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Today: Cloudy today with chance of snow tonight, high 39, low 30.

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Court race: Jim Jones, a former attorney general om the Magic Valley, is consider-

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Coke tourney: The College of Southern Idaho women opened strong against the Northwest All-Stars Thursda

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Read about the monastery

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Dow returns to 10,000 milestone

Analysts say economy shows other signs of improvement

Combined wire reports

This year's rally in stocks, which hit a milestone Thursday, hasn't been strong enough to make Kevin Flynn forget about the money he lost in the downturn. "Let's just say that three years ago I had about three times more money in one account than I do now," said Flynn, 41, of Martinez, Calif. "It took me 10 years to save all that money, and it's not even close to being back where it was?" Flynn, who works for a real estate title company, has stuck

More on the market - D6

with the market, though. He still with the market, though, ric sun invests 10 percent of his paycheck in his 401(k). He's encouraged by the gains he's seen this year, but he can't shake the nagging feeling that more losses might be lurking

that more losses might on the training around the corner.
"I'm worried that everything I spent years working for could come crumbling down in one lousy year again."

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age has not broken the 10,000 barrier since May 24, 2002.
"If the number 10,000 makes the public feel better, then fine," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Wachovia Securities in New York." But I'm going to hang with his market because the economy is improving and earnings are sparkling – not because of some number."
Others were more cautions

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"The Dow index is simply a nostalgic unit of measurement," said
Ernest Csak, a trader who was
walking out of the New York Stock

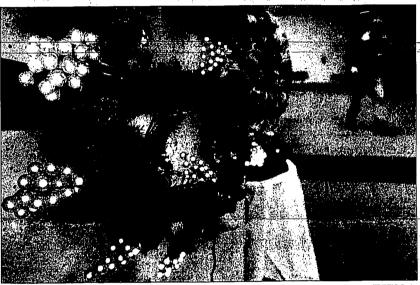


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Exchange after the market closed. Csak said he follows other indexes more closely – such as the Russell 2000, which measures the performance of small-cap companies,

and the Standard & Poor's 500 index, a basket of 500 widely held stocks that provides a broad snapshot of the overall U.S. equity market.

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walks by a wreath designed by Cindy Teler and Helen Dutton for the St. Benedicts Family Medical Center Foundation's second annual Fes rday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the old Ridley's store building at 233 W

Some ambulance districts thrive; others don't

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – While Twin Falls County commissioners ponder the idea of an ambulance taxing district, the Ada County Ambulance District is hoping lawmakers hear its call for help.

If they don't, the ambulance district will be bankrupt in two years, Ada County Communications Director John Baralay said.

"We're a victim of our own scrupulous guarding of the public treasury," Barclay said.

said.

Like many of Idaho's 18 ambulance districts, Ada County set up its district years ago before Medicare began fiddling with reimbursement rules. The county set its levy at just .0001 percent, and for years, it

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Center paramedics commissioners are looking into creating an ambulance taxing district, which would be the 19th in Idaho.

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Reports: Don't panic over flu

The Times News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Despite reports

TWIN FALLS – Despite reports that two more people have died from influenza in Idaho, there'sho reason for panic, local health officials say.

People who are at risk of serious complications from the flu make up a small part of the population, and the vast majority of people who get it will recover with few problems.

"If only the healthy and you do get

problems.
"If you're healthy and you do get
the flu, you're probably just going
to be uncomfortable for la few
days," said Monic Smith. Scuth
Central District Health public rela-

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Those who are in the high-risk
category and have not yet gotten a
flu shot may have another chance.
The Centers for
Disease Control and
Who's

Disease Control and Prevention has issued a nationwide directive that doses being saved for chil-dren awaiting their follow-up shots most at risk? - A2

deen awaiting their
followup shots
should instead go to
ligh-risk people, who include
those age 65 and over.
The CDC will obtain more vaccine in January to cover those
needing a second dose, Smith said.
Children getting the vaccination,
for the first time require two dose
to make inoculation effective.
U.S. Health and Human Services
cornets of Dommy Thompson said
the government had arranged for
timmediately and distributed based
on each state's population. In additimmediately and distributed based
on each state's population. In addition, 150,000 doses of children's
vaccine are expected to be shipped
to the states by January, Thompson
said.
The nation's two producers of flushots reported last week that they
lad shipped their entire supply of
about 80 million doses. However,
Aventis had set saids 250,000 doses
at the CDC's request last week
when it became clear that shortPlease see FLU, Page A2

Troops, families struggle with orders back to Iraq

The Associated Press

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.

After returning from months of duty in Iraq, Marine Gunnery Sgt. Elia Fontecchio spent several days trying to figure out how to break the news to his wife that he would be going back to the combat zone.

In the end, he told her in a private moment, simply and in straightforward fashion. At first, she was angry and disappointed. Now, she is just trying to make every minute count.

"Every day is one day closer until he goes away," said Kinney Fontecchio. Her husband has not gotten his orders yet but expects. he will be sent back sometime after New Year's.—

Thousands of military mem-TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.

Bush defends stand on Iraqi contracts; Involces from Halliburton draw scrutiny - A2

bers and their families have begun grappling with the news that many of those who have already completed one tour of duty in Iraq will be sent in again as part-of-what-the-Pentagon-calls the biggest series of troop rotations since World War II.

For some, it is a morale challenge as they face another long separation from their families. For others, it is a second chance to take care of what they see as

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Pilot stranded in Antarctica causes a ...

DIPLOMATIC ICE STORM

Associated Press writer

SYDNEY, Australia – What does a man have to do to get a tank of gas in Antarctica?

A daredevil Australian pilot who flew fiis homennade plane over the South Pule last weekend has ignited a storm between Australia and its two closest allies — the United States and New Zealand – who are refusing to refuel his aircraft, which is stranded on an ice runway on the edge of Antarctica.

Pilot Jon Johanson's frosty reception came because he has fallen foul of a long-standing polity at some Antarctic research stations of refusing to sell fuel to adventurers.



"Tm not very optimistic about being able to persuade the New Zealanders and the Americans," Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Thursday, The U.S. National Science

New Zealand have refused to refuel the Sunday In Invercargill, New Zealand, prior to his flight.

Foundation and Antarctica New Zealand, both government funded scientific research programs, do not "supply or stock fuel for pri-

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Strikes at Saddam killed civilians

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON – Fifty U.S. aistrikes aimed at Saddan Hussein and other senior trail leaders during the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq-failed to kill any of their targets but-killed and injured dozens of civilians, taid a report released Thursday.

The report, by New York-based Human Rights Watch, also said that the use of cluster munitions by U.S. and British forces killed and

and British forces killed and injured more than 1,000 civilians. The report comes at a time when the U.S. military's use of airstrikes

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to kill adversary leaders is under question following a Dec. 6 attack in Afghanistan that killed nine children and a laborer. Civilian casualties during the March 2010 April 9 invasion helped—fuel—nti-U.S. anger. and. boost. support for insurgents. The guerrillas have killed nearly 200 U.S. troops and dozens of others since President Bush declared an end to major combat operations on May I. Human Rights Watch said its investigation wasn't aimed at estimating the total number of civilian casualties but rather at identifying the circumstances that led to them.

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Halliburton probe finds overcharges

The defense officials said they had no reason to believe the problems were anything other than "stupid mistakes" by Halliburton.

In an e-mail statement,

In an e-mail statement, Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall denied the company had overcharged. She said Halliburton was responding to questions from Pentagon auditors and was "confi-

from the United States or countries that supported the war. The move angered governments whose firms were cur our of the bidding process, including France, Germany, Russia and Canada.

Flu

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ages might develop.
Because of clinics being held
Thursday, South Central District
Health was unsure how many
doses it will have left vaccinate—
high-risk-people—People—in—that—
category who have not gotten a
shot may get the opportunity, but
Smith said more information on
obtaining the vaccination will not
be available for a day or two.
Private physicians may have
remaining doses, and Smith
encourages people wanting a shot
to call their doctors.
Sandy Schaer, an occupational
health mirse with St. Benedicts
Family Medical Center in Jerome,
said there are limited doses, awal
able for high-risk people.
"We do have a few doses left,
and we're trying to give those to
people who have, serious health
problems," she said.
People can call the hospital, she
said, but may be asked to call their
private physicians for confirmation
that they need to be vaccinated.
"Physicians aren't telling
healthy 3-Syear-olds to get a flu
shot," she said. "Ninety-nine percent of people understand the situation."
The best time to get vaccinated
is October or November, according
to the CDC Web site, but getting
vaccinated in December or later
can still provide protection against
the flu.

Latest figures

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The latest deaths reported Thursday brought Idaho's total to 13 from influenza or pneumonia since the flu season began early this fall, but Health and Welfare Department spokesman Den Shanahan said the number is likely higher than that.

"The fact is, we're probably underreporting those deaths because if there are 36,000 flurelated deaths nationwide each year, statistically there should be 160 to 170 a year in Idaho, and our deaths have ranged from only nine to 36 a year, "Shanahan said. The state bases its count on statements from doctors on death certificates.

Unlike other states such as Colorado, where at least nine children have died as a result of the flu, Idaho's deaths have been people over 50 years old. The state has declined to identify the communities where those people lived.

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She also cautioned against over-reacting to the report of deaths, as Idaho is one of the few states that keeps a running tally.

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Who's at risk?

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People age 65 and over.
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 Those with chronic long-term health problems including chronic-lung disease, congestive heart fail-uro or congenital heart disease, cliabetes or kildney dysfunction, sickle cell disease or HIV.
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Pregnant women in their sec or third trimesters during influe

• Children between the ages of 6 months and 23 months.

ing no worse a flu season than

many other states," Halin said,
"We would assume every state is
probably experiencing flurelated
deaths."

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On Thursday, the CDC added Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North-Caroliana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island and Virginia to the list of states with widespread flu activity. Last week, only Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Iennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming were listed as having widespread activity by the CDC.

Despite the severity of the early outbreak, health experts are no ready to predict just how bad die flu season will be. The season still may peak as early as December, rather than February, which is the norm.

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As for why the West is having the most cases, Dr. Kimberley Stans assistant director for the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters, said one reason might be that the flu strain changed as it moved West.

The CDC-said it is unable to know how many children typically die of the flu each year, making it unclear whether this is in fact a particularly lethal outbreak for youngsters.

But anecdotally, this flu season seems to be worse for children, and the CDC said it plans to watch flu complications among them closely.

CORRECTION

Former dairy had 1.100 cows

Wednesday's newspaper contained incorrect information about the site of a proposed residential development near Buld.

The site was once the location of an 1,100-cow dairy.

In addition, the article misquoted William Rosenbaum, a neighbor who spoke ugainst the proposal.

al.
"I prefer 1,100 cows to 320 people," the quote should have read,
The Times-News regrets the

Iraq

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unfinished business.
"We're all definitely surprised—
that-we-were-going back so soon,"
said 1st Lt. Adrian Haskamp,
executive officer of India
Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th
Marine Regiment at Iwentynine
Palms. The regiment returned
from Iraq in September.
Fontecchio said he is working
with Marines and their families
struggling with the news. "I'm
being straight with them, and
telling them the importance of
their job. Marines will want to do
the right thing," he said.
Fontecchio, 29, of Satellite
Beach, Fla., said the Marines'
experience in Iraq would benefit
them. "I'm very familiar with the
territory and the culture now. We
know some of the mistakes... and
we know how to handle them
now," he said.

Lance Cpl. Michael Burrola, a
Laveared from Buena Park,

Lance Cpl. Michael Burrola, a 21-year-old_from_Buena_Park,

Calif., who is serving with India Company, expects to be in Iraq as early as January for another sixmonth tour.

"When I first got back, I was like, I can't see myself ever going back," he said. "But it's my job, and we still have a job to dothere."

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Burrola said he and others
avoid news reports about the
death toll in Iraq, More than 440
U.S. service members have died
since the beginning of military
operations in Iraq, according to
the Pentagon.
Burrola said he is focusing on
spending time with his wife,
Crystal. 19.
"When he first told me, I was in
denial. I was taken back. I said,
No, you're not going! It's kind of a
helpless feeling," she said. But
we did it once before and he
came home. We'll do it again,
we're very religious, and we'll use
the strength of God in our household to get through it."

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cials said the Pentagon rejected that proposal.

MASHINGTON (AP)

Pentagon auditors found that Vice
President Dick Cheney's former
company may have overcharged
the Army by as much as \$61 million for gasoline in Iraq, senior
defense officials said thursday.

Halliburton apparently dining
or condition of anonymity The
problem, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The
problem, the officials said, was
that Halliburton may have paid a
subcontractor too much for the
gasoline in the first place.

The Pentagon officials said the
Iraq reconstruction work, Kellogg,
Brown & Ront, also submitted a
proposal for cafetria services that
was \$67 million for high. The officcials said the Pentagon rejected

Pilot

vate individuals," the U.S. agency said in a statement e-mailed Thursday to The Associated Press. "NSFs policy is that private expeditions should carry sufficient insurance to cover the costs of search and rescue efforts, if needed."

The foundation argues that res-cuing adventurers and explorers who get stranded on the icy conti-nent is expensive and endangers their staff.

Downer, who knows Johanson personally, tried to persuade U.S. and New Zealand authorities to waive the rule this time, but they refused.

Australia is one of Washington's Australia is one of Washington's stanchest allies – sending troops to fight alongside U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq – and has a long and close relationship with neighboring New Zealand. But those friendships do not extend to selling Johanson the 105 gallons of fuel he needs to fly back to New Zealand. Instead, the U.S. National Science Foundation said he could fly out – as a passenger on board a

scheduled supply flight - and have his plane carried to New Zealand

his plane carried to New Zealand on a freight ship.
Downer is due to meet his New Zealand counterpart, Phil Goff, for talks over the weekend, but Goffs office said the matter was in the lands of the country's Antarctica officials – who have been scathing in their attacks on Johanson and his flight.

Johanson was forced to land at the U.S. New Zealand McMurdo-Scott base in Antarctica after high winds foiled his plans to fly on to Argentina.

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Antarctica New Zealand spokes-swoman Shelly Peebles said the organization doubted Johanson ever intended to fly to Argentina, and had always planned to land at Scott Base.

"He abdicated complete person-al responsibility for any kind of contingency plan or consideration of how he was going to get back with limited fuel," Peebles said. Johanson denies that and said

with immted fuel," Peobles said.
Johanson denies that and said
his carefully planned trip was
derailed by bad weather.
"Any suggestion that this was a
flight on a whim is far from accurate," he said.

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GOP unease grows as Dean gains steam

MASHINGTON - Advisers to President Bush once relished a race against Howard Dean, but they say they have become increasingly wary of him, worried that his unconventional and intense appeal poses a threat they had once underestimated. Various officials from throughout Bush's political organization said they view the former Vermont governor's nomination as all but inevitable - even though no votes will be cast until next month, and some well-connected Democrats still hope to derail Dean because they fear he is running too far to the left to be viable in next fall's general election. The endorsement of Dean by

they fear he is running too far to he left to be viable in next fall's general election.

The endorsement of Dean by former vice president Al Gore on Monday cemented the growing concern among GOP officials that Dean's lightning progress from also-ran to front-runner means that he could spawn unpredictable hazards for Bush. Although one administration official said Dean is still widely viewed in the White House as "a gift from God," a more cautious view is gaining currency.

"He has the biggest potential former Minnesota Republican representative Vin Weber.

Among the factors that most worry them, Bush officials said, is Dean's ability to attract young voters and others who have not voters similarities to their bosts; a polarizing figure who has a temper and deep appeal to his core supporters.

"We believe this is going to be an election about our two bases, and therefore Dean's ability to extract youpporters, and therefore Dean's ability to extract youpporters.

We believe this is going to be an election about our two bases, and therefore Dean's ability to extractly the best of the sort of the post of the officials with the post of the officials with the base means that he's a formidable candidate," a well-known Republican said after discussing the issue with Bush's top strategists. "This is an evolution in the thinking, So much for uniting



and all hat stuff."
Five months ago, Karl Rove, Bush's senior adviser, startled on-lookers when he joined the final line of a chant at a Fourth of July parade in Northwest Howard Dean parade in Northwest Washington, "We want Howard Dean!"

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19 states to President Nixon in 1972.

Dean remains a dream candidate for many Republicans. "Can you magine a convention to noninate Horard Dean" asked a GOP lobbyis. "It would be a festival of labor and universal health care, a liberal celebration beamed into living rooms all over the South and Midwest."

More Republicans in the admin istration and elsewhere, however, are urging fellow parry members to quit talking about a cakewalk or a blowout.

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Robert Bennett, chairman of the Ohio OGP, was one of Several veteran party officials who said they are having flashbacks to 1992, when they all assured themselves that little-known Arkansas Gowell Clinton was no match for Bush's father. "Everybody told metal Clinton cume from a third-rate state with a budget smaller than Wal-Mart's and that he didn't need to worry about him," Bennett said. "I think we still call him Mr. President."

Suspect can't Take a account-for break all his time Please see page B4

FARGO, N.D. (AP) – Investigators found about a three-hour gap between the time a North Dakota college student disappeared and the time the suspect in the case arrived home, according to a search warant unscaled Thusday.

—Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. was at the Crookston, Minn., home he shares with his mother about 8:15 pm. on Nov. 22, Delores Rodriguez told police, according to the Dec. 2 search warrant.

Dru Sjodin, a 22-year-old student at the University of North Dakota-was last seen that day in Grand Forks, about 25 miles west of Crookston. About 5 p.m., she had spoken to her boyfriend via cell phone from the parking lot of the mall where she worked.

An affidavit unsealed Tuesday showed Rodriguez told authorities he had watched a movie, "Once Upon a Time in Mexico," at the mall during that time, but authories said that movie was not playing at the mall or anywhere nearby when confronted, Rodriguez did not have an explanation" for

nat day.

When confronted, Rodriguez did not have an explanation" for the fact that the movie he named asn't showing.

FDA-urges-fish-safety-advice-

WASHINGTON (AP) -The government should provide more explicit advice to pregnant women and children on avoiding fish tainted with mercury, including greater detail on specific types of runa, a scientific advisory panel said Thursday.

"You made a stab at tuna but you didn't quite get it right," Marion Aller, the Florida Agriculture Department's food safety director, told the Food and Drug Administration.
Fish is very nutritious, contain-

Administration.
Fish is very nutritious, containing certain fats that are hearthealthy and important for fetal brain development.
But fish also can harbor mercury, a metal that accumulates in the bodies of fish-eaters over time and,

at high enough levels, can damage the growing brains of fetuses and young children. About 8 percent of U.S. women of childbearing age have enough mercury in their blood to put a fenu at risk.

Different fish varieties harbor more mercury than others. The FDA has long said that young children and women who are or may become pregnant should avoid shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.

But the FDA in 2001 sparked controversy by saying 12 ounces a

But the FDA in 2001 sparked controversy by saying 12 ounces a week of any other fish was health-ful during pregnancy. Critics argued that tuna was eaten so often by pregnant women and young thildren that it needed a bigger warning.

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Authorities-arrest alleged spammer

The Washington Post

A man alleged to be one of the world's most notorious spammers was arrested Thursday in North Carolina, accused by Virginia prosecutors of falsifying the origin of e-mails that pitched low-priced "penny" stocks and home-mortage schemes.

James Jaynes, also known as Gaven Stubberfield, of Raleigh, N.C., was charged with four felony counts as prosecutors seek to

N.C., was charged with four felony counts as prosecutors seek to increase the heat – by bringing criminal penalties—on spannners for deceptive e-mail marketing.

The case marks the first-unital provisions for spam have been invoked. Like many states, Virginia sets guidelines for e-mail advertisments, including requirements that the ads contain valid return addresses of the senders and that they honor requests by recipients to be free of future mailings. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor punishable by fines.





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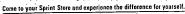


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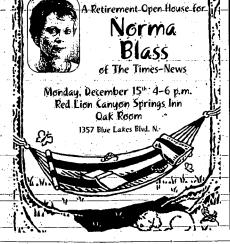




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EDITORIAL

If hospital goes private, expect less information

Our view: The public

should resist changes to Magic Valley Regional

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints

from our readers on this

Medical Center's governance.

and other issues

Listen carefully to Twin Falls
County Commissioner Tom
Mikesell, when he talks about
changing Magic Valley
Regional Medical Center's
governance structure.

—Mikesell, the freshman member on the three-person county
board, is correct when he, says,
"At this point, there's no need
to change the governance."

Magic Valley

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Megional leaders

Our view

Regional leaders have said that, sometime next month, they will throw the first throw the first official pitch to change the county-owned hospi tal's structure The hospital's tal's structure. The hospital's Administrative

Administrative We Welcon
Committee will
present its recommendation to
the Hospital
Board, whose
members are said to favor a
private, nonprofit, 501(c)3 corprogulion

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The ultimate decision is up to Mikesell and his two fellow commissioners. Fortunately, Mikesell says he won't even entertain the thought of deciding without consulting county

voters.
"I certainly wouldn't do it without taking it to a vote," Mikesell-said.—It's-far-too-important to not let everyone have their voices heard." Meanwhile, Mikesell will become a voting member of the Hospital Board. That's promising sign for Twin Falls County residents, who deservemore representation on hospital issues.

tal issues.
Keeping elected leaders and voters involved in hospital governance is a crucial part of having a public hospital. Two decades ago, voters rejected privatization.
As a mublic hospital.

decades ago, voters rejected privatization.

As a public hospital, Magic Valley Regional is required by law to reveal its financial records for public review. Hospital officials have long contended that this openness harms the hospital's ability to compete effectively in the medical industry. They say applying public-agency rules to the county hospital gives private competiors the advantage of looking at Magic Valley Regional's financial figures. But Magic Valley Regional spears to have flourished as a public entity over the years. The hospital purchased its main competitor, the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, two years ago, making itself the undisputed pre-eminent med-

ical facility in Twin Falls County. And remember, that deal

ical facility in Twin Falls
County.

And remember, that deal
was hashed out behind closed
doors, because it was a legal
negotiation. So much for the
contention that the hospital
can't avoid the public
cunder the current rules.

Hospital officials say they
need to shield themselves
from competition, and a switch
to a private, nonprofit structure
will enable that.
But the closest
competition is St.
Ben's has \$17
million in annual
revenue, comrevenue, compared with Magic Valley Regional's \$109 million. The Twin Falls

ders on this \$j06 million.

UES. The Twin Fallshospital —has boasted for years about being independent from tax dollars. Now it wants the county to create an ambulance tax district.

The current, hospital-run ambulance service has resulted in a \$5500,000-loss for the hospital. So it wants county taxpayers to be the primary source for filling the revenue gap. The district would cost property womers about \$20 a _year_for_every_\$100,000_assessed property value.

But according to hospital records, the hospital 10 top-paid paramedics made a total of \$308,473 in overtime and other extra pay in the 2003 fiscal year. Individually, the heads down to boosting each paramedic's base pay by somewhere between 80 percent and 120 percent. (Private-sector managers commonly aim to hold overtime pay to about 1 percent or 2 percent of being spent on an apparently

That's an enormous amount being spent on an apparently short-handed ambulance crew - and yet there's no shortage of trained ambulance workers anting to get into the profes-

sion: Whether that constitutes mismanagement is up to county residents to decide. But remember this: If Magic Valley Regional switches to a private, nonprofit entity, the public will lose its ability to review payroll data in this fashion.

In an age when health-care

data in this fashion.

In an age when health-care costs are soaring, the public should be able to observe financial figures at the county-owned hospital. It's just another reason for keeping hospital governance as it is.

The Times-News

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen; Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, David Cooper and Shelley Ridenour.

- LETTER

Coverage of Pearl Harbor memorial was lacking

I found it odd, even a little sad, that The Times-News didn't make a better effort in remembering Dec. 7 and the people involved that terrible day in Americans' history.

I found two articles. One on Page A3 – it was small – and in the "funny papers," "B.C." Thank God they had room for all the Christmas ads! We need to remember, folks. ANN PARKER Shoshone

President takes wrong turn on Medicare

ear Mr. President: You fought for the Medicare prescription-frug bill and you won a big legislative victory. But I wonder if you will someday regret signing it.

Pushing the measure through the Congress will be a big plus for your campaign next year. But after that, as the program goes into effect, the risk of a backlash shouldn't be discounted.

E. THOMAS **McCLANAHAN**

Most seniors already have pre-scription-drug coverage of some sort. When the new benefits become effective, many seniors may find them less generous than what they already have. And the costs of the program are likely to be much ligher than initially projected, which is par for the course with new entitle-ments. Fiscal hawks are raising alarms about the rising federal deficit. But the real worry is the per-

deficit.

Bet the real worry is the perception of foreign investors, who send their capital to our shores and in the process help keep our interest rates low. If they decide other countries offer better investment opportunities, our interest rates will shoot up. Worst-case scenario: A vicious cycle in which rising interest rates theke off economic growth, leading to lower growth in revenue; further worsening the deficit.

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deficit.

We're a long way from that.
The economic recovery is going
much better than what economists were predicting just six
months ago. But the financial
markets are watching:

If, next year, you took a much
tougher line on federal spending
that would do a lot to convince
the markets that the spending
balloon won't be permitted to
expand indefinitely.

The with you on tax cuts,
because they, spur economic
growth and over the long haul
they expand the tax base. I'm
with you on the war in Iraq. But











n if you're re-elected in a landeven it you're re-elected in a lan-slide next year and the Republican majority is strength-ened in Congress, any hoped-for political realignment could be short-lived if the federal govern-ment continues its explosive

short-lived if the federal government continues its explosive
growth.

To be blunt, Mr. President,
when it comes to spending discipline, you haven't been doing
your part. To be an effective taxcutting president, you've got to
insist on more restraint.

The tendency of Congress,
which represents regions and disparate interests, is to seek compromise simply by adding more
spending. Only the president, who
represents the nation as a whole,
can provide a counterweight.

It is true that much of the
recent spending explosion can be
tied, directly or indirectly to Sept.

11. Pentagon outlays obviously
had to increase. The same goes
for the costs of boosting home
land security.

A lot of this spending, such as
the S87 billion to rebuild Iraq
and Afghanistan; represents onetime expenses rather than contin-

overall budget trend looks less

worrisome.

But even with that in mind, what does one make of last ye farm bill, which will cost mort than \$73 billion over 10 years than \$74 billion the energy.

than 5/3 billion over 10 years/ And what about the energy bill, with a projected cost of more than 530 billion – 300 percent higher than what you requested? Instead of threatening a veto, Mr. President, you're still calling for approval.

President, you're still calling for approval.

When you top all this with a new prescription-drug benefit, you've got a major budgetary problem.

Your original plan was a good one: Add a prescription-drug benefit only after major reforms to Medicare. The idea was to give seniors help in buying health policies offered by private companies: Seniors would get a "coupon," and be allowed to make choices based on their own needs. From a reform standpoint, however, what emerged was pretty wimps.

reform standpoint, however, what emerged was pretty wimpy. The bill will allow competition between Medicare and private insurance plans; but only in six-metropolitan areas—and only after 2010. The bill's expansion of Health

Savings Accounts was a win for reformers, but the long-term effects are tough to judge. Supporters say HSAs will have significant long-term influence on health-three spending; they will account to the program of the property of the program of the

Get ready for new Bush photo ops - JIM SHEA

the Bush administration had done half as good a job plan-ning for post-war Iraq as it did for the president's Thanksgiving Day dinner things wouldn't be-such a mess, you have to concede the man is a master of political

-such a mrss, you nave to consect the man is a master of political theater.

Granted the Top Gun moment on the aircraft carrier kind of backfired because of that pesky "Mission Accomplished" technicality, but the pictures of the prez in the flight suit jaunty-ing around were first-rate.

Where will the photogenic Mr. Bush turn up next: Afghanistan? North Korea? A blue state? Who knows? But given the president's flair for the dramatic, here are a few of the photo ops we can probably expect to see between now and Election Day.

Location: Afghanistan.
Mission: Hunting down Osama bin Laden.

Prosident's nuffit: Special ops

Mission: running in Laden. President's outfit: Special-ops amouflage, face paint, night-

vision goggles.
Script: President leads a special-ops patrol searching cawes for bin Laden.
Banner: "Wanted: Dead or Alive."
Location: Iraq.
Mission: Locking for WMDs.
President's outfit: Full chemical suit. Script: Wielding a ticking

Geiger counter, the president uncovers a huge stockpile of nuclear weapons. Banner: "If You Want A Job Done Right"

Banner: "If You Want A Job Done Right" Location: America Mission: Operation Merry Christmas: President's outfit: Red suit,

President's outfit: Red su white beard, sack. Script: President crisscros the country in Air Force. On sonally distributing toys to swing states. Banner: "Ho. Ho. Ho."

Location: Never Land. Mission: Michael Jackson

investigation.
President's outfit: Standard
CSI garb, rubber gloves, Q-Tips
Script: President on hands ar

Script President on hands and knees gathering evidence in Jackson's bedroom. Banner: "Just Beat It' – Not On My Watch." Location: Oil field Mission: Drilling for crude. President's outfit: Work gloves, dirry overalls, hard hat. Script: President is working on a rig when it suddenly strikes oil. Banner: "Filler Up America." Location: A local pharmacy. Mission: Getting prescription drugs to elderly.

coat.
Script: President fills prescrip-tions for elderly customers, refus-es to take any payment.
Banner: "It's On Me, And The GOP."

Jim Shea is a columnist for The Hartford Courant.

LETTER

Oid-fashioned discipline could help justice system

could help Justice system
As an 83-year-old great gradmother, may I suggest to the Minicassia Criminal Justice Court
Officer Russell Rasmussen some
advice concerning Tony Alonzo.
I was one of seven children
raised by my daddy's "Board of
Education" applied (when needcel) to the "seat of learning." We
didn't have a wood shed, but we
all had a healthy respect for
Dad's razor strap.

It worked. Not one of us wereever even charged with rape, burglary, assault, murder or use of a
deadly weapon. Our minds were
firmly planted in our heads
where they belonged.
So Alonzo has free board and
room and a "complete psychological staff" five days a week.
Sir, I would gladly relieve that
staff and use the system that
made men and women of my family.

made men and women of my ily. I know, without a doubt, his mind will no longer be "messe

o" when I can drive it from his otch and back in his head

crotch and back in his head where it belongs.

The old "Board of Education" can still change lives and minds when applied earnestly to "the seat of learning." I offer my services free of charge – just for the chance of seeing the results. Fil be glad to apply it to all the rest you have incarcerated. It will work.

OFK. AVIS GORDON Twin Falls

significant long-term influence on health-care spending; they will-encourage people to put aside more money for future health expenses, and allow companies to offer policies emphasizing coverage for major medical risks. We'll see. But this year's legislative triumph may simply have sown the seeds of crippling tax increases later in the decade. With the leading edge of the baby-boom generation due to retire soon, the resulting tax bill—and-the risk of benefit cuts—may discredit Republicans in 2008. Is this scenario likely? No.1 think the economy will continue to grow faster than expected and produce more revenue than expected. But the risk of a serious fiscal crisis shouldn't be ignored. Mr. President, it's time to start using that veto pen.

E. Thomas McClanahan is a member of the Kansas City Star editorial board.

-LETTER

Be aware of signs of methamphetamine use Is there a methamphetamine

Would you know it if you saw

Would you know it if you saw it?

What are the dangers you and your faihily face if there is a labnext door?

This is what you look for:
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Meth user characteristics:

icks; tin foil on the windows.

Meth user characteristics:
long periods without sleep; long
periods of not eating; cannot sit
still; easily agitated and aggressive; grayish, leather-like skin;
cotton mouth; kidney failune;
sores on skin; rapid weight loss;
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sites/bruising; red, dry nose;
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Tip



By Bruce Tinsley



Ambulance

Continued from A1 brought in enough property tax dollars to support the ambulance district. The district had even built up a little reserve fund for a rainy

day,
Away, largely because of changes
Now, largely because of changes
in Medicare rules, Ada County and
other Idaho counties are pushing abill to allow ambulance taxing distriets to lift the annual 3 percent
cap on raising property taxes just
one time to boost their levies - up
to .0004 - to meet their needs.
Medicare has never reimbursed
at full cost for ambulance service,
but until a few years ago, ambulance services could bill Medicare
patients for the balance of what

but until a few years ago, ambulance services could bill Medicare patients for the balance of what Medicare didn't pay. Medicare no longer allows ambulance services to bill patients for the balance, and many ambulance districts are feeling the pinch, some more than others.

In Ada County, an ambulance transport requiring basic care costs about \$5500, while a transport requiring advanced life support can cost up to \$1,000, Barclay said. But Medicare only reimburses about \$200 for a basic transport and \$335 for an advanced transport. Because, ambulance districts can no longer send Medicare patients a bill for the balance, they have to absorb the loss, and Ada County is feeling the pain.

"Right now, we're just trying to avoid cuts in service and extended waiting times," Barclay said.

Lifting the cap

Lifting the cap
Sponsored by former Ada
County Commissioner Reger
Simmons and heavily backed by
the Idaho Association of Counties,
Hugher property tax levy possible
for ambulance service. Such raises
would require the approval of twothirds of woters, said Maggie
Mahoney, a policy analyst with the
Idaho Association of Counties,
Once the levy was raised once, the
3 percent cap would go back into

A percent cap would go back into effect.

Mationey said the bill could mean millions of dollars for larger counties and thousands of dollars for smaller counties. The bill was for smaller counties. The bill was fitteduce last year, but it never made it out of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

"The committee was concerned that for larger counties, it might create extra revenue and give counties too much authority and too much money," Mahoney said. "The committee is not supportive of tax increases and were hoping

Ambulance districts in Idaho

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the counties could resolve it without a tax increase."
But the bill remains one of the Association of Counties' top priorities, and the organization plans to reintroduce it during the next legislative session, Mahoney said. "There also might be a way to work with lawmakers in Congress to rewrite the Medicare laws," Mahoney said.

Some districts thrive

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Not all county ambulance districts are hurting.

Creating an ambulance district was one of the best things Clearwater County cover did, said Clearwater County Commissioner Stain Leadit.

"It's been a very good thing for us," Leads said. "We've upgraded our level of professionalism aimproved our standard of care. We've been able to keep up with-upgrading equipment."

The county runs its own ambulance service, which is staffed with emergency medical technicians. The service has seven ambulances, the most recent one purchased with a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial grant. Commissioners serve as the ambulance district directors, and there's also an advisory board staffed by public officials, emergency medical technicians, and oters.

Clearwater County hasn't experi-

gency medical technicians and others.

Clearwater County hasn't experienced the money problems of other counties.

"We've had no problem raising property taxes," Leach said. He said billings for non-Medicare patients have balanced out what the county doesn't receive in Medicare reimbursements. Life was much harder before the ambulance district, back when

own ambulances coordinated by the county sher-iffs office.

iffs office.

"They were surviving strictly off billing, and it was going downhill fast," said Les Eaves, director of Clearwater County Ambulance. "More people were moving into the area,

Ambulance. More peopse were moving into the area, but there weren't enough ruis' to keep the ambu-lances going."
Taxes from the ambu-lance district coupled with payments of fees from non-Medicare patients keep a steady flow of dol-lars coming into the dis-trict.

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'A perfect marriage'

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In Blaine County, the ambulance district contracts with the Ketchum and Wood River fire districts to provide emergency services. All their firefighters are cross-trained, working as both firefighters and paramedics.

"Because they're cross-trained, they can respond both to a fire and to a broken lego on Mr. Baldy," said-County—Commissioner—Sarah-Michael.

And because the two fire districts and the ambulance districts are separate taxing entities, there's more money to go around, Michael said.

are separate taxing entities, increasing some money to go around, Michael said.

The ambulance district will bring in \$318,000 this year, and the total budget is \$1.2 million. The Ketchum Rural Fire District will get \$559,000 to provide services in north Blaine County, and the Wood River Rural Fire District will get \$533,000 to provide services in southern Blaine County.

The Wood River Rural Fire District has 10 full-time firefighters, and 30 paid volunteers and the Ketchum Rural Fire District has 10 full-time firefighters and to paid volunteers, all cross-trained to fight fires and provide emergency medical care. There is at least one medic – a firefighter cross-trained

hs-a-paramedic—on-each-call-Others are certified emergency-medical technicians.
"We believe it's a perfect mar-riage," said Bart Lasman, chief of the Wood River Rural Fire District. "We're able to provide a little high-er level of fire protection and 24-7 response."

Die Wood River Rural Fire District
"We're able to provide a little high."
relevel of fire protection and 24-7
response."
And like Clearwater County, volunteers play an important part in
providing services. Volunteers are
paid between \$8.50 and \$13 an
hour depending on their level of
training, Lassman said.
"The national average is to have
one-third of your department made
up of volunteers," Lassman said.
But even though utilizing volunteers can save money, Blaine
County Ambulance has also felt
the sting of strinking Medicare
reimbursaments and the rising
costs of providing medical services.
"Blaine County is having growing pains, and the EMS system is
something we need to look at as we
grow," Lassman said. "I believe the
people in Blaine County are getting
an incredible deal, as we are providing an paramedic level service
for a fraction of what it actually
costs to provide the service. With
what's happening now, it's hard to
maintain."

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Senator criticizes delays at Guantanamo; first detainee meets with lawyers

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – Sen. John McCain said Thursday he is concerned about the failure to move-thead with prisoners' rials at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where after nearly two years the military has allowed just one detaince to meet his lawyers.



detaince to meet his lawyers. Speaking by phone from Washington a day after touring Guantanamo. Sen. John McCain sincertia and fear of making a wrong decision "led to delays in the cases of some 660 people held on suspicion of links to Afpanistan's ousted Taliban government or the al-Quidaterror network.

ration government or the al-Qaida' term network.

"I think the conditions are ade-quate, in some cases more than adequate. But my concern is the disposition of the prisoners," McCain told The Associated

McCain told The Associated Press.
Sweden, which has one citizen at Guantanamo, announced Wednesday it will seek to host an international seminar in the coming months on whether the United States is violating international law by keeping prisoners without charge.
U.S. officials classify the captives as unlawful combatants and say important intelligence is still being gleaned in interrogations.

Nation/World in brief

Law aimed at protecting food supply takes effect

REYNOSA, Mexico - Indian pigeon peas, Mexican cilantro, Turkish laurel leaves - any food headed for the American market-will be more closely examined as of Friday under new rules to thwart bioterrorists. Under the Bioterrorism Act, the U.S. government requires 400,000 food handling companies - at home and abroad - to register all products with the Food and Drug Administration. While the new regulations

products with the Food and Drug Administration.

While the new regulations affect both imported and domestic food, foreign exporters fear they will be hit the hardest. Many say it could drive them out of the U.S. market, although some hope the new law will expedite trade.

The law requires those exporting food to the United States to give American inspectors advance notice before shipments arrive - two hours for those crossing the border by truck, four hours for those on planes or trains, and eight if landing by ship.

Government warns college students of identity fraud

education officials are warning college students to watch outthat it could land young adults in huge debt.
Education Department leaders on Thursday unveiled a Web site, www.ed.gowinsissed, that offers advice on how to prevent identity theft - the stealing of personal information - and how to respond to it.

theft - the stealing of personal information - and how to respond information - and how to respond to the department has created several ways for people to report rouble, including a hot line, 1-800-MIS-USED, and an e-mail address, oighodtine-Bed.gov. College students are particularly uninerable, the department says, because of the many ways they share Social Security numbers or other personal information, such as in applying for credit cards and loans, buying items online or having their course grades posted by professors.

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CYCLE CITY

Defense seeks probation for preacher, twin brother

AUSTIN, Texas - A defense attorney asked for probation Thursday for a preacher and his brother convicted of beating a boy with a tree branch for gooling off at a summer

for goofing off at a summer program.
Seeking the lightest sentence possible from the jury, attorney Carlos Garcia argued that 23-year-old twins Joshua and Caleb Thompson deserve a second chance. Possible punishments range up to life in prison.

The Thompsons were found guilty Wednesday of felony

injury and aggravated assault in the beating of 11-year-old Bible student Louie Guerrero last sum-mer. The brothers' father, Hank Thompson, leads the fundamen-

talist Capitol City Baptist Church where Joshua Thompson ministered to Spanish-speaking-members.

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Suspect in assault appears in court

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TWIN FALLS - A man suspected
in the sexual assault of a child had
his first appearance in magistrate
court Wednesday.
Adam Jackman, 19, of Filer, faces
one charge of lewd conduct with a
minor and one charge of injury to a
child, both felonies.
The maximum penalty for felony
injury to a child is 10 years in
prison. The maximum sentence for
lewd and lastivious conduct with a
minor is life, said Grant Loebs, Twin
Falls County prosecutor.
Jackman's preliminary hearing is
scheduled for Dec. 19.
Bond was set at \$1 million.

Officials release name of bridge jump victim

of bridge jump victim

JEROME – A woman who fell to her death off the Perine Bridge Dec. 5 died from internal trauma due to impact, Jerome County Coroner Gerald Ostler said. The death was ruled a suicide.

Charlene Louise West Quilantan, –54, –01–Nāmpā—and- formerly –07–Rupert,—was seen-by- a jogger-who-was crossing the bridge around 6 a.m. on Dec. 5. The jogger saw a woman standing next to the guard rail on the west side of the bridge, according to a release issued last week by the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

When the jogger losked back, the woman was gone, the release said.
A short time later, two kayakers saw a body floating in the river west of the bridge, according to the release.

Buhl chamber sponsors lighting contest

IIBRUING CONTEST
BUHL - The Buhl Chamber of
Commerce will again sponsor a holiday outdoor lighting contest to residents and businesses within Buhl
School District boundaries.
The top winner will be a guest ofthe chamber meeting and luncheon in January.
To have the homes or businesse indeed, please call \$43-\$652-\$665-\$665.

in January.

To have the homes or businesses judged, please call 543-6682 before noon on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

BPA fish, wildlife meeting set for Monday

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BRUNEAU - A public meeting
will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Monday at the American Legion
Hall in downtown Bruneau to identify local goals and financial needs
for Snake River subbasin fish and
wildlife mitigation efforts.

The meeting will be hosted by
the Shoshone Paitute Tribe and the
Idaho Council on Industry and the
Environment:

Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council mandated subbasin planning as par of its fish and wildlife program to ensure that local mitigation efforts are appropriate to local conditions. The Bruneau subbasin includes Owyhee County and Elko County in Nevada. The Shoshone-Paiute Tribe is overseeing efforts to write a plantati includes local input to guide the allocation of Bonneville Power Administration funds for mitigation projects. The Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment is working with the tribe and its contractor, Ecovista, to organize public involvement.

Each year the Power and

tractor, ecovista, to organize pupue involvement.

Each year the Power and Conservation Council reviews proposals for funding research and on-the-ground projects that will help implement its fish and wildlife pro-

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels



announcement on Jan. 13 regarding his potential candi-

Running for high court

Former M.V. man prepares possible bid for Idaho Supreme Court

TWIN FALLS — A former Idaho attorney general who grew up in Magic Valley says his broad back ground would help make him an effective member of the state. Supreme Court.

Jim Jones, 60, who grew up near Eden and served as attorney general from 1983 until 1990, said Thursday he'll make an announcement on Jan. 13 in

Jerome regarding his potential candidacy for the state's high court.

Jones already has committee of 50 people who will do his fundatising. If he runs, it will be for the position from which—Justice Wayne Kidwell is resigning. Sen. Bart Davis, R.Idaho Falls, has also expressed interest in the position. Candidates for the court must formally file for the seat between March 8 and March 19.

Jones ran twice for the U.S.

House against Rep. George Hansen in the 1970s before winning the attorney general job. He also ran for the U.S. Senate against Larry Craig, losing in the primary in 1990. Since then, he has practiced law in Boise, focusing primarily on business law.

Jones met on Thursday with The Times-News editorial board. He said he thinks he is a particularly strong candidate for the high court because he has a broad background that goes

beyond just business law.
"I've been very sensitive to human rights," Jones said, listing examples of his accomplishments while he was in office as attorney

general.

-Jones said he established a consumer protection unit and championed legislation on victures rights, domestic violence, drug trafficking, hazardous waste transportation, protection of child victums and Please see JONES, Page 83



orial Elementary School first graders Katherine Ketterling, Yadira Estrada and Daniel Vargas sing a Christmas song dur turaday's Christmas program at the Rupert school. The children performed their Christmas program twice Thursday.

Castleford pursues leads in securing funding for reducing arsenic levels

By Sandra Wisecayer Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - City officials say they will pursue new leads for financial help to solve the city's arsenic problem.

There is more than \$1 billion available to assist with compliance

arsenic problem.
There is more than \$1 billion
available to assist with compliance
to the new arsenic standard
through the U.S. Department of
Agriculture and more than \$800
million available in low-interest
loans for compliance through the
Edoh Rural Water Association, the
City Council was told in a letter
from two vaster interest groups.
The letter is co-signed by Idano
Rural Water Association CEO
Don Munkers and National Rural
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water association and which epresent more than 400 communities
in Idaho – have been the leading

water associations - which repre-sent more than 400 communities in Idaho - have been the leading advocates of what they contend would be a reasonable arsenic rule: Sen: Larry Craig, Ridaho; has been one of the key support-ers of both compliance funding

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They still haven't answered our questions about how many died of arsenic poisoning in this country. "

- Patsy Kinyon, Castleford city clerk

and laws that would work better for small communities, Munkers and Keegan said in the letter.

The — U.S. Environmental Environmental Rule goes into effect on Jan. 23, 2006, Castantoff a small level between the state of the st

10 ppb standard. Castleford and other communi-

ties with high arsenic levels are encouraged by Munkers and Keegan to contact Craig's office. Castleford City Attorney Mark Guerry plans to meet with some-one from Craig's office as soon as

Guerry plans to meet with someone from Craigs office as soon as
possible.

The EPA is working with small
communities to provide grants
and loans under the Drinking
Water State Revolving Fund and
the Rural Utilities Service programs of the Department of
Agriculture, EPA Assistant
Administrator G. Tracy Mehan III
said in a letter forwarded to the
City Council by Craigs office.
The Jdaho Department of
Environmental Quality estimates
there are 97 out of 745 Idaho
community water systems
expected to exceed the 10 parts
per billion standard. Castleford
council members had previously
been under the impression that
200 members of the Association
of Idaho Cities were expected to
be out of compliance.

City officials, have, also been
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remains option, says Newcomb Sales tax on services could prevent

New sales tax

large cuts-in-2005-06 fiscal-budget



BOISE - Imposing sales tax on services could be a sound approach to a changing state economy, says House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley: Mand it could keep lawmakers from making massive cuts in state government for the 2005-06 fiscal from the state for the state of the sales tax to services to capture the fastest value of service transactions that are the sart edoes not tax has tripled in the last 14 years from \$4.7 billion to more than \$14.5 billion while transactions that are taxed only doubled in the same period.

**Rep. Bruce Newcomb seemed in the same thing we said in the beginning, that the service side of the economy has increased threefold and the production side hash." Newcomb said. "Your tax system has to recognize that change."

A special legislative tax force looked into that issue this past year but accomplished little beyond wrangling over the merit of the exemptions from the tax.

Newcomb said the task force could be revived.

Tax.

Newcomb said the task force could be revived next spring – with at least some new participants – to focus more narrowly on the issue of taxing service.

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Newcomb told The Times-News Wednesday that he doubts future economic growth can offset the loss of the state's penny sales tax increase in mid-2005. Lawmakers have the resources to write an adequate state budget for the next spending year, but after that it becomes a worry.

The recent hints that Idaho's economy might have finally bottomed out and is expanding again are encouraging. Newcomb said. But he sees less-thair robust economic growth, which will not bring tax collections up to the point needed to finance state programs at the levels expected even during the slow-down.

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"Micron is still moving like a snail, and that's the state's largest employer, so I think it's going to be really difficult" without maintaining at least some of the revenue the temporary tax has generated, Newcomb said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"We've got a long way to go," he said. "Between the mandates, health and welfare, prisons and Please see TAX, Page B3

Burley HS principal resigns

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

BURLEY - Doug Bailey resigned from his job as Burley High School principal on Wednesday, citing personal rea-

ingn School principal via Mednesday, citing personal rea-sons.

Bailey's resignation followed his reinstatement to the job fluesday, following a two-week suspension that was lifted Monday afternoon.

Bailey was suspended for improfessional conduct. School officials declined to release any details of the suspension, citing the protection afforded person-nel issues under state laws.

Bailey attended and participat-ment of the suspension of the heart meeting, helping explain a proposed reconfiguration plan for Burley schools.

Cassia Gounty School District Superintendent Mike Chesley said his discussion with Bailey was released from his job by Chesley on Wednesday, but the School Board must officially, accept the resignation. Chesley said that should occur at the board's next

[Bailey] put in a lot of his own time andeffort making Burley High School the good school it is today.

> " - Mike Chesley,

Cassia County School District superintendent

regular meeting, which is sched-uled Jan. 13.

Chesley said he understands that Bailey plans to move to the Boise area, where he grew up.
Bailey "did a lot of positive things in his job." Chesley said.
"He put in a lot of his own time and effort making Burley High School the good school it is today."

School the good today."
Bailey was hired as BHS principal in June 1999. He worked as the American Falls High School
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OBITUARIES

Mark Randall Childs - Buhl

Mark Randall Childs, 46, of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home in Buhl. The service will be held at 10 am. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Buhl cemetery.

Mark was born May 19, 1956, in Wash, to James E. and Marvel L. (Cramer) Childs. Marks ers. He also enjoyed drives through

the desert. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace, dear brother. Mark is survived by his brothers, Allen Childs, Dan Childs, Mike Childs, Jim Childs, Les Childs; sis-ter, Angela Bridge; and stepfather, Arnold Bridge.

Vaughan Douglas 'Doug' Maughan - Twin Falls

Vaughan Douglas Maughan, 49, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls.—He was born June 21, 1954, in Pocatello, Lidaho,—to—Fred H. Maughan and Sue Carole Maughan. Doug was the first of six children born to Fred and Carole. Doug mas the first of six children born to Fred and Carole. Doug mough an ameliate joy to the young Maughan family as they carved out a good living in Pocatello. Doug moved to five 1 Pocatello. Doug moved to five 1 Pocatello. Doug moved to five 1 Pocatello. Doug worked from Twin Falls High School in 1974 where he made many lifetime friends. Doug worked for several years for Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services and had a deep fondness for the staff that helped him develop life skills that would eventually enable him to live independently on his own. Doug enjoyed a wonderful life visiting his—many-friends—and keeping, in-daily-contact with his family. Doug was our family communicator. If anyone of us needed family news, Doug was the one to call for an update. He



kept us all in touch and would not take no for an answer when it came to birthday greetings, Christmas get togethers or family barbecues. get-togethers or family barbecues. Doig will be sorely missed. His unexpected passing will leave a tremendous void in all the lives that. he touched. He taught us important lessons to live by such as telling those you love everyday how much they mean to you. Doug never met a

stranger. He loved all types of music, especially rook and roll.

Doug is survived by his parents, Fred (Kay) Maughan, Suc Carol (Ray) Rocha, his brothers, Dennis (Pam) Maughan, Seott (Jackie) Maughan, Sester, Vicki Dally, Shelli (Armando) Ornelas and Chris (Maly), Shelli (Armando) Ornelas and Chris (Maly), Shelli (Armando) Ornelas and Chris (Maly), Shelli (Ally), Doug loved his many nephews and nieces, cousins, aunts and uncless. Doug was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Vaughan Lyons, DDS, grandmother, Marion Lyons; paternal grandfather, Waughan (Mary), Dense (Maly), Shelli (Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly), Maly (Maly), Maly), M

Keith E. Moon - Heyburn

Keith Eckland Moon, 79-year-old Heyburn resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medicid Center in Burley. He was born Aug. 10, 1924, in Heyburn, the son of Ray Thomas and LaPriel Nelson Moon. Keith served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints and served in many capacities. He served a mission to Australia and following his retirement he served a genealogical mission in North Salt Lake He married Ia Marie Ricks on Aug. 3, 1957, in Heyburn. Their maringe was later solem-nized in the Los Angeles Temple. Keith was a teacher at Kennedy Junior Iligh in Saratoga, Calif., and at West Minico Junior High.



He enjoyed painting and wood working. Survivors include his wife, IIa of

Heyburn; five children, Robert Sanger of California, Donald Wilkins of San Jose, Calif. Diana Wilson of Modesto, Calif., Nancy Jeppson of Provo, Utah, and Richard Moon of Hooper, Utah; and 19 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and a daughter. The service will be held at 11. a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Emerson Ward Chapel, Son W. 125. Sof Paul, with Bishop Teel Tateoka officiating, Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn with military rites. Friends may Californ 10.1045. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Rachel Ann Bankhead - Malta

Rachel Ann Bankhead, 44-yearold Salt Lake City, Utah, and former Malta resident died suddenly
in Salt Lake City, Utah.
She was born Oct. 6, 1959, in
Logan, Utah, the daughter of Gerald
Brenchley and Janet Humphreys
Bankhead. She spent her youngeryeaf's in Wellsville, Utah, and attended schools in Wellsville. Hynum and
Smitdhield. After 'graduating from
Skyview High, she attended Rick's
Collegerin Reburg for one year-Shethen enrolled in the Hollywood
Beauty College in Logan, Utah. After
graduating, she went to work for theShear-Shack in Logan, Utah. She also
worked for C&Y Dairy and
Amalgamated Sugar Company in
Malta. She moved to Salt Lake City
in 1986, and worked at the Red Lion
Inn and the Salt Lake Convention
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Inn elber passing, She was involved
in the Big Brother and Big Sister
Program, volunteered at Primary
Children's Hospital, the Youth
Camer Camp, Relay For Life,



United Way, Girls Camp and City Camp, She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rachel will be greatly missed by those who knew her. She was a friend to all. She loved kids especially her nieces and nephews. Rachel leved life and lived each day to its fullest. Rachel was loved dearly by her family and will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her mother, Janet Bankhead of Malta; a broth-er, Jerry (Lisa) Bankhead of Malta; a sister, Connie (Rich) Redman of a sister, Connie (Rich) Redman of Albion; five -nicees and five nephews, Cody, Shyane, and Kylee Montgomery, Tracy, Brett, Kris, and Justin Bankhead, Jennifer, Nicole and Kyle Redman. She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Bankhead on May 28, 2002.

her father, Gerald Bankhead on May 28, 202.

—The-service-will-be-held-at-noon. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Albion Ward Chapel, with First Counselor Jim Powers officiating. Burial will be in the Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 10/30-11-45 a.m. Saturday at the church. The family suggests that memorials in memory of Rachel be given to the Make-AWish Foundation, PO Box 453, Boise, ID 83701-0453.

Arrangements are under the

Idaho.

On Thursday, officials from them states and the federal government planned to sign the "memorandum of understanding" that spells out how they will work to study the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. Congress has approved \$500,000 toward the \$35. million comprehensive study of the aquifer and its interaction with the Spokane River, which flows from Lake Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho the Columbia River in Washington. Washington Department of the Columbia River in Washington, Washington Department of Ecology spokeswoman Jain Gilbert said Wednesday.

"We'll still have to ask for additional funds," Gilbert said. "But when the memorandum is signed, we can start some on-the-ground assessment on the status of the aquifer. We hope to do more than the state of the appropriate of the state of the Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. aquifer.
Environmental groups unsuccessfully sought a water withdrawal moratorium in Idaho until the federal study is completed.

DEATH NOTICES

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

William 'Dick' R. Beeson

Reginald Elaster

HEGINAID ElaSER JEROME - Reginald Elaster, 49, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 8-,2003, at his home. The memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating.

Elsie May-Warthen RUPERT – Elsie May Warthen, 85, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial

Kelsey Kope Powlus of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Staffis 4th Ward, 824 Caswell Ave. W. Twin Falls Chemeter in follow at the Twin Falls Chemetery in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral-Home, Twin Falls).

William 'Dick' R. Beeson, Pr. William "Dick' R. Beeson, 97, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Minidoka Memorial Extended Care. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Dale Barningham
HEYBURN - Warren Dale

SERVICES

Belva Mac (Peterson) Traughber of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding). Mary Teresa Tverdy of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church; interment will fol-low in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Oran Albert Jones of Hollister, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

Robert William-Ratto Sr. of Hansen, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel; interment will follow at the

Barningham, 64, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Saint Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Annette Montoya

TWIN FALLS — Annette Montoya, 45, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery south of Hansen; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel.

Floyd Samuel Barker of Vallejo, Calif., and formerly of Elba, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Elba Ward Chapel; burial—will—be—in—the—Grandview—Cemetery—in—Elba; friends—may call from 10-10-45 a.m. Saturday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Rep. wants review of Air Force threat to expel academy cadet

DENVER (AP) - Rep. Heather Wilson, an Air Force Academy graduate, is asking the Air Force to reconsider a threat to expel on sophomore for refusing to tell who gave her a sip of whiskey. Cadet Christina Fifer of Inverness, Fla., turned herself in three weeks after taking a sip of whiskey from a bottle provided by a senior female cadet.

The academy has cracked down on hard on alcohol abuse partly because alcohol was found to be a factor in 40 percent of the 142 sexual assault cases in the past decade. The sex assault scandal resulted in the ouster of the academys top four officers earlier this year. Wilson, a Republican from New Mexico, compared the amount of

Washington, Idaho agree

to water study

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A his-oric agreement will set in motion

rush, rush. (AL') - A historic agreement will set in motion studies of an underground river that supplies drinking water to 400,000 people in Washington and Idaho.

ing events at the academy very closely.

Academy spokesman John Van Winkle declined comment because

f privacy rules. Fifer, meanwhile, has said she

two months.
Wilson said she had not intervened at the request of Fifer. "I heard of her situation through a concerned third party. Because the implications of "aspects of her case continued to trouble. I me, I initiated contact with her; and with her counsel," Wilson words.

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The Tamily of Winnie Neilson would like t The Family of Winnie Neilson would like to thank the community for the memorial contributions, cards, calls and expressions of sympathy received throughout Winnie's illness and death. They were very much appreciated. Also our thanks to Idaho Home Health and Hospice.

Glenn Neilson Her sisters; Colleen, Betty & Geri Her sisters; Colleen, Betty & Geri Her brother; Mike, & Their Families



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GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following: Misdemeanor sentencings IMPSUMEMEANOT SENTENCINGS
James A. Moretz, 22, driving without
privileges amended to failure to purchasofinealid driver's license; 570.50
ine, 56350 court costs; failure to provide proof of insurance; 575 fine, 532.50
court costs, Magistrate Judge Kevin P.
Cassidy.

The Times-News

DEQ plans pollution control for Raft River

BURLEY — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a water quality plan for the Raft River Subbasin.

The agency is proposing a pollution control plan for the subsain, a requirement under the Clean Water Act to meet federal water quality standards. The proposal targets excessive sediment, bacteria, nutrients and temperature in Raft River, Cassia, Fall and Läke Fork creeks; and Sublett Creek and reservoir.

"Comments will be accepted through 5 p.m. Jan. 6. Copies of the plan are available for review at DEQ's Twin Falls office and at thoracterial subsainties in Burley and Oadley, It's also a available online at warwideq, statistical, us under the water quality section.

"Direct questions, comments and requests to Clyde H. Lay, DEQ Twin Falls, 601 Fole Line Rad, Twin Falls, DE 3301. He also can be reached at 736-2190 or chyddeq statistic.

Wendell United Methodist ₩omen host potluck

WENDELL - The Wendell United Methodist Women will have a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m.

have a pounts mine today.

Jean Harris, will present the program, "Advent Christmas - Star Child: When Christmas Comes for Everyone."

For more information, call Mary Lou Ruby at 536-6583.

Kimberly hosts annual quilt show at City Council

KIMBERLY - The annual library quilt show will be held in the City Council meeting room next to the library from Jan. 11 through Jan. 30, Councilwoman Lee McKinlay

BOISE (AP) - PacifiCorp is asking state regulators to make it easier for irrigators to shift water humping to off-peak hours. The irrigation load control credit rider program gives irrigators who volunteer to shift their electrical use to light-load hours credit against their monthly demand charge. The program paid nearly \$300,000 in credits over the four-month irrigation season last year.

over the four-month irrigation season last year.

The proposed changes will streamline the enrollment process, and make more customers eligi-tile to participate, state regulators shid.

said.

If the changes are approved, PacifiCorp would allow customers who agreed to enter the program during the last irrigation season but later dropped out to participate in 2004.

The company would also pay up to \$1,000 toward the cost of timers dr other load control devices

Company asks state for

changes in irrigation

Around the valley

has announced.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, Registration will be Jan. 8 and 9 from 11 a.m. until 6 p. Pick up day for the guilts will.

day.

Antique quilts and wall hangings as well as modern ones will be shown. Because of limited space, previous entries are recommended. There will be a favorite quilt vote.

For more informaton, contact Jacquie Luff at 423-5135.

Jerome Recreation District hosts meeting Tuesday

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Plug into the holidays . Times News holds contest

Ilmes-News holds contest
All decked out for the holidays?
The Times-News is looking for homes with great lighting displays so we can share the list with readers.

sw we can share the list with readers.—Send in the address of your favorite display and a short description of the home, along with your own name and phone number, by Dec. 15. Send to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548. Or e-mail to denise@magievalley.com. Or fax to 734-5538.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 243. EXT. 243. -compiled from wire reports



Rep. Michael K. Simpson, R-Idaho, left, laughs with Speaker of the House Dennis Hasfert during the lighting of the 2003 Capitol Holiday Tree in Washington Thursday. The tree was donated by the state of Idaho.

65-foot spruce adorns Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Speaker Dennis Hastert lit a 65-foot Christmas tree Thursday that had traveled 2,500 miles from Idaho to decorate the U.S.

Haster II a 3-360 miles from Idaho to decorate the U.S. Capitol lawn.
"This is a great season of joy, a season of reflection and a season of thanksgiving," said flastert, R.Ill. The tree is an Engelmann Spruce from the Boise National Forest in Idaho. It is decorated with 6,000 ments handcrafted by Idaho dhildren and 10,000 lights.

"This is living proof that Idaho is home to more than its famous potatoes," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said.

A Christmas tree has been a tradition at the U.S. Capitol since 1964. It will be lit from nightfall to 11 p.m. each evening through Jan. 1.

Idaho also provided about 70 other smaller trees that will be placed in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Botanical Garden and federal office buildings in Washington.

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Authorities confirm wolf attack

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) -Federal wildlife authorities con-firmed that wolves attacked seven sheep on a southwestern Montana ranch, and the predators are sus-pected in the deaths of nine other sheep on an adjoining ranch the next night. ext right. Seven of Bob Weber's sheep fell

seven of Boo Weber's sneep real prey to wolf attacks sometime late Tuesday or early Wednesday, Ed Bangs, a wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said. Thursday morning, Weber's

brother, Hubert, 71, woke up to find nine dead sheep on his adjoining ranch. Authorities have still to confirm those deaths were by wolves.

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Bangs said if a wolf attack is confirmed on Hubert Weber's ranch, the brothers will be issued permits to kill any wolves that come on their property.

Federal-law requires two separate, confirmed wolf attacks on a property before the owner can be issued a kill-on-sight permit. Since these two attacks happened on

adjoining property, however, Bangs said the brothers would be

Bangs sau the bothers religible for the permits.

Bob Weber said he found five sheep already dead Wednesday morning. Two others were "tore up so bad" he had to shoot them, he

said.

He said most of the sheep were attacked within 100 yards of his house; which is 12 miles south-of-Livingston.

"That's next year's income," he said. "It's tough and it's going to get worse before it gets better."

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Magic Valley Collections and Recovery vs. Tracy L. Carpenter and Wayne Carpenter. Seeking \$1.092.38, plus interest; \$364 attorney Tees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for col-

Calif. officials appear close to agreement

needed for the program. Many. of the irrigators who dropped out of the program last year did so because of concerns about the program last year did so because of concerns about the cost of the devices.

PacifiCorp proposes to provide its irrigation customers with a load control service agreement by Jan. 15. Customers would then have one month to determine if they want to participate.

Once the utility knows how many customers want to participate, it will schedule the load commany customers want to participate, it will schedule the load commany customers want to participate, it will schedule the load commany customers want libe given, another month to opt out of the program without penalty.

The first year of the program allowed PacifiCorp to recover \$22.7 million in power expenses incurred when wholesale electriprices reached record levels in 2000 and 2001.

More than 200 irrigators participated, which was estimated to save 7.9 million kilowatthours of SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) – Gov.
Arnold Schwarzenegger and lawmakers from both parties were close
to agreement Thursday on plans to
borrow \$15 billion and impose a

borrow \$15 billion and impose a state spending cap legislators said. The proposal appeared all but dead just days ago, in an early setback for the new governor.

The agreement would require the Legislature and the governor to adopt and stick to a balance budget—meaning spending would have to match revenue. It also calls for the creation of a reserve fund and prohibits future borrow-

If approved by the Legislature, the measures would be put before the voters on the March ballot.

The SIS billion bond issue would be used to help close a budget deficit of \$10.7 billion. It was the stare's fiscal crisis that helped bring down Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and propel Schwarzenegger to office in a recall election in October.

Assembly Republican leaders were meeting at noon with the genome Schwarzenegger spokesman Rob Stutzman said the GOP governor.

nor was optimistic an agreement would be approved. Legislative aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Schwarzeneger agreed to softenhis position on a hard spending cap that would restrict the number of dollars that could be spent in a nor one west.

ber of dollars that could be spent in any one year. In exchange, the sources said, the governor got a stronger com-mitment from Democrats toward building a reserve fund as well a suthority to call the Legislature back into session during a fiscal crisic

Principal

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Child support cases

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malicious harassment and antiterrorism. Jones said the malicious harassment legislation for
which he advocated was eventually used against the ReRichard Butler in Kootenai
County, Butler's Aryan Nations
group was once the most prominent neo-Nazi organization in
the nation.

nent nec-Nazi organization in the nation. State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said Jones was an impressive attorney general.

"He's quite ethical and can be quite tough," Noh said. "He's one of the best attorneys general we ever had. He is the author of what

ethics statutes we have in state

ipated, which was estimated to save 7.9 million kilowatt-hours of energy for the season.

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Noh also pointed out that Jones was instrumental in steer-ing the state through the crucial, precedent-setting resolution to the Swan Falls dispute in the Bliss area during the 1980s. The argument was between water users and Idaho Power Co. over ownership of upstream water rights. ownership of upstream water rights.

Jones said he set the stage for

current water-law, including the adjudication process and setting new criteria for unclaimed water upstream.

Noh also mentioned Jones'

investigation of large gas com-panies. The ploy of merely ask-ing the companies why they charged Idaho drivers more for gasoline that those in surround-ing states lowered gas prices sig-nificantly overnight, Jones said, laughing and dismissing the effort.

effort.
"Believe me, Swan Falls took a
lot more work than sending a letter to the gas companies," he said.
Nevertheless, Noh said he's not
throwing—his—support—behind

Jones.
"I told him I won't endorse either candidate," Noh said. "I'm not a great fan of electing judges.

I generally feel we who are involved in politics are better to stay out of those things." But Jones said he thinks it's better to have a mix of both appointed and elected judges in the state.

"Our system of some judges elected and some appointed is a safety valve," he said, noting that appointments can be as political as elections.

as elections.

"Let the people have some say,"
Jones said.

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principal for one year before taking the job in Burley. He was the
Raft River High School principal
for five years before then. He also
taught government at Burley
High School and coached football
at Oakley High School earlier in
his career. Bailey taught at Minico
High School, too.
Reached by The Times-News
Thursday, Bailey said he had no
comment—about. his decision toresign.

Jeff Harrah was named acting
BHS principal. Chesley said.
Harrah had been the BHS agsistant principal. Whether Harrah's
\$59,235 annual salary will be
increased for the interim assignment hasn't been determined,
Chesley said. Bailey's salary was
\$69,108.

Chesley described Harrah as "a
very intelligent and capable

\$69,108.
Chesley described Harrah as "a very intelligent and capable man." Harrah worked his way

through the Cassia school district to an administrator's job. He previously taught math and coached baskethall at Oakley High School.

School district officials plan to immediately advertise for an assistant high school principal, but Chesley said it may be tough to fill the job in the middle of the school year.

This spring school officials will advertise and interview for a new principal, Harrah would be a leading candidate if he applies for the job.

Chesley said, but he's not assured of the job.

Chesley mer Wednesday with the BHS staff to explain the changes. "It was a good meeting," he said.

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Arsenic

Continued from B1 told that cost estimates for construction of a plant to remove excess arsenic could go as high as \$200,000. Annual operational-costs have been estimated as high as \$1,000 oper household. But Mehan said EPA estimates the average operational cost for systems in the 100- to 500-people category to be approximately \$1637 per household per year, which would translate to about \$17,000 per year with Castleford's 104 connections.

"All that is new," City Clerk Patsy Kiryon said Wednesday. "It's like the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing, but they want all of us in the middle to comply."
According it Mehan's letter to Castleford, the 2001 Arsenic Rule is based on studies on arsenic exposure and health effects in a Taiwances population.
"They still haven't answered out questions about how many people died of arsenic poisoning in this country," Kiryon said. "There is still no test results in the U.S."

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Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made a similar assessment a week, ago, tredicting that the state economy will not have recovered fully until a year after the temporary tax

run not nave recovered fully until inless expire.
Rather than returning to spend-ing cuts, he suggested cash be placed in reserve to deal with that tridge, year, But, analysts have been uncertain how that would be achieved when evenue has been sufficient only to support current-

schieved when revenue has been sufficient only to support currently authorized spending as it is. In addition to a sales tax on services, an extended phase-out of the temporary tax increase is one opion, Newcomb said.

Once the bottom fell out of the denomy in 2001, just months after lawmakers overwhelmingly

approved a record tax cut, the state slashed \$200 million in spending over two budgets and still faced a huge defict in this year's \$2 billion budget.

To avoid another drastic cut, Kempthorne and the Legislature temporarily raised the sales tax a penny to 6 percent and the cigarette tax 29 cents, to 57 cents a peak, generating about \$150 million to plug the gap.

The \$23 million in higher cigarette taxes will be banked in a reserve during the 2004-05 fiscal year, but the governor and Legislature will still have the \$160 million generated from the extra penny of sales tax to maintain services at past levels. Even if programs are not expanded, just increased demand from Idaho's growing population and inflation

in medical, energy and other expenses add tens of millions of dollars to that base budget dollars annually.

dollars to that base budget annually.

The state spending plan lawmakers will write this winter for the 2004-05 fiscal year has been made relatively easy with a \$50 million, noetrings-strached windfall from the federal government Idaho's share of a state aid package included in last year federal rax cut-Economic growth has also-built up a modest \$30 million cash surplus over the anemic revenue forecast for the current budget. But the federal money and cash from the temporary tax both disappear for the 2005-06 spending year, leaving what some like Newcomb believe will be another huge gap between revenue and budget demands.

A bloc of conservative lawmakers, led by retiring House tax committee Chairwonan Dolore Crow of Nampa, has tried to use the economic decline to force major cuts in state spending. They lost last spring, but Crow is proposing legislation to cut the sales tax to 5.5 cents from 6 cents beginning next July. That would eliminate more than \$80 million from the revenue lawmakers expect to have to finance the next-budget.

Newcomb and others have Newcome and others nave taken the opposite-view. The speaker suggested possibly phasing out the penny increase over as much as four years—a quarter of a cent a year though mid-2009. That would let even modest economic growth each year cover the lost revenue, advocates say. Continued from B1

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Jeraldine Saunders CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Feeling-feerful-and-apprehensive-right now, you heed your inner voice counseling caution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
As the moon opposes Neptune, you may be longing for that spe-cial moment when loving words meet some

risches when both words meet your ears.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Get the facts straight rather than wondering; this could lead to a moment for sharing views on life. An acquaintance becomes a friend.

Threats must be taken seriously

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl with a problem I can't talk to anyone about. I have been with my boyfriend, "jon," for with my boyfriend, "jon," for about five months. He has always been kind of jealous and controlling. Recently my parents told me I couldn't see him anymore.

Jon became furious when I told him how my parents feel, and now he's talking about killing them so we can be together. I know he is serious.

I really love Jon. He is the first oy who has shown an interest in

boy who has shown an interest in me.

My parents and I have always had a great relationship and my mom is like my best friend. I totally don't want to see them get hurt. I don't know what to do. I can't tell my parents and I can't tell my parents and I can't tell my parents and I can't tell flee police. I have tried to talk, Jon out of it, and tell him they will learn to accept him over time. He just gets mad and says I am taking their side. Please tell me what to do.

—ANONYMOUS IN FORT MYERS, FLA.

DEAR ANONYMOUS: I hope your sense of self-preservation is stronger than your sense of family

Dear! ABBY Abigail

loyalty. The boy you are involved with appears to have serious mental problems. He desperately needs psychological evaluation and counselling. Unless you do something now, Jon could talk imnself into doing something to your parents – and you will be an accessory because you knew it was going to happen and did nothing:

I urge you to warn your parents about Jon's threats, so they can proceet themselves—and you. As much as you may love him, you cannot reason with someone who is irrational and possibly homicidal.

PS. Do not allow Jon to make you feel guilty for wanting to protect your parents. Your first responsibility is the safety of your family. So please don't wait Tell them now. A good way to begin would be to clip this letter, hand it to them and tell them that you wrote it.

Wednesday is fight night

Wednesday is the week's big day for family fights, according to a new survey of marriage coun-selors. This goes against previous reports which listed Sunday as the worst for household skirmishes. What makes Wednesday as reports which listed Sunday as the worst for household Skirmishes. What makes Wednesday so note-worthy isn't clear. But one counselor said it is the day when a lot of people wonder, "Where am I heading with this same old routine, anyway?"

If it pretty hard for us amateurs, "to get-it-through-our-hends-thut-occasional rain makes wicker lawn furniture last longer.

Have you seen any round said-housts on 'I'V footage out of Iraq? Neither have I. But that sort of circular vessel — it looks like a big bowl—is said to be common there. Its called a "kufa."

Q. Who wrote "Chopsticks"? And when?
A. Arthur de Lulli was originally listed as the composer. But that



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

turned out to be a pseudonym for a 16-year-old girl named Euphemia Allen. In 1877. Same year Bell sold its first telephone. And-barbed-wire-prices-dropped-from 18 to 8 cents a pound. And Thomas Edison yelled "Mary had a little lamb" into his funny speaking machine.

Q. What's a camel's body temperature?

A. At night, 105 degrees F. Diring the heat of the day, 93 degrees F. Bowhead whales can sing two

Bowhead whales can sing two notes at a time. Imagine that! One whale sings a duet.

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): As Saturn's influence is felt, some things need changing. It's not easy as old habits die hard.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You could be missing the point by looking at the world through rose-colored glasses.

looking at the world through rose-colored glasses, GEMINI (May 21-June 20); Jumping to conclusions and making a bad assessment of a complex situ-ation can endanger a partnership. CANCER (June 21-July 22): However hard you try, you can't please everyone. With certain peo-ple, you achieve as much by stand-ing your ground as you do giving way.

inc. you anneed so you do giving way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're looking for answers as the moon enters your sign today. You'll see your-working life and what has to be done in a clearer light, with refreshing new ideas buzzing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Indulging in heavy thoughts isn't studily your style, but with the sun-LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Just when you think you're going in the right direction, someone comes along and and and sile more interesting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone who's trying to be in control has no idea that things should be left to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything tends to be exaggerated at the moment. Steering away from problems, especially where money is involved, is wise.



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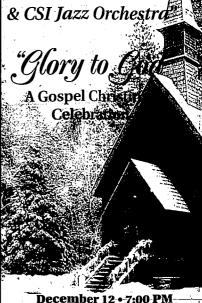
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Worries-about-spread-of-cattle-disease-lessen

CHEYENNE, Wo. (AP) —
Concern that brucellosis might have spread to more than one cathe herd in the state lessened Thursday as an infected cow at Riverton was traced back to the herd where the disease is already suspected and with evidence that a man with the disease has had it for several years.

a man with the disease has had it for several years.
Meanwhile, procedural problems have pushed back by a west the date a U.S. Department of Agriculture lab expects to have the final results of testing on the Sublette County herd where some head are thought infected, according to Gov. Dave Freudenthal's spokeswoman, Lara Azar.
The results from the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, were originally anticipated Wednesday or Thursday.

Rev. Jackson will speak at Idaho State

POCATELLO (AP) - The Rev. Jesse Jackson is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at Idaho State University next month.

idaho State University next month.

Jackson, a civil rights leader and twice a presidential candidate-will-headline-thie-year's Human Rights Celebration on Jan. 28. The appearance is paid for by the student government and NAACP HIV/AIDS Education Prevention Project.

The 52-year-old Jackson unsuccessfully ran for the Democration comination in 1984 and 1988.

"Whether you agree with Jesse Jackson or not, he's a huge figure coming to southeast Idaho," said daho State student Mou Debnath, who arranged the appearance.

Youth faces charges in traffic death

LEWISTON (AP) - A teenager has been ordered to stand trial in the Aug. 31-death of a passenger in his pickup.
Aaron Stover, 18, of Lewiston will be arraigned on the vehicular manslaughter charge Dec. 88.

Authorities said Stover had a blood-alcohol content of 0.13 at the time of the accident that claimed the life of lan Borders, 18, of Lewiston. The legal limit in Idaho is 0.08.

Idaho is 0.08.

The Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office said Stover was driving more than 60 mph in a 45 mph zone when he lost control of the vehicle east of the Lewiston Roundup Grounds. The truck-rolled three times before it came to rest on the roof, trapping Borders inside.

Authorities said Borders died at the scene.

Judge schedules two hearings in kidnapping case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – A
judge on Thursday scheduled
closed-door competency hearings
in January for the homeless coupie charged with kidnapping
Elizabeth Smar.

Judge Judith Atherton set
Wanda Barzee's husband, Brian David
Mitchell, had a two-day hearing
scheduled for Jan. 27-28.

Atherton acted Thursday during a scheduled competency proceeding for Barzee
Her defense lawyers contested
the findings of two experts who
examined her mental state. But
the results of those findings wegenour session and not discussed in-

not made bulne during the object session and not discussed in court.

"I hope they both will be held responsible for their actions, conticted and sentenced," Salt Lake City District Attorney David Mocom told reporters after the hearing.

Smarr's father, Ed Smart, was present for the courtroom session. He said it was the first that he had seen Barzee, He said it was 'hard to imagine' Barzee's alleged part in the crime. "I heard she was a good mother, a caring mother," Smart said after the hearing.

Barzee, 57, and Mitchell, 50, have been charged with aggravated sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault and aggravated sexual said and aggravated scan before the sains.

Another round of testing was ordered because of the errors.
Brucellosis can cause cows to abort and, rarely, chronic flulike symptoms in humans. How the disease spreads is not completely understood, but the Sublette County herd grazed near a state elk feedground where elk have been known to carry the disease.
Brucellosis in more than one herd in a state results in revocation of

that state's brucellosis free status.

So far only Colorado has imposed sactucitions on Sublette County catalet, but restrictions are likely from other states if the final results from Armes come back positive.

Azar said Logan has been talking with officials from Montana, Urah Idaho and elsewhere and they have agreed to wait to decide on banning Wyoming cattle until-after the results are in.

State and federal officials have

been-trying-to determine the-extent of brucellosis intection in Wyoming since tests last week suggested that about 30 of 391 head in the Pinedale-area herd were infected.

The latest efforts included test-ing Thursday at the Riverton Livestock Auction, where a cow with brucellosis was sold, Janice Worton, office manager for the sale barn, was unsure who was doing the testing.

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Lawmakers leave inquiry of university complex to others

BOISE (AP) - Legislative lead-ers said they will let others do the follow-up in response-to-this week's investigation into the University of Idaho's botched University place complex. "I don't think the Legislature reads a no amphine accept let

"I don't think the Legislature needs to do anything except let the process follow its course," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes, RSoda Springs. Geddes and House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, believe the next Step is up to Attorney

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included: Misdemeanor sentencings John P. Ellik, 47: failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, 568,50 fine, 563,50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Ballar. Rigoberto Durantes, 22; disturbing the

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General Lawrence Wasden and the prosecutors in both Latah County, where the university is located, and Ada County, where the Boise project is sited.

The report of Boise attorney Larry-Prince found the school and its foundation may have violated state law and breached the fiduciary trust owed financial supporters in their financial manipulations during the early phases of the project.

The \$136 million University Place project started in 2001, when

the economy still seemed strong. It originally was to include a building for University of Idaho classes, a health-sciences center for Idaho State university Programs, and the Idaho Water Center, which wouldhouse federal, state- and university related activities.

The complex was seen by many university advocates as critical maintaining the school's clout against the rising influence of Boise State University...

But the financial maneuvering

cost both former University of Idaho President Robert Hoover and former Financial Vice President Jerry Wallace their jobs, and the project was scaled back last summer to one S48 million building. Geddes was one of the leading sponsors of the bill authorizing bonds to be floated to finance the complex. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne backed the deal, and Newcomb was among the overwhelming majority of legislators to vote for bonding.

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Felony dismissals

Driving under the influence sentencings William Ray Olson, 35: misdemeanur driving under the influence, pleated guilty, 5921.56 fine, 578.50 cmit costs, 9d days driver's license suspension, nue year's probation, 180 days in Jah. 170 days suspended: Mugastrate Judge Michael R. Calabree.

Rod Lee Anderson, 44; one count aggravated assault, dismissed; one count enhancement for use of a deadly weapon, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Felony sentencings

Robert Howard Adams II. 48; one count in demeator trespassing, dismissed; one cou-misdemeator possession of drug paraphrenal dismissed; one count felony possession of a ce trolled substance, pleaded guilty, 5608-50 cor-costs, 5100 restitution. 36 months probation, months determinate penitentiary time, months indecirminate penitentiary time.

Commercial truck

driving sentencings

Kevin Casvy Barker, 31. self-bading veolation, pleaded gaulty, 54.30 line, 56.30 court ones. Magistrate Judier Rick Tanbour.
Alfond E. Gillom, 31: failure to trop at check-may starting pleader Rick Tanbour.
Alfond E. Gillom, 31: failure to trop at check-may starting pleader gainty; 518.60 line, 563.50
Line, A. Martinez, 44: motor carrier log book-badiston, pleaded gainty, 526.53 (fine, 563.50 court court; Magistrate Judge Mitchael R. Crahtree.

violations, pleaded guilty, \$33,25 fms, \$3,25 court coxiv, Magatrate Jodge Michael R. Crubtree.
George V. Rowe, 40, motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43,26 fms, \$62,50 court coxiv. Magatrate Judge Michael R. Crubtree.
Mare L. Flippence, 27; failure to obtain overtie permit; pleaded guilty, \$43,50 fms, 563,50 court coxiv. Magatrate Judge Michael, R. James J. Hyant, 64, motor carrier violation of out of service order, pleaded guilty, \$41,50 fms. 563,50 court coxiv. Magatrate violation of out of service order, pleaded guilty, \$41,50 fms. 563,50 court coxiv. Magatrate Judge Rick 1, Bollan.

L. Bollar.

Howard B. Sargent, 52; sde loading viola-tion, pleasled gully, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court custs Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Thorne J. Clinstensen, 32; fudure to obtain recycle permat, pleasled gully, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court custs Magistrate Judge Michael R. Cralitree.

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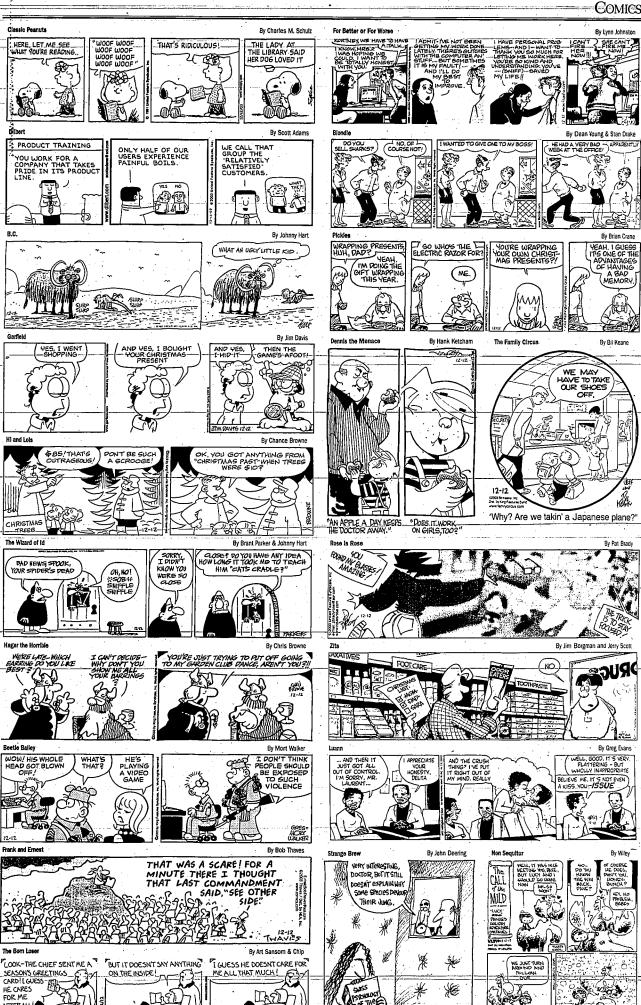
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Feds discipline officials in land swap

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The Interior Department has disciplined four officials behind a Utah land swap and reformed its Jund appraisal, process, after, an, investigation revealed they concealed details that showed the exchange would have short-changed taxpayers.

Sen Charles Grassley R-Jowa, had singled out the actions of the attorneys and negotiators behind a proposed land exchange in Utah's San Rafnel Swell, saying they had misled Congress and top Interior officials. He demanded to know if the Ingrior Secretary Gale Norton considered such behavior acceptable.

The Department of Interior is responsible for ensuring that we present accurate facts to the Congress, decision-makers and the public. Norton's chief of staff, Brian waddinain, worter Wednesday in a reply to Grassley.

Vaidnaan, wrote Wednesday in a reply to Grassley, the triply to Grassley, for this case, Waidnann wrote Congress should have been provided with a clearer picture of the value of land being exchanged. But had members of Congress or the public read two documents—the legislation and the agreement spelling out the sax(p - the terms of the exchange would have been clear. Waidmann said appropriate personnel action has been taken by the department but did not claborate.

The denartment has also sought

elaborate.

The department has also sought to restructure its appraisal process to insulate appraisers from political pressures and install more

checks on the process.
"I appreciate that the secretary has been responsive to my concerns. I'm satisfied with the action she's taken." Grassley, said. He said the land exchanges "need more scrutiny to ensure that land valuations are fair and accurate, and that the taxpayer doesn't get the short end of the stick." The Utah land swap was intended to consolidate federal land in the scenic San Rafael Swell, a

maze of redrock slot canyons and bluffs, to make it easier for President Bush to designate he area a national monument.

But the deal was scuttled, after Bureau of Land Management appraisers in Utah told The Associated Press last year that the deal amounted to a giveaway of as much as \$117 million in valuable federal mineral reserves on land being turned over to the state of Utah.

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in entertainment



American fable

Hailey's Còmpany of Fools will present its musical theater-production of O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi" tonight, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and Wednesday and Thursday nights in the Liberty-Pheater.



What the Dickens?

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present a different twist on Dickens "A Christmas Gift" tonight and Saturday night in Room 119 of the Find Arts Center in Twin Falls.

Love a parade?

The Buhl Light Parade rolls through Buhl Saturday night, following by caroling at the Eighth Street Center at the Eighth Street Center, hosted by the Buhl High School Jazz Band and Select Choir. The parade will be precided by the annual Kiwanis Chili Feed from 5:30-8 p.m. at the West End Senior Center.

-Deckthe halls

Sr. Benedicts Foundation in Jerome and the Blaine County Senior Connection will wrap up their festivals of trees today and Saturday, in the old Ridley's store on West Main Avenue in Jerome at the nexStage Theater in Ketchum.

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

Stand and deliver



If you go ...

- What: The Magic Valley Chorale will present Handel's Messiah.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center audito rium, Twin Falls.
- num, Twin Falls.

 When: Saturday at 8 p.m.
 and Sunday at 3 p.m.
 and Sunday at 3 p.m.
 How much: Tickets, which
 are \$5 for general admission
 and \$3 for seniors and students, are available at
 Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, at
 Welch's Music, Everybody's
 Business and the CSI
 Bookstore in Twin Falls, or at
 the door

Joe Casperson, left, director Joe Casperson, left, director of the Magic Valley Chorale. talks with orchastra member Adam Kroeger, while Sue Miller, foreground, plays her violin during rehearsal Wednesday for their produc-tion of 'The Messiah' at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. rformances are scheduled Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

M.V. Chorale presents 'The Messiah' – and then some

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There are some sections of Part 1 and Part 2 that are rarely performed, said Joe Casperson, director of the Magic Valley Chorale, which will do its semi-annual protorion of Saturday night and Sunday afterson on in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. "They're beautiful pieces of music in their own right, and 1 think audiences will enjoy them."

The 1743 classic performed, start to finish, clocks in at more than three hours; modern audiences won't sit still for that. In fact, King George II, who originally stood up for the "Hallelujah Chorus," may have simply been stretching his legs.

"We always, get more participation when we do the Messiah," and I think the fact that we're doing some lesser-known sections "has kept turnour" at the rehearsals higher." Casperson said. "They've had to work a little harder at learning it."

"The Messiah," of course, isn't a

learning it."
"The Messiah," of course, isn't a

Christmas piece – Handel meant it to be non-liturgical, or not about any specific Christian festival. It's a long, rembling distinction on the life of Christ, heavy on quoted prophecia from the book of Isiah that Handel—and his little-remembered-lyricist Charles. Jennens.—unred into-memorable music.

And not so memorable.

"The history of this music is that people have always been looking for ways to shorten it," Casperson said. "So there are some surprises when they hear it in its entitiety."

some surprises when they hear it in its entirety."

This is the 10th "Messiah" in the 31-year history of the Chorale, There are 8 voices this year, along with the Kimberly High School Choir, which is doing its own "Messiah" later Saturday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center.

Soloists include tenors Milton Barrus, Jack Van Buren and Jon Hunt, basses Kevin Glenn and Robert Blackston, alto Jami Butler, sopranos DeAna Manns, Teresa Berry, Rebecca Wilden and Corinne Casperson.

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Meet the choir

Members of the Magic Valley Chorale performing

The Messiah:

Sograno — Cethodre Alloin, Twin Falls; "Joide—Andreasen, Shoshone: Deanna Ashby, Twin-Falls; Michele Astle, Iwin Falls; Rosemany Barga, Iwin Falls; Hose Berry, Iwin Falls; Janc Cart, Iwin Falls; Conine L. Casperson, Iwin Falls; Serea Jenkins Clay, Twin Falls; Nanda Mac Cook, Iwin Falls; Chaine Le Geogle Durbin, Iwin Falls; Manda Mac Cook, Iwin Falls; Perinder Halls; Mandel Halls; Mandel Halls; Holer Lunder, Iwin Falls; Marilyn Diaggio, Iwin Falls; Alicia Fort, Twin Falls; Marilyn Diaggio, Iwin Falls; Marilyn Diaggio, Iwin Falls; Marilyn Paul, Sheshone; Teala Percia, Twin Falls; Marilyn Paul, Sheshone; Teala Percia, Twin Falls; Dorothy

Pfefferle, Twin Falls; Louise Smith, Gooding; Kayla Tolman, Jerome: Karen Tucker, Jerome Gail Watson, Twin Falls; Alice Webb, Shoshor Rhonda Wong, Twin Falls; Pamela Yore, Twin

Falls Tenor - Milton Barrus, Iwin Falls: John Hansen, Twin Falls: Jon Hunt, Kimberly: Jack Van Buren, Twin-Falls: Scott Wilson, Twin Falls

Falls
Bass – Robert Blackston, Twin Falls: Matthew
Bowman, Twin Falls: Paul Bowman, Twin Falls:
Adam Cleaveland; Hagerman; Jared Cofey, Twin
Falls: Lew Fort, Twin Falls: Kevin Glenn,
Kimberly: Jacque Hamilton, Twin Falls: Joseph

Kimberly, Jacque Hamilton, Twin Falls: Joseph Hutchinson, Buht; Ted Larsen, Fwin Falls: Tom Machala, Twin Falls: Wes Shinn, Twin Falls: Roger Vincent, Twin Falls: Austin S. Webb, Twin Falls and members of the chimber orchestru. First violin – Lori Casperson, Kalby Harris, Rebekah Jones, Linda Seaman Second violin – Sue Miller, Annette Barnum, Angellia Filimore, Michael-Machala— Violia – Keyni Howard, Debra Touchette Collo – Rick Strickland, Barry Hamilton, Kaylie – Steel, Jenette Miller – Bases – Rom Brackett, Heather Jones Trumpet – Rick Speicher Harpstchord – Lori Chandler Percussion – Adam Kroeger

How Suite it is

'Nutcracker' returns to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Eight years, seven "Nutcrackers."
And that's just one dancer in the family.
"I just love it," said Timbre Essma, a fleyar-old sophomore at Twin Falls High School who's been one of the local dancers in the Baller Idaho production of Tchaikowsky's holiday classic since 1996." I love the music, and although the choreography is the same, it's sail run."
Its 2003 performance will be Monday might in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Monday night in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Timbrel's only g'Nutcracker''. free December in recent years was in 2001, when there was no production staged locally.

'Timbrel's sisters Angela, 18.
Danielle, 14, and Christie, 12, are "Nutcracker'' veterans as well.

"It's ogreat to work with the professional (Ballet Idaho) dancers," Imbrel said.

The Ballet Idaho-pros-Ballet Idaho good the Eugene, Ore., Ballet to the Thoughout the Northwest with "The Nutcracker" every November and December, performing with local dancers who are cast for the younger roles.

This year, Timbrel is a Flower as in "Dance of the Flowers" –

Sugary-plummery

- What: Ballet Idaho will present Tchalkowsky's The Nutcracker.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. n: Monday, 7:30 p.m.
- when: monday, (230 p.m.

 Now much: Tickets, which are \$18 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 CSI Community Education Center and the Magic Valley Arts Council Office in Twin Fallis; at Saw-Mor Dig in Buhi: "Arlene's Rowers in Jerome and at CSI Outreach Center's in Burley and Gooding.

Local youngsters in the Ballet Idaho production of "The Nuteracker;"

Baby mice - Jae Anderson, Emma Burgess, Sosana Carpenter, Henna Dishaw, Shetty Hamblen, Alaxa Johnson, Meghan Jones, Halley Sandison, Kayla Thompson, Austin Waddoups

Waddoups Angels – Stephanie Brunelle, Sosans Carpenter, Mariah Garcia, Alexa Johnson, Meghan Jones, Sami Lofgran, Jenna Perry, Sierra Sandison, Halley Sandison,

Ladybug and Party Guest in previous performances.
"The only one I've missed is an Angel," she said.
Timbrel and Angela, who've also danced extensively in! al musical theater, both have an error on dance in the future – perhaps as career, or a college major. If so, chances are they'll meet

Meet the dancers

Kayla Thompson Ladybuga – Megan Brennen, Stephanle Brunelle, Klah Carpenter, Klersten Hilt, Page Lott, Slerra Sandlson

Party guests – Megen Brennen, Eilzebeth Brunelle; Kiah Carpenter, Holly Hensing, Klersten Hilt, Jene

Johnson, Ashley Moulton, Allison Underwood Flowers – Angele Essma, Danielle Essma; Timbrel Essma Kıfıstian Garcia, Kayla King, Celtle Kirby, Elena Louder, Caltiin Stanley

"Nutcracker" again, since it accounts for a majority of the annual income of professional dance companies in America.
"I never get tired of 'Nutcracker,'" Timbrel said.

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Centre Stage dances keeps 'Nutcracker' tradition alive

BURLEY - For the 15th consecutive December, Jennifer Sager and her Centre Stage Studio of Dance and Performing Arts will present Tchaikowsky's "The Nutcracker."

Two performances are planned—tonight and Satunday afternoon in the King Fine Arts Center.

Also appearing will be professional ballet dancers Jenny Bawden and Adam Miele in the Cavalier.

Although the theme of the

roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier.

Although the theme of the production remains the same, the scenery, costumes and choreography are constantly changed to keep each year's fresh.

Paige Washburn, 14-year-old daughter of Daryl and Lyn Washburn of Oakley, has been selected by audition to play the leading role of Clara. Paige has been rehearing in "Utah with Bawden and Miele.

Starring in "The Nutcracker" will be Katie Coats as Fritz, Steve Floyd as Herr Drosselmeyer, Melissa Lynch as the Scottish Grandmother, Wendy Morrison as Mother Ginger and Jessica and Mike Ruffell as Clara's father and mother.

Advanced dancers from the

mother:
Advanced dancers from the
Centre Stage who will be inmajor roles, include Felicia
Horsley and Mattie Washburn as
the Columbine Dolls; Whitney
Beck and Cara Van Tassell as the

Holiday revelry

- What: The Centre Stage School of Dance and Performing Arts of Burley will present Tchalkowsky's The Nutcracker.*
- . Where: King Center, Burley
- When: King Center, Burley.
 When: Tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.
 How, much, Tickets, which are.
 Se, are available at Premier Dancewear, 1225 Galdey Ave.
 Burley, from members of the cast, or at the door, Reserved patron-of-the-orts seers are \$10 and \$12.
 For reservations, call 436-6484.

little Soldier Dolls; Kyrie Moon.
and Hailey Smith as the
Harlequin Dolls, and Hilary
Parish and Whiney Lis Goodrich
as the Snow Queens. Anna Rigas
and Kelsey Kloepfer will be
Mouse Kings and Brianna
Hansen and Mattie Washburn
will be Dew Drop Flowers.
Miele, the production's
Cavalier, was born and raised in
Windham, Maine, where he
began his formal training at the
hegan his formal training at the
rearn, and his mother Linda, the
youngest dancer ever. to be
accepted into the New York City
Ballet Company at age 13.
He has studied professionally,
with John Gardner, Amanda
McKerrow, John Seyla from
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Third 'Lord of the Rings' movie shows on area screens Wednesday

New to the valley

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"Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" - With: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," Peter Jackson delivers a decent ending to his fantasy trilogy – actually, about 12 endings. Unable to settle on a finale among the many farewells and epilogues in J.R.R. Tolkien's text, director Jackson decided to use them all. The result is an endless parade of false endings that will give you agreat lower back workout as you rise from your theater seat thinking things are finally over, then settle, back in for the next prolonged addendum. This is the main flaw to an otherwise rousing, action-packed closing chapter that began with 2001's "The Fellowship of the Ring" and continued with last year's "The Two Towers." The nine-hour theatrical epic winds up petering out in anti-climactic torpor. PG-13

""Love Don't Cost a Thing"—

"Love Don't Cost a Thing" Nick Cannon stars in this update of the 1987 romantic teen comedy (Cant Buy Me Love, in which an uncool kid cuts a deal with a popular girl to act as his date. With Christina Milian. Directed by Troy Beyer. (PG-13, for sexual content/humor.)

tent/humor.)

"Masked and Anonymous" –
Something-is-happoning-in-thissurprisingly funny Bob Dylan varity project directed by Seinfeldalum Larry Charles, but it's never
quite clear what it is. Dylan sings
great and acts poorly as gnomic
folk-singer Jack Fate, surrounded
by a star-studded cast including
lubn Goodman Luke Wison. by a starstuded cast including John Goodman, Luke Wilson, Jessica Lange, Jeff Bridges and Penelope Cruz. Before viewing, attaining a Ph. D. in Dylanology is recommended, if not required. PG-13 (Profanity, violence, wilfful incoherence) – Dan DeLuca.

incoherence) - Dan DeLuca.

• "Something's Got to Give" Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton
-team-up-in-this-romantic-comedy
about an old rogue who falls for
the mother of his latest youthful
conquest. With Keanu Reeves,
Frances McDormand, Amanda
Peet and Jon Favreau. Written
and directed by Nancy Meyers.
(PG-13, for sexual content, brir
multiy-and strong-language:)

• "Stuck on You" - Damon and
Greg Kinnear star as conjoined

Greg Kinnear star as conjoined twin brothers who face life apart once they are separated in this Farrelly brothers' comedy. With Eva Mendes, Seymour Cassell and humor and some language.

humor and some language.)

« "Sylvia" - Director Christine
Jeffs' chronicle of the poet Sylvia
Plath, played by Gwyneth Paltrow
as a glowing meteor doomed to
vaporize in earth's atmosphere.
With Daniel Craig as Plath's husband Ted Hughes. R (nudity, sex,
profanity, suicide) - Carrie
Rickey.

Continuing

Confinding

"Bad Santa" - Directed by
Terry Zwigoff, who did such great
work with the teen misfits of
2000's "Ghost World," hits black
comedy has moments of inspired
impertinence, but the unpleasantness of its title character (Billy
Bob Thornton) spills over to the
film as a whole. R (pervasive language, strong sexual content,
some violence)

iggo Mortensen is shown in his role of Aragorn, Aragorn is a reluctant to helps defeat the ancient evil of Sauron in New Line Cinema's 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy.

• "Brother Bear" - With top-notch (traditional) cartooning tal-ent and a script laced with jokes that parents and guardians can chuckle at. Disneys "Brother Bear" is a solid enry in the family lift fare category - a generally upbeat and engaging tale of friendship and understanding. G (mild violence)

riendship and understanding. G
(mild violence)

• "Bn. Seuss" Cat in the Hat"

The studio production kit says
that "Dn. Seuss" the Cat in the
Hat" runs 73 minutes. What it
doesn't say is that one cat-in-thehat minute equals a dog year. This
is not "The Cat in the Hat." This is
kitry litter. PG (crude humor, double-entendres).

• "Eli" — An enjoyably goofy
Yuletide tale, "Elf" follows Will
Ferroll in yellow tights as he
leaves Santa's workshop at, the
leaves Santa's workshop at, the
lowth Pole to go looking for his
biological father (James Caan) in
New York — brawing the Candy
Cane Forest, the Sugar Plum
Valley and the Lithcelth Tulmel Toget there. PG (profanity, cartoon
violence)

• "Gothika" — Hyper-rational

get there. PG (priorainy, cartoon violence)

"Gothika" – Hypervational criminal psychologist Halle Berry thinks she's delusional: She sees undead people in this unnerving thriller from Mathieu Kassovitz. Hat suffers from a weak third act. R (violence, piofanity, nudity)

"The Haunted Mansion" – Eddie Murphy stars in a diverting but formulaic film about a family trapped overnight in a spooky Southern chateau. Based on one of Disney's theme park rides, it's kid-approved. PG (gentle scares)

"Honory" – As sweet and

Southern chateau. Based on one of Disney's theme park rides, it's kid-approved. PG (gentle scares)

"Money" - As sweet and undemanding as its name, the movie goes down smooth and simple. Given the nominally gritty urban music world it takes place in, that's a reality-delying accomplishment of a classically Hollywood kind. Set in a pleasingly sanitized South Bronx that has more warm-hearted huggers than-cold-blooded muggers, this is an Andy Hardy hip-hop movie, a genial young person's fantasy earnestly dedicated to the proposition that "finding something that makes you rich." Echoing everything from "Fame" or "Flashdance," it stars Jessica Alba of TV's "Dark Angel" as a young woman who's gotta follow

her dream and dance, dance, dance, dance, Directed by Bille Please see MOVIES, Page C7

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The Blaine County Festival of Trees will be held at the nexistage Theater in Ketchum. The opening gala is scheduled tonight from 7-10 p.m.; tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Decorated trees will be display today from 11 a.m. 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1-6 p.m.

The Buhl Light Parade rolls through Buhl at 7 p.m., followed by caroling by the West End Singers at the Eighth Street Center.

Tonight

Sunday

The third Christmas in City Park concert of the Advent season will be held at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park, with music by the Magic Valley Carolers, under the direction of Roger Vincent. Free.

D-A-N-C-E

Hongar.

The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a dance at 8 p.m. at the lodge, 4d6 E. 200 S., Jerome. Music will be provided by The Echos. A 55 donation is suggested. Dimiter also will be available in the restaurant. For more information, call 324-0200.

Jennifer Sager and Centre Stage Ballet Company will present their 15th annual production of "Echnikowsky's "The Nutrencker" ar 730 pm. tonight and 2 pm. on Saturday at the King Fine Arts Center, Burley. The cost is \$8 for general seating and \$10 and \$12 for reserved seating Call 4366484 for reserved seating.

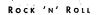
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Ballet West will dance Tchaikowsky's "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in Sali Lake Giry's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from S10 to 555, can be reserved by phoning. Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. The production continues through Dec. 31.

The Magic Valley Chorale will present Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls Tickets, which are \$5 for gen-

Saturday and Sunday

Tonight and Saturday



A Christmas dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Centre, 899 S. Highway 77, Albion. The band will be The Bronsons Cover charge is \$5; must be 21 to attend.

SPOTLIGHT

eral admission and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome or at the door.

Monday

The Eugene, Ore., Ballet will perform Tchalkowsky's "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 pm. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Ivni Falls. Tickets, which are \$18 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 CSI Community Education Center and the Magic Valley Arts Counting Office in Ivni Falls, at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and at CSI Outroach Centers in Burley and Gooding.

Tonight, Saturday

and Sunday

Dec. 20

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Bill Haltey's Comets will do two
shows a night at Cactus Peres
Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices
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Exit 69 will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$4.

Saturday

Rocking Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No

Dec. 19 - Utah

Sevendust will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online http://www.mithstix.com.Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Dec. 20 - Utah

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Ranicld, Tiger Army and F-Minus
will perform at the Utah State
Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 6 pm.
Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be
reserved by phoning Smiths Tix at
(800) 888 -TIXX or online at
http://www.smithstix.com. The
Utah State Fairpark is located at
155 North 1000 West.

Feb. 3 - Boise

Feb. 3 – Bolse
Victor Wooten will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketveb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Pure Country will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover

Tonight and Saturday

Country Classics will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday

Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley. No cover



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Wednesday through Dec. 21

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Buillie and the Boys will do two shows. a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 pm. dimer show start at \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays and \$19.99 on Sururdays. Tickets for the 11 pm. cocktail show are \$10 on weeknights and Sunday and \$12.50 on Saturdays. For reservations, call (800) 821-1103.

Dec. 30-31

Lee Greenwood will do two shows a night, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Ticket prices start at 530. For reservation and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Jan. 25 - Boise

Jan. 25 – Buise
Riders in the Sky will play the
Morrison Center on the campus of
Boise State University at 3 p.m.
Tickets, which are 515 and 520,
can be reserved by phoning Select
A Seat at (208) 426-1494 or online

Feb. 6 - Boise

Feb. 6 - Boise

Tony Furtado will play the Big
Easy Concert House at 8 p.m.
Tickets, which are \$10, can be
reserved by phoning (800) 9654827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's
Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy
Concert House is located at 416 S.
Ninth St.

Dec. 20 - Utah

Naughty by Nature will play Teazer's Sports Bar and Grill in Ogden at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, an be reserved by phon-ing Smith's Tix at (1800) 888-TTXX

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Tonight

Jerusha Cox will perform her Boise State University senior piano/vocal recital at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center.

Saturday
Students in the College of
Southern Idaho Music
Department will perform their
Honors Recital at 2 pm. in the
Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin
Falls. This recital is open to the
public with a suggested donation
63 per person to go to the CSI
Music Scholarship Fund.

Sunday - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform "The Messiah Sing-in at the Tubernacle" in Salt Lake City's Temple Square at 7 pm. Tickets, which are \$6 and \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smiths Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com.

Jan. 9-10 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Dvorak's "Concerto for Violoncello Dvorak's "Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra," 8 p.m. on Jan. 9 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 10, in Salt Lake

City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, -can be reserved by phoning ArtTix -at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 15 - Utah

Jan. 15 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform
a program of baroque and nouveau baroque music at 7:30
p.m. in Gardner Hall on the
campus of the University of
Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets,
which are \$27, can be reserved
by phoning ArtTix at (801) 3552787.

Ian. 30-31 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Beethoven's Seventh Symphony at B p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are Abravanel Hall. Hokes, which as \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by plioning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 .West South Temple.

Feb. 6-7 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform a program of Strauss and Brahms at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from 516 to 540, are avail-able at the door. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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Jan. 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 Utah Opera will sing Englebert Humperdinck's "Hansel & Gretel," at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 17, 19, 21 and 23 and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25, in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater, Tickets, which are \$12 to \$55, can hexets, which are \$12 to \$55, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

MISCELLANEOUS

Brian Farnon and the Twin Falls Centennial Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Radio Rondevoo Events Center, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are 55, are available at the door. The Radio Rondevoo is locat-ed at 241 Main Ave. W., 736-4282.

Saturday

Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. No cover charge.

Wednesday

Bob Nora Band will play from 9 n.m. to midnight at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday

DJ night with Markus from Z103 will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge. Dec. 19

Derkwood Consort, a darinetviolin chamber duo, will perform at 8 p.m. at the Eighth Street-Center-in-Bully-a-concert-tat will include dessert. Tickets, which are \$30, are available at the Eighth Center Center or by phon-ing \$43-2888.

Dec. 19-20 - Utah

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Peter Schickele will perform holiday concert with the Utah. Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45,

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will host a New Year's Eve Gala, 7 pm. until after mid-night at the Magic Valley Mall, fea-turing three musical venues, plus night at the Magic Valley Mail, fea-ruring three musical venues, plus-fireworks, games, tun, food and merchandise sales, Advance tickets will be \$12 for adults, \$210 for stu-dents and seniors or \$35 for fami-lies of up to five; tickets at the door are \$15. They cover admission, food and activities, but not alcohol. Tickets are available at all First Federal Savings Bank branches, at all Twin Falls Wells Fargo ban-locations, at The Happy Camper, Clos Office Supply, Everybody, Business, and the College of Southern Idaho Bookstore, Blip Printers and the Twin Falls Centennial office in Twin Falls and at Rosebuds in Jerome.

Jan. 9

Jan. 9

New Hollywood String Quartet will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum. at 7:30 pm., the second Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series event of the season. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the door or by phoning (208) 726-3491, Ext. 10.

at Rosebuds in Jerome.

KARAOKE

Tonight

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's, 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

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

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.Tonight Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 9 pm. to 1 a.m.vat the Melody, 502 Stht St., Rupert, and from 9 pm. to 1 am. at Cheers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30, Burley.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

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Karaoke with Rabid Dog
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from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the
Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road,
Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday

Karooke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sagebrush Lounge, 325 Main St., Hazelton. Singers can bring their own CD's for karaoke. No cover charge.

Saturday and Thursday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Saturday

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

Monday

Karaoke will be featured at 7 p.m. at the Schubert Theater, 402 Main St., Gooding.

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Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover

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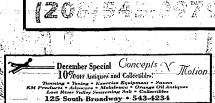
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Wednesday and Thursday

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 pm. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Carryon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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Thursday

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

COMEDY

Saturday

Comedians Harold Gomez and Dee Emanueal will perform at 8 p.m. at the Schübert Theater in Gooding. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.

Jan. 23 – Idaho Falls

Second City will play the Colonial theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is focated at 489 "A" St.

THEATER

Tonight and Saturday

Tonight and Saturday
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CSI Bookstore or by calling 732-6788.

Tonight and Saturday

St. Thomas Playhouse will present "The Dangerous Christmas of Red Riding Hood," 7 p.m. nightly, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sun Valley. Tickets, which are \$10 for achtls and \$4 for kids 18 and under, are available at the door.

Tonight and Saturday

Elko, Nev.

The Great Basin College Theater Program will present Charles Prokens "A Christmas Carol" at 7 pm. nightly in the Western Folklife Center's GThree Bar Theater at Fifth and Railroad streets. A matinee will be held at 2 pm. Saturdray Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 for families.

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which are \$12, are available by phoning \$78-9122 or online at
http://www.icketrucb.com. The production continues through Dec. 21.

Jan 22-24, 29-31

The Friends of CSI Players will present David Auburn's "Proof," 7 pm. Lamphouse Hauter, Twin Edis Tidests, which are St in advance and S10 at the door, are available at the Lamphouse Theater, the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center or by phorning 732-6288.

Jan. 27-29 - Boise

The national tour of David DaSilva's musical version of "Fame" will play the Morrison Center on the



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campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, \$38.50 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494 or line at http://www.idahotick-

Jan. 29-31

Jan. 29-31.

Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts will present Gene dePaul and Johnny Mercer's Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' in dinner, theater at 7 pm. nightly at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Tickets are 31,35, which includes dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse. There's also a matines scheduled for 3 pm. on a 53 for children. The Twin Falls Reformed Church is located at 1631 Grandview Blvd. N.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday

and Tuesday The Faulkner Planetarium at the

Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Talls will present "The Christmas State" at 7 pm. today, Saturday and Tuesday along with a matince at 2 pm. Saturday. Another attraction is "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" at 8:15 pm. today, Saturday and Tuesday "The Sarvh for Life" will be shown at 4 pm. Saturday. Tickets, which are 94 for adults, 53 for semior citizens 60 and over, 52 for students and 59 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted. Afternoon shows are \$1.

Through Jan. 9

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will present a new exhibition, "At the Edge of Science." Through drawings, video and camera-less photography, nine nationally, known and emerging artists explore the cosmos and examine

the relationship among chance, causality and the laws of nature. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. The Sun Valley Center is located at 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

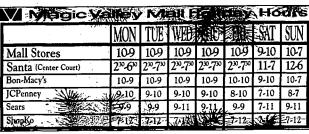
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"Retro Steel," a retrospective of the work of Twin Falls artist LaVar Steel, will be on display in the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Gallery hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., from 9:30 a.m. to 49 p.m., from 9:30 a.m. to 40 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 1.9 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free.

Through Jan. 31

Holiday-therned art and the work of sculptor Yvonne Jacques will be on-display at-the-Magic-Valley-Arts Council office, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls. Free.







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"The Last Samural" – A U.S.
Army officer (Tom Cruise), who is hired by the emperor of Japan to train soldiers in modern worfare circa 1870s, finds himself tom between cultures and countries. With Ken Watanabe and Tony Goldwyn. Written by John Logan, Marshall Herskovitz and Edward Zwick. Directed by Zwick, (R, for strong violence and battesequences).

"Looney Tunes: Back in Action" – Enlivened by sly jabs and almost enough unabashed movie love to plug the plot holes,—Joe-Dante's—movie—signals—a-discinct improvement over the dreary synergy of "Space Jam," principal-inct improvement over the dreary synergy of "Space Jam," principally because of the gentle good humor of its director, goofy non-sense from screenwriter Larry Doyle (a "Simpsons" alum) and its state-of-the-art wizardry. Pitched wider and lower than "Who Fraimed Roger Rabbit," L'Ooney Tunes" doesn't have much on its addled mind other than pure-entertainment, and on this level it succeeds quite nicely. The story is the least of it. Brendan Fraser plays a Warner Bros, security guard with delusions of stunt man grandeur, while Jenna Elfman, another actor with a ductile kissen grandeur, while Jenna Elfman, another actor with a ductile kism grandeur, while Jenna Elfman, another actor with a ductile kism grandeur, while Jenna Elfman, hand the glorious Joan Cusack included—but mostly there are just piggles, most of which seem pitched to the boomers and post-boomers who will presumably be escorting the film's youngest fans to matines.

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• "Lost in Translation" - Sofia Coppola's dreamy film about jet-lagged Americans sleepless in Shinjuku, Tokyo's business district. Bill Murray is ineffably moving as an actor at his midlife crisis who connects with Scarlett Johansson, a newlywed adrift while her hus-

Nutcracker

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American Ballet-Theater,-Larry-Le Van Horn from the Minnesota Ballet, Beverly Lowe from the Royal Academy of Canada and Adam Luders from the Royal Ballet, Bawden, the show's Sugar Plum Fairy, was born in Scottsdale, Ariz., where she began her ballet training at the Nina Marlow School of Ballet and Ballet Arizona. She has danced the lead in "Don Quixote," "Swan Lake," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Giselle, under the artistic direction of Nina Marlow, Ki Juan Han, Arthur Leeth and William

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band is off on assignment. R (lap dancing, sexual candor)

"Love Actually" – Given its status as an elaborate holiday contein, its simplest to think of this movie as a box of fine chocolates filled with a-variety of-conters. All-are tasty, no small thing, but some are tastier than others. And while some quickly become cherished favorities, others make you wonder "what were they thinking with that one?" As written and directed by Richard Curtis, the film is an ensemble romantic comedy with more than 20 characters and so many plot lines even the detailed

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The Missing Stuck on You

press material can't manage to list them all. It's got a fine cast, includ-ing such known quantities as Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Laura Linney and Liam Neeson, but best of all its got Richard Curtis. (2:15. R, for sexuality, nudity and lan-guage.)

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"Master and Commander" –
Directed by Peter Weir from a script he co-wrote with John Collee, the film intends to be an intelligent epic, but it's the epic qualities more than the intelligence that holds us. While Russell Crowe is the rare heroic actor who

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can handle any kind of psychologically complex role, he's not really called on to do that here, playing an 1805 British sea captain. That the film succeeds despite a relative lack of depth and emotional involvement shows how powerfully effective it is in doing what it does best, recreating an extended matrical duel between Aubrey's HMS Surprise and the French (changed from the American in the original novel) privateer Acheron Based on two of the 20 novels written by Patrick O'Brian in a series called the Aubrey-Maturin novels after the captain and his best friend and shipmate Dr. Stephen Maturin (played by Paul Bettany) (2:05. PG-13 for intense battle sequences, related images and brief language.)

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The Wachowski Brothers bring
their epic cyberctilogy to a close
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great battle of Zion is fought, the
Oracle cracks wise and bakes
cookies, and Keanu Reeves' Neo
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visually stunning, western with
mystical overtones about the hunt
for a missing girl in the
Southwest's rugged mesa country.
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"Radio" – Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris star in the "inspired by a true story" tale of a good-hearted, mentally chalenged town character and the noble high school football coach who befriends him PG (profanity, which themes).

who befriends him: PG (proranty, adult themes)

"Timeline" - Easily the best "Dude, Where's My Century?" [flick since 'Bill & fel's Excellent Adventure." Archaeologists get faxed to the 14th century to rescue an associate and discover that, despite their degrees, they

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know surprisingly little about their subject. PG-13 (medieval battle, profanity — Cate Blanchett takes the title role in this slick biopic of the Irish newspaperwoman who risked her life exposing drug kingpins. The Joel Schumacher-directed pic is full of unmped-up emotion and the kind of dramatic confrontations that Hollywood lives for R (violence, profanity, drugs)

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WEEKEND

CSI Honors Recital takes place on Saturday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Students in the College of Southern Idaho Music Department will perform their Honors Recital at 2 p.m. Saturday, in the Fine Arts Center auditori-

Auditions for

The Ilmos-News

TWIN FALLS - Auditions will be held Sunday and Monday for the Dilettantes of the Magic Valleys production of the musical Damy Yankees."

The cast will be chosen at tryout from 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday and tumanuel Lutheran School, 2055 Filer Ave. E. Children are asked to come from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, and dancers from 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 14. Especially needed are 15 men, 15 women and boys and girls ages \$10.16. Also needed are at least a duzen made and female dancers. Thuse trying out should come prepared to sing a song of their own choice, or one from the show. Familiar musical numbers include. You've Gotta Have Heart," "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal, 10. and "Whatever Dal Wants-An. accompanist. will be provided. The production is scheduled for March 19-21 and March 25-27 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

For more information, call Sharon Warner at 733-7321.

WEDDING-

'Yankees' are Sunday, Monday

The Times-News

Professor George Halsell says the recital will feature outstand-ing music students performing on piano. flute, saxophone, cello, string bass and voice. Music of Faure, Saint-Saâns, Tcherepnin, Mozart, Debussy, Mendelssohn, Furcell, Bozza and

Handel will be performed by Jenete Miller, Owen Shelley, Sue Ha, Justin White, Collette Clark, Heidi Walton, Carren Hamilton. Aaron Miller, DJ Clark. Corinne Casperson, Shelli Howell and Ber Dekker. The performers are stu-dents of CSI Music Faculty mem-

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bers Carson Wong, Sue Miller, Jo Gerrish, Brent Jensen, Serena Jenkins-Clark, Diane Davis and Larry Goolsby. This recital is open to the public with a suggested donation of 53 per person to go to the CSI Music Scholarship Fund.

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MALTA - Jill Robinson and Luke Udy were married Nov. 26 in the Colonia Juarez, Chiuahua LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Elba LDS Church.

The bride is the daughter of Bussell and Kelly Robinson of Dublan, Mexico. She is attending Brigham Young University, studying marriage, human and family development.

The bridegroom is a 1997 gradiuate of Raft River High School. He served a mission in the Canada Toromo West LDS Mission. He is currently attending Utal Valley State College majoring in marketing and is employed by Loanology Mortgage.

Blaine tree festival opens

The Times-News

KFTCHUM – Blaine County's Festival of Trees kicks off tonight with the opening gala from 7-10 at the nextsage Theater.

Proceeds from the two-day event benefit Blaine County serior citizens. Trees and decorations can be viewed from 11 am. to 6 pm. today and Saturday.

In addition, a Teddy Bear Tea, sponsored by First Bank of Idaho, is planned for 11 am. to 1230 p.m. today at the nexStage. There will also be a Witner Wonderland and a Gingerbread House, from 14 p.m. Saturday at the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey.

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who are the four NBA players who have scored 70 points in a game?

answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE College basketball Coca-Cola tournament

Coca-Cola tournment
Women, Casper at CSI, 8 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Valley, Carey, Cole at Murraugh
Tournament, IBA
Lighthouse Christian at
Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m.
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.m. In school boys basketball Burley at Twin Falls, 6 p.m. Jerome at Buhl, 6 p.m. Kimberly at American Falls, 6

p.m.
Dietrich at Richfield, 6 p.m.
Filer at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Community School Community School at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m. Gooding at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Lions Club holds hoops registration

BURLEY - All fifth and sixth grade boys interested in playing basketball are encouraged to drop by White Pine School's front foyer to register for this year's season. The cost is \$15 per player, or \$5 plus a good used coat, which will go to the Christmas Council's coat drive. The Lions Club program is focused around building confidence and commitment in area youth through sports.

Pomerelle resort offers free learn-to-skl day

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ALBION – Anyone age seven or
older that has never tried skiing or
snowboarding is encouraged to
come to the Pomerelle Mountain
Resort Saturday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m.
for a free equipment rental and
1.5-hour lesson.

After the lesson, participants are
welcome to spend the rest of the
aftermoon practicing on the beginner rope tow area with a complementary ticket. Lessons begin at
10:30 a.m. All participants will
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TWIN FALLS - Candleridge
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for a family.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain (four times), David Robinson, David Thompson.

CSI rolls to 11th straight win

Golden Eagle women outshine NW All-Stars, 89-66

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern-Idaho-may-nto-t-ethni-cally have any all-stars on its women's baskethall team.

But whatever the Golden Eagles lack in star power they made up for in depth and team play in an 89-66 win over the Northwest All-Stars in the second game of the Coca-Cola Tournament Thursday night at the CSI Gymnasium.

Midland College (Texas) knocked off Casper College (Wyo, 78-69 in the first contest.

CSI plays Casper at 8 p.m. tonight.

ČSI plays Casper at 8 p.m. tonight. Brandi Moore gave maybe her best performance of the season with a team-high 17 points and 10 rebounds to spark CSI (11-1). ——"I've-been-telling-Brandi-ailyear that there are certain things slig can do to help our team." Stad CSI head coach Randy Rogers. "She can rebound and score when she gets those rebounds, and post up. She did all of those tonight. I'm really, really proud of her." Moore scored 14 of her points in the second half—a half where sliegabbed five offensive rebounds and converted three of them into points.

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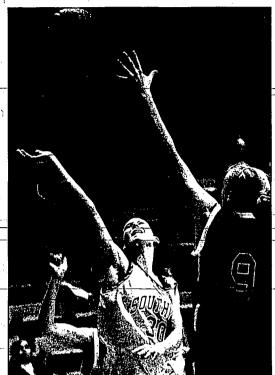
Meliame Halaufia also finished the evening with a double-double, chipping in with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

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Kristen Pool, a former Nevada-Las Vegas player, scored 24 points to lead all scorers for the All-Stars. Decan Bartu, a former CSI player who later competed at Montana State-Billings, finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds. CSI jumped out to an 11-0 lead on the way to a 43-30 advantage at halltime. Halaulia scored eight points and grabbed significations. The Eagles then led 164 before the All-Stars arrowed the gap to 22-18 after Amy Mouat's steal and coast-to-coast layup.

Lenka Zimova, at 6-foot-5, took advantage of the All-Stars inside. Melanio Diane Pearson, 6-1, is the All-Stars tallest player.

The Eagles ourrebounded their opponents 63-33 for the game. The size advantage was especially a factor considering the All-Stars



Southern Idaho guard Sidney Orndorff, 30, avolds the

orthwest All.

Scooping a shot toward the bucket College of

defense of the Stars' Melanie Diane Pearson during the Golden Eagles 89-66 win ove the traveling team out of Seattle Thursday night.

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spark in the first half for con-freshman guard played just seven minutes, but scored four quick War echoes on Vietnam tennis court

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"We knew it was going to be a physical game inside," said All-Stars coach Marty Mouat. "We got in some foul trouble and were playing pretty small at the end. It's tough. They get the ball inside and put pressure on you."

Jordan Eckman provided a spark in the first half for CSI. The freshman meand oblawed his seven.

Resentment lingers against country's top-ranked player

By Margle Mason Associated Press writer

HO CHI MINH CITY Vietnam—She is Vietnam's top-ranked female tennis player. Still, Noel Huynh kind Huynh is criticized by the state-run press and jeered by Vietnamese, crowds who do not accept her as one of their own. It's a personal struggle symbolic of the lingering resentment and distrust between communist Vietnam and the hundreds of housands who fled the south at the end of the Vietnam War nearly 30 years ago.

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"I play tennis for my family," Huynh said during a break from practice at the Southeast Asian Games, a regional competition that runs through Saturday, "There's a lor of pressure because I know a lot of people, they don't



Tennis player Noel Huynh Maj Huynh displays her swing during a practice session in Ho Chi Minh City on Nov. 28.

like me very much."
Huynh, 18, was born in the U.S. territory of Guam. She is the first

points midway through the frame

points midway through the frame-she first struck with a short jumpér, then followed that up on the All-Stars' next possession with a steal, drive into the lane and quick hit.

"Jordan will always hustle for you, always try to give you the energy that you need on defense," Rogers said. "Again, offensively, sels' getting better and better, She's starting to score a little bif more."

"Viet kieu," or overseas Vietnamese, to receive dual citizenship from the communist government to compete for Vietnam. Huynh was 4 years old when her family moved back to 110 Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, in 1989. She did not speak Vietnamese then but has since mastered the language and now considers herself more Vietnamese then but has since mastered the language and now Still, many are wary. She is thought of as spoiled because of her American passport. It doesn't seem to matter that she's never been on the U.S. mainland.

She and her four siblings – all accomplished tennis players – have been passed over for less talented Vietnamese players.

"We practice in Vietnam, wa mid they cannot beat us so they try to keep us out of competitions so we don't beat them," said her brother, Jean-Pierre Qui Phu Huynh, Jr.

The 65-year-old family patriach, also named Jean-Pierre, is

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Andy Pettitte signs-contract with Astros

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Andy Pettitte chose home over history, agreeing Thursday to sign with the Houston Astros and leave the New York New York wated little

New York wasted little time finding a replacement, agreeing to the outline of a tentative trade with Los Angelon

with Los
Angeles that would bring
Kevin Brown to New York in exchange for Jeff Weaver, two baseball officials said on the con-

dition of anonymity.

The Yankees would send Los
Angeles two minor leaguers and

Golfers struggle at Target

Love sits atop the leaderboard

The Associated Press

The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.—
Davis Love III birdied the final hole for a 2-under 70 that ordinarily would have left him in the middle of the pack against a world-class collection of players at the Target World Challenge.
This time, it was good enough for the lead.
"It was cold all day, windy ald day and as hard as I've ever seen the golf course play." Love said day and as hard as I've ever seen the golf course play." Love said when no one shot in the 60s.
Tournament host Tiger Woods made two eggles and still wound up with a 71, tied with Kenny Perry and custin-Leonard.
The money is guaranteed, with \$1.2 million for the "wimer" and \$150,000 for last place.
That doesn't mean it has to be casy.
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That doesn't mean it has to be casy.

"If you shot even par, you won the battle," Perry said.
So where does that leave Darren Clarke? The trinnuct down Irishman had a triple bogey and two double bogeys on his well on a 81, which would have sent Clarke straight to a tap of Guinness except that he's had only three beers in the last four months.

The Target World Challenge brines together the ton 12 players

months.

The Target World Challenge brings together the top 12 players available from the world ranking and four wild-card picks, making it the strongest field of any silly season event.

It is looked upon as a perk adthough there was plenty of pain.

Live managed to avoid most of the hole of a world most of the hole out a bunker shot for eagle on No. 2, kept the damage to a minimum and got a bonus birdle at the end for the lead.

Woods, who starred the week with news that he was voted PGA four player of the year for the fifth straight time, looked as though he would be in the lead.

He played the three par 5s on the back nine in 4 under and was in the lead until he misjudged the cool wind swirling through the foothills of Sherwood Country Club, coming up short on the 17th and long on the 18th.

Both led to bogeys, and Woods had to settle for a 71.

"I turned a 67 into a 71." Woods, said. "It's frustrating to end with two bogeys."

Leonard has played Sherwood enough to know the course usually offers a lot of birdies, especially with five par 5s. Then again, he doesn't recall this much wind. "Normally if you don't shoot 4 or 5 under, you feel like you're losing ground." Leonard said. "Today was different. It's difficult to come out and do this when it's this late in the year."

Robert Allenby, a late entry when David Toms, withdrew to have surgery on his left with, Latel this way around the course to show was out and was titled with K. J. Choi.

Woods Fred Counles (73) and

Choi.

Woods, Fred Couples (73) and Chris DiMarco (74) were the only players to get as low as 3 under any point during the round.

DiMarco made bogeys on four of his final six holes.

Vijay Singh was 2 under through 14 holes when he, too, went into a swoon. He made triple bogey on the para 15th and for good measure bogeyed the last two holes for a 74.

White bounces back from injury to lead Sooners

By Joel Anderso

Associated Press write

Associated Press writer

NORMAN, Okla. – Jason White spent much of the night in darkness, staring at his bedroom ceiling, his swollen right knee slightly elevated.

It was Sept. 7, 2002, hours after Oklahoma's quarterback crumpled to the turf against Alabama with atom knee ligament. He had the same injury in his other knee the year before. Unable to sleep, he feared his career was over before it really began. Yet White did neturn – and produced a remarkable comeback. He beat out three quarterbacks for the starting-job-and-puc-Oklahoma'-in-the-Bowl-Championship Series title game.

He was homed Wednesday as The Associated Press College Player of the Year.

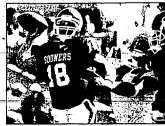


"During my rehab, there were people saying that there was no way that I was going to come back or be as good as I was," said White, the Big 12 offensive player This is the third in a weeklong series of profiles on Heisman Irophy contenders on "That really drove me and ignited me this season."

Inopty contenders son."

He emerged as the nation's top-rated passer, leading the third-ranked Sooners (12-1) to a Sugar Boyl berth against No. 2 LSU (12-1) on Jan. 4.—White's season-ending nijuries the last two years both came without being hit. That led to questions

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quarterback Jason White passes under nressure from IICI A defen sive end Dave Ball in the first quarter in Norman, Okla..

Hansen drops Devils to open conference play LeBron shines

HANSEN - The Hansen boys asketball team held its homecourt Thursday by beating Murraugh 66-38 in its first Southside conference game of the

Southside conference game of the season.
"They're our big rival," Hansen head coach Mike Pfeifer said. "We have to get up for this game, it has been a long time since we've beat Murtaugh, so the kids were up for it. We played good defense and got ur running game going."
Matt Freestone led the Huskies with a game-high 18 points. Kyle King and Mitch Thewes also scored in double-figures for Hansen.
"We're an up-tempo team," Pfeifer said. "We're. Incl. wery, patient on offense, so we like to get out and min."
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n and run. Jason Bishoff scored 13 points to

Jason Bishoff scored 13 points to lead the Red Devils. Trent Cummins pitched in another 10 in the Murtaugh loss. "They (Murtaugh) are real young." Pieffer said. "They played really good defense in the first half. They're going to be good team at the end of the year." Hansen (3-1, 10 Southside) hosts okaley Saturday. Murtaugh (1-1) hosts its Holiday Tournament today and Saturday.

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Raft River 71, Castleford.35.

CASTLEFORD - Raft River cruised to a 71-35 Magic Valley Conference road boys basketball win Thursday over Castleford. Alex Nelson scored 20 while Braden Barrett added 17 for the Trojans. Miguel Maya scored 14 for the Wolves. the Wolves. Castleford (1-3) hosts Lighthouse Christian on Saturday.

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Camas County 58, Bliss 26

FAIRFIELD - Camas County took its first win last night against Bliss 58:26 with Steve Vouch lead-ing Camas with 16 points. "We are a much bigger team,

and took over on rebounds while Bliss only had 2 and we had 17." said Camas coach Mark Hansen. Camas County (1-0) will travel to Twin Falls Christian Friday.

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Dietrich 48, Richfield 43

RICHFELD- Richfield led the gome until Michelle Anderson made a shot with a minute and a half left in the game to put Dietrich over Richfield for the firs

Dietrich ower Richfield for the first time in the game. Dietrich came out on top 48-43.

"Dietrich has been a top team for many years now, but it just goos to show that Richfield girls can play with them. My girls need to learn how to be more discipline towards the end of the game," said Richfield coach Steve Kent.
Richfield (52 overall and 31 in league) hosts Twin Falls Christian Monday.

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CAREY - Carey came out with a
win over ISDB last night 62-52.
Carey was led by freshman Brad
Hunt with 16 points.

ISDB only had six players, and,
only three of them scored. Jermey
Catilleja had 21 points, Alex
Garcia 12, and John Coles 19.
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for a holiday tournament.

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Hagerman 63, Oakley 48

HAGERMAN - Hagerman pulled-away-in-the-second-half-to-defeat Oakley 63-48 Thursday. Tim Silver and Jesse Cornelison each scored 12 points to lead the

Pirates.

Bryce Adams scored 19 for Oakley Hagerman (3-0, 1-0) hosts Raft River Saturday.

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Girls basketball Hagerman 42, Wendell 37

MenDell. – Shanell Kinght pumped in 20 points to lead Hagerman to a 42-37 road win over Wendell Thursday night. Halile Kelsey scored 14 and Madison Campbell 11 for Wendell. Jaynic Goodbody hauled down 13 rebounds.

Wendell (3-4) plays at Gooding

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GOODING - The Gooding girls
basketball team held its home
court Thursday, beating the visiting
Declo Lady Hornets 48-0.
Ashly Abramowski and Katie
Rice led the Lady Senators with 12
points apiece.
"Ashly was able to hit open shots
from the quiside," Gooding coach
Chris Comstock said. "The guards
penetrated the lane and passed itout. Katie: Rice was on the inside
getting rebounds and scoring
points down low."

The Senators you, the game, in
the fourth quarter, outscoring

the fourth quarter, outscoring Declo 15-8 to stretch a one-point lead to the eight-point margin of

"We kind of wore them down in the fourth quarter," Constock said. —Gooding -(6-2, -30 - Northside), plays a big Northside Conference game at Shoshone Saturday. Declo (44) hosts Burley Saturday.

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Filer 55, Kimberly 39

KIMBERLY - The Filer Lady Wildcat. basketball_team_took down its Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Kimberly S5-39 Thursday in Kimberly. Lindsay Heimkes, of Filer, led all scorers with 19 points. Jennica Mecham added 14 in the Wildcat win.

win.
Whitney Funk led Kimberly in scoring with 14 points.
Filer put the game away in the first half, taking a 33-9 lead at the first half, taking a 33-9 lead at the break.
"We came pretty slow in the first half," Kimberly head coach

Darla Wadsworth said. "Filer did a

Darla Wadsworth said. "Filer did a great job playing aggressive defense. They scored on a lot of transition plays." Heimkes and Mecham did most of their damage from the outside, Wadsworth said. "I think they (Kimberly) played very well in the fourth quarter," Wadsworth said, with aggressive defense, and scoring from loose balls and turnovers." The Bulldogs did outscore Filer 219 in that fourth quarter. Kimberly (1-7, O.2 SCIC) visits Valley Tuesday, Filer (1-5, 2-1 SCIC) plays at Glenns Ferry Saturday.

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TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High dominated the upper weights to open the season with a 60-30 dual meet win over Gooding Thursday

at Bruin gym.

Gooding recorded five out of a possible nine wins in the lower weights but Twin Falls recorded six pins in the final six weight

The Bruins (1-0) next compete against Idaho Falls and Skyline Saturday.

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Wood River 41, Jerome 30

JEROME - A couple close matches went Wood River's way as the Wolverines opened the season with a dual meet win over Great Basin district champion Jerome, 41-30, Thursday in the Tigers gym.

big," said Jerome coach Des Case.
"They just out-wrestled us They're
a senior laden team that showed
up and stepped up."

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CLEVELAND (AP) – LeBron James has decided it's time to take control of the Cavaliers: Cleveland's star rookie had 23 points and nine assists, and Carlos Boozer scored a carcerligh 28 points as Cleveland finally won on national televi-

carecerhigh 28 points as Cleveland finally won on national television, 95-86 over the Dotroit Pistons on Thursday night.

James, whose addition-to-the-Cavs has-sure, expectations and pressure, helped Cleveland improve to 15 in prime-time telecasts.

"We finally got one," said James, who followed coach Paul James who followed coach Paul James on TV or not."

"We needed to get one - whether it was on TV or not."

Televeland also snapped an eight game losing streak to Detroit. The Cavs hadn't beaten the Pistons since Dec. 4, 2001.

Ricky Davis, whose name continually pops up in trade rumors, had 15 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Richard Hamilton, who scored a career-fligh 44 points in a win over Cleveland on Nov.-28,-led the Pistons with 19-points but.was.bottled up. by. the Cavs.

Tayshaun – Prince added 14 points for Detroit, which shot just

Cavs.
Tayshaun - Prince added 14
points for Detroit, which shot just
36 percent from the field, was outrebounded 45-28 and has lost
these straight. rebounded 4: three straight.

Spurs 71, Rockets 67

HOUSTON - Tim Duncan scored 14 of his 22 points in the

Cleveland's LeBron James (23) drives toward the basket against Detroit's Tremaine Fowlkes (24) in the fourth quarter Thursday, James scored 23 points for the Cavallers.

second half to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 71-67 victory over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night in a game in which the teams combined for the lowest scoring first half in MBA hieros. NBA history.

Duncan scored seven of his 10

Duncan scored seven of his 10 fourth-quarter-points: in-a 15-6-run as the Spurs erased a four-point deficit and took a 68-63 lead with 1:25 remaining. Devin Brown made two free throws with one second left to seal the victory, San Antonio's fifth straight. Cuttino Mobley scored 19

Cuttino Mobley scored 19 points, and Steve Francis had 18 for Houston.

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Casper College (Wyo.) 69
Casper College cut the Midland
College lead to five points in the
last four minutes, but the Lady
Chaparrals hung on for the victo-

TyFreshman guard Irma Kmitaite
scored 14 points to lead Midland
(10-3). Teammates Britney DavisWhite, Melissa Jacob and
Savannah Werner each finished
with 11.
Marina Andonova scored 20
points to lead all scorers for

Casper (7-6). Megan Murphy finished with 15 and Tiffany Scott with 14.

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Pettitte ₋

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S18.75 million Weaver is owed in
2004 and 2005.

Brown, who has the right to
block a trade, must-approve-anydeal and has not yet been
approached, agent Scott Boras
said. Players must pass physician
off on the trade, the officials
said.

Pettitte accepted Houston's
heavily backloaded \$31.5 million
three-year deal after weighing a
new offer from the Yankees on
Wednesday night:

He took \$7.5 million less to sign
with the Astros – the Yankees' last
offer was for \$39 million over
three years, but with only \$26 million over the first two seasons
guaranteed.

But the Astros play near
Pettitte's hometown of Deer Park,

an important factor for the pitcher's family.

"They really wanted me here," Pettitte said. "My heart started pulling me and tugging me to come back down-here and playin-front of the Astros and the Houston fans."

Pettitte will get \$5.5 million in 2005 and \$17.5 million in 2006, according to contract details obtained by The Associated Press.

In other baseball news Thursday, catcher Benilo Santiago completed his \$4.3 million, two-year contract with Kansas City, Among players eligible for abitation, left-hander Mark Buehrle and the Chicago White Sox agreed to an \$18 million, three-year contract with familion, there-year contract with the wood of the action of the property of the contract of the same property of the contract of the same property of the prope

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their inspiration. In perfect
English, he recounts the path that
led him from Vietnam in 1975 and
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He fought for the U.S.-backed
-South-Vietnamese-army-and-wasthe tennis coach for former
President Nguyen Van Thieu. He
put his wife and children on one
of the last helicopters leaving the
U.S. Embassy before Saigon fell
April 30, 1975. He spent the nextsix months searching for his famibly, finding them in California.

They moved to Guarn, where
French-educated Jean-Pierre
became a top tennis player with signifing tennis player with
high was missing. So he decided
to go home in 1987.

"Like in tennis, you go to the
net," he said. "They say how you
lay tennis is how you act in life."

—The-family-all-U.S.-citizens,
returned to Vietnam two yearslater.

The older Huwnh coached his

later.
The elder Huynh coached his children up to eight hours a day,

six days a week, and tried to make sure they got to play.

He became friends with former Prime Minster Vo Van Kiet, a tennis fan, and built the country's largest tennis complex in Ho Chi Minh City.

"I don't care about anybody who cheers for the other player," its daughter said. "It's OK for me, but sometimes I'm kind of sad about that because I'm on the national team but they always want the other players to beat me."

want the other players to beat me."
With Vietnam hosting the Southeast Asian Games for the first time and encouraging about 2.5 million Viet kieu to return, she was given a chance at this event. She was eliminated from doubles and mixed doubles. Her strength is singles but she said her coaches didn't select her for that event.

Huynh says all she wants is to epresent the country she consid-

ers home.
"I'll stay here," she said. "And
I'll play for Vietnam forever."

WASHINGTON (AP) – Maybe a coaching change was all the Washington Capitals negled. Playing with more speed and energy, the Capitals made coach Glen Hanlon's debut a successful one, scoring three quick first-period goals in a 6-5 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday ingital Laromir Jagn. Peter Bondra, Dainius Zubrus, Matt Pettinger, Dainius Zubrus, Matt Pettinger, Bates Battaglia and Jeff Halpern all scored for the Capitals, who broke a three-game losing streak and moved out of league's cellar. Bruce Cassidy was dismissed Wednesday, just 28 games into his second season. Mike Knuble, Dan McGillis, Martin Lapointe, Ted Donato and Travis Green scored for the Bruins. WASHINGTON (AP) - Maybe a Smolinski also scored for the Senators, who improved to 4-1-1 in their last six games. Dave Andreychuk and Ruslan the Blackhawks a win over Detroit and end their 14-game winless streak. Bell slid a shot past Curtis Joseph with one hand despite being pulled down by defenseman Jason Woolley as he skat-Kings 4. Predators 1.

Dave Andreychuk and Rustlan Fedotenko scored for the Lightning, who pjayed their fifth game in eight days. fampa Bay which has lost two in a row, is just 2-62 in its last 10.

Maple Leafs 1, Wild 0

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ST. PAUL, Minn. – Ed Belfour stopped 28 shots for his third shutout of the season, and Tom Fitzgerald scored to lead, the Maple Leafs ower the Wild.
It was Torontos eighth straight road win, and the 10th consecutive game in which the Northeast-Division-leading Maple Leafs carned a point. The victory was Toronto's ninth in its last 10 games, with a 32 overtime loss to St. Louis on Tuesday the only blemish.
Belfour's 68th career shutout moved him into 11th place on the

NHL's all-time list.

Capitals defeat Bruins in new coach's debut

games. Goalie Roman Cechmanek left at 11:33 of the first period after bruising his hip when he collided with the Predators' David Legwand and didn't return. Cristobal Huet replaced Cechmanek and stopped 29 of 30 shots. Nashville prevented being shutout for the second time this season by the Kings when Martin. Erat scored on a power play at 18:32 of the second period.

Blackhawks 4.

Kings 4, Predators 1.

NASHIVILLE, Tenn. – Ziggy
Palffy scored two goals and added
an assist as Los Angeles beat
Nashville.

Luc Robitaille and Jason
Holland also scored for the Kings,
who are 3-0-0-2 in their last five
games.

Kings goalie Roman
Cerhmanck left at 1133 of the

CHICAGO – Mark Bell scored 15 seconds into overtime to give

Red Wings 3, OT

OTTAWA - Marian Hossa ended a 10-game goal-scoring drought and Patrick Lalime made 22 saves to lead Ottawa over Tampa Bay. Radek Bonk and Bryan White

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about his durability – not to men tion ability. In fact, many considered him the Sooners' lone ques tion mark coming into the season

Senators 3, Lightning 2

tion mark coming into the season.

"I'm sure not many people had"I'm sure not sure the season."
"Oklahoma coach' Bob. Stoopy Said.

But White shined from the start.
Indeed, his statistics probably would have been gaudier if Stoops hadn't pulled him from some lopsided games.

Robbed of much of his speed,
White excelled by staying in the pocket. He completed 64 peretard in his passes for 3,744 yards, with 40 touchdowns and eight inter-

ceptions.
"He's had one of the greatest years of any quarterback ever," offensive coordinator Chuck Long said. "It's a great story for anyone. People could learn a'lot from his determination - a lot of guys would have given up and called it a career."

n career."

Order White decided not to quit, his recovery began with reconstructive surgery. He then spent up to four hours a day working out, then more hours alone at night, watching game, tapes on a VCR he borrowed from the football office.

ottice. t's pretty lonely," White said. one national publication, a

opposing coach was quoted as saying Oklahoma had "recruited past White." White clipped that out and taped it onto a bedroom wall. His first big encouragement came last summer when Stoops ended a four-way competition by announcing White would start.

Now the native of Tuttle, Oklan.

Mow the native of Tuttle, Oklan. Small town about a 30-minute drive from Norman, made the decision look brilliant.

"His emergence as a great, great football player is the story of college. In the story of college. In the story of college football." Stoops—said.—The biggest difference—in our team is that Jason White is the quarterback. It ought to be pretty obvious."

Jason White

23 shots for his first shutout with Calgary.
Donovan, who had a six-game scoring streak snapped Tuesday in Minnesota, scored his team-leading 12th of the season 1:45 into the third period.

man Jason Woolley as he skated down the slot. The
Blackhawks were 0-9-2-3 during
their slump.
Brendan Shanahan scored with
1:08 left in the third period and
Joseph on the bench for an extra
attacker to tie it for the Red
Wings and send it to overtime.
Chicago rookie Tuomo Ruutu
scored with 6:31 left in regulation
to give the Blackhawks a 3-2 lead.

Flames 1. Hurricanes 0 CALGARY, Alberta - Shean Donovan scored in the third peri-od, and Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 23 shots for his first shutout with

Game-by-Game

SCORES AND STATS

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Burley football team will

Burley football team will become 'Santa's helpers'.
BURLEY - Coach Scott Palin and the Burley High School football team are offering their services as Santa's helpers this holiday season.

- Anyone-in-need-of-holiday-help - decorating, putting uplights, wrapping presents - can call 678-3903 or 431-4274, or e-mail hondow-pmt-ory to ask for assistance.

The fee for help is a donation made to the Bobcat Football Camp Fund. For your donation, a team of adult-supervised athletes will help you get ready for the holidays. They will also be available after Christmas to a help-take-down-decorations and-haul away Christmas trees.

Heisman finalists all win awards

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Mississippi quarterback Eli
Manning was one of four
Heisman Trophy finalists to be
honored Thursday night, capturing the Maxwell Award as
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the nation's best all-around
player.
Oklahoma's Jason White won
the Daeyo 'O'Brien Award as the
top quarterback. Pittsburgh's
Larry Fittgerald got the
Bilenikoff Award for best
receiver and Michigan's Chris
Ferry carned the Doak Walker
Award as top running back.
Two other Oklahoma players
joined White by winning
awards Thursday night.
Linchacker Teddy Lehman won
the Chuck Bednarik Torphy as
best defensive player and cornerback Derrick-Strait won the
Jim Thorpe Award as best
defensive back.
Other award winners
announced Thursday night
were Iowa offensive lineman
Robert Gallery for the Outland
Trophy as best interior lineman; Ohio State's BJ. Sander
won the Ray Guy Award as best
of the State's BJ. Sander
won the Ray Guy Award as best
punter; and Southern
California's Pete Carroll won
the Home Depot Coach of the
Year Award.
San Jose State's Neil Parry
won Disney's Wide World of
Sports Spirit Award.
Before this show, Fitzgerald
also won the Walter Camp
Award as the top player in the
nation.

Also Thursday, Virginia Tech's
Linc Core won.

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Also Thursday, Virginia Tech's
Jake Grove won the Dave
Rimington award as the top
center.

Tagliabue considers pair

Tagliabue considers pair of Monday night games
NEWYORK (AP) - NFL owners may be asked to consider the possibility of two Monday night games each week to avoid the recurring problem of meanigless late-season games in the league's showcase telecast.
Commissioner Paul Tagliabue floated the idea in the second of a two-part interview aired Thursday night on HBO's 'Inside the NFL.'
The Monday night schedule is released in early spring-cams with winning records the previous year normally play in the majority of the primetime games.
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the previous year normally play in the majority of the primetime games. But salary-cap induced parity has led to drastic annual fluctuations. If this season ended now, nine of last season's 12 playoft teams would miss the postsession, including the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and oakland Raiders, who played in the Super Bowl. So, ABC has been asking the league for the flexibility to switch a Sunday game to Monday late in a season to avoid a meaningless matchup-frow and CBS, which have the contracts for Sunday games, have resisted, suggesting that they would lose viewers if there was a late switch that took an attractive matchup-from their schedule.

Serena Williams-signs

Serena Williams-signs with Nike for \$40M - Serena Williams can start putting a swoosh on the tennis outfits she designs.

Williams agreed to terms on a sponsorship contract with Nike, a deal that could be worth close to \$40 million over five years, a tennis source-told-The-Associated Press on Thursday. The agreement has an option for a three-year extension, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The contract includes royalties and performance bonuses for winning Grand Slam tournal.

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ments and reaching No. 1 in the rankings.

Nike announced it reached a multiyear dead with Williams but did not reveral the length or financial terms. Her lawyer did not return a phone message for comment.

Williams, 21, has won five of the last seven Grand Slam tournaments, beating older sister Venus in the final each time.

LSU's Nick Saban wins AP Coach of the Year

AP Coach of the Year

NEW YORK - This is one
honor LSU coach Nick Saban
won't have to share.
Saban's steady leadership
helped earn him The
Associated Press Coach of the
Year award Thursday, beating
Pete Carroll of Southern
California.
Saban received 22 votes in
balloting by the panel of sports
writers and broadcasters on the
AP college football poll, five
more than Carroll.
Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and
Tulsa's Steve Kragthorpe tied
for third with four votes each;
and Navy's Paul Johnson and
Michigan State's John L. Smith
ief for fifth with two votes
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Iowa's Kirk Ferentz won the

Iowa's Kirk Ferentz won the award last year.

The second-ranked Tigers won a school-record 12 games, required their second SEC title in three years, and earned a terth in the Sugar Bowl against No. 3 Oklahoma with a chance to win the school's second national title.

Boise-State-downs Idaho State 87-78

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POCATELLO - Jermaine
Blackburn scored 17 points to
lead Baise State to an 87-78 victory over Idaho State
Wednesday night.

It was the Broncos' (5-1)
eighth consecutive victory over
the Bengals (3-4).

In the second half, BSU led
but as much as 14 points before
ISU made a 23-7 run to cut the
Broncos' lead to 66-64. That was
as close as the Bengals gat.
ISUS Marquis Poole, consistently drove to the basket in the
second half, sorting 14 of his
game and career-high 25 points.
Scott Henry also had 18 points
for Idaho State.
The Broncos had five players
in double figures and had a 4632 rebound edge.
Bryan Defares had 14, Coby
Karl had 11 with Aaron Haynes
and Jason Ellis adding ten
each.
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BSU jumped to a 9.0 lead and had it as high as 25-13 before the Bengals (3-4), got rolling, outscoring Boise State 17.5 to take a 32-30 lead with 6:53 left in the first half.
The Broncos made a 13-3 run and led 49-40 at the half.

Seattle agrees to deals

Seattle agrees to deals with Winn and Franklin SEATTLE - The Seattle Mariners agreed to multiyear contracts Thursday with two key contributors from last season, switch-hitting outfielder Randy Winn and right-hander Ryan Franklin. Winn received a deal that guarantees kim \$11 million over three years. Franklin got a S4.3 million, two-year contract. Winn joined the Mariners as compensation when former manager Lou Piniella left with a year on his contract to take over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Winn hit. 295 last season with 11 homers and 75 RBIs. Winn, 295 performed well at the plate down the stretch, hiting, 330 in the second na 12-game hitting streak.

350 in September – and ending the season on a 12-game hitting streak.

Melvin plans to move Winn to center while putting free agent acquisition Raul Ibanez in left. Ichino Suzuki will remain in right.

Winn's contract calls for a \$3.5 million salary next year and \$3.75 million in 2005. The Mariners have a \$5 million option for 2006, but if the team declines the option it becomes a player option at \$3.75 million. He can carn an additional \$125,000 in both 2005 and 2006 if i. he_has_650_ plate_appear_ances.
Franklin, who earned \$425,000 last season, gets a \$200,000 signing bonus, \$1.7 million next year-and \$2.4 million in 2005.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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Bobcats face former coach Wendell's Pope keeps



In this file photo, Twin Falls' Luc Martin chas ball during the Bruins 88-72 win over the Bolse High Braves In Twin Falls Nov. 30.

Battle against Bruins won't be one of mutual admiration

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

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is rading.

A full season removed from
former coach Matt Harr leaving
Burley to lead the Twin Falls
Bruins boys basketball team, the
Bobcats and second-year coach
Jack Bagley have their own identity. The Bobcat seniors wereonly sophomores when Harr last
coached at Burley and few of
them saw varsity action under
the former coach.
Make -no mistake, Harr's
thumbprint is still visible on the
Burley he psy program - but it's
fading. So don't expect tonight's
game-at-Bruin-Gymnasium-to-boa festival of mutual admiration.
Burley comes in with a 1-record after Wednesday's home
win over Declo. Senior post Scott
Randkley posted 13 points and
six rebounds against the Hornets
and will look to continue his
strong inside play against the
Bruins.

At 6-foot-5, Randkley leads

Bruins.

At 6-foot-5, Randklev leads one of the few area teams that has the size to match up with the Bruins' bruising posts. Grayden Funk, a 6-foot-3 senior wing, complements Randklev's inside complements Randklev's inside presence with a great touch from the outside.

ntesarea with a preat total from the outside.

"Scott is our go-to guy and we "secot to got-him-the-ball," Bogley-said. "Funk is just a tremendous shooter on the outside."

Led by 6-foot-4 senior post Luc Martin, Twin Falls (2-1) is looking to bounce back after Saturday's 70-60 road loss to Boise. Harr has been working his Bruins hard all week after a letdown in intensity against the Bruces.
"After the Boise game, I don't care if we score any points, but we're going to-play hard. We bet-ter after the game Saturday,"

Game of the Week



Harr said.

Disappointed after the loss, larr is hoping his team will find a tenacions streak against the lobeats. If they don't, Harr could make some major changes.

"We're solid from our seniors through our freshmen. It's good because there's no position that's safe here," Harr said. "I think saturday was a definite wake-up call for both the coaches and players."

With that motivation, the Bruins should come out fired up against Burley. If Martin can work his magic in the post and sharp-shouling junior twins Mike and Mitch Smith get their jumpers to fall, it could be along night for the Bobcats.

"Once-we figure out how our inside and outside games compliment each other, we'll be pretty good." Harr said.

For the Bobcats, solid defense will be key.

"It's all going to be about defensive for us because they have such tremendous shooters and post players that can really score," Bagley said.

"If you concentrate too much on the posts, their guards will kill you."

Community School at Shoshone

at Shoshone
Coming off 71 and 92-point performances,
Kerchum's
Community School Cutthroats (3-1), hope to continue their hot shooting at Shoshone (1-2) tonight. After a tough loss to a 2-0 Hagerman boys hoops team Wednesday, coach Larry Messick is looking for his team to bounce back and slow the Cutthroat offense. If the Indians can control the pace and keep the score under 50, they could even their record to 2-2. However, if the Cutthroats can handle the Indian defensie and successfully break the press, this one could turn into another Community School track meet. Community School track meet.

Glenns Ferry at Filer

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The new-look Wildcats host a quick Glenns Ferry team in Saturday's non-conference boys basketball game. While Filer has a size advantage over the smaller pilots team, experience is at a premium after last year's graduation of nine varisty players.

Filer senior post Kyle Robinette and 6-foot-3 junior Dan Ramseyer will look to take advantage of their height in the pivot. The two combined for 42 points in Filer's opener against Valley. However, Filer has a tough game at Wendell tonight. Look for the Pilots to come our tranning, hoping to wear-down the Wildcats early.

Girls basketball Twin Falls at Skyline

Hunt Falls at Skyline
The two top Region Foir-FreeSix girls baskerball teams square
off in conference play Saturday
night. Lady Bruin junior post
Hannath Heidenreich will have
her hands full with 5-foot-10 Lady
Grizzly senior Ashley Baldwin,
With the ability to pound the ball
low and drill direc-pointers,

Baldwin looks like an early All-State first teamer. The Bruin defense will have a tough task containing Baldwin, but if they can limit her open shots, the Lady Bruins will have a good chance at taking an early lead in the confer-ence standings.

Mountain Home at Jerome

Mountain Home at Jerome
The Jerome Lady Tigers look to
keep rolling in Saturday's nonconference home game against
Mountain Home. After Jerome's
Wednesday-night rout of Century,
the Tigers are looking stronger
than ever. Guards Mallory
Messervy and Whitmey Clark combined for 36 points against the
Diamondbacks, proving that
ream's cart just-focus on-shuttingdown senior posts Elisa Hope and
Vanessa West.
While the Tigers are rolling,
coach Michelle Skyles doesn't
believe her team has played their
best yet. Which leaves the question, how good will the LadyTigers be when they put that great
game together?

Wrestling Burley, Madison, Minico at Rigby

at Rigby

Burley, Minico, and Madison travel to Rigby Saturday for an early-season one-conference wrestling meet. Burley 215-pounder Cole Jones will be looking to start the season strong in hopes of improving on last year's fourth place finish at state. With nine returning state qualifiers, Burley could be the favorite Saturday.

However, Minico has more than just tradition this year. Seniors Gené Hammond and Kevin Killoy qualified for state last year, and freestyle and Greco-Roman state champion at the junior high level.

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1. Add 3 points to the home teams rating.

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presence around-hoop

WENDELL - Forget the 14 points, 12 rebounds, and four blocks per game. Senior center Kael Pope's 6-foot-8 frame gives the Wendell Trojan boys basketball team a weapon few Idaho teams have - a legitimate road-block in the Trojans' full-court press.

"Having Kael back there allows

"Having Kael back there allows us -to-run- around-and-take chances," sophomore point guard Zac Davis said. "We can go for the ball and know he'll be back there to back us up."

With Pope guarding the basket, the rest of the Trojan lineup can take advantage of their athleticism in a press that has created turnovers and easy baskets for coach Allen Kelsey's team.

"We miss him when he's not out there," Kelsey said. "We usually call off the press when he goes out."

call off the press when he goes out."
With a summer of practice and hard work in the weight room, along with a state-championship football season, Pope entered the =2003-04—basketball=season-stronger than ever before.
"I knew I had to work out to get stronger and bigger," Pope said, "I wanted to improve all my stats and do everything I could to make the team better."
Coming into the season, Popehald tough decisions to make Hewas courted by Southern Utah University, and Utah State, among others for his skills in both football and basketball. Pope signed a letter of his skills in both football and bas-ketball. Pope signed a letter of intent to play basketball on schol-arship with Southern Utah last week, putting himself on the short list of area basketball players to sign with NCAA Division I

schools.

"The first call to get from a col-"The first call to get from a col-lege is fun, but you realize they call a lot of players," Pope said, "But when you get the second and third call and learn about the scholarship, that's when testarts to est exciting, when you realize how interested they are in having you play there."

2003 Idaho Giris **Basketball Standings** Through Wednesday Dec. 10

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Kael Pope Wendell boys basketball

As for the choice between foot-ball and basketball, Pope went with his heart. "I chose basketball because I

love the game," said Pope. "Southern Utah had a good "Southern Utah had a good a-atmosphere, the players were the kind of people I want to be acquainted with, and I really liked coach (Bill) Evans."

With his college decision over with, Pope is glad to have one less distraction during his senior bas-ketball Season.

Off-court, Pope is the 6-foot.8 baby of a close family. With eight older brothers and sisters, Pope must be a favorite with the phone companies.

must be a fayorite with the phone companies. "I talk to all my brothers and sisters very often," Pope said. "I'll call my brothers and sisters and talk for an hour, and when you have eight brothers and sisters, that ends up being eight hours on the phone."

that ends up being eight hours on the phone.

If Wendell can continue their run this year and attain their goal of a 2A state championship, the Popes will really have something to talk about. Wipe off your chins, to talk about, wipe on phone company executives.

-Eric Larsen

2003 Idaho Boys **Basketball Standings** Through Wednesday, Dec. 10

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Parry's Power Guide

Idaho High School Boys Basketball Week of Dec. 8-14 By Noland Parry

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10. Lake City	86.5	2. Preston	78.1	6. Potlatch	57.4	12. Notus
11. Eagle	86.2	3. Shelley	69.8	7. New Plymouth	57.1	13. Cascade
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 Mountain Vie 		6. Marsh Valley	65.6	10. Lapwai	55.4	Community
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SPORTS:

Puzzling 49ers take on Bengals

The Cincinnati Bengals are the NFLS feel-good story this season. The San Francisco 49ers are the most puzzling team: 6-1 at home, 0-Gon the road.

So it's little wonder that the Bengals are favored by three-points - the home-field advantage - when the 49ers come to town Sunday.

when the 49ers come to town Sunday.
Considering the disparity between the way San Francisco plays at home and on the road, that spread isn't much.
In six road losses, the 49ers have allowed an average of 27 points. In seven home games, they've outscored the opposition 219-82.

21982. Despite that, San Francisco remains marginally alive for a wild-card playoff berth, although it would have to win its last three games and hope for a lot of help. Two of those games are on the road, which makes the postseason even more unlikely

road, which makes the postseason even more unlikely.

The Bengals are still in contention in the AFC North, a game behind Baltimore after their 31-13 loss last week to the Ravens.

"We'll be fine," says Marvin Lewis, a coach of the year contender after taking over a 21-4 toam that had been the NFLS Jaughingstock for a decade.

BENGALS, 27-12.

Philadelphia (plus 2) at Miami (Monday night)
At least the Dolphins get warm weather this week after losing in the snow in New England. Jay Fiedler, who reinjured his knee last week, says he can play, but he might be limited.
The Eagles are a tiebreaker

be limited.

The Eagles are a tiebreaker alread of the Rams for home-field advantage in the NFC.

EAGLES, 24-22

awantage in the NrC.
EAGLES, 24-22
Seattle (plus 7) at St. Louis
The Seahawks trail the Rams by
two games in the NFC West. The
Rams are 6-0 at home, Seattle is 1-5
on the road, and dhe Rams clinch
road, and dhe Rams clinch
RAMS, 31-20
Dallas (pick 'em) at Washington
The Cowboys have lost three of
four, but Bill Parcells' defense could
de a problem for Tim Hasselbeck.
COWBOYS, 20-10
Carolina fminus 6) at Arizona

CÓWBOYS, 20-10
Carolina (minus 6) at Arizona
Yet another shot at the division
clincher for the Panthers.
PANTHERS, 20-15
Detroit (plus 14) at Kansas City
Getwell week for the Chiefs; the
Lions tie an NFL record with their
Zard straight road loss.
CHIEFS, 31-10
Houston (off) at Thunpa Bay

CHEE'S, 31-10 Thampa Bay
The "off" is for David Carr's
injury. Carr is getting better, but ...
BUCS 27-13
Baltimore (minus 6) at Oakland
The Ravens beat the Raiders 16-3
in the AFC title game three years
ago in Oakland.
'RAVENS, 16-3.
'Atlanta (plus 7-5) at Indianapolis
Win one for Dan?
Sorry.

Win one for Dan?
Sorry.
COLTS, 29-20
Minnesota (minus 1.5) at Chicago
The Vikings rarely win outdoor.
And they-don't-know-much-aboutRec ricessman, who will start at QB
EARS, 20-19
Green Bay (minus 5) at San
Biero.

Green Bay (minus 5) at San Diego The Packers still have a shot. PACKERS, 34-17 Jacksonville (plus 7) at New England The Patriots haven't allowed a touchdown in their last four home games.

games.

Byron Leftwich has shown promisk, but he hasn't seen a Belichick

efense yet. PATRIOTS, 17-2 Buffalo (plus 6.5) at Tennes





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Pro picks

The Bills are back in form, and Steve McNair is limping again. But ...

TITANS, 22-17 Cleveland (plus 10) at Denver Not THAT easy BRONCOS, 19-13 Pittsburgh (plus 3) at New York

ng? STEELERS, 26-20 New York Giants (plus 7.5) at

New York Giants (plus 7.5) at low Orleans The Giants are playing backups or backups. SAINTS, 30-7

LAST WEEK: 8-8 (spread); 8-8 (straight up) OVERALL: 107-81-4 (spread); 118-74 (straight up)

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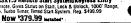
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Sears hopes: Lands' End

boosts sales

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CHICAGO — Claudia Miller is becoming a Lands' Endi junkie.

The 52-year-old resident of south suburban Homewood, Ill., shelled out more than \$360 on Lands' Endis preppy apparel in a three day period.

But she didn't pick up the phone. She traveled to Scar's, Roebuck and Co. stores in Calumet Ciry and Orland Park.

"I have always liked Lands' End products, but it's too hard to buy from a catalog. It's szing, My hug band is very particular about high is clothes fit," said Miller, who works as a librarian. Now this contact is an an an an an area of the spouse and return them without the hassis of a UT'S pickup.

As the holiday season heads into high gear, stories like Miller's fill the hearts of Sears exercitives with hope, that, the Hoffman—Estates—Ill. based chain can turn around an almost relentless two year decline sales.

A good holiday performance.

almost relentless two-year decline in sales.

A good holiday performance would be particularly welcome this year because for the first time in decades, Sears has only its retail business to count on. Its highly profitable credit card business way sold off this summer.

"I think this is a very important fulcrum to see what the new Sears looks like and what earnings it will generate," said Heather Brilliant, retail analyst with Morningstaa Inc. in Chicago.

Aside from Lands' End throughout the chaim and some new hiphop appared lines in a spattering of stores, Sears doesn't have all that much new to show customers this holiday season, retail experts say.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Delta alters corporate governance policies

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines' board of directors has implement-ed a policy that requires sharehold-er approval for future severance packages for senior executives in

some cases.

—That—change—and others announced Thursday are intended to ensure that Atlanta-based Delta's corporate governance policies meet federal and New York Stock Excharing guidelines. Delta's hub in Salt Lake City is Magic Valley travelers' only direct destination from the Twin Falls air-

destination from the Twin Falls airport.

The nation's third-largest airline said its board has adopted a policy that requires shareholder approval for future severance arrangements for executive officers that provide benefits exceeding 2.99 time salary and bonus. The Delta board said it also supports the expension of stock options, but wants guid-ance from regulators on a standard.

Other changes, to, Delta's, corporate governance policy include: establishing independence standards for members of the board's composition, function, actual the control of the control of

checting a pressuing director of chair executive sessions of the board. The compensation of senior executives at Delta has been a significant issue at the airline for months as it has sought to gain deep wage cuts from pilots.

Earlier this year, it was revealed that a select group of executives had received millions in company payments to a program to protect their pensions.

After the uproar, Delta canceled the final payment to participants of its supplemental-executive-retirement plan and discontinued the program, which would have been fully funded at \$65 million by next year.

Ameristar claims top spot in riverboat winnings

ST: LOUIS - Ameristar Casinos Inc. bested Harrah's Entertainment

Inc. bested Harrah's Entertrainment Inc. in a fierce marketing battle to claim, the top spot among St. Louisarea riverboats last month.
Ameristar's St. Louis property—whose Jackpot, Nev., sister casinos are major Magic Valley employers—won \$226 million from gambles, up 13 percent from a year earlier.
Harrah's was close behind with \$21.2 million in adjusted gross receipts, or total bets minus total payouts. Its take for November was up 6 percent from the same period in 2002.
Ameristar and Harrah's have

Ameristar and Harrah's have Ameristar and Harrah's have been spending heavily on advertis-ing and promotions to attract gam-blers. Their casinos were the only two in the St. Louis area to post year-over-year increases. Casinos in the St. Louis area won 50-51 million from gamblers in November, up 1.3 percent from a year earlier.

Cash diet can help control impulse spending

CONTO Impulse spending NEW YORK - Impulse spending, the urge behind a thoughtless (and often useless) purchase, has busted many budgets. Fortunately, a simple strategy can break this bad habit.

Try withdrawing_the amount of money you normally spend each month on food, clothing, gas, dincres out, movies, etc. Reduce this amount by 10 to 20 percent. Now try to make it last. Avoid use of credit or debit cards, except for emergencies or extraordinary

Now try to make it last. Avoid use of credit or debit cards, except for emergencies or extraordinary circumstances. The simple act of handing over cash for purchases, for some reason or other, is far more difficult than swiping a piece of plastic.

This strategy may do more than just save money. The use of cash could after your spending habits, revealing where impulse purchases have overburdened your budget perhaps a meal out when you could have prepared one at home, perhaps a purchase of an item that was later available for a discount. If you manage to get by without dipping into the 10 to 20 percent you.set. aside, put that money, in a land for a big ticket item (a car or vacation, for example), some investment or retirement.

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Construction hits year-to-date lead

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Plentiful permits for new industrial buildings and million-dollar homes, issued in September, propelled Magic Valley's year-to-date construction.xalues.

To a. nice lead over the 2002 pace. For the first time in months. Projects receiving building permits in September totaled an estimate of the please see CONSTRUCTION Page 170.

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Magic Valley's construction	values for all	permit types	Permits for new sing	le family hom	es
Aroa	September 2003	September 2002	Area	Sept. 2003	Sept. 200
Gooding County (entire county)	\$1,268,775	\$434,932	Gooding County (entire county)	7	
Hailey	\$4,161,737	\$1,530,783	Hailey	13	
Ketchum	\$7,754,790	\$1,715,829	Ketchum ,	4	
Sun Valley	\$1,753,800	\$2,853,923	Sun Valley	2 .	
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	\$9,030,100	\$2,195,600	Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	11	
Jerome	\$636,201	\$380,159	Jerome	. 2	
Shoshone	\$115,800	\$115,400	Shoshone	1	
Twin Fatts	\$3,877,431.	\$3,967,527 .	Twin Falls		2
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$2,683,295	\$1,575,513	Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	13	4 47
Cassia County (entire county)	\$1,023,217	\$1,391,319	Cassia County (entire county)	4	
Rupert	\$88,122	\$44,080	Rupert	0	
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$463,786	\$485,541	Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	1	
Yotal	\$32,858,054	\$16,690,606	Total	86	5

Optimism bolsters market

Dow closes above 10.000 on

strong retail sales

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrials closed above 10,000 Thursday, a milestone not seen in 18 months as investors cheered Federal Reserve minutes that—suggested—higher—interest-rates wouldn't come anytime

-that-suggested-higher-interestrates wouldn't come anytime soon.

Stocks gained ground on a better-than-expected November retail sales report before sprinting higher in the late afternoon after the Fed released minutes indicating its concerns about a sluggish job market.

"What got the rally started was the Fed," said Michael Murph, head trader at Wachovia Securities in Baltimore. "It's the old Goldilocks theme - low rates, low inflation and strong growth," explaining that it was the right combination for a strong advance. "This market is ready to a have good run to the end of the year People are looking at the economy and are 'starting to see good growth," he said.

The Dow closed up 86.30, or 0.9 percent, at 10,008.16, according to preliminary calculations. The last time the index closed above 10,000 was May 24, 2002, when the Dow stood at 10,101.26.

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was May 24, 2002, when the Dow stood at 10,104.26.

The broader gauges also finished higher The Nasdag composite index climbed 37,67, or 2 percent, art.194.23. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 12.16, or 12 percent, at 1,942.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 12.16, or 12 percent, at 1,071.21.

The milestone marked a solid comeback from the Dow's free-year—low-of 7,286.27 on Oct. 9, 2002 and to many, represents the return of the bull marker following three-years of bitter declines.

Many analysts had wondered whether the Dow could push past 10,000 on a longerterm basis, citing psychological resistance, Indeed, the blue chips bounced up and down after the Dow could procussed the 10,000 mark for all of one minute in intraday trading Tuesday.

Faelier Thursday the Commerce.

Tuesday,
Earlier Thursday, the Commerce Department reported a 0.9 per-cent rise in November retail sales as the nation's shoppers descend-ed on stores with a fresh burst of ed on stores with a tresh outs to energy. It was the largest advance since August, and beat the expectations of economists, who had forecast a 0.7 percent rise.



The Dow Jones Industrial Average brushes 10,000 as traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. Wall Street moved higher Thursday after a government report showed better than expected growth in November retail sales, raising new hopes that the economic recovery is sustainable.

stores, Sears doesn't have all the much new to show customers this holiday season, retail experts say. Instead, Sears is counting of more in-store KB Toys boutiques and an extensive inventory of DVD players—three times normal levels—to help it pull out a same-store sales gain in December, which would be the first in six years. On top of that, experts add, its not clear what Sears longer term strategy is. Does it want to mudge its merchandise and demographic stightly upmarket, a strategy that the nearly \$2 billion acquisition of Lands End plays into? Or does it want to be a seriolic contender in the discount arena? That seems to be the game plan behind Sears Grand, the company's new free-standing store for mat, which mixes soda and chijfs with Sears' more traditional mix of essual appared and appliances.

Young and in debt: Repaying the piper

Christopher Siwy thinks he's pretty good with his finances, especially for a 23-year-old. Sivy just moved to Alexandria, Va., from Allentown, Pa., and with a starting job in information technology, he has no problem paying 5160 on his student loan every month. He even saves a little bit out of each paycheck so that someday he can buy a condo.

crieds so that somewheels it can my a conde-whorr Siwy wanted some wheels; he turned to the most popular financing for for someone his age; the put a new \$7,000 motorcycle card, reddit card with no interest for a year, and he plans to pay it off before the year runs out. But if he card, he says, he'll switch it to another interest-free credit card.

switch it to another interference of the said with a grin.

Siwy is part of a generation of consumers who have embraced and used debt in a way that no generation has before. The polar opposite of the post-

Tips on managing credit card debt

- Transfer balances from a card with a high interest rates to one with a lower rate.
 Pay more than the minimum balance each month, even if it's just a little bit more.
 Always pay on time, Late fees add up and can raise, your interest rates.
- and can raise your interest rates.

 Don't make assumptions about future
- Parents should not hall out their adult
- Never pay credit with more credit.
 Never pay credit with more credit.
 A soon as you get into trouble, go to a certified credit counselor.

war generation, which feared debt today's young adults view credit cards as a welcome and easy path to the lifestyle they see around them.

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Counselors try to teach credit skills

There has been a concerted effort by finan-cial counseling organizations to educate con-sumers about debt and how to manage it. Clearly, there is a lot to teach. A recent survey by Myvesta, a Rockville, Md.-based financial education firm, showed that 64 percent of con-sumers ages 18 to 2.4 don't even know the interest rates they pay on their credit cards. Others don't understand that it can take decades to pay off a \$3,000 credit card balance if you pay only the minimum each month-Some colleges are starting to offer financial education classes, and nonprofit organizations like JumpStart of Washington are pushing for improved personal financial literacy in the nation's schools. Nonprofit credit counseling programs, too, perform a number of outreach programs to reach people before they get into trouble.

But how do you teach restraint?
"Simply going through financial education
doesn't necessarily make you smarter and bet-

ter able to handle money – it makes you more confident that you know what you're doing, said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta, "Children especially learn more from watching their parents, from the media, from friends and from experiences."

Indeed, twentysomethings who have go credit card debt and are living well within their means are likely to say they learned if, from their parents. Adrience Coyle, 22, works for the Mortgage Bankers Association in Washington, but that's not why she religiously avoids credit card debt-le's because her father drummed it into her starting in high school that credit cards should be used only if you have the cash in the bank to pay the bill.

Coyle became so wary of credit card debt that her father had to persuade her to get a card just to build up her credit. "I have one credit card, put one thing on it a month and I pay it off," she said.

But not all parents have the same influence. And it's those kids who monther than the same influence.

I pay it oit," sie said.

But not all parents have the same influence,
And it's those kids who may have to learn their
financial lessons the hard way.

Construction

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mated S32.86 million for combined types in surveyed areas of
Magic Valley, according to data in
Wells Fargro's statewade report
released this week. That's S16.17
million more than in September
2002, or almost double the yearago values.
For local business owners, that's
a positive economic sign. For
workers, it signals demand for
construction labor.
By the end of September, yearto-date valleywide permit values
were S242.14 million - up by a
notable 6.5 percent from the
S227.33 million in the first nine
months of 2002. During full-year
2001 and 2002, valleywide construction values rose 4.9 percent

A few parts of the valley are excluded from the bank's monthly survey. Still, the Wells Fargo report provides businesses and consumers a good indication of Magic Valley's economic activity. The bank's report provides only dollar totals, not project specifics. The Times. News gathered these September highlights from building departments in several local markets:

ing departments in several local markets:

* Twin Falls – With just two six-digit commercial projects – a trail-er manufacturer's new shop and a hospital's remodeling – Twin Falls saw September construction values slip 2.3 percent from a year earlier.
The month's permis included: Charmac Trailers Inc.'s new \$363,418 finishing shop where

workers will install wiring, lights and trim on new trailers; Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's \$150,000 reconfiguration of its surgical area; South "Central Community Action Partnership's \$42,775.conversion of a 1708 Poplar Ave, property to a duplex for transitional housing. Dr. James Hughes' expansion of his dental office in the Blue Lakes Office Park condominiums, a \$45,000 project; and Barry Equipment & Reital's construction of a new \$35,634 storage building for equipment at its 465 Addison Ave. W. location.

4 Hailey – Three structures in the city's new industrial area west of the airport together added almost \$1.3 million to Hailey's September permit values. They

are furniture refinisher Emerald City LLC's S726,308 building with a workshop downstairs and an office and showroom upstairs; the city street department's S395,000 new shop; and a S152,780 ware-house for The Warming Trend, a fireplace installer.

*Twin Falls County - Capella Copt, took a September permit for a S165,593 business garage and office at 2518 E. 3900 N. in Filer.

*Minidoka County - Two sizable commercial projects boosted the month's building values: Pro Marble's S28,800 expansion at 50 4 S. 83 W. in Rupert, and The Storage Farm's S28,559 ministorage project at 25 N. 100 W. in Rupert.

*Gooding County - General Mills took a permit for a \$38,346

metal addition to a commercial building at 805 U.S. Highway 26 in Bliss.

* Jerome - Franklin Building Supply took a permit for a \$200,583 remodeling at \$15 Main St. W., and Henkers Mini Storage received permits for four remodeling projects at 15 W. 200 S. totaling 5204,800.

* Ketchum - The four new sing 5204,800.

* Ketchum in September were valued at a hefty \$1.68 million each, on average.

The surveyed areas of Magic Valley in September issued permits for 86 new single-family homes — up dramatically from the 56 of a year earlier.

Statewide, September generated permits for 932 single-family

homes and 276 apartment units, Wells Fargo economist Kelly K. Matthews said.

For all categories statewide, Matthews said total authorized buildingpermit construction in the 57 major Idaho locations which he tracks during Soptember totaled \$218.25 million – up 26.6 percent from September 2002. That put the state's year-to-date values up 15.9 percent from the first nine months of 2002.

"This was the fifth consecutive month in which (Idaho) construction exceeded \$200 million." he said, calling that/run a first for the state.

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"What's extraordinary is how quickly it's changed," said Robert Manning, a professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology, and author of "Credit Card Nation," "Now credit is an entitlement – it's not connected to having a job and being a producer and understanding how much debt one can afford."

Financial experts are alarmed about this carefree use of plastic because the debts that many twentysomethings are incurring are stacked on top of towering levels of student loans. Yet these young consumers often seem oblivious to the harm that could follow the spending they're doing today.

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follow the spending they're comproday,
Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard
Law School professor and coauthor of the new book "The TwoIncome Trap," said the comeuppance could be severe. Most people who file for bankruptcy proproduce their late 20s and early
30s, she said, "are people who got
into trouble back in their late
teens, but have rocked along mak-

ing minimum payments, falling a little behind, often denying to themselves how much financial trouble they're in."

The biggest factor pushing up the amount of debt carried by young adults is student loans, which have skyrocketed along with college tuition. According to a study done last year by Nellie Mae, the student-loan financies based in Braintee, Mass, the typical student graduating from a four-year college has close to \$19,000 in student loans. Just five years carlier the average was \$11,400.

years earlier the average was 511,400.

But on top of those low-interest Joans, young adults increasingly-leave school with substantial credict and debt. In the 1990, financial markets became more sophisticated and better able to manage the risk of consumers whose credit-worthiness wasn't obvious. The result was that credit card companies started aggressively courting nontraditional customers, including college students. They put sign-up tables at universities and used various enticements to lure

these young new consumers.

"They'd say, 'Come on, if you sign up for this credit card, I'll give you a free gift," said Latouri Mayo, 26, recalling her experience as a student at the University of Maryland at College Park. Mayo ended up with a Discover card with a \$15,90 limit and a Visa with a \$500 limit, which she soon filled up. Then she couldn't afford her payments.

Mayo finally paid the cards off two years ago and now, working for a labor union downtown, she's hoping her good payment record on her car loan will help repair the damage she tild to her credit rating.

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Neller Mae's credit checks on student loan recipients showed that in 2002, 83 percent of college students held credit cards, compared with 67 percent in 1998. The average student's balance was \$2,327 in 2001, up 24 percent from the average balance of \$1,879 in 1998. The average graduating senior carried credit card debt of \$3,300.

Credit card use appears to be

driting even younger. RIT professor Manning said his research shows the use of credit cards among high school students has tripled in the past two years.

The big problem experts see with all these free-flowing credit cards is that young consumers often don't make the connection between their spending and their financial resources. While the rising debt from student loaps is a direct result of increasing tuition bills, the growth in credit card debt is about instant gratification and the inability to live within one's means. People used to use Linyaway, now they just charged to be consume the way you see others consuming, irrespective of your income." said Douglas Duncan, chief economist of the Mortgage Bankers Association. It's hard to say, 'Well, instead of Duying my Clothes at Abercrombie, I'm going to get them at Wal-Mart. It doesn't carry the status, but it's prudent."

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Stocks

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Separately, the Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 13,000 to 378,000, suggesting the pace of layoffs is leveling off.
As the economy continues to show signs of improvement, analysts say investors are moving out of the tech and small-cap stocks that have led the recovery-since March and shifting their profits into larger bluechip companies.
The economic news, while positive on balance, may be temporarily taking a back seat to this-rotation, said-Alexander-Paris, economist and market analyst for Chicago-based Barrington Research.
"People have been sitting right on the fence, wondering, 'Should I take profits now and lock in 'performance?' But they don't want to miss the next leg up, "Paris said. 'So they may be switching to these companies that have less downide risk."

Still, stocks across all sectors remain extremely vulnerable to negative news, with cautions investors quickly dumping shares when there are signs of trouble.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. declined 84 cents to \$6.52 after the company delayed filling its 2002 10-K because of accounting problems in Europe. The fifing was being closely watched by union officials because Goodyear had promised to strengthen its balance sheet without laying off workers and closing-plants, and had planned to raise cash through debt and other financing. The filing delaywill likely postpone those efforts.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. fell 14 cents at \$52.81 on reports that it has approached British supermarket group Safeway PLC with an offer to buy part of its business for nearly \$2 billion.

The move is aimed at foiling a rival offer for Britain's No. 4 grocer.

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30- and 15-year mortgages

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages moved down this week, good news for people interested in buying a home.

For the week ending Dec. 12, the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell to 5-88 percent, down-from 6.02 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5-21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades, in the middle of June. Since then, rates on these benchmark mortgages have bounced up and down.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, the average rate dropped to 5-24 percent, down sharply from 5-36 percent last week.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, however, averaged 3.77 percent, unchanged for the third straight week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.04 percent, 15-year mortgages averaged 6.04 percent, 15-year mortgages are to do to find one-year adjustable mortgages saveraged a 4-18 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include addon fees known as points. Thirty-year foans carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week. Fifteen-year and one-year adjustable rate mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.6 point.

"Mortgage rates continue to be spectacularly low at present, especially when you consider that a generation ago, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage rate, economists predict home sales will hit record highs this year and post their second-best year ever in 2004.

Separatelly, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America said refinancing accounted for 94.4 percent of all home-mortgage applications filed last week, down from 50 percent the previous week.

The drop in refinancings as a share of total loan originations is bringing to light the desire of many homebuyers to look at adjustable rate mort-gage, however, increased to 29.3 percent and hybrid loan products—three are for adjustable rate mort-gage applications filed last week, down from 50 percent the previous wee

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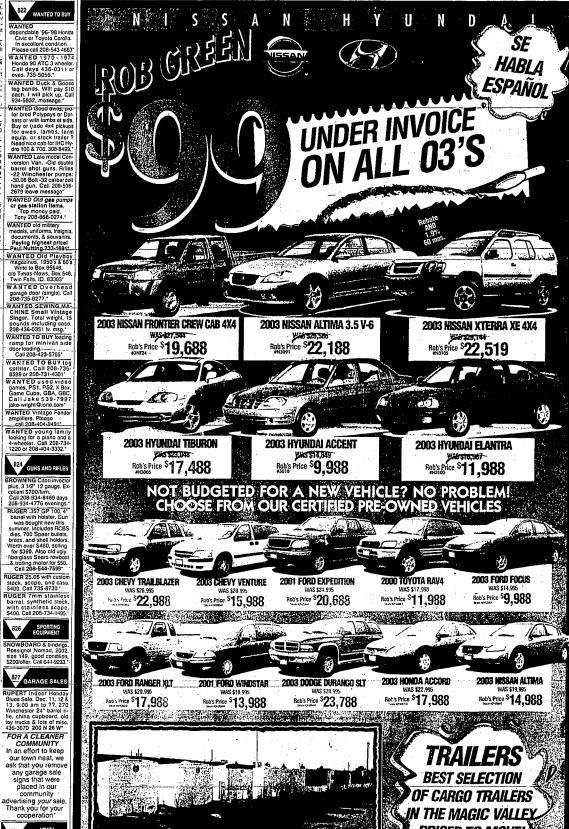
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