably be installed at Third Street, near Franklin Buttery Supply. State officials will complete the planning, preliminary engineering and conduct an environmental review before any work occurs, he said. Public hearings will be held, too.

Also at Tuesday's council meeting, Burley Fire Chief Phil Heiner reported the city's fire rating had moved to a class 3. That's the lowest rating of any Idaho city, he said. Burley is the 12th Idaho city to gain that rating, dropping from a class 4, he said. No Idaho cities are rated 1 or 2.

The rate class change becomes effective in March, Heiner said. For property owners, that means property insurance from companies which rely on this fire rating, it should mean reduced premium costs. The rating affects only property within the city limits of Burley, not any nearby rural areas, Heiner said.

The change follows a December rate review by the Idaho Survey and Rating Board. Heiner asked a board inspector to re-rate the Burley department in part because of the acquisition about two years ago of a new ladder truck.

The department was rated on its personnel and equipment, the method of dispatching and notifying firefighters of fire calls and the city's water system which is used to fight fires.

The Burley Fire Department has 10 full-time career firefighters and 23 volunteers.

Council members Tuesday also voted to hire Freedom Mailing Service of Provo, Utah, to prepare and mail the city's utility bills. It will cost the city 43.3 cents per bill, which is less than the city now spends per bill, Mitton said. The city mails about 3,300 bills out each month in three cycles. Not enough bills are mailed at the same time to allow the city to pay the lower bulk mail rate, so each bill costs 47 cents to mail, plus costs for paper and other materials and labor costs.

City employees will send Freedom workers electronic files of customer bills, Freedom will print the bills out, fold them and stuff the bills and return envelopes into the mailing envelopes before mailing out the bills, Mitton estimated. The change will save the city between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year.

People may still pay their bills at City Hall, Mitton said, and bills mailed to City Hall, not to Provo. The change will occur in March.

The change won't reduce the city clerk's staff, he said. A service center secretary recently retired and the clerk's office will be replaced. The billing change will instead allow employees at City Hall to do the work that secretary had done.

Other council business included

- Cemetery ordinance: Council members agreed to give the city ordinance a chance to allow a casket and an additional casket on an infant casket site on a burial plot. The ordinance allowed only one burial per grave.

- Sewer bond election: Mitton said a bond election will allow the city to pay for bonds to help pay for the new sewer plant scheduled for May 2007.

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Siting team says feedlot site is 'medium risk'

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

DECLO — A report from the Idaho State FO Siting Team will give Alliance Land and Livestock owners leverage in their pursuit of a feedlot permit.

The team gave the site a suitability ranking of "medium risk" but said it could drop to "low risk" if feedlot managers keep manure away from rock outcrops and build the lot according to the Idaho Department of Agriculture's best management practices.

The siting team's recommendation will carry great weight with the county planning commission, County Administrator Kerry McMurray said.

"In my mind, this covers a lot of ground on questions of a technical or scientific matter," McMurray said. "It looks like there are some concerns," but

there are ways to address those concerns.

In October, Cassia County officials decided they could not uphold a permit granted to Alliance Land and Livestock partners by the planning commission because the partners did not properly notify neighbors of the proposed feedlot. That permit would have allowed Alliance Land and Livestock to build a feedlot northeast of Declo. In November, Alliance Land and Livestock submitted a new application for a 9,999-animal feedlot in the same place.

Declo area residents who opposed the feedlot were not surprised by the ranking of "medium risk," or "low risk" with mitigations.

"We kind of knew that was a strong possibility," Brackenbury said. The team rarely gives "high risk" ratings, she said.

Brent Sisson of Alliance Land and Livestock said he would be willing make the mitigations necessary to reduce the feedlot rating to "low risk."

County officials asked the state siting team for an opinion of the site's suitability when the partners submitted the new application.

Fever

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Lessons given on the hour for all ages. Youth racquet provided. Beginners from 1-3 p.m., intermediates from 1-2 p.m. and intermediates/advanced from 2-3 p.m.

- Bowhunting: Magic Valley Bow Hunters, 205 Shoshone St. N., participants can test their bow skills on a variety of targets at the indoor range below the Ballroom Building. Both compound and recurve bows will be available. Open to all ages from 9-11 a.m.
- Twin Falls Fitness Center, 1881 Pole Line Road E., free circuitball, heated pool and spa, weight room and cardiovascular equipment. Ages 16 and up from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Rock climbing, College of Southern Idaho climbing wall behind the Expo Center. Activity

is conditional upon good weather. A liability form must be signed by a parent. For ages 13 and up from noon to 2 p.m.

- Paintball: Paintball Ink, Highway 50, located on right side of Kimberly Road, recommended attire is plenty of padding, old clothes, light gloves and hats. Paintball gun, course admission and goggles are provided. Liability form must be signed by a parent. Ages 10 and up from noon to 2 p.m.
- Dance: The Dance Center, 434 Main Ave. S., basic dance Movement for ages 4-6 from 10-11 a.m. and hip-hop for ages 12 and up from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Children's art classes: 347 Sunrise Blvd. N.; the event is open to all ages and levels of ability from 11 a.m. to noon

- Curves for Women, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; women can stop in for a free figure analysis and workout plan from 7 a.m. to noon
- "Yappy Hour": PetsMart, 1505 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; pet owners can bring their dogs in for playtime and socialization. Dogs participating need proof of current vaccinations. Puppies under five months from 9-10 a.m. and dogs over five months from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Ask the Trainer from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Clogging: 220 Main Ave. N.; Rocky Top Cloggers will offer an introduction to clogging from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 9 and under and 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 10 to adult
- Magic Valley Academy of Music, 209 Fifth Ave. N.; the academy will offer half-hour programs to children of all ages. KinderMusik 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

for up to 18 months, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. for one month to age 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 3.5 and 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. for ages 6 and 7, Group piano 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. for early elementary, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. for elementary and 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. for intermediate. Open-house hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Sewing lessons: Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W.; Lessons in sewing will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 9 to 12, 3:30 p.m. for ages 9 and 10 and 2-4:30 p.m. for ages 10 and up
- Singing lessons: Musical Express, 347 Sunrise Blvd. N.; Card Canover will lead children's singing classes for ages 3-14 from 10-11 a.m.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 736-2263

Flu

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influenza in the Treasure Valley as well.

Because flu season isn't over, South Central District Health is still encouraging people considered high risk — those age 65 and over, residents of long-term care facilities, people with chronic lung disease, diabetes and women who will be at least three

months pregnant during flu season — to get flu shots.

And this year, for the first time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are also recommending that children between the ages of 6 months and 8 years get flu shots. The first time children receive the vaccine they need two shots, given one month apart.

The peak influenza season in southern central Idaho is late December through early March. Vaccinations are still available by appointment from health district offices in Burley 758-2211, Rupert (436-7185), Gooding 663-4477, Jerome 433-9958, Halley 678-4335, Shoshone 444-7047 and Twin Falls 734-3660.

Becker said a wide shot of the

shot could be behind the relatively low incidence of influenza so far in the season.

"It may be that it's just the same strain of influenza and we have many immune people," she said. "It may be we're just not seeing something that could be spread within the population. There may be many reasons."

Restaurant faces fines for hiring kids

SALL LAKE CHY (AP) — A Ketchikan restaurant owner says he's been singled out by the Department of Labor for employing minors to sell doughnuts door to door.

The U.S. Department of Labor is using Taskway's as a "safety" case study in a new rule, valued at nearly \$27,000 for employees 12 and under for jobs such as cleaning equipment and delivering doughnuts.

Dean Campbell, Department of Labor's chief director, declined to say whether a complaint had been filed or what prompted the investigation. He said the case was

hired because it was the only Labor Laws violation in the employment program this year.

Some of the program's employees, including 10-year-old students, were hired to sell doughnuts door-to-door to raise money for a child leukemia research fund. The program was run by the Ketchikan School District for instance, district officials said.

CSI

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porting education. Kempthorne recommended resuming construction on the two college campuses by bonding over 30 years, to be paid off in 20 years.

CSI would get to add to its Fine Arts Building. It has been 25 years since CSI administration started planning to add onto the building. It has been at least eight years since the building was put on a special state list to get money for the construction.

Two years ago, the project, estimated to cost \$54 million, was second from the top of the list. Meyerhoeffer said the addition would add five or six classrooms to help accommodate a full-time student growth rate of 90.4 percent over the past dozen years.

In addition, Meyerhoeffer pointed out that last year only

How CSI stacks up

- **Enrollment:** Full-time students have increased by 90.4 percent since 1990, while the full-time student population at North Idaho College has grown by about 52 percent since that time.
- **Usage:** One in five lower-division Idaho college students attends CSI; one in three attends its community college.
- **Satisfaction:** Ninety-nine percent of CSI students say they are satisfied with their CSI experience, and 97 percent plan on returning for another semester.
- **Outcomes:** During 2001, 12.8 percent of residents over the age of 16 in CSI's eight-county region participated in CSI courses.
- **Expense:** CSI students pay about half per semester of what students at Idaho's four-year schools pay for education. CSI spends less than any other college or university in the state for instruction.
- **Administrations:** The number of people in administrative positions has increased at CSI since 1997, while the student head count has increased from 4,430 to 8,729.

Source: College of Southern Idaho

meanwhile "Colleges will be the one," she said. "But I am only one person."

Becke, who is also on the committee, wasn't quite so effusive about whether he could back Kempthorne's recommendations.

"The can-do attitude the community colleges bring to the budget making process is refreshing," Becke said. But, "we've got a puzzle to put together. We've been presented with some very significant parts of the puzzle. But I'm taking an objective look at the whole picture. One agency's needs don't trump another's."

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome — who chairs the House budget panel and calls herself a CSI admirer — said "The governor's budget? There's no way we can do it with the revenues we have right now."

Center

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And a mediation program in which the mediator and mediators must meet in person with the victims and work out payment plans to resolve the claims, he said.

"It's a powerful tool," Takemoto said. "It gives us the amazing things happen in the meetings."

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Man may face death in stabbing of girls

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Utah man could face the death penalty after confessing to stabbing a 3-year-old girl to death and seriously wounding her 10-year-old sister outside a Mesquite casino, authorities said Thursday.



Beau Sartho Maestas

We have a committee that reviews these cases, but I can tell you that he's certainly eligible," Clark County District Attorney David Roger said of 19-year-old Beau Santino Maestas.

Utah. The trio surrendered after Utah troopers received a bulletin and stopped them at about 250 miles northeast of Mesquite.

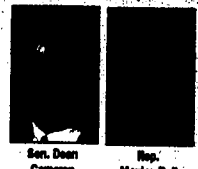
Maestas and his younger sister, who he implicated in his confession, will be charged with burglary, murder and attempted murder, police said.

Ed officials push job training program

BOISE (AP) — More budget cuts will cripple Idaho's ability to recover from the bad economy by making it more difficult for the technical education system to train workers, lawmakers were told Thursday.

Despite spiraling enrollment, technical schools have cut payrolls, eliminated programs and raised student fees to cope with this year's 10 percent reduction in state funding.

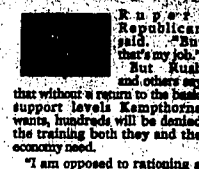
"In the economic downturn, people go back to technical education," Mike Rush, head of the Division of Professional-Technical Education, told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.



Sen. Dean Cameron

tee, which is responsible for writing the state's budget. They remained skeptical of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to raise taxes \$270 million so state operations can be maintained at existing levels.

"I don't want to cut," the Idaho, President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act calls for a battery of uniform tests that will enable states to compare results.



Rep. Maiche Bell

that without a return to the base support levels Kempthorne wants, hundreds will be denied the training both they and the economy need.

"I am opposed to rationing a public good, its very existence," North Idaho College President Michael Burke said.

Telephone pay — An... reverse the decline in support for all state programs and services. But officials say the proposal still falls short of what they need to recover ground lost to cuts this year.

Rush said 900 people were denied access to professional-technical courses this year because of cuts. Rejecting Kempthorne's budget would add 200 more jobs, he said.

House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell concedes the appeals from education leaders are hard to resist.

Lawmaker urges more involvement with federal grant

BOISE (AP) — House Education Chairman Fred Tilman pressed state Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard to explain why the Board of Education was not more involved

in a \$100,000 federal grant to pay for a testing coordinator.

Idaho, President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act calls for a battery of uniform tests that will enable states to compare results.

the coordinator directly to the Idaho Department of Education. But Tilman said that the state Board of Education, which has oversight of the department, is being left out of the loop.

INEEL must clean up from past before moving forward

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The future of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is in nuclear research, but first the facility must clean up the radioactive waste from its past.

Project. "It's a smart way of aligning the work so you can focus on it and get it done, you know what you're working for."

INEEL officials are reorganizing. Under the plan, work at the site will be divided into three areas. One division is the Idaho Completion Project and will focus exclusively on cleanup.

"There's a huge incentive to tear facilities down and return the land to nature. As that happens, there will be less jobs out here, but no one is willing to say that," said Benjamen Sauer.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments Tyson Ray Depey, 21, 4899 N. 1000 E., Buhl, possession of a controlled substance; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

use to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; six months' unsupervised probation; inattentive/unsafe driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

out privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Wayne Joseph Williams, 31, 7120 E. Route 410410, Heber, Wash. 3rd driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor arraignments Tyson Ray Depey, 21, 4899 N. 1000 E., Buhl, possession of a controlled substance; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Drew E. Good, 19, 1106 A E. 2900 S. Hagerman, hunting, possessing migratory birds/exceeding the bag limit, amended to hunting, taking, possessing migratory birds violation; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs; Violation of Fish and Game misdemeanor rules, regulations and orders; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Missoula Marie Fox, 19, 645 Colorado St., Gooding, dog nuisance (barking); dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor dismissals Missoula Marie Fox, 19, 645 Colorado St., Gooding, dog nuisance (barking); dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor arraignments Tyson Ray Depey, 21, 4899 N. 1000 E., Buhl, possession of a controlled substance; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Richard McCracken, 27, 451 Quincy, Twin Falls, killing, possessing or wanting of wild animals, fish, birds, etc.; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

David L. Vermillion, 36, 2135 Main St., Gooding, driving under the influence; 90-day driver's license suspension; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil filings Ford Motor Credit Company vs. James T. Trowbridge and Lynda Trowbridge. Seeking \$6,449.98, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for the balance remaining on a vehicle after repossession and application of proceeds from resale of motor vehicle.

Misdemeanor arraignments Tyson Ray Depey, 21, 4899 N. 1000 E., Buhl, possession of a controlled substance; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Amber Dawn Morrison, 22, 568 First Ave. E., Wendell, animals to be controlled; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs; requires dog license; dismissed by prosecutor. Separate case: animals to be controlled; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jack D. Reed, 65, 340 E. Orchard, Hagerman, inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$425 suspended; \$63.50 court costs, one year unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Divorces Mark Carl Homer vs. Norma Letitia Homer

Misdemeanor arraignments Tyson Ray Depey, 21, 4899 N. 1000 E., Buhl, possession of a controlled substance; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Kevin L. Clifford, 44, 709 Sparks Ave., Twin Falls, driving under the influence (excessive); 90-day driver's license suspension; \$500 fine, \$1,400 suspended; \$100 public defender fee, 24 months' unsupervised probation; 365 days in jail, 325 suspended, four days in jail remaining, all options; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Virgil Lee Haase, 31, 719 Montana St., Gooding, driving without privilege, 180-day driver's license suspension to begin at end of existing suspension; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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Steven C. Wendell, 44, P.O. Box 126, Hagerman, driving under the influence, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; sentencing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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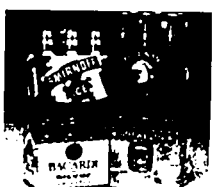
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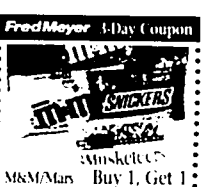
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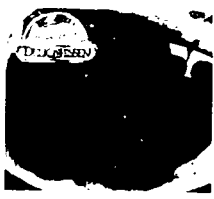
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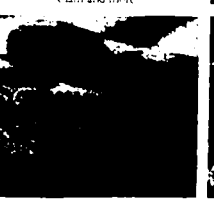
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SB101 (Judiciary and Rules) - Adds the Idaho of Allegiance to the Senate's daily procedure.
SB102 (State Affairs) - Sets the pay for the Senate staff.

Confirmed by Senate

John Olson, Boise, to the Public Employment Retirement System Board.
Tom Beasley, Boise, to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.

Introduced in House

HB976 (Smith) - Requires vehicles sold from another country into Idaho to have a branded certificate of mileage to reflect alterations instead of miles.
HB999 (Trail) - Requires highway district commissioners to be elected on a sub-district basis.

HB990 (Trail) - Holds property taxpayers harmless when net value of timberlands declines, creating a total decline in total taxable value.
HB1000 (Trail) - Exempts windows under certain circumstances from being subject to the uniform building code.

HB1001 (Trail) - Defines "claimant" under state "claimant" property tax relief law.

HB1002 (Agriculture) - Limits exposure of the Commodity Indemnity Account when producers deposit grain in warehouses under price-tolerance contracts.

HB1003 (Transportation and Defense) - Allows a vehicle to be driven on a highway during non-business hours if accompanied by an adult licensed driver.

HB1004 (Transportation) - Makes minor changes in the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement law.

HB1005 (Agriculture) - Adds the Idaho Seed Analysis Association to the State Seed Advisory Board.

HB1006 (Agriculture) - Makes a new law that will allow the Department of Agriculture to make rules restricting and prohibiting the import of possession of exotic animals.

HB1007 (Agriculture) - Requires diversion of all imported animals to be approved in advance by the Board of Animal Industries.

HB1008 (Agriculture) - Resolves conflicting provisions regarding indemnity payments for livestock condemned and destroyed due to brucellosis.

HB1009 (Agriculture) - Updates the rules and responsibilities for Soil Conservation Districts, consolidates authority of commission.

HB1010 (State Affairs) - Creates an outright commission for Paul Drayle Third River Basin regarding water, natural resources and environment.

HB1011 (State Affairs) - Establishes procedure and remedies for Idaho companies not in compliance with the Federal Master Settlement Agreement.

HB1012 (State Affairs) - Provides for election of representatives to district board members rather than appointments by county commissioners.

HB1013 (State Affairs) - Clarifies that sheriff's office continues to have jurisdiction over and responsibility for the state's correctional facilities.

HB1014 (State Affairs) - Revises authority of other state agencies from state highway set by the Department of Transportation.

HB1015 (State Affairs) - Allows support of the Idaho Department of Professional Board and the congress to investigate and report on the discovery of weapons.

HB1016 (State Affairs) - Amends the Idaho Department of Professional Board and the congress to investigate and report on the discovery of weapons.

SB1017 (State Affairs) - Amends the Idaho Department of Professional Board and the congress to investigate and report on the discovery of weapons.

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Lawyers say plea agreement is likely in van crash that killed 11

RIFFLE, Colo. (AP) - The lawyer for an Oregon woman charged in a traffic crash that killed five firefighters - two from Idaho - believes his client will not have to stand trial.
John Hugger, who represents Megan Helm, 21, of La Grande, said that talks with prosecutors about a plea agreement are going well.

Garfield County Deputy District Attorney Jeff Cheney agreed. "We're trying to be open-minded

so the right result is arrived at," Cheney said earlier this week. Helm's arraignment Wednesday was again delayed, this time until Feb. 23, to give lawyers more time to discuss it deal.
She has pleaded innocent to 10 misdemeanor charges of careless driving that caused death or injury in connection with the June 21 rollover accident on Interstate 70 in Colorado.
The maximum penalty for each is a year in jail and \$1,000 fine.

Helm is free on bond.
She was driving a van carrying 11 fire crew members on their way to the Hayman wildfire in central Colorado when it went out of control and rolled.
Four were killed, and a fifth died three days later. Five others were injured.
The dead included Zachary Ziegler, 20, of Twin Falls and Jacob Martindale, 20, of Boise. Injured seriously was Brandon Fiala, 22, also of Twin Falls.

The van was part of a number of single-vehicle crashes by Chevrolet Firefly Inc. in La Grande, a private contractor for the federal government.
Some of the injured firefighters and vehicle families were highly critical of Helm, while others objected to charging her.
Much of the criticism against Helm has shifted to GM's 15-passenger Ford Econoline E-350 Super Duty van.
The National Highway Traffic

and Administration has ordered GM to recall over 100,000 vehicles manufactured by Chevrolet, GMC and Pontiac three times those of regular vehicles carrying 10 or more passengers.
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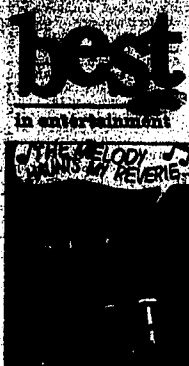
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The exhibit of The Albertson Figures, artwork by Goya, Hogarth, Lichtenstein, Picasso and Andy Warhol, among others, at the Herrett Center for the Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, closes Saturday. It's free.

Houseguest

The Friends of CSI Players will present Larry Shue's "The Nerd" tonight and Saturday at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls.

Social climber

The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will stage Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's "My Fair Lady" tonight, Saturday afternoon and Thursday night at the King Center in Burley.

Grande dames

The Magic Valley Arts Council's 15th Annual Foreign Film Festival continues with Francois Ozon's "8 Women" Wednesday night at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls. Other screenings are scheduled for Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

Church lady

Comedienne Kim Richards takes a side-splitting look at "Late Night Catechism" tonight, Saturday and Sunday in Ketchum's nexStage Theater.

On Broadway

The Sun Valley Opera will present its "Broadway and Beyond" revue Saturday night in Ketchum's Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.

Haiku howdy

The 2003 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering opens its eight-day run Saturday at nights around Elka, Nev.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C3, C5 and C7

'They're jazzed

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If you know nothing else about jazz, know that Paul Desmond was the composer of "Take Five."

It's the most famous jazz song ever written, and a good departure point for the eighth annual Jazz Summit that opens at the College of Southern Idaho today.

Desmond was one of the great artists in the 'cool' or West Coast school of jazz, said Brent Jensen, director of jazz studies at CSI and organizer of this two-day festival of syncopated jammin' and pedagogy. "He's one of my heroes."

He's more. A consummate alto saxophonist and bandmate of Dave Brubeck, Desmond was a major influence on sax great Stan Getz, who took jazz to South America and became godfather of bossa nova. Bossa nova, in turn, was a major influence on what would become world music, a fusion of jazz and Latin and African rhythms that would become widely popular at the turn of the millennium.

Desmond's influence is everywhere," Jensen said.

Jensen and his quartet recently recorded a tribute to Desmond, who died in 1977 of lung cancer at the age of 53. And guest artists at the summit, like Los Angeles-based Acoustic Jazz Quartet, are "cool"-school bands.

"Cool jazz is more subtle, more moody than bebop, than blues-based jazz," Jensen said. "It's been called white jazz, but that's not really accurate since Miles Davis was the guy who started cool jazz."

The West Coast sound sold records like hotcakes throughout the 1950s and early '60s, but it's niche music now, though its influence extends far beyond jazz.

Desmond's jazz clinics are open to all ages, from high school and junior high ensembles to throughout southern Idaho today and Saturday. Clinics and performances are planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days, and they're



Paul Desmond wrote 'Take Five'

Free and open to the public in the auditorium.

Guest artists include saxophonist David Sills, guitarist Jamie Findlay, bassist Zac Matthews and drummer Dean Kolba, all members of the Acoustic Jazz Quartet; pianist Chuck Smith, sax player Sandon Mayhew and bassist Rod Wray, members of the New Trio from Boise, and trumpeter Rob Walker.

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College of Southern Idaho jazz studies director Brent Jensen whittles sax at last year's Jazz Summit.

Jack's amazing, unstarring role

By Christy Lemire
 The Associated Press

This is what we know about Warren Schmidt: He just retired after four decades as an actuary at Woodmen of the World Insurance Co. in Omaha, Neb.

He's been married 42 years to his sweet but frumpy wife, Helen. And his only child, Jeannie, is marrying a mullet-wearing waterbed salesman named Randall.

This is about all Warren knows about himself. In fact, he's never really cared to find out more.

But at 66, he gets a crash course in self-discovery in "About Schmidt."

Such a simple story may not sound like the natural basis for one of the year's best movies. But it is - not just for Jack Nicholson's understated performance, which is among the most memorable and surprising in a career full of memories and surprises.

And not just for the keenly observant script from writer-director Alexander Payne, who prizes that his sharp, savage

Every piece fits together perfectly, from the tiniest details in wardrobe and furniture to the supporting performances from scene-stealers Dermot Mulroney and Kathy Bates.

Payne paints a picture of Middle America that's lovingly satirical - a gentle jab in the ribs that packs the power of a punch in the gut. That's exactly what Warren Schmidt needs, and he doesn't even see it coming.

Warren simply occupies space, counting down the minutes until retirement in his sparse, lifeless office, and sitting quietly in a banquet room as his colleagues honor him. Whether by himself or in a crowd, Warren is always hopelessly alone.

During one of many unproductive days watching television, he

'About Schmidt'

- Who's in it? Jack Nicholson, Kathy Bates, Dermot Mulroney.
- Where's it playing? Twin Cinema.
- What's it rated? R.
- Should you go? Nicholson turns in what may just be the performance of the year, and it should earn him his 12th Oscar nomination.

sees a commercial for the Childreach organization, and picks up the phone on a whim.

He ends up sponsoring a 6-year-old Lanham boy named Ndugu, and is asked to send a letter along with his monthly donation of \$22.

Warren has ideas how to talk to his own wife (June Squibb) or daughter (Hope Davis), so he really has no idea what to say to an illiterate orphan halfway around the globe. His "Dear Ndugu" letters, which give the narrative its structure, are simultaneously hilarious and pathetic, simply for the cluelessness of their writer, and for Nicholson's droning voiceover as he scribbles away on a yellow legal pad.

Suddenly, Helen dies, and Warren is shaken from his numbing routine. After moping for weeks - seemingly because no one's there to take care of him, not because he misses his wife - he lumbers into the Winebaggy, where he and Helen had planned to use for road trips. His destination is Denver, where he hopes to persuade Jeannie to call off her wedding to Randall (Mulroney), whom he thinks is beneath his darling daughter.

Comparisons to "Easy Rider" are inevitable, with Nicholson back on the road to self-discovery. This time, the terrain provides the path not for psychodelic revelations, but for sobering reality.

Once in Denver, nothing goes as Warren planned - and he certainly didn't expect to end up in a hot tub with Roberta (Bates),

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Randall's bohemian mother, who has no qualms about stepping out natural into the babbling water.

Nicholson has been lavished with praise for the performance, and deservedly so. Gone are the wild hair, raised eyebrows and impish grin that have become his trademarks. He has gone small to become Warren Schmidt, and it produced big results.

This is a "sad, sad man," observes one woman he meets during his road trip, a social misfit despite a lifetime of experience.

Nicholson himself said it best after a screening of "About Schmidt" at the New York Film Festival, where it was this year's opening film: "I found it interesting that this guy who has a mathematical depth about life - really seems to understand nothing about his own life."

By the movie's subtly moving conclusion, he may not have it all figured out, but he's take the first step in his journey.

'AniMotion:' Hear what you're missing

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If you're mope-phobic, relax. These guys talk. "In that sense, we're not a traditional mime troupe," said Bruce Wylie, co-founder and a performer with the Seattle Mime Theater since 1977. "Mime is the basis of what we do, but we have things to say as well."

SMT will bring its "AniMotion" production to the College of Southern Idaho stage on Thursday, a combination of mime, improvisational theater, dance and physical comedy.

"When we started this thing 25 years ago, we also ran a restaurant to help make ends meet," said Wylie in a telephone interview from Seattle. "So a lot of what we do now is based on funny things that happened to us there."

"AniMotion" skirts range from traditional mime to dramatizations of literature to Second City-style prop-less improv.

"It's really a theater of the imagination," Wylie said. "Ours, and the audiences."

Wylie and Richard Davidson, who founded SMT, and the third actor in "AniMotion," Stephanie Roberts, is used to four out of five months a year, according to Wylie.

"That was a lot," he said. "We don't do that anymore because we have families and spouses. But when we do tour now, we really enjoy it."

Eighty-five percent of SMT's performances are now in the Pacific Northwest.

"AniMotion" is really just one aspect of what we do," Wylie said. "We do school programs and workshops and residencies. Teaching is as important to us as performing."

SMT will conduct student performances and workshops in Twin Falls and Buhl on



Stephanie Roberts, Richard Davidson and Bruce Wylie in "AniMotion."

Sounds and silence

- **What:** Magic Valley Arts Council will present the Seattle Mime Theater's "AniMotion."
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center Auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which range from \$24 for adults and \$12 for children, are available through Downtown Soda Fountain and General Store Everbode's Business, 242 S. Pennsylvania, and 244 S. Main. The CSI Office of Community Education and the Magic Valley Arts Council will meet in Twin Falls at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday at CSI Office of Community Education, 244 S. Main.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

For details, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-ARTS or the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888.

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WEEKEND

'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind' hits

Combined wire services

'About Schmidt' Jack Nicholson at long last has another role big enough for a movie star to get lost in. Based loosely on the novel by Louis Berley, and adapted by Alexander Payne and his long-time writing partner, Jim Taylor, the film tells the story of a Nebraska native who, through various misadventures, finds himself - or at least some small portion of that self. A comedy based on the knife's edge of tragedy, the film is a gutsy, truthful, deeply rooted vision of contemporary American life, scaled to the size of an ordinary man. It's a humanist triumph strip-mined of bathos and confirmation of the directoring just three features. Payne has become the most gifted comic social satirist to hit our movies since Preston Sturges. With Hope Davis, Kathy Bates and Dermot Mulroney. (2.04, R, for some language and brief nudity.)

'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 losing 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 Jack 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 led by star Derek Luke and a satisfying first time behind the camera for costar Denzel Washington. With Joy Bryant, Novella Nelson and Viola Davis. (1.57, PG-13, for violence, language and mature thematic material involving abuse.)

'Bowling for Columbine' Controversial and controversial, Michael Moore's irreverent, provocative and provoking film essay takes aim-and potshots-at gun culture in the U.S. (Profanity, violence, mature themes.)

What's Playing

- 'The Last Kiss,' Lamphouse Theater (tonight and Sunday only) 'Maid in Manhattan,' Twin Cinema 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding,' Twin Cinema 'Narc,' Odyssey Theater 'National Security,' Twin Cinema 'Treasure Planet,' Twin Cinema 'Two Weeks Notice,' Twin Cinema 'Darkness Falls,' Century Cinema 'Just Married,' Century Cinema 'Kangaroo Jack,' Century Cinema 'Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers,' Century Cinema 'National Security,' Century Cinema 'Sweet Home Alabama,' Burley Theater 'Jerome' 'Catch Me if You Can,' Jerome Cinema 'Just Married,' Jerome Cinema 'Kangaroo Jack,' Jerome Cinema 'National Security,' Jerome Cinema 'Gooding' 'Catch Me if You Can,' Gooding Cinema 'Shoshone' No movies this week.

'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 picturesque 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 paranoia can seem cramped for a filmmaker of his ambitions. Leonardo 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 quietly earnest. Denied of satire, the musical mood comes across as another charmingly creaky theatrical contrivance. Instead of letting his performers just do their own thing, Marshall chops up their bodies like some lunatic cabaret then frantically tosses the pieces around. None of the three leads truly up to the demands of either the choreography or Kander and Ebb's sly 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. (1.53, PG-13, for sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.)

'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind'

The autobiography of Chuck Barris, who created some of the most irritating programs in television history ('The Dating Game,' 'The Newlywed Game' and 'The Gong Show'), has, two decades after publication, been made into a most irritating film. It is the peculiar accomplishment of writer Charlie Kaufman and first-time feature director George Clooney to have made a film so tedious that it is impossible to care whether Barris' boast that he was decorated by the CIA, with numerous assassinations to his credit is true or not. As interpreted, presumably accurately, by Sam Rockwell, Barris is such a self-involved jerk that nothing else matters. Co-starring Drew Barrymore, Julia Roberts and Clowey, who inexplicably cast himself as Barris' rabid CIA handler. (1.55, R, for language, sexual content and violence.)

'Darkness Falls'

A young man returns to his hometown, which has been plagued by a mysterious evil for more than 150 years. Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield and Joshua Anderson star. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman. (PG-13 for terror and horror images, and brief language.)

'Die Another Day'

Messy and meaningless, the latest installment in the 40-year-old 007 franchise - and the fourth to star Pierce Brosnan as the arch operative of Her Majesty's Secret Service - is profane and formulaic all the way. (PG-13 (violence, naughty bits).)

'8 Women'

This Francois Ozon film a dessert 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 biching at each other for 90 minutes, but '8 Women' ups the ante because it's set at a Christmas party only 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. With Catherine Deneuve, Isabelle Hubbert and Danielle Darrieux.

'The Emperor's Club'

Kevin Kline as a classics instructor at a tony prep school where even the crests have crests. Although it aspires to be an uplifting inspirational in the Mr. Chips tradition, it's a soggy perpetration 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, Leonardo 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 watch, hoping its needle isn't in the land, only to realize it's sinking. And you're not even half a tank there. While it is surprisingly heavier on tedium than bloodshed, when we are not being bored we are being assaulted by the film's palpable 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/indistinct language.)

'A Guy Thing'

What exactly is 'A Guy Thing'? According to the movie bearing this title, which contrary to its claims is neither romantic nor comedic, it means a guy (Jason Lee) with a head and a will and is indomitable as a soft-boiled egg. It means a guy who, because he has let one woman (Selma Blair) lead him around by his nose, breaks free on the night of his bachelor party to snuff around another, a willowy blond in a lei brassiere (Julia Stiles). It means, in other words, that when faced with a great job, the guy can't help it. The three leads go through the motions with goofy genitality, and director Chris Koch has enlisted some consum-

mate character actors (Julie Hagerty, Jay Rosen) - to help hold up the sagging jokes and exegesis. (1.41, PG-13, for language, crude humor, some sexual content and drug references.)

'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 creating the book's more grotesque aspects, that it is sure to rattle the cages of the smallest viewers, sending them under their seats if not out of the theater. Because it can't seem to get the balance right, it ends up feeling like the illegitimate offspring of 'Alien' and 'The Absent-Minded Professor.' Like its predecessor, it is mechanically cast and makes good use of behind-the-scenes art, 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.)

'Just Married'

A product of such generic blandness as to possess a plastic perfection. Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy rush into marriage without getting to know each other, which means that they're ready to split up after a disastrous European honeymoon. So mechanical and predictable is this movie its stars are like Barbie and Ken dolls going through the motions. (1.35, PG-13, for sexual content, some crude humor and a brief drug reference.)

'Kangaroo Jack'

Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson are two boxers from Brooklyn who wind up chasing mob money across the Outback of Australia, abetted by a bodacious babe. The only levity in this so-called comedy is the sound of costar Christopher Walken, laughing all the way to the bank. (1.28, R, for language, crude humor, violence.)

'The Last Kiss'

Though this loud, frantic movie about the war between men and women is being offered up as

proof, director Marshall is alive and well, it makes a fine case for brief notice. The beauty of this witty, irreverent, and occasionally brilliant film is that it is as funny as it is smart. It's a movie in which every woman is a vicious stereotype, but you can't get too angry because she was so full of it that she died. It's a movie in which every woman is a vicious stereotype, but you can't get too angry because she was so full of it that she died. It's a movie in which every woman is a vicious stereotype, but you can't get too angry because she was so full of it that she died.

'The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers'

Peter Jackson's adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy has now endured 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 heights of the first - we have met the players before and there are no new worlds of wonder - it nonetheless impresses with a sense of adventure. Like Frodo and Aragorn, we have to cover a lot of maddening expository ground here - we're just passing through on our way to the end. Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, John Rhys-Davies, Dominic Monaghan and Billy Boyd. (2.59, PG-13 for battle sequences and scary images.)

'Maid in Manhattan'

As saccharine as it is disposable, this pillow mint of a movie stars Jennifer Lopez as a single mom from the Bronx who catches the eye of an ambitious politician (Ralph Fiennes), while working as a maid in a swank Park Avenue hotel. Mistaken identity yields a romantic walk in the park, a minor tabloid tempest but finally no surprises, this despite the odd couple pairing of Lopez, a performer born for the spotlight, and Fiennes, an actor who invariably seems pained when cast as a romantic lead. But this particular chambermaid doesn't scrub a single toilet somehow goes without saying. Written by Kevin Wade ('Working Girl') and directed by Wayne Wang ('The Joy Luck Club'), it is a blithely impersonal film. With Bob Hoskins and Marissa Matrone. (1.43, PG-13 for some language/sexual references.) Please see MOVIES, Page C4

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Coheed & Cambria Tribute
will play two shows a night at Pecos Pines Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 9 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturday and \$14.99 on Sunday. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on Saturday and \$7.50 on Sunday. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Twin Falls, at Sav Mor Drug in Bull, and Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and at the CSI outreach centers in Burley, Halley and Gooding. Season tickets, which are \$50 for adults, \$40 for students and \$45 for senior citizens, are available by phoning 732-6288 or 733-9554, Ext. 6288.

Tonight and Saturday
Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tonight - Utah
Minibosses will play Club X Scope in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

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

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

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

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

Sunday
Pocketchange will play classic country music for the Super Bowl party at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Music will start at 8 p.m., immediately following the game.

Sunday - 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.

Monday - Utah
Slodderbone 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.

Monday - 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.

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.

Monday - Utah
David Gray will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

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. 11 - Utah
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 Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

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.

Feb. 13 - Utah
The Reverend Horton Heat will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 8
The Bar J Wranglers will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, an Arts of Tour concert. Tickets, which are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in

Feb. 23 - Utah
Finch will play Club 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. Club X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

nights. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Jan. 31 - Utah
The Broomhens 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 Agumbets 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
Coldplay will perform at the Saitair 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. Saitair Resort is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City, at 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
Cohed & 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.

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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. 23 - Utah
Finch will play Club 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. Club X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

Feb. 27
The Reverend Horton Heat will perform at nexStage Theater

in Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, are available at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum, by phoning (800) 965-4827, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Feb. 27 - Boise
Big Head Todd and the Monsters will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, 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.

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. nightly. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Feb. 28 - Utah
Further Seems Forever will perform at Salt Lake City's X Scope at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$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
Glassjaw and Sparta will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

March 5 - Utah
Tumahi Bomb will play Salt Lake City's Club X Scope at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday through Saturday
Karaoke will be featured from

8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight and Saturday
Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday
Sun Valley Opera will present "From the Met to Broadway," a musical revue, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for students, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or at the door.

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SISTER ACT

NexStage Theater presents 'Late Night Catechism'

By Karen Bosseck Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Remember when Sister Mary Thomas More told you to sit up straight, spit-polish your patent-leather shoes and keep your eyes on your own paper or face the wrath of the confessional?

It's the stuff of comedy now. Namely, "Late Night Catechism," which will turn the NexStage Theater into a giggling parochial catechism class tonight through Sunday.

"From what I've seen, it's hilarious," said longtime Ketchum theater director Kathy Wylie.

The stars of the show is Kim Richards as Sister Marj at Donovan, who attempts to bribe correct answers to her catechism questions with offers of glowing-dark roses.

Richards is a product of Catholic schools in Oakland, as well as a professional dancer, illusionist, aerialist and comedienne. She appeared in two of San Francisco's longest-running hits, "Bar None" and "Beyond Therapy," before teaming up with the theatrical convent that takes "Late Night Catechism" throughout the country.

The theatrical experience appears to be habit-forming. "Late Night Catechism" has been

Church lady

- What: Vicki Quade and Marjpat Donovan's "Late Night Catechism," starring Kim Richards, will play Ketchum.
• Where: NexStage Theater.
• When: Tonight at 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 p.m.
• How much: Tickets for Saturday and Sunday's shows, which are \$25, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or at the door. Tonight's performance is a fundraiser for Sun Valley Performing Arts Center, which maintains the NexStage Theater for various performing groups. The lobby will be transformed into a church-like setting and the bar turned into a confessional with night sweets and libations. Cost for tonight only is \$100 with the doors opening 7:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 9 p.m.

playing in Chicago for 10 years.

While Richards is a one-woman Sister Act, this isn't your ordinary one-woman play or, even, stand-up comedian clothed in nun's habit. This is improvisational theater rife with audience interaction in a church-like setting and the bar turned into a confessional with night sweets and libations. Cost for tonight only is \$100 with the doors opening 7:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 9 p.m.

It follows a trend taking place on Broadway and off as theater directors seek to embrace young people and others who do not attend traditional theater.

Interactive, improvisational comedy even made its way to Ketchum last month when Richard Ruis, Jason McCune and Pamela Sue Martin presented an uproariously funny night of

entertainment spinning off on their own version of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

In case you're wondering, "Late Night Catechism" is not mean-spirited like "Sister Mary Ignatia Explains It All For You." Nor is it a slight bit irreverent regarding religious principles, as "Nonsense" tends to be.

"Late Night Catechism" hearkens back to the 1950s - those days before the "hoo-mannymasses" of Vatican II. Those days when nuns happily waved their rulers at 65 kids in a single classroom.

Like those nuns of yore, Sister Marjpat Donovan is not afraid to tell you what separates man from beast: "Having both a soul and not being terrified of the vacuum cleaner." Or the loud down on Catholic-style fundraising: "If it wasn't nailed down, we raffled it."

While Catholics will no doubt enjoy reflecting on whether black patent shoes really do reflect up, you need not be Catholic to get a bellyache out of the play.

"I've always just gone to whatever church was nearest our home, but I found this hilarious," said Ketchum resident Lori Shephardson, who saw the play in Seattle. "The nun is so quick witted and you never know what the audience's reactions are going to be. And, while it has a retro feel, it also brings some present-day issues into the act."

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

Sun Valley Opera will give you...

By Karen Bosseck Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - "Madame Butterfly" meets "Cats" and "Carousel" meets "West Side Story" when Sun Valley Opera presents its "From the Met to Broadway" production Saturday night.

The first half of the program will feature highlights from Giacomo Puccini's "Madama Butterfly," "Tosca" and Camille Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah." The second will feature popular show tunes from "Cats," "Carousel," "West Side Story," "Snowboat" and "Porgy and Bess," according to Gary Hoffman.

Among some of the songs you'll hear: Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Memory" and "Tosca's" "E lucevan le Stelle."

Singers include the award-winning soprano Anna Singer, who appeared in "Madama Butterfly" for the New York Opera. She will play the role of Gio-Cio Sar for another Idaho in Boise next month. Another is Kenneth Gayle, winner of the Olympia Opera Guild

If you go...

- What: Sun Valley Opera will present "From the Met to Broadway," a musical revue.
• Where: Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum.
• When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
• How much: Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for students, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or at the door.

Young Artist Competition and one of the "Faces to Watch," according to the Seattle Times.

The third singer is mezzo-soprano Michelle Bergmeier, who has won several competitions, including the Metropolitan Opera auditions.

And, finally, baritone Jim Poston, a trained singer at a Boise TV station who has sung lead roles "Cool Pan Tutu," "La Boheme" and "The Marriage of Figaro."

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Movies

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'My Big Fat Greek Wedding'

Nia Vardinolis' autobiographical one-woman stage play about growing up Greek is transfigured into a mushy, overcooked ethnic comedy with culture clash jokes whose freshness date expired. 30 years ago Vardinolis, however, as affecting as the dom, withdrawn single girl who gets everyone at home riled over her engagement with a non-Greek guy (John Corbett).

With Michael Constantine, Laurie Kazan, Andrea Martin and Joe Latone. Directed by Joel Zwick (1-7 PG for sensuality and language)

Roberts co-stars. Directed by Dennis Dugan. (PG-13 for violence, language and some sensuality.)

'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, scary)

'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 hitlike spirit of the Hollywood classics. She's an activist attorney co-opted by Manhattan real estate developer Grant to become his legal counsel, resulting emotional entanglements so mightily they do not realize they are falling in love. The result is a treat. With Alicia Witt and Dana Ivey. (1-40 PG-13 for some sex related humor)

'Narc'

Ray Liotta stars as a suspended undercover cop investigating an officer's murder with the victim's rogue partner Jason Patric and Chi McBride co-star. Written and directed by Joe Carnahan. (R) Directed by Joe Carnahan. (R) Directed by Joe Carnahan. (R) Directed by Joe Carnahan.

'National Security'

Martin Lawrence's rebellious behavior gets him kicked out of the police academy and into a security job where his overzealous boss uncovers a smuggling operation. Steve Zahn and Eric

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10:00am-5:00pm Baby Photo Contests: Bring your favorite photo of your little one. Prizes will be given in several categories. Photos may be picked up at the end of the day.
11:00am-3:00pm Twin Falls Police Soot Ball Patrol: The Shops of Magic Valley Mall: If you're sponsored by a Twin Falls Police officer, you're wearing your soot ball!
1:00pm-4:00pm SAFE KIDS Backpack-Up Events: Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Backpack providers can safely use backpacks and materials at nearby Home Depot (center on Hwy Line R2 across from the mall).
10:00am-3:00pm Stroller Parade: Stroll into the Baby & Children's Faire in style! Great prizes awarded for the best decorated strollers and strollers.
10:30am Baby Photo Tips: Photographers from Famous Studios share their secrets on getting the perfect photo of your little one like the tips to take a photo to enter in the baby photo contest.
11:00am Keep the Bugs Away: Antibiotic resistance is a growing concern. Learn more about how you can help stop the spread of resistant bacteria and keep your kids healthy and safe.
11:30am Creating Recipes: Do your kids get sick? LEARN! If your little one is ill over the house, does just get sick all the time, and you're tired. The best solution is to learn how to keep your kids healthy and safe.
12:00pm Scrapbook Contest: Your photo album or a continuous celebration of your life. Preserve your history and share it with your family. Bring your best scrapbook to the contest.
12:30pm Basket Shooting Contest: For the older kids. Head around the world to play a quick game of 6 or 9. Sink the balls and win some prizes.
1:00pm Pet Partners: Learn dog safety for kids. Watch the Pet Partners from Magic Valley Regional perform amazing tricks.
1:30pm Story Time: Join Barnes and Noble in center court for a book and a cookie. Bakes after a busy day at the fair.
2:00pm Mission Strangers Dance Company: Performers of all ages will dance their way into your hearts with their exciting and upbeat dance numbers.
3:00pm Fashion Show/Bonafide Baby Contest: Try models and their moms show off fancy fashions from past upcoming markets. You have never seen a show so regal. Then, expectant mothers will compete for the title of "most beautiful baby."
4:00pm Healthy Cooking for Kids: A cooking demonstration for you and your kids. Learn how to make eating healthy fun and fast!

- 4:30pm STEP AHEAD Pregnancy Exercises: Learn more about staying fit during pregnancy. Physical Therapists from Magic Valley Regional will show you how to exercise effectively and safely as part of your on-going prenatal care.
5:00pm Massage: Idahoan Massage Foundry: It's time for the awards. First, we'll award a full college tuition to an Idaho college or university to one lucky baby born at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center during 2007. Then, see who has the best mug captured on film. Finally, find out if your scavenger skills paid off in our scavenger hunt.
5:30pm Baby Food Eating Contest: This one is for the grown-ups. What fun is it to have your child age 1-5 sitting on your lap feeding you the food? There will be age divisions and great prizes for the winners! Bring your camera! B&B will be provided.
6:00pm-9:00pm 5 to 6 Performance: See some of our local young talents as they show off their performing skills at Center Court, including dancers from Mountain Dance Academy, the Dance Center, and the Twin Falls High School Dance Team.

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Wednesday
The Chamber of Commerce and the Magic Valley Community Concerts present a special event. The Chamber of Commerce and Joe Yeargan will host the opening night from 9 p.m. to 11 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

Feb. 1
The Twin Falls High School choir group will perform its Winter Showcase at 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, are available at Everybody's Business, Tuxedo Now, from an Jive member, or at the door.

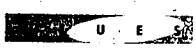
Feb. 21 - Boise
The Wallers and Topaz will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$21, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 20 - Utah
Debra Solih 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.

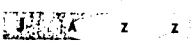
Feb. 21
Baritone Robert Sims will sing at 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium

at Twin Falls. The Magic Valley Community Concerts present a special event. The Chamber of Commerce and Joe Yeargan will host the opening night from 9 p.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at the Magic Valley Community Center, 516 Second St. S. All performers are welcome. No cover charge. For more information, call 308-0369.

Feb. 22
Violinist Lani 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 reason membership only, is \$31.50 for adults, \$15.75 for students and \$9.50 for families, and they're available by phoning 678-1798 or 678-1566.



Feb. 12 - Boise
The Derek Trucks Band and The Tony Truax 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.



Today and Saturday
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.

Saturday
The Chapter 2 Jazz Quartet, featuring Brian Crider, Steve Cox, Jeff Fox and Jake Smith,

will perform from 7-9 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E. No cover charge. For more information, call the Coffee Cafe at 736-3735.

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.



Thursday - 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-TDXX. 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.



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

Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by 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. 11
Perry Lorenzo, director of education for the Seattle Opera, will speak at a music lecture, "Romantic Strings: The String Quartet in its Cultural Context," as part of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Chamber Artist Series. The free lecture will be held at 8 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center, located at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets in Ketchum. For more information, call 726-9491.

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.

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| Tan Sculpt - 12x19" | \$65 |
| Tan Berber - 12x20" | \$150 |
| Tan Cut Berber - 9'7"x15'6" | \$80 |
| Lite Green Plush - 12x8'10" | \$60 |
| Brown Sculpt - 12x7'9" | \$40 |
| Tan Plush - 12x11'8" | \$90 |
| Fawn Plush - 11'5"x13'5" | \$98 |
| Brown Berber - 12x11" | \$120 |
| Brown Grass - 8'x26'7" | \$140 |
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I hereby nominate: _____ for the 2003 Chamber "Lifetime Achievement Award"

Please include the information listed below (that applies to the nominee), to help the Ambassadors make their decision.

- What major contribution(s) has this individual made to improve the business climate and/or the overall community spirit of Twin Falls during the past 10 years?
- Biographical information • Chamber of Commerce volunteer work • Club or service work • Church activities

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Each year the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes community residents who have made significant contributions to our quality of life in the Magic Valley. Please help us select our 2003 *Person of the Year* by returning this nomination form to your Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

I hereby nominate: _____ for the 2003 Chamber "Person of the Year"

Please include the information listed below (that applies to the nominee), to help the Ambassadors make their decision.

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- Biographical information • Chamber of Commerce volunteer work • Club or service work • Church activities • Volunteer work

If you need additional room, please attach other sheets to this application.

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz

IS IT TRUE THAT ATTORNEYS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER DEPRESSION THAN OTHER PEOPLE?



I DOUBT IT...



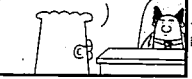
AFTER A TRIAL, MY CLIENTS ARE ALWAYS MORE DEPRESSED THAN I AM...



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By Scott Adams

WE NEED TO UPGRADE OUR PC OPERATING SYSTEMS, SO WE HAVE A STABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR APPLICATIONS.



THINK OF IT AS A FORM OF TAXATION BY AN EVIL SHADOW GOVERNMENT.



SHADOW GOVERNMENT? THAT'S RIDICULOUS.



B.C.

By Johnny Hart

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR FLASGS?



...HOW 'BOUT A DOG P



Garfield

By Jim Davis

I AM REALLY STRIKING OUT, GARFIELD!



EVEN "GAP"-TOOTHED GRETTA* THE DISTANCE SPITTING QUEEN SHOT ME DOWN.



SHE ACTUALLY SOUNDS LIKE A FUN DATE.



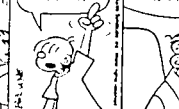
Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne

AS SOON AS I GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE, I'M OUT OF HERE.



WHERE WILL YOU GO?



WHEREVER I WANT, WHEREVER I WANT.



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THEY CAN TAKE THE PURPLE PROOF OFF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.



THEY'RE MAKING A COMBACK?



I JUST STEPPED ON THE LAST ONE.



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne

I PROMISED BROTHER OLAF I'D MENTION THE EVILS OF DRINKING DURING TODAY'S MEETING...



"THE EVILS OF DRINKING"



NOW IF THERE'S NO MORE BUSINESS...



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

BEETLE! WHAT DO YOU WANT, COOKIE?



RUN OVER TO "B" COMPANY AND BORROW A CUP OF SUGAR



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEKEND



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WELL, I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I HAVE TO CALL A TECH FOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT. I CAN'T DO A THING WITH THIS COMPUTER!



"OH-HOLD! MUSIC IS LIKE A LULLABY TO ME."



Pickles

By Brian Crane

I MADE YOU AN APPOINTMENT FOR COLONOSCOPY THIS TUESDAY.



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WELL? WELL WHAT?



ARE YOU GOING TO THANK ME?



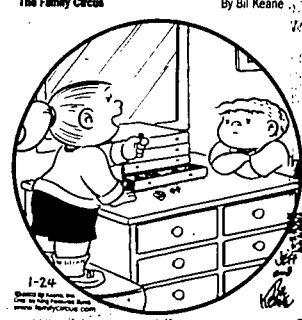
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"OH, NO. IF MARGARET'S GOING TO SEE THIS MOVIE, THERE MUST BE A BLINCH OF MARY'S EYELID."

"When Mommy and Daddy were in college he gave her this maternity pig."

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

WHAT A DAY!



REALLY? EXCELLENT!



I LIKE MY WEATHER AND ATTITUDE TO MATCH



Larry

By Greg Evans

I KNOW! LET'S STEAL SOMETHING! FUNKY MOVIE, FUNNY MOVIE.



I DON'T GO TO COMEDY MOVIES. THEY'RE NEVER FUNNY.



FUNNY SITCOM IS AN OXYMORON. I ONLY WATCH PBS.



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



March 1-6 - Utah
The internationally acclaimed vocalists of the Utah Symphony will perform at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on March 7 and 8 p.m. on March 8 in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah. Tickets for the evening concert, which are \$105, \$84, \$58, \$38 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ARTIX at (801) 355-2787. Tickets for the March 7 morning concert are \$10. Arsvanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Wednesday
Rising Lion will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Bawpup, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight, Sunday and Wednesday - Utah
Utah Opera will sing Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme," 7:30 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. Sunday in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12 to \$60, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. A Wednesday performance is planned for 7:30 p.m. in the Val B. Browning Center in Ogden, Utah. The Browning Center is located on the campus of Weber

March 6-9 - Utah
The Mormon Tabernacle Singers will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. on March 6, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on March 7, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on March 8 and 4 p.m. on March 9. Tickets, which are \$10.50 and \$14.50 for children and \$12 and \$16 for adults, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

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.

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 Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Monday
The Rock Band will play for a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at 1267 Main St., Rubi. Cover charge is \$4.

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

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

Feb. 1-2
Idaho Dance Theater will present its winter performance, "Hot Blooded," at 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and at 8 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the Community School Theater, Sun Valley. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats, \$17 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Kennewick.

Feb. 7-8, 12-15 - Utah
Ballet West will dance Ronald Hynd's "Rosaldinda" 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 (801) 355-2787.

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Friday
The 14th annual Fringe Festival, a fundraising event by the south-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. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens and \$15 per family, are available at OnStage in Twin Falls and Dance Addiction in Burley, or at the door.

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.

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



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National Security... Daily 7:00-9:30
Kangaroo Jack... Daily 7:00-9:30

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Section D

Defense will be key as CSI hosts Snow College

**By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer**
TWIN FALLS — Points weren't the problem. Defense, well, that's another thing. The No. 27 will have to be demonstrated tonight when the College of Southern Idaho men and women host Snow College. For the men, the problem has been inconsistency. At times, the Golden Eagles pound the ball, protect the passing lanes and box out on the boards. Other times,

CSI stands flat-footed, watching, rather than reacting. That won't work against the Region 18 runners-up who currently stand in second place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and are on a five-game winning streak. The disciplined Badgers (15-4, 4-1 SWAC) are patient in their offense, setting a lot of off-ball screens and rotating the rock around to free up their shooters, all the time siphoning the shot clock.

Snow College at CSI

Tonight, 6 and 8 p.m.



But don't think Snow just walks the ball up the court. Their secondary attack off the fast break is one of the best in the league and a reason why Snow beat both Salt Lake Community College (89-69) and North Idaho College (96-87, double over-

time) on the road. A task the Eagles (17-3, 3-3) failed at on both accounts. "We're going to have to do a good job of getting back when we miss shots because they run the floor well," CSI head coach Guy Beach said Thursday. "We're going to work on transition defense and we're going to have to guard. It's a concern because they really execute their offense well." And the Badgers usually connect when they find their openings, much like CSI. Please see CSI, Page D3

OPINION LINE

SPORTS QUOTE

"It's like a video game for him back there."

"

—Oakland Raiders running back Charlie Garner, on quarterback Rich Canner

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Tampa Bay will make its first Super Bowl appearance. Name five of the seven teams that have played in one Super Bowl.
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Men's college basketball**
Snow at CSI, 8 p.m.
- Women's college basketball**
Snow at CSI, 6 p.m.
- High school boys basketball**
Murrtaugh at M.V. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- The Community School at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
- Camas County at Carey, 7:30 p.m.
- Oakley at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
- Raft River at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
- Gooding at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
- Declo at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
- Blackfoot at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
- Caldwell at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball**
Murrtaugh at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.
- Camas County at Carey, 6 p.m.
- The Community School at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
- Biss at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
- Valley at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
- Wendell at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
- Filer at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
- Gooding at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
- Bishop Kelly at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- High school wrestling**
Red Halverson Invitational, at Minico, 3 p.m.
- High school bowling**
Minico at Filer, 4 p.m.

...Oh, and by the way, He also happens to be blind



Wood River High School freshman TJ Squires wrestles his way to an eventual pin during a recent tournament at Twin Falls High School. Despite being born blind, Squires wrestles for the Wolverines varsity squad.

Disability won't stop Wood River wrestler

**By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer**

HAILEY — There's something special about Wood River freshman wrestler TJ Squires. By the end of this story, you may realize it really has little to do with being born blind. His inner strength has made him an independent young man who happens to be a capable wrestler. That makes him a son to be proud of. The fact that he's doing it with a handicap that can cripple most people emotionally makes him exceptional. TJ was born with optic nerve hypoplasia. The nerves connecting the eyeballs to the brain do not develop prior to birth.

In the weeks after his birth, his father Martin noticed TJ didn't have a sparkle in his eyes that other newborns do. A trip to the doctor confirmed their fears. Adjusting to his handicap would come later, once the now 15-year-old entered school. The Squires decided to send TJ to public school starting with preschool at age 3 in Idaho Falls. They moved to the Wood River Valley four years ago. The school district provides an IEP, Section 504 for the Deaf and the Blind for those who now check in to make sure TJ has the materials needed for the week's lesson plans. "She used to work with him

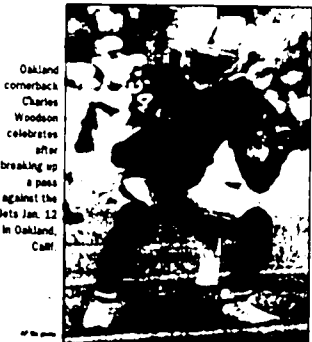


TJ's mother, Michelle Squires, gives her son a play by play narration of a teammate's match, while his father, Martin, shouts encouragement. TJ gets a lot of support from his family and his teammates.

directly, but it wasn't until we had a lot of materials read from her. Martin is his biggest cheerleader. Their devotion to TJ sends him to ISDB in Glendale, Wash., that the boys wrestling sent to his area.

At the time, he was 10 years old. He was a member of the Wood River wrestling team. He was a member of the Wood River wrestling team. He was a member of the Wood River wrestling team.

Super Bowl is more than Raiders 'O' vs. Tampa 'D'



Oakland cornerback Charles Woodson celebrates after breaking up a pass against the Jets Jan. 12 in Oakland, Calif.

Oakland defense, Bucs offense deserve mention

**By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer**

SAN DIEGO — Hey, Super Bowl fans, the Oakland Raiders are in it with a win in defense and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in it with a win in offense. True, neither is ranked at the top of the league, and the Raiders are with the ball and the way the Buccaneers are when the opportunity is there. And neither has gotten much credit for hitting its team to a conference title. "But we've played well," Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson said. "We've been beaten up and we still played well. So we're not concerned about their defense getting all the attention." Nor are the Bucs offended that they're pretty much ignored while all the recog-



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SPORTS

Boys' hoops shocks rival Filer, 50-49

The Times-News

FILER - Filer's long-range basket at the buzzer was good, but a foot on the line made it only a 2-point...

"It's just outworked us tonight," said Whitcote coach Jim Annala. "They did a good job of handling our pressure. They did a good job on second-shot opportunities."

Tim Bourmer scored nine to lead a balanced Tribe attack. Evan Meham scored 13 to lead Filer (9-2, 3-SCIC).

Magic Valley Christian 61, Jackpot, Nev. 49

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian turned up the defense to blow open a 49-48 lead late in the fourth quarter en route to a 61-49 nonconference boys basketball win over visiting Jackpot, Nev.

The Conquerors blocked a 3-point attempt to set up a transition basket and converted steals on the next two possessions to make it 55-45 with under three minutes to play.

Shoshone 52, Dietrich 36

DIETRICH - Shoshone junior Tom Ferrara led all scorers with 16 points and Kyle Bingham added 12 to lead the Indians over Lone Mountain County rival Dietrich, 52-36, on Thursday.

Twin Falls 67, Century 58

TWIN FALLS - Brent Stokes scored 34 to lead the 77ers to a 67-58 win over Century in the final three quarters.

Richfield 63, Bliss 40

RICHFIELD - The Richfield boys' team dominated the game in Northwest Conference boys basketball in a 63-40 Thursday.

Wrestler

Continued from D1

"He's a kid first and foremost"

The not-so quiet life of a teen-ager

"It's a good stress kid. The inner strength comes from an inner strength"

"It's a tough, tough kid," Michelle said. "He knows he can do anything he wants."

"That inner drive got TJ involved in freestyle wrestling as a third grader with the Eagles wrestling club in Idaho Falls"

Michelle related how a museum field trip was a tough experience for the boy. The guide did not explain things well for

Jeff Noraeob led the Bears with 18 points.

Richfield (4-11, 3-4) travels to Rockford on Tuesday.

Declo 58, Kimberly 43

MURTAUGH - Ben Rosebrough scored 15 points to lead the Murtaugh Red Devils past the Twin Falls Christian Academy, 63-45, in Twin Falls Thursday.

Wood River 69, Buhl 51

BUHL - Natalie Green pumped in 24 points to lead Wood River past Buhl 69-51 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls hoops play.

Murtaugh 63, Twin Falls Christian Academy 45

GIRLS basketball

Burley 55, Minico 51

BURLEY - Lisa Brice told the Burley Bobcats the game was in control.

Richfield 59, Bliss 30

RICHFIELD - Richfield sophomore guard Brooke Norman scored 17 points in her strongest performance to Northside Conference girls basketball play following a long illness.

Valley 52, Raft River 17

HAZELTON - Forward Jessica Kowitz netted 12 points leading Valley over Raft River, 52-17, in girls nonconference girls basketball in Hazelton on Thursday.

Declo 58, Kimberly 43

Kimberly - Whitney Anderson has been a high 16-point player. Webb added 14 and Tiffany Mangum netted 12 to keep Kimberly winless in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls basketball, 58-43.

Rachel Bulcher scored 12 to lead the Bulldogs (2-16, 0-3 SCIC), who finish the regular season at Wood River on Tuesday.

The District Four tournament begins Feb. 3-4.

Declo 58, Kimberly 43

Wood River 69, Buhl 51

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Murtaugh 63, Twin Falls Christian Academy 45

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Thursday.

Junior Sarah Archibald scored a game-high 11 points. Teatinaste Ashley Pickett added 10 points.

Rachel Maves paced the Wolves with nine points. Castleford (1-13, 0-8) travels to Raft River Monday.

Castleford 44, Castleford 23

Magic Valley Christian 39, Jackpot, Nev. 30

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian defeated Jackpot, Nev. 39-30 Thursday in nonconference girls basketball.

Ashley Vandersteit scored a game-high 22 points.

MVC (5-10, 2-7 Southside) hosts Murtaugh today.

Magic Valley Christian 39, Jackpot 30

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Minico bowlers Stephanie Studer, left, and Kellie Warr celebrate a spare picked up by a teammate Thursday at Snake River Bowl in Heyburn. The Spartans won three matches against Hannan, Burley and Declo.

Minico girls bowlers remain on a roll

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The Minico Spartans girls bowling team continued its dominating roll Thursday, cruising to easy wins against Hannan, Burley and Declo at Snake River Bowl.

The Spartans started the season on a sour note, falling to the Jerome Tigers in the opening match of the season. The Tigers also beat them in the state championship match a year ago to end a three-year title run by Minico.

"But since that season-opening loss, the Spartans (12-1) have won 12 straight matches."

The heart of that has been senior Stephanie Studer.

"Since I'm the only senior who bowls varsity, I take a lot of responsibility when we don't bowl very well," she said.

And the tone she sets is a loose one as fellow varsity members Kellie Warr, Britney Yoshida and Bethany Banner are all smiles and cheers throughout the matches.

"We bowl best when we're having fun," Studer said. "But when we bowl against Jerome or some of the better teams, you'll see us get a little more serious."

Studer was an alternate on the state championship teams her freshman and sophomore years, so last year's loss was particularly hard to take.

"It was pretty disappointing," she said. "We try not to talk too much about winning state, but it's definitely something we're working toward."

On Thursday, Studer wasn't all that pleased with her state performance despite the team's

Halverson

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103-pound champion at the Hazelton and Class 5A state championship, will mostly be the top seed.

Blackford's Joe Garcia is 20-2 and is the reigning Class 4A state champion who fell to Beeson in the finals at the Halverson a year ago.

Minico's Eric Adams took third at the Class 5A state meet a year ago

and at the Halverson, and should be in the thick of the action again this week-end.

The wrestling gets under way at 3:15 today, with four mats going at all times. It will resume Saturday at 9:30 a.m., with championship matches beginning some time around 3 p.m., Cooper said.

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SPORTS AND STATS

CSI

Continued from D1. They rank in the top five in seven offensive categories...

They're not real big (beyond 6-foot-4 post Courtney Werner) but they're just really solid...

Rogers said his team is coming off one of its best halves of the season on Wednesday...

"We played better. We match up well (against Snow)," he said. Rogers said he's mixing up his starting lineup...

Clemons

Continued from D1. In the most recent case, Clemmons, the Mizion team's leading scorer...

Columbia police said Jessica Bunge, 20, of St. Clair, Mo., appeared at a police station Friday morning to report the attack...

Bunge told police she and Clemmons were head-banging on television at his apartment Thursday night...

Bunge told police she then tried to clean out her clothes from his closet. She knocked a hanger out of the closet...

Clemmons, who knows me, knows that's not me," he said. "I try to help people. I want to be a doctor. It's not for basketball take care of me."

Mizion's interest in Clemmons Southern Idaho began in the fall of 2001, just months after the allegations of battery...

"I'm responsible," Snyder said. "I'm ultimately responsible for who we recruit in areas that're doing well there."

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Golf: PGA Phoenix Open, second round, USA, 3 p.m.
Tennis: Australian Open, women's championship, ESPN, 7:30 p.m.
Hockey: College, Wisconsin at Colorado, College, ESPN, 8 p.m.

ON THE RADIO

- College basketball, Snow at CSI, 1330-AM KJZZ, 7:30 p.m.
Women's college basketball, Snow at CSI, 1450-AM KZZL, 8 p.m.

Area ski report

Biggs Basin - The 8 1/2 mile 40 degree north-south groomed trail...

BRUNS 4, PENGUINS 2

Briggs Basin - The 7 1/2 mile 40 degree north-south groomed trail...

DEVILS 5, SHARKS 4 OT

Briggs Basin - The 7 1/2 mile 40 degree north-south groomed trail...

BLUES 3, BLACKHAWKS 3 OT

Briggs Basin - The 7 1/2 mile 40 degree north-south groomed trail...

WARRIORS 114, LAKERS 110

Briggs Basin - The 7 1/2 mile 40 degree north-south groomed trail...

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PHOENIX OPEN

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE NHL SUMMARIES

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SPORTS

Yao will start All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — When the ball goes up for the opening tip at the NBA All-Star game Feb. 9 in Atlanta, Yao Ming will be the one trying to win the jump ball for the West.

The 7-foot-6 rookie from China will be starting for the Western Conference after defeating Shaquille O'Neal by almost a quarter-million votes in final fan balloting. Totals revealed Thursday.

In the closest race, Kevin Garnett of Minnesota edged Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas for the last starting spot among Western Conference forwards. Garnett received 1,086,780 votes — 7,355 more than Nowitzki.

In the Eastern Conference, Allen Iverson of Philadelphia drew almost 73,000 more votes than Michael Jordan to earn the second guard spot.

Yao will become the first rookie to start in the All-Star game since Grant Hill in 1995. He is the 11th rookie in NBA history to be named an All-Star starter and the fourth center, joining O'Neal in 1993, Wilt Chamberlain in 1960 and Ray Felix in 1954.

"I am honored. I hope to play well in the game. I think I might have to take a sleeping pill before I can go to sleep tonight," Yao said. "To have this rare opportunity is a rare opportunity."

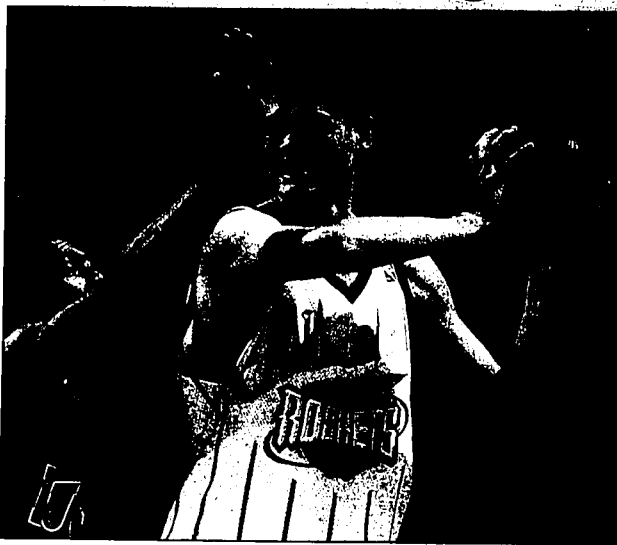
The rest of the West's starters are Garnett, Tim Duncan of San Antonio, Steve Francis of Houston and Kobe Bryant of the Lakers.

Bryant was the leading overall vote-getter with 1,474,386 out of more than 4.5 million ballots cast.

The Eastern Conference starters are Iverson and Orlando Magic's Tracy McGrady, Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal and Toronto's Vince Carter at forward, and Ben Wallace of Detroit at center. McGrady was the leading vote-getter in the East with 1,131,297.

The fans' selection of Carter, who has missed 33 games because of knee injuries, was the most debatable.

"I'm thrilled. I just have to say



Houston's Yao Ming keeps the ball away from Denver's Nene Hilario Jan. 11 in Houston. Yao will start the All-Star game.

thank you to the fans," Carter said. "It's been a rough season. A lot of people have been taking shots at me once again. It makes me feel better to know the fans believe in me. They know what I'm capable of regardless of what the other side thinks."

"I need some games under my belt or I'll look very bad out there," said Carter, whose team has five games between Sunday and the All-Star game.

The 26-year-old Garnett will be making his sixth All-Star appearance, tops among the starters. Bryant and Duncan were chosen for the fifth time, Carter and Iverson for the fourth time;

McGrady his third, and Francis and Jermaine O'Neal to their second.

Reserves will be announced Tuesday following balloting by the 29 NBA coaches, who must vote for seven players in order of preference but are not allowed to

| NBA All-Star Game | |
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| Feb. 9, Atlanta • Starting lineups | |
| Eastern Conference | Western Conference |
| Q Allen Iverson, Philadelphia | Q Steve Francis, Houston |
| Q Tracy McGrady, Orlando | Q Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers |
| F Vince Carter, Toronto | F Tim Duncan, San Antonio |
| F Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana | F Kevin Garnett, Minnesota |
| C Ben Wallace, Detroit | C Yao Ming, Houston |

vote for players from their teams. The selections must include two guards, two forwards and a center. Two other players are chosen regardless of position.

Isiah Thomas of Indiana and Rick Adelman of Sacramento will coach the two All-Star teams.

Comeback keeps bid for 'Serena Slam' alive

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Amid a flurry of errors, Serena Williams hung her head and stared as her comeback bid for a "Serena Slam" ended in defeat.

Trailing 5-1 in the final set of an Australian Open semifinal against Kim Clijsters, Williams didn't look like the most dominant player in women's tennis. Neither her shuffling nor her body language was quite right.

Then, suddenly, the slip came back.

Williams started pushing Clijsters around the court, saved two match points and surged to a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory Thursday, leaving her one victory away from a Serena Slam.

"I really didn't think I'd win it," said Williams, who was bothered by blisters on her feet. "I just kept fighting, one point at a time. Next thing I knew, the match was over."

For the fourth consecutive time in the final of a major, her foe will be former sister Venus. Venus beat 2001 Wimbledon runner-up Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-3, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

It will mark the first time in more than 100 years of Grand Slam tournament history that two women have met in four straight major finals.

"We love to play each other," said Serena, who beat Venus in last year's championship matches at the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open. "Getting this far

Australian Open

Women's Final
Serena Williams (1) vs. Venus Williams (2)

Men's Final
Andre Agassi (2) vs. Andy Roddick (8) or Rainer Schuettler (31)

is just amazing for both of us, and I think I was a bit fortunate to get through, because Kim played a wonderful match."

Whoever wins the latest installment of the Slater Slam series will have a 5-4 career edge in major titles, and a 6-5 edge in head-to-head matches.

Serena will try to do what Tiger Woods accomplished in golf during the 2000-01 seasons — winning the last three major tournaments of one year and the first of the next year. Because the accomplishment didn't occur in the same calendar year, some people didn't consider it a true Grand Slam, instead calling the accomplishment a Tiger Slam.

On the men's side, meanwhile, Andre Agassi easily dismissed Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the final. He's trying to win his fourth Australian Open and eighth Grand Slam title overall.

Agassi, who won here in 1995, 2000 and 2001 but missed last year's tournament with a wrist injury, has a 20-match winning streak at Melbourne Park.



New Jersey's Joe Newwendyk scores the game-winning goal against the Sharks' Mikka Kiprusoff in overtime Thursday in San Jose, Calif.

Newwendyk ties it up late, then wins it in OT for Devils

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Joe Newwendyk scored the tying goal with 13 seconds left in regulation and then won it with 28 seconds remaining in overtime to rally New Jersey past San Jose Sharks.

Patrick Marleau and Adam Graves scored 33 seconds apart in the third period to give the Sharks a 4-3 lead. Owen Nolan added two goals as San Jose lost its third straight and fell to 1-5-2 in the last game.

Jeff Friesen scored a goal and added an assist as the Devils extended their season-best unbeaten streak to eight games. Scott Niedermayer and Sergei Bryn also scored for the Devils.

Friesen scored his fifth goal in six games following a nine-game scoreless drought.

Blues 3, Blackhawks 3, OT
CHICAGO — Dallas Drake scored St. Louis' third goal in a 16-minute span of the third period as the Blues rallied from a three-goal deficit to tie the Chicago Blackhawks 3-3 Thursday night.

Eric Daze scored to give Chicago a three-goal cushion early in the final period, but the Blues' most potent third-period team.

Chicago's Theo Fleury, who missed the first 25 games after violating the NHL substance abuse aftercare program, played even though Columbus, Ohio, police said he was intoxicated and involved in a fight at a strip club earlier this week.

Alexander Khavanov and Al MacInnis also scored for St. Louis.

Andre Nikolic and Sergei Berezan scored for the Blackhawks.

Senators 3, Thrashers 3, OT
ATLANTA — Brad Tapper scored with 3:49 left in regulation and Atlanta atoned for its worst loss of the season by tying Ottawa.

Thrashers are 3-1-1 under new coach Bob Hartley.

Anton Volchenkov, Daniel Alfredsson and Todd White scored for the Senators.

Slava Kozlov and Tony Hrkac added Thrashers goals.

Rangers 4, Predators 2
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Dunham stopped 28 shots and New York scored three goals within 25 minutes at the end of the first period.

It was Dunham's first game against the team that swapped him for three players — 12, Dunham improved to 9-6-2 with

the Rangers, including his sixth victory in seven games.

30 New York beat the Predators for the first time since Jan. 31, 2000, despite being outshot 30-23. Tom Poti had a goal and an assist, and Petr Nedved had two assists as the Rangers won their second straight and for the fifth time in six games. They have also won four straight on the road.

Ron Murray, one of the players acquired for Dunham, had two assists for Nashville but he couldn't score on a penalty shot 4:35 in.

Brulls 4, Penguins 1
PITTSBURGH — Glen Murray scored twice and set up another goal against his former team and Boston beat Pittsburgh.

Mike Knuble and Briag Rolston also scored for Boston, which ended a five-game road losing streak.

Milan Kraft scored the Pittsburgh goal, ending the Penguins' scoreless streak of 158 minutes, 42 seconds.

Oilers 4, Red Wings 3
EDMONTON, Alberta — Eric Brewer scored 1:42 into overtime to score 55 seconds apart in a victory over Detroit.

Anson Carter scored two goals for the Oilers — his second on the power play tied it four minutes into the third period. It came just 30 seconds after Kris Draper put the Wings ahead 3-2 with a short-handed goal.

Jani Rita also scored for Edmonton, which had six players out of the lineup due to injuries and illness.

Brett Hull scored his 699th career goal, but it didn't prevent the Red Wings from losing their second in a row. Igor Larionov had the other Red Wings goal.

Mighty Ducks 6, Kings 5
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Steve Rucchin and Marc Chouinard scored 55 seconds apart in the third period and Petr Siska scored with 3:25 remaining as Anaheim beat Los Angeles after blowing a three-goal lead.

Rucchin had two goals and an assist in his 500th NHL game. Paul Kariya also had two goals and two assists, helping the Ducks snap a nine-game winless streak against their Southern California rivals.

Ziggy Palffy and rookie Joe Corcoran each hit a goal and an assist during a four-goal second period against Jean-Sebastien Giguere. Brad Norton, Steve Heinze and Brad Chartrand also scored for the Kings, who hasn't lost to the Ducks since March 4, 2001.

Kings rally to defeat Memphis, 104-98

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chris Webber had 26 points and Peja Stojakovic added 22 as the Sacramento Kings rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the Memphis Grizzlies 104-98 Thursday night and complete a sweep of the four-game season series.

Memphis took a 97-96 lead on

Jason Williams's 3-pointer with 1:14 left, but the Kings scored eight straight points and the Grizzlies never recovered.

The Kings also got 18 points from Mike Bibby and 13 from Dwyane Wade.

Memphis was led by Pau Gasol's 24 points and 17 rebounds. Lorenzen Wright had

17 points, while Jordan Gincek added 16.

Mavericks 107, 76ers 94
PHILADELPHIA — Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 14 rebounds and Steve Nash added 21 points and 13 assists.

Michael Finley scored 19 points, and Nick Van Exel added 16 for the Mavericks, who improved the NBA's best record to 33-8 with their second straight win after a dismal West Coast trip on which they lost three in a row.

Allen Iverson and Keith Van Horn each scored 25 for the Sixers, who have lost 12 of 16.

Kristi Faulkner led Iowa (10-6, 2-3) with a career-high 27 points, and Jenne Lillis added 20.

No. 20 Villanova 73, No. 13 Penn St. 66, OT
VILLANOV, Pa. — Courtney Miller scored 18 points, and put Villanova in front for good in overtime.

Villanova (14-2) trailed 56-47 with just over six minutes left in the second half when Trish Julhine hit two free throws to start the Wildcats on a 15-9 run.

No. 14 Mississippi St. 69, Auburn 60
STARKVILLE, Miss. — LaToya Thomas scored 26 points and led a 13-4 second-half run that gave Mississippi State (14-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) the lead for good.

No. 16 Wisconsin-Green Bay 75, Butler 36
INDIANAPOLIS — Chandra Johnson scored her team's first nine points and finished with 16 at Wisconsin-Green Bay (16-2, 7-0 Horizon League) won its 10th straight game.

Arizona State 53, No. 19 Arizona 28
TEMPE, Ariz. — Jill Noe scored 22 points and Arizona State held No. 19 Arizona, the Pac-10's top offense, to 20 points below its average.

No. 24 Georgia 77, Alabama 47
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alexis Kendrick scored 20 points, and Kara Braxton added 18 as Georgia got its seventh straight victory.

Mary Beth Lyttel had 14 points for Georgia (13-4, 4-0 Southeastern Conference).

Evansville's Cuffle helps shut down No. 10 Creighton

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Clint Cuffle scored 21 of his 25 points in the second half and shut down Kyle Koyser as Evansville ended No. 10 Creighton's six-game winning streak with a 74-66 upset on Thursday night.

When Lucas Wagner hit a 3-pointer with 4:32 to give the Aces a 51-49 lead, Missouri Valley coach Tom Izzo said he was "not even thinking about Evansville."

Cuffle scored 11 of his 15 free throws in the final 2:34 to pull away and, with 1:15 left, rushed the floor and celebrated at midcourt.

Top 25 college basketball
freshman Mike Jensen added 13 points.

Women's Top 25
Maryland 52
DURHAM, N.C. — Ieva Tills scored 19 points to lead six Duke players in double figures for the 101-52 rout of Maryland.

Alana Beard and Sheena Moses added 15 points each to help the Blue Devils (19-0, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) beat Maryland 8-10, 2-5 for the eighth time in nine meetings.

Michele Matysowsky added 12 points on 5-for-6 shooting for Duke, and reserves Jessica Foley and Wynter Whitley scored 11 apiece.

No. 4 Tennessee 97, No. 15 South Carolina 78
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Gwen Jackson scored 18 points, and Kara Lawson and Shanna Zolman added 13 each for Tennessee.

The Lady Vols (15-3, 4-0 Southeastern Conference), who beat South Carolina for the 27th straight time, winning their 42nd straight home game against a conference opponent.

No. 6 LSU 94, Florida 54
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Ke Ke Tardy scored a season-high 16 points, and sixth-ranked LSU recovered from its first loss of the season to beat struggling Florida.

The Tigers (16-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) fell to eighth-ranked Arkansas 82-72 in the second half.

The Gators (8-9, 0-5) continued one of the worst stretches in school history, losing for the fifth consecutive time.

No. 18 Vanderbilt 76, No. 8 Arkansas 59
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jenni Benningfield had a career-high 28 points and 10 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the season.

Vanderbilt (12-5, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) broke a 12-1 tie seven minutes into the game with a 10-0 run and never trailed thereafter.

No. 9 North Carolina 79, Western Michigan 76
KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Coretta Brown scored 26 points as North Carolina rallied from 15 behind.

Nikita Bell scored eight of her 18 points during an 18-4 run that pulled the Tar Heels (16-2) to 63-62 with 7:44 left.

Michigan St. 74, No. 10 Minnesota 71
EAST LANSING, Mich. — Kelli Roehrig scored a career-high 27 points to lead Michigan State (10-7, 3-3 Big Ten).

No. 11 Louisiana Tech 75, Tulsa 62
RUSTON, La. — Erica Smith scored 23 points as Louisiana Tech extended its winning streak to 11 games.

Tech (13-2, 6-0 Western Athletic Conference) won for the 139th consecutive time against an unranked opponent.

No. 12 Purdue 83, Iowa 64
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Erika Valek scored a career-high 26 points, and reserve Missy Taylor broke the game open with two straight 3s as 12th-ranked Purdue beat Iowa 83-64 Thursday night.

The BoilerMakers (15-3, 4-2 Big Ten) improved to 9-0 at home this season and 26-1 hosting conference teams the last four years.

Virginia 85, No. 17 Wake Forest 75
CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Matt Bilet scored 23 points and Maurice Mapp returned as a leader for Virginia, helping the Cavaliers end a three-game skid, 5-17, over No. 17 Wake Forest.

The Cavaliers (11-5, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) put an embarrassing 18-point loss at Virginia Tech two nights earlier behind them and improved to 8-0 at home.

Wake Forest (12-2, 2-2) got 20 points from Josh Howard and career highs of 20 points from Nick Banerly and 19 from Laton Downey.

No. 23 Oregon 91, Washington 66
EUGENE, Ore. — Luke Rindour had 15 points and 11 assists, while James Davis scored 18 points in Oregon's third straight victory, 91-66, over Washington.

Forward Luke Jackson, a lefty averaging 17.1 points going into Thursday's game, left the game in the first half with a cut on his finger that required stitches and did not return. Oregon (13-4, 3-3) didn't need him and led by as many as 39 points in the second half.

Washington (7-9, 2-5) was led by freshman guard Nate Robinson with 18 points. Fellow

Browns pinnacle

Brown's illustrious

Be in Super Bowl

SAN DIEGO — Tim Brown's career with the Raiders has spanned 15 seasons and two titles. Until now, it never included a trip to the Super Bowl.

The No. 61 jersey will be hanging in his locker when he retires in the weeks leading up to the game. It's the one the Heisman Trophy winner pulled over his shoulder pads as a rookie in 1988.

He has been to nine Pro Bowls, been married, had two children with one on the way. Through it all, the tumultuous years in Los Angeles, the return to Oakland and the play-off defeats that until now left him one win short of the Super Bowl, Brown always believed that it would someday happen for him.

"It's time to hang it up if you think you can never win," Brown said Tuesday, amid a Super Bowl scene he has experienced nearly every year as a visitor but never before as a guest of honor. "You have to be motivated to win a championship. If you're not motivated to win a championship, you can't play."

Brown, 36, made a habit of attending just about every Super Bowl to soak in the atmosphere, do charity work and hang around with Marcus Allen, a former teammate who led the Raiders to a 38-7 victory over Washington in Super Bowl XVIII.

They were the Los Angeles Raiders back then. Now Brown has a chance to win a Super Bowl for Oakland, something that would have this whole strange journey make sense.

"It's everything I asked for and even more," Brown said. "You wake up in the morning and you can smile, because you know you've accomplished something you've wanted to accomplish your whole life, to get here. Now you've got to do the hard part."

In the days leading up to the AFC Championship Game against Tennessee, Brown was so conscious of how close he was to his goal that he banned the words "Super Bowl" in his house. He joked that anyone who called him and said either of those words — separately or together — would hear a dial tone.

About 48 hours before the Raiders were to play the Titans, Brown spoke about how his career would still have meaning even if he never played in a Super Bowl. The words came out, forming sentences that were eloquent, but not convincing. Before it finally became reality, Brown could not bring himself to speak as candidly as offensive tackle Lincoln Kennedy did in the locker room after the Raiders beat Tennessee, 41-24.

"You're not remembered in this game unless you win a Super Bowl," Kennedy said. "Simple as that. You can do all kinds of go to a lot of Pro Bowls. But hey, look. Unless you have a ring on your finger, chances are you're not going to be remembered."

Before he even got off the field Sunday night in Oakland, Brown was overcome with emotion — tears came to his eyes — and with



Oakland wide receiver Tim Brown runs a route against the Jets Jan. 12 in Oakland, Calif.

memories of how close he'd been so many times before. Many players on their Raiders team draw motivation from their loss to Baltimore in the AFC Championship Game two years ago, and from the playoff loss to the Patriots in snowy New England last January. Brown's pain has more history to it.

The Raiders were knocked out of the playoffs in three of Brown's first six seasons, all in Los Angeles. Grim seasons such as 1997, when the Raiders were 4-12, are enough to make any player wonder if those missed opportunities were the only ones that would ever come.

When the Raiders signed Jerry Rice in 2001, Brown got a running mate, if not a golf partner. The future Hall of Fame receiver, also being in the Competitiveness Hall of Fame, because of this day they cannot ride in the same cart or say "nice shot" after a wicked drive.

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— Raiders tackle Lincoln Kennedy

Rice is the better golfer, something Brown grudgingly admits. He also has three Super Bowl rings.

Brown is finally here to claim his first

Bucs owners want a ring, and to keep low profile

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Tampa Bay owner Malcolm Glazer and his two sons were a laughingstock last year, frantically trying to find a coach after firing Tony Dungy and watching Bill Parcells back out of a deal.

Now they're having the last laugh.

Their Buccaneers, for years a woefully inept NFL franchise, have made it all the way to the Super Bowl. And it's all because the Glazers wrested a high-octane headmaster named Jon Gruden from the Oakland Raiders, which just happens to be the team the Bucs will play Sunday.

It cost the Glazers plenty — four high draft choices and \$8 million, bargained in hindsight. But Gruden's success also allowed the Glazers another luxury: obscurity. They can stay out of sight, which they prefer.

"Our goal is a championship," Glazer's son, Joel, said Thursday. "Once we were sure we were on the way there, we backed off and got out of the way. We leave the football to the football people."

Malcolm Glazer bought the team in 1995 for \$192 million, a value that's at least tripled since. Among the things he did was get Hillsborough County to build a new stadium and then he changed the Bucs' uniforms from patrid orange to cool pewter and red.

So symbolic of losing was the old, ugly color that when it was suggested this year that the Bucs wear the old jerseys for one game, the idea was immediately vetoed by the five players left from the old days — John Lynch, Warren Sapp, Derrick Brooks, Karl Williams and Mike Alstott.

Papa Glazer made his money in a variety of ways, starting in 1985 when he took over the family watch business after his father died. Now he runs First Allied Corp., a conglomerate of businesses with an estimated worth of \$1.5 billion.

For Joel, 35, and brother Bryan, 37, coming to work as a blast. They are lifelong NFL fans living their dream as owners of a franchise they helped turn around after their father bought it.

Growing up rooting for the Miami Dolphins, they used to hide behind trees to watch Don Shula run his team through practice. When they lived in Rochester, N.Y., they would brave the wrath of the Dolphin hating fans of Buffalo by wearing Miami's colors there when their team came to town.

But unlike other owner fans, notably Dan Snyder of Washington and Jerry Jones of Dallas, they're refrained from meddling in personnel matters.

"They're the perfect owners," said general manager Rich

McKay, one of the most respected and influential executives in the NFL. "They never dabble in personnel except where a budget decision of some kind is involved. They let Jon and I handle the football operation."

That wasn't the case during a six-week period last January and February when the Glazers fired Dungy, the first coach in Bucs history with a winning record, then went hunting for a big name to replace him. McKay was ignored in both the Dungy firing and the attempts to hire Parcells, who signed a contract, then backed out.

In fact, McKay was so upset he was left out of the loop that he almost quit to take the general manager's job in Atlanta.

McKay's attempt to hire Marvin Lewis from Baltimore was vetoed by the Glazers and he was not a major part of the dealings with the San Francisco 49ers regarding Steve Mariucci or the eventual deal to get Gruden.

He now says he understands what the Glazers were trying to do.

"It was a choice of either moving ahead or starting to rebuild," McKay said. "I think the Glazers thought we were treading water. In hindsight, they probably were right."

Still, treading water was pretty good for a franchise that didn't have a winning record from 1983-96 and lost 10 or more games in 13 of those 14 seasons. Under McKay and Dungy, they made the playoffs in four of five seasons, advancing to the NFC Championship game in 2000.

The ultimate goal has to be a championship. Joel Glazer said, "We had gotten to the level. We wanted to take the next step."

A 12-4 regular season and playoff wins over San Francisco and Philadelphia allowed the Glazers to fade into the background. Even with the Super Bowl looming, they were pretty much out of sight, preferring individual interviews with selected media rather than being in front of centers with the masses of wild fans.

They're like this with NFL types, too.

Though Malcolm Glazer is a member of the important finance committee, the club's day-to-day night with its important group of owners.

At league meetings, the team had to keep to themselves and leave the stage to McKay, who holds one of the NFL's most coveted positions as commissioner of the rule-making, cost-cutting committee.

When it comes to the team, they still do have a few things to say in the stadium. Joel Glazer said, "We know that we could talk up with a little success."

"They're the perfect owners," said general manager Rich

Super Bowl security goes high-tech in San Diego

Plan for Sunday features surveillance system, scanners as security aims to be less intrusive

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The armored military trucks and camouflaged soldiers are gone. This Super Bowl looks more like a football game than the military staging ground it resembled last year.

Of course, the NFL still is watching very, very closely.

A high-tech surveillance system — the league's version of Big Brother — is keeping track of every corner of the Super Bowl stadium. It's part of an intensive, less intrusive effort to ensure safety at Sunday's game between the Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"Security is at exactly the same level as it was last year," said NFL vice president for security Milt Alherich said.

Thus far, it's just not as easy to tell.

Last year, the Super Bowl was played only five months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and securing America's biggest single-day sporting event was the key story of the week.

From the French Quarter to the Superdome, New Orleans was swarming with national guardsmen in military gear. Armored personnel carriers surrounded the dome.

The federal government designated the game a National Special Security Event, a status normally reserved for presidential and papal visits. The Secret Service coordinated security.

This year, those measures aren't being taken, mainly because the Office of Homeland Security has so much confidence in local authorities' ability to handle the game, Alherich said.

"We're doing a lot of the same things. We're just doing it better, more efficiently," he said. "That's why people might not

notice it as much."

San Diego police are spending about \$2 million on security. About \$400,000 is going toward a system of 52 cameras around Qualcomm Stadium that will feed no corner unmonitored.

Unlike less sophisticated camera systems, this one won't require security personnel to watch the footage from a central command post. Police working the stadium can see shots by hooking monitors into cell phones, meaning they can react to trouble almost immediately.

The cameras have been used at the stadium for weeks in preparation for the Super Bowl. At a San Diego Chargers game last month, they were able to catch a rowdy fan who had been thrown out of the game but tried to break back in.

"It's more cameras, it's more control of the cameras," said Bill Guetz, vice president of eVideo Inc., the company that created the system. "It allows a lot of government agencies to look at the same stuff at the same time."

San Diego Police Captain Joel Bryden said very little military personnel is being used to secure the stadium — an odd twist considering San Diego has one of the nation's heaviest military presences.

Still, military jets will patrol the skies above the stadium to enforce a no-fly zone that has a 7-mile radius and an 18,000-foot ceiling.

And the California National Guard will protect 29 massive tanks filled with about 700,000 barrels of combustible petroleum products near the stadium.

Even if an attack caused the tanks to explode, fans inside the



stadium probably wouldn't be hurt. Of course, the blast still would be dangerous.

"It would probably be something spectacular to look at and listen to, but it's not one that would have the impact on human life," terrorism expert Bruce Gadsby said.

Just like last year, 90 metal detectors will ring the stadium. Ticketholders, who will go through the detectors and be checked for weapons, are being told to arrive early to avoid long lines.

Bryden urged fans to leave cell phones and pagers at home, because checking them at security points will take too much

time. He said spectators should not bring anything into the stadium they wouldn't get past security screeners at the airport.

That would probably include the footlong metal spikes and much of the other leather and chain gear many Raiders fans wear to games as part of their elaborate silver-and-black costumes.

"We'll have to take a look at that," Bryden said. "If you were asking me for a decision on that right now, I'd say 'No.' But we want to make it clear that we don't want anything that would keep fans from rooting for their team."

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sored five touchdowns, four by NFL defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks, and the special teams had one. The defense also set up a handful of punts by forcing 15 turnovers, including 4 interceptions.

In other words, that all world D made things far easier for the Bucs' long line of defensive stars.

But the Buccaneers have begun to establish an identity offensive, and they've been efficient enough in the playoffs.

"We have a trade," Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott said. "We haven't always looked pretty, but we get the job done one way or another. We try to be very physical up front. We have a wide receiver corps that will go downfield and block. They are horses."

"Remember, we have a new offense, a new O line since Jon (Gruden) was hired as our coach. Ask any player in the NFL when you have gone through dramatic changes like we have, to be asked to be perfect in nine months, it can't happen."

Here's what the stars on the Bucs' defense believe can happen: Their teammates on offense will rise to the challenge of winning a championship. All-Pro defensive tackle Warren Sapp is the one who wants separating Tampa's units.

"We've got an inferno going," he said, "and when that three-headed monster — offense, defense, special teams — raises his head, it's impossible to slay."

Oakland's defenders say they are ready for that monster, regardless of how many heads it has. The Raiders have plenty of big names on defense, from All-Pro safety Rod Woodson to cornerback Charles Woodson to linebacker Bill Romanowski to tackle Sam Adams.

Rod Woodson in Romanowski's shoes. Adams already has three Super Bowls with the team, so it's not a lack of success experience that leadership on the squad.

It's the Raiders' defense, forcing 15 turnovers, including 4 interceptions that caught the eye, about it the Bucs, who were with the Oakland was 2-6, and with the pass-and-run offense, the Bucs were 10-6.

"They might not be the best city of Tampa's defense," Raiders coach Bill Callahan said. "It's a defense that has improved and continues to make plays."

The advantage was a significant point toward the stretch.

Oakland's defense also has injury concerns, most notably, Charles Woodson's leg. Although he made the Pro Bowl, he's had a difficult stretch, particularly in the playoffs.

"We've overcome a lot of injuries on that side of the ball," Callahan said. "How we stayed together to do that and play at such a high level is astronomical."

The number of points the Raiders usually put up is astronomical. If the game turns into a shootout, the Bucs are done.

However, if Tampa can establish its tempo when it has the ball, it's impossible to slay.

Rich Gannon and his compatriots get to assert themselves.

Adams, a Super Bowl winner two years ago with Baltimore, says not to count on that happening. Besides, "I think we're going to win."

"Your job is to get off the field as quick as possible and let our guys do their thing on offense," Adams said. "I'd pay to see it, too. No 1 vs. No 1."

"You'll see a solid defense and they are a good offense. But we don't want people saying we're

NATION/WORLD

U.S. ground force hurdles raise profile of 'floating air bases'

By Milton Varouhakis
Associated Press Writer

ABOARD USS HARRY S. TRUMAN - Around Iraq's borders, the Pentagon is struggling to persuade allies to host U.S. troops and warplanes needed for a possible attack. At sea, however, America's military power is unhindered and growing to possibly the biggest concentration of warships since the 1991 Gulf War.

Imposing naval flotillas - with aircraft carriers as their mighty centerpiece - are taking greater prominence in strategic planning for a possible war against Iraq as obstacles are raised to ground deployments, officers say.

"I think all of the aircraft carriers will serve as a floating air base," said Capt. Mark A. Vance, commander of the air wing aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, now in the eastern Mediterranean.

"We are a sovereign platform that operates at international sea and airspace, and that gives us a degree of flexibility that is not shared when someone relies on a host nation," said Vance, a native of Montana.

But military analysts note carriers come with distinct advantages and limitations.

They are mobile and can deliver round-the-clock airstrikes with more than 60 warplanes each. But the Navy fighter bombers mostly carry a limited number of precision-guided bombs, experts said. Only missions from land airfields can carry the heavier weapons needed to open deep bunkers, carpet bomb or strike big targets.

Carriers "allow some opportunity to attack ground targets should the U.S. Air Force not be able to base its aircraft within the region or near the target," said a naval analyst with the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, said Wednesday.

She noted that carriers saw extensive use at early stages of the Gulf War.

"They were only used really in the first three or four days of the air campaign because the U.S. Air Force was able to use Saudi Arabia," she said.

But the coalition forged to fight Iraq in 1991 was far broader and stronger than the current U.S. led pressure against Saddam Hussein. Many countries in the area are reluctant to jump onboard with U.S. wishes.

"Carriers are good for smaller conflicts, but if you need to have a big war you are really going to have to get bases around there ... because it's just a lot more efficient," said Ken Eland, director



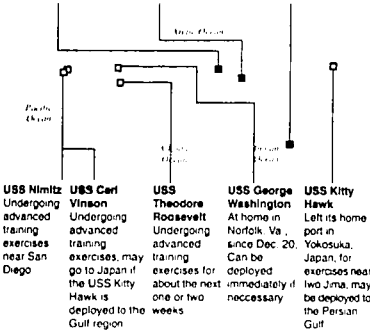
The USS Kitty Hawk leaves its home port of Yokosuka naval base in Japan Thursday for points unknown. Naval analysts say carriers allow some opportunity to attack ground targets in the event of limited ground bases.

U.S. carriers span the globe

A look at the status of eight carrier battle groups. Four others are, undergoing long-term maintenance.

■ Deployed ■ Preparing to deploy/just returned from deployment

USS Constellation In the Persian Gulf since Dec. 18. USS Harry S. Truman In the Mediterranean Sea since mid-December. USS Abraham Lincoln Left Port, Australia, for the Persian Gulf on Jan. 20.



SOURCES: GlobalSecurity.org, Associated Press, AP

of defense policy studies at Washington's CATO Institute.

Meanwhile, the Navy is moving more firepower into the region.

Military planners could send up to six carrier battle groups - half the U.S. fleet - within striking distance of Iraq, officials say.

The USS Constellation battle group already is operating in the northern Gulf and the USS Harry S. Truman is in the eastern Mediterranean. They will be joined by the USS Abraham Lincoln and the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which is conducting

training exercises off the coast of Puerto Rico.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is said to be considering even more deployments.

Possibilities include the dispatch of the USS Kitty Hawk from its home port in Japan, the USS Nimitz in San Diego and the USS George Washington from Norfolk, Va.

"We are 4.5 acres of U.S. territory, and basically we can show up wherever we need it," said Capt. Michael R. Grothausen, commander of the USS Harry S. Truman.

Iraqi television broadcasts focus Saddam's image in forefront

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - "How is your morale young men?" asked Saddam Hussein. "Are you paying attention to physical fitness, or has your preoccupation with equipment made you ignore that aspect?"

One of the about two dozen officers seated on either side of the long conference table volunteered a reply. "Yes, sir. The morale of fighters is very high."

The Iraqi leader, faced with the prospect of another war against the United States, has been meeting with military commanders daily this week, giving them pep talks on history, warfare tactics and reassuring them that their country will never be cowed or conquered.

Excerpts broadcast on state television don't deal with the details of how Saddam is preparing his army and militias for war. But the televised segments appear aimed at showing the Iraqi people that their leader is in control and is committed to defending the nation.

The appearances also serve to counter foreign news reports suggesting that Saddam may go into exile to avert another war. Iraq says the reports are "silly."

In the past, footage of such meetings were rarely broadcast, even in part.

"Presumably, if Saddam is not visible for days on end, everyone will be wondering if there is any truth in the rumors" that he is considering exile, said Rosemary Hollis, the top Middle East expert at London's Royal Institute for International Studies. "I suppose in a sense, there is a role for him



Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein speaks to his war cabinet in Baghdad in this image made from television Tuesday.

to play and he is playing it with enthusiasm."

Jeremy Binnie, Middle East editor of Jane's Sentinel, a risk assessment publication, agrees. He also dismisses the prospect of anyone in Iraq overthrowing Saddam, saying the Iraqi leader enjoyed "excellent personal security."

"I think the meetings also are an obvious attempt to rally Iraqis

and to give the impression that Iraq is militarily capable of dealing with an American attack," he said.

In Wednesday's meeting Saddam smoked a cigar and looked relaxed, exchanging a few laughs with his commanders. Ag in previous televised meetings, the officers took notes as Saddam spoke - a sign of respect for their leader.

Tourists die during flood

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - An American teacher and her Canadian colleague were swept to their deaths by a flash flood in Indonesia as they posed for photos at a popular waterfall, police said Thursday.

Hannah Showaker, 25, of Newville, Pa., and Alana Fife, 23, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, were hiking Wednesday at the Sekar Langit waterfall, 370 miles east of Jakarta, police said. As they posed for a photo, a wave rushed down the waterfall and carried them away, police said.

Sgt. Agus Burhanudin, of the local police in Magelang, said Showaker's body was found in the rocks of the nearby Sekar Langit river. Fife's body was found downstream, he said.

The victims were among a group of tourists hiking in the area and visiting the waterfall.

U.S. may train troops in E. Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - American troops could soon start training soldiers from Yemen and a handful of eastern African countries in counterterrorism techniques, the commander of the U.S. forces in the region said Thursday.

Maj. Gen. John F. Sattler told reporters that he had discussed training programs during a series of meetings with regional leaders in the last six weeks.

"We discussed training to enhance the tactics, techniques and procedures, to teach some of counterterrorism tools of the trade that we have picked up over time," said Sattler, the commander of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. "We've very close to starting training."

Sattler's trip to Kenya comes after a Nov. 28 suicide bombing of a hotel popular with Israelis killed at least 16 people.

Shooting suspect reportedly confesses

KUWAIT CITY (AP) - A Kuwaiti suspect who reportedly shared the beliefs of Osama bin Laden confessed Thursday to shooting two U.S. defense workers, the government said. Police searched for two more suspects.

Also Thursday, Kuwaitis and Americans here remembered the man slain in Tuesday's attack and offered sympathy for the second man, who was wounded.

The Kuwaiti suspect was arrested in Saudi Arabia and deported, a statement said. The Interior Ministry identified him as Sami al-Mutairi, a civil servant in his 20s, and said the weapon

had been recovered. Al-Mutairi became a suspect "in the first hours after the crime was committed," the ministry statement said without elaboration. Saudi border guards arrested him early Wednesday.

"He confessed that he committed the crime of assassinating the American citizen and injuring another on Tuesday," the statement said.

"After he was extradited to Kuwait authorities, he was interrogated and he confessed he adopts the thought of Al Qaida organization," the statement said.

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Qwest, SEC hit roadblock

Communication firm says records should be kept private

The Associated Press

DENVER — Qwest, whose accounting practices are under federal regulatory scrutiny, contends that some documents the Security and Exchange Commission wants to review should remain private, a newspaper reports.

The government is seeking

documents from one of Qwest's outside law firms, Boies, Schiller & Flexner, but Qwest says the documents are covered by attorney-client privilege. The Denver Post reported, citing two unnamed sources.

The commission declined comment. Qwest and Jonathan Schiller, a partner at the law firm, would only say on Thursday that the company was cooperating with the investigation.

A settlement between the commission and Qwest — the predominant provider of local-phone service in Magic Valley — was

expected within the next few months.

Qwest hired Schiller's firm in February to participate in the company's internal investigation of its accounting. The firm advised Qwest in April, when the company's board was told that the internal probe found no problems, and in July, when the board was told accounting issues would, in fact, force Qwest to revise its financial records.

Since the federal investigation began last spring, the company has announced plans to revise more than \$1.6 billion in revenue

and costs.

The U.S. attorney's office in Denver also is investigating Qwest. The No. 2 executive at the office, Bill Leone, said earlier this month he was turning down consideration for a federal judgeship so he could complete the Qwest investigation.

U.S. Attorney John Suthers acknowledged the office was at a critical point in the investigation but would not say whether charges would result.

Qwest has said it hopes to have its reaudit of its books complete by March 31.

Idaho falls behind in frozen spud processing

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — While Idaho continues to lead the nation in its famous fresh and dehydrated potatoes, its percentage of the frozen processing market is slipping.

State officials may need to support Idaho's potato processors more aggressively to counter that trend, Bruce Huffaker told the Idaho Seed Potato Growers' conference this week.

The publisher of North American Potato Market News said Idaho's potato processing capacity has fallen over a decade.

The J.R. Simplot Co.'s announced closure of its Huxhorn processing plant and curtailment at its Caldwell plant are part of the trend, Huffaker said.

Idaho ranks second in processing behind the Columbia River Basin in eastern Washington, which has nearly half that market.

When the Huxhorn plant finally closes in spring 2004, Idaho's market share will continue to dwindle and be near Midwest levels, Huffaker said.

By _____ POTATOES (E-12)

WINE IN DECLINE

Grape glut, imports sour profits

The Associated Press

EMERYVILLE, Calif. — It's enough to make a sommelier shiver. The latest buzz in California wine circles is over two-buck Chuck, the little wine priced at \$1.99 that could herald a new era for the once high-flying industry.

The bargain-basement booze has spawned some far-fetched rumors — one is that it's the result of a nasty divorce settlement — but the truth is sobering for the wine industry: a global grape glut and tough competition from imports is driving down prices.

It's survival of the fittest right now, says wine analyst Jon Fredrikson.

Reports that the industry is tumbling into a dot-com style freefall appear to be a bit premature, so far, data indicate a slight increase in sales this year, say Fredrikson and other industry observers.

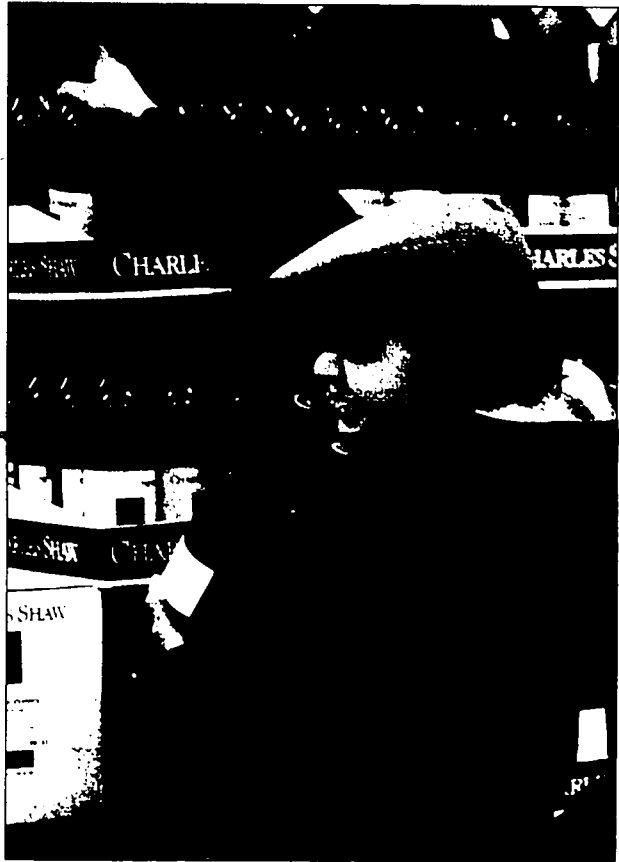
Still, it's clear that the go-go '90s are over. Some Central Valley grapegrowers have ripped out vines and at least one winery has filed for bankruptcy protection. At least 50 and possibly as many as 200 of the state's estimated 1,100 wineries will change ownership or go out of business in the next few years, analysts predict.

"There's no doubt that times are difficult out there," says Jay Schuppert, president of Cuvaison Winery in the Napa Valley.

Cuvaison isn't one of the wineries in trouble, Schuppert says they had wine growth last year and don't plan to lower prices on their wines, which include a chardonnay for about \$22.

In fact, upscale wines are still selling, says Fredrikson. It's the under-\$7 market that's been hardest hit.

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Any Kelly reaches for bottles of Charles Shaw wine, being sold at \$1.99 a bottle at Trader Joes on Dec. 27 in Sacramento, Calif. A global grape glut and tough competition from imports are driving down prices.

McDonald's posts first quarterly loss

The Associated Press

OAK BROOK, Ill. — McDonald's Corp. announced the first quarterly net loss in its history Thursday.

The loss reflected an assortment of charges and write-offs aimed at helping the burger giant — which franchises a handful of Magic Valley restaurants — pull out of an unprecedented slump.

McDonald's also confirmed it is cutting back further on its rapid expansion pace. While outlining plans to open an additional 850 traditional McDonald's restaurants and 540 of its other brand restaurants in 2003, it said it will close a total of 160 restaurants this year — 400 of them traditional McDonald's.

The company took a whopping \$410 million in charges for the fourth quarter, including \$267

million for restructuring items.

The net loss amounted to 27 cents a share, versus a profit of \$271.9 million, or 21 cents a share, a year earlier.

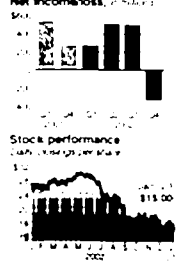
McDonald's said it will close a total of 640 restaurants this year — 400 of them traditional McDonald's.

Revenues were \$1.9 billion, up 3 percent from \$1.77 billion. McDonald's, which was founded in 1955 and has been publicly traded since 1976, has been struggling because of growing consumer wariness with fast food, a crowded restaurant market and its own problems with speed and service. It replaced Jack Greenberg with Jim Cantalupo as CEO last month after its stock fell 7 years low.

The company had announced last month that the loss was expected

Unhappy deal

McDonald's Corp. reported its first quarterly loss Thursday as it said it is closing 750 underperforming restaurants, including 400, which were shuttered in the fourth quarter.



McDonald's stock performance from 2000 to 2002.

Propane marketer sees improved net income

The Times News

BYRON — Whippans, N.E. based Sunco Energy Propane Partners LP, a propane marketer with operations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, reported a 22 percent increase in net income for the fourth quarter.

The partnership's net income for the fourth quarter was \$1.2 million, up from \$970,000 in the third quarter. The partnership's net income for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$4.1 million, up from \$3.2 million in 2001.

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More families use IHFA for home loans

The Times News

TWIN FALLS — Last year, 2,752 Idaho families purchased their homes with an Idaho Housing and Finance Association mortgage loan.

That is a record for home ownership in Idaho, up from 2,412 last year, a 22 percent increase over the previous year, IHFA officials announced Thursday.

IHFA can provide a variety of mortgage products, including first-time homebuyers, refinance, and second mortgages. IHFA also offers a variety of mortgage products, including first-time homebuyers, refinance, and second mortgages.

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Magic Valley report

Passenger boardings

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier — at the Twin Falls airport.

December 2002: 2,367
That's a 9 percent decrease from the 3,634 SkyWest boardings in December 2001, when the total was an 87 percent from December 2000's.

There's an explanation for those swings: Due to nasty weather in December 2001, the airport handled many SkyWest flights diverted from other airports that month.

Full-year 2002: 31,794
That's a 3 percent decrease from the 32,833 boardings during 2001. That year, the airport had posted a 5 percent decrease from the 34,409 boardings in 2000.
(Those totals don't include charter flights.)

For perspective, Twin Falls airport officials point to recent annual boardings declines at Boise's airport. Boardings there for all airlines combined fell 6 percent in 2001 and 2 percent in 2002, totaling 1.39 million boardings last year.
The scale is different than in Twin Falls, but the trend is similar.

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Builders association plans workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Builders Association plans a workshop Tuesday on international energy codes.

The free workshop for home builders and subcontractors will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Obenchain Insurance building at 2601 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Free compact discs with the codes will be distributed at the workshop.

To sign up, call Cyndie Woods at 736-8991, send a fax to 734-8483, or send e-mail to mvba@magiclink.com.

Lee Enterprises declares quarterly dividend

TWIN FALLS — Iowa-based Lee Enterprises Inc., parent of The Times-News, declared a quarterly cash dividend of 17 cents per share.

The dividend is payable April 1 to stockholders of record of both the common stock and Class B common stock as of March 3.

Lee owns 28 daily newspapers and a joint effort in six others, along with associated online services. Lee also owns more than 175 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications.

Micron analyst summit can be heard online

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. will host an analyst summit today, and anyone may listen online.

Steve Appleton, Micron's chairman, chief executive and president, and other Micron executives will make presentations, respond to questions regarding Micron's strategy and provide an update on market conditions.

Presentations by Micron officers will start at 8:30 a.m. with an open house at Appleton. Other presenters will include, in this order: Bill Grover, vice president of finance and chief financial officer; Mark Durston, vice president of research and development and chief technology officer; and Mike Sadler, vice president of sales.

Appleton will conclude the conference with a wrap-up and Q&A session. Check Micron's Web site for exact times and schedule updates.

The analyst meeting will be webcast, with live audio and slides, from 8:30 a.m. to noon today at www.micron.com. To access the webcast, participants will need Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher, RealPlayer or Windows Media Player and speakers for the audio. A replay will be available via the Web site until Jan. 31.

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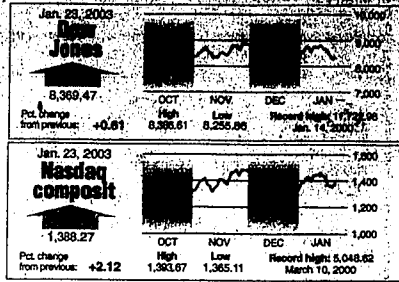
Washington Mutual reports rise in earnings

Knight Ridder News Service
SEATTLE - Washington Mutual said its profit in the last three months of 2002 rose 15 percent from a year earlier as the bank continued its nationwide expansion.

a share, the latter up 6 percent from last year. The results were in line with analysts.
'They haven't missed a beat.'
-Jay Tejera,
Ragen MacKenzie
analyst, on Washington Mutual

by 166,987 during the quarter, and by 1.4 million during the year. Banking fees increased 27 percent compared with last year; loan volume nearly doubled. Home refinancing accounted for 68 percent of home-loan activity.

Wamu set aside \$125 million to cover loans that aren't repaid, less than the \$200 million during the same period last year or the \$135 million in the third quarter. Total non-performing assets rose by 14.8 percent to \$2.6 billion. Total assets grew 10.6 percent from last year to \$268.3 billion.



U.S. Bancorp delivers double-digit profit growth

Knight Ridder News Service
MINNEAPOLIS - U.S. Bancorp delivered what it promised it would: double-digit profit growth for the fourth quarter and end of 2002 amid strong deposits and mortgage banking results.

which will make 2003 a bit of a challenge.
U.S. Bancorp's fourth-quarter net profits rose 22 percent to \$849.8 million, or 44 cents per share, from \$695.4 million, or 36 cents per share, a year earlier.

For 2002, net profits rose 93 percent to \$3.3 billion, or \$1.71 per share, from \$1.7 billion, or 88 cents per share, for 2001. Excluding special charges, U.S. Bancorp met analysts' earnings-per-share estimates for the quarter and year, according to Thomson First Call.

bank has been trying to push sales at branches and improve customer service to increase revenue and make up for sagging loans. Increased deposits at the bank also pleased analysts. Core checking, savings and money market accounts rose 11 percent in the fourth quarter from a year earlier. Quarterly fee income rose 15.9 percent.

Stocks post modest gain on Texas Instruments report

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street snapped a five-day losing streak Thursday, sending stocks modestly higher after positive earnings from companies such as Texas Instruments enticed investors to pick up bargains.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index climbed 28.75, or 2.1 percent, to 1,388.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 8.98, or 1 percent, to 897.34.

Potatoes

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For the decline in Idaho's potato processing plants to be reversed, state officials must aggressively provide tax relief, infrastructure assistance and waste treatment allowances that Idaho Falls barley malting operations

enjoy, he said.
These were hailed as great new investments in Idaho business. I'm not sure when similar benefits have been given to potato processing plants," Huffaker said.

ing new processing plants in Idaho if the state would work with the industry and subsidize research, he said. Idaho's share of the fresh pack market has increased from 29 percent in 1991 to 31 percent in 2001.

than half of the dehydrated market because of its production of certified 'Burbank' potatoes, Huffaker said. He cautioned that as research and production shifts to other spud varieties, Idaho's control of the dehydrated market could diminish.

"Texas Instruments is helping technology across the board," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. "A willingness to buy this group is evidence that people are starting to think maybe the economy will recover this year."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 50.74, or 0.6 percent, at 8,369.47, having dropped nearly 501 points in the previous five sessions. Earlier in the day, blue-chip stocks fell as much as 62 points.

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Table with columns: Name, Dr, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AMZN, AAPL, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ national market stocks with columns: Name, Dr, Last, Chg, %Chg.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Dr, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 100 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market, and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are a 1:118 average. Stocks in boldface changed 1 percent or more in price.

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Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns: Name, Dr, Last, Chg, %Chg.

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MORNING BREAK

Man shares feelings, drives others away

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this for those female readers who wish the men in their lives would share their feelings with them. What I have to say to them is: Count your blessings!

My husband shares all his feelings and thoughts (mostly negative ones) with me all the time. Every night I am forced to sit for hours listening to him verbalize his thoughts and feelings. He has no time to do yard work or household repairs because he is either too busy thinking and feeling or verbalizing his endless criticisms.

He does hold down a steady (sedentary) job, and soon of the ways he gets in touch with his feelings — through music and poetry — are positive. However, when I was in a car accident last year, he was the only one being helpful and recuperating, my husband "didn't have time" to help with housework because his piano had to be played and his novels had to be read.



DEAR ABBY: When we were first married, we moved to a small rural town hundreds of miles away from our friends and families. It has been hard to make friends in this closed community. Once every few years a family member or friend is willing to come and visit us, but my husband almost always finds a way to alienate our visitors. He will start arguments, tell them what he didn't like about the Christmas presents they gave us, complain about how much money we spend on food while they're at our house, etc.

times, but he doesn't see it as a problem. Help!

-TALKED TO DEATH IN MINNESOTA
DEAR TALKED TO DEATH: I am all for sharing thoughts and feelings, but the person you have described is one who is self-obsessed, verbally abusive, and thinks no one's feelings are as important as his own.

By "sharing his thoughts and feelings," your husband is chipping away at your self-esteem and isolating you from friends and family. It's important that you give this some thought and not allow yourself to be his scapegoat. Also, I hope you have a job outside the home, because it may be your only way to have meaningful contact with others.

DEAR ABBY: I bought my wedding dress two months ago. I showed a picture of it to my sister-in-law who is being married a few weeks before me.

Yesterday she went out and purchased the exact same dress. Although she is having a small wedding, my fiance and I are still very upset. She and her fiance insist we are being selfish and inconsiderate of their feelings. Do you think we are wrong to be angry?

-P.O. IN N.J.
DEAR P.O.: No, I do not. You are entitled to your feelings. That said, there is still time for you to return to the shop where you purchased your bridal gown and discuss how to individualize your attire for the wedding. (Consider a different headpiece and veil, adding or deleting gloves or other accessories, adding or subtracting a train.)

And remember, although imitation may be irritating, it's also the sincerest form of flattery. Your sister-in-law is "family," so please don't let this cause a permanent rift. And in the future, could you show her any more pictures?

Therese's Puzzle Brawl

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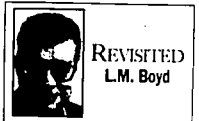
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Earliest known bird had no beak, but row of teeth

Q. Did the earliest known bird have a beak?
A. No, sir, a jaw with a row of teeth in it. Like a reptile's. File this under Archaeopteryx. So you'll remember.



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

because it was used on cats, i.e., stringed instrument with five frets.

Q. What's the oldest English language newspaper?
A. The News Letter of Belfast. From 1737. Been a lot of great communicators among the Irish.

Country gentlemen will find in using my machine an amusing, useful and healthful exercise. So wrote Edwin Budding. In 1830. In

his application to the British Patent Office. For the first time, a machine known as a lawn mower. Amusing, he said.

Q. In target shooting, what's "bracketing"?
A. "Bracketing" is something. To aim above the bull's eye first, then below. Check of the holes shows how to adjust aim for dead center.

During the first quarter of the 1900s, when there were more ladies at home to journal, the world's most successful magazine was the "Ladies Home Journal."

Q. What's the fastest animal on two feet?
A. Ostrich. At 30 mph. "Laura" is the femur of

"Lawrence." Client asks, who got such names originally, and why? People who lived where laurel trees grew.

A. A manna mountain god almost always stands on the downhill side of her kids.

Teddy Roosevelt at his inauguration in 1905 wore a ring containing a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair. At the time, the ring was not too tender even for an amateur boxer who liked to hunt Big Game.

What's can't be straight ahead?
In Shakespeare's day, many thought wind around mountains as weak as you. So they let down their opinion, possibly in time to let said mountain range

The monster returns in 'Son of Frankenstein'

Tribune Media Services

Today

"Assassins" - A world-weary hit man and the woman under his protection try to stay one step ahead of a wild rival. (TV14) Turner Network Television, 8 p.m.

"Son of Frankenstein" - A grave robber who survived the hangman's noose convinces the baron's son to resurrect the monster. Turner Classic Movies, 6 p.m.

"Fastlane" - Van is taken hostage, and his fate rests with the resourcefulness of a rookie police officer. Jake Bussey and Mark Filicetti guest star. (CC) (TV14) FOX, 7 p.m.

Saturday

"Cinderella II: Dreams Come True" - Animated Cinderella and her animal friends adjust to their new lives in the royal palace. (CC) (TVG) The Disney Channel, 9 p.m.

"Original Sin" - A Cuban plantation owner sets out to find and

Q. What day of the week in what month are the most shoplifters active?
A. Any Wednesday in January. At least, the records indicate that's when most are arrested. No snake is a vegetarian.

"Software" in Esperanto is "softvaro."

"Cat" in the England of old was another name for violin. Or, at least, the records indicate that's when most are arrested. No snake is a vegetarian.

Persons in high places take note of Capricorn's industriousness

IF JANUARY 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have an "appetite" for gourmet dishes and luxury items. You also have excellent taste in dressing, a fine sense of color coordination. You would do well in the decorating or fashion field. Your voice is melodious; some claim it is "sexy." Taurus, Libra and Scorpio persons in active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: F, O, X. Much social activity for you this year; you emerge from the doldrums, a deadly rut. Instruments of May will be most memorable in 2003.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): A good day to place important papers in order, especially those that relate to contractual obligations and tax matters. Pay attention to details; future welfare could be at stake.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Your sex appeal could get you in

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

and out of trouble today. Enjoy a flirtation, but know when to say "Enough!" Also, remember two lessons relating to diet: Exercise. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emphasis on creative pastimes; it is possible to turn a hobby into a paying proposition. Someone could whisper "sweet nothing!" A romance turns serious before you know it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be involved in a real estate transaction. It includes buying and selling property as well as a possible change of residence. Important to read the print of any lease, contract.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is your power play day. However,

there is a tendency to scatter your forces. Line up priorities, trust your own judgment rather than be influenced by existing opinions.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your mind could be on travel; persons at a distance. You'd like to take a trip but perhaps feel it might be too expensive. Surprise, Virgo. Money comes from unexpected source.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle is high; you evade vibrations of personality and sex appeal. Many look up to you as that role model. I don't disappoint them. It's time to be a leader, emphasize the new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let others know how much they mean to you via words and action. You have special compassion for those who are physically handicapped or who are in trouble. Visit one who is confined. Capricorn's presence. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

23): This is your lucky day in matters of speculation, stock and number 8. Your wit and wit and wit draw new people to you. A friendship made today could affect your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Persons in high places take note of your industriousness. You will be in law for a prominent position to a special bond. You will only what you can handle and do not overpromise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): News from old times could give you morale. You may feel like someone trying to get you to form a new team. You will be put in writing. So do not let the management team know you are in a bind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Consult with friends who know how to handle your financial side. You may have to make a decision you are making a mistake.

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME.

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vs. CHRISTINA GONZALEZ, Respondent.

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However, a much better plan is to cover the 10 hearts in dummy at trick one, and then to duck East's king of hearts... (Continuation of the main article)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. Game is certainly not out of the picture in either hearts, no-trump or clubs... (Answer to the main article)

WEST: ♠ Q54, ♥ 105, ♦ 10, ♣ K10652

EAST: ♠ A972, ♥ KJ643, ♦ 3, ♣ J74

SOUTH: ♠ KJ8, ♥ A97, ♦ AK54, ♣ Q98

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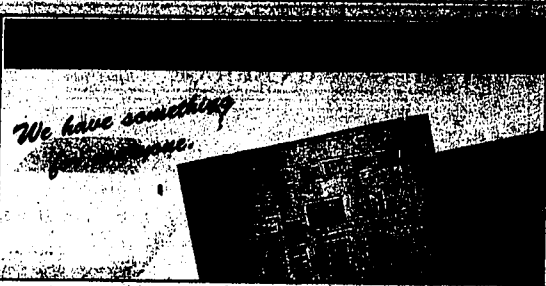
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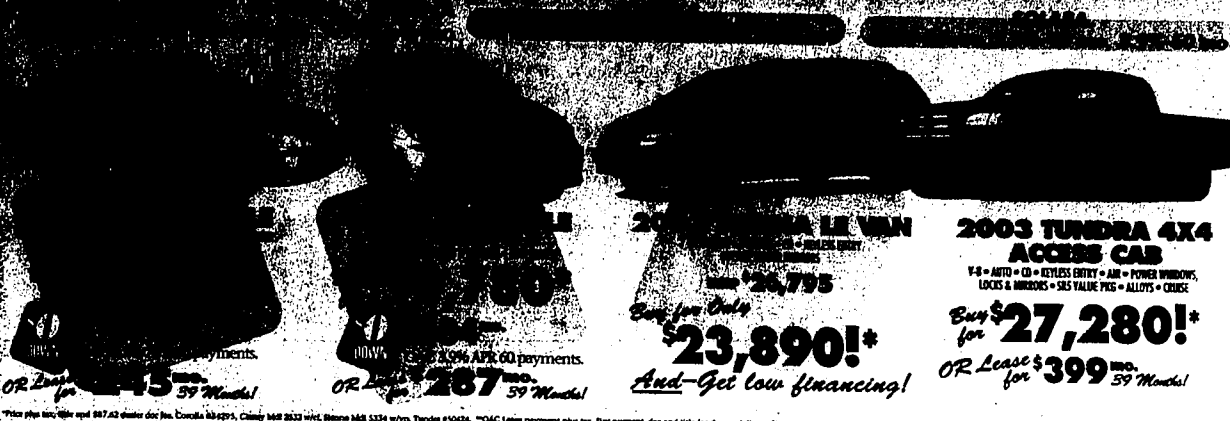
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