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ONE GIRL'S STORY



Occupational therapist Alysia Budd, right, works with Jessica Hamblin, 10, on strengthening her right arm to help her use both hands and her eyes to solve block puzzles during Hamblin's last appointment with Budd Wednesday at Magic Valley Pediatric Therapy, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will no longer be providing outpatient pediatric therapy starting Jan. 9.

Loss of therapy program hits hard

Families will face waiting list, higher costs

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She spent the last few months of her pregnancy preparing for the worst. An amniocentesis — a diagnostic procedure that withdraws a small amount of fluid from the sac surrounding the fetus — had brought bad news. The test results said the baby she carried inside her had a congenital brain malformation. Knowing her baby would be born early, she spent the last weeks of her pregnancy traveling back and forth to Boise for steroid shots to build up the baby's lungs.

On June 22, 1993, Jessica "Jess" Hamblin came into the world two and a half months early and weighing in at just under five pounds, much of that weight due to fluid in her brain. Born with



Jessica "Jess" Hamblin came into the world two and a half months early and suffering from hydrocephalus — an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within the ventricles inside the brain. She spent the first 10 months of her life in a hospital.

Photo courtesy of KATHY HAMBLIN

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hydrocephalus — an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within the ventricles inside the brain — her father carried her into surgery when she was just two hours old. Her head, he said, felt like a mushy sponge in the crook of his arm.

At first, doctors said their baby would probably not survive the year.

She did. Then they said their baby would never walk or talk.

She does. And today, Kalya and Mike

Hamblin's daughter Jess looks like any other 10-year-old though she still has, and will always have, challenges. Her right side is weak and the simple tasks of buttoning her blouse and tying her shoes take a tremendous amount of effort. She sees the world through a Swiss cheese-like vision and the seizure activity in her brain frequently interrupts her attention span. But she has a full life. She goes to school, even though in fourth grade she performs at a kindergarten level. She has friends. She has hobbies. And her

parents say that never would have been possible had it not been for the speech, occupational and physical therapy she's received since day one.

"She wouldn't be where she is today without her therapy," Kalya said. "Jess is a miracle."

But after next week, Jess will go from having three weekly 45-minute to one-hour sessions of physical, speech and occupational therapy to being on long waiting lists at several local private therapy providers. Last week, the Hamblins and other parents of children in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's outpatient pediatric therapy programs received letters from the hospital telling them it was closing the outpatient program due to difficulty recruiting and retaining pediatric therapists.

The bottom line is a hospital can't provide a service it can't staff.

Like many children in pediatric therapy, Jess is on Medicaid. The Child Development Center provides outpatient therapy for chil-

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Courts: Detainees have rights to lawyers, U.S. legal system

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Dealing a double blow to the Bush administration, federal appeals courts said Thursday that the government had acted illegally in holding a U.S.-born "enemy combatant" in a military brig and in denying hundreds of foreigners at the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the right to challenge their detention.

A federal appeals court in New York ruled that the president does not have the authority as commander-in-chief to arrest American citizens on U.S. soil and hold them without filing



Sodia Abderrahman Kahalon, the mother of the only Spaniard detained at the U.S. base in Guantanamo, Hamed Abderrahman, shows a photo of her son recently in In Algeiras, Spain. The court ruled Thursday that he should be able to have a lawyer, if he wants one.

criminal charges. The president's wartime powers do not extend to the home front, the appeals courts said, unless Congress authorizes the chief executive to act. And neither the Constitution nor federal

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T.F. brothers go to prison for attempted 'hit'

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Twin Falls man who federal authorities say tried to hire someone to kill an undercover police officer — but ended up being kidnapped himself — was given a reduced sentence Thursday because of his cooperation with federal officials.

His brother also reached an agreement with federal prosecutors for his role in that case, as well as on other drug charges.

Armen Gyurdzhyan, 26, was sentenced to five years in prison with three years, supervised release in U.S. District Court in Boise after he pleaded guilty to attempted murder-for-hire. He could have gotten 10 years in prison and as much as \$250,000 in fines.

His brother, Robert Ivan Gyurdzhyan, 29, got 10 years in prison with 10 years supervised release. He pleaded guilty to attempted murder-for-hire and drug trafficking charges and could have faced life in prison.

Judge John C.oughenour, a visiting judge from Seattle, took into consideration the defendants' backgrounds in determining their sentences. Both are from Armenia and later lived in Russia before coming to the United States. Their mother wrote a letter to the judge in which she explained their troubled upbringing.

"I find illuminating the letter from their mom and the circumstances in which they were raised," the judge said. "Violence, subjected to as young kids, has an effect on their reaction to things." Coughenour also took into account the culture shock of coming to the United States and

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CSL nursing students reach deal on dispute

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Graduation was bittersweet for 17 licensed practical nursing students at the College of Southern Idaho Thursday evening.

That afternoon, 10 students met with college officials to resolve a misunderstanding that led students to believe they had to participate in a 22-hour review session before they could receive their diplomas and temporary nursing licenses.

The session is being offered out of concern that some of the students won't pass the state LPN certification exam in coming weeks. The students complained that inadequate instruction was the

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Jackson faces molestation counts; he vows he'll fight

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson was formally charged Thursday with repeatedly molesting a cancer-stricken boy invited to his Neverland Ranch, setting the stage for what could become one of the most sensational celebrity cases this Internet-wired 24-hour-cable world has ever seen.

The nine-count felony complaint charged Jackson with seven counts alleging lewd or lascivious acts upon a child under 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent. The molestation charges each carry between three and eight years in prison.

No details of the alleged acts were included in the complaint, which repeatedly stated they were committed "with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires" of Jackson and the child.

The complaint further alleged that Jackson had "substantial sexual conduct" with the child in February and March.

Jackson is charged

Pop star Michael Jackson was formally charged with child molestation Thursday, almost a month after authorities raided his estate and arrested him days later. He has been free on \$3 million bail.

Charges — (Believed to have occurred in February and March)

Seven counts of molestation against a minor

Two counts of administering an intoxicating agent to a minor

Punishable by ... Each count involving lewd or lascivious acts carries potential prison time of three to eight years.

SOURCE: Associated Press

Jackson's attorney, Mark Geragos, said the pop star would fight the charges "with every fiber of his soul."

NATION

Schwarzenegger declares emergency

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared California in a fiscal crisis Thursday and invoked emergency powers so he could impose \$150 million in spending cuts without the Legislature's approval.

"I had to do this," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference announcing the move. The cuts, expected to come from social service programs, free up money for city and county governments that have lost more than \$200 million since the governor voided an unpopular tripling of the state's car tax.

During his campaign to oust Gov. Gray Davis, Schwarzenegger promised to eliminate the tax hike Davis and the Legislature had agreed to in July. Repealing the tax was Schwarzenegger's first official act as governor last month, but he has yet to replace the billions of dollars the tax would have generated for local government services, particularly police and fire services.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Can bypass Legislature

The same budget agreement that increased the car tax gave the governor the power to cut this year's budget without legislative approval.

Some legislators said Thursday they were surprised by the emergency declaration and said it is the wrong way to react to budget problems.

"I think a lot of us are worried about where he's going to get the money from," said Democratic Assemblyman Joe Nation. "I don't think you get yourself out of a hole by digging deeper — his action just means that there will be more devastating cuts down the road."

Although some Democrats have questioned the legality of Schwarzenegger's move, Democratic state Controller Steve Westly — who will be the one to issue the checks to local officials — said he supports the idea and believes it is legal.

"Our police officers and firefighters must not be held hostage," Westly said. "This is an appropriate but temporary solution. The governor and the Legislature now have six months to cut waste and solve California's fiscal crisis."

Ruling helps sturgeon, could harm agriculture

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprising setback to farmers and large shippers along the lower Missouri River, government biologists on Thursday affirmed the need for more shallow waters to ensure survival of the endangered pallid sturgeon.

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service said that beginning next July, flows should be no greater than 25,000 cubic feet per foot from the Gavins Point Dam on the South Dakota-Nebraska border.

That level would be too shallow for grain-laden barges carrying multimillion-dollar cargo toward the Mississippi River at St. Louis. Because barges need flows of about 28,500 cubic feet per second to maintain a consistent depth for operating, the industry says low flows would halt traffic along the river in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

The biological opinion represents the agency's final word on what must be done to trigger

spawning and maintain a survivable habitat for young sturgeon.

The full impact of the findings was not immediately clear. But the Army Corps of Engineers has said it will use them to update river operations that have been virtually unchanged for more than four decades.

"The corps' actions continue to appreciably reduce the likelihood of both survival and recovery of the species, thus jeopardizing the continued existence of the pallid sturgeon in the wild," the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

In 2000, the agency said the sturgeon as well as two bird species, the endangered interior least tern and the threatened piping plover, could survive only if waterflow changed to mimic conditions before the Missouri was dammed and channeled.

Those conditions included a spring rise in the river from the snow melt to trigger spawning and a lower level in the summer establishing a suitable habitat for young sturgeon.

Russia agrees to ease Iraq debt

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Russia agreed on Thursday to negotiate debt relief for Iraq, reversing course after months of refusing to forgive any of \$8 billion in obligations run up by Saddam Hussein's government. The shift brings Russia in line with other European powers.

President Vladimir Putin told visiting U.S. special envoy James Baker that he was prepared to discuss ways to restructure the Iraqi debt within the framework of the Paris Club, an international organization of creditor nations, as France and Germany agreed earlier in the week.

The move came a week after Putin's defense minister rejected any discussion of debt relief for Iraq, which owes Russia more than any other European nation.

Jury rejects brainwashing claims, convicts Malvo

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — A jury convicted Lee Boyd Malvo of capital murder in the Washington-area sniper attacks Thursday, rejecting claims that the teenager was brainwashed by John Allen Muhammad into taking part in the three-week reign of terror that left 10 people dead.

The jury now will decide whether Malvo, 18, should be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole. A jury in nearby Virginia Beach convicted Muhammad last month and recommended that he be executed for his role in the killings.

Malvo, whose expressions had often been animated throughout the trial, had a blank look on his face when the verdict was read.

Malvo was convicted of two counts of capital murder in the Oct. 14, 2002, killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot in Falls Church, Va. One count alleges multiple murders in a three-year period; the second alleges Franklin's death was intended to terrorize the public. Malvo and Muhammad, 42, are the first two people tried under the post-Sept. 11 terrorism law.

Prosecutors portrayed Malvo as a gleeful and eager triggerman in the October 2002 killing spree,

saying he fired shots from the trunk of a beat-up Chevy while Muhammad plotted the attacks.

Ten people were killed and three were wounded during the spree — most them as they went about their daily routines. A 13-year-old boy was wounded after being dropped off at school. A mother was gunned down as she vacuumed her minivan at gas station.

One victim was mowing grass when he was killed. Another was buying groceries.

Authorities say the killings were part of an attempt to extort \$10 million from the government. During his closing argument, prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. called Malvo and Muhammad "peas in a pod," motivated by greed and meanness.



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den on Medicaid from birth to age 3, and private providers can bill Medicaid for physical therapy services. But once a child reaches his or her third birthday, the only providers that can bill Medicaid for outpatient speech and occupational therapy are those affiliated with a hospital. That leaves one agency for those children on Medicaid to turn to: Valley Therapy Services, which provides services through St. Benedict's Regional Medical Center at locations in Jerome, Twin Falls and Kimberly.

Kalyn called Valley Therapy Services as well as nine private providers on the list Magic Valley Regional included in its letter. She said everywhere she called, she was told either the wait would be six months long or that there were more than 100 children on the waiting list.

So for now, Jess will be without the speech therapy that helps her with her memory skills. She'll be without the occupational therapy that helps her with her fine motor skills and builds strength in her weak right arm, therapy she desperately needs to do all those things that require two hands.

By law, school districts are responsible for providing therapy to children from 3 to 21. But school therapists are stretched thin and far between, and Jess gets just 15 minutes once a week with a physical therapist and an occupational therapist. She gets no time with the school speech therapist.

And therapists in the schools concentrate on what children

need to help them learn, not on life skills.

"The school doesn't care if she can tie her shoes. They care if she can write a sentence," Kalyn said.

Annette Wilkinson, supervisor of the infant and toddler program for Region 5 of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, said school districts look at therapy as an educational necessity while parents focus on what their children need to function day to day.

"Sometimes, those ideas may differ," Wilkinson said. "The only way older kids can receive therapy is through the school and that depends on what the school district says is necessary. It varies from child to child."

Shelly Botch, a local speech therapist, said outpatient therapy outside the schools is extremely important for overall development.

"To thrive and function in general, they need that boost," Botch said. "Schools don't have the manpower to do the parent education, which is extremely important to establish relationships with family and peers. It helps them to have success" in school and "success" in life. Early on, it's critical for these kids."

When it comes to children with special needs, Jess is lucky. She has parents who have always been involved in her therapy and can help her to some extent at home.

The family has a backup private insurance policy on Jess that costs \$300 a month, but that policy will only pay for about \$800 worth of therapy a year, Kalyn said. That doesn't go very far when an hour

Outpatient pediatric therapy services in the Magic Valley

Valley Therapy Services, affiliated with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center with sites in Jerome, Twin Falls and Kimberly, is the only agency that can provide outpatient occupational and speech therapy to children over the age of 3 on Medicaid. The agency currently has a waiting list of 20. For more information, call Valley Therapy Services at 733-2661.

Here is a list of some of the private providers that offer outpatient pediatric therapy in the Magic Valley. Due to Medicaid regulations, none of them can offer speech or occupational therapy to children over 3 on Medicaid.

Cierra Therapy - 734-6700
Center for Physical Rehabilitation - 734-5313 or 543-8887
Primary Therapy Source - 734-7333
Horizon Therapy Services - 734-1430
Community Disorders of Idaho - 734-8514
Primary Therapy Source - 734-7333
Southern Idaho Therapy Services - 733-3090
West Valley Physical Therapy - 543-5746

Infants to age 3

Children under the age of 3 on Medicaid receive outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy through the Child Development Center. For more information, call 736-2182.

of therapy can cost \$100 or more. Some people would look at the Hamblin family and wonder why they have a child on Medicaid. After all, Mike Hamblin is the golf pro at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. But Hamblin is a private contractor and has to pay for insurance out of his own pocket. Since Jess spent the first 10 months of her life in a hospital and her needs are so great, and therefore very expensive, she qualified for the Katy Beckett Medicaid Program that doesn't consider a family's

income and assets for eligibility. It's come in very handy. Jess has had 22 surgeries to drain fluid and replace shunts in her brain.

But many other children on Medicaid don't have that kind of support. Some have parents who aren't so involved.

"I really ache for those kids," Kalyn said. "Those kids have nowhere to go. They need advocates."

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Report cites abuse of detainees

Newsday

NEW YORK - In a scathing report, U.S. Justice Department investigators Thursday said immigrant men who were jailed at a Brooklyn federal detention center after the Sept. 11 terror attacks were slammed against walls or had their limbs wrenched by guards.

The investigators' 39-page report, released by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn Fine, also found that correction officers unlawfully tape-recorded detainees' meetings with their attorneys, conducted unwarranted strip searches and banged excessively on cell doors to harass

their restive charges.

The report described as problematic the officers' use of a T-shirt that pictured an American flag with the words "These colors don't run" printed on it. Placing the T-shirt on a wall at the jail's receiving area was "unprofessional," according to Fine. Many of the detainees interviewed as part of the investigation said they were slammed against the wall where the T-shirt hung.

While federal prosecutors had previously decided not to file charges on the abuse findings, Fine's office is recommending that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, which runs the center, take disciplinary action against 10 of its employees.

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Rulings

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law gives the president an "inherent power" to make arrests, said the judges of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The 2-1 decision gave the government 30 days to release Jose Padilla - a Brooklyn-born Muslim who allegedly conspired with al-Qaida operatives to detonate a "dirty bomb" in the United States - from a military brig.

The judges did not say Padilla must go free. Instead, they said the government must charge him with a crime if it wants to hold him.

In a separate 2-1 decision in San Francisco, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the government must give Guantanamo detainees a chance to speak to a lawyer and seek their release through the courts. Some 660 suspected terrorists and war criminals are being held at the base.

The Bush administration contends that the captives are held on foreign soil. The judges of the 9th Circuit ruled that the U.S. has power over the base even though the government leases it from Cuba, and consequently the captives are entitled to access to the American legal system.

A Justice Department spokesman said lawyers at the agency were studying the decision.

Thursday's ruling in the Padilla case is broad in its sweep and narrow in its impact. While it puts a clear limit on the president's powers, its holding applies only to Padilla. The 33-year Muslim convert is the only native-born "enemy combatant" who was arrested in the United States. The New York court said it was not contesting the

president's authority to hold an "enemy combatant" who was picked up on a foreign battlefield.

The White House quickly denounced the ruling and said it would appeal.

"We believe the 2nd Circuit ruling is troubling and flawed," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "This is a case in which an individual was involved with a private organization activity and was actively engaged in an effort to do harm to the American people. The president has repeatedly said that his most solemn obligation and responsibility is to protect the American people, and the ruling is really inconsistent with the clear authority of the president."

Administration lawyers will ask the court to push its ruling in the Padilla case on hold. They can then ask the full appeals court to reconsider the matter. Failing that, they can appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Last month, the Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal filed on behalf of the Guantanamo detainees. Most were picked up in Afghanistan or Pakistan, and U.S. authorities said they were working with terrorists or the Taliban. Lawyers working on their behalf said they deserved at least a hearing to try to show they are innocent.

Civil libertarians hailed the ruling as reaffirming a basic principle of American law. "This decision is a victory for the Constitution," said Deborah Pearlstein of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, which organized a coalition of groups that supported Padilla's claim.

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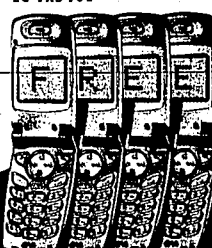


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Flu continues to spread, but accurate tally of impact elusive

The government said Thursday that flu is now widespread in 36 states—almost everywhere except the upper Midwest and a few Eastern states.

How many will die when it is over? Probably tens of thousands. The reason: Most people who catch the flu never go to a doctor. And even if they do, they usually never get a definite diagnosis.

The flu is difficult to distinguish from other winter viruses. In most cases, there is little reason for doctors to go to the trouble of identifying the culprit, which traditionally has required growing the virus in a culture, a process that takes two weeks.

Survey finds homelessness, hunger problem growing

WASHINGTON — Hunger and homelessness increased in many of America's largest cities this year, with growing demand for emergency food supplies for families with children, the elderly and even people with jobs, a survey by U.S. mayors finds.

The report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, released Thursday, found that requests for emergency food assistance rose 17 percent overall from last year in the survey of 25 large cities. Requests for emergency shelter assistance increased by 13 per-

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cent, the report showed. Most of the cities expected requests for emergency food assistance and shelter to rise again over the coming year, the study said. Unemployment, low paying jobs, high housing costs, substance abuse and high energy and utility costs are contributing to the hunger problem, the report said.

Ohio district cancels school after buses hit by bullets

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Bullet holes were found in two school buses in a district near a series of highway shootings, prompting officials to cancel Thursday's classes. Officials will use the day off to inspect all of the district's 200 buses and confer with a task force investigating the shootings, said South-Western City Schools Superintendent Kirk Hamilton. The district serves about 20,500 students in grades kindergarten through 12.

Officials hadn't decided whether to reopen schools today, the last day of classes before a two-week winter break, spokesman Jeff Warner said. Meanwhile, investigators linked

a bullet fired at a house to the series of shootings along Interstate 270, which encircles the city. The house is two miles north of the interstate and becomes the northernmost site connected to the case.

Boston mayor says drug purchase plan will proceed

WASHINGTON — Boston will proceed with plans to let city employees purchase prescription drugs from Canada despite a federal prohibition on importing them, Mayor Thomas Menino said Thursday after meeting with Food and Drug Administration officials.

Associate FDA Commissioner William Hubbard and other agency officials urged Menino during a one-hour meeting at the agency's headquarters to drop the cost-saving plan. Menino said he intends to press ahead toward launching a pilot program in July but added he will continue to discuss it with FDA officials.

Boston is one of a growing number of cities and states considering the illegal, cross-border importation of prescription drugs as a way to cut costs. Only Springfield, Mass., has a full program in place that allows its employees to buy the much cheaper medications from Canada, where the government controls prices.

The FDA has been meeting routinely with local and state officials from around the country to stress the legal and safety problems of importing drugs. After Thursday's meeting, FDA officials said they will visit Boston to again try to persuade Menino to drop the idea.

Playboy founder auctions memorabilia for hefty price

NEW YORK — Playboy founder Hugh Hefner's stretch limousine, along with an exclusive tour of the Playboy mansion and two tickets to an invitation-only New Year's Eve party, fetched \$77,675 at auction.

The 1988 Mercedes Benz limo, converted for Hefner in 1989, was among more than 300 items from the Playboy archives that sold at the Christie's auction Wednesday for a total of \$2.75 million, according to Playboy Enterprises Inc.

A 1953 photograph of Marilyn Monroe, the magazine's first centerfold, sold for \$17,925, and the image of Bo Derek featured on the March 1980 cover went for \$11,950.

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EDITORIAL

Boise School District's bus policy leaves bad aftertaste

Just call it the Blue Bird bus-n-burger special. The Boise School District grilled up a nice controversy recently, with a plan to beef up its bus transportation funding. The idea is to lure more students into riding the bus on the two days when ridership numbers are collected for the state, by handing out fast-food burger coupons.

reason to get worked up. In the last legislative session, lawmakers voted to pay 85 percent of school districts' busing costs — as long as cost is within 110 percent of the statewide average. Before that, the state paid 85 percent of costs with no limit on total payments.

Those reforms came as part of the package to help rein in education costs, and busing was one of the prime areas needing more efficiency.

Our view: The State Board of Education should close the loophole that allows Boise's burger-for-bus-ride gambit.

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

Sure, it's a clever way to cook the numbers and get more state money. But it's cheesy trick to play on Idaho taxpayers.

District officials hope to prevent an expected \$1 million loss in state funding by bribing kids with Big Macs. That would require raising bus ridership from 6,200 riders a day to 8,100 from among 10,000 eligible students, on the two days.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chair the Legislature's Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, blasted the idea in a letter to the State Board of Education last week, calling the handouts "cheap carnival gimmicks" and "hamburger paloozas."

It represents a cynical and fraudulent attempt to "game the system" to the Boise School District's advantage," Cameron and Bell wrote. The legislators added that Boise's plan will penalize other school districts that are diligently working to comply with recent changes in student-transportation-funding. The lawmakers have every

transportation costs at 80 percent of the state average.

While other districts do their best to keep bus travel as efficient as possible, Boise's burger giveaway is a nose-thumbing gesture toward lawmakers who are trying to control bus costs.

There's nothing wrong with encouraging students to ride the bus. But offering burgers on the two rally days is clearly dishonorable.

Cameron and Bell suggested that the State Board select two new days for this year, randomly, to gauge bus ridership for the year. In the long term, they recommend taking a wider sampling of dates to count students on buses.

That way the data can't be fudged so easily.

Until that happens, Boise School District officials should keep their burgers to themselves — and hold the cheese.

Capture offers lessons to global leaders

Some days comedians can't improve upon the actual news. After losing two wars against the United States and then getting caught by one of the most massive manhunts in history, Saddam Hussein reportedly raised his arms, looked up from his hole and told an American soldier he was "willing to negotiate."

All that's missing from this posterous scene is French President Jacques Chirac running out to declare: "See, you trigger-happy Americans? I told you he was a reasonable man!"

STEPHEN WINN

Or perhaps a few of the more exuberant peace activists holding triumphantly, "Hussein had a pistol but didn't fire a shot! Why can't the United States show that kind of commitment to nonviolence?"

Saddam may have been dazed and exhausted when he was finally pulled from the ground. But he reached instinctively for the diplomatic lifeline that had served him so well for so long: another offer to "negotiate."

And why not? For a dozen years, such offers protected him from the natural consequences of his military adventures, his support for international terrorists and his constant violations of the peace accords that ended the first gulf war in 1991.

Over 12 years Saddam learned that no matter what he did, no matter how many previous commitments he had broken, he could always create confusion and indecision in the international community by issuing another offer to talk things over.

France, China, Russia, the Arab League and others would seize upon these empty gestures, declaring that a new diplomatic dawn had arrived. The reasons for this response to Saddam varied: naivete, business interests in Iraq, animosity toward the United States, anti-Semitism (Saddam had threatened to scorch Israel), misguided notions of Arab or Muslim unity, sometimes just sheer stupidity.

In any case, while the rest of the world dithered, the Iraqi dictator went on about his business: killing people by the thousands, looting the country, firing on



American pilots, spurning international weapons inspections and otherwise ignoring his obligations under the peace accords, to say nothing of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

As Saddam was at last put behind bars, news stories recalled once more the methods by which he and his sadistic offspring turned Iraq into a nightmarish police state straight out of George Orwell's "1984," the screams of children tortured in front of their parents, the gassing of Kurdish villages, mass graves holding the remains of hundreds of thousands of victims.

Yet Saddam continued to enjoy the diplomatic support and protection of much of the world, including those who presented themselves as great lovers of peace. They said they recognized that

Saddam was a bad man. But time after time they argued that the Iraqi dictator deserved another chance: another round of negotiations, another U.N. resolution to

ignore, another round of cat-and-mouse games with weapons inspectors, another three months to comply with promises and international obligations for which he had never shown a scrap of respect.

All this encouraged Saddam in the same way that 1930s appeasement encouraged Adolf Hitler. Why is this important to remember now that Saddam is safely in custody?

Because other dangerous, aggressive regimes continue to threaten international stability in the Middle East and elsewhere, notably the Korean peninsula. They, too, were encouraged as the international community

bickered for years over Saddam — and then split apart when the United States finally decided that it was through "negotiating" with him.

Some of these other outlaw regimes continue to support international terrorism. Some continue to threaten their neighbors. Some are working hard to develop catastrophic weapons with which they can blackmail their region and perhaps the world.

And unless the rest of the world can respond more effectively than it did to Saddam, the brutal regimes in countries like North Korea, Iran and Syria are likely to continue pushing to see how much they can get away with.

They may say they are willing and even eager to negotiate with the international community over its concerns about their behavior. But they will keep their promises only if they believe they will suffer serious consequences for failing to do so.

Unfortunately, they are likely to draw the wrong conclusions from the world's long, sorry record in dealing with Saddam Hussein.

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Life's secrets from Scrooge and Bailey

ANDREW KLAVAN

To my mind, there are only two truly great Christmas movies: "Scrooge," the 1951 adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," starring Alastair Sim, and Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," starring James Stewart.

The former I watch every year. I think "A Christmas Carol" is one of the greatest pieces of wisdom literature the West has produced and, lover of Dickens though I am, I heretofore believe this film version improves the original. It takes the story a little more seriously, adding more humanity to the satire and producing more real emotion.

The Capra picture isn't quite as durable for me, but, after a half-dozen viewings, I can still watch it with pleasure.

One thing that's always struck me about these two films is that they're essentially mirror images of each other.

In "Scrooge," a man grown rich because of heart-shriveling greed is forced by spirits to view the consequences of his existence.

In "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey, a man in financial trouble because of his large-souled generosity, is forced by an angel to view the

consequences of his nonexistence — what would've happened if he'd never been born.

On both sides of the mirror, the results are the same: a revolutionary personal transformation, what the New Testament calls "metanoia," which is often translated as "repentance" but which means literally "a change of mind."

After the metanoia, there's a lot of Christmas caroling and happiness and that sort of thing. This movie critics — who frequently confuse darkness with depth — sometimes belittle these films as sentimental.

They're wrong. Watched carefully, the films are disturbingly realistic. Because, for each protagonist, the change in outlook has absolutely nothing to do with a change in circumstance. They aren't singing carols and so forth because they've won the girl or beaten the villain or made millions or righted wrongs. Scrooge can never bring justice to the people he's ruined, and Bailey will never become the world-traveling architect he wanted to be. And yet, in the aftermath of

their visions, both men are joyous.

"I don't deserve to be so happy," Scrooge mutters. "But I can't help it!" And Bailey lets out a heartfelt "Yay!" when the angel returns him to the dreary town that has been the graveyard of his ambitions.

This hard-nosed realism about the indecipherability of sin and failure is precisely the difference between Dickens and Dickensian, between Capra and Capra-esque — between happy endings rich with sentiment and those soggy with sentimentality. It is also, for me, the very best of what faith has to offer.

Scrooge and Bailey, by confronting their mortality, are forced to acknowledge that life is wonderful not because of what happens in it but simply by virtue of being life. They are able, as Scrooge says, to "live in the past, the present and the future," which is to say they are able to live in eternity. Which is what faith promises.

In eternity, sins are washed clean not by punishment but by inner transformation; success is measured in love, not money; joy rises above circumstances; and dread is a delusion. "And throughout all eternity," in the words of the mystical poet

William Blake, "I forgive you, you forgive me."

Some attack this sort of thinking as an excuse for passivity or an opiate for the masses. If we can be forgiving and joyous in spite of injustice and failure, why should we dedicate ourselves to justice and success?

But this, as Blake interpreter Northrup Frye once wrote, is to "confuse the eternal with the indefinite." Eternity is not a lot of time, it's all time, or more precisely, it's right now, where all time lives. To be in this very moment as if it were forever is not to stop the work of life but to begin it afresh in celebration.

Scrooge and Bailey, in traveling through misery to see the eternal born in time, are descendants of those wise men who traveled through the wilderness to see God born into history.

To such a vision — amid failure and sin, and even in the face of death — there is only one response: Yay.

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LETTER

Locals deserve right to vote for a public hospital

Mr. Mikesell's suggestion that the decision to privatize Magic Valley Regional Medical Center should be made by a vote of the people of Twin Falls county is right in the way we govern ourselves.

In the beginning, the operation and management of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center began under county control, and as I see it, has a proven record of service through its operation: from the days of a nurses' dormitory attached to the west end of the new structure with a free-standing building on the north side where the delivery rooms and nursery were.

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the fact remains that if it's taken out of the hands of county commissioners, it is an unnecessary risk for our county.

Our current management plans a budget suited to the expected prosperity, or lack of, a year at a time with minimum above-expense reasoning. After eight years on the hospital board watching the rise and fall of this particular county's welfare, I believe we must stay the course with our own people.

ROBERT G. BRACKETT
Twin Falls

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OPINION

Court's decision robs us of political freedoms

The Supreme Court's decision on campaign finance is a triumph of political correctness over the Constitution. The First Amendment says that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech." It does not permit an exception for areas of Congress' "particular expertise," such as political campaigns. But five members of the court have carved out this exception to uphold McCain-Feingold, which otherwise would contain unconstitutional limits on political speech and association.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

By contrast, many academic studies have examined the impact of contributions on legislation. Summarizing about 40 studies, three social scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology concluded: "The evidence that campaign contributions lead to a substantial influence on (congressional) votes is rather thin." Generally, members of Congress follow their political philosophies and constituents' interests.

The court's main justification is "the appearance of corruption" — a concept first embraced in the landmark 1926 case *Buckley vs. Valeo*. This is lawyer-speak for political correctness. If enough important people believe big contributions corrupt, then Congress can legislate even if actual corruption is negligible. Of course, the logic is self-fulfilling. If "appearances" matter, then "reformers," crusading journalists and sympathetic judges will establish "appearances" by constantly deploring

the seediness of fund-raising — the peddling of "access" — and stigmatizing incidents when big contributors win congressional victories. Legislators who get contributions and sided with their contributors are automatically assumed to be corrupt captives. It's guilt by association.

In effect, the court has repealed the First Amendment as it applies to political campaigns, a process that started with *Buckley*. In that decision, the court upheld limits on campaign contributions (to combat apparent corruption) but said that anyone could spend "independently" any amount on behalf of a candidate (this equated spending with free speech). In practice, the dual goals are incompatible. The law essentially mandates that to enjoy free speech you have to sacrifice free speech. Let's see why. Suppose you want to spend to elect candidate X. You talk to the campaign manager who tells you when to buy

TV. In effect, your spending becomes a "contribution." You might as well have given directly to the campaign. To prevent this, the Federal Election Commission prohibits "coordination." Rules tell you what you can and can't discuss with a campaign. It's a speech code. Gun groups or pro-abortion groups that support candidates can't have open discussions with them.

McCain-Feingold adds new restrictions. Because contribu-

tors evaded past limits, the new law bars "soft money" donations to national parties. It bans unions, corporations and many interest groups from using their own funds to run "electioneering communications" — ads via TV, cable, radio or satellites identifying candidates — 30 days before a federal primary and 60 days before a general election. State parties are restricted in how they pay for registration drives.

None of this will elevate public trust or political engagement. By criminalizing much ordinary politics, the law risks deterring involvement. Congress and state legislatures may manipulate the finance laws to hurt their opponents, just as they do with restricting

Finally, legal attempts to evade the law — by parties, interest groups and individuals — may inspire cynicism. The court's decision is a constitutional crime that invites comparison with *Plessy vs. Ferguson* (1896), the ruling that upheld racial segregation on the theory that "separate" could be "equal." Like *Plessy* — which was ultimately reversed — this decision contradicts the express language of the Constitution and will someday collapse of its own absurdities. Until then, its supporters will flatter themselves that they are improving democracy when they are actually degrading it.

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Consider. In 2000 (the latest figures), the richest 1 percent of Americans paid 26 percent of federal taxes and the richest 10 percent paid 52 percent, says the Congressional Budget Office. Meanwhile, most spending goes to the poor and middle class. In fiscal 2003, federal spending excluding defense and interest payments totaled \$1.6 trillion. Of that, 81 percent went for social programs, including \$475 billion to 4.7 million Social Security beneficiaries and \$161 billion for 40 million Medicaid beneficiaries.

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Fish and Game keeps bungling hunts, habitat

Fish and Game debacles: First it was the bull elk in Hazelton, then shooting the pet deer in Hailey. Not only do we have the wolves to worry about, but the Fish and Game's mismanagement.

It was stated by Mr. Parrish in the Jerome regional office that they had to act now on both situations above or they might face lawsuits, etc. I wish they would have that urgency as far as managing our elk herds. I have been hunting elk in Idaho a long time and seeing fewer quality bull elk.

I had a chance to hunt in Wyoming this fall and couldn't believe all the big bulls I saw and this was a general hunt, not controlled hunt, although all non-residents have to draw. I killed a nice bull after I passed up sever-

al other six points. Wyoming is doing a superb job! I think one should always see what your competition is doing, and we here in Idaho are losing out to Wyoming.

We need to end all these spike only hunts, those are our future bulls. If we have a controlled hunt, we cannot let bowhunters hunt without drawing — that does not make sense. We need to get our elk numbers up. Look at the Middle Fork area; very poor elk hunting nowadays. Our bull-cow ratios are all out of whack.

As far as the wolves, Wyoming has them also, but they knew they would have to address this

so they are feeding more elk in the winter. This puts the elk on a pattern to come down to the feed grounds before getting trapped and wolf food.

Habitat is the No. 1 factor in elk numbers in an area. I think we as sportsmen have to make a few sacrifices also to turn this thing around. We need to get a good return on our hunting dol-

lar, and I do not see that lately here. What is the Idaho Fish and Game's plan? They work for us sportsmen; we pay their wages. How come I never hear anything from the director in Boise? What is he doing? I sure saw a return on my hunting dollar in Wyoming.

DAN NUTSCH
Kimberly

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wendell man killed in Jerome car crash

Jerome - A Wendell man was killed in a collision Wednesday night near Jerome, the Idaho State Police announced Thursday. Trent Davis, 39, of Wendell, died at the scene of the crash at 100 West and 300 North near Jerome, an ISP news release said. Gabriel Lara, 34, of Jerome, was listed in serious condition Thursday afternoon at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, a hospital spokeswoman said. He was airlifted to the hospital from the crash site. Davis had been driving a 1976 Ford F-150 truck eastbound on 300 North when he was struck by a 1987 Cadillac Cimarron driven by Lara when Lara failed to stop at a stop sign, the ISP reported. The impact rolled Davis' truck. He had not been wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the truck. Lara, who also was not wearing a seat belt, was extricated from the Cadillac. The crash is under investigation by state troopers.

Pennsylvania truck driver dies in crash on I-84

MALTA - A Pennsylvania man died Thursday on Interstate 84 when the semi truck he was driving jackknifed, the Idaho State Police reported. Kevin E. Lee, 29, of Eighty Four, Pa., was traveling westbound near Malta and Idaho home roads just before noon when he failed to negotiate a curve, an ISP news release said. The truck drifted into the median, Lee overcorrected, and the semi jackknifed, the ISP said. He was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the cab. The crash is under investigation by state troopers. Raft River ambulance crews, the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and Coroner Paul Young assisted at the crash site.

Locally made short film plays at the Lamphouse

TWIN FALLS - "Bliss," a locally made short film directed by Buhl High School graduate Jaffe Zinn, will premier in the Magic Valley this weekend. The dark comedy about a young man named John who is trying to escape the frustrations of small town life was shot on location in the Magic Valley in the summer of 2003 with a cast of primarily local talent. It will be shown at the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and at 3 and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. At the 3 p.m. showing on Sunday, Zinn's award-winning film, "A Life for \$1.80," also will be shown. Cost of admission is \$3.

Centennial organizers seek volunteers for gala

TWIN FALLS - Willing to lend a hand at the city's centennial gala on New Year's Eve? To make the gala at Magic Valley Mall a success, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission still needs dozens of volunteers to set up, clean up, run carnival games, staff a historical gallery, operate coat checks at entrances, collect tickets and dispense information to patrons. In exchange for volunteering for two hours, they'll receive free admission to the gala. The commission plans a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today for anyone interested in volunteering at the New Year's Eve event. Simply show up at today's meeting and get an assignment. The meeting is in the Magic Valley Mall's conference room near the Anchor Blue store. For information, call Jenny McDowell at the commission's office at 736-0800.

Compiled from staff reports

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % season peak. Lists watersheds like Upper Snake Basin, Salmon Falls, Salmon, Oakley, Big Wood, Little Wood, Henrys Fork/Teton, Big Lost, Little Lost.

A comparison of basin snowpack, on the left, with a year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Therapist shortage hits valley

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has lost two occupational therapists and one physical therapist in the last couple months alone, said Mark Reed, manager of rehabilitation services. When it came to pediatric therapists, the situation was grim. Magic Valley Regional was down to one pediatric speech therapist, one pediatric occupational therapist, one pediatric physical therapist and one occupational therapist assistant who worked a combined 25 hours a week. Meanwhile, the hospital was advertising in national trade journals for speech therapists. One of the ads ran for 16 months to no avail. Due to the shortage of therapists, the hospital had no choice but to discontinue its outpatient pediatric therapy program, said John Keen, Magic Valley Regional's chief executive officer. He said the hospital will continue to provide pediatric therapy services at the hospital and might be able to provide some outpatient therapy in the future should therapists become available. Nancy Harris, a speech pathologist and owner of Valley Therapy Services, which contracts with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome and is the only other center in the area that can provide outpatient occupational and speech therapy to Medicaid children over age 3, empathized with Magic Valley Regional's situation. "They can't recruit staff," Harris said. "Neither can we. It seems to be hitting the entire Northwest. Boise is having the same problem. It's been going on for several years and it's just getting worse." Valley Therapy Services provides outpatient pediatric therapy year-round at sites in Jerome, Twin Falls and Kimberly. In the summer it also provides services in Buhl and Filer. St. Ben's leases the space at private therapy offices, she said. Harris employs six full-time and three part-time speech pathologists, one full-time and two part-time occupational therapists and two occupational therapy assistants. She said she's been lucky in that most of her staff have roots in the Magic Valley and have been with her agency for years. She said the phone has been ringing off the hook since Magic Valley Regional sent out its letter Dec. 4 informing parents it was discontinuing its outpatient pediatric therapy department. But it will be quite a while before Valley

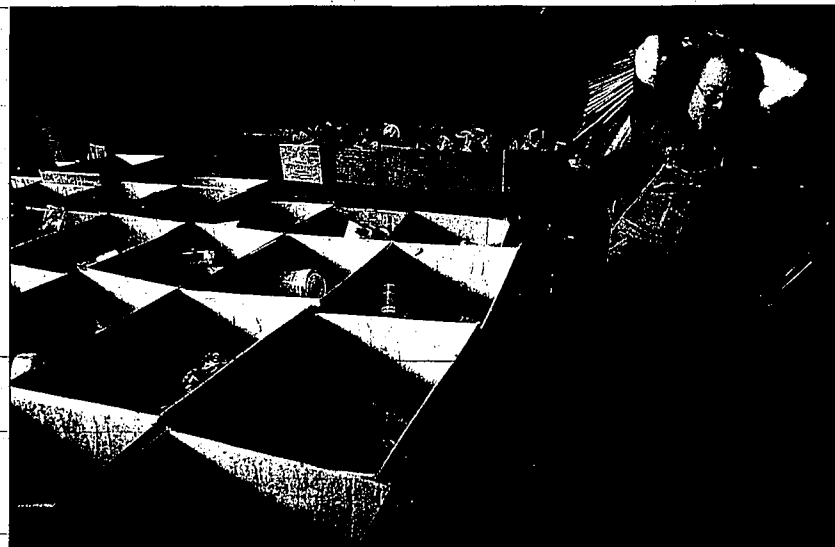
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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



Salvation Army employee Mike Hamilton carries a bag of Christmas gifts past boxes of food and out to a waiting family's car Thursday. Various anonymous people agreed to adopt anonymous needy families. Each benefactor bought a whole Christmas for a needy family, including gifts, food and a tree.

Mayhem case draws attention to bar

Club owner fields tough questions from council members

By Lorraine Caverer Times-News correspondent SHOSHONE - There weren't any strippers dancing on the bar Wednesday evening at Big D's Bonzai Club. But there were beach balls and a surfboard hanging from the ceiling, patrons playing darts and Santana playing on the jukebox - an atmosphere of people having a good time. But at least two patrons did not have a good time at the bar one hour past this past July. Jonathan C. Pugh, 46, faces a felony charge of mayhem in connection with an incident that left another man, Mark Meyer, 39, missing part of his ear. Pugh is accused of biting off a large part of Meyer's ear during a fight at the Bonzai, located on Rail Street in Shoshone. In an affidavit detailing the fight in Lincoln County court records, Shoshone Police Officer Jan Daubner said that because of Meyer's permanent disfigurement Pugh was also charged with aggravated battery and disturbing the peace. Meyer was charged with disturbing the peace as well. The mayhem case is slated for a 12-member jury trial in 5th District Court in February, said Scott Paul, Lincoln County prosecutor. In the four years that Paul has worked as the county's prosecutor, a mayhem charge has never been filed, he said. "It's an unusual charge," Paul said. The incident drew the attention of the Shoshone City Council this week as it prepared to vote on liquor license renewals. Several complaints of fighting prompted Paul to send a letter to Bonzai owner Dennis Vincent. Paul told the City Council Wednesday. Vincent appeared at the meeting in person to defend his establishment and lobby for a liquor license renewal. The council granted Vincent his request - along with seven other liquor license renewals - but not before grilling him on the reputation his Club Bonzai has developed. "I want Dennis to know that he is basically on probation," Councilman J.R. Churchman warned. Vincent told the council that he opened the club in May with the intent of creating a fun family ambience - including an outdoor eating area with table umbrellas, tiki torches, a tiki bar, sand and other beach amenities. The club is open until 10 p.m. for those under 21. Paul said his letter basically cautioned Vincent that the City Council might not look favorably upon renewing his liquor license unless something was done to curb fighting and other inappropriate behavior at the bar. When Vincent received the let-

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Areas of Idaho see Christmas tree shortage

Trees from M.V. go to help meet Pocatello demand

The Times-News and The Associated Press POCATELLO - Idaho received some national recognition for providing the holiday tree this year for the U.S. Capitol, but it turns out Idahoans could have used it back here. A shortage of Christmas trees in some parts of the state - especially in Pocatello and the southeastern corner - has some residents driving cross-country to find a decent pine or spruce for holiday decoration. Some are even driving down to Salt Lake City to find a tree.



Randy Hansen inspects the remaining selection of Christmas trees Tuesday afternoon at a lot in Pocatello. But full tree lots around the Magic Valley are testament to the apparently plentiful local Christmas tree supply. Local Ridley's Family Markets stores helped out their sister store in Pocatello by sending some of their trees there. The Pocatello store so far has received three Please see TREES, Page B3

Drug testing debate continues

By Jeanette Chambers Times-News correspondent RICHFIELD - For the third straight month, a decision on a proposed random drug-testing policy in Richfield was postponed after the issue was debated fiercely before the School Board. "But this time," sides "on" each end of the spectrum presented their arguments through opposing documents. Janet Ellis, a student representing the senior body, presented to the School Board a document under the banner, "Proclamation of the Students of Richfield Schools." The 12-statement proclamation called on the School Board to adopt the random drug-testing policy. "We would like to see it implemented as a means of curtailment of the present drug usage that we see among our fellow students,"

the proclamation read, in part. Ellis' presence marked the first time a student has chimed in on the hotly debated issue before the Richfield School Board. More than 20 signatures were included on the proclamation - including some parents' names - but Ellis said there could have been more had she been able to approach students before the last hour of classes. Meanwhile, Terry Turnage, a school district parent, presented arguments against random drug testing in the form of a sample resolution from the Parent-Teacher Association. The resolution criticized random testing, suggesting it could deter students from engaging in the very extracurricular activities that keep children occupied and away from drugs. The resolution questioned, too, whether Please see DRUGS, Page B3

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Census: Idaho maintains strong population growth

BOISE (AP) — The national recession saw more people moving to Idaho, where the economy has been sluggish but not depressed, the Census Bureau reported on Thursday.

The bureau estimated Idaho's population last July at nearly 1.34 million, up just over 1.7 percent from a year earlier. It marked Idaho as the fifth fastest-growing state during that 12-month period, the same place the state held throughout the 1990s.

More than 56 percent of the state's population growth was due to people moving in from other states and even other countries. Only 15 states attributed higher percentages of their population gains to migration.

It followed a pattern established in the last half of the 1990s, when 17 percent of the state's population had migrated from other states or nations. Only four other states had higher migration rates. The overall growth rate was sig-

nificantly stronger than the less-than-1-percent that state economists had been expecting. But it reinforced conclusions of some analysts that Idaho has become a magnet for job seekers in hard economic times.

Since pulling out of a near depression in the mid-1980s, the state's economy has diversified beyond the resource base that sustained it for generations, and it has responded less erratically than other states to national trends.

Ada County passes review of UI project to state agency

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower has passed to the attorney general's office the review of the investigation into the financial maneuvering on the University of Idaho's botched University Place project.

Bower said his office had a potential conflict because it represents the county, which sold some of the land for the project and has a long-term relationship with one of the project's development partners.

The investigation by Boise attorney Larry Prince, released earlier this month, suggested the school illegally used an account to finance upfront costs for the multi-building, \$136 million complex just east of downtown Boise and that both the university and its foundation breached their responsibilities to financial supporters.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has lawyers from his criminal and contract divisions

reviewing the 600-page report, spokesman Bob Cooper said, and U.S. Attorney Tom Moss has agreed to Wasden's request that he evaluate the report as well.

"The University Place project is very large," Cooper said. "It involves substantial financial transactions which may or may not be governed by federal statutes."

Prosecutor Bill Thompson in Latah County, where the university is located, hopes to complete his review of the investigative report by year's end. He is also assessing possible conflicts of interest but has said any criminal activity should be prosecuted. At the same time, Thompson said, there are other factors that must be considered in deciding if any criminal case is pursued.

The State Board of Education, which ordered the investigation, already has a subcommittee reviewing the report although no deadline has been set for its recommendations.

— OBITUARY —

Nettie Marie Melissa McCool - Gooding

Nettie Marie Melissa McCool, age 89 of Gooding, Idaho, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Nettie was born Oct. 15, 1914, on a farm northwest of Hamburg, Iowa, to John Carter Powers and Blanche Mae Lundy Powers. Her youth was spent growing up on farms in southwestern Iowa and west of Nebraska City, Neb. She attended rural schools, graduating from the eighth grade in May 1928.

Nettie married Ansel Franklin Baker on Dec. 10, 1930. To this union, six children were born at Riverton, Iowa. Along with raising her children, she also helped with the farming and delivering groceries locally with a horse and buggy. On Aug. 19, 1943, Nettie married Everett Ray Fleming at Grangeville, Idaho. To this union, two children were born. Everett had a stroke in 1950 and this put the burden of family income upon her. She sold Fuller Brush Cosmetics and Fashion Frocks. Nettie and family moved to Gooding, Idaho, in October 1952 to be close to her son, Tom, while he attended Idaho State School for the Deaf. Nettie worked at the state school as a house mother for three years. She then worked at the TB Hospital as a nurse's aid until the hospital closed in June 1970.

Nettie married Floyd Newton McCool on Nov. 9, 1962. They operated a second-hand store in Gooding until retiring in 1978. She enjoyed her family, cooking, sewing, gardening, traveling and visiting with her friends. Nettie was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Nettie is survived by her children — Ora — Arthur — Baker — of Milwaukie, Ore.; Shirley M. Baker Beisel of Herrington, Kan.; Thomas A. Fleming of Gooding, Idaho, and Ray Fleming of Twin Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Leona Ward of Sidney, Iowa, Eva Nease of Hamburg, Iowa, Lydia Hill of Shenandoah, Iowa; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Nettie was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, John and Harvey Powers; and a sister, Mary Monroe; her husbands; and four sons, Fred C. Baker (1973), Edward W. Baker (1989), Hubert E. Baker (1999), and Joe A. Baker (2000).

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, Idaho, with Bishop Mike Anderson officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Interment will be in Elnwood Cemetery, Gooding, Idaho.

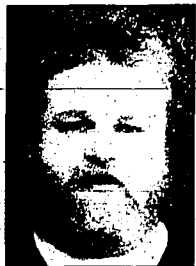
The kindness and sympathy of relatives, neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

The family of
Mary Evedy &
Mac Knafel's family.

OBITUARIES

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Brent Rounds - Twin Falls



Brent Rounds, 27, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Brent was born on March 29, 1976, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Burdette and Jennifer Buel Rounds. He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls and in Jeffersonville, Ky. At the age of 16, he obtained his HED certificate from the College of Southern Idaho. Brent worked for Magic Valley Recycling and also did green chop farming operations. At the time of his death, he was attending the College of Southern Idaho Auto Body and Paint program, where he was scheduled to graduate this May. Brent enjoyed cars, music, video games and hanging out with his friends. He loved spending time with his family. "We will miss his good heart."

Brent is survived by his mother, Jennifer Roop of Twin Falls; his father, Burdette Rounds of Kootenai, Idaho; his sister, Anna Roop of Twin Falls; stepfather, Gary Roop of Twin Falls; his

grandmother, Beverly Groce, also of Twin Falls. Also surviving are his four uncles, Kelly Groce, David (Kristin) Rounds, Earl Buel and Mike (Judy Morse) Buel; his two aunts, Sherri Wachal and Laurie (Ace) Jewell; and his grandfather, Burdette "Bill" Rounds of Springfield, Ill., as well as several great-aunts, uncles and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his mater-



nal grandparents, Ed and Laurel Buel and step grandfather, Hal Groce.

Funeral services for Brent will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 2 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Bradley Allen DeCarr - Rogerson

Bradley Allen DeCarr, 16, of Rogerson, died Dec. 3, 2003, as the result of a drowning accident.

Brad was born Dec. 26, 1986, in Casa Grande, Ariz., the son of Terry and Amber DeCarr. Brad was a Sophomore at Filer High School at the time of his death. He was involved in the school drama department and was in the band. He loved playing haki-sack video games, writing poetry and learning to play the guitar.

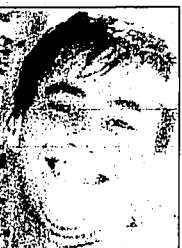
Brad had been looking forward to becoming a writer one day.

He was an exuberant person

and you always knew when he was around.

Brad is survived by his father, Terry; his girlfriend, Kelsey; two aunts; one uncle; and nine cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral services for Brad will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at the Filer High School, with the Rev. David Grinstead officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. At the family's request, no public viewing will take place. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."



Michael 'Opie' Dee Blackmon - Jerome

Michael "Opie" Dee Blackmon, 28, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, in Jerome. He was born May 5, 1975, at Montpelier, Idaho. He later moved to Jerome with his mother and grandparents, where he was reared and educated. He was a young man who loved life to the fullest and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, cooking and his dogs. Michael loved his daughters with all his heart. He greatly enjoyed taking them out in the jeep and roasting, but most of all he loved his mom. Michael's family and friends were an important part of his life and he will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him. His personality and zest matched his unforgettable red hair. Michael worked with his dad, Eddy, at Rocky Mountain Pipe and then at Magic Valley Pipe and Steel. He also worked for Bridon Twine, O.H. Krause in Wendell, and



most recently hanging drywall with his friend, Tommy Heffern.

Survivors include his mother, Cindy Blackmon (Steve Moser); his biological father, Royce Mitchell; and his true dad, Eddy McKean; and two daughters,

Alexis and Amber Blackmon; a brother, Christopher McKean; and three sisters, Ashley McKean, Shaylene Moser and Krislynn Moser—his maternal grandfather, Vernie Blackmon; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Mitchell. Also surviving are his aunts and uncles, Candy (Kermit) Cochran, Joyce (John) Andoe, Vernie (Karen) Blackmon Jr.; and numerous cousins.

Funeral services for Michael Blackmon will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may sign the register from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Michael, we love you and miss you so very much, but we also know that now you are another angel watching over us.

Eulalia Bennett - Hansen

Eulalia Bennett, 87, of Hansen, lost her courageous battle with cancer while residing in Houston, Texas.

She was born at Mink Creek, Idaho, near Preston, on Oct. 28, 1916, to William E. and Jenimah Keller Crane. She was educated in Mink Creek and later attended Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. She married John Bennett in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Oct. 3, 1940, and they moved to Hansen in 1940. In the early 1950's, they moved to California and then returned to Hansen in 1978. Eulalia was an elementary school teacher and taught in schools at Mink Creek, Twin Falls, Hansen and in southern California before retiring. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and took an active part in church activities and enjoyed her



family and friends. Survivors include her loving husband, John; a daughter, Carol Jean Oborn of Houston; a son, Michael (Joyce) Bennett of

Hansen; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving are six brothers and sisters, Keith (Ramona) Crane of Burley, William E. (Betty) Crane Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev., Don Niecer (Norval) Whitehead and Karen Gunderson; both of St. George, Utah; Basil (Molly) Crane of Logan, Utah; and Golda Christensen of Grace, Idaho.

Funeral services for Eulalia Bennett will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Kimberly LDS Chapel on Birch Street in Kimberly with Bishop Mark Olsen officiating. Burial will follow in the Mink Creek Cemetery. A viewing will be held at the church one hour prior to the time of services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

SERVICES

Wilma Ina Johnson of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert 2nd Ward LDS Church, 26 S. 100 W.; friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Brendo Greenwalt Vaughn of Anderson, Calif., graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may gather at the cemetery before the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Warren Dale Barningham of Heyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

John E. Drew of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

Lucille Kelly of Klamath Falls, Ore., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Leslie James Juchau of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hazelton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; viewing from 6-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Lois Ann Hnstead of Caldwell, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Nampa First United Methodist Church, 2717 12th Ave. Road, Nampa (Dakam Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Larry J. VanKomen of Buhl, small memorial at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buhl (Farrer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Ace (Ashel) E. Caldwell of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; family and friends may call one hour before the service Monday.

DEATH NOTICES

Judith Ellen Button RUPERT — Judith Ellen Button, 64, of Crown Point, N.Y., and formerly of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, Vt.

The funeral will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at the DeLegge Funeral Home, 1346 Chrysler Ave., Schenectady, N.Y., with the Rev. Franklin Wright officiating. Relatives and friends may call from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Trent W. Davis WENDELL — Trent W. Davis, 39, of Wendell, died Wednesday,

Dec. 17, 2003, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Karen L. Rementeria RUPERT — Karen Loraine Harmon Vincent Rementeria, 63, of Sandpoint and formerly of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, in Sandpoint.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton.

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Thanks, Larry

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Burley city computer system gets upgrade

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - All Burley city offices will soon be connected via computers, following action taken by the City Council Tuesday.

Council members agreed to spend \$2,095 to set up a network system connecting the sewer plant, water plant, library, service center and fire station to the main computer system based at City Hall.

Council members approved a proposal from Project Mutual Telephone, which was recommended by City Administrator Mark Milton. Once the router is installed and all the buildings connected, the city will pay \$270 a month for the service.

The new system will allow employees in various city departments, who don't work out of City

Hall, to access their departmental computer records. Milton-told council members. In the long run, it will save time and money.

Milton also expects to be able to remove two phone lines from city buildings, which now provide modem service for computers. Since those won't be necessary once all the buildings have digital subscriber lines, the city will save about \$100 a month in phone charges, he said.

Other council business included:

- Building permits - Council members approved two building permits. Fred and Edna Careles were issued a \$116,784 permit for a house at 2873 Rocky Road and American Family Insurance was issued a \$25,000 permit for a remodeling project in the Snake River Plaza.
- Grant applications - Council

members agreed to apply for several grants from the state. They're asking for \$50,000 each for new restrooms at Kunau Park and North Freedom Park and money to pave more of the parking lots at Kunau Park and North Freedom Park and to build more boat docks at those two parks and Riverfront Park.

- Litigation resolution - Council members approved a resolution in support of a litigation settlement agreement between the Bonneville Power Administration and many municipalities and electric cooperatives.
- The city isn't a party to the lawsuit, which stems from BPA's contract to sell investor-owned utilities electricity at a lower rate than cities or cooperatives pay, but a settlement would likely mean a reduction in the rate the city pays BPA, Milton said.

- Electric transformer - Council members agreed to contribute \$3,850 toward the purchase of a spare electric transformer. The cities of Heyburn and Rupert, along with United Electric and East End Electric, are also contributing that amount to buy the transformer from BPA.
- It would serve as a spare for any of those utilities, Monson said. A new transformer costs about \$250,000, he said.
- The council's motion to spend the money included a directive to Monson that the transformer be certified as in good working condition.
- Dues payment - Council members agreed to spend \$7,000 to join the Northwest Requirement Utilities. That group lobbies the BPA on behalf of its members.

HOWLING ALONG



Lupe, a male black howler monkey born on July 19, receives his first medical check up Wednesday by zoo veterinarian technician Gall Hedberg at the San Francisco Zoo. Lupe, the first black howler monkey born at the San Francisco Zoo in five years, will cling to his mother until he's weaned at about 10 months of age. Black howler monkeys are native to eastern Bolivia, northeast Argentina, Paraguay and southern Brazil. Howlers are the only South American mammal that howls, a sound which has been described as deep resonating growls comparable to the roar of lions.

Cassia P&Z hears testimony on wind power, recreation

Rose Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission continued its analysis of the county's comprehensive plan Thursday night, hearing from four invited speakers.

United Electric Cooperative General Manager Ralph Williams told the commission that he agrees with the plan's call for conservation through the wise and efficient use of energy. However, he disagrees with the suggestion that each community become self-sufficient. Williams said that denies the importance of the distribution grid.

Williams said that energy generated by wind and geothermal sources may be good options. He told commission members they should look at the distribution corridors that already exist when they consider these alternative means of generation.

Commissioner Bruce Beck asked Williams what benefits or problems would be associated with hooking wind generators into distribution lines. Williams said the necessary technology doesn't exist

yet. He added that there could be danger of electrocution if utilities don't adequately regulate the way wind generators are connected.

Commission Chairman Vaughn Cook observed that the planning commission will need to ensure that any wind generation it approves is in compliance with the guidelines of the utility company involved.

The planning commission should also take into account where distribution lines are when they plan growth in the county, Williams said. He added that transmission lines can be upgraded in their current location. However, in the next 10 years there will be a need to increase both capacity and redundancy.

Finally, Williams said he has always contended that the Northwest's advantage is its hydroelectric power.

"It is environmental, and we need to increase both capacity and redundancy," Williams said.

City of Rocks National Reserve Superintendent Wallace Keck told the commissioners that the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the Bureau of Land

There could be danger of electrocution if utilities don't adequately regulate the way the wind generators are connected.

Management, and the US Forest Service have coordinated plans for development.

Keck said the City of Rocks was named a National Historical Landmark in 1964, a National Natural Landmark in 1974, and a National Resurvey in 1988. Castle Rock State Park was established in 2003.

Heritage recreation will be important for the economic development of Idaho, Keck said. He said that all three roads that lead to City of Rocks are substandard, and he suggested state highway status for the road from Connor Creek to Almo.

Keck said the planning commis-

sion should consider the potential to damage the view when they permit development on the private land that is near the City of Rocks National Reserve.

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Scott Nannenga gave the commissioners a copy of the Sawtooth National Forest planning document. He said it designates recreation as a primary activity. He listed four areas of concern:

- A shift from day use to overnight camping in the national forests.
- Unregulated recreation such as use of all-terrain vehicles that are creating trails, causing erosion and interfering with wildlife habitat.
- Loss of open spaces.
- Wildfires.

Bureau of Land Management spokesperson Wendy Reynolds also gave the commissioners her agency's perspective on the comprehensive plan.

Other commission business included approval of a conditional use permit requested by Mark and Denise Martin to build within the 100-foot setback of the Snake River.

Forest service drops e-mail blackout

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Forest Service is dropping a plan to ignore public comments from certain e-mail servers on pre-printed post cards, citing widespread opposition.

The agency had planned to bar "duplicative materials" such as mass e-mails, form letters and pre-printed post cards on grounds they added little to debate, over forest decisions.

Civil liberties groups and activists on both sides of forest issues complained that the plan would thwart public access to decision makers and reduce the role of average citizens in shaping policy.

A spokeswoman said the Forest Service never intended to shut the public out, but was abandoning the plan as a show of good faith.

"We were concerned that people misconstrued it - that we didn't care about what they were saying when in fact that's not the reason why we put it there," spokeswoman Heidi Valetkevitch said Thursday.

"We were trying... to make sure that decision-makers (get) as much information in as much detail as possible," Valetkevitch said. "You really can't get that from form letters as well as you can from detailed comments."

"We won't" responded Cindy Cohn, legal director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco-based group that promotes online civil liberties. The foundation had led a coalition of groups, ranging from the American Lung Association to the League of Conservation Voters and the National Wildlife Federation, that protested.

Wilson Theatre Christmas event will take place tonight

RUPERT - "Christmas at the Wilson," a night of musical entertainment, begins at 7 tonight at the Wilson Theatre.

Entertainment is planned by the Snake River Flats, Skip-N-School, the Rip Chords, the Minco High

Around the valley

School Reflections, children from Big Valley Elementary School and boys from Memorial Elementary School. Admission is \$5.

Santa appears at story hour today

BURLEY - Santa Claus is due at story hour at the Burley Public Library at 10:30 a.m. today.

Friday's story hours are usually

designed for preschoolers, but today's event is open to all children.

Children may leave their letters for Santa at the library, too, and he'll answer them.

—Compiled from staff reports

Shortage

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can take on any new clients. There are 20 children on the waiting list and the staff is overworked now with each therapist carrying a caseload of at least 50 children. She said at least 80 percent of their children are on Medicaid.

"We're at capacity now," Harris said. "We have a shortage of therapists and we're working very, very long hours."

She said Medicaid regulations that don't allow private therapists to bill for outpatient occupational and speech therapy doesn't help, but "even if Medicaid allowed it, we would still have a shortage."

So what's the answer?

"We need to attract more people to enter the programs at the local universities," Harris said. "Idaho State University (in Pocatello) has a great program with a satellite program in Boise, but we're not attracting people in-state. Out-of-state students end up going back home."

Harris said providing more financial help to local students would help. Educating students at earlier ages about these programs would also help to recruit more local stu-

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— Tony Seikel, associate professor at Idaho State University

dents who plan to return to the Magic Valley after graduation.

Students invest many years to become speech, occupational and physical therapists. Speech therapy programs require four years of undergraduate work, two years of graduate school and a one-year clinical fellowship. Physical and occupational therapy programs require four years of undergraduate work and three years of graduate school.

Tony Seikel, associate professor in the speech and language pathology department at Idaho State University, said one of the secrets of recruiting more therapists in Idaho is "growing your own."

"We need to recruit people with family ties to the area," Seikel said.

Offering grants to students that would require them to stay in the state for a certain number of years would also help, Seikel said.

Idaho could also offer better starting salaries. He said therapists can expect to make about \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year to start in Idaho hospitals, but they can start at \$52,000 at a hospital in Spokane.

But Idaho's rural communities could get a boost in the near future. Idaho State University is presently working on offering an online master's program in speech pathology that would allow local students to earn their degrees without leaving home. It would work especially well for teachers who want to become speech pathologists. They could continue to teach while working on their master's degree at their own pace and do their clinical studies locally.

"We have a proposal into the Department of Education," Seikel said. "If it gets funded in this cycle, we would have our first students in 2005."

Other items addressed by the Shoshone City Council included:

- New hire - The council approved hiring Terry Pennington as a full-time employee with the city maintenance crew. Pennington's salary would be \$21,000 plus benefits, said Mary Kay Bennett, city clerk.
- Water planning - The council decided to set up a meeting after Jan. 1 to discuss long-term water planning.
- Benches - A six-month trial period was approved for new advertising benches.

Trees

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extra tree shipments, said John Condie, with Ridley's corporate office in Jerome.

Southeastern Idaho's dearth of trees is the result of several factors, said David Jenkins, whose Sandpoint tree farm supplies more than 10,000 trees to lots throughout the Intermountain West.

In recent years, many retailers overstocked and were left with too many trees after Christmas, cutting deeply into profits.

"A lot of retailers were losing money. Last year was a bad year, and plastic trees took a lot more of the market," Jenkins said.

"This year, half the retailers dropped out of town in Pocatello. I took down my normal amount of trees, but then I ran out early. I was done last Monday," just when the tree-buying season usually is

starting to peak, he said.

Tom Myler, director of the Harrison-based Inland Empire Christmas Tree Growers Association, said growers start signing delivery contracts, with retailers as early as July.

The real gamble for the lot operators starts around Thanksgiving, when they can see how many competitors are also setting up shops.

If there are too many, prices go down and trees are wared at the end of the year. But in years like this one, the law of supply and demand works the other way.

Jenkins said he did not take advantage of the market and over-charge for his trees in Pocatello. At least, not too much.

"I did a little increase on one size, my 6- to 7-foot trees," Jenkins admitted. They sold at \$40-\$45 for

a grand fir.

Some retail tree lots in Boise and the surrounding suburbs also had noticeably less stock.

In Eagle, at the DG Nursery & Turf shop, only 20 trees remained for sale Thursday afternoon, most under 5 feet tall.

Assistant Manager Mary Jane Fields said it is difficult for retailers to guess in July how many trees they'll need for the holiday rush.

"This year she boosted her order over last year's, but her supplier was unable to make the full delivery and now she expects to sell out before Christmas."

Meanwhile, Jenkins is headed back to his tree farm in Sandpoint.

"What am I going to do now? I'm hibernating," Jenkins said.

Bar

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Vincent said he had heard the rumors about strippers in the bar, too, but those rumors were entirely false. A city ordinance prohibits strippers, he said.

The rumors might have started because there were a couple times when some female customers called the bar "a strip club," Vincent said, adding that he immediately put a stop to that behavior. "I'm never going to have strippers," he said.

"In the beginning I made mistakes," Vincent admitted. "But those have been rectified."

Police Chief Robert Quinago said the police department has received several calls about fights at the bar, but that Vincent is working with the officers to change that behavior.

Events at the bar have brought a lot of people to town, Vincent

said.

Councilman Dale Sluder told Vincent he did not like the idea of minors in the bar.

Paul said Vincent was within his rights to allow minors in the bar as long as they were not served alcohol.

"I do ID checks with everybody there," Vincent said. "I serve no alcohol to any minors."

But the bar has the kind of atmosphere where young people can feel comfortable shooting pool, singing karaoke or playing video games, he added.

"I think it's a good thing," Vincent said. "It's a fun place for them to go."

The bar owner encouraged council members to visit the Bonzai.

"I wish you'd come in and see what I'm doing," he said.

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the signatories said they "would also like to see this policy extended to include testing of administration, faculty, and staff."

Other statements included the signatories' belief that provisions in the policy would help students with drug addictions correct their problems. Also, the document emphasized that students of Richfield schools have a right to feel safe and secure while attending school.

"Students high on drugs do erratic and unpredictable things to other students," the proclamation read. "We do not want to be the victims of these circumstances."

A survey recently was passed out to faculty members to determine how many students are suspected of using drugs, and if so what kind. Nine staff members returned the survey. And the results from each of their surveys suggested there is a drug problem in the district, Farnworth said.

School Board member David Morita noted that he had discussed with Blaine County school officials their drug policy, which is "designed by an elementary teacher with correctional facilities

Other business before the Richfield School Board included:

- Out for bid - Superintendent David Hochlander asked for and received support to make a bid on a double-wide manufactured home to be installed for use as a library.
- Equipment purchase - Hochlander also presented an idea for a multi-leveled floor sweeper.
- The custodians have the most labor-intensive job, consisting of mopping, cleaning and refurbishing the tile floors in the hallways and the floor in the gym," Hochlander said. "This machine makes it possible to do half a day's job in about 10 minutes."

background." And they have found it to be effective, Morita said.

The Blaine County School District does not test students randomly.

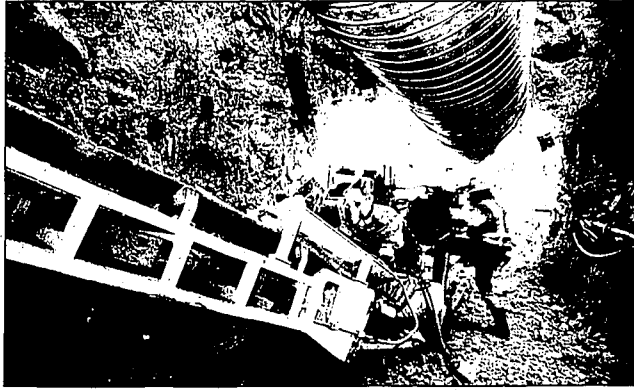
"It's important to remember," Morita said, "education and safety are our two primary concerns." Board members will review Blaine County's policy before next month's school district meeting.

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Nevada argues against Yucca Mountain site

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nevada's legal team will tell a federal appeals court that the government is trying to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain even though the site doesn't meet the original legal requirements for a dump, attorneys said Thursday.

The attorneys will represent Nevada during a Jan. 14 hearing that will cover the six lawsuits the state filed against the federal government from 2000 to 2002. The suits have been consolidated in a case to be heard by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.



Miner Alan Beaman steps onto a tunneling machine May 2000 at the Yucca Mountain Project on the Nevada Test Site. Lawyers for the state of Nevada plan to prevail their case for stopping the government from proceeding with the nuclear waste dump. It wants to open 90 miles from Las Vegas by 2010.

Nevada has failed over two decades in the political arena to stop the dump from being built 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Attorneys told a media briefing Thursday that the courts might represent their best chance of keeping 77,000 tons of the nation's most radioactive waste out of Nevada, where it would be buried for 10,000 years.

"I think that this is the first time that any court in this country is really going to look at the fundamental legal merits of this project," said Joe Egan, Nevada's lead attorney in the case.

"We didn't just throw something at the ceiling to see what will stick. We had a lot more things we could've done. We picked what we thought we had a chance of winning and filed that," he said.

Egan and other attorneys outlined a series of arguments that accuse the government of learning, after it began studying Yucca Mountain, that the "desert site couldn't satisfy Congress's original mandate of "geological isolation." Instead studies demonstrat-

ed that the site would be at risk of dangerous seepage, they said. Rather than abandon the site, the Department of Energy illegally changed the rules and declared the site suitable, the attorneys said. They also accused the department of improperly evaluating the

project's environmental impacts. The attorneys said Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham failed to disqualify Yucca Mountain when it was found unsuitable and unlawfully recommended it to President Bush. They claimed the Environmental

Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission broke the law in developing licensing rules and standards for the project.

They also said the Constitution bars 49 states from imposing their will on a single, politically isolated state without a compelling reason. Energy Department spokesman Joe Davis disputed the allegations. He said Yucca Mountain would be safe and the department has followed the law. Nevada's lawsuits "are simply misguided," he said.

"In the end, if the science doesn't meet the standards, it's not going to be built. In the end, we believe the science will meet the standards," Davis said.

Congress and Bush approved sending nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain last year, but the Energy Department does not expect to open the site until 2010 at the earliest. Nevada politicians of both parties have been united against the project but have failed to stop it.

The department must still apply for a license from the NRC, which it aims to do in December 2004. Egan said that if Nevada loses the legal battle, which he expects to end in the Supreme Court, the state's next fight will be to oppose the license application.

Former police chief dies

PRESTON (AP) - Duane Golightly, who served as chief of police in Preston for 13 years in the 1980s and 1990s, has died of heart attack. He was 68.

Golightly was respected by his officers as well as many of those he came in contact with as the chief. His son, Cal, recalled one man, who went to prison after being arrested by Golightly, knocking on the family's front door one evening to "thank my dad for arresting him and said that he was making a change in his life."

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Idaho man pleads guilty in staged trailer fire

BONNERS-FERRY (AP) - A Boundary County man who staged a hate crime by torching his trailer faces a March 2 sentencing after a plea bargain with prosecutors.

Warren Scott Zamitalo, 36, pleaded guilty Dec. 9 to conspiracy to commit first-degree arson. In exchange, authorities will drop a second count of insurance fraud against the Naples man, who admitted setting fire to his home Oct. 5.

He also agreed to cooperate with officials against co-defendant Robert Hayden, 64, who also was charged with arson and conspiracy.

Zamitalo could serve up to 25 years in prison and pay a \$10,000 fine.

Boundary County Sheriff's deputies responded to a fire at the Zamitalo home. They found diesel fuel had been poured throughout the house and a small fire was set in the living room.

The racially mixed couple initially told them they were away at the time, and returned to find racial epithets scrawled on a barn and a cross draped with a white nightgown placed in the front yard.

Zamitalo later confessed to deputies that he and Hayden staged the fire to make it appear as though a hate crime had been committed.

Detective Mike Naumann said the Zamitalos were struggling financially and apparently hoped

to collect insurance money so they could move to Wisconsin.

Officials said their property was insured for \$75,000.

Zamitalo was accused of giving false information to Traveler's Insurance Co. after filing a claim for damages.

Hayden, who authorities maintain helped Zamitalo set fire to his home, has pleaded innocent to both arson and criminal conspiracy. He claims he was at his property in Whitebird when the crime occurred.

No charges were filed against Barbara Zamitalo. The incident brought in the FBI, as well as state and local officers.



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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

David W. Hennigan, 39, battery - domestic violence, false imprisonment, prior conviction, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Thomas Allen Russell, 22, driving without privileges, open container, failure to provide proof of insurance, pretrial conference Jan. 5, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kelly S. Tenjillo, 43, driving under the influence, failure to provide proof of insurance, possession of a controlled substance, failure to use safety belt, pretrial conference Jan. 5, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentences

Gerardo J. Evora-Hernandez, 25, failure to provide proof of insurance, \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Lee E. Bennett Jr., 44, driving under the influence (second offense), \$100 fine, \$500 suspended, \$35 probation fee, \$75.00 court costs, \$200 public defender fee; two years supervised probation, 365 days in jail, 300 suspended, 55 days in jail, 180 suspended, 10 discretionary, credit for one day served, providing false information to officers, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, 180 days in jail, 89 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.



Martha F. Lattin, 53, driving under the influence (second offense) amended to drive under the influence, \$75 fine, \$675 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; two years supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Greg Martin Jr., 41, driving under the influence (second offense), \$100 fine, \$750 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, two years supervised probation, 365 days in jail, 235 suspended, 100 discretionary, credit for one day served; driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michael Gene Madley, 28, driving under the influence, \$750 fine, \$700 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, nine year supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 177 suspended, credit for one day served, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Lorenzo Hawley Mitchell, 22, aggravated assault, domestic violence, injury, battery - domestic violence, \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, two years supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 173 suspended, credit for nine days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Amanda Corine Alami, 18, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Clay Alan Hennigan, 20, dog at large, \$50 fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Travis Dean Lee, 32, injury to a child, \$148.50 fine and fees; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Mallida Cordoba, 46, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, \$68.50 fine, \$100 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jose J. Gonzalez-Castillo, 20, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, \$150 fine, \$81.50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Joseph Howard Rakes, 35, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, \$150 fine, \$81.50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Greg Martin Jr., 41, driving under the influence, \$750 fine, \$700 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, nine year supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 177 suspended, credit for one day served, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Shelby Kim Cashman, 19, inattentive/unsafe driving, \$50 fine, \$200 suspended, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Bryan R. Adkinson, 36, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, one year unsupervised probation, 180 days in jail, 175 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; providing false information to an officer, resisting officer/detention, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Bridley F. Durham, 22, driving on a divided highway/restricted access, \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michael I. Kilmes, 46, battery - domestic violence, \$100 fine, \$500 suspended, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, six months unsupervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 suspended, multiple injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Loisne "Pat" Holton, 45, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; failure to maintain liability insurance, \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Roberto Camacho-Ibarra, 54, driving under the influence amended to inattentive/unsafe driving, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jude Ryan Green, 20, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, possession of a controlled substance, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sylvester G. Gutierrez, 35, inattentive/unsafe driving, \$100 fine, \$750 fine, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 147 suspended, 30 discretionary, credit for one day served, two eligible for work program; possession of a controlled substance, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Natalie Nadine Orson, 21, driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/valid driver's license, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Greg Martin Jr., 41, battery, \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$43.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

James J. Reeves, 40, open container, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, six months unsupervised probation, 30 days in jail, 20 suspended, speeding - base miles, \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$42.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Frie Juan Gonzalez, 18, possession of a controlled substance, amended to use possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year supervised probation, 365 days in jail, 355 suspended, credit for 10 days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Amber Dawn McKoon, 15, reckless driving, \$50 fine, exceeding the speed limit, \$80 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jermaine Corrales, 20, driving under the influence, judgment withheld, \$750 fine, \$650 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, six months unsupervised probation, 180 days in jail, 165 suspended, credit for 15 days served; underage consumption of alcohol, failure to purchase/valid driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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N. Mexico finds O'Keeffe painting missing

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - An early painting by renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe was stolen from the Museum of Fine Arts and an investigation is ongoing, state police said Wednesday.

The painting, titled "Special 21" (Palo Duro Canyon), was discovered missing from the state-owned museum early Tuesday afternoon by a security guard, said Stuart Ashman, the state's Cultural Affairs secretary.

Police would not release details of the investigation but said a "substantial reward" was being offered for information leading to the thief. No amount was specified.

The 1916 painting had been hanging in the museum, augmenting a traveling exhibit of photographs by and of major artists organized by the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery. None of those works is missing, officials said.

Santa Fe art dealer Gerald Peters, who has bought and sold more than 200 O'Keeffe works, said the missing painting is worth "a significant amount of money - half a million (dollars) plus."

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- Stuart Ashman, state Cultural Affairs secretary

"And it's not marketable because it's so well documented. It's kind of a crazy theft," Peters added. "Let's hope they just want ransom, or something stupid."

Ashman declined to discuss the museum's security system, except to say all protocols were followed. "I was shocked... It's just beginning to sink in," he said. "I think there was a sense of disbelief that something like this could happen."

"It's like losing a pet, or a child," he added. "It hurts."

The painting, an oil on board measuring 13.375 inches by 16.125 inches, was given to the museum by O'Keeffe's estate in 1993.

Ashman said it's particularly significant because it's one of the ear-

lier examples of her abstract work. It depicts the area near Canyon, Texas, where O'Keeffe headed the art department at West Texas State Normal School, now Texas A&M, Ashman said.

O'Keeffe, an icon of early American modernism, is best known for works featuring huge flowers, bleached bones and landscapes of the country around her northern New Mexico home in Abiquia. The internationally recognized artist produced more than 2,000 works in her lifetime.

"Ms. O'Keeffe is very well known, and so I believe it would be very difficult to try to do something with the art work," said Judy Lopez, director of the Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation in Abiquia, which was started in 1989 to perpetuate O'Keeffe's legacy and dispose of her estate.

Information about the theft will be circulated to museums worldwide to deter any attempts to buy or sell the painting, said state police Lt. Robert San Roman.

Collectors and art dealers also will be asked to be on alert, he said.

He said the painting is "very distinct" and "would be readily identifiable due to its uniqueness."

The state museum is located on a downtown corner adjacent to

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REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Literal meaning of "Bethlehem" is "House of Bread."
Which did Egypt get first — pyramids or beer? Say beer. In 1989, the remains of a 5,400-year-old brewery was found near the Nile.
Out there in space, says an astronaut, just brushing your teeth can send you spinning.
Q. Didn't Queen Elizabeth I invent the gingerbread man?
A. So say some historians. What's certain is her was the favorite spice in ginger day. The Queen's good-cooks like many good cooks, don't always get the

credit.
True amnesia seldom lasts long, say the medics.
More gold goes into class rings every year than into anything else.
The platypus has no navel.
All I know about Herophilus of Thrace is he was first to probe the brain, not the heart, is what we think with, or try to.
Q. Why does a tiger have to eat 10 times as much as a crocodile?
A. To jin up heat.
If the woman at the door says, "Ya lang dao tang," she's a

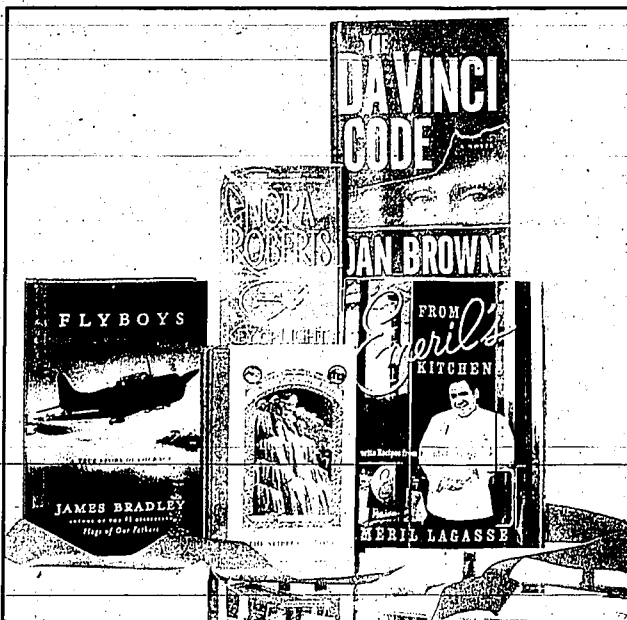
Chinese Avon lady. Over there, that's the rough equivalent of "Avon calling."
"YOU" is not exactly what most think. It's an abbreviation of "I owe unto."
Also on that list of professionals who statistically are most likely to be divorced are physicians.
Early in the Spanish Civil War, before foreign armies intervened, Loyalists and Falangists stopped for noon siestas, climbing out of their trenches into clear view to sit under umbrellas, and eat their lunches, and drink wine. According to the historical footnotes, the fighting didn't resume until both sides repositioned behind their weapons.
Jean-Paul Sartre said, "If you're lonely while you're alone, you're in bad company."
Q. What's "televensens"?
A. British for "coffee break."

'Cold Mountain' leads award nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The Civil War epic "Cold Mountain" collected a leading, eight Golden Globe nominations Thursday, including best drama, as Hollywood marked the start of its annual trophy-giving season.
"Lost in Translation," starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson, and "Mystic River," the story of three adult friends linked by tragic crimes, received five nominations each.
Along with "Cold Mountain" and "Mystic River," best movie drama contenders were the searing epic "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," the true-life horse racing story "Seabiscuit" and the fantasy saga "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."
"The Return of the King," the third film in a hugely successful trilogy, had four nominations including Peter Jackson for best director.
"Big Fish," director Tim Burton's offbeat story of a charismatic father and his repressed son, also got four nominations including best musical or comedy. It competes against the year's highest-grossing movie, the computer-animated "Finding Nemo," and three smaller films: "Lost in Translation," the soccer coming-of-age story "Bend It Like Beckham" and the British holiday romance

anthology "Love Actually."
"The Reagans," which CBS dropped after Reagan admirers complained that it dwelled on the negative, got made-for-TV movie nominations for James Brolin and Judy Davis — who played former President Reagan and first lady Nancy. The Showtime cable channel eventually picked up the movie.
Ben Kingsley's performance as a desperate Iranian immigrant in "House of Sand and Fog" joined with Russell Crowe's hardscrabble sea captain in "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" in the lead dramatic movie actor category. Other contenders were Tom Cruise for "The Last Samurai," Jude Law for "Cold Mountain" and Sean Penn for "Mystic River."
"Everything's rushing this morning, it's so exciting for us and for the film," Kingsley told The Associated Press.
Nicole Kidman's role as a prim Southerner in "Cold Mountain" earned her a nomination for lead dramatic actress in a movie, along with Uma Thurman for "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," Charlize Theron for "Monster," Evan Rachel Wood for "Thirteen," and Cate Blanchett for "Veronica Guerin."
Johansson had two lead performance nominations — one for the drama "Girl With a Pearl

Earring" and one in the comedy class for "Lost in Translation."
Also nominated with Johansson in the lead comedy film actress category were Diane Keaton for "Something's Gotta Give" and Helen Mirren for "Calendar Girls," two films about beauty and romance among older women. Jamie Lee Curtis was also recognized in the category for playing a mom who switches bodies with her teenage daughter in the remake "Freaky Friday," while Diane Lane received a bid for the romance "Under the Tuscan Sun."
Curtis stepped into "Freaky Friday" after Annette Bening opted out.
"I literally stepped onto something that was already moving, a train already going, and I jumped on at the last minute," she said Thursday. "If I'd had time to think about things, I probably would have stunk."
Jack Black was a surprise nominee for lead comedy or musical film actor for his role as a physics music teacher in "The School of Rock" while Johnny Depp was nominated for playing a wobbly buccaneer in "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl." Other nominees in the category: Murray for "Lost in Translation," Jack Nicholson for "Something's Gotta Give" and Billy Bob Thornton for "Bad Santa."



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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Mars has you bouncing new ideas around. With increased energy, you're ready to hoist your flag. There's a twist as you may have to prove your loyalty first.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): The moon in your seventh house means you could be experiencing rivalry. The truth will bail you out. You may have to wait longer as a complexity needs to be sorted out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't allow yourself to be bullied as the dirty tricks dept. is still lurking in the guise of Pluto. You're not naive and know the odds.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): On your way to becoming a big shot? Behaving like one certainly opens doors. As Venus is about to leave your opposite sign, it's best to make the most of things before the door closes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Resisting someone's advance can be unsettling as they can be uplifting but certainly give you a break from the treadmill. Don't overlook a domestic matter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Jupiter is still spraying lucky dust in your direction. Just as you believe all is solved and on course,

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Did your cell phone ring with no one there? What do you expect with Mercury in backward motion? People have second thoughts, and playing by the rules is a safe guarantee.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Too much work and stress, too little fun? You feel so emotionally leached and richly deserve, the holidays. With your petty cash at risk, take a break. You come back refreshed by impressions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being generous at present is only good if you join forces. Personal problems are lurking, and as long as you're aware of why, you don't have to justify yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Saturn, your ruler is forcing you to restructure. So far so good. The past chaos has cost you emotional appeal, but with light at the end of the tunnel, you're seeing yourself in a clearer light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pretending you can do it alone when you can't, you're too proud to beg. Life on terra can become a robotic treadmill. Sharing your thoughts and whatever you're sensing gives you a clearer conscience.

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Green River Killer gets life in prison

SEATTLE (AP) — Gary Ridgway, the Green River Killer who terrorized Seattle in the 1980s, apologized for his crimes Thursday, but the judge said he found little to believe in his remorse as he sentenced him to life in prison without the chance of release.

"I'm sorry for killing all those young ladies," said Ridgway who lowered his head and cried. "I have tried to remember as much as I could to help the detectives find and recover the ladies."

"I have tried for a long time to keep from killing any ladies," Ridgway said. "I'm very sorry for the ladies that were not found. May they rest in peace. They need a better place than where I gave them. I'm sorry for killing these ladies. They had their whole lives ahead of them. I'm sorry for causing so much pain to so many families."

After blistering Ridgway for his lack of compassion and the horror he brought to his victims, their families and the community, King County Superior Court Judge Richard Jones imposed the 48 consecutive sentences one at a time.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed to spare Ridgway the death penalty in exchange for his helping investigators find four previously undiscovered sets of remains and confessing to the murders, the most recent in 1998.

"The time has come for the final chapter of your reign of terror in our community," Jones said. "It is now time for our community to have peace from the Green River murders."

After a moment of silence for the victims, Jones offered words of comfort to their families then turned his attention back to Ridgway, convicted of the most murders in U.S. history.

"The remarkable thing about you is your remarkable Teflon-coated emotions and complete absence of compassion for the young woman you murdered," Jones said.

Earlier in the hearing, relatives of the victims had their chance to confront Ridgway with decades of pain, anger and loss pouring forth.

"It was not your right to decide who lived and who died," said Tim Meehan, the brother of Mary Meehan, whose body was found Nov. 13, 1983. "Mary was no less a human being than your mother or your son, or as trash as you have classified all the victims."

"I'm done with you, Gar," finished, he said. "It's my turn to put you in the garbage, out, and throw away the key."

"I can only hope that someday, someone, gets the opportunity to choke you unconscious 48 times. So you can live through the horror that you put our mothers and our daughters through ... To me you are already dead."

Idaho supervisor taking over Montana forest

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) — Leslie "Spike" Thompson, who has been the acting supervisor for eastern Idaho's Salmon-Challis National Forest, is taking over as supervisor of Montana's Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Thompson says his experience in the Montana's Bitterroot Valley, where controversy erupted over managing thousands of acres burned during the 2000 wildfire season, will suit him in his new job.

Thompson, who had been deputy supervisor of the

Bitterroot for two years, was named supervisor of the Lewis and Clark forest on Wednesday.

Thompson, 52, was named acting supervisor for the eastern Idaho forest after Supervisor George Matzko asked to be re-assigned following the deaths of two helitack firefighters in the Cramer fire last July. He had expressed interest in getting that job permanently.

The Lewis and Clark is a 1.8 million-acre forest that encompasses seven mountain ranges

and the Rocky Mountain Front, one of the wildland areas targeted by the Bush administration for development of natural gas reserves, but considered off limits by conservationists.

"I learned a lot on the Bitterroot," Thompson said. "First of all, we've got to keep the public informed of what's going on — and then we need to do what we say."

Thompson acknowledged the controversy over the future of the Front will be high on his list of priorities.

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The greater gift

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Gooding cantata

The Gooding Community Choral and Chamber Orchestra will perform the Christmas cantata "Journey of Promises" tonight and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Schubert Theater. Saturday's and Sunday's performances are open to the public.

Sweet music

Darkwood Consort, a clarinet/viola chamber duo from Boise that plays diverse music dating back to the Middle Ages, will play Buhl's Eighth Street Center tonight—a concert that will include dessert.

Comfort and joy

The final Christmas in City Park concert of the Advent season will be held Sunday afternoon in Twin Falls City Park, with music by the Girl Scouts of the Magic Valley, under the direction of Hilari Walker. It's free.

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

SQUARING the cycle

How 'Rings' turned into the odyssey

The Orange County Register

Four years ago, the phone rang in Viggo Mortensen's home. It was his agent.

"There's this guy in New Zealand who wants to make three movies in a row," the agent said. "If you take the job, you have to leave tomorrow."

Mortensen remembers thinking that it didn't sound like a very good idea. He had never read "The Lord of the Rings," the book upon which the three movies would be based, and he would be walking into an awkward situation. He would be replacing the Irish actor Stuart Townsend, who was fired three days into the shoot when director Peter Jackson realized that he wasn't right for the key role of Aragorn, the man who would be king.

"Not only had the entire cast read the book, but they all had been in New Zealand rehearsing for the last two months," the actor said. "I didn't want the movies to come out and have people say that everybody was into their character but this one guy who didn't seem to know what story he was in."

So, when he hung up the phone, Mortensen was pretty sure he would turn down the offer. Then he turned around and faced his 11-year-old son.

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Actor Viggo Mortensen is shown in the role of Aragorn, in this undated production still from 'The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.' Aragorn is a reluctant hero who helps defeat the ancient evil of Sauron in New Line Cinema's 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy.

But is the movie any good?

By Kenneth Turan
Los Angeles Times

It took one ring to rule them all, and now there's one film to end it all, to bring to a close the cinematic epic of our time, the one by which all others will be judged. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" has finally arrived.

Powerfully imagined two times over, first by the matchless fantasy mind of J.R.R. Tolkien and then by the bravura filmmaking of director Peter Jackson and a cast and crew that reached 2,400 souls, "The Return of the King" is a fitting climax to a story about the quest to rescue the world from evil that has had us profoundly in its grip from the start.

Like anything restlessly and eagerly anticipated, "The Return of the King" will inevitably be quibbled with. At three hours and 20 minutes, it is both formidably long and unsure where it ought to end. The film's critical human

'The Return of the King'

- Who's in it? Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen
- What's it rated? PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and frightening images
- Where's it playing? Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum
- Should you go? As a model for how to bring substance, authenticity and insight to the biggest of adventure yarns, this trilogy will not soon, if ever, find its equal.



J.R.R. Tolkien

moments include some of the strongest of the trilogy, but because "Return" by definition has to showcase battles that will literally end all battles, the brevity of those character beats at times threatens the critical human thread with unraveling.

That doesn't happen, which is a tribute not only to this film but to the deep emotional connection with its numerous characters

we've stored up and carry with us. In its belief that this story has meaning as well as excitement, "Return," written by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens and Jackson, has made its made-up world as completely real on the psychological level as its up-to-the-moment

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Where's Saruman?

In "The Fellowship of the Ring," Christopher Lee appeared as the traitorous elder wizard Saruman, whose snowy white beard and robe hid his black-hearted intentions for Middle-earth. In "The Two Towers," Saruman watched his power fade as enormous walking trees laid waste to his army of ugly orcs and trapped him in his stone skyscraper. The final installment, "The Return of the King," reveals that Saruman is... well, where is he? Certainly not in the movie.

All of the 81-year-old Lee's closing scenes were cut from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, a move that has angered thousands of hard-core fans and may confuse the casual moviegoer who wonders why one of the story's main villains has simply disappeared.

In the books by J.R.R. Tolkien, Saruman escapes his tower and overtakes the Shire, a peaceful Hobbit homeland. His death comes at the end of the books when Frodo and company try to eject him from their village.

That particular subplot was never filmed by Jackson. Instead, he shot

an alternate climax for the wicked wizard character that he intended to place at the end of "The Two Towers."

But that didn't work out either. "It seemed like an anticlimax," Jackson said. After that film's elaborate battle sequence in the mountain stronghold of Helm's Deep, the director said he felt audiences would want "to finish that film off as quickly as we could."

The seven-minute sequence that ends Saruman's story line was held for use near the beginning of "The Return of the King."

"As it is, it didn't work in the theatrical cut of 'Return of the King' either, because it felt like we were finishing off last year's movie instead of jumping in and setting up the tension for the new film," Jackson said. Instead, the characters mention perfunctorily that Saruman is powerless — then they move on to the rest of the story.

That explanation hasn't satisfied many fans. An Internet petition asking Jackson to reinstate the Saruman footage has gathered more than 40,000 signatures.

— Source: The Associated Press

What's new and local in the Magic Valley's bookstores

The Times-News

• "A History of Oakley, Idaho," by Kent Hale

One of the hidden treasures of the Magic Valley is an 83-year-old stenographer from Oakley named Kent Hale. Rocks were his business, but storytelling is his great gift, and this 319-page collection — gleaned from archives of the defunct Oakley Herald — make up a fascinating anecdotal history of 128 years in south-central Idaho's oldest town.

... when in February of 1926, Charlie Brown, editor of the Oakley Herald, did a local survey on bootlegging, partying and

petting, the results were no. Too surprising ... a girl of 16, a student, gives sleighing, car riding, dancing and jazz as her favorite amusements. She is a prohibitionist and does not drink, though she concedes that

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she might take a small drink of beer if given the opportunity and admits that the Prohibition law is not being enforced very well ... She has not attended parties where alcoholic liquor was drunk, but states that such parties are held in automobiles and deserted houses. She likes love stories

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and thinks that girls have as much right to drink as boys." Brown had an eye for the priceless details of small-town life, but in Hale's retelling, they're sold gold.

A History Of Oakley, Idaho

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With Reminiscences By Kent Hale

"There is a legend in Oakley about the young boy who was sent out with the cows in the morning, and it was expected that he would return home towards evening, but he

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WEEKEND

'The Station Agent' rolls into M.V. theaters

New to the valley

• **"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"** - Peter Jackson's epic adaptation of the J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy concludes as Frodo and the fellowship move closer to their goal. With Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellan and Sean Astin. (PG-13, for intense epic battle sequences and frightening images.)

• **"Mona Lisa Smile"** - Julia Roberts is a novice art history professor from California who inspires students at Wellesley to transcend the confining expectations of the mid-1950s. With Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Dominic West. Directed by Mike Newell. (PG-13, for sexual content and thematic issues.)

• **"The Station Agent"** - A quiet, beautiful little film about friendship, family, loneliness and trains. This New Jersey-made indie stars a true star, Peter Dinklage, as a rail buff who inherits a long-unused train depot. Like the best sort of short story, the quiet, oddball pic captures lives in fleeting, but telling, moments. R (profanity, adult themes)

Continuing

• **"Bad Santa"** - Directed by Terry Zwigoff, who did such great work with the teen misfits of 2000's "Ghost World," this 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)

• **"Brother Bear"** - With top-notch (traditional) cartooning talent and a script laced with jokes that parents and guardians can chuckle at, Disney's "Brother Bear" is a solid entry in the family film fare category - a generally upbeat and engaging tale of friendship and understanding. G (mild violence)

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

• **"EIP"** - An enjoyably woffy Yuletide tale, "EIP" follows Willy Ferrell in yellow tights as he leaves Santa's workshop at the North Pole to go looking for his biological father (James Caan) in New York - braving the Candy Cane Forest, the Sugar Plum Valley and the Lincoln Tunnel to get there. PG (profanity, cartoon violence)

• **"Gothika"** - Hyper-rational criminal psychologist Halle Berry thinks she's delusional: She sees undead people in this unnerving thriller from Mathieu Kassovitz that suffers from a weak third act. R (violence, profanity, 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)

• **"Honey"** - A hip-hop "Flashdance" with a dash of social conscience, "Honey" stars the snake-hipped Jessica Alba,

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 "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"
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 "Something's Got to Give"

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 "Elf"

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 "Honey"

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 "Master and Commander"
 "Something's Got to Give"
 "Stuck on You"
 "Timeline"

Odyssey Theater
 "Gothika"
 "Looney Tunes: Back in Action"
 "Love Don't Cost a Thing"
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lately of television's "Dark Angel." By no means is this a good movie, but it's warmed by the solar energy of its star, who surely deserves better than this formula empowerment flick. PG-13 (drugs, sexual content).


• **"The Last Samurai"** - Tom Cruise is a hardbitten Civil War vet who goes to Japan to teach the military a thing or two, and learns a bit himself when he is captured by the samurai wise in the ways of the warrior. Epic battle scenes and great costumes, but a hollow movie star and stereotyping screenplay are at its core. R (violence, adult themes)

• **"Love Don't Cost a Thing"** - A deft remake of the appealing 1987 "Can't Buy Me Love" finds a nerdy high school student (Nick Cannon) maneuvering the most popular girl in school (Christina Milian) into posing as his girl friend for two weeks so he too can be popular. As he gets carried away she grows introspective, and

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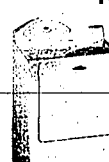
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Tonight and Saturday
 Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$4.

Tonight
 U-Turn will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

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 charge.

Saturday
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Dec. 30-31
 Lee Greenwood will perform two shows a night, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Ticket prices start at \$30. For reservation and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Jan. 25 - Boise
 Riders in the Sky will play the Morrison Center on the campus of



Boise State University at 3 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494 or online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>

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) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Tonight - 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-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

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

Saturday - Utah
 Rancid, Tiger Army and F-Minus will perform at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

Jan. 10 - Utah
 Locust will perform at Salt Lake City's Albee Square at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

Jan. 14 - Utah
 Guttermouth will play Salt Lake City's Albee Square at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be

reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Teazer's Sports Bar and Grill is located at 165 South West Temple.

Jan. 19 - Boise
 Mushroomhead, Dope, 40 Below Summer and Twisted Method will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 964-8827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 2 - Utah
 Gomez will play Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

Feb. 3 - Boise
 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.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 10 - Utah
 Linkin Park, Hoobastank and Story of the Year will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$33.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Feb. 17 - Boise
 John Mayer will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls or Paul's Market in Hatley. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

H I P - H O P

Saturday - Utah
 Naughty by Nature will play Teazer's Sports Bar and Grill in Ogden at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning

Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX and online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Teazer's Sports Bar and Grill is located 366 36th St.

C L A S S I C A L

Jan. 9-10 - Utah
 Utah Symphony will perform 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
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WEEKEND

ENGAGEMENT

SOLEAGUI-ANDERSON

TWIN FALLS - Roy and Lynn Anderson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Paul Anderson, to Susan Adrienne Soleagui, daughter of Paul and Kathy Soleagui of Sparks, Nev.

Anderson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Brigham Young University.

Soleagui is a graduate of Edward C. Reed High School in Nevada and has been attending University of Nevada Reno.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Reno LDS Temple in Reno, Nev. A reception in their honor will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.



Matthew Anderson and Susan Soleagui Dec. 27, at the Anderson residence in Twin Falls.

Movies

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(disapproving, and the result is a film that is frequently rowdy and uproarious but also has considerable depth. With Steve Harvey, hilarious as Cannon's father, intent on instilling in his embarrassed son on the art of love-making and safe sex. (L-1). PG-13, for sexual content/humor)

• "Masked and Anonymous" - Something is happening in this surprisingly funny Bob Dylan vanity project directed by Seinfeld alum Larry Charles, but it's never quite clear what it is. Dylan sings great, and acts poorly as gnomish folksinger Jack Fate, surrounded by a star-studded 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, willful incoherence)

• "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 hero-actor who 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 nautical duel between Aubrey's HMS Surprise and the French (changed from the American in the original novel) - privateer Achernor. 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.)

• "The Missing" - Cate Blanchett and Tommy Lee Jones play an estranged daughter and father in this compelling, and visually stunning, western with mystical overtones about the hunt for a missing girl in the Southwest's rugged mesa country. R (violence, profanity, adult themes)

• "Radio" - Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris star in the "inspired by a true story" tale of a good-hearted, mentally challenged town engineer and the Southwestern high school football coach who befriends him. PG (profanity, adult themes)

• "Secondhand Lions" - Edgeless as a marshmallow and twice as syrupy, "Secondhand Lions" is the story of two crusty Texans (Robert Duvall and Michael Caine) recruited to turn a soft, fatherless boy (Haley Joel

Osment) into a self-sufficient man. Written and directed by Tim McCannus, screenwriter of "The Iron Giant," "Lions" iron whimsy is a jackhammer on the heart. PG (threat of violence, rough language)

• "Something's Gotta Give" - The notion is at once simple, plausible and subversive: aging self-satisfied womanizer Harry Sanborn (Jack Nicholson) falls for successful playwright Erica Barry (Diane Keaton), a woman who just happens to be the mother of Marin (Amanda Peet), the young person he's currently dating. It's the comic gift of this film and its writer-director Nancy Meyers to make the romantic relationship between a 63-year-old man and a fifty-something woman - no big deal in the real world - into a situation so preposterous it's the cause for some shrewd and believable comedy. But when the film wants to in effect double back on itself, to then make this relationship a serious one, it finds that its more of a strain to return to reality than anyone imagined. With Amanda Peet, Keanu Reeves and Frances McDormand. (2.08, PG-13, for sexual content, brief nudity and strong language.)

• "Stuck on You" - Matt Damon and 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 Cher. (PG-13, for crude and sexual humor and some language.)

• "Timeline" - Easily the best "Dude, Where's My Century?" flick since "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure." Archaeologists get faxed to the 14th century to rescue an associate and discover that, despite their degrees, they know surprisingly little about their subject. PG-13 (medieval battle, profanity)

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ENGAGEMENTS

BAKER-GARRARD

BURLEY - Ronald and Mary Ellen Baker of Burley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice Baker, to Casey Garrard, son of Tom and Kathy Garrard of Burley.

Baker is working toward a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Garrard is currently farming and pursuing a business degree. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Pella LDS Church in Burley.

The couple will reside in Burley.



Casey Garrard and Candice Baker

TANNER-PARISH

BURLEY - Sharon D. Tanner of Burley and Glen W. Tanner of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Lynn Tanner, to Michael Shane Parish, son of Randy and Lisa Parish of Burley.

Tanner is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School and is attending the University of Utah, majoring in behavioral science and health. She is employed at the Department of Family and Preventative Medicine at the University Hospital.

Parish is also a 2000 graduate of Burley High School. He served an LDS mission in Phoenix, Ariz. He is attending the University of Utah, majoring in physics and pre-med.

The wedding is planned for



Melanie Tanner and Michael Parish

Friday, Dec. 19, in the Salt-Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Burley Institute building, 1650 Parke Ave.

The couple will reside in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will continue their education.

Ring

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His son had overheard the conversation, and already was bouncing with excitement. The boy said he had read the book, and assured his father that it was a great story. He urged his dad to take the part, and Mortensen quickly agreed. What father wants to disappoint his young son?

Mortensen, whose character assumes his rightful throne in the trilogy's finale, "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," which opened Wednesday, says now that he's glad he followed his son's advice. The arduous four-year journey was worth it, he said.

Getting Jackson to say the same thing is not quite as easy.

In a recent interview, the director who devoted the past seven years of his life to this project, squeezed his head in his hands as if in great pain as he pondered the question: "If you knew then what you know now about how difficult it would be, would you still have done it?"

After a few moments of intense thought, the director looked up and said, "The answer is yes."

Then he reconsidered. "I shouldn't say yes. The truth is that I wouldn't have known how I would get through it all, and that may have stopped me. I might

have been overwhelmed by the logistical nightmare of making three movies at once. I might have had serious doubts about whether I could pull it off. I think that it might never have happened.

"That is a very hard question to answer."

Indeed, "Lord of the Rings" was a massive undertaking from the moment New Line Cinema gave Jackson the go-ahead to make three-films—simultaneously—the first time in movie history that a studio had made such a commitment.

While cast members rehearsed, and screenwriters (including Jackson) worked on the more than 400 pages of script, 350 different sets were constructed at 100 locations around New Zealand by a crew that numbered 2,400 at its height. One set alone (the Hobbit's homeland) covered eight acres of farmland.

Originally budgeted at \$250 million, the trilogy eventually cost about \$420 million, but nobody at the studio is complaining. The first two installments—"The Fellowship of the Ring" and "The Two Towers"—have grossed a combined \$1.8 billion at the worldwide box office. There is no reason to believe that the third movie will be less successful than its predecessors.

Books

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showed up back home at noon. When asked for his explanation, he replied, "It doesn't take me all day to herd cows!"

For more information, call Hale at 862-3493.

• "Forever Yours, Tomcat," by MaryBeth Sparrow, \$16.50. MaryBeth Sparrow is a first-time novelist from Twin Falls who took her first writing class when she was 35 and determined to become published by her 40th birthday.

She succeeded. "Forever Yours, Tomcat," published by 1st Books, is about the stormy 52-year-old love affair.

"My book is loosely based on my in-laws," Sparrow said. "My husband comes from a fairly large family and their relationships with one another always amused me... It took me three years to write in between working and taking care of my family. I wanted to write something different than what's currently out there in bookstores. My story has a bit of romance, deceit, greed, forgiveness, love, humor, family, life and death that revolves around 13 siblings and the

parents who had the strength and love to create such a huge family." The Sparrows moved from Michigan to Jerome 21 years ago; he's a contractor. MaryBeth only moved to the seventh grade, but she's always been a voracious reader.

"I'm writing my novel into a movie script and I'm currently working on my second novel, which is strictly a romance although I do have six others in the works," she said.

"Forever Yours, Tomcat" is available online at <http://www.1stbooks.com>, or contact Sparrow at 737-4681.

"Visitors from Other Lands," by Ingrid Stroppe, \$9.

This slim, self-published book by Twin Falls resident Ingrid Stroppe and her brother-in-law, Brewster, is billed as a fantasy story promoting the Magic Valley.

Ingrid is an artist and had painted a number of fantasy pictures, so with the help of Brewster—he's a poet—they decided to write and paint together in a book. The basic storyline is about

aliens from outer space visiting Magic Valley. "The children seem to like it," Ingrid said.

The book gives real-life visitors views of the Snake River Canyon

surrounding landscape, and local scenery. It's available at the Mini-Cassia Visitor Center and at Hastings, Tossy Shop Imagination Station and the Full Moon Gallery.

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Film

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visual effects have on the physical.

Not only have we spent hour after hour with these characters, but the actors who play them (and to whom they will likely be forever linked) have put in so much time with them—literally years—that they've to an unusual degree actually lived these parts.

To look at the faces of Elijah Wood as Frodo and Sean Astin as Sam, Ian McKellen as Gandalf and Viggo Mortensen as Aragorn, is to see the signs of triumph and dis-appointments that only the genuine passage of time can create. As Jackson himself has said, "the moment you film a close-up of Ian McKellen, you don't want to cut to a wide shot anymore because Ian

is so compelling."

"Return of the King" begins with a scene of two young men fishing that is almost deceptive in its artlessness. For one of the men is Smeagol, and this flashback to how he comes to possess the ring and how that object's corrosive power gradually devolves him into the sniveling Gollum is a timely reminder of the ring's ability to bend the minds of every creature.

More than the previous films, "Return of the King" has a sinister end of days feeling about it, a doomsday sensibility as the very skies seem to darken and it becomes clear that the climactic battle between the forces of good and the Dark Lord Sauron, he of the fiery, all-seeing eye, is only a matter of time.



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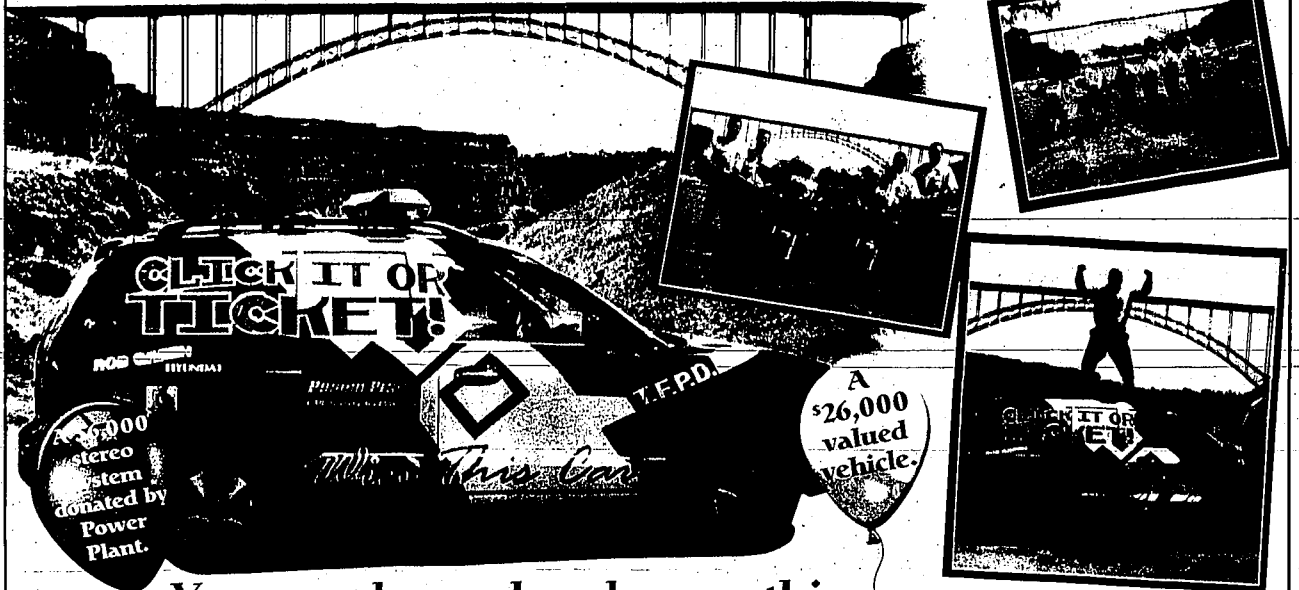
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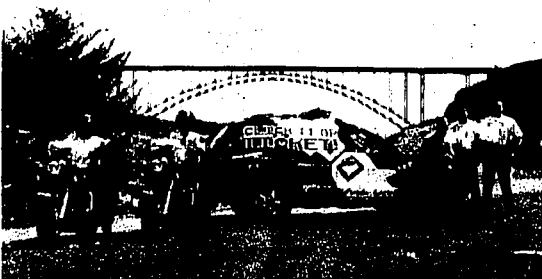
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WEEKEND

Events

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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 ARTix at (801) 355-2787.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight
Darkwood Consort, a clarinet/viola chamber duo, will perform at 8 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, a concert that will include Desserts. Tickets, which are \$30, are available at the Eighth Street Center or by phoning 543-2888.

Tonight
The Swingtones will play easy listening music from 7-10 p.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday - Utah
Peter Schickel will perform a 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, can be reserved by phoning ARTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 W. South Temple.

Dec. 31

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will host a New Year's Eve Gala, 7 p.m. until after midnight at the Magic Valley Mall, featuring three musical venues, plus fireworks, games, fun, food and merchandise sales. Advance tickets will be \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors or \$35 for families 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 bank locations, at The Happy Camper, Closs Office Supply, Everybody's Business and the College of Southern Idaho Bookstore, Blip Printers and the Twin Falls Centennial office in Twin Falls and at Kasebuis in Jerome.

Jan. 9

New Hollywood String Quartet will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum at 7:30 p.m., the second Sun Valley Centennial Series event of the season. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the door or by phoning 726-9491, Ext. 10.

Jan. 24

The Ethos Percussion Group will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum, the third concert of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the door or by phoning 726-9491, Ext. 10.

Feb. 11

Guitarist Richard Smith and cellist Julie Adams will perform at the King Center in Burley at 7:30 p.m., the third Mini-Cassia Community Concerts event of the season. Admission is by season membership only. Subscriptions are \$32 for adults, \$16 for students and \$96 for families, which includes children over the age of 5 living at home. For more information, call Julie at 878-4704 or Susan at 678-1798.

KARAOKE

Tonight
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Billy's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. No cover charge.

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.

Tonight
High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at

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Tonight

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

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 159 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

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

Saturday

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

Saturday

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

Saturday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Tuesday

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

DANCE

Tonight

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Tonight

The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a dance at 8 p.m. at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S., Jerome. Music will be provided by The Echoes. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. For more information, call 324-0200.

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.

Sunday

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance with music from 2-5 p.m. at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Music will be provided by the Melody Masters. Cost is \$4 per person.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

The Gooding Community Choral and Chamber Orchestra will perform the Christmas cantata "Journey of Promises" tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Schubert Theater in Gooding. Saturday's and Sunday's performances are open to the public. Suggested donation of \$5 at the door. Money raised will go to the local food bank and Western States College of the Performing Arts.

Saturday

The All-Valley Chorus will present Handel's "Messiah," 4:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood, Ketchum. Free.

Saturday

Melanie's TaVaci School for Performing Arts will present its children's Christmas play and musical, "A Little Bit of Santa," at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Melanie Cook is the director. Free admission.

Sunday

The final 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 Girl Scouts of the Magic Valley, under the direction of Hilari Walker. Free.

Tuesday

The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students and \$7 for families. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Sally Sanford at 438-8624.

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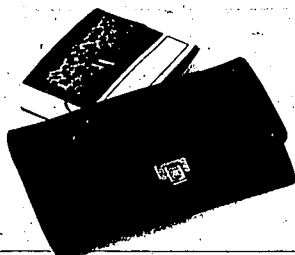
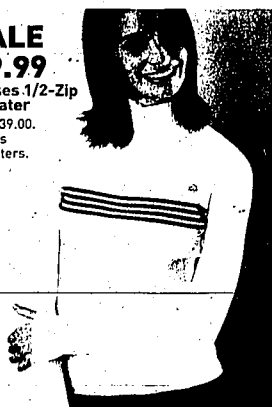
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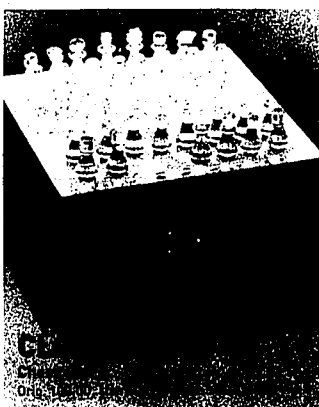
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SPORTS

Shoshone pulls away from Dierich

SHOSHONE improved to 4-0 in Northwest Conference play by beating division rival Dierich, 58-43.

Megan Swanson had three 3-point goals and 15 points and was helped by teammate Katie Strunk who had 14 points.

Shoshone's defense picked it up in the second half, only allowing 18 points.

"It was an overall team effort tonight, to get the win," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. Shoshone (10-0 overall) hosts Valley Jan. 2.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Location. Lists various teams and their scores.

Wood River 45, Gooding 33

WOOD RIVER—Both teams were 3-0 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, but it was Wood River that came out on top last night to beat Gooding 45-33.

Seniors Natalie Green scored 14 points and Jessica King 12 points for the Wolverines (4-0).

"It was a tough game. Neither team was shooting well and it had a hard to get a flow started," said Wood River coach Brent Carduff. Wood River (7-3 overall) hosts Mountain Home Jan. 3.

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Kimberly 50, Buhl 48

BUHL—The Kimberly Lady Bulldogs rallied from a six-point deficit at the end of the third quarter to earn a 50-48 win over Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Buhl Thursday.

"It was no different than when we played Declo or Wood River," Buhl head coach Scott Adams said. "We led throughout and just had a mental lapse in the second quarter when you let a team like Kimberly stay in the game; the more confidence they're going to have."

Whitney Funk led Kimberly with 17 points. Ashley Carlson added another 10 in the Bulldog win.

Dani Kippes scored 13 points for Buhl in the loss. Kippes also had eight rebounds, seven steals and six assists from her guard position.

Buhl (2-7, 0-5 SCIC) plays today at Wendell. Kimberly (2-8, 1-2 SCIC) hosts Declo Jan. 2.

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Hansen 48, Lighthouse Christian 26

HANSEN—The Hansen Lady Huskies finished the first half of their season with a resounding 48-26 win over Lighthouse Christian in Hansen Thursday.

Jamie Lapp led Hansen with 14 points. Charlotte Freestone added another nine in the Husky win.

Amber Ulrich led the Lady Huskies with nine points in the loss. Hansen (7-3, 4-2 Southside) hosts Magic Valley Christian Jan. 3. Lighthouse Christian (4-6, 1-2 Southside) hosts Richfield Jan. 2.

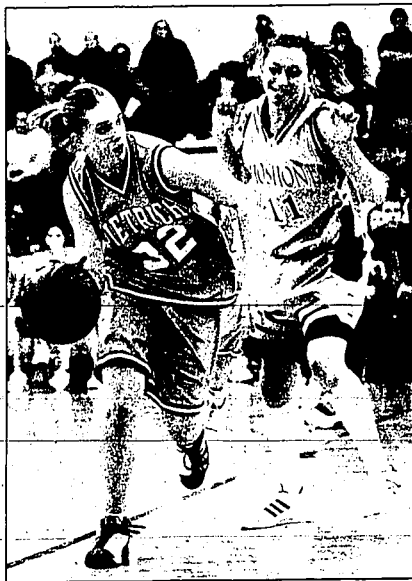
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Glenns Ferry 46, Declo 44

DECLO—Glenns Ferry defeated Declo 46-44 Thursday night in Declo.

Kenzie King led Glenns Ferry with 13 points. Meagan Webber had all scorers with 14 points for the Hornets.

"It was a very close game, and it



Dierich sophomore Caitlin Dill, left, dribbles around the full-court press defense of Shoshone sophomore Kyll Astle during the Lady Blue Devils' 58-42 loss to the Lady Indians Friday night in Shoshone.

was a shame that we had to lose," said Declo coach Kurt Murdock. Declo (6-5, 2-2 SCIC) travels to Kimberly on January 2nd.

Murtaugh 53, Castelford 37

MURTAUGH—Jillian Cutler led all scorers with 18 points for Murtaugh, as the Red Devils beat Castelford 53-37 Thursday night in Murtaugh.

"We had a great effort from the whole team, and it was a great game to end the first half of the season," said Murtaugh coach Doug Wright.

Murtaugh (4-7, 4-3 Southside) hosts Hansen on January 4th.

Carey 33, Camas County 19

CAREY—Jessica Royal pumped in 12 points while Katrina Harmon pulled down eight rebounds to lead Carey (4-6) past Camas County 33-19 Thursday night.

Beth McLain scored 12 points and pulled down five rebounds for the Mustangs.

Carey travels to The Community School tonight.

Community School 42, T.F. Christian Academy 22

KETCHUM—The Community School girls broke through for their first win Thursday night, downing The Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors 42-22.

The Cutthroats (1-5) used better ball movement to generate quality shots in pulling away during the pivotal second and third quarters.

Jenny Rutherford scored 13 and led the Community School which hosts Carey tonight. Jenna Fenderson scored five to lead TFCA.

Carey 59, Camas County 46

CAREY—Carey pulled away in the second and third quarters on route to a 59-46 win over Camas County Thursday night.

"We played a lot better defense in those two quarters and it paid off," said Panthers coach Dick Simpson.

Tim Simmons scored 12 and Illako Suterins 16. Steve Vouch scored 13 for the Mustangs.

Carey (5-1) plays at Community School tonight.

Utah State beats Jackson State, 67-42

LOGAN, Utah (AP)—Cardell Butler's 19 points led the Utah State Aggies to a convincing 67-42 win over the Jackson State Tigers Thursday night.

Utah State took a 5-2 lead on Butler's 3-point shot three minutes into the game and never fell behind.

Utah State outrebounded Jackson State by a 39-29 margin, while the Tigers had 20 turnovers

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Mountain Home 66, Jerome 58

JEROME—The Mountain Home boys basketball team came into Jerome Thursday to steal a 66-58 win over the Tigers.

Arturo Garcia led all scorers with 26 points for Mountain Home. Brock Zamora and Stephen Reinschmidt scored 13 for Mountain Home. Reinschmidt also led the team in rebounds with seven.

Jaime Miller tallied a double-double for Jerome with 17 points and 10 boards.

Mountain Home opened the game with a 14-0 run.

"We were very slow getting going," Jerome head coach Houston Finn said.

The hometown Tigers rallied back to be only downed by one going into the fourth quarter. Finn said Mountain Home then outscored Jerome 25-18 in the fourth.

"As soon as we got the lead we got real lax," said Finn. Jerome (1-5) plays at Filer Saturday.

Buhl 41, Filer 38

FILER—Buhl defeated Filer last night 41-38. Buhl freshman Will Chivers scored 12 points to lead Buhl to victory.

Filer's defensive plan was to contain Nick Popplewell, who managed two points, but turnovers and missed free throws cost Filer the game.

Once we start making points and shooting the ball with confidence we'll start winning games, because the defense is there, said Filer coach Jim Annala.

Filer (0-4) travels to Jerome Saturday.

Wendell sweeps tri-meet

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Garnett tallies 35 as Wolves down Dallas

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Kevin Garnett had 35 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his first triple-double of the season, helping the Minnesota Timberwolves hold off Dallas 114-109 on Thursday night for their fourth straight victory.

Sam Cassell added 26 points, and Gary Trent had a season-high 18 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, which won its second straight at home after losing five of its first nine at Target Center.

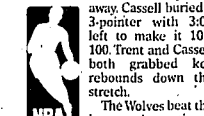
The Wolves, who wasted a 13-point lead in a 92-88 loss at Dallas on Nov. 20, improved to 4-4 against Western Conference teams.

Steve Nash had nine of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, and Antawn Jamison had 14 of his 22 in the final period for the Mavericks, who dropped to 3-9 on the road after losing at Boston 105-103 Wednesday night.

Nash and Jamison accounted for all but four of Dallas' fourth-quarter points.

Down by nine in the first quarter, the Wolves used a 14-0 run to take a 26-21 lead that they didn't relinquish until Nash hit a 3-point shot that put the Mavericks

back in front, 99-98 with 5:07 left. Garnett—who had his 13th career triple-double—made back-to-back buckets, though, and Minnesota pulled away. Cassell buried a 3-pointer with 3:03 left to make it 105-100. Trent and Cassell both grabbed key rebounds down the stretch.



The Wolves beat the buzzer three times, getting a 3-pointer from Garnett at the end of the first quarter, a soaring baseline jumper from Cassell at the end of the second—and a 22-footer by Keith McLeod at the end of the third to put the Wolves up 84-82.

Kings 101, Hornets 95

NEW ORLEANS—Brad Miller had 21 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists for Sacramento.

Mike Bibby added 19 points. Bobby Jackson had 17, and Andre Stojakovic 17 for the Kings.

Baron Davis led New Orleans with 23 points. The Hornets have lost three straight, all by double-digit margins.

Flames torch Bruins

BOSTON (AP)—Jarome Iginla scored two goals, and Jamie McLennan made 30 saves for his third shutout of the season to lead Calgary past the Boston Bruins 5-0 Thursday night, the Flames' fourth win in six games.

The Flames, 71-21 in their last 10 games, scored five goals on their first nine shots and moved into a tie with Colorado for second place in the Northwest Division.

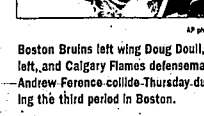


Boston Bruins left wing Doug Duguid, left, and Calgary Flames defenseman Andrew Ference collide Thursday during the third period in Boston.

Hurricanes 2, Penguins 1, OT

RALEIGH, N.C.—Rod Brind'Amour and Jeff O'Neill broke long scoring droughts when Carolina scored two late goals to beat Pittsburgh in overtime in the Hurricanes' coaching-debut-of Peter Laviolette.

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Carolina, the lowest scoring team in the NHL, couldn't muster a

worst defensive team in the league until Brind'Amour broke his 14-game scoring slump 15 seconds after Kevin Wekes left the Carolina net for an extra attacker with 1:10 left.

O'Neill then scored halfway through overtime, for his first goal in 13 games.

Konstantin Koltsov scored with 5:19 left in the first for Pittsburgh.

Devils 3, Thrashers 0

ATLANTA—Marrin Brodeur earned his eighth shutout this season and 72nd of his career, and Rob Skolek had his first NHL goal to help New Jersey beat Atlanta.

Colin White and Scott Gomez added goals for New Jersey.

Brodeur could challenge the record for shutouts in a season, set by George Hainsworth who had 22 in the 44-game season of 1928-29.

The post-expansion record is 15 set by Tony Esposito in 1969-70. New Jersey has 52 games remaining.

Lightning 5, Flyers 4, OT

PHILADELPHIA—Martin St. Louis scored the tying goal late in the third period and added the winner 2:03 into overtime to lift Tampa Bay over suddenly slumping Philadelphia.

Vincent Lecavalier, Brad Richards, and Cory Stillman also scored for Tampa Bay during its losing streak.

Tom Amonte, Mark Recchi, Michael Handzus, and Jeremy Roenick scored for the Flyers, who still lead the NHL with the second-most goals scored in a season.

Martin Havlat had a goal and two assists, and Daniel Alfredsson scored his 200th NHL goal and added an assist.

Senators 6, Blackhawks 1

OTTAWA—Marian Hossa scored two goals and set up another to lead Ottawa over Chicago.

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Michael Bush on a halfback touchdown pass.

Lionel Gates carried 12 times for 128 yards, including an 88-yarder on a late first-half touchdown for the Cardinals.

Russell had a pair of touch-down catches in the final 5:27 of the second quarter and caught a 24-yarder from LeFors in the back left corner of the end zone late in the third quarter to cut the deficit down to seven points.

Roethlisberger was just 3-of-9 in the quarter, but still broke the MAC records for passing yards (4,486) and total offense (4,597).

Get into the Outdoors Thursday in The Times-News

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball Colgate vs. Delaware, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Golf PGA Tour of Australasia, Australian Open Championship, third round, TCC, midday

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Pomerelle sets free learn to ski or snowboard day

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

Lighting 6, Flyers 4 OT

PHILADELPHIA - The Flyers' offense was on fire Saturday night as they defeated the Lightning 6-4 in overtime.

Red Sox declare A-Rod trade talks 'dead'

NEW YORK - The Alex Rodriguez trade was declared 'dead' by the Boston Red Sox after commissioner Bud Selig ended talks to restructure the shortstop's \$252 million contract Thursday.

Yankees, groundskeeper charged in bullpen fight

BOSTON - Yankees Jeff Nelson and Karim Garcia and a Fenway Park groundskeeper were charged with assault and battery Thursday for brawling in New York's bullpen after the groundskeeper cheered for Boston during a playoff game.

NFL approves deal between Titans, O'Donnell

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CLEVELAND - Hall of Famer Otto Graham will be honored Sunday by the Cleveland Browns, who will wear No. 14 decals on their helmets in tribute to the late quarterback.

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SPORTS

There's a lot at stake for Chiefs, Vikes

Minnesota tries to stop its losing ways

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

After six losses in eight games, the Minnesota Vikings' 6-0 start is all but forgotten. The Vikings are fighting just to make the playoffs when they host the Kansas City Chiefs on Saturday.

Minnesota fell into a first-place tie in the NFC North with Green Bay by losing last week while the Packers won.

Now the Vikings must face a team that started 9-0 and at 12-2 still hopes to claim home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs.

"It's a shame we didn't hard on ourselves, because we certainly have," Vikings coach Mike Tice says.

The Chiefs are favored by three points, indicating how badly Minnesota has slipped in the last two months. The Vikings' dome, with the fast track and the fan noise, usually makes them one of the most difficult teams to beat at home.

Kansas City has plenty of incentive. If it can win its final two games, and New England loses one, Kansas City will finish with the best record in the AFC.

CHIEFS, 34-30
Detroit (plus 10) at Carolina
Can the Lions avoid their record 24th straight road loss against a team that has seven wins by three points or fewer or in overtime?

PANTHERS, 23-20 (overtime)
Denver (off) at Indianapolis
The Broncos can get a wild-card berth with two wins. But neither game will be easy — this one is followed by a trip to Green Bay. It doesn't help Denver that Clinton Portis' Vikings is uncertain



Minnesota's Denard Walker (26) breaks up a pass to Chicago wide receiver Justin Gage (87) Sunday at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Vikings play Kansas City Sunday in a game holding playoff implications.

because of a knee injury.
COLTS, 24-13
New England (minus 3) at New York Jets (Saturday)
The Patriots have won 10 straight games, although their road wins have been very close.
PATRIOTS, 22-20

Green Bay (minus 5) at Oakland (Monday night)
Careful. The Raiders knocked off the Ravens last week.
RAIDERS, 25-24
Miami (pick 'em) at Buffalo
The Dolphins keep losing in December — even at home.

BILLS, 20-19
Cincinnati (plus 7) at St. Louis
Too tough for the Bengals' shaky secondary.

RAMS, 30-20
New York Giants (plus 10.5) at Dallas
Last year at this time, the play-off-bound Giants beat the Cowboys 37-7.

COWBOYS 37-7
Tennessee (off) at Houston
The Titans are lucky the Texans have QB injuries, too.

TITANS, 11-3
San Francisco (plus 7) at Philadelphia
The 49ers are 0-7 on the road; the Eagles are seeking the top seeding for the NFC playoffs.

EAGLES, 44-6
Baltimore (minus-3) at Cleveland
Despite a 4-10 record, the Browns are playing hard.

RAVENS, 19-18
Atlanta (plus 7) at Tampa Bay (Saturday)
The Bucs finally have two wins in a row.

BUCS, 27-16
Arizona (plus-13) at Seattle
Seattle's 38.0 win in Arizona was its only road victory.

SEAHAWKS, 76-0
Washington (plus' 4.5) at Chicago
Rex Grossman over Tim Hasselbeck.

BEARS, 17-12
New Orleans (plus 1) at Jacksonville
No cell phones in the goal posts.

JAGUARS, 24-21
San Diego (plus 6) at Pittsburgh
Two teams with lost seasons.

STEELERS, 20-16
LAST WEEK: 12-3-1 (spread);
14-2 (straight up)
OVERALL: 119-84-5 (spread);
132-76 (straight up)

Red Sox Nation look to your wallets

JIM LITKE

When baseball's players' union stepped in and put the kibosh on the deal that would have sent Alex Rodriguez from Texas to Boston, this is what A-Rod said: "I recognize the principle involved, and fully support the need to protect the interests of my fellow players."

"This what he should have said: 'Owners of the Rangers and Red Sox, you've been Punk'd.'"

As fans of the MTV show that ended its two-season run just last Sunday know, getting "Punk'd" means winding up as the butt of an always-elaborate, usually very expensive practical joke. Which, from the look of things, is exactly what happened to Texas owner Tom Hicks and his counterpart in Boston, John Henry.

Three years after handing Rodriguez \$252 million and winding up with the kind of buyer's remorse that often afflicts "Hair Club for Men" customers, Hicks thought he'd finally found a sucker to help him get out from under a disastrous deal. Ditto for Henry, who inherited malcontent Manny Ramirez and his \$160 million deal and couldn't wait to foist him off on somebody, too.

And they thought they'd found each other Wednesday, when Rodriguez agreed to restructure his contract to make the swap work.

But that was before Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 man, rejected the proposed trade, saying it violated terms of the collective bargaining agreement by reducing the value of A-Rod's contract.

Loyal union man that he is, Rodriguez reversed course and agreed that principle was just too important to sacrifice, not just for him, but for all of the working stiffs in baseball. So he and agent Scott Boras went back to the bargaining table and told Hicks and Henry to find a way to ensure that every penny of the \$175 million he is still owed finds its way back into his pocket.

Saps that they are, that's exactly what the gazzillionaire owners seem to do. But just as they were closing in on a new deal, commissioner Bud Selig stepped in Thursday and ordered a halt to any further trade talks, saying they missed the 3 p.m. MST deadline.

"I have terminated my permission for Boston and Alex Rodriguez to continue pursuing this transaction at this time," Selig said.

Though Red Sox president Larry Lucchino called the deal "dead," his Rangers counterpart, John Hart, took a different tack. He said the glass was still half full, and there was still an "opportunity."

If and when the swap does occur, it will come as no surprise

to Selig. Note the last three words of his declaration — "at this time."

So what was all the fuss about? The same thing it's always about in baseball: money.

Only the most cynical people would suggest A-Rod made an army of accountants and lawyers jump through hoops to restructure a deal that big and then signed off on the final product knowing the union would kick it back.

But if you look up "cynic" in a dictionary, don't be misled by the picture of Boras, the most rapacious agent in the business, smiling back.

By the same token, even an opportunistic needs and opportunity, and no two

owners in baseball were more than Hicks and Henry.

The former was tired of being baseball's doormat, perennially mocked for making the single dumbest signing in the history of pro sports. That didn't occur to him until he stood, with a grin as wide as Texas, alongside Boras and behind Rodriguez at a news conference to slow off his purchase to the locals. Then someone asked A-Rod how he managed to wrangle a contract more than twice as big as the previous benchmark.

"I hired an attorney," Rodriguez said. And in the next moment, Hicks' smile narrowed and Boras was left beaming for both of them.

Chances are that he'll still get to lavish that same grin with Henry standing by his side. Henry and the rest of Boston's new ownership believe so strongly that the Yankees really are the "Evil Empire" that they're willing to do almost anything to knock the pin-stripes off New York.

Never mind that this fascination with A-Rod threatens to break what had been a string of clever, cost-effective acquisitions starting with their pitching with starter Curt Schilling and closer Keith Foulke. Never mind that ownership is willing to deal Nomar Garciaparra, whose done nothing but provide years of loyal and productive service at shortstop.

Somebody is going to pay for all this foolishness, and here's the first clue:

When A-Rod showed up in Texas, Lucchino was president of the San Diego Padres and this is what he said: "Make no mistake, these obscene salaries are paid for by taxing the fans."

This is what he should say now: "Red Sox Nation, get ready to reach for your wallets!"

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Alex Rodriguez

Survey: Some coaches regret BCS decision

NEW YORK (AP) — Walt Harris and Pete Carroll have been friends for more than three decades. That won't stop Pittsburgh's coach from reluctantly dropping Carroll's Southern California from No. 1 in the coaches' poll — even if it wins the Rose Bowl.

"We have to go by what we agreed to, which includes me," said Harris. Carroll's position coach at Pacific University.

The 12 coaches who vote are obliged to make the winner of the Bowl Championship Series title game No. 1 at the end of the season.

Harris isn't alone in thinking it might be time to change that — as long as nothing happens until next season.

"If we need to tweak it, we'll do it," he said. "This year there are three 11-1 teams, so someone has to be left out. It's kind of a tough deal. What made it tougher is that USC was voted No. 1."

Of 19 coaches in the USA Today/ESPN poll surveyed by The Associated Press, 16 — about 85 percent — want to consider a change to the agreement that was made when the BCS began in 1998.

"Absolutely. It's a no-vote," Wyoming coach Joe Glenn said. "What are we doing here? It's a joke."

USC finished No. 1 in the AP and coaches' polls, yet didn't make the BCS title game because of lower computer rankings.

Oklahoma, which is third in the polls, will play No. 2 LSU for the BCS title at the Sugar Bowl. The Trojans play No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

USC can finish atop the final AP poll, but can do no better than second in the coaches' vote.

"It will be very difficult for me," said New Mexico coach Rocky Long, who voted USC No. 1 in the last regular-season poll. "But I'll do it because I agreed to do it."

Not all coaches disagree with the system in place. North Carolina State coach Chuck Amato doesn't see a need for change.

"I will vote for the winner of the Sugar Bowl," he said. "We voted to give the winner of the BCS game No. 1. I think we should stay with that."

But the issue is sure to be discussed when the coaches hold their annual meeting Jan. 7 in Orlando, Fla.

The coaches voted overwhelmingly in favor of giving their title to the BCS winner in 1998 and haven't wavered since. But there hasn't been a situation like this year, where the No. 1 team is out of the title game.

The coaches could vote to change their agreement in time for next season. But the head of the American Football Coaches Association, Grant Teafel, said he would be "very shocked" if that happened.

The coaches surveyed by the AP represent eight of the 11 Division I-A conferences, including all six in the BCS. Coaches who put USC, LSU and Oklahoma No. 1 participated.

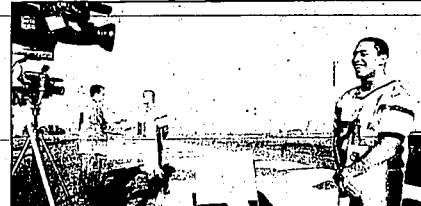
While many of the coaches who rank USC first say it will feel awkward to drop the team even if it wins the Rose Bowl, they aren't prepared to defy the agreement.

Michigan can make it all moot by beating USC in the Rose Bowl.

A Wolverines' win would guarantee an undisputed title for the Sugar Bowl winner, letting the BCS one again escape controversy.

In 2000 and 2001 there was talk of a split championship when the No. 2 team in the polls didn't make the title game. But both times, an unbeaten No. 1 team won the bowl, ending the debate.

No matter how this plays out, many coaches say changes need to be made to the computer-based system that determines the top two BCS teams.



Colgate talkback Jamaal Branch laughs during a television interview at Finley Stadium Wednesday in Chattanooga, Tenn. Colgate plays Delaware today in the NCAA Division I-AA championship game.

Colgate thrives again under head coach Biddle

HAMILTON, N.Y. (AP) — When Fred Dunlap coached at Colgate University, there was one thing he never mentioned to his players.

"We never talked about scholarships," Dunlap said. "We felt it was an excuse for not winning — they've got scholarships and we don't. It would give the kids a way to rationalize a loss, and we wanted to challenge them."

That coaching philosophy certainly worked for Dunlap, who retired after the 1987 season with a 77-49 record in 12 seasons. And now it's working for Dick Biddle, whose Patriot League champion Raiders are 15-0 and in the Division I-AA championship game for the first time in school history.

Colgate, which will play Delaware for the title on Friday night in Chattanooga, Tenn., is only the second non-scholarship team to make it this far since the division was formed in 1978. The other was Lehigh, which lost to Eastern Kentucky for the 1979 title.

Colgate, a private liberal arts school 35 miles southeast of Syracuse, has an enrollment of 2,750, high academic standards and a hefty annual cost of over \$30,000. And it has had a rich football tradition for decades without ever using scholarships to lure talented players.

Andy Kerr's amazing 1932 team was undefeated, untied and unscored upon. Those Raiders beat their nine opponents, among them Syracuse and Penn State, by a cumulative 264-0 and nearly

received a Rose Bowl bid. Still, there have been difficult times, none worse than eight years ago when the lack of scholarships and soaring tuition were taking a toll. For the first time in school history, the Raiders failed to win a game, going 0-11 in 1995 under Ed Sweeney to cap their sixth straight losing season.

Enter Biddle, and things haven't been the same since. The Raiders have not had a losing season since. He succeeded Sweeney and are riding a 21-game winning streak.

"He's one of the best coaches out there and he doesn't get the recognition," said running back Jamaal Branch, who had 430 carries and 29 touchdowns, both NCAA records, and set a division record with 2,271 yards rushing. "It's kind of hard sometimes to figure him out, but he could make any team great."

Biddle shuns taking any credit. "We made some changes, won a game, the kids got some confidence, and that's really what it was. It's not my success. I just think it's a pretty good fit," said Biddle, 56, who lost his first four games and has gone 69-22 since. "I feel comfortable here and I feel comfortable with the players and I think they feel comfortable with us and the coaching staff. It may not work somewhere else."

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Harrison

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times; has had at least three catches in 11 of his last 59 games, and Oakland's Jerry Rice is the only player with more yards receiving in his first eight seasons.

He has 751 catches and needs 48 yards Sunday against Denver to become the 21st NFL player to top 10,000 yards.

Teammates and opponents say what Harrison does best is make every route look the same. So when he cuts, he's usually open, and if he's open, Manning usually finds him.

"When I came here, I wanted to watch and see how this guy gets open," Stockley says. "But every play he does things with his body that you can't duplicate."

Others marvel at the catches he makes. "Dungy has compared Harrison to two Hall of Famers he played with in Pittsburgh, Lynn Swann and John Stallworth.

This year's highlight reel includes an amazing one-handed, diving grab against Tennessee that postgame shows replayed constantly, but that hardly wowed the Colts.

"He makes so many great catches, it really stopped amazing me in practice a couple years ago," Manning said. "I probably take that for granted."

Harrison's best catch of the season might have come Sunday against Atlanta on a play that didn't even occur. He caught a ball intended for Stockley, tipped it himself and tipped the end line for an apparent touchdown that was wiped out by a holding call.

Naturally, he didn't even spike the ball.

Pro

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Allen of the Cowboys. Allen has been hurt much of the year and has been in and out of the lineup. Offensive line positions in the game often are permanent — once a player makes it, he makes it forever, and this will be Allen's eighth Pro Bowl.

Also selected was New York Giants tight end Jeremy

Shockey, the only rookie who made it last year. Shockey has 48 receptions to lead all NFL tight ends, but he hasn't played since being injured Nov. 9 and could miss the final two games.

The only rookie on the Pro Bowl roster announced Thursday is Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin, whose 86 catches rank third in the N.F.C.

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VARSITY

Wildcats look to avenge loss

Filer battles Burley tonight

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

FILER - Tonight, it's about pride.
When Filer's Lady Wildcats host Burley's Lady Bobcats in tonight's non-conference girls basketball game, a lot more than a non-conference win is at stake for both teams. Filer will look to avenge the 51-46 overtime loss the Bobcats handed to them in Burley early this season. But more importantly, after their 50-37 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference loss to Wood River Tuesday night, the 5-6 (2-2 SCC) Wildcats are looking to regain some momentum.

"Games where we don't score points are odd," Filer coach Kim Remus said.
Which is all the more reason to believe that Filer is going to come out gunning after posting only 37 points at Wood River. Sharp-shooting junior guard Jennica Medham was held to 14 points against the Wolverines, who also held junior forward Lindsay Heinke to nine points. For the Wildcats, Tuesday's loss was an unusual game when both players were held under 15 points.

While tonight's game won't affect either teams' conference record, gaining a big win in the middle of the season over the 4A Bobcats would be a huge boost for Filer's confidence. If the Wildcats can get shots to fall and both the bigger Burley posts, the Wildcats will make sure that history doesn't repeat itself. The play of Heinke and senior post Krystal Demmon will be key as the smaller Wildcats will have to scratch and claw for every rebound.

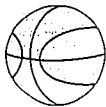
"It's a pride game for us," Remus said. "We want that one."
On the other side of the court, Burley has struggled early in the season but is coming hot in her Blackfoot Wednesday night. The 3-6 (0-1 Great Basin Conference) Bobcats will look to start a midseason streak, capitalizing on strong guard play from seniors Lindsey Abo and Jessica Byington.

The best play of Sheri Garn and Amber Funk will again be important against the smaller Lady Wildcats. Funk led Burley with 15 points and eight rebounds in the teams' first meeting. If Burley can work their inside-out game between Funk and guards Abo and Byington, Burley could walk away with another win over Filer, giving the Wildcats a sting-



Burley senior Lindsey Abo, 4, takes the ball upcourt against Jerome senior Whitney Clark during a game between the Bobcats and Tigers Dec. 5. Burley will face Filer tonight.

Game of the Week



Filer vs. Burley

ing sense of deja-vu

Wrestling Bear-Cat Invitational

The 2003 annual Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling varsity tournament hits the mat starting at 3:30 p.m. today at Twin Falls

High School Seventeen Idaho teams bring wrestlers to one of the larger wrestling events of the early season. The tournament will run today and Saturday with tomorrow's action starting at 10 a.m. Varsity teams participating are American Falls, Buhl, Burley, Challis, Elko, Filer, Gooding, Highland (Pocatello), Jerome, Kimberly, Meridian, Minico, Twin Falls, Mountain View, and Wood River. Both Wendell and Eagle will send junior varsity squads into competition at Jerome High School. All junior varsity matches will take place in Jerome with today's action starting at 3 p.m. and tomorrow's matches beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Early favorites in the tournament include Buhl's R.C. Sisson and Will Baggis at 160 and 171 pounds, respectively. Kimberly brothers Sonny and Joey Silva are also top contenders at 119 and 171 pounds. Baggis defeated Joey Silva with a 4-0 decision in Wednesday night's Kimberly tri-

Valley's Michael Grant goes multidimensional

Senior averages 27 points per game

HAZELTON - Note to college basketball coaches:

Here are five reasons Michael Grant deserves a scholarship to play for your team.

No. 1 - The 6-foot-2 senior is averaging 27 points, eight rebounds, three steals, and three assists for the 4-2 Valley Vikings.

No. 2 - Those numbers are up from the 18 points and seven rebounds Grant averaged last year against tough competition including 6-foot-8 Kael Pope and the Wendell Trojans. Grant has seen it all on the high school level. As a sophomore he averaged 15 points as a reserve for the Vikings.

No. 3 - Grant isn't a one-dimensional player. He's equally adept at driving to the hoop as he is at hitting three-pointers. He cleans the glass better than Windex, grabbing offensive rebounds and putting wayward shots into the hoop where they belong. Grant isn't just a basketball player, either. He showed toughness as an All-Canyon Conference line-backer and endurance as a stand-out 800-meter runner.

No. 4 - Personable and humble, Grant wears an engaging smile. He is quick to compliment his teammates and slow to boast about his accomplishments. In typical fashion, when Valley coach Bernard Mussman asked

Player of the Week



Michael Grant Valley boys basketball

Grant how many points he thought he scored in Wednesday night's 63-51 win over Aberdeen, Grant figured around 20. Actually Mike, you hit for 30.

"He's real humble, he'll always undercut his point totals after the game," Mussman said. "But that's just Mike."

No. 5 - Grant grew up on a farm and knows the value of hard work. His father and brothers have made personal sacrifices so Mike could play AAU and summer basketball.

"My dad really supports the sports that I play," Grant said. "He and my brothers pick up the work for me so I can play." While coaches in the collegiate

ranks may not have taken notice of Grant's strong play yet, you can bet that the non-conference opponents the Vikings have

rolled over know his name all too well for their liking. You see, Grant hasn't relied on two or three outstanding games to keep his scoring average up.

He consistently puts up between 20 and 30 points per game, in spite of the double and triple-teams his talent and growing notoriety are beginning to draw.

"It's the amazing part of what he does every night," Mussman said. "We've had a few guys step up in scoring, but he's consistently putting points up for us."

While Grant has always been a scorer, it's the hard work he puts in over long weekends and practices in the gym that have made him a threat from anywhere on the court.

"From the farm you learn that you have to work hard at something if you really want it," Grant said.

The senior is working very hard this year for two things he wants. First, Grant wants to make

meet, a possible preview of the Bear-Cat final.

Other wrestlers of note include Minico grapplers Gene Hammond, Kevin Killoy and Josh Clapier, along with Cole Jones of Burley and 130-pound Logan Lusk of American Falls. Sixth-round championship matches are slated to start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Declo Duals

Declo hosts eight other teams Friday and Saturday at Declo High School. Visiting the Hornets will be Bear Lake, Bishop Kelly, Century, Fruitland, Marsh Valley, Salmon, Shelley, and Teton. Action is slated to start at 3:05 p.m. Friday, with Saturday's matches starting at 10 a.m.

The Hornets are led by Trinity Osterhout, a 215-pound junior and defending District Four champion, along with junior Trevor Dschaak who wrestles between 130-135 pounds.

Boys basketball Carey at Community School

Two of the Northside Conference's top squads meet for tonight's conference game in Ketchum. While they were slowstart at Shoshone, the Community School Cutthroats have a high-scoring offense that will continue to look to put up big numbers. Carey sophomores Todd Green and Tyler Cook have been steady for the Panthers, who have also put up big numbers as a team, scoring 80 points at Murtaugh earlier this season.

The 1A game could go a long way in determining an early-season favorite in the Northside Conference. With both teams looking to push the pace, this one could be a classic run-and-gun shootout.

Raft River at Dietrich

The Raft River Trojans are hoping to kill their buzz over a home gym during Saturday's non-conference boys basketball game. The Trojans have started the season strong, 4-0 coming into tonight's home game versus Hansen. If they can continue rolling through the weekend's back-to-back games, the Trojans will own a 6-0 record and a reason to be considered an early Magic Valley Conference favorite.

Senior scoring leaders Shawn Devine and Vance Dill will have something to say about that though. The duo has been filling the basket up against opponents, but will need their supporting cast to step up both offensively and defensively if the Blue Devils are to compete with a talented Trojan squad.

Second, Grant wants to continue playing basketball at the collegiate level. The three-sport athlete is working on his hoops - resume and a package of video highlights to send to college programs.

"I could go with football or track, but I really want to play basketball," Grant said. "It doesn't matter where, as long as I play."

Both may be an uphill struggle for a kid that grew up by tiny Hazelton, population 587.

But don't tell that to Grant, Mussman, and the rest of the Vikings. Despite being considered inferior on paper to Wendell last year, the Vikings beat the Trojans four times.

"That's why we play the game," Mussman said. And boy, can Grant play.

Parry's Power Guide

Idaho High School Boys Basketball
Week of Dec. 15-21
By Noland Parry

Team	Rating	12. Homedale	51.9
1. Centennial	98.8	13. Firth	51.4
2. Meridian	93.9	14. Valley	51.2
3. Lewiston	93.0	15. Butte County	50.5
4. Boise	92.6	16. Glenns Ferry	47.7
5. Timberline	91.6	17. Prairie	45.6
6. Eagle	90.5	18. Kamiah	42.9
7. Pocatello	88.8	19. Parma	42.7
8. Lake City	87.7	20. Challis	42.0
9. Idaho Falls	86.8	21. West Jefferson	40.8
10. Idaho Falls	86.8	22. Aberdeen	40.8
11. Donnelly	82.6	23. McCall Donnelly	40.7
12. Stevieview	82.0	24. North Fremont	35.9
13. Highland	82.5	25. Clearwater Valley	35.9
14. Capital	81.7	26. Wallace	28.7
15. Mountain View	81.5	27. Marsing	22.9
16. Boise	81.2	28. Orofino	22.0

Class 5A	Class 4A	Class 3A	Class 2A	Class 1A
1. Coeur d'Alene	1. Bonnellville	1. Preston	1. Grace	1. Raft River
2. Skyline	2. Madison	2. Declo	2. Wendell	2. Carey
3. Merico	3. Yalzone	3. Shelley	3. Shoshone	3. Castleford
4. Post Falls	4. Jerome	4. Snake River	4. Lapwai	4. Clark Fork
5. Hillcrest	5. Post Falls	5. Fruitland	5. New Plymouth	5. Hagerman
6. Sandpoint	6. Hillcrest	6. Mountain View	6. Grandview	6. Newport
7. Idaho Falls	7. Post Falls	7. Sugarloaf	7. Westside	7. Genesee
8. Madras	8. Hillcrest	8. Marsh Valley	8. Westside	8. Mackay
9. Idaho Falls	9. Hillcrest	9. American Falls	9. Westside	9. Shoshone
10. Madras	10. Hillcrest	10. American Falls	10. Melba	10. Stibbs
11. Rigby	11. Rigby	11. Lakehead	11. Melba	11. Emmett
12. Blackfoot	12. Blackfoot	12. Kimberly	12. Melba	12. Blaine
13. Caldwell	13. Caldwell	13. Pocatello	13. Melba	13. Burley
14. Mountain Home	14. Mountain Home	14. Pocatello	14. Melba	14. Hells Creek
15. Emmett	15. Emmett	15. Pocatello	15. Melba	15. Shoshone
16. Kama	16. Kama	16. Pocatello	16. Melba	16. Rockland
17. Jerome	17. Jerome	17. Pocatello	17. Melba	17. Mountain View
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		19. Pocatello	19. Melba	19. Deary
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		37. Pocatello	37. Melba	37. Greenleaf Branch
		38. Pocatello	38. Melba	38. Ladsburg
		39. Pocatello	39. Melba	39. Magic Valley Christian
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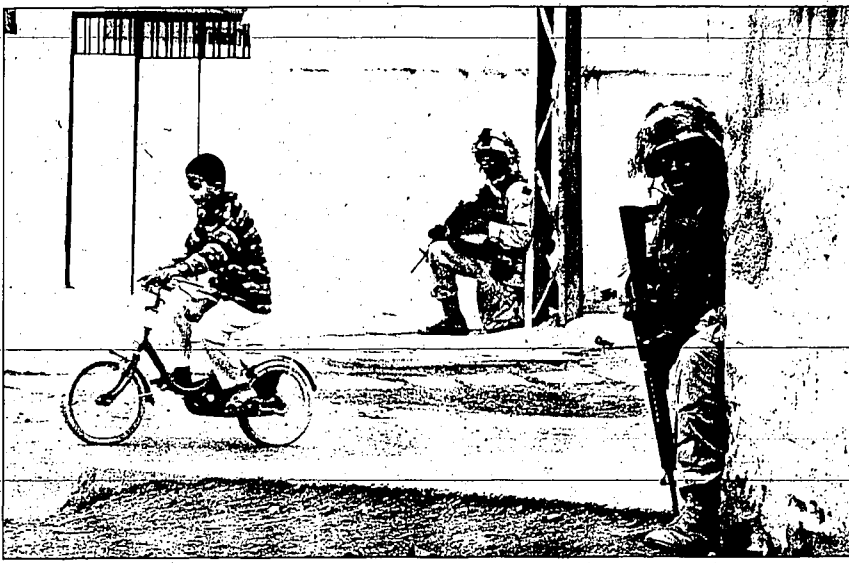
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PATROLLING THE CITY



U.S. soldiers from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Regiment, (1-22) of the 4th Infantry Division, take position Thursday while on a patrol of Tikrit, Iraq. Three Iraqi men opened fire from their car near U.S. soldiers and disappeared immediately.

Ambush kills U.S. soldier during raid

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. military patrol was ambushed by small arms fire, killing one soldier, the military said Thursday, as forces hunted down members of the Iraqi insurgency that continues to claim American lives.

North of the capital, U.S. forces encircled the town of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, as part of a major raid on the area. Troops smashed down the gates of homes and the doors of workshops and junkyards there Wednesday in an effort to persist the violence that has plagued since Saddam Hussein was captured last week.

Several attacks on U.S. forces and Iraqi police in recent days have claimed more than a dozen lives in Baghdad and in dozens of villages in the capital, once Saddam's power base.

U.S. officials say some 1,500 insurgents operate in Samarra, a hotbed of violence in the so-called Sunni Triangle.

"Samarra has been a little bit of a thorn in our side," said Lt. Col. Nate Sassaman. "It hasn't come along as quickly as other cities in the rebuilding of Iraq. This operation is designed to bring them up to speed."

In the northern city of Mosul, assassins shot and killed a police man Wednesday, police said. Iraqi security forces there also opened fire on pro-Saddam protesters, wounding nine, witnesses said.

In Baghdad, a fuel truck exploded after colliding with a bus at an intersection, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding 20 — raising initial claims by Iraqi officials that it was a suicide bombing by Saddam loyalists. But U.S. officials later said the blast

was an accident, not an attack.

In the Samarra raid by some 2,500 troops, dubbed Operation Ivy Blizard, the 4th Infantry Division and Iraqi forces detained at least a dozen suspected guerrillas. Others got away, apparently tipped off about the raid.

The sweep came after U.S. troops on Tuesday snared a suspected rebel leader and 78 other people, all in one building near Samarra where they apparently were planning attacks. On Monday, guerrillas in the city ambushed an American patrol, sparking a battle in which soldiers killed 11 attackers.

"They've made a mistake to attack U.S. forces," Sassaman said. "No one knows the town better than we do. We're gonna clean this place."

With Saddam in custody, the most wanted Iraqi fugitive is Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a high-ranking member of the former regime thought to be organizing anti-U.S. attacks. —But it was unclear whether U.S. officials think al-Douri is near Samarra.

Saddam is being held and interrogated in the Baghdad area, according to Mouwafak al-Rubaie, a member of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

The council has established a war crimes tribunal and hopes to put Saddam on trial for human rights abuses. The United Nations, the Vatican and many countries oppose a trial before any court that could sentence him to death — and others have expressed worries Iraq's justice system cannot try him fairly.

Authorities say bin Laden is probably alive, will be caught

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Osama bin Laden will "with absolute certainty" be caught if he's still alive, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said on Thursday, as the U.S. military acknowledged for the first time that a Taliban commander — targeted in an assault that mistakenly killed nine children — got away.

Gen. Richard Myers, on a one-day tour to boost troop morale along with comedian Robin Williams and other entertainers, said the al-Qaida mastermind was likely hiding in the border region between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"It's very difficult to find individuals. What will happen is, with absolute certainty ... he will be captured some day, just like we captured Saddam Hussein," Myers said.

Bin Laden is the U.S. military's top target in Afghanistan.

He said bin Laden likely was hiding in the rugged mountains between Pakistan and Afghanistan "where he has some support, where he can buy support, and probably in very difficult terrain."

Since Dec. 2 the U.S. military has been engaged in a large-scale sweep, dubbed Operation Avalanche, targeting the south and east of the country. The operation, which involves 2,000 troops and has been billed as the largest since the war ended, was designed in part to put the Taliban on the defensive ahead of the historic constitutional council that began Sunday in the capital.

Europe stops militants in Iraq

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Authorities in Europe have shut down a network that recruited at least 200 Islamic militants to carry out attacks on U.S.-led forces in Iraq, investigators told The Associated Press.

The volunteers were drawn from Muslim youths living on the fringes of society in Western Europe, with loose connections to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida and Ansar al-Islam, a militant group in northern Iraq.

One recruit from Italy may have been involved in a rocket attack on the Al-Rasheed Hotel in Baghdad in October, when the U.S. assisted defense secretary, Paul Wolfowitz, was staying there, officials said.

There are also suspicions that some of the Muslim militants have been involved in suicide attacks in Iraq, although there was no hard evidence, one senior Italian official involved in the investigation told AP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

An intelligence report, for example, said recruits from Europe may have been involved in the August bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people, including the top U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello, officials said. But that report apparently has not been corroborated.

Italian investigators said they believe they shut down the recruiting network in Western Europe with a dozen recent arrests of the ringleader, his aides and others in Italy and Germany who played peripheral roles.

Western European officials can't rule out that the operation moved east, however, sending volunteers to the Middle East from Poland, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria, the senior Italian official told AP.

Authorities identified the key suspect as Abderrazak Mahdjoub, a 30-year-old Algerian. He was arrested Nov. 28 in Hamburg, Germany — the same day the Italians arrested two North Africans in Milan. Italian authorities on Wednesday formally asked for Mahdjoub's extradition.

Two suspects remain at large: a Tunisian woman, Betwain Farida Ben Bechir, and an Iraqi man, Muhammad Majid, also known as Mullah Fouad, Milan anti-terror police said. The woman is believed to have returned to Tunisia and the Iraqi man is believed to have fled to Syria.

All the suspects were charged with "association with the aim of international terrorism" — a charge introduced in Italy after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. They are believed to have provided false passports and money for recruits.

Italian investigators said the volunteers were mainly recruited in Italy, Germany and Britain, and they were mainly Tunisians and Algerians.

FUNNY MAN



In this photo released by the U.S. Air Force, comedian Robin Williams entertains the troops at Baghdad International Service Organizations (USO) tour during the United Nations Airport on Dec. 16.

Iraqis feel embarrassed about Saddam

By Maureen Fan Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A perceptible sadness has settled over the hearts of many Iraqis who feel deep ambivalence about their undignified way in which their former dictator was captured.

Even many Iraqis who hate Saddam and couldn't wait for liberation believe it would have been better if he had killed himself instead of giving up without a fight. It's a view that reflects growing Iraqi nationalism and a sense that his meek surrender humiliated all Iraqis.

Among the majority who are thrilled about Saddam's capture, many are calling for his quick execution, setting up a possible collision course with humanitarian groups and organizations such as the United Nations.

"I am not happy, because it was unbelievable to have a leader surrender in this way," said Akeel Abdul Razak, 47, a Shiite. "At least he could have resisted using a knife or his own hands. He surrendered like a rat. I'm sad because it makes Iraq look weak. It's related to our nationality, not our religion."

"It would have been better if he

killed himself. If I was in his position, I'd fight until they killed me. You know the Arab mind, the dignity is so important," said Dr. Mowayed Bashir, 33, who specializes in cardiology. Bashir, a Shiite from a town near Nasiriyah, watched the Shiite uprising and their brutal suppression by Saddam following the 1991 Gulf War.

"I am not a psychiatrist, but I think the picture of the very hard man, the brave leader, the strong Arab leader — even his enemies thought he was brave — the way that he was presented in the videotape was very hard for them to take. The nationality of Iraq has been humiliated."

In the Sunni Triangle, where his feelings go deeper, and many residents reject the idea that Saddam is in custody.

"Today I came from Ramadi, and all the talk in the cars and buses is that the man they captured is a double. The real Saddam has been seen in Falluja," said Yousif Ali, 40, a clerk in the Ministry of Education. "Actually, I believe this. I know someone in Falluja who said they saw him. Hundreds of people believe this and they demonstrated about this" on Tuesday.

In the wealthy Mansur neighborhood, there were mixed reactions at a restaurant once favored by Saddam's despotic younger son Qassab, who was killed along with his brother, Oday, in a raid in Mosul in July. But Ali Mohe, 25, a college student studying business and management, and his younger brother, Amar, were 100 percent gleeful about Saddam's capture.

"The way he was captured was very good," Mohe said. "If Saddam were searching for the Americans instead, he would eat them alive. The death penalty is the minimum he deserves. We want him to be tortured as long as possible, and we hope the Iraqi people will be allowed to decide this."

While Saddam's capture removes any fear that he might return, his arrest isn't necessarily seen as an end of the regime. For many people in Iraq, Saddam's era ended with the fall of Baghdad.

"The capture is only the last scene in the movie," Bashir said. "You can't expect to find full happiness in the Iraqi people now, at least not the happiness you expect, because Saddam killed the happiness in their hearts during these 35 years."

and the timeline of a possible trial has yet to be established.

President Bush says Saddam deserves the "ultimate penalty" for his crimes, but that it's up to the Iraqi people.

Sheila Abdulqader said Saddam should be tried and hanged in the Halalja town square where there is a memorial statue of Omar Khawra, depicted lying dead and covering the body of his dead baby boy — a symbol of the street scenes of fear and gas attacks.

She showed a picture of her son, Bakr, who was just 18 when he died. "He did all my shopping, took good care of me."

Chemical survivors want Saddam executed

HALABJA, Iraq (AP) — Amna Abdulqader lost two sons, a daughter, a daughter-in-law and three grandchildren when bombs carrying poisonous gases fell in a chemical attack Saddam Hussein ordered on this Kurdish town — killing 5,000 people.

"She and other survivors of the March 16, 1988, attack say the former dictator must face justice in an Iraqi court that could impose the death penalty.

"If he had fallen into my hands, I would have bitten off his flesh with my teeth," Amna Abdulqader said Wednesday. Some interim Iraqi leaders have

suggested Saddam could be executed as early as this summer. But international human rights organizations reject the death penalty for Saddam and say his trial should be used as a starting point for Iraq's country.

One council member, Adnan Pachachi, said Iraq's tribunal would welcome "foreign judges if we feel it necessary."

Saddam was captured on Saturday, and is in U.S. custody



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Deaths of Shiite officials raise fear of new strife

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Two prominent Shiite Muslim politicians were assassinated, Iraq's largest political movement reported Thursday, raising fears religious strife was escalating during the volatile U.S.-led occupation.

Muhannad Hakim, an official with the Ministry of Education, was gunned down in front of his Baghdad home in a drive-by shooting in broad daylight Wednesday. On the same day, in the holy city of Najaf, a former official of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, Ali Zallumi, was beaten and shot repeatedly by an angry mob that accused him of carrying out Saddam's repressions.

sectarian clashes sporadically have plagued Iraq since Saddam was ousted by the U.S.-led invasion and subsequent occupation. Little more than a week ago, a bomb exploded at the Ahabab Mustafa Mosque here, killing four Sunni Muslims and inciting accusations that Shiites had planted the explosives.

"We are accusing Saddam's remnants of being behind what happened," said Ali Al-Bayati, a member of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the political movement representing

the country's largest religious group. Shiites comprise more than 60 percent of the population.

Like many Iraqis who feel vulnerable as insurgents target the United States and its allies, Bayati feared similar attacks will continue until the foreign forces withdraw.

"This will not end until Iraqis are responsible for their own security," he said. "We can manage our security affairs better on our own because we know our society and people."

Coalition officials described the killing of Hakim as an act of desperation by doomed insurgents trying to sabotage the reconstruction of Iraq and its recovery from Saddam's dictatorship and the war's physical devastation.

"Clearly, the bitter-enders, supporters of the former regime, recognize which direction the train is heading," said Dan Senor, spokesman for the Coalition Provisional Authority, warning of the risk of further assassinations and ambushes following Saturday's capture of Saddam. "Those who want this reconstruction to fail will likely increase attacks, not decrease them, because they want to throw this train off the tracks."

Iran signs key deal opening nuclear plants

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Iran signed an accord Thursday that gives U.N. experts full access to its nuclear facilities, yielding to international pressure to end two decades of secrecy and prove it has not tried to build atomic weapons.

But while Iran called the agreement "historic," the United States played down its importance of the signing, saying it was "a useful step in the right direction," but would require monitoring to ensure Tehran does not break promises.

Washington, which has accused Tehran of trying to develop nuclear weapons in secret, said it would take several years before the world gains confidence that Iran is being truthful about its atomic program. Iran insists its program is peaceful and geared only toward producing electricity.

"My country has taken a great and important step towards revealing its attitude of transparency and its full commitment to international confidence-building," said Ali Akbar Salehi, the Iranian representative to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

"I ardently hope that the new stage is set and that my country shall no more be subject to unfair and politically motivated accusations and allegations," he said, after he and the IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei signed the accord.

The agreement, tacked on to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, requires Iran to submit to intrusive, surprise U.N. inspections of its nuclear complexes and research facilities.

U.N. puts Afghan delegate under care after she criticizes warlords

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The United Nations granted protection to a delegate after her outburst against warlords at Afghanistan's historic constitutional convention sparked fears for her safety, a U.N. spokesman and other delegates said Thursday.

The controversy threatened to overshadow the work of the council, or loya jirga, which has brought together 500 delegates to hammer out a new constitution for a country ravaged by more than two decades of warfare.

Malalai Joya, a delegate from western Farah province, has been moved from the compound housing other representatives and is staying at a guarded U.N. facility, said another delegate, Nadereh

Hayat Barhani. "Last night, Malalai Joya was not in her room. She was with the United Nations," Barhani said. "She was at the loya jirga today but we can't say she is safe because she is still under the protection of the U.N."

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva acknowledged that Joya was under U.N. protection but would not say where. On Wednesday, Joya decried the positions of influence at the council given to faction leaders such as former President Burhanuddin Rabbani and Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, a deeply conservative Islamist. Both men were participants in Afghanistan's ruinous civil war in the 1990s.

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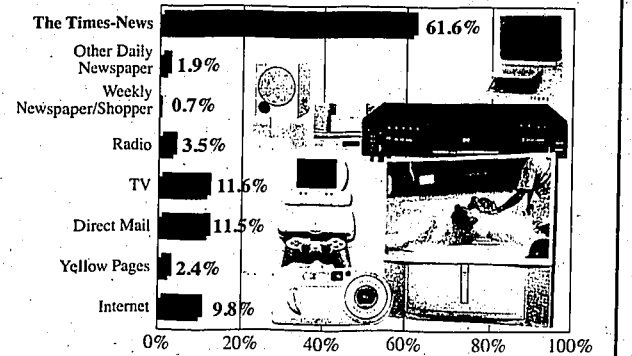
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WORLD

Clark says leader knew of massacre

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — U.S. presidential candidate and former NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark testified that former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic knew a Bosnian Serb general was planning the massacre of Muslim civilians and warned against it.

Prosecution spokeswoman Florence Hartmann said Clark's testimony was "extremely important for us." It was the most direct evidence so far in the 2-year-old trial that Milosevic had advanced knowledge of the massacre of more than 7,000 Bosnian Muslims. It was the deadliest civilian wartime incident in Europe since World War II.

Clark met with Milosevic for more than 100 hours during the Balkan wars. He testified that he was part of a U.S. delegation negotiating a Bosnian peace plan in August 1995 when he questioned Milosevic about the massacre in the eastern Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica just a month earlier.

Peace negotiators had asked Milosevic if they had come to the right person. Milosevic was then the president of Serbia and had no formal authority over Bosnia.

"Should we be dealing with you or should we be dealing with the Bosnian Serbs?" Clark asked. "And then President Milosevic said, 'With me, of course.'"

Later, Clark said he talked privately with Milosevic during a brief break in the negotiations.

"I approached President Milosevic as he was standing there in a casual setting outside the formal meeting, and I was still wrestling with the idea as to how it is that Milosevic could maintain that he had the authority and the power to deliver the (Bosnian) Serb compliance with the agreement," Clark said.

"And so I simply asked him, I said, 'Mr. President, you say you have so much influence over the Bosnian Serbs, but how is it then, if you have such influence, that you allowed General Mladic to kill all those people in Srebrenica?' And Milosevic looked at me and said, 'Well, General Clark, I warned Mladic not to do this, but he didn't listen to me.'"

Pope approves Gibson's movie, says it's accurate

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II has seen "The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson's biblical epic on the crucifixion of Christ, and said the film is accurate, a church official said Thursday.

The official said the film's co-producer told him after the screenings that the pope told his secretary the film was an accurate portrayal of Christ's death. "It shows how it was," the pontiff was quoted as saying.

The pope's apparent approval of "The Passion of the Christ" follows similar praise from several top Vatican officials, who have rejected complaints by some Jewish leaders, who say the film suggests Jews were responsible for Christ's death.

The church official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said two screenings were recently held on the aging, 63-year-old pontiff didn't have to sit through one long production.

Gibson plans to open the film in the United States on Feb. 25 — Ash Wednesday on the Roman Catholic calendar.

Coroner will look into Diana's death

LONDON (AP) — An inquest into the car crash that killed Princess Diana will be held Jan. 6, the royal family's coroner said Thursday, the first official public hearing in Britain into a death that after six years still raises questions among many here.

A separate inquest into the death of Dodi Fayed, who died with her in the Aug. 31, 1997, car crash in Paris, is to be held on the same date at a different location, said Michael Burgess, coroner of the queen's household.

Dodi Fayed's father, Egyptian-born billionaire Mohammed Al Fayed has long contended the crash was part of a murder plot and urged a public inquiry. That was rejected by the British government. His spokesman on Thursday welcomed the inquest but said it was not a murder case.

The inquest will hold its official opening Jan. 6 and adjourn the same day, the coroner's office said. The coroner will then begin deciding what witnesses to call to testify, a process that could take weeks.

Judge sentences Serb prison commandant for war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Bosnian Serb prison camp commander was sentenced to 23 years in jail Thursday for allowing his troops to rape, torture and murder Muslim prisoners, often taking part in what the U.N. war crimes court called "systematic sadism."

Dragan Nikolic, 46, showed no emotion as judge Wolfgang Schomburg read the sentence, which was longer than the 15 years prosecutors had recommended.



Dragan Nikolic

Schomburg said Nikolic deserved — to remain in prison the rest of his life — but the judgment took into account his admission of guilt, his remorse and his cooperation with the prosecutors.

Nikolic's crimes were "of an

enormous brutality," he said. "They were not isolated acts, but an expression of systematic sadism."

"Not a single day or night at the camp passed by without Dragan Nikolic and others committing barbarous acts," including beatings with iron bars and rubber tubing with lead inside, Schomburg read.

Nikolic was initially charged with 80 counts of war crimes, including personal involvement in rapes and beatings of underage girls at the

Susica prison camp in Bosnia.

Prosecutors eventually scaled back the charges to eight to conform to new rules calling for swifter trials. In the end Nikolic was convicted of just four: personally committing murder, personally committing torture and aiding and abetting rape — all with the intent to discriminate, the fourth charge.

Between May and October of 1992, as many as 8,000 Muslim civilians, including women and children, from the surrounding

Vlasenica region were held in the prison for periods that ranged from a few days to several months. At times, there were an estimated 500 people inside the converted hangar, which measured 165 feet by 100 feet, less than a third of the size of a football field.

Nikolic "personally removed women of all ages from the hangar, handing them over to men whom he knew would sexually abuse or rape them," Schomburg said.



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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Report: Spare more for retirement

NEW YORK — We will need to save more to retire comfortably. Between 2020 and 2030, American retirees will need \$400 billion more than they are expected to have to cover basic living expenses, according to a report released last month by the Employee Benefit Research Institute and the Millbank Memorial Fund. This doesn't include extra expenses for long-term care or nursing homes. This means that even those who are preparing for retirement should be ready to save a little more. Fortunately, it won't take much for the average income American couple to make up the gap, according to the report. Most American couples of average income will need to put away an additional 5 percent to 10 percent in retirement savings (that is, in addition to the amount they already put away for retirement) to cover future shortfalls. A couple born after 1945, for example, should put an extra 10 percent more household income into retirement. Ninety percent of the households that do this will retire as they planned to. Of the households that allocate 5 percent more, 75 percent will retire comfortably. There are naturally many exceptions to the recommendations in this report. Younger couples with more time, for example, will need to save less.

Money tip: Refinancing can lead to tax breaks

NEW YORK — Those who took advantage of low interest rates in 2003 to buy a home or refinance an existing mortgage may have an extra tax deduction due to them. Taxpayers who paid "points" to obtain a mortgage can deduct those points on their 2003 tax returns — if the mortgage was to buy or improve a home, if they meet several IRS tests and if they itemize deductions. Points can also be called loan origination fees, minimum loan charges, loan discounts or discount points. Generally, points paid to buy a home are fully deductible in the year of the purchase. So are points paid to obtain a home-improvement or home-equity loan, if those proceeds were used solely for remodeling. For refinancing and other loans, the points must be deducted over the life of the loan. To determine that amount, divide the dollar amount of points by the number of years in the original mortgage term. A 30-year mortgage for which you paid \$2,000 in points (360 monthly payments) equals \$5.56 per payment, or \$667.2 a year, according to an example provided by the IRS. If you paid off another loan early when you refinanced, all the points not deducted on that loan can be written off all at once in the year you took the new loan. For more information, check with your lender or go to the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, and look at Publication 530, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p530.pdf.

More people turn to Internet for banking

SAN FRANCISCO — Overcoming old fears about new technology, more consumers are feeling at ease with logging onto the Internet for their banking needs. Bank of America announced Thursday that 7 million subscribers use its free online services, up from 4.7 million at the beginning of the year. The number of online bill payers has also leaped, going from 1.8 million to 3 million. Reasons for the growth, according to the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank, are increasing comfort levels, word of mouth and the availability of more online banking features. "During the year, we've seen how customers who don't consider themselves very 'tech-savvy' have become comfortable with online banking," said Sanjay Gupta, the bank's head of e-commerce. "We expect that trend to continue, as customers find that they can do more of their banking online, 24 hours a day." Compiled from link reports

Leadership program expands to Mini-Cassia

Business people speak highly of seminars

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — Thinking outside of the box. That is something Ruben Saldana said the new Mini-Cassia Leadership program could help folks do. Saldana, who was elected to Burley's City Council beginning in 2004 and who is safety manager at McCain Foods USA, is a graduate of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership program, after which the upcoming Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce program is modeled. Saldana called the program "an eye-opening experience." "It's a part of my life I'll never forget," he said. "There was so much available — a wealth of knowledge." Bringing people together from different companies in networking situations helped Saldana learn a lot, he said. "The neat thing is you made a bond with those folks," he said. Each month seminar participants focus

on different topics, Saldana said. In many sessions, Saldana and other participants learned something about their community that surprised them. "I am a true believer in this program," he said. The value of working together throughout the community is shown. "I cannot stress how important some thing like this is in building our economy," Saldana said. "It's a lot of things, this can help in the Mini-Cassia community." Joan Asson, the Mini-Cassia chamber's executive director, encouraged those who are interested to register early because attendance is limited to 20. "Mini-Cassia Leadership is designed to assist, educate, inform and empower leaders," she said. The goal is to develop individuals for future leadership roles in the community, Asson said. "The Mini-Cassia chamber is pleased to lead this initiative to develop enthusiastic, well-informed leaders who are committed

Mini-Cassia Leadership will be a series of one-day seminars held monthly from February to June to provide information about the inner workings of the community from a variety of perspectives. Sessions (times and dates not scheduled yet) start in February with "The Leader in You" and in following months could include "Industry and Agriculture," "The Business of Governing," "Community Social Services," "Law and Justice

For more information

Behind the Scenes," "High Tech and Health Care," "The Three R's in Modern Society," "The Tourists are Coming!" and "Retreat and Graduation." The tuition fee is \$350 for each attendee if paid before Feb. 1, or \$375 after Feb. 1. Tuition includes classroom materials, transportation and meals. For information or applications call the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 679-4793

to making positive contributions to the community," she said. She had participated in the Twin Falls chamber's Leadership program and decided Mini-Cassia could benefit from one like it. For the past 18 years, the Twin Falls chamber has conducted the Leadership program. Chamber executive Kent Just said one of the reasons the program has been successful is support from businesses and organizations which sent employees to participate. "They look for those employees that will get value out of the program and who will serve their community," Just said. The Leadership program is a two-year

process, he said. Participants attend seminars one day each month in the first year. Graduates then take leadership of the program and design classes for the following year. He cited a number of present and past Twin Falls City Council members who graduated from the Leadership program. "Many of them are on boards and commissions," Just said. "Over the years we've graduated about 500 people." Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 438-8416 or lcavener@pmt.org.

Crabbers scramble for Dungeness at season's peak



Left, Jeff Princhose, owner of Bay Ocean Seafood, holds out two freshly caught live Dungeness crabs in Garibaldi, Ore., Dec. 1. Crabbing season, which has just begun, is a nine-month season with a hectic start because 80 percent of the catch typically comes within the first six or eight weeks. Below, deckhand Dave Hamann surveys the Dungeness crab catch for the day on the deck of the Willapa Maid as it pulls in to unload at Bay Ocean Seafood in Garibaldi, Ore., Dec. 1, 2003.

Crabbers scurry as they reel in bulk of their catch

The Associated Press

GARIBALDI, Ore. — They hauled them out of the boats by the thousands — kicking writhing masses of buggy eyes and flailing, snapping claws — to dockside and, soon, to eager consumers awaiting the season's first Dungeness crabs. It's a nine-month season with a hectic start, because 80 percent of the catch typically comes within the first six or eight weeks. "It's a lot of fun," said Jeff Princhose, owner of Bay Ocean Seafood in this north coastal town. "This is a derby fishery." Crabbers pull up their round, wire-mesh pots at sea, remove the crabs, rebait and replace the pots and race for the buyers' docks, unload and head back out to sea. There are no limits during the

first part of the season, so the bulk of marketable crabs are caught quickly. A delay can cost a boat one of the few bountiful "pulls," or chances to bring up their pots, that they likely will have at the short peak of the season. That can chew a big hole in already-fragile profit margins. In Garibaldi, the Willapa (WILL-ah-pah) Maid glided up to the Bay Ocean dock in a cold dusk, its decks covered with irate, wriggling Dungeness. The boat's dog, Daisa, stepped gingerly among them. Skipper John Law said he figured they had 7,000-8,000 pounds, a good catch but not huge by industry standards. "We're not complaining at all. We're happy campers here," he said through a grin. But he knows

the bounty will not last. He figures the boat can get six to eight good trips. "Then we'll see it begin to drop off," he said. The crew had culled out the female and underize crabs and tossed them back. Bay Ocean and other processors quickly cook and cool the crabs, whose succulent, sweet, slightly salty meat is prized in the West and far beyond, and speed them on their way as whole cooked crabs, frozen clusters or fresh or frozen crabmeat. The Dungeness harvest is quirky and somewhat cyclical although nobody is exactly sure why. "A reason is the nature of the environment they live in," said Rod Kaiser of the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. "When crabs hatch the



temperature and currents all play a part in mortality and predation. He said good years tend to be lumped together but that that is not really a predictor. "We are surprised more often

than not," he said. Last year's 17.5 million pounds was among the highest on record. Princhose said that based on a very early look, this year might settle in nearer the 10-year average. Please see CRAB, Page E2

Charity engine does not always operate smoothly, effectively

The Baltimore Sun

When Mike Schmidt bought a new car recently, he didn't bother to trade in his old one. "Over the years, I've lost my taste for car dealers and haggling," said Schmidt of Dundalk, Md. For the third time in half a dozen years, Schmidt donated a car to charity. He turned over the title of his 1995 Toyota Camry to the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland and waited for the car to be towed away. When he files his tax return, he expects to claim a \$2,000 charitable deduction for the car donation. "It's very hassle-free," he said. Charities have been turning to vehicle donations to raise money, and at least 4,200 charities nationwide now offer such pro-

grams, according to a new report by the General Accounting Office. For vehicle owners, it's an easy way to get rid of an old car, help out a charity and claim a tax deduction to boot. In the 2000 tax year, about 733,000 returns deducted \$2.5 billion for vehicle donations, trimming their tax bills by \$648 million, the GAO reported. Oversight of vehicle donations by the Internal Revenue Service and states is limited, the GAO said. States have uncovered some problems, though, including donations being sought on behalf of bogus charities. There also have been complaints of individuals finding a donated car coming back to haunt them because the transfer of the vehicle's title was improperly handled, experts said. As the end of year approaches, charities are reviving solicitations for vehicle donations from

those who may want to squeeze in one more tax deduction. Potential donors can avoid problems, and make sure their donation is doing the most good, by taking some precautionary steps, experts said. The first is to make sure the nonprofit is qualified to receive tax deductible donations. One source for this information is IRS Publication 78, available online at www.irs.gov. Most states also require charities seeking donations to register with either the state attorney general's office or secretary of state's office, experts said. These records usually reveal how long a charity has been around and what portion of its revenue goes to programs. Visit the charity's Web site to find out more about it and how it uses its money, suggested Bennett Weiner, chief operating officer of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance in Please see CHARITY, Page E3

Idaho gas average drops, remains among highest

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gasoline prices in Idaho dropped faster than they did nationally in the past month, but the state's average pump price remained among the highest in the nation heading into the Christmas holidays. The American Automobile Association on Thursday reported the average price for unleaded self-service gasoline had slipped under \$1.61 a gallon. That was down nearly four cents from a month ago and 23 cents lower than the record set in September. But while the national average fell less than three cents in the same period, Idaho's prices among the states actually rose from eighth to seventh highest. Oregon, where only full-service gasoline is sold, saw the average price for unleaded plummet seven cents a gallon in the past month to under \$1.59, falling

below the Idaho average for the first time in recent years. Analysts blame an absence of competition across Idaho, especially in rural communities, for pump prices remaining comparatively high while the winter-related decline in demand combined with relatively strong fuel supplies kept prices falling throughout the country. Industry analysts also believe the capture of Saddam Hussein should help the Iraqi oil industry recover more quickly and reduce fuel prices worldwide. The national average price on Thursday was \$1.47 a gallon, 14 cents lower than in Idaho. Only Alaska, Hawaii, California, Connecticut, Nevada and New York had higher averages than Idaho. A year ago, Idaho's average price was just over \$1.47, a tenth of a cent higher than the national average today. The southern part of the state tempered higher pump prices in the north.

MONEY

Stocks gain on decline in jobless claims

NEW YORK (AP) — A trio of positive economic reports — from jobless claims to manufacturing — boosted Wall Street Thursday as investors grew more confident that the economic recovery was firmly under way.

The Dow Jones industrials climbed 102 points to a 19-month high. The afternoon, triggered by program trading related to Friday's quadruple witching day, was mostly quiet as investors traded futures and options as well as individual stock futures and options, analysts said.

"We do have a backdrop of better economic data which is helping lift things," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities. "But it's the progress surrounding tomorrow's expiration which are really driving the market."

The Dow closed up 102.82, or 1.1 percent, at 10,248.08, for a three-day gain of 225 points. It was the highest close since May 17, 2002, when the blue-chip average stood at 10,353.05.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index gained 34.85, or 1.8 percent, to 1,956.18.

And the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.70, or 1.2 percent, to 1,035.18. It was the highest level since May 23, 2002, when the index closed at 1,097.08.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new jobless claims fell sharply last week, a sign that businesses are feeling more confident in the economic recovery and less inclined to hand out pink slips to workers.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that for the week ending Dec. 13, new applications for jobless benefits declined to 353,000, the lowest level since Nov. 1. The drop was much larger than economists were expecting.

The report offered a fresh sign that the labor market — after months of struggling — is on the mend.

"The holiday season is looking brighter for job seekers and the New Year may be dawning even brighter... still," said Oscar Gonzalez, economist at John Hancock Financial Services.

New claims hit a high year of 459,000 in the middle of April and have slowly declined, a development cited by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other economists who say the pace of layoffs is stabilizing.

Bed Bath & Beyond jumped \$2.21 to \$42.17 after the reported quarterly profits that handily beat analysts' projections.

Honeywell International Inc. rose \$1.31 to \$31.57 after J.P. Morgan upgraded the company's stock rating to "overweight" from "neutral."

Decliners included Goldman Sachs, which fell \$1.29 to \$56.34, even though the brokerage firm reported quarterly earnings that beat Wall Street's estimates by 4 cents per share.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. lost \$1 to \$97.35 despite posting fourth-quarter profits that handily beat analysts' forecasts. The company also said Lloyd C. Blankfein, a Goldman vice chairman, will become the company's president after current president John Thain was named chief executive of the New York Stock Exchange.

Advancing issues outside the decline in jobless claims for the week included the NYSE. Consolidated volume was heavy at 1.93 billion shares, compared with 1.83 billion traded Wednesday.

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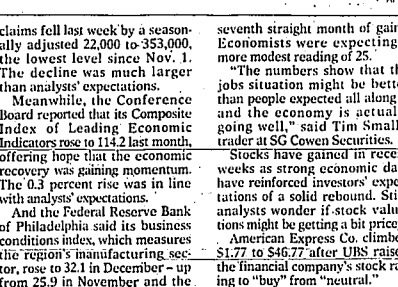
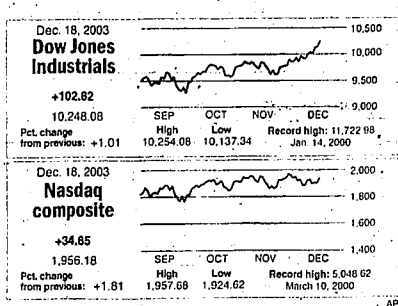
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Meanwhile, the Conference Board reported that its Composite Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose to 114.2 last month, offering hope that the economic recovery was gaining momentum. The 0.3 percent rise was in line with analysts' expectations.

And the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said its business conditions index, which measures the region's manufacturing sector, rose to 32.1 in December — up from 25.9 in November and the

seventh straight month of gains. Economists were expecting a more modest reading of 25.

"The numbers show that the jobs situation might be better than what people expected all along, and the economy is actually going well," said Tim Sallis, trader at SG Cowi Securities.

Stocks have gained in recent weeks as strong economic data have reinforced investors' expectations of a solid rebound. Still, analysts warn that high valuations might be getting a bit pricey.

American Express Co. climbed \$1.77 to \$46.77 after UBS raised the financial company's stock rating to "buy" from "neutral."

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The program expires Saturday because Congress adjourned for the year without extending the benefits.

"An average 90,000 jobless workers each week who exhaust their state benefits after Saturday won't get the extra 13 weeks of federal aid that others have received since March 2002, when Congress first approved the help. Most states provide up to 26 weeks of aid to people who lose their jobs."

The truth is, there has not been a recovery in the labor market," Chris Owens, public policy director for the AFL-CIO, said Thursday.

The economy is showing signs of a strong recovery, with the unemployment rate falling in recent months to 5.9 percent from a high of 6.4 percent in June.

Layoffs also appear to be easing. On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that new applications for unemployment benefits declined to 353,000, the lowest level since Nov. 1.

Republicans said extending the benefits was not necessary when unemployment is declining.

But the economy isn't creating a lot of new jobs yet. Employers have boosted their payrolls by just 328,000 in the past four months.

About 2.3 million jobs have been lost since President Bush took office. Long-term unemployment last month surpassed a 20-year high. Nearly 24 percent of the jobless, or 2 million people, have been out of work for more than six months, the highest percentage since July 1983.

"There is no justification with what is going on in the jobs market for the president to refuse to extend this jobs program," Owens said.

Crab

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average of 10 million to 12 million pounds. A bad year may bring in only 3 million to 5 million pounds.

Oregon — Dungeness Crab Commission, said more will be known later in the season and that while preseason tests indicate a high quality this year, quantity assessments are not made.

Instead of the squabbles over price that often delayed the opening of a season, this year Oregon crabbers and buyers held mediated sessions that settled on a price of \$1.55 a pound for two weeks, after which the price can revert to a supply and demand basis.

California and Washington prices are settling in the same range.

This year crabbers also got a "presack" in which they could put their pots in the water 64 hours ahead of the season but not pull them until a minute after midnight on Dec. 31.

Furman said that made for a more orderly process and gave smaller, slower boats an equal chance of getting their pots into productive waters.

"In past seasons there wasn't a presack and the (price) impasse went beyond the opening of the season," he said. "When the gun went off, all hell broke loose."

Jobless claims fall sharply, good sign for market

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The report offered a fresh sign that the labor market — after months of struggling — is on the mend.

"The holiday season is looking brighter for job seekers and the New Year may be dawning even brighter... still," said Oscar Gonzalez, economist at John Hancock Financial Services.

New claims hit a high year of 459,000 in the middle of April and have slowly declined, a development cited by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other economists who say the pace of layoffs is stabilizing.

Bed Bath & Beyond jumped \$2.21 to \$42.17 after the reported quarterly profits that handily beat analysts' projections.

Honeywell International Inc. rose \$1.31 to \$31.57 after J.P. Morgan upgraded the company's stock rating to "overweight" from "neutral."

Decliners included Goldman Sachs, which fell \$1.29 to \$56.34, even though the brokerage firm reported quarterly earnings that beat Wall Street's estimates by 4 cents per share.

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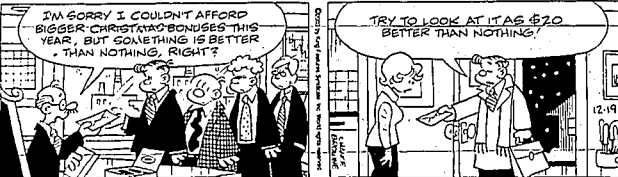
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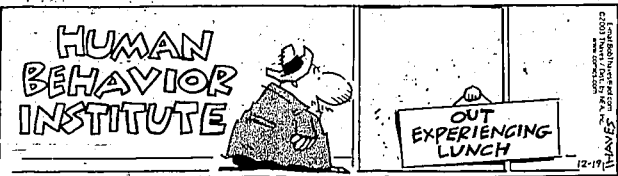
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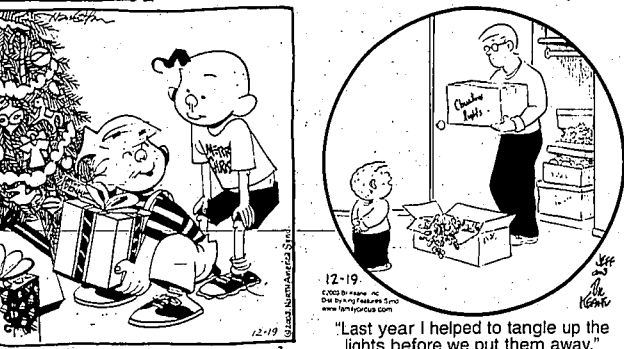


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Mutual fund expenses could drop in wake of scandal

By Ken Moritsugu
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WASHINGTON - The mutual fund scandals may have a silver lining: They could spur reductions in mutual fund expenses, increasing returns to investors.

One fund company, Alliance Capital, has agreed to reduce its fees in a settlement with prosecutors expected to be announced Thursday. Separately, the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday discussed whether to force funds to disclose certain expenses more clearly to investors.

Ultimately, the scandal's greatest impact on expenses may be a growing public awareness of their cost. Investors may vote with their feet and flee high-cost funds. That, more than prosecutions or new regulations, is what would really drive down fees, industry watchers say.

"It's going to give low-cost shops a real opportunity to advertise their brand, and if that proves successful, other fund companies will lower their fees," predicted Lucas Garland, a Denver-based research analyst at Lipper Inc., which tracks the mutual fund industry.

The fees average 1.48 percent on stock funds and 0.98 percent on bond funds, according to Lipper, and they reduce a fund's annual return by that amount. While the cost in one year may be modest, over time those fees can take a substantial bite out of an investor's gains.

What is a fund's expense ratio?

A mutual fund's annual expenses, expressed as a percentage of net assets, is called the expense ratio. What's included:

- Management fees**
Includes investment advisory fee; paid to manager(s) of the fund
 Average annual charge 0.5% to 1% of fund assets
- Distribution, marketing fees**
Also called 12b-1 fees; often used to pay brokers
 Up to 1% of fund assets
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Estimating fees for \$10,000 mutual fund investment, based on 5% annual return, 1.5% expense ratio	
1 year	\$158
5 years	\$929
10 years	\$1,841

Median expense ratio for all funds 1.3%

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"People that do watch fees wake up richer 20 years later," said Max Rotterman, a New York-based mutual fund analyst.

Many mutual fund investors focus on past performance in choosing their funds, something many experts say is a mistake. Investors are hoping that the past is a gauge to future performance, which is unpredictable. More emphasis should be placed on fees, which are knowable, the experts say.

"The primary thing people look at is past performance, as misguided as that may be," said Edward

O'Neal, an assistant professor of finance at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. "Whether we'll be able to change the collective rationale on that, that's an open question. If anything good comes out of the scandals, it's that people will begin to pay more attention to fees."

Industry data suggest that some investors were moving toward lower cost funds even before the mutual fund scandals erupted in September.

But others continue to pay above-average fees, said Mercer Bullard, a University of Mississippi

law professor and founder of Fund Democracy, an advocacy group.

"There are still tens of millions of people out there paying too much," said Bullard, who is a former assistant chief counsel in the mutual funds division of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Investors at Alliance Capital, which runs Alliance and AllianceBernstein funds, pay above-average fees. The expenses on its stock funds average 2.12 percent, according to Lipper.

Alliance also has been implicated in the market timing scandal. To settle those charges, the New York-based firm has agreed to reduce its management fees by 20 percent for the next five years, which will save investors an estimated \$350 million. The settlement with New York State Attorney General Elliot Spitzer is to be formally announced Thursday.

The SEC is expected to fine the firm, but commission officials have opposed seeking fee reductions in settling the market timing and late trading cases.

"I do not think that the government should serve as a fee setter in enforcement actions or otherwise," SEC chairman William Donaldson said at a commission meeting Wednesday.

Alliance's management fee is close to the industry average, but its total fees, which also include marketing and administrative expenses, are higher.

Other firms with high fees may

come under pressure to lower them, O'Neal said, because the boards of directors of their funds are charged with looking out for the interest of investors.

"To the extent that scrutiny is being brought to bear on fees, that

may cause other mutual fund companies to take a hard look at their fees," he said.

The SEC meeting on Wednesday was the second in a series to address the mutual fund scandal.



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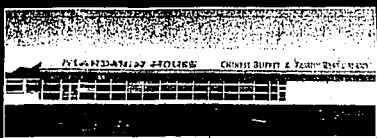
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\$8.99 Kids 4-9 \$4.99
KIDS UNDER 4 EAT FREE!

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Receive 1 Meal FREE after 10 punches. See us for details.

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND Border Collie female puppy, 4 miles west of Eden. 208-825-5557

FOUND Dingo/Hound? male, black and grey speckled with leather collar. In Clackamas area. 208-862-3697

FOUND Dog - fluffy grey female, has been nursing. Found near 3500 North, Twin Falls. Call to identify. 733-0115

FOUND Dog, young, male, Husky, about 70 lbs. Found on Fiora Ave, West. Call 208-733-1931

Get something to call! Sell it the low-cost way with classified. 733-0931.

FOUND Husky, female. Near Johnny's on Highway 75 on Sunday 12/14. Call 208-886-7662.

FOUND Lhasa Apso or Shih-Tzu female, older dog found on Hwy 93, very cold and poor health. Call 733-5135.

LOST REWARD!

2 Golden Retrievers (cream) lost Wednesday afternoon, West Twin Falls, call 208-734-2198 or 839-3883

FOUND Retriever, brown, female. West Buhl, wearing a collar, no tag. Call 544-2853

FOUND Tool Box, 2 miles north of Gooding on HWY48 w/ tools. Call 208-764-2375

LOST 2 Labrador Retrievers west of Buhl on 12/08/03. Both males, 1 adult chocolate, 1 younger black with collars and tags. Call 208-543-5341 or 208-837-4015

LOST Lab yellow, near 100 South in Jerome. Wearing collar, comes to Clo. Little boy very sad. Call 324-0303

LOST Lab, big red with red collar. Lost between Twin Falls and Kimberly. Call 733-8228.

LOST Red Heeler, 1 yr old male wearing a red collar. Between Burley King and Paul, answers to Rex. 208-436-5328 or 431-3683

LOST Springer Spaniel, brown and white male. Has noticeable white bump on top of head. Lost near Eden on 12/17/03. Please call 208-436-0259

LOST steel saw horse, missing between 3400 E. & 3300 N. Please return if found. Call 423-5212.

LOST Tabby cat, grey, male, black & gray, ligar strip, white paws and white on neck. Near Elizabeth St. in TF. Missing for 9 days. Child misses him very much. 734-6011

LOST trailer loading ramp. 208-734-8700. If found, call 208-487-2125

105 SPECIAL NOTICES

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

It is against Twin Falls City Ordinance to top trees that are in the City's right-of-ways

For more information call 738-2265

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (RAPP)

Class Classification: Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty action.

SUMMARY: Jerome County, Idaho has applied for an RAPP lease on public lands along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon-for-recreation-purposes-including kiosks, staging areas, equestrian, motorized and non-motorized, and pedestrian trails. The land would be developed through partnerships with recreation groups and organizations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Baker, at (208) 732-7200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following public lands near the community of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to Jerome County, Idaho under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.):

- Boise Meridian
- (These portions south of Interstate 84.)
- T. 9 S., R. 17 E.
- Sec. 15: S12SW, S12SE;
- Sec. 15: SW, S12NW;
- Sec. 19: Lots 2, 8, 9, S12NW;
- Sec. 20: N12SE;
- Sec. 21: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, S12NW, SW, S12E;
- Sec. 22: W1/2, W1/2SWSE, W1/2E1/2SWSE, NWSE, SWNE, W1/2W1/2SENE, N1/2NE;
- Sec. 23: All;
- Sec. 24: S12SE, N1/2SE;
- Sec. 25: All;
- Sec. 28: All;
- Sec. 28: NENW, N1/2NE, SENE;
- Sec. 36: Lot 15.
- T. 9 S., R. 18 E.
- Sec. 19: Lots 4, 4, E1/2SW, S1/2SE;
- Sec. 20: SW, S12SE;
- Sec. 29: S1/2, S1/2NE, NW;
- Sec. 30: Lots 1-4, E1/2W1/2, E1/2;
- Sec. 31: Lots 1, 4, 5, N1/2NE, NENW;
- Sec. 32: Lot 5, N1/2N1/2;
- Sec. 33: Lot 1, N1/2, N1/2E1/2, S1/2SE, SESW;
- Sec. 34: N1/2SW, S12NW;
- T. 10 S., R. 18 E.
- Sec. 3: Lots 4, 5, 8;
- Sec. 4: Lots 1, 2;
- Sec. 11: Lots 1, 2, 5, 8;
- Sec. 12: Lot 3.

Containing approximately 6,590 acres.

An RAPP lease is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Any other conditions that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

3. All authorized uses and designations will continue to be administered by the Bureau. Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Shoshone Field Office, and 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period until February 2, 2004, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for recreation use. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for recreation.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective February 17, 2004.

Dated: October 20, 2003.
Jocelyn Rankin,
Acting District Manager.

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Friday, Dec. 19, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"It is nearly always the most improbable things that really come to pass."

— E.T.A. Hoffmann

How would you rate declarer's chances in four spades here? By the way, note that South simply has too good a hand to bid only three spades after partner pokes his head into the lion's den and doubles three hearts.

A simple or unimaginative declarer would put his faith in the double finesse in diamonds — ignoring the fact that once West has turned up with the ace and king of hearts, he is highly unlikely to have a diamond honor.

Let us plan the hand under two different scenarios, first of all if West cashes the ace and king of hearts, then shifts to a diamond. South cannot risk the finesse, so he takes dummy's diamond ace and runs all five of his trumps, reducing to a five-card ending with dummy keeping all four of its clubs and just one diamond, and declarer holding all his three remaining diamonds and the doubleton club queen. If no king or queen of diamonds has appeared, then East will have had to discard a club. So declarer tries to cash four club winners and will succeed as the cards lie:

If West shifts to a club at trick three, declarer can win the trick, draw four rounds of trump, then play king and ace of clubs and ruff a club. With East reduced down to just three diamonds, declarer leads a diamond to dummy's 10. East can win, but is employed to lead a diamond back into North's tenace; contract made.

- NORTH**
 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ A K 8 5
- EAST**
 ♠ 10 8 7
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ K Q 6 3
 ♣ J 10 9 4
- SOUTH**
 ♠ A K J 5 3
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 2
 ♣ Q 3

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: West

The bidding:

South West North East
 3♥ Dbl. Pass
 1♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart king.

BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds:
 ♠ A K J 5 3
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 2
 ♣ Q 3

South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. Your hand has some real potential for game — so passing two clubs would be too pessimistic. The best way to get spades back into the picture will be to let partner, support you voluntarily, rather than by your rebidding the suit.

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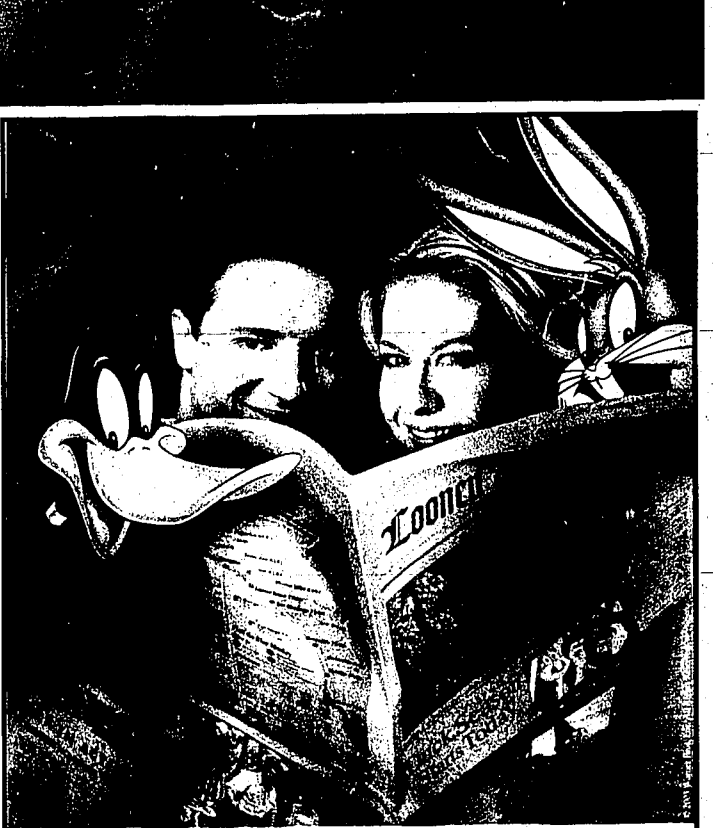
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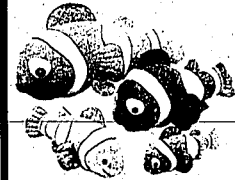
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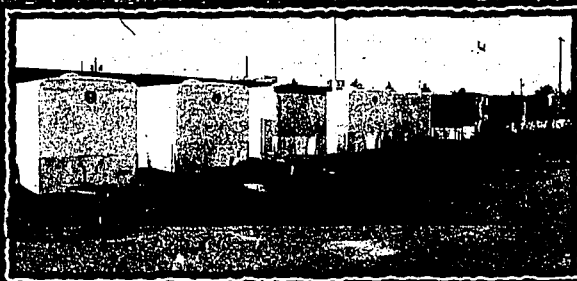
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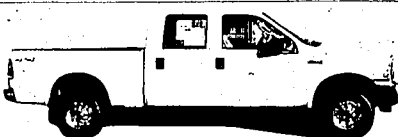
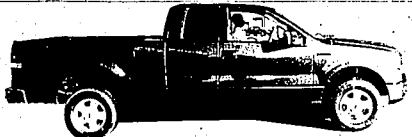
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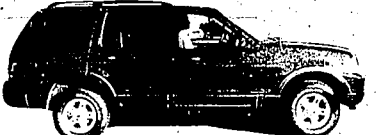
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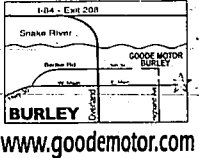


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1997 GMC 3500 4x4
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1997 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
\$5988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$119** MO.
Stock #1116, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER
\$8988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$139** MO.
Stock #1456, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

1998 FORD EXPLORER 4x4
\$8888
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$139** MO.
Stock #2127, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

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\$7888
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$179** MO.
Stock #2275, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

1997 JEEP CHEROKEE 4x4
\$7888
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$159** MO.
Stock #2146, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

1997 NISSAN PICKUP 4x4
\$8988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$119** MO.
Stock #1926, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

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\$8988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$179** MO.
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1998 DODGE 2500
\$18988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$199** MO.
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2002 DODGE INTREPID
\$11888
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$209** MO.
Stock #2311, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

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\$12888
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$229** MO.
Stock #1291, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

2002 CHEVY TRACKER 4x4
\$12988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$229** MO.
Stock #2271, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

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\$13998
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$239** MO.
Stock #2101, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

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\$12988
~~\$49 DOWN~~ **\$229** MO.
Stock #2271, 60 months at 4.9% APR, O.A.C.

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