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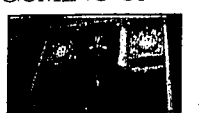
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Cow came from BSE herd

But animal on Cassia dairy farm showed no signs of mad cow, state vet says

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY—A Holstein identified as a former herd mate of a Washington cow that tested positive for mad cow disease was located on a dairy near Burley, state officials announced Thursday.

There is no indication that the

Burley cow had bovine spongiform encephalopathy, State Veterinarian Clarence Siroky said. A full physical inventory of every animal on the dairy has been taken, and the origins of all of the animals are being traced.

The Idaho Department of Agriculture did not release the name of the dairy, but the cow was traced to Moo Mountain Milk near Burley, The

Times-News has learned.

Brent Stoker, a partner in the dairy, said the issue should be kept in perspective. Tracking the animals is a preventive measure, and other Idaho dairies could find themselves in the same situation, he said.

"We ought to be glad that the United States has food security measures," he said. "It's a good thing to try

and prevent any further problems."

Studies show dairy products do not contain or transmit BSE and that consumers can be assured that Idaho's dairy products are safe, the Ag Department said.

"It's still a very safe food chain," Stoker said.

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PRICING THEM OUT?



Richard Cook of Twin Falls casts his fly into Crystal Springs Lake Thursday at Niagara Springs State Park. Niagara Springs is one of the parks where an increase in entrance fees, from \$3 daily per vehicle to \$4, just went into effect.

State parks officials fret about fee hikes

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WENDELL—Further increases in user fees could price people out of state parks, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation officials told legislators Thursday.

But if park user Dan Bernhard of Hailey is an accurate indicator, that threshold hasn't yet been reached.

Bernhard, who was duck hunting at Niagara Springs State Park

State parks near you:

- Box Canyon, near Hagerman.
- Brunate Dunes, south of Mountain Home.
- City of Rocks, near Almo.
- Malad Gorge, near Hagerman.
- Niagara Springs, near Hagerman.
- Three Island Crossing, at Glenns Ferry.
- Lake Walcott, northeast of Rupert.

Draining the lake

In an attempt to get rid of aquatic weeds and moss in Crystal Springs Lake, Niagara Springs State Park staffers and Clear Springs Foods Inc. employees will drop the level of the lake beginning Monday.

The park and lake are in the Snake River Canyon south of Wendell. Until then, people are encouraged to fish at the lake, which was stocked with trout earlier this week, ranger Jack Yarbrough said.

While the lake is low next week,

fishing will be difficult, he said. But once the water level returns to normal — probably around Feb. 2 — it will be stocked by Clear Springs Foods. And fishing conditions should improve if the weed and moss removal effort is successful.

Below-freezing temperatures are needed to kill the aquatic plants. "It was too warm last winter to do it," Yarbrough said.

on Thursday, said he didn't mind paying \$4 to enter the park, up from \$3 last year.

"I noticed the fee was raised, but it doesn't bother me any," he said. "You've got to take care of

this place."
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Bill heading to Bush includes provisions on guns buys, overtime pay

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON—Congress on Thursday sent to President Bush a \$328.5 billion spending bill that clears the way for new rules dealing with gun purchases, media ownership and overtime pay.

The measure is packed with pet projects, including \$50 million for an indoor rain forest in Iowa and \$200,000 for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, designed to curry favor with voters back home.

The measure, which cleared the House last December, will fund a wide range of Cabinet depart-

Selected expenditures

In billions	Percent change from last year
\$56.0 Education Department	5%
\$33.8 Highway spending	22%
\$28.6 Veterans health care	11%

\$15.5 NASA	0.5%
\$8.4 Environmental Protection Agency	4%
\$4.6 Federal Bureau of Investigation	9%
\$1.2 Amtrak	20%

AP graphics
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ments and government agencies before last Oct. 1, their approval comes as Congress readies for a

brushing election-year budget battle over Bush's 2005 spending plan, which will be unveiled Feb. 2.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., called the measure a "Frankenstein of a bill." And during the debate Wednesday, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a critic of what he estimated is \$11 billion in "pork-barrel" spending in the measure, urged "Veto this bill, Mr. President."

But Bush said he would sign the bill, which includes funding for

County considers building purchase

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—County commissioners today could move one step closer to a purchase of the old Anderson Lumber building and to a study that could help determine whether the county needs to build a new jail.

"I think as we look forward to the future, we need to be prepared for the continued growth of government of our county," County Commissioner Tom Miksell said. "As much as I don't like government to grow, it will because everyone wants more services."

Although Miksell agreed the county courthouse is a beautiful old building, he said the county has simply outgrown it. The building would continue to be used, most likely by the prosecutor's office and other departments that need close access to county courtrooms.

Miksell couldn't say if a study whether the old Anderson Lumber building's owner, Stock Building Supply, had extended its offer of a \$1.8 million donation to the purchase. He said the county's legal department was still looking over the paperwork for the possible agreement on the building, where many county offices would be moved.

The 11.5-acre Eastland Drive property has been appraised at \$5 million. The county has been considering buying it through a 10-year, \$3.2 million lease-purchase agreement, with an interest rate of 4.93 percent through Wells Fargo Bank. If the papers are signed, the county's payments would begin in June, with the county paying the public.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in commissioners' chambers on the fourth floor of the County Courthouse at 425 Shoshone St. It is open to the public.
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Jet Propulsion Laboratory Project Manager Pete Theisinger, left, and Richard Cook, deputy manager, brief reporters Thursday in Pasadena, Calif.

WORRISOME SILENCE FROM MARS

Glitch in rover's communications sends scientists scrambling

The Baltimore Sun

After sending back hundreds of striking photos for nearly three weeks, the Mars rover Spirit has suddenly begun transmitting gibberish, or refusing to communicate with Earth at all.

NASA engineers described the problem as "a very serious anomaly" Thursday and said they were scrambling to identify and correct it. "It's not clear there is one cause that would explain the observables we've seen," deputy project

manager Richard Cook said. "That's what's perplexing us at the moment."

One possible explanation, officials said, would be a strike by cosmic radiation that affected the rover's hardware and scrambled its computer programs. Mission leaders nevertheless expressed confidence they could find the problem and correct it.

"We are going to do everything we can, knowing this is risky — this is exploration," said Charles Elachi, director of the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Officials at JPL were encouraged by a series of beeps from the rover Thursday morning. They were sent to Earth on a specific radio channel that Spirit was instructed to use "if a malfunction sent it into 'safe mode.'"

"That's probably the best news we have heard in the last 24 hours," Elachi said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

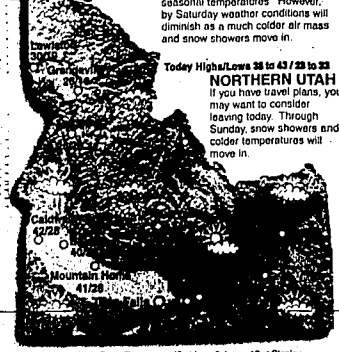
Today: Near average temperatures, mostly dry. Highs in the mid 30s to the lower 40s.
Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy with areas of patchy fog. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Colder and breezy with a few snow showers. Highs in the 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Scattered clouds, some patchy fog developing overnight. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Developing snow showers, breezy and colder. Highs in the mid 20s to near 30.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
For those outdoor enthusiasts looking forward to more snow, you are in luck. Moisture from the Pacific Northwest will bring snow showers, some of which will be heavy at times, to the region through Saturday.
Today Highs 15 to 23 Tonight's Lows -1 to 10
Boise Winds will be brisk today, with seasonal temperatures. However, by Saturday weather conditions will diminish as a much colder air mass and snow showers move in.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 45 at Lowell, Low: -12 at Stanley
Weather key: s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, m=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, th=thunderstorm, sh=snow showers, sn=snow, fl=furries, w=wind, m=missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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County

\$120,000 over six months - or \$240,000 a year. The 10th and the 16th payments would be balloon payments of \$1 million each, county commissioners have said. Renovations are expected to cost about \$700,000 and would be taken out of county reserves.
The property's annual tax bill is about \$55,000, which would come off the tax rolls when the county buys the property. But the county hopes to save money by consolidating a number of county services under one roof. If the purchase goes through, the county plans to sell eight of its remote office locations, which would bring in about \$1.5 million, money that would be used to pay down the term of the bonds on the Anderson Lumber building. The county estimated those moves alone could save 50 percent per square foot off its utility bills. And sale of the remote properties to private-sector buyers would produce about \$38,000 a year in property taxes, almost offsetting the \$55,000 loss.
But can commissioners buy the building without taking it before voters? Commissioners have said yes because it would be an "ordinary and necessary" expense. But Laird Maxwell, chairman of the county bond watchdog group Idahoans for Tax Reform told The Times-News in December that the county's proposed 10-year lease-to-buy agreement is a "long-term debt subject to a vote of the people or in the worst case subject to approval from a judge, i.e., judicial confirmation."

police building, a facility that would have cost almost \$19 million over a 30-year period. The city planned to pay for it through a "lease-to-buy" agreement, the same kind of purchase Twin Falls County is pursuing on the Anderson Lumber building. The city argued the Idaho Constitution allowed the city to bypass voters, because the project was an "ordinary and necessary" expense. But Judge Cosphey replied that "if the Court were to adopt such reasoning then every time a local government wanted to build a room or wanted to improve service, such expenditures would escape the debt limitations."
The courthouse isn't the only county building squeezed for space. Sheriff Wayne Tuseley has been talking about the need for a new jail for several years. Each year, the county spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to house its inmates in other county jails because there's just no room to put them in its current 220-bed facility built 15 years ago. It costs about \$45 a day to house an inmate in an out-of-county facility. During 2002, the county spent \$455,000 housing inmates in other county jails.
In May 2002, voters rejected a \$16 million bond issue to pay for a new jail. Now commissioners need to find out where to go from here. Commissioners today will decide whether to contract with Boise-based Lombard Contract Architects to conduct a \$50,000 study to examine crowded conditions at the jail and to come up with recommendations for alleviating them.
"It's important to me we make intelligent decisions," Mikese said. "We can't do that without getting as much information as we can gather."
Mikese said the study would look at a number of things, including how to best use alternative sentencing options to free up more space.

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Mars

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Controllers planned to tune to that same channel that morning to help the rover send back diagnostic engineering data that could reveal what went wrong.
The trouble with Spirit comes just days before the rover's twin, Opportunity, is scheduled to bounce down on the other side of the planet. Together, the missions represent an \$820 million investment by NASA.
The first hint of trouble came Wednesday afternoon, project manager Paul Gierasch said engineers at JPL sent a series of commands instructing the rover to extend its robot arm and begin its study of a football-size rock dubbed "Adirondack."
"Officials said Wednesday that those commands contained errors. At first, they blamed a thunderstorm and other problems at NASA's Deep Space Network radio antenna in Australia, but the signals were transmitted toward Mars. But those issues have since been discounted.
After getting its orders, Spirit replied that it had begun to carry them out. But later Wednesday, the rover missed a series of scheduled communications sessions with Earth as well. Earth antennas relayed through NASA's Mars Odyssey satellite.
It also failed to answer a series of calls from Earth and did not initiate a preprogrammed call home.
To the controllers' relief, JPL did finally receive a transmission from Spirit on Wednesday night. It was relayed by another Mars orbiter, called Mars Global Surveyor. That meant the rover was still well enough to generate electricity and transmit radio signals.

Fees

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The \$1 entrance fee hike is part of a fee increase package that went into effect Jan. 1. The system has made several revenue-raising investments in yards and cabins it rents to vacationers around the state, and overnight campers are being required to pay the entry fee as well as the regular price for a campsite.
The increased reliance on user fees has reduced the state parks system's drain on general tax revenue, but officials said any further shift could hurt park attendance. In the past three years, the general tax commitment to parks has dropped from \$10.6 million to less than \$7 million in the 2004-05 budget.
"We've had to be pretty creative the last couple of years to maintain our programs," Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Ernest Lombard of Eagle told legislative budget writers Thursday in Boise. "But we can only go down this road so far of charging people more... because maybe the people who own our parks the most won't be able to afford them. We still need to have everyone able to come and enjoy our parks."
Parks Director Richard Collignon said the system has adapted to the drastic decline in general tax support from 31 percent to 22 percent in just three years.
"We have not closed a unit of our park system or shut down a program - yet," Collignon said. "But he said managers are waiting to see how the public reacts to the latest fee increase.

Idaho Legislature 2004

More from Boise - B1-2
Richard Cook of Twin Falls, who was fishing at Crystal Springs Lake inside Niagara Springs State Park on Thursday, said the hike doesn't affect him because he has a \$25 annual permit that allows him access to any state park. That fee didn't increase this year.
Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials say about 110 vehicles enter Niagara Springs State Park each weekend, and another 110 vehicles during the week. The park is one of seven state parks in south-central Idaho.
While Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's hold-the-line budget will keep the state park system operating for another year, Collignon warned the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee that the park system is falling further and further behind in maintaining its infrastructure and equipment.
Volunteers have picked up 54,000 hours of unpaid assistance last year alone. But the backlog on infrastructure improvements is \$12 million, and for equipment it is \$4 million. Nearly \$2 million would be devoted to both if the governor's budget plan is adopted.
"We are falling behind," he said, and eventually general tax revenues will have to be tapped to cover the backlog.

Spending

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\$24 billion for combating AIDS worldwide and a \$423-million boost in the FBI's efforts against terrorism. It also allows the administration to move ahead with controversial rules that would limit overtime pay, let big media companies buy more TV stations and delay implementation of country-of-origin food labeling.
In a statement, Bush said he was pleased that the bill "stays within the spending limits I proposed, which is necessary as we work to cut the deficit in half over the next five years."
But Jill Lancelotti, president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a Washington-based budget watchdog group, decried legislators' lack of fiscal discipline. "Lawmakers see this as the kickoff for the 2004 reelection campaigns," she said. "They can now go back home with their pockets full of goodies for their constituents, leaving a huge crater of a budget deficit behind in Washington."
The measure includes a provision, supported by the National Rifle Association, that will require the destruction of records on background checks for gun purchases within 24 hours if law enforcement officials find no immediate red flags; currently, records can be saved for 90 days.
Democrats objected to Republican leaders stripping a provision that would have blocked the Labor Department from implementing a new overtime measure, which critics say will deny overtime pay to up to 8 million workers. Both houses of Congress last year voted to block the rule, but Bush threatened to make the spending measure his first veto if it tied his hands.
A veto threat also led GOP leaders to allow media companies to become larger than many lawmakers wanted. House and Senate majorities earlier had voted to appoint a Federal Communications Commission decision permitting media company to own TV stations, reaching 45 percent of the U.S. viewers up from 35 percent. But GOP leaders, fearing a veto, raised the cap to 39 percent.

Animal shelter story

Animal shelter story Incorrectly cited donors
A story in Thursday's newspaper gave incorrect information concerning donated items to the Jerome Animal Shelter. Pat Slaght donated the shelter's new washbasin, while Pet Pals Spokeswoman Karen Kramer donated a used dryer. The Pet Pals organization donated a space heater.
Terry Schmidt, of Schmidt Electric in Jerome, donated labor by wiring the appliances.

Corrections

None listed in this section.

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Kempthorne commented on crime, not the A.G.
BOISE (AP) - In a Jan. 21, story about child molestation prosecutions, The Associated Press misquoted a quote to Attorney General Lawrence Wasden. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said, "Child sexual abuse remains one of the most horrific acts which can be committed against our most vulnerable population. The trend in reported cases over the past two years indicates that our state has yet to finish the job of minimizing the number of these crimes."

Cow

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The cow that originated in Canada was bought by the dairy from a Washington seller, Siroky said. It began producing milk in March and then suddenly became sick and died, he said.

"It went from full production to dying within five days. It's not characteristic of BSE," Siroky said.

The cow died in December before BSE was found in the single Washington cow. The carcass was sent to a rendering plant and is no longer available to test. The Burley cow did not enter the human food supply, Siroky said.

A full physical inventory of all of the Burley dairy's cows were taken, Siroky said. The herd is in good health and the dairy has kept excellent records and medical histories, he said.

Teams of state and federal veterinarians and animal health technicians will check records at livestock markets, licensed livestock dealers and other livestock operations in Idaho in an attempt to trace all "cattle of interest" the federal BSE task force has identified, the Ag Department said.

Eighty-one Holsteins from Alberta, Canada, were shipped to Washington in August 2001. BSE, which can be tested for only after an animal is slaughtered, was discovered in the Washington cow in December. That cow was traced to the Canadian herd. So far 24 of the Canadian cows have been traced to five dairies in Washington and now one in Idaho. Another 17 cows from the original Canadian source also are being traced, and four have been found.

The only cow in the United States reported to have tested positive for BSE was the cow from Washington.

There is no evidence that BSE is spread between cattle by contact, the U.S. Department of Agriculture says. Cows contract the disease by eating feed contaminated with BSE, and feed restrictions are in place in the United States.

The dairy will remain under a hold order until the origin of all of the cows is traced to determine if any others came from the Canadian herd. If any cows cannot be traced, protocol calls for them to be slaughtered as a precaution, Siroky said. The hold order places restrictions and tracking requirements on the movement of cattle from the dairy and requires the dairy to report any animal deaths to the state.

Similar investigations will probably occur at other Idaho dairies as the government continues to track the Canadian herd, Siroky said. The public will be informed when cows are discovered to have come from the Canadian herd.

Considering the size of many of today's dairies, tracing the cows' origins and inspecting the herds is a massive undertaking. Moo Mountain Milk is permitted for more than 5,000 cows.

Bob Naerebout, director of the Idaho Dairyment's Association, said the industry supports the government's efforts to track the Canadian herd in the United States. The system is working as it should, he said.

"It doesn't change anything in the Idaho dairy industry," he said.

If some herds must be slaughtered, the federal government compensates farmers for the full milk production market value, Naerebout said.

BSE eats holes in the brains of cattle. Scientists believe humans can develop a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, by eating beef from diseased cattle. There has been one case of the variant disease in the United States, but it is believed to have been contracted in Britain.

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REACHING OUT



Marine/Cpl. Juan Calderon carries notebooks past a table where Marines and volunteers with Spirit of America are packing school and medical supplies at Camp Pendleton, Calif., bound for Iraqi children. Marines will re-deploy to Iraq this spring. For more on Iraq, please see page A8.

EPA will push cleanup of power plants

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In an important turnabout, the Bush administration has decided to bring new court actions to force cleanups of aging coal-fired power plants under a provision of the Clean Air Act that officials have sought to weaken for the past three years.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt said that the government will enforce the existing rule until the courts resolve a legal challenge to a new version of the enforcement policy. The new version is strongly preferred by the utility industry but has been sharply criticized by environmentalists and some state attorneys general.

Under the New Source Review provisions of the Clean Air Act, plants and refineries built before 1970 are required to install costly "scrubbers" only if they undertake extensive improvements that boost power production and pollution.

Industry officials have long complained that the distinction between "routine maintenance" and more substantial improvements is too vague.

The new approach, adopted by the EPA in August, would give utilities more leeway to upgrade their plants without having to install the anti-pollution equipment.

But on Christmas Eve, a federal court of appeals here blocked implementation of the change in enforcement policy, saying the

dozen state attorneys general and environmental groups that filed suit "have demonstrated the irreparable harm (of the rule) and likelihood of success on the merits."

Official plans to open almost 9 million Alaskan acres to drilling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Gale Norton signed a plan Thursday for managing 8.8 million acres of Alaska's North Slope and opening most of the land to oil and gas development.

Some of the drilling could occur in areas important for migratory birds, whales and wildlife.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management will use the plan to manage a north-west portion of the government's 23.5 million-acre National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Geologists believe the reserve may

contain 6 billion to 13 billion barrels of oil.

It is located just west of the 1.5 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which President Bush also wants to open to drilling as one of his top energy priorities.

The Senate, in debating a massive energy bill, rejected drilling there. Environmentalists said the management plan threatens the health of Arctic tundra, ponds and lakes that are home to wildlife and migratory birds and provide a vital subsistence hunting and fishing ground for native Alaskans.

Sun returns to Barrow

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — After a 66-day absence, the sun makes a brief appearance in Barrow on today, something that warms the hearts of the 5,000 residents living in the northernmost city in the United States.

The sun slipped below the horizon on Nov. 18.

"On Friday, the sun will rise at 1:13 p.m. and then set at 2:06 p.m., so it will be a short day of 53 minutes," said Gina Sturm of the U.S. Weather Service office in Barrow.

But she said there will be a gain of 40 minutes on Saturday, and the gains will continue until May 9, when the sun will rise and not set again until August 2.

So after a good portion of winter in darkness, a good part of summer will be 24-hours a day of sun.

Lots of Barrow residents are ready for the return of the sun, and are eager to see it again. "A beautiful sight to see, even if it is 17 degrees below zero outside," said resident Doreen Lemp.

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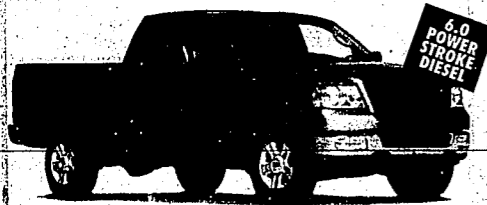
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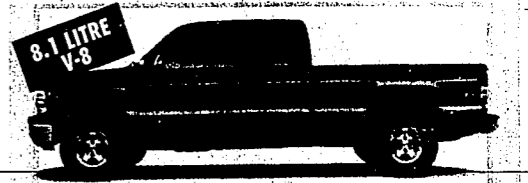
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EDITORIAL

School districts can do more to cut bus costs

A new legislative report confirms what conservative Idaho lawmakers suspected a year ago. The state is paying too much for school bus service.

The report comes from the Legislature's Office of Performance Evaluations, and the conclusion is damning.

Curbing runaway bus costs became a priority in the Legislature last winter, in light of Idaho's severe budget problems. As a result, legislators capped bus cost reimbursements to school districts starting in fiscal year 2004-05.

The bus cap was part of a school funding plan sponsored by Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. The plan also capped the state's property tax replacement costs and educators' automatic pay schedule.

Before last year, Idaho traditionally reimbursed school districts for 85 percent of their bus costs, no questions asked. Under the new reforms, starting in fiscal year 2004-05, school districts will get 85 percent reimbursement - as long as the cost is within 110 percent of the statewide average.

The 110 percent cap will drop to 105 percent in 2006, and to 103 percent in 2007. Savings from the funding cap can be redirected to classrooms or other priorities.

But the new report shows the state has more work to do.

Figures show that from 1992 to 2002, the number of Idaho students riding school buses

increased 5 percent, while the number of miles driven rose 20 percent. Reimbursements from the state to the districts climbed 91 percent (from \$29.3 million in 1992 to \$56.0 million in 2002). Even when adjusted for inflation, the increase is still 49 percent.

The report makes compelling arguments that the state should enforce greater efficiency. The agency evaluated the bus operations of 14 school districts, including Twin Falls and Filer, and the levels of Education Department oversight.

The Office of Performance Evaluations found that districts aren't subject to critical review or audits from the state. The report shows state audits hitting only two or three districts a year. At that rate, a district's bus program might not see a financial audit for 40 years.

The OPE's analysis also showed that in 10 years of district audits, "the financial component of the review resulted in an average reimbursement claim adjustment of about \$16,000 with the majority of these adjustments resulting in dollars returned to the state."

Other problems exist in how districts spend bus money. The report details how Boise School District cost taxpayers an extra \$2.3 million by letting a bus contractor use older buses while charging the district for new ones.

Put it all together, and last year's cap on bus reimbursements is only a start.

Our view: A new legislative report on school busing costs shows plenty of room to improve efficiency.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Dean's charm remains after meltdown

It is true Howard Dean did not make a great presidential candidate.

He is a little odd. He seems prone to mood swings - sometimes too self-contained, sometimes too loose, as when he almost blew a gasket in Iowa the other night. As a presidential candidate, he is a work in progress, at best. And there is no denying it. He has been angry, indignant, childlike in his insistence on screaming that the emperor has no clothes, so unbending in his political argument that often even people who agree with him can't stand the sound of his voice.

PAUL VITELLO

This may not be what you want to see in a presidential candidate. But it is exactly what I see when I look in the mirror.

Dean has spoken for me. Whether I ever get to vote for him or not, Dean has captured the real frustration in me, and I suspect millions of people, as citizens of a country gone nuts.

I have liked the campaigns of some of the other Democratic candidates. Al Sharpton and Dennis Kucinich, in particular, spoke well. But Dean is the only one who has voiced the level of anger and alienation I've felt since the launch of the war in Iraq.

For that, I thank him. He pulled me back from the brink. You can't be truly alienated from the political process if there is someone running for president on your platform of indignation.

In psychobabble-speak, Dean validated my sense of betrayal and,



by extension, my sense of patriotism, because when I look in the mirror, I don't just see an angry guy - I see an angry, patriotic American guy.

We don't have to go through the bill of particulars about the betrayal. But maybe we will anyway. At this point, it seems possible that Dean won't be going through them much anymore. After losing in the Iowa caucuses, he has toned down his speech in an effort to broaden his appeal. He seems to be listening more to advisers. This may make him a better candidate, but it won't make him a better citizen.

The angry Citizen Dean was right on all counts: President Bush launched the war on Iraq without evidence that

Iraq played any role in 9/11 or in any other terrorist attacks against the United States.

Bush's government virtually suppressed intelligence from within its own agencies warning us that there was no hard evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Bush insisted on this massive expenditure on this unnecessary war while the economy was in the tank.

Bush thumbed his nose at the United Nations and our European allies when our own intelligence community - and probably our own State Department - knew that their doubts about the war were justified.

Bush insisted on a second massive tax cut in two years, primarily for the wealthy, in the midst of this

vastly expensive and needless war. The capture of Saddam Hussein did not make the world safer from terrorism.

This is just the bill of particulars in foreign affairs. Dean has made a strong case against the Bush government's domestic policies, too. But the point is, he did it first and he did it resoundingly. He said the war was wrong, and he never added a "but..."

He may never get his party's nomination. But I wish to hereby thank him on behalf of all the odd, mood-swinging, gasket-blowing patriotic Americans out here. It did us all good to see those veins popping in your neck.

Paul Vitello is a Neusday columnist.

Help Mexico solve its problems

ELTON GALLEGLY

If there's one positive consequence of President Bush's guest worker proposal, it's that it has sparked debate on our failed policies on illegal immigration. Now, if only it would spark a discussion of our troubled relationship with Mexico. It's clear our southern neighbor will be the greatest beneficiary of what can only be called another amnesty program.

Last year, Mexico received more than 514 billion from Mexicans living in the United States who sent part of their paychecks to relatives back home. That's more than Mexico earns from either tourism or direct foreign investment, according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

But while Mexico is profiting from its relationship with the United States, it's not so clear what we're getting from Mexico. When Mexicans take our jobs,

U.S. workers suffer. More than 8 million Americans are out of work. Hotel and restaurant jobs - which used to be filled by legal U.S. residents and citizens - are now filled by illegal immigrants who are paid much less than what U.S. workers were paid.

Slaughterhouses - which used to be a high-paying field for U.S. workers - are now filled with illegal immigrants who are paid a fraction of the former wages and given no benefits. It's dangerous work, with many injuries. Without health insurance - a given in the illegal immigrant community - hospitals are stuck footing the bill. In 2001, California and the federal government reimbursed health-care providers for \$648 million worth of services to illegal immigrants.

Mexican trucks roll into California and other border states. Currently, they are restricted to within 20 miles of the border, but Mexican President Vicente Fox and President Bush

want to remove that restriction. That's good news for Mexican truckers but bad news for U.S. truckers who have to compete with those willing to work for a pittance. Mexico's lust for U.S. dollars can be seen in its lobbying of local and state governments to accept its national ID card - the matricula consular - for use in the United States. The only ones who need those cards are illegal immigrants, criminals and terrorists. Those Mexicans who are in this country legally have other means of identification. But the card makes it easier for Mexican nationals to flout our laws and send money back to Mexico, which is all Mexico cares about.

At the same time, Mexico has steadfastly refused to extradite criminals who have committed heinous murders in the United States and then fled to the safety of their homeland. In Los Angeles alone, at least 150 Mexican nationals are wanted for murder and other serious crimes committed here.

There is even talk of making the United States an electoral district of Mexico. Maywood, Calif.,

resident Manuel de la Cruz is a naturalized U.S. citizen who retained his Mexican citizenship and who won a seat in Mexico's Congress last year. He says that 10 million Mexicans in the United States are eligible to vote in Mexico and, therefore, the United States should be an electoral district for his native country.

Instead of giving away the store, the United States should be helping Mexico to pull itself up by its bootstraps.

Mexico is our neighbor, and it is in our best interest to see that it succeeds. But U.S. workers and taxpayers shouldn't have to suffer in the process. The United States should make it clear that our relationship is a two-way street. It's time for some tough love. Until Mexico proves itself to be a good neighbor and willing to make a better life for its own citizens in their own land, the United States should not continue to be the department of social services for Mexico.

U.S. Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., is chair of the House Subcommittee on International Terrorism.

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President Bush's pitch in State of Union has its highs, lows

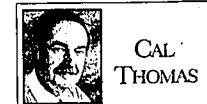
After months of pounding by the Democratic presidential candidates and many in the media, President Bush struck back Tuesday night. In his State of the Union speech, he did something unusual for him: He took on the arguments of critics about his foreign and domestic policies and said they are wrong.

While barely acknowledging that at least some of his antiviral critics might have been acting on principle, the president said the world and the Iraqi people are better off without Saddam Hussein and the mass murders he committed, and that there would have been serious consequences had Saddam been left in power. The president might have drifted off into defensiveness. Instead, he directly and artfully made a good case, noting in one

appliance line, "for diplomacy to be effective, words must be credible and no one can doubt the word of America."

He called on Congress to make permanent his tax cuts and, in what sounded like a campaign theme, said, "Unless you act, Americans face a tax increase" when the current law expires.

On other economic matters, the president sounded less credible. He called for Congress to act as "good stewards of taxpayer dollars" but this Republican Congress has spent more than any Democratic Congress in recent memory. And this president has not used his veto pen even once to force Congress to be better stewards of the people's money. An omnibus spending bill that awaits passage is full of enough pork to



CAL THOMAS

gag a sow. As the Wall Street Journal noted in an editorial the morning of the speech, the GOP has been on a spending spree that exceeds by far Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. During Bill Clinton's administration, non-defense discretionary spending rose just 2.5 percent. During President Bush's three years in office, it has jumped 8.2 percent. Having tasked such huge amounts of pork, Congress is not likely to listen to the president's call for limiting

the growth in discretionary spending to less than 4 percent and reducing wasteful spending.

The president gave social conservatives what they were looking for. He promised to spend more on abstinence education, noting that abstinence is the only guarantee against acquiring a sexually transmitted disease. In the biggest red-meat issue for social conservatives, he called for a "constitutional process" (meaning an amendment) should all other efforts fail to keep "activist judges" from imposing same-sex "marriage" on the country. He noted it was President Clinton who signed the Defense of Marriage Act into law in 1996. Bush demonstrated his "compassionate" side when he said that while the outcome of the debate is important, "so is the way we con-

duct it. The same moral tradition that defines marriage also teaches that each individual has dignity and value in God's sight."

His pitch for Congress to enact his proposal to "reform our immigration laws" by allowing employers to hire immigrants who are here illegally is going to face tough going among Republicans. He said it isn't amnesty, but not calling it amnesty does not make it something else. Sen. John Kyl (R-Ariz.), who chairs the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on terrorism, technology and homeland security, has announced his opposition to amnesty for illegals.

Polls indicate large majorities believe President Bush is doing a good job of defending the country and fighting terrorism. The same polls indicate slightly fewer than

half think he's doing a good job domestically. He'll have to work on closing that gap, but it should not be done by creating new programs and trying to outspend Democrats.

The president's speaking skills improve every year. He is more confident and comfortable in his skin. He'll need those qualities to rebut the fusillade of rhetorical missiles Democrats are launching in their effort to bring down his favorable poll numbers. The State of the Union speech shows Bush knows how to fire back effectively and that he understands him is politically dangerous.

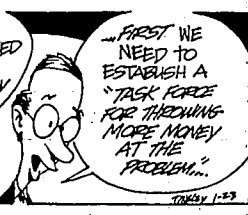
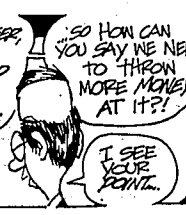
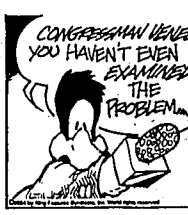
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LETTERS

Selfish liberal agenda erodes family values

Families are the foundation of this great country, and they were all God-fearing. The men and women who wrote the Constitution were believers in the Ten Commandments. These are all indisputable facts.

Since the early '60s, selfishness has become the prevailing factor in the social agenda. Homosexuality, including this recent debate, is all about selfishness as are atheism, liberalism, political correctness and the other failed social experiments.

Families are about selflessness. Mom thinks about the kids. Dad thinks about mom and the kids. The kids think about themselves because they are usually selfish until taught. That is the reason our children are being targeted by the homosexual agenda and left-leaders. Families are built on selfless dedication of providing for others.

This entire debate about rights is based on selfish motives for a few select people. Most all families in this country are believers in God in some fashion, and now that they have woken up and smelled the coffee, they are changing their votes.

The last election is proof that more born-again Christians are voting. This is not news indeed for those who have been attempting to change America from the courts. We are voting and will remove from office all anti-family, anti-Christian politicians and judges.

One last fact for John Walsh of Burley, there is not one shred of scientific evidence supporting homosexuality as anything other than a choice and a very selfish one at that.

JERRY HUGHEN
Deer

Phelps' message spreads through news coverage

Your reporting of the proposed "gift" to our county parks by the Rev. Phelps of Kansas was apparently accurate, but where was your judgment?

For the same reasons that you do not print pictures of mutilated bodies or descriptions of sex acts, you should have declined to quote the text of his venomous message. Thanks to you, Phelps no longer needs the monument. You have given powerful voice to his hateful ideas, and you have given outsiders one more reason to believe Idaho is a safe haven for bigots.

PAULA BROWN SINCLAIR
Twin Falls

Capitol Holiday Tree shined bright for Idaho

Greetings fellow Idahoans:

I would like to express my appreciation and sincere thanks for your involvement and support of the Idaho Capitol Holiday Tree of 2003. Thanks for all your hard work and time when the 2003 Capitol Holiday Tree passed through your community. The tree became a vivid expression of the spirit of all American. Without your efforts and support, this project would not have become a reality.

As a result of your commitment to this project, the people of Idaho were able to send our gift "From Idaho's Heart to America's Home." The tradition of placing the nation's holiday tree on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol dates back to 1964. Now, the state of Idaho has joined the proud ranks of those who have participated in this great tradition. With a tree from our public lands, ornaments from Idaho's school children, a choir from Blackfoot and two special students to help light the tree, this was truly a remarkable event.

I appreciate the welcome you gave the tree, and I also appreciate those who took the time and the effort to make your community celebration happen. Thank you for being a part of the Capitol Holiday Tree of 2003.

SEN. LARRY CRAIG
Washington, D.C.

Writer demonstrates little knowledge of China

In his Jan. 13 letter on China, Cox harangues the PRC with a limited knowledge of world history and international politics. Without Cox sardoniously calls Chinese Premier Wen "Commde Jiabao." The name Jiabao is, in fact, Premier Wen's first name and not his surname. With a working knowledge of Chinese culture, Cox would rightly address him as Premier Wen - his formal title. Ironically, the term "comrade," in spoken Mandarin, "tongzhi," is no longer used by the CCP. The term has actually been adopted as a homophobic epithet. Cox's sarcastic usage of it demonstrates a lack of insight into CCP leadership.

Cox writes that China reports false military expenditures. While this may be true, I'd like to point

out that the CIA WFB reports that for the year 1999 the United States spent a mere \$276.7 billion when, in fact, it spent well over "\$809 billion on global expenditures" (October 2000, IJSS). I imagine it is only acceptable for the United States to lie?

Regarding Taiwan: study history. Taiwan belongs to China. In 1895 the Japanese stole the island from China after it lost the Sino-Japanese war. It was not until after World War II that Japan gave

Taiwan back. Shortly thereafter, Chiang Kai-Shek and the Guomindang fled to Taiwan and set up an illegal government. Taiwan is not recognized as a sovereign state because it belongs to China. To chastise China for aiming missiles at its own province when the United States forces Taiwan to buy unwanted military technology for anti-Beijing purposes is absurd. Taiwan has its own artillery aimed at the mainland - it's a double-edged sword.

I do not blame China for building a strong military. The United States allows its puppet, Japan, to maintain one of the most powerful militaries in the world. Are you familiar with Chinese-Japanese history? Rape of Nanjing? Should we ask China to trust a Japan that has raped and assaulted it through history and admitted its goal of regional domination? China is communist by name and name alone. No serious scholar would describe China's econom-

ic policy as communist or even socialist. And while still authoritarian politically, the CCP is rapidly evolving into a more democratic system (there are, in fact, nine legal, operational democratic parties advising the CCP), so anti-Communist platitudes no longer work when trying to attack China. And let us not forget, our own "president" was not democratically elected. Glass houses. CODY ELDRIDGE
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Cody Eldridge is a former student of the East China Normal University in Shanghai, China.)

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NATION/WORLD

Students, family mourn death of Iraqi professor

By Nicholas Riccardi
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They buried Abdul Lutfi Mayah on Tuesday, and with him, many academics' hopes for intellectual freedom in the new Iraq.

Gunned down only 12 hours after advocating direct elections on an Arab television talk show, Mayah was the fourth professor from Baghdad's Mustansiriyah University to be killed in the last eight months, his death the latest in a series of academic slayings in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq.

"His assassination is part of a plan in this country, targeting any intellectual in this country, any free voice," said Salam Rais, one of Mayah's students. "He is the martyr of the free world."

"His assassination is part of a plan in this country, targeting any intellectual in this country, any free voice."

— Salam Rais, student of murdered professor

Thursday, many academics acknowledged that the killers had succeeded in their campaign of intimidation.

"After the assassination of Dr. Abdul Lutfi, we feel that all of us are targeted," said Ahmed Arzawi, a colleague of Mayah. He said he and other academics would think twice before making controversial statements.

Professors and hundreds of students, many of them sobbing, joined Mayah's funeral march Tuesday as his coffin was carried through the campus of the university where he was director of the Institute for Arab World Research and Studies. Mourners beat their heads and howled in despair, chanting, "There is no God but Allah."

Mayah's wife held aloft a weathered photograph of her gray-haired husband and wailed to his coffin: "You are a martyr! Your coffin is covered with the flag of our country!"

Attacks on Iraqi professors strike at one of the nation's last remaining symbols of pride. Its university system was the envy of the Arab world in the 1950s and '60s. Despite nearly three decades of repression by Saddam Hussein, higher education here is still viewed with great respect.

Students and colleagues said Mayah was an enthusiastic teacher whose seminars often extended off campus.

He used his own money to buy computers for his classroom. After Hussein's ouster, he grabbed the family gun to fend off looters at the university. He insisted that classes continue during the war and after,

and gave his finals on schedule. Despite Mayah's impromptu stint as an armed campus guard, he spoke of the need for peaceful, deliberate government. One of his favorite sayings, colleagues said, was "Let the language of the gun die forever, and let us follow the language of democracy."

People are slain for many reasons in Iraq, and it is often hard to determine motive because the killers are rarely caught. Professors have been at risk from the various sides battling for power in Hussein's wake.

The night before he was slain, Mayah was a guest on a talk show on the Al Jazeera channel, where he supported a call by Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, Iraq's leading Shiite Muslim cleric, for free elections by June 30, when the U.S. is scheduled to return sovereignty

to Iraq. In calling for quick elections, Mayah was opposing the United States, which has proposed a caucus system to choose the country's new leaders.

The killings of the three other Mustansiriyah professors came amid anonymous notes left on campus warning members of the Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath Party that they faced execution. In the northern city of Mosul this month, the dean of a local university's political science department was slain, an attack seen as the work of Baathists against someone they viewed as a collaborator in the U.S.-led occupation. Some Iraqis say there was no obvious motive behind the killing of another academic, an engineering professor, in Basra last year.

Iraq's insurgents — largely Sunni Muslims and Hussein loyalists — are among the suspects in Mayah's slaying. The Sunnis feel threatened by the majority Shiites' call for direct elections.

Mayah's mourners suggested there was a foreign element to his killing but offered no details. A banner carried at the head of the funeral procession, blamed "America and the Zionists."

Other students and professors at Mustansiriyah University say they were at a loss to imagine who might have killed Mayah.

"Why such fear of an idea?" asked Kasim Fellahl, a colleague. Rais, Mayah's student, said his professor saw good things ahead for Iraq.

"He was optimistic," Rais said. "Always optimistic."

Shootings heighten worry for Iraqis working with U.S.

By Pamela Constable
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The shooting deaths of four Iraqi women, who were being driven late Wednesday to their jobs as cleaners at a U.S. military base, have heightened official concerns about terrorist attacks against Iraqis who cooperate with or are employed by U.S.-led occupation forces.

The incident near the city of Fallujah, in which gunmen followed a van carrying nine women to work and opened fire, came three days after a powerful suicide car bomb exploded outside a gate of the U.S. administration headquarters when many Iraqis were entering to work, killing 31 people and wounding at least 120.

The attack on Wednesday marked the first time terrorists appeared to deliberately target women after months of recurrent violent assaults against U.S.-led troops, Iraqi police and other security forces.

"It really shows a certain amount of desperation, if not just cold-heartedness... that anti-coalition elements would have the audacity and the temerity to go attack women as they were going



The daughter and mother of Hajla Adam Shabu, who was killed when unidentified assailants opened fire on a minibus, bury her Thursday at a cemetery in Baghdad. It appears the women were targeted because they work for the occupational force.

to work." Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the U.S. military spokesman, said Thursday.

Kimmitt said the motive was "to send a message of terror to these people: that if you work for the

policemen were killed, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials.

A Spanish police commander was shot in the head and seriously wounded early Thursday when gunmen fired at him in his car during an anti-terrorist operation near the southern city of Diwaniya, Spanish authorities reported.

The two American soldiers died Wednesday evening and a third was seriously injured when attackers fired mortars and rockets at a U.S. military base near Baqouba, a Sunni Muslim town north of the capital that has been plagued by anti-occupation violence. Several other soldiers were injured.

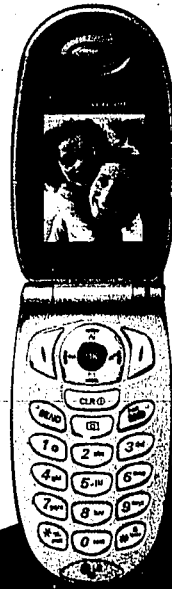
The Iraqi police officers were killed in a separate attack early Thursday at a police checkpoint on the highway between Fallujah and Ramadi, west of the capital, an area that has also been a center of armed Sunni resistance to the occupation.

Iraqi police said the post was attacked by unidentified assailants who drove past, firing assault rifles and tossing a grenade. They said three policemen were killed and five wounded, although U.S. officials confirmed only two deaths.



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Crime rate drops slightly on mean streets in Iraq

By Jeffrey Fleishman
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The desert moon is a thumbprint in the sky and Safa abu Ahmed has watches in his window again on Sadoon Street.

Alleys are tangled with vendors and shoppers; the fruit juice stands and the money-changers are busy. Women in black stroll past the flames of chicken roasters in the dusk.

The robbers and the carjacks are not around — at least not now — and life on the sidewalks, despite the U.S. tank on the corner, moves with the brisk nonchalance of normality.

"There is a big difference from a few months ago," Ahmed said. "I used to close my shop at 1 p.m. because of thieves and bandits. My window used to be like a theater — I would see people get robbed right on the street. But now police patrols are passing and I've put my watches back in the front window."

Crime in Baghdad is vicious and difficult to gauge, but perceptions of Ahmed and other shopkeepers suggest Iraqis feel safer these days. The Baghdad police force — patrolling in blue-and-white cars with stenciled numbers — has grown to 7,000 officers.

That is less than half of what it was before the war, but increased police visibility in recent months has brought a sense of calm to places like Sadoon Street, once a strip bristling with criminal gangs and gunfire.

Interviews with police officers around this city of 5 million people indicate that crime overall has tapered slightly. Their assessment, however, is more sobering than Ahmed's. And it reflects the dual

dangers that Iraqis live with: crime fueled by poverty, redistribution and opportunism played out against an unfinished war — punctuated by suicide bombers and rocket-propelled grenades — between insurgents and U.S. troops.

Navigating such violent currents has led to months of psychological trauma. This is a nation, after all, where sandbag bunkers and high walls protect police stations from attackers.

A place where Saddam Hussein emptied his jails of nearly 30,000 criminals before losing power, and where a conversation on a street corner or a meal in a restaurant can end in an armed robbery or an insurgent attack.

"It's getting a little better, but you never know when a bandit will get you or a car bomb will go off," said Sihan Hussein, who the other day wore an embroidered headscarf and shopped for cameras off Sadoon Street. "The Iraqi feels as if his soul is in a glass bottle. We don't know who will break the glass and take our lives."

Despite such fragility, Iraqis seem to be steeling themselves against crime, venturing into the streets in defiance of danger. Neighborhoods are no longer ghettos at dusk, children stray far from their mothers.

People are putting more trust in the U.S.-trained police force, which under Saddam was rife with corruption and incompetence. There is still talk of officers on the take, but mostly Iraqis are happy to see a flash of blue lights and hear whistles in the traffic.

"There is more tranquility these days," said Mohamed Ali, owner of a photo shop on AlTahrir Square off Sadoon Street.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Man arraigned on fake money charge

TWIN FALLS - A Filer man pleaded innocent Thursday to one count of circulating illegal money.

Tavec Christopher Klundt, 23, was arrested Nov. 23 after employees at a McDonald's restaurant alerted officers to what they believed to be a counterfeit bill, according to an affidavit written by Brad Alan Vickhammer of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Employees wrote down the license plate of the suspect and called police.

An officer later spotted the car and stopped Klundt for a missing tail light. In the car he found a five-dollar bill containing the same serial numbers as the counterfeit bill, the affidavit said.

Klundt was transported to the Twin Falls County Jail.

The charge is a misdemeanor for a first offense and carries a penalty of six months in jail and a \$300 fine.

Klundt's pretrial conference was scheduled for Feb. 10. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Natural gas furnace likely caused fire

BUHL - A fire that destroyed a Buhl-area home Friday likely was caused by a natural gas furnace, investigators have determined.

The fire burned down the home of Barburn and Frank Holesinsky, who live four miles north of Buhl off Valley Steppes Drive. It also destroyed 95 percent of their belongings, but no people were hurt.

Earl Tyree, assistant fire chief of the Buhl Fire Department, said three investigators and the fire chief came to the same conclusion about what started the fire.

"The most probable cause that they came up with was one of the furnaces," Tyree said.

The fire department responded to the fire at about 8:20 p.m. Friday with two engines and two water tankers, but the 18 firefighters fought mostly a defensive battle against the blaze. It was described as explosive and unusually rapid.

Kiwanis Park Vietnam memorial moves forward

BURLEY - Organizers say the Vietnam veterans memorial at Kiwanis Park could be finished this spring.

George Brisbin, who is spearheading the effort for the memorial, has collected about \$1,200 for the project. He still wants to place at least one plaque, engraved with the names of area veterans, near the helicopter that already is on a pedestal.

Brisbin isn't sure how much more money is needed. He said two plaques might be needed in order to have room for all the names. More than 200 names have been collected so far.

"Right now everything is on hold due to the cold weather," he said.

The memorial could be finished as early as this spring, with a dedication possibly scheduled for the end of May or early June, Brisbin said.

"We've got some pretty patriotic people in this area, and that makes the veterans feel good," he said.

Donations may be made to an account for the Mini-Cassia Vietnam veterans memorial at any D.L. Evans Bank.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% 100000+
Upper Snake Basin	98%	85%
Salmon Falls	105%	80%
Salmon	89%	40%
Oakley	103%	58%
Big Wood	97%	54%
Little Wood	110%	58%
Henry's Fork/Teton	111%	62%
Big Lost	104%	55%
Little Lost	85%	46%

As of Jan. 22

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin average for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.

Dairymen keep working on odor

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - This year Idaho won't get odor standards, and the state Department of Agriculture won't receive extra money for odor mitigation, lawmakers were told Thursday.

But that doesn't mean owners of large dairies aren't going forward in trying to reduce odors, said John Chatburn, a deputy administrator for the Ag Department.

Chatburn spoke to a joint meeting of both the Senate and the House agricultural committees during the department's annual update to lawmakers.

During the past year dairymen have spent between \$5 million and \$6 million out of their own pockets in order to improve their dairies and reduce the odors around their neighborhoods, he said. And during the coming year, Chatburn said he's hearing dairymen will spend another \$3.4 million to reduce dairy odor.

Meanwhile, lawmakers are looking for ways to make anaerobic digestion a more attractive investment. And Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, has put together a strong coalition to go forward in

trying to get money from the federal government that would pay some of the up-front money for a couple of anaerobic digesters.

Anaerobic digesters can be used to turn manure into gases, primarily methane and carbon dioxide. In turn, the gases can fuel generators, which make

electricity. That electricity can be used to run the dairy, and it can also be sold to utility companies.

Earlier this week, an Idaho Falls-based company announced plans to build a \$1 million digester at the Whitesides Dairy near Rupert. That digester will produce methane to sell and to use for heating at the dairy.

So far, in Idaho dairymen have been reluctant to install digesters because they aren't necessarily cost-effective or proven. Some owners of concentrated animal feeding operations in other parts of the country



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have installed them to help control odor.

"An anaerobic digester won't be totally odorless, but it will help reduce it, plus it generates green power, and because it reduces the amount of manure a dairyman has to dispose of, it helps solve land application problems," Jones said.

A legislative subcommittee appointed to study alternative energy tax incentives is looking closely at ways to make building anaerobic digesters more affordable. Members, who include several Magic Valley lawmakers, are

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Cassia assessor's office re-opens

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

BURLEY - After nearly 18 years in the same office, Cassia County Assessor Marty Holland moved into a new one Thursday.

The county assessor's office was closed Thursday as employees moved out of their first-floor space in the county courthouse into the newly remodeled county annex, across the street.

The annex is located at 203 E. 15th St. The new office was scheduled to be open today and ready for business.

"There are some changes to make, but it's exciting to have something to serve the community better," Holland said. "It's a challenge to move - there are 10 different personalities here - but everyone has been great."

The move was needed to have adequate space for the assessor's office, Holland said.

"People in (the) motor vehicle (department) were falling all over themselves," he said.

The old offices had about 2,000 square feet, compared with about 2,500 square feet in the new location, Holland said.

"I'm excited. Our department really needed to move," said Theryll Anderson, motor vehicle division supervisor. "We were very cramped. If I pulled out my computer keyboard, I had no space to work. This is going to make my job easier."

Anderson said her office often got disorganized because there was no room to stack paperwork.

Besides more space, the move has other advantages, Holland said.

"The benefit to the courthouse is that we get people out of there for security purposes," he said.

Most of the foot traffic in the courthouse was generated by the assessor's office, Holland said. The courthouse halls often got crowded due to the number of people.

"We sometimes had three different lines of people in there," Holland said.

The new annex is also more accessible, especially for the elderly or handicapped, he said.

Colleen James, deputy assessor of motor vehicles, said employees have been moving for about two weeks and were moving the final items Thursday.

Most equipment had already been moved, but computers and phone lines still needed

to be hooked up Thursday, Holland said.

The assessor's office is directly linked to computers at the Idaho Transportation Department offices in Boise, which issues automobile license plates and renewal stickers.

County officials haven't yet decided what

the former assessor's office space will be used for, Holland said.

Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said he expects county commissioners and department heads to discuss that space in the coming weeks.



Ben Stephenson, a computer technician for Cassia County, moves equipment into the new Cassia County annex Thursday. The Cassia County assessor's office is now housed in the annex, at 203 E. 15th St. It's open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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Newcomb wants to brand foreign cows

The Times-News

BOISE - Idaho should consider requiring all cattle coming from foreign nations to be branded with their countries of origin, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said.

Newcomb, R-Burley, said the discovery that a cow at a Burley dairy came from the same Canadian herd as one that died of mad cow disease in Washington is one more indication that such measures are needed.

Newcomb said all cattle coming over the border from Canada should be branded immediately with a "C," just as Mexican cows are already branded with an "M."

In addition, he thinks it's a good idea to put microchips in them at the borders in order to track where they came from. Ear tags don't cut it because "they're too easy to mess with," he said.

The cattle rancher said he is going to explore the possibility of Idaho taking such measures.

Meanwhile, members of Idaho's congressional delegation and cattle industry leaders said the discovery proves that the state's system of brand laws and animal health regulations is working.

"The finding of a dairy cow in Idaho that has been traced from the index herd in Washington shows that our current system at the state and federal levels has worked," said Cevin Jones, Eden feedlot operator and Idaho Cattle Association president.

"Our industry has a history of working with the Idaho Legislature and state agencies to develop regulatory programs that ensure a tracking system for cattle ownership, as well as a regulatory framework for animal disease protection."

U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Reps. Mike Simpson and C.L. "Butch" Otter issued a joint statement on the matter.

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Salvation Army revives Famous Doughnut

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Do a good deed: eat a doughnut. Better yet, eat a whole box.

The Salvation Army has revived its Famous Doughnut, first served by its women volunteers to World War I soldiers on the front lines. They're now for sale at the Twin Falls Fred Meyer and 123 other company stores in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho.

Leo Stiles, who came up with the idea, said the doughnuts are a great way to get a taste of history onto store shelves, as well as puff up Salvation Army coffers.

Stiles, a 20-year veteran of the Salvation Army from Washington, was inspired by a poster of the Salvation Army Ladies, women who went overseas in World War I to help the soldiers on the front lines.

"The Lassic made use of the simple ingredients she had



Joe Posillico, Salvation Army general secretary of the Northwest Division, shows a box of the Salvation Army's Famous Doughnuts at a Fred Meyer store in Seattle. The doughnut sales will put money in the Salvation Army's coffers, about 7 cents a box, said Jena Hubbard, spokeswoman for the agency's Northwest Division.

access to; mixing flour, evaporated milk, sugar and eggs in a refuse pail," according to the legend on the doughnut box. "Ever resourceful, the Lassic used a rolling pin and began frying the

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Prosecutor says child sex abuse charges dropped

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A report compiled by a research team from the Criminal Justice Department at Boise State University lists incorrect figures regarding sexual offenses perpetrated on children in Twin Falls County, County Prosecutor Grant Loebs said.

The conclusion drawn from those numbers - that there is a dramatic increase in the number of juveniles charged with child molestation - does not reflect the trend in Twin Falls County.

"The overall tenor of the report is that the trend is up," Loebs said. "The trend is better than what they report."

The number of cases filed against juvenile suspects for calendar year 2002 was 23, he said. That number represents cases

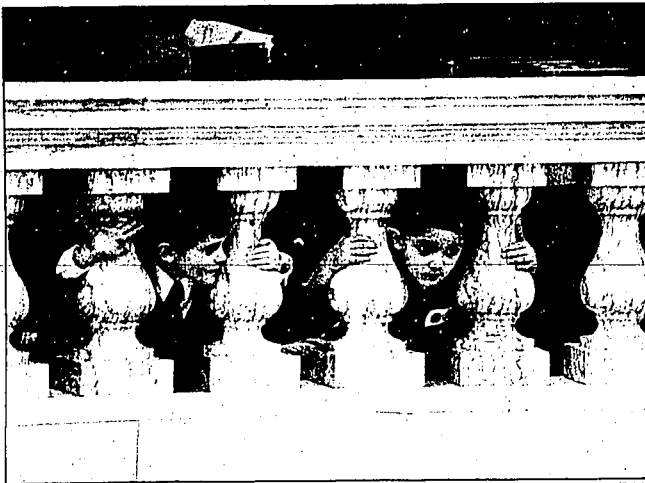
filed for sexual offenses, including sexual assault, lewd and lascivious behavior with a minor, sexual abuse and sexual battery. In 2003 the number was 16.

The report, cited in an Associated Press story in Thursday's Times-News, listed 10 sexual abuse cases by juveniles on other juveniles from 2002 to 2003 in Twin Falls County.

"I have no idea what those numbers refer to," Loebs said. Child molestation cases filed against adults were listed as 15 in Twin Falls County. The actual number was 25 in each of the calendar years 2002 and 2003, Loebs said.

The prosecutor's office keeps statistics on a calendar year basis, and the report for fiscal year 2003 covers cases filed between July 1, 2002, and June

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Six-year-old Liam Jensen, of Meridian, left, looks over at B.J. Barrus, 5, at the Idaho State Capitol in Boise Thursday as they and their mothers wait to speak in support of charter schools to a joint legislative committee.

Charter school advocates want clarification

BOISE (AP) - Nearly 200 parents, students and others devoted to their own publicly financed charter schools argued at the Capitol Thursday for more autonomy from their local school districts.

Charter schools are one of the most explosive issues in Idaho education. Before the 3-hour hearing, Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder warned the audience that he would not tolerate a rude behavior.

Public school supporters say the charter school concept amounts to using public funds for a private education.

On the other side, charter school supporters believe the schools give them the personal attention, motivation and flexibility to learn at their own pace.

They argue that many charter school students would fall in a public school setting because of trouble dealing with social issues. Families who had previously taught their children at home raved to the lawmakers about the Idaho Virtual Academy, an Internet-based charter school with more than 2,000 students.

"My children thrive," said Patricia Ballou, whose triplets are enrolled in the Idaho Virtual Academy's 2nd grade curriculum.

"If we do something fun at home, if I get out a packet, they ask me, 'Is this K12? Is this IDVA?' They assume that if it's fun and it's exciting, that we're doing a school project."

K12 is a company that sells curriculum to Internet-based charter schools across the nation. The U.S. Education Secretary Bill Bennett.

Charter public schools were authorized in 1997. Advocates can petition for their own nonprofit institution that is publicly financed under a contract with the school district to run experimental or innovative programs.

There are now 16 charter public schools in the state, including the Internet-based Idaho Virtual Learning Academy.

The law was designed to give parents more educational choices, but has drawn fire from both parents and educators who say the schools are simply private operations surviving on taxpayer money.

The meeting Thursday revealed stark disagreement between the Liberty Charter School in Nampa and the Nampa School District, its administrators and trustees.

Nampa School Board Trustee Rex Burmester complained that the Liberty Charter School's board is not subject to elections, as he is, even though Liberty also uses public funding.

"We must have democratically elected boards because elections



will make them accountable," Burmester told the committee and more than 200 people in the audience.

But Bart McKnight, chairman of the Liberty Charter School board, called his operation a prototype school that can prove success by almost any measure.

A number of parents of public school students disagreed with McKnight's premise, saying that Liberty's high test scores are likely the result of hand-picking students from upper-class neighborhoods where parents can afford to devote more time to their children. And it bothers them most that charter schools do it with public funds.

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SERVICES

Twila LaVerl Bingham of Jerome, service at 11 a.m., today, at the Jerome Stake Center on Tiger Drive. Friends may call one-hour before the service at the church.

Leonard Milton Condit of Hagerman, service at 11 a.m., today, at the Community of Christ Church in Hagerman.

Raymond H. Anderson of Hazelton, service at 1 p.m., today, at the Emerson Ward. Visitation one-hour before the service. Graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, Utah (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Anna Hyatt of Fairfield, graveside service at 2 p.m., today, at the Manard Cemetery, Fairfield.

Jackie L. Mitchell of Woodland, Wash., memorial service at 2 p.m. today, at the Woodland Christian Church, 430 Buckeye Ave.

Dennis Jay Buhler of Evanston, Wyo., service at 11 a.m., today, at the Evanston South Stake Center.

Fredo Brinkman of Modesto, Calif., service today, at Deegan's Funeral Chapel, Escalon, Calif., with burial in Escalon.

Barbara Kowalls of Pleasant View, Utah, service at 1 p.m., Saturday, at the old Pleasant View church building at 896 W. Pleasant View Drive. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Myers Mortuary in Ogden, 845 Washington Blvd.,

and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Internment will be at Willard Cemetery.

Merry Elizabeth Rosecrans of Nampa, viewing from 6-8 p.m., today, at Hansen Mortuary Ruppert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Memorial service at 11 a.m., Saturday, at The Grace Community Center, 100 N. Meridian, with a one hour viewing

from 10-11 a.m.

Pearl Adeline Zollinger Hall of Clearfield, Utah, service at 1 p.m., Saturday, at the Malta Chapel in Malta. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. before the service at the church.

Nellie May Holden of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.

DEATH NOTICES

Steven E. Friddle
SPOKANE, WASH. - Steven Edward Friddle, 55, of Spokane, Wash., died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo, Idaho. Military rites will be under the direction of local veterans. Friends and family may gather at the cemetery shortly before service (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

M. Irene Basom
TWIN FALLS - M. Irene Basom, 87, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at Bridgeview Retirement Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

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Completes for Thursday Introduced in House

HC35 (Trail) - Supports open meetings of all public entities in Idaho, including the Legislature.

HB513 (Mitchell and Meyer) - Makes the offense of inattentive driving an infraction rather than subject to a maximum fine of \$10.

HB514 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$16,100 appropriation to the Department of Insurance for the current budget year.

HB515 (State Affairs) - Extends long term leases of state land to any commercial purpose without legislative approval.

HB516 (Revenue and Taxation) - Simplifies the property tax relief plan for the disabled and elderly.

HB517 (State Affairs) - Requires initiative and referendum petitions to contain specific numbers of signatures by legislative district.

HB518 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Updates the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

HB519 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Allows defendants to be required to pay restitution for analysis of felony controlled substances.

HB520 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Expands coverage of the DNA database law.

HB521 (Resources and Conservation) - Increases fees for outfalls and guide licenses.

HB522 (Business) - Defines the federal consumer protection act in Idaho law.

HB523 (Business) - Incorporates key federal laws and regulations into Idaho Residential Mortgage Practices.

HB524 (Business) - Increases loan limits under the Idaho Ask Act.

HB525 (Business) - Clarifies qualifications and restrictions on electrical inspectors.

HB526 (Business) - Creates a program to mediate disputes on repairs between manufacturers, dealers and installers of manufactured homes.

HB527 (Business) - Permits the state plumbing board to impose penalties for violations.

HB528 (Business) - Increases renewal period for plumbing licenses from one to three years.

HB529 (Business) - Increases from two to four years the maximum time needed to acquire a master electrician license.

HB530 (Trail) - Repeals the modest tax deduction for teachers spending their own money on school supplies.

HB531 (Trail) - Allows for criminal records to be expunged after five years for some juveniles.

HB532 (State Affairs) - Aligns boundaries of Ada and Boise counties.

HB533 (State Affairs) - Continues for four more years special filing requirements for those seeking benefits from the state's Industrial Special Indemnity Fund.

HB534 (State Affairs) - Sets requirements for open meetings held by teleconference.

HB535 (State Affairs) - Brings Idaho's Do Not Call list into conformance with the federal list.

HB536 (Revenue and Taxation) - Makes permanent the investment tax credit for research and development work and broadband equipment set to expire at the end of 2005.

HB537 (Revenue and Taxation) - Changes paycheck withholding tax filings by employers from quarterly to annually.

Introduced in Senate

SCR118 (State Affairs) - Sets Feb. 6 as "Go Red For Women Day."

SB1218 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$4 million appropriation for catastrophic health care for the poor during the current budget year.

SB1219 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$100,000 appropriation for physical therapy services during the current budget year.

SB1220 (State Affairs) - Bans smoking in most indoor facilities open to the public except bars, bowling alleys and some other select facilities.

SB1221 (Judiciary and Rules) - Revises University President payment of juvenile detention costs incurred by counties.

SB1222 (Local Government and Taxation) - Includes cities, counties, school districts and other local governments under the law allowing negotiation for cost-saving energy measures.

SB1223 (Local Government and Taxation) - Repeals the state law authorizing transfer of development rights.

AG will investigate UI project

BOISE (AP) - Attorney General Lawrence Wasden decided Thursday to launch a full-scale investigation into financial transactions and other maneuvering around the University of Idaho's botched academic complex in Boise.

Wasden had been asked by Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower to take over the case because of Bower's belief that his office had conflicts of interest. Wasden concluded he did not.

"The University Place project involved multiple, highly complex financial transactions. Our work on this matter will be equally complex," Wasden said. "It is likely to take considerable time and resources."

He said it would take several months and possibly longer to review the special 600-page

analysis of the project conducted by Boise attorney Larry Prince at the request of the state Board of Education. That investigation has cost the University of Idaho over \$900,000 so far.

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss is also assessing the Prince report at Wasden's request, and Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson is still considering whether to launch his own criminal inquiry. The State Board of Education has its own special subcommittee analyzing the Prince report.

The \$136 million, multi-building complex last year donated to Boise was seen by many university advocates as "critical" to maintaining the school's clout against the rising influence of Boise State University.

Conceived while the economy

was strong, questionable loans to cover up front costs were made by the University of Idaho and its foundation.

But the project's breadth quickly overwhelmed the financing scheme, especially as the economy declined.

University President Robert Hoover resigned after the loans were disclosed, and the project was scaled back to a single \$50 million building that will house the state Water Resources Department and some federal and university-related operations.

The Idaho State Board reported on Thursday that Phil Reberger, a foundation member and chief of staff to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, while the complex was being developed, knew of the financial maneuvering but never advised the governor or the state board.

Coalition sues to keep monument

BOISE (AP) - A coalition of Christian conservatives filed suit in federal court Thursday to keep the voluntary removal of a Ben L. Owen monument from a city park.

The Generation Life group led by Brandi Swindell joined the Rev. Bryan Fischer, a conservative Christian activist, and the Pastor's Policy Council to file a 10-page complaint against the City Council to block the action.

"The removal of the Ten Commandments monument discriminates against the Judeo-Christian faith in favor of a non-theistic religious belief," said the group's attorney, Brian Chavez-Ochoa.

The attorney said its own private investigation had revealed that a secular group had requested that the monument be moved.

Chavez-Ochoa said he could not name the group or any of its members, but described it as "an eastern atheist, Buddhist, Taoist group of people. People who believe that man is a god unto himself."

A hearing was scheduled Friday before U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge.

The monument controversy left the city caught between two groups. Kansas preacher Fred Phelps wanted to erect his own anti-gay monument at the site, a quiet corner of Julia Davis Park, where the Ten Commandments has stood since 1957.

The City Council voted 4-2 on Tuesday to return the monument to its original donor, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which will display it at the entrance to its building in Boise.

Boise mayor works for clean air

BOISE (AP) - Former Democratic lawmaker Dave Bieter came home to the Idaho House of Representatives on Thursday, delivering brief remarks to his former colleagues.

Bieter, a Democrat, surprised the state's political observers last year when he outright won the Boise mayor's office.

After trading friendly barbs with Republican House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, Bieter told the 70-member House that clean air, good infrastructure and educa-

tion are key to the success of the city-state partnership.

Bieter pointed especially to the state's nursing shortage, adding that last year, Boise State University had to turn away two-thirds of its nursing school applicants because the department lacked state funding.

The 42-year-old represented Boise's District 19. He was replaced by Democratic activist Anne Pasley-Stuart after his election to the mayor's office.

Wyoming officials find second brucellosis herd

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - In a bruising setback to the state's ranching industry, a second cattle herd is tested positive for brucellosis in as many months, State Veterinarian Jim Logan said Thursday.

The finding of the disease at a Worland feedlot means the state will lose its federal brucellosis-free status and its cattle will be subject to extensive testing and movement restrictions.

"I don't know that I would say it's devastating to the industry, but certainly it's a blow we didn't need to have," Logan said in a conference

call. "It'll be a hardship."

Brucellosis, which causes cows to abort and humans to experience chronic flu-like symptoms, was confirmed in 31 head of Sublette County cattle in western Wyoming last month.

"That finding came after discovery of the organism in four cows from the herd that were sent to slaughter in Nebraska in October."

So far, four states - Nebraska, Colorado, California and South Dakota - have enacted or will place restrictions on Wyoming cattle imports. More are likely to follow.

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DANCE DRAGON DANCE



Ashbrook Independent School fourth-grader Marissa Croft, left, plays with classmate Bryce Johnson, center, both 10, and others during the class' performance of the Chinese dragon dance Thursday in celebration of the Chinese New Year in Corvallis, Ore.

Hagerman's clerk job goes full time

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman city clerk's position will go from part-time to full-time job.

Clerk Barbara Borrowman has tendered her resignation. Due to the sale of her home, she and her husband will be moving. Borrowman has served as the clerk since July of 1996.

"Barbara has been doing full-time work in a part-time job - working afternoons and on her own," Mayor Todd Bassett said. "I know we are not going to be able to find somebody who will be dedicated enough to do that. Barbara has done what she has done out of her concern and care for the city. We are going to struggle with her gone."

Borrowman has indicated she will stay long enough to help train a new clerk.

Kelley is working with Alan Hansten, a contract engineer with J-U-B Engineers Inc., on a topographical study of Lake Street and drainage from the block to the south of the center pools in front

of the facility. Fixing the problem is a priority for the city this year. Work on the study will commence with the signing of a contract with the Twin Falls-based engineering firm.

Traffic safety issues also were addressed by council members at their Tuesday night meeting.

A one-way designation was approved for the alley between Third and State streets, running from east to west.

Councilman John Mason said residents had expressed concerns about the high volume of traffic using the alley as an exit and entrance to the Chevron station, located on State Street. He cited excessive traffic as a justification for the designation.

A second one-way designation on the alley located between the new public parking lot and the former Hagerman Food Market will be on the off-street in February.

Two-way traffic currently is allowed on the alley, entering from and exiting onto State Street.

"I have seen some near accidents," Mason said. Due to the close proximity of the alley to the building, vehicles traveling east in the alley toward State Street cannot be seen by the drivers of vehicles making right-hand turns off State Street into the alley. Hagerman Fire Chief Tim

Peterson voiced his support for the one-way traffic-to-flow-in-from State Street.

"At least that way people walking on the sidewalk can see the car coming," Peterson said. "If you're stepping out from the corner of that store, you could get run over State."

But the city could have a legal conflict. In an agreement between the city and Hagerman businessman Gary Chappel, the city agreed to designate the alley one-way going out onto State Street, Councilman Jim Scott said.

The agreement was part of a cooperative effort by the city and Chappel on a downtown improvement project. The project, in conjunction with the construction of a new Chappel's Market, included the off-street public parking area. Chappel purchased property for the lot and donated it to the city as a match for rural community block grants through the Department of Commerce.

Chappel was looking at the possibility of leasing the building to a bank and installing a drive-through window in the alley. The building currently remains vacant. The agreement will be reviewed before a decision is made.

Arizona negotiators keep talking

PHOENIX (AP) - Since before dawn Sunday, two correctional officers have been held hostage by a pair of inmates locked in a gray block guard tower flanked by barbed wire fences.

Over the long days and nights, coffee and water have been sent in; at least one gas canister has been tossed out.

But aware that the inmates hold the high ground and the lives of two guards, the authorities have done the only thing they could: kept talking.

"Time is definitely on our side," said Ivan Bartos, a Department of Corrections official.

He said prison officials were encouraged that talks continued with the inmates for a fifth day Thursday, because negotiations to peacefully resolve the hostage situation at the prison west of Phoenix.

"The longer they go on, the more the quality and quantity improve," said Bartos, the Yuma prison warden who has been

helping officials at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye.

He declined to say whether the tower, which overlooks a yard for high-risk inmates, was stocked with weapons but noted it was built for the security of the people inside.

Paul Sutton, a criminal justice professor at San Diego State University who has studied prison life, said the inmates probably chose the best place in a prison to hold up.

Agency declines to list rare desert flower

BOISE (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declined to put a rare flower found in the Owyhee Desert on the endangered species list, saying cooperative efforts will help reduce the risk to the flower.

The agency announced Wednesday it would withdraw its proposal to list the slickspot peppercorn, which is found in Owyhee, Elmore, Ada, Canyon, Gem and Payette counties. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne called the decision a testament to cooperation and state leadership.

"It's significant that Idaho is averting, rather than reacting to, another species," the governor said. "This decision recognizes the impact the partnership between the Office of Species Conservation,

private citizens, state agencies and the federal government has had for slickspot peppercorn."

Dave Allen, director of Fish and Wildlife's Pacific Region, called it an "outstanding example of cooperative conservation."

Conservation agreements were struck between the state, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Army National Guard and several private landowners who hold BLM grazing permits.

They agreed to implement conservation measures on more than 17,000 acres of private land. The Air Force, which operates a jet training range in the desert, also is cooperating.

The flower grows in "slickspots," which are tiny areas within the sagebrush habitat that retain more

water than the surrounding ground. It ranges from 4 to 12 inches in height and has many tiny, white flowers.

The Western Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert had filed suit, demanding that the flower be given immediate emergency protection because it was in imminent danger of extinction.

Environmentalists say the plant is threatened by road construction, off-road vehicle use and nonnative weeds, which are encouraged by livestock trampling and grazing.

In April 2002, Fish and Wildlife agreed to propose federal protection for the flower and allowed a year for public comment. It was then extended from last fall to this month.

Farmed salmon industry will face lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The farmed salmon industry faces legal action in California for failing to warn consumers that the fish contain what environmental groups say are potentially dangerous levels of cancer-causing chemicals.

The Environmental Working Group and the Center for Environmental Health filed notice last week of their intent to sue 50 salmon farms, fish processors and grocery chains under a California anti-toxic law.

"We believe it's the responsibility of these companies to ensure that the fish they sell is not con-

taminated with toxic chemicals," said Michael Green, executive director of the Oakland-based Center for Environmental Health. "Our goal is to challenge them to change their practices so their fish is safe to eat."

The legal action comes after a major study, published earlier this month in the journal Science, found that farm-raised salmon contains significantly more contaminants than salmon caught in the wild.

The study blamed the high concentration of PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, on feed used on fish farms. It recommended that farm-

ers change fish feed and urged consumers to buy wild salmon.

The farmed salmon industry disputes the study's conclusions, citing experts who say the benefits outweigh the risks of eating farmed salmon.

"(Consumers) will be doing themselves and their families a great disservice if they stop eating farmed salmon," said Alex Trent, executive director of the trade group Salmon of the Americas.

He noted that farmed salmon, a source of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, is much cheaper than wild salmon and can be purchased year-round.

Smell

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on the verge of recommending two bills to the House Tax and Revenue Committee that would entice farmers to go forward with anaerobic digestion.

One bill offers incentives for investing in the necessary equipment. A second bill is a credit based upon the electricity that a facility produces. In other words, the entity that buys the electricity won't have to pay as much for it because the farmer will have reduced taxes on his income from the electricity.

"It makes it cheaper for the

utility to buy it, so the facility that generates the electricity won't have to compete with larger, more efficient production facilities," said Sen. Joe Stegner of Lewiston, who has worked on the concept for several years.

In looking for money outside the statehouse, Jones has brought together all four members of Idaho's congressional delegation, the governor's office, the state Ag. Department, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Idaho. The groups are pushing for up-front money for digesters from the

federal government in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act.

He said he's looking for about \$90,000, which would be enough for two digesters costing between \$2 million and \$3 million.

"I just want enough money to make it economically feasible for a farmer to invest in one," Jones said.

The university could then work with the farmer on tweaking the digester so that it works efficiently and properly, he said.

Doughnuts

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doughnuts - seven at a time - in a soldier's steel helmet on an 18-inch stove. Soldiers would stand in the pelting rain and thud mud waiting for this unique kind of soul food and a smile or kind word from the Lassic.

"The 2004 doughnut has been updated. For one, it has been replaced with vegetable shortening and the addition of glaze helps keep them fresh."

At the Twin Falls Fred Meyer, the doughnuts have been on sale for several weeks.

"They're selling them for us and

then they send in the proceeds," said Becky Bonnett, the business administrator of the Twin Falls Corps of the Salvation Army.

Doughnut sales will put about 7 cents per box into Salvation Army coffers, said Jena Hubbard, spokeswoman for the agency's Northwest Division.

The project will be considered a success if proceeds total \$20,000 in the first year, assuming sales are strong enough to continue baking beyond the 60-day test phase.

The boxes also help spread the name of the 139-year-old interna-

tional Christian organization, with its wide-ranging social services.

"This is a fun and engaging way to tell our story," said Stiles, whose background is in baking.

Staying true to its doughy roots, the round item is modest, with just a glaze to seal in moisture.

No jelly fillings, sprinkles or other distractions from the slight flavor of nutmeg that reminds some tasters of eggnog.

It's also got more heft per bite than, for instance, a Krispy Kreme raised glazed doughnut because it's the cake variety, made with baking powder instead of yeast.

Pipe discovery delays Buhl school construction

By Mary Lou Polts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Construction of the new Buhl High School has been delayed because a water pipe was uncovered that was not shown on the original architect plans.

The 16-inch pipe runs parallel to a drainage pipe that the city covered with the installation of a new water tower in the area two years ago. The drainage pipe was located by the architect but he failed to pick up the 6-foot-deep water line.

At the regular meeting of the School Board Tuesday, Grant Haycock, the school district's con-

struction project manager, said the city so far has not located documents showing its easement but said he would meet with the mayor to work out an agreement regarding the water pipe.

"We can work around the delay, but it is inflicting the flow of the job and delays cost money," said Russell Lyday, the project's manager for Bateman-Hall, which was awarded the construction contract.

Haycock said he will recommend that the water pipe be covered with asphalt, which would be in the area of the school's parking lot.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen said

the city has a 60-foot right-of-way on the west side of the school district's property and a 40-foot right-of-way on the northern boundary of the property and it is documented in an ordinance.

"The city has reached an agreement with the school district to allow the pipe to be covered by asphalt to create a fire lane for emergency vehicles," Gietzen said. "Should any problem arise and the pipe has to be uncovered, the city agreed to bring the pipe up to grade. If the problem is not an emergency, the city agreed to work when there was no school in session and the district's responsibility will be to repave the area."

Burley woman waives initial hearing in sex case

The Times-News

BURLEY - A Burley woman was bound over to district court last week after waiving her preliminary hearing in magistrate court on four charges of lewd conduct with children younger than 16.

Doretta Schiewe Lopez, 40, is accused of having sexual contact with a minor nature with three boys in November and December of last year. The encounters occurred while the boys were at her house, according to the court affidavit.

One boy is 14, one is 15 and the other is 12.

According to the affidavit, Lopez took her clothes off when the 14-year-old was at her house and initiated sexual contact with the teen.

The affidavit states that in a Jan. 5 interview with Cassia County

Sheriff's Detective Randy Kidd, Lopez admitted she had sex with the 15-year-old boy.

In a separate interview with Kidd the following day the 15-year-old boy said he'd seen Lopez have sex with the 12-year-old.

The 12-year-old confirmed to Kidd that the sexual contact had occurred.

That youth also told Kidd he'd seen Lopez have sex with the 15-year-old.

Lopez made her first appearance in magistrate court before Judge Michael Crabtree on the charges Jan. 6 and was held in jail in lieu of posting a \$100,000 bond. She was released from jail Jan. 14 after posting bond.

Her arraignment in district court hasn't been scheduled yet.

Hospital offers classes for new parents

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a new program for new parents.

NuParent is a parent development program that balances a focus on the needs of children with a focus on the needs of adults, according to a hospital news release. Its unique structure provides time in each session for a parent/child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group.

"NuParent is designed to meet the needs of parents who voluntarily seek to be the best parent they can be through the support of parent education resources," said Susan Beck, the instructor for the series of classes.

Parents of babies and toddlers are encouraged to participate in NuParent, the news release said. Because NuParent programs are designed for a relatively narrow age range of children, parents have the opportunity to interact with people at the same parenting stage.

Topics to be covered include health and safety, parenting styles, nurturing, playing and guiding your baby, infant massage and more.

The new session of NuParent classes is accepting registrations. Classes meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Fireside Room, 371 Eastland Dr. N. The fee for the eight-week class is \$25. To sign up, call 737-2166.

Magic Valley in brief

Hospital offers diabetes education class

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has a community education class to help people balance diabetes and everyday life.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body either does not make or is unable to use insulin properly, according to a hospital news release.

The pancreas produces a hormone called insulin that helps the body use sugar from foods. If the pancreas cannot produce enough insulin, or if the body cannot use the insulin properly, blood sugar levels rise and the body cannot use foods effectively. High blood sugar levels are harmful to many body tissues, the news release said.

Magic Valley Regional will offer a special community education session on diabetes with information about preventing unnecessary care while still enjoying life.

It will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 2 in the hospital's doctor's meeting room located inside the cafeteria in the basement at 650 Addison Ave. W. Registration is required. To learn more about the class or to sign up to attend, call 737-2166.

- compiled from staff reports

Teen agrees to cooperate in shooting case

BOISE (AP) - A teenager has agreed to cooperate with prosecutors who are seeking the death penalty for two men in the execution-style killing of Zachariah Street.

As part of a plea agreement with Ada County prosecutors, Daniel Hofstod, 17, pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree murder in his involvement in Street's May 2 death. Street, 18, was shot twice in the head and left in the desert south of Boise. Hofstod is required to cooperate and testify, if needed, in the Aug. 16 murder trial for Robrey Wall Jr., 24, and Jason McDermott, 23.

Cows

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matter Thursday.

"What is most important is that this animal has been located, the herd is being inventoried, and that Idaho's food supply remains safe," they said. "It may not be as surprising that a border state of Washington was the recipient of some members of the same dairy herd where the BSE was found."

What is reassuring is that authorities are able to track and identify this single cow, which was not related by blood to the affected animal in Washington state."

Charges

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30-2003.

Loeb's said a figure of 15 cases for that period was unlikely.

Cases filed in Twin Falls County peaked in 2001. That year, the number was 43.

"After seeing huge increases in 1997, 1998 and 1999," Loeb's said, "we've been coming down."

He cites law enforcement's aggressive approach to tackling the problem.

"We've got very good policemen assigned by the city and the county to work on these cases," he said. "They don't shrink from handling cases because the (offender) is too young."

Loeb's also attributes success to early treatment for offenders and victims.

"You catch them at a young age and get them into treatment so the cycle is broken," he said.

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Frank Bily, left, a cattle rancher from Box Elder, Mont., confers with Victor Matthews, chef and owner of a restaurant in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., about cuts of meat and their quality levels after Matthews' presentation before the cattlemen's convention Thursday in Denver.

Cattle ranchers angrily call for country-of-origin labels

DENVER (AP) — Angry ranchers called on Congress to immediately require country-of-origin labeling for beef, not two years from now as laid out in a spending bill passed Thursday.

They contend immediate labeling will boost consumer confidence in an industry shaken by fears over mad cow disease and will help identify infected animals in the future.

"We've got to differentiate our product as a marketing issue and for health issues," said Rick Fox, a Denver, S.D., rancher who is in Hermosa, the annual convention of the R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America.

Supporters of the labels say they would allow consumers to know where meat they buy comes from and be a boon to ranchers with small operations.

Under the 2002 farm bill, supermarkets were required to use such labels on meat, fish, vegetables,

Presentation to R-CALF USA Annual National Convention
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Cow from diseased herd came to M-C area - A1 Label locally - B1

fruit and peanuts. The program was to take effect in September.

But after supermarkets and processors complained that the program would be costly, House and Senate Republican leaders who put together a spending bill for the Agriculture Department and other agencies included language to delay the labels for two years.

Democrats and members of Congress from farm and ranching states said they will propose amendments to crum the two-year delay. "If the bill passes as is, we'll be back with another request for funding country of origin labeling," said John Lockie, executive director of R-CALF, based in Billings, Mont.

Country-of-origin labeling has attracted attention since the Dec. 23 announcement that a dairy cow in Washington state had mad cow disease, and the subsequent discovery that the cow was imported to the United States from Canada.

R-CALF, which stands for Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, is made up of ranchers and feedlot owners. Its stance conflicts with that of meatpackers and the Denver-based National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which support delaying the legislation.

Backers of the two-year delay note the law wouldn't apply to beef sold in restaurants.

Despite that, chef and restaurant owner Victor Matthews told several hundred ranchers at the R-CALF convention that he identifies the origin of all the meat he serves. He likened his list of beef dishes, including a description of texture and flavor, to a wine list at a fine restaurant.

Supermarket discount cards: Keep private or use for recalls?

SEATTLE (AP) — During the recent mad-cow beef recall, one supermarket chain used its "preferred customer" discount cards to identify and warn shoppers who had bought the suspect meat.

In fact, many supermarket chains could do the same thing — but they don't, largely for fear of being accused of violating customers' privacy.

"One of our primary objectives is to protect our customers' privacy, so we don't want to jeopardize that," Albertsons spokeswoman Karianne Cole in Boise, Idaho, still, she said, the mad-cow recall will probably prompt the chain to take another look at the idea.

At many supermarkets, customers can sign up for an electronically scanned card that entitles them to discounts. The cards, when combined with the use of bar code scanners at the cash register, give stores a detailed, computerized record of all items bought by each customer, along with the customer's name, address and phone number.

The data could be used to speed recalls of, say, questionable meat, mislabeled cookies containing peanuts, or other items.

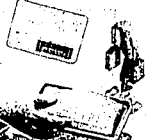
After a Holstein infected with mad cow disease was discovered in Washington state last month, the QFC supermarket chain posted a small sign in its meat departments with a telephone number that cardholders could call to find out whether they had bought any of the 10,400 pounds of beef recalled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in eight Western states and Guam.

Those who telephone were asked to supply their card numbers. The store's computer then pulled up the customer's chain to let the purchase records and told the per-

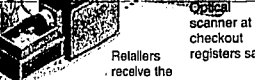
Discount cards help inform shoppers

A grocery chain uses its customer discount cards to identify and warn shoppers who bought potentially contaminated meat.

Bar code on preferred-customer card confirms identity



From farm to grocer



Retailers receive the meat, which is packaged and bar-coded

The meat cuts are ground at one of two processing plants

All meat processed from Dec. 6, 2003 at the Verms's Mesas Lake Meats plant in Washington is recalled.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Agriculture; Associated Press

son whether he or she had bought any meat from the recalled batch.

"We were trying to do the right thing," said Jeff Burt, vice president of marketing with QFC stores, an 87-store chain in the Pacific Northwest that is an affiliate of Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. "We were trying to help a customer feel just a little bit better."

In theory, supermarkets could take the initiative and use the discount cards to contact customers first, without waiting to be called.

But the giant Kroger, Safeway and Albertsons chains said they have no plans to take such a step, in light of the worries from those who think the cards already give away too much information about cus-

tomers' spending habits. Officials with Albertsons and Safeway said they would track a cardholder's beef purchases in response to a written request. Neither invited such requests, however.

One man who unwittingly bought some of the recalled beef at QFC and served it to his family scoffed at the notion that a call from a supermarket would be a violation of his privacy.

"That's a call to prevent you from poisoning yourself," said lawyer Brian Weinstein, 49, of Mercer Island, who belatedly tracked his purchase with QFC's help. "If they'd called me, I'd have said thanks for the public service."

Judge stops roaming cattle in Panhandle

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Priest Lake rancher and his mother have been banned from running cattle on their property until they can keep them from snarling traffic on Idaho Highway 57.

U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams on Wednesday ordered Paul and Gladys Marie Jayo to stop releasing cattle until the border between their property and the neighboring national forest land is completely fenced.

In June 2002, the two were placed on three years probation for allowing livestock to enter federal forest land.

For years, residents have complained about their animals loping along the highway and crossing the road in front of cars, causing some wrecks.

Williams gave the two until September 2005 to complete fencing the 6-mile boundary.

The Jayos were cleared of charges they let cattle roam off their land. But Williams extended their probation for another two years. Paul Jayo also was fined \$400 for encroaching on federal land with his fence, dam building and for illegally parking an excavator on a Forest Service

Jayo's attorney, Charles Devitt, said the Jayos own only 29 cattle now and are not running them on the ranch.

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor sentences

Crystal G. Malone, 24; domestic violence - violation of a protection order; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$10 domestic violence fund, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 45 days in jail, 31 suspended, credit for 14 days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Socimo Orozco, 23; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor, providing false information to an officer regarding offense/identity; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 30 suspended; credit for 14 days served; insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jaime Salas, 21; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Justin Lee Kaiser, 19; driving under the influence (under age 21) suspended; inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 88 days in jail, 80 suspended, credit for eight days served; failure to stop/field from a stop sign; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

James Edgar Ledmons, 19; failure to purchase/invalid 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, credit for one day served, one day eligible-for-multiple-arrests-post-arrest; a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Karl Lawrence Martin, 45; petty theft; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 365 days in jail, 358 suspended, credit for seven days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Amy Kay McElwin, 19; reckless driving; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 45 days in jail, 45 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Deanna Nava, 18; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for seven days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

David Lee Crandall, 52; battery - domestic violence; amended to disturbing the peace; judgment withheld for six months; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months unsupervised probation; five days in jail, five suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Marlis Lynn Annon, 39; possession of a controlled substance; status hearing Jan. 13; District Judge John K. Butler.

Jason Robert Halley, 29; possession of a controlled substance; status hearing



Jan. 30; District Judge John K. Butler.

Filemon Gualito Maldonado, 31; delivery of a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance; status hearing Jan. 16; District Judge John K. Butler.

Angela Marie Skinner, 21; possession of a controlled substance; injury to a child; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; status hearing Jan. 26; District Judge John K. Butler.

Jimmy D. Schivanevelit, 50; two counts possession of a controlled substance; driving under the influence; resisting or obstructing officers; open container; status hearing Jan. 26; District Judge John K. Butler.

Civil

Credit Data of Idaho vs. Denise Lage and Darrell Lage. Seeking \$12,440.46, plus interest of \$3,002.06; attorney fees of \$5,102.52. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Douglas Inc. vs. Ron Lewis, doing business as Tyke Trucking. Seeking \$1,798.32, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and services purchased on an open account.

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Manuel Gonzalez and Tammie Kay Gonzalez, husband and wife. Seeking \$8,330.28, plus interest; \$3,150 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Progressive Bovine Supply vs. Jean Service and Don Beak, doing business as Riverview Dairy. Seeking \$26,436.39, plus interest; \$2,500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for dairy supplies purchased on an open account.

Action Collection Service vs. Debbie Hunemiller. Seeking \$2,779.06, plus interest of \$188.21; attorney fees of \$790. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Leslie Mong, an individual, and Oregon Mutual Insurance vs. Charles Orr and Door 140. Seeking \$6,016.25, plus interest; \$1,985.26 attorney fees uncontested, more if contested. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for damage to the plaintiff's vehicle.

Sherman Acquisition Limited vs. Ronald Breier. Seeking \$2,754.53, plus interest; \$500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

State of Idaho Industrial Commission vs. Earl M. Hollon. Seeking \$5,250; attorney fees of \$750. Plaintiff alleges that defendant failed to provide workman's compensation insurance for employees.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Child Support Services vs. Richard E. Worley and Kandis M. Hutcherson. Seeking of Mr. Worley; determination that he is the father of Jyosen C. Hutcherson; monthly support of \$434, plus 74 percent of child's medical expenses; \$3,777 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.

Divorces

Ronald Lee Marshall vs. Kerri Ann Marshall.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Joseph E. De Silva, 47; driving without privileges; sentencing March 11; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Julia C. Martinez, 34; malicious injury to property; continued arraignment Jan. 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Guadalupe Ferrera-Alvarado, 25; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; providing false information to an officer regarding offense/identity; preliminary hearing Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentences

Karn N. Hulse, 18; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$134 fine; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Marquetta Ellen Jensen, 36; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$134 fine; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Paul Kerdel Walker, 25; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$350 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$245 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; two years unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Jennifer A. Clements, 25; failure to

appear for a misdemeanor citation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jeremy W. Ernest, 27; failure to appear for a misdemeanor citation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil

Gen. Equipment vs. Paul Zeller. Seeking \$2,157.10, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and/or services.

Bank One vs. Joseph W. Stachowicz, Elizabeth A. Stachowicz, and Does 1 through X. Seeking an order to relinquish possession of the premises at 417 11th Ave. E., Gooding, to plaintiff; \$350 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant is unlawfully continuing to reside at premises after foreclosure of said premises.

Gen. Equipment vs. Daniel Borraro and Delia Borraro, doing business as D & D Call. Seeking \$1,918.36, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and/or services.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Shondel E. Rohm and Kimberly Ann Bucklin. Seeking of Mr. Rohm; determination that he is the father of Shelby Reece Rohm based on voluntary acknowledgment; \$377 monthly support, plus 74 percent of child's medical expenses; \$330 attorney fees.

Two plead innocent to trespassing at fire scene

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Two men who face federal trespassing charges are accusing the U.S. Forest Service of retaliating against them for criticizing the agency's logging practices.

Environmental activist Rein Atteman, with the Spokane-based Lands Council, and Washington State University engineering professor Charles Pezeshki pleaded innocent Wednesday in federal court on the charges.

The two are accused of illegally entering the burned Myrtle Creek Valley in September. Atteman and Pezeshki said they went there to photograph the aftermath of the 3,600-acre fire near Bonners Ferry.

The two said in court they believe they are being prosecuted because of their claims that Forest Service logging practices added to the fire's destructive power. Their photos were posted on the Internet.

"We view this as vindictive prosecution," Atteman said.

The two contend the fire was unusually destructive because the forest was littered with slash from a recent logging operation.

"U.S. Magistrate Mikol Williams scheduled their trial on misdemeanor trespassing citations for March 23. They face a maximum fine of \$5,000.

The Forest Service vigorously denied singling out Atteman and Pezeshki.

The burned area was danger-

ous, and the two had been specifically warned to stay out, said Idaho Panhandle National Forest spokesman Dave O'Brien.

Newly burned forests are full of dangers such as smoldering snags and rock slides, O'Brien said.

The Forest Service spent \$1.2 million replanting the area and covering the steep slopes with straw. The creek supplies water to Bonners Ferry.

About a million board feet of lumber was harvested from the Myrtle Creek area before the burn.

The blaze destroyed an estimated 40 million board feet within the sale area, said Forest Service officials, who hope to salvage about 700,000 board feet of timber from 250 burned acres before the spring thaw.

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

SHOSHONE — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Mariano Alvarez, 24; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Ellen K. Bradshaw, 42; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Marvin B. Rants, 54; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 4; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jeremy Daniel Ward, 30; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jake L. Arturbran, 21; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

James J. Thornton, 23; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Shawn Brandon Hebley, 25; driving under the influence; resisting or obstructing officers; driving without privileges; fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; pretrial conference Jan. 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentences

Jaime Vargas, 35; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$2.60 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Juan Carlos Velazquez, 19; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Ronald W. Bentz, 27; possession of a controlled substance; \$236.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Robert Wayne Huddleston, 35; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended out-of-state driver's license; \$12.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 80 days suspended jail time; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Idaho company repairs space shuttles

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho company is headed to Florida to help repair the booster motors used in space shuttles.

NitroCision markets technology that uses liquid nitrogen for industrial cutting. It landed a NASA contract last year. The Idaho Falls company dispatched a crew Wednesday to Cape Canaveral, Fla. on the mission.

"NASA was looking for a way to open up the smaller rocket motors that are attached to the larger booster rockets, which have a very hard and dense coating," said Ron Warnecke, NitroCision's chief executive officer.

The investigation into the February 2003 Columbia accident identified components in the rocket motors that must be changed. The rocket motors are used to separate the reusable boosters from the shuttle before it goes into orbit.

Warnecke said NitroCision workers will spray the coating away with a pressurized stream of liquid nitrogen at a temperature of minus 245 degrees Fahrenheit. The nitrogen evaporates immediately, and the process produces no extra waste.

Typical of the water, 20; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Fred S. Vessery, 26; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Victoria Marie Hill, 27; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; amended to driving a vehicle without the owner's consent; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jacob Nielson, 26; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; amended to driving a vehicle without the owner's consent; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jesse L. Ellis, 19; driving without privileges; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$70 probation fee; one year supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Joshua Hattenback, no date of birth listed; reckless driving; \$213.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Bettie B. Masters, 25; unlawful entry; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Gregory S. Hawkins, 27; fraud - insufficient funds check; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Civil

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Ignacio Orozco and Ofelia Orozco, husband and wife. Seeking \$2,157.80, plus interest; \$850 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Divorces

Wilma Lancaster Norris vs. Everett Lee Norris.

Julia E. Shelly vs. John H. Shelly.

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Chinese family visits ancestral home exhibit

Their former house now belongs to a Massachusetts museum

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — As Huang Qihua stood outside the home where she spent the first 10 years of her life, she thought the house looked foreign and out of place in its new setting.

It had been moved, piece by piece, from a rural Chinese village where her family lived for generations to a museum in Massachusetts. But the strangeness of seeing it there changed as Huang Qihua stepped inside.

"As soon as I walked through, I felt I was a child again," she said through a translator Tuesday. "Every stone and every door made me immediately think of many things. ... It was absolutely the exact same sense of being at home."

Huang Qihua, 36, was among three Huang family members who visited the home for the first time since the exhibit opened at the Peabody Essex Museum last year.

The cellist Yo-Yo Ma played in the open courtyard as the family walked past and bowed before pictures of their ancestors, displayed in an adjacent room. They spent the next hour becoming reacquainted with the home and sharing memories hidden in rooms that had been slated for demolition just years before.

"Something that seemed absolutely impossible has happened," Huang Qihua said.

The \$15 million project began after a remarkable coincidence.

Nancy Berliner, the museum's curator of Chinese art, was visiting the Huizhou region in 1996 when she walked through the home's open door — a common Chinese practice — and found herself in the middle of a family discussion about naming the abandoned home, named Yin Yu Tang. Berliner joined in and eventually proposed the unprecedented trans-Atlantic transplant.



Huang Binggen, and his daughter Haung Jue, both from Shanghai, China, tour their family's former home Tuesday for the first time since it had been relocated from China to the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass.

In 1998, a team of Chinese and American artisans began reassembling the house from thousands of pieces of wood, brick, tile and stone shipped from China in 18 cargo containers.

The 19th century house belonged to middle-class merchants. Museum officials say it gives Westerners a rare look inside the everyday life of a Chinese family.

"Yin Yu Tang has become an ambassador from China, working every day to increase appreciation of Chinese art, architecture and culture," Dan Monroe, the museum's executive director, said in

remarks welcoming the family.

Yin Yu Tang opened in June, but a family visit set for that time was rescheduled because of the SARS outbreak in China.

Huang Binggen, 56, whose father was born in the house, said the anticipation of his visit kept him awake Monday night. As tour the house, he shared them with a broad smile and excited tone.

He gripped a straw mattress in one room, explaining his mother slept on it. He laughed when he walked past a goldfish pond in the courtyard, recalling his grand-

mother had it drained because she was scared children would fall in.

Huang Qihua stopped by a tiny window upstairs, remembering how cool air would rush in when she opened it to look out at nearby vegetable fields and mountains.

A crawl space next to a narrow staircase was a hiding spot for Huang Binggen's father when bandits, largely deserters of the Chinese army, terrorized the countryside in the 1920s. For Huang Qihua, it was a place to scramble into during games of hide and seek.

Afterward, Huang Qihua said the visit moved her deeply, adding she hoped to someday bring her children and grandchildren.

As she spoke, a group of school children chattered as they explored rooms behind her. The thought of thousands of strangers wandering through her childhood home left her unfazed, Huang Qihua said.

Yin Yu Tang, which means "Hall of Plentiful Shelter," was a place of refuge for her family for many years, she explained.

"Now it shelters people of many cultures," she said. "It makes me very proud."

Former Enron accountant pleads innocent

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Enron Corp. accountant described as "a principal architect" of a scheme to mislead government regulators and investors turned himself in Thursday and pleaded innocent to federal fraud charges related to the energy giant's 2001 collapse.



Speaking in a soft voice, Richard Causey, 44, entered his plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy. He was released on \$1 million bond, secured by \$500,000 in cash provided by a brother-in-law.

When asked if he was employed, Causey replied: "I am not."

Causey, who surrendered to the FBI on Thursday was taken to court in handcuffs, was described in a six-count indictment unsealed Thursday as "a principal architect and operator of the scheme to manipulate Enron's reported earnings." He was charged with securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

If convicted of all charges, Causey faces a maximum sentence of 55 years in prison and \$5.25 million in fines.

Along with other Enron executives and managers, the indictment handed up said, Causey "engaged in a wide-ranging scheme, through a variety of devices, to deceive the investing public about the true performance and profitability of Enron's businesses."

The document noted Causey reported to Enron's chairman and chief executive officer but did not name former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay or former CEO Jeffrey Skilling. Neither of them has been charged with any crime.

Judge vows to keep control of Jackson case

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson may be the star attraction when he shows up to court, but the judge overseeing the singer's child molestation case has made it clear it is his show inside the courtroom.

During Jackson's first court appearance last week, Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville showed Jackson, his lawyers and prosecutors that the rules will be enforced, tardiness will not be tolerated and even bathroom breaks may be frowned on. He has also banned cameras from the courtroom.



Rodney S. Melville Doesn't want another O.J. trial

Strict observance to courtroom decorum and procedure is a hallmark of Melville, known as a taskmaster who also is fair and compassionate.

A recovering alcoholic, Melville helped establish Santa Barbara County's first court for substance abusers.

"He's a model of leadership," said Santa Barbara lawyer James Herman, a past president of the state bar association. "He has a lot of respect and support from the bench." Herman has appeared before the judge many times in a variety of cases, and "win, lose or draw, my clients have gotten as good as it gets in his courtroom."

If the Jackson case goes to trial, it could catapult Melville to instant fame — or infamy.

The worldwide press attention the case has generated is unlike anything he has dealt with previously.

Melville has not presided over

any big, closely watched cases. His experience includes real estate matters, family law and disputes over strawberry farming, a primary industry in Santa Maria.

The judge asserted his authority last week when Jackson pleaded not guilty to molesting a boy.

The 62-year-old judge admonished Jackson for arriving 21 minutes late for an 8:30 a.m. arraignment and told the self-proclaimed King of Pop he should "restrict his liquid intake" before the next hearing so he will not need a bathroom break.

Melville initially would not allow New York lawyer Benjamin Braffman, a sudden addition to Jackson's defense team, to speak during the hearing, but later changed his mind.

He also refused to let the pro-

secutor argue a motion because he had not filed a response in writing.

"The judge may be trying to control the uncontrollable," Loyola University Law Professor Laurie Levenson said. "But I think he was trying to send the message that it's not going to be another O.J. Simpson courtroom. The judge doesn't want to be known as another Judge Ito."

Lance Ito was widely accused of losing control of the courtroom and letting opposing attorneys posture and declaim for the cameras during Simpson's murder trial a decade ago.

Levenson said Melville might have feared that allowing a camera in court would give Jackson another stage on which to perform. "He may be going overboard, but his message to the defendant is, 'It's not your show, it's mine,'" she said.

Jackson clearly made it his show outside the courtroom. He greeted fans on his way into the courthouse, despite arriving late, and hopped onto the roof of an SUV afterward, did a few dance steps and blew kisses to the crowd. He even had the spectacle videotaped by his cameramen.

Melville is perhaps best known for his efforts to help drug and alcohol-addicted defendants. He helped establish the county's first Substance Abuse Treatment Court, which tries to send people into rehab.

Melville embraced Alcoholics Anonymous in 1978 — he said he attended meetings every day for

three years — and has been involved in the group's work ever since, serving as a sponsor for others trying to stay sober.

"I recognized that I had a drinking problem, and people were smart enough to tell me," Melville said in an interview last June with The Daily Journal, a legal newspaper in Los Angeles.

Melville grew up in San Diego, the son of a preacher and a school teacher. He served on a submarine in the Navy and studied at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, all the while hiding a drinking problem.

As a young lawyer practicing in Santa Maria, Melville finally sought help after blacking out.

He was appointed to the Municipal Court bench by Gov. George Deukmejian in 1987 and elevated to Superior Court in 1990.

He became known as a reformer, dedicated to making the courts more progressive in their treatment of addicts.

He and his wife, Vicki, a curriculum analyst at a local college, live on a two-acre ranch, where they go horseback riding. Melville has two grown daughters and two grandsons.

He was hand-picked for the Jackson case by the presiding judge of Superior Court.

"It's a good courtroom to be in as a lawyer," said James Rigali, who has tried many civil cases before Melville, "because you're in the presence of a wise and practical judge."

Martha Stewart's lawyer worries jurors don't understand case

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart's lawyer is worried that jurors at her stock-fraud trial mistakenly think the style-setter is charged with insider trading.

Robert Morville raised the issue with U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum this week between interviews of potential jurors, according to transcripts released Thursday.

Stewart is accused of lying to investigators and misleading investors in her own company about why she sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock in 2001, just before it plummeted on a negative government decision on an ImClone cancer drug.

The government says she was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell his shares. Waksal has admitted getting advance word of the government decision and pleaded guilty to insider trading.

But Stewart was never accused by the government of knowing about the government report.

A jury of 12 is expected to be seated Monday at the earliest.

Stewart appeared upbeat as she arrived at the federal courthouse on Thursday, smiling widely, waving twice and giving a thumbs-up to seven supporters.

The fans — shouting "Go Martha! Innocent!" — carried placards that spelled out "SAVE MARTHA!" in pastel colors, and some brandished silver kitchen utensils like whisks, slotted spoons and spatulas.

Broadway star dies of cancer at 81

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ann Miller, the raven-haired, long-legged actress and dancer whose chin-gone-gone taps won her stardom during the golden age of movie musicals, died Thursday of lung cancer. She was 81.

Miller died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said Esme Chantrelle, her longtime friend and former publicist.

A one-time childhood dance prodigy, she reached the peak of her film career at MGM in the late 1940s and early '50s with "On the Town," "Easter Parade" and "Kiss Me Kate."

She remained a dazzling top on Broadway and touring with Mickey Rooney in "Sugar Babies," a razzamatazz tribute to the era of burlesque.

"At MGM, I always played the second feminine lead; I was never

the star in films," she once recalled. "I was the good, hearted showgirl. I never really had my big moment on the screen."

"Sugar Babies" gave me the stardom that my soul kind of yearned for," Rooney said Thursday that Miller "was a great talent. She'll never think of her as being gone."

"She told me the last time I spoke to her she wasn't feeling too well, and I said, 'Keep your head up, kid. I'm just very sad.'"

Miller's legs, pretty face and fast tapping (she claimed the record of 500 taps a minute) earned her jobs



Ann Miller

in vaudeville and night clubs when she first came to Hollywood. She adopted the stage name of Ann Miller. Her early film career included working as a child extra in films and as a chorus girl in a minor musical, "The Devil on Horseback."

An appearance at the popular Bal Tabarin in San Francisco won a contract at RKO studio, where her name was shortened to Ann.

Her first film at RKO, "New Faces of 1937," featured her dancing. She next played an acting hopeful in "Stage Door," with Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Lucille Ball and Eve Arden.

Most of her RKO films were low-budget musicals and comedies. A contract at Columbia Pictures started impressively with the role of the would-be ballerina in Frank Capra's Oscar-winning "You Can't Take It With You."

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Couple hides when mom comes over

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Larry," and I have been together four years. Two years ago, his mother moved into the same apartment complex.

Every weekend, Larry's mother walks over to our apartment and bangs on the door. If we don't answer, she peeks in the windows. If she spots a light on in our apartment, she goes back to hers and starts calling nonstop.

We are trapped! Weekends are our quiet time, and Larry has asked his mother to call before coming over. She ignores his request.

I like to sleep late on Saturday and Sunday. I'm tempted to say something to her the next time she pounds on our door uninvited and wakes us, but I need to be sure she will listen and know I am serious. Any suggestions?

—TRAPPED IN MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR TRAPPED: Your



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

boyfriend's mother has the hide of a rhino. She sees her son as an extension of herself, so according to her logic, why should she be shut out?

Your best bet would be to move to a security building where this woman will not have the kind of access to you that she does now. Make it "Larry's idea," because if his mother gets the impression that you're standing between her and her "cub," she'll try to devour you.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the unnamed heroes who provide hospice care. They are well aware that, in spite of the many gestures

of compassion and the kindness they bestow, the patient to whom they have become attached is eventually going to die. Yet that never stops hospice workers from being there for their patients and their patients' families.

Hospice workers make sure the patient doesn't experience pain, is emotionally supported, and that the caregivers have time to run errands and take much-needed breaks.

When the patient passes away, it's the hospice workers who comfort family members and friends.

My own family was blessed with three wonderful ladies and a priest who were there to the end for my grandmother.

I will always be grateful for their emotional and spiritual support.

I hope my letter will encourage other families facing the terminal illness of a loved one to grant him or her quality of life by allowing that person to die with the dignity

that hospice care provides. Sign me,

—GRATEFUL IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR GRATEFUL: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved grandmother.

I have long been a supporter of hospice care. It provides physician services, nurses, home health aides, social workers, clergy, specially trained volunteers and bereavement counselors. As long as a patient is eligible, hospice is covered by Medicare, most private insurers and, in most states, Medicaid.

For more information about hospice care, contact one of your local hospice programs. You physician can refer you. In addition, call the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) toll-free: (800) 658-8898, or visit the Web site, www.nhpc.org, for information about and referrals to local hospice programs.

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Libras: create a break in your daily routine

IF JANUARY 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you love your freedom, and to some degree it could even be said that you were "born to be wild." Nonconformity is your byword. You live and love with great gusto, but commitment may be something else entirely. Always in motion, you can be easily bored. You are passionate about the things you believe in.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Not only are you less anxious about things today, you may even be tempted to play hooky. That's probably not the best long-term idea.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): A chance encounter at school or while traveling could have romantic implications for single Tauruses. It may be hard to retain focus today since restless stars make you want to get away and play.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you're nervous or itchy at work today, try to break up the routine in small ways, at least. It's not a matter of dislike, just unsettled stars. By nightfall you may be back to financial concerns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may find yourself gripped by an exciting new idea or the desire to take a leap in a new direction. This can be wonderfully refreshing as long as you take time to be sure there are no negative consequences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Unconventional passions pique your interest this evening. Do look, at least twice, before you leap. Keep within the bounds of what is appropriate for your life and your relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Surprises in settled relationships are highlighted. Don't be afraid to allow the winds of change to blow away stagnation; good relation-

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Jeraldine Saunders

ships will only be made freer, lighter and more rewarding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A day to create a break in routine if at all possible. You feel the need for freedom from drudgery so badly you can almost taste it. Stars are improving for "kissing and making up."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home should be peaceful but still could be baffling in some way. As the day progresses, get out and have some fun; you won't want to stay put. Love returns tomorrow, so don't do or say anything unwise today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let "cabin fever" push you too far out of the house. Restless stars will pass. Otherwise, things are improving for reconciliations and happy agreements. Get busy and enjoy!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're more likely to not let your customary caution impede you. Try not to blurt out something better left unsaid; such spontaneous communications could be iffy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have a great desire to be free of financial entanglements and values that you've unconsciously absorbed from others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You emerge from your shell and find that the stars have improved for connecting with others. However, you're so fiercely independent today that it may not matter. Today, you must be yourself! However, go slowly with any impulses toward radical changes in your appearance.

Writer's schedule revolves around baseball games

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — John Grisham says his writing schedule revolves around baseball. Apparently, some of his speaking engagements do, too.

The courtroom novelist told a fund-raising dinner for the Furman baseball team he has a new book coming out Feb. 2, "The Last Juror."

Joined by former major league pitcher Tommy John, Grisham said he spends his springs and summers at ballparks — he's the commissioner of a 7-team field, 35-team Little League complex.

Though South Carolina has never been a backdrop in any of Grisham's books, he wouldn't rule it out. A character in "The Brethren" graduated from Furman. And his daughter, Shea, has applied to the College of Charleston.

Grisham's new book marks the first time in 13 years he returns to Ford County, a fictional place in Mississippi that helped begin his writing career with "A Time to Kill."

"It's another juicy legal thriller with all kinds of crooked lawyers," the 48-year-old writer said.

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More women file for divorce

Twice as many wives as husbands start divorce proceedings.

Q. Scholars seem to agree "the will to survive" is Desire No. 1 of all people in normal frame of mind. What's No. 2?

A. "The desire-to-be-wanted" according to various experts quoted in our Love and War man's files.

Q. What's the safest airplane ever manufactured commercially?

A. The old Tin Goose, the Ford Trimotor, is sometimes so described. It's also the slowest, might mention. It could lift off from 200 feet of runway at 65 mph, then hit 135 mph max.

In William Shakespeare's day, houses didn't have chimneys. Fires, yes. Chimneys, no. Or if any did, they were most exceptional.

The margay is a "wily sort" of wild cat. Little bigger than a housecat. Lives in the woods, hunts in the treeps. From northern Mexico to Argentina. In one way at least, it's not like other cats: It runs down tree trunks head first.

Webster's Unabridged says "mumbo jumbo" comes from

"mama dyambo" in the language of the Mandingoes in western Sudan. It literally means "ancestor pompom."

It's the local name for routines of certain medicine-men—who don't fancy head-dress and utter nonsense syllables to ward off evil spirits and impress the tribal watchers.

Q. Is popcorn the only kind of corn that pops?

A. Only kind that pops consistently.

Aggie students now know cows devour and digest their hay better when fed on the ground instead of from raised racks.

First to set up shop in old frontier towns were whiskey sellers and preachers. That's history. As businesses abandon dying neighborhoods today, the last institutions to shut down therein are liquor stores and churches. That's documented.

Gmats evaluate.



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Man prepares for Olympics in living room

RED CLOUD, Neb. (AP) — Mark Rogers has been training for a shot at making the U.S. Olympic marksmanship team—in his living room.

Rogers fires about 200 shots a day from his custom air pistol inside his house. It fires small pellets propelled by a burst of air, so it won't leave any holes in his walls.

The Red Cloud music teacher is in Colorado Springs, Colo., this week at the Olympic Training Center, hoping to become one of the top 10 air pistol shooters who will advance in May to the final Olympic qualifying meet in Georgia.

The top four in that final round will make the U.S. national team, but only the top two will carry the USA colors to the Olympics this summer in Athens, Greece.

"You can't help but think, 'Gosh, that would be terrific if that was me up there in 2004,'" he said.

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Bird flu and humans

Vietnam has reported human cases of bird flu, also known as avian flu, raising concern for possible human-to-human infections.

The virus

- H5N1 (avian influenza A)
- Began 1997, known to infect only birds
- May spread by touching infected birds or coming into contact with their feces
- Disease may merge with normal human influenza virus to form a virus humans have little, if any, immunity to

Humans affected

- 1997: First cases of human infection in Hong Kong; six people died
- 1999: Hong Kong, two cases
- 2002: Hong Kong, two deaths; Netherlands (different strain), one death
- 2004: Vietnam, reported cases, deaths

Millions of infected birds in Japan, South Korea, Vietnam have been slaughtered

Symptoms
Similar to typical influenza: Fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose

Serious symptoms
Viral pneumonia, adult respiratory distress, kidney failure

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Dean criticizes rivals in subdued debate

By Ronald Brownstein
Los Angeles Times

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Subdued but defiant, Howard Dean reasserted his criticism of his rivals for supporting the war in Iraq at a debate Thursday that saw the contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination temper the verbal fireworks that marked their encounters before the Iowa caucuses.

From its opening moments, the debate at St. Anselm College showed the effect of the 1-2 finish in Iowa of Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards, both of whom emphasized positive themes and minimized attacks as the caucuses approached.

The candidates almost entirely avoided assailing each other, even when prompted by the panel of four questioners. The characteristic moment came when ABC News' Peter Jennings asked Sen. Joe Lieberman if Kerry or Dean would be vulnerable to Republican attacks on social and cultural issues.

"I'm going to let the voters cast that judgment on Howard Dean and John Kerry," Lieberman said. He added: "This is a time to be affirmative."

The main exception to the tone came when Dean was asked about his assertion the support for the war by most of his rivals raised questions about their judgment.



Howard Dean debates Thursday night in Manchester, N.H.

"Someone earlier made a remark about losing 500 soldiers and 2,200 wounded," Dean said. "Those soldiers were sent there by the vote of Sen. Lieberman and Sen. Kerry and Sen. Edwards. That is a fact. And I think that's a very serious matter. And it is a matter upon which we differ."

Lieberman alone responded in defense of the vote by Congress in late 2002 authorizing the war. "We made the right decision," Lieberman said. "We are safer with 125 former Iraqi President 375 Saddam Hussein in prison than in power."

Dean tried to moderate his tough words by noting he would

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark gears up - E1

"vigorously support" whoever wins the Democratic nomination. But he added: "That does not mean there are not substantive differences between the candidates here."

Though Kerry has surged to the lead in the latest New Hampshire polls, he drew no direct criticism from his opponents, apart from Dean's comment about the war.

Kerry turned in one of his most solid debate performances, offering an emphatic answer when asked how, as president, he would feel if a veteran tossed away combat medals, as Kerry did after returning from Vietnam.

"I can pledge this to the American people: I will never conduct a war or start a war because we want to; the United States of America should only go to war because we have to. And if you line by that guidance, you'll never have veterans throwing away their medals or standing up in protest."

reprising a line he had used in campaign appearances earlier in the day. "It's not because I was whooping and hollering at my third-place finish in Iowa; it's because I have a cold."

Edwards flubbed a question about the "Defense of Marriage Act" that President Clinton signed in 1996. The North Carolina senator mischaracterized the law, which was passed before he was elected to the Senate in 1998, saying it would have "taken away" the rights of states to authorize civil unions or gay marriage.

In fact, the law did not affect the ability of states to regulate gay unions; it said only no state would be forced to recognize a gay marriage approved by another state — a position Edwards said at the debate that he supported.

Retired Gen. Wesley K. Clark faced several tough questions, including one stemming from his endorsement by left-leaning film maker Michael Moore.

Jennings asked him about Moore's charge, at a rally Saturday for the former general, that President Bush had been "a deserter" in Vietnam.

Thailand becomes latest bird flu victim

HANOI, Vietnam — After days of denying it had a problem, Thailand became the latest flashpoint in the bird flu crisis Thursday with claims that a village boy is infected.

The World Health Organization warned the virus could mutate into a form deadlier to humans.

Bird flu has killed five people in Vietnam and infected millions of chickens across Asia. Together with the re-emergence of severe acute respiratory syndrome, the fast-spreading virus has put Asia on a region-wide health alert.

A WHO team and six scientists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control are in Hanoi hoping to track down exactly how the H5N1 virus has jumped from poultry to people. Scientists believe people get the disease through contact with sick birds. So far, there has been no evidence of person-to-person transmission.

But health officials worry that the avian virus could mutate to allow human transmission, which could make the disease a bigger health crisis than SARS. That disease, also a virus, killed roughly 800 people worldwide last year.

Israel leader Sharon says he will not resign

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon said Thursday will not resign as prime minister, despite corruption allegations and the looming possibility he could be indicted in the coming weeks.

A real estate developer was indicted Wednesday on charges of bribing Sharon with \$500,000, and Justice Ministry officials said they would decide within weeks or months whether to indict the prime minister for accepting bribes. Such charges would only be filed if prosecutors are convinced Sharon had criminal intent.

"I am not about to resign. I emphasize, I am not about to resign. I am busy with work from morning to night, and I do not intend to make time for issues that are under investigation," Sharon told the Yedioth Ahronot newspaper. Sharon's aides confirmed the remarks.

An Israeli court on Wednesday indicted real-estate developer David Appel for allegedly bribing Sharon. The indictment raises the chances Sharon will be indicted as well and further clouds hopes for a renewal of stalled peace efforts.

India holds direct talks with Kashmir separatists

NEW DELHI — In their first talks with the Indian government, Kashmir separatist leaders agreed Thursday that all violence in the divided Himalayan region should stop.

In return, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee agreed to hold a first-ever meeting with the separatists on Friday and the Indian government pledged "further talks in late March."

The agreement that violence should end was significant because some members of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, the group of political parties involved

World in brief

In the talks, were militants in the past or have links with guerrillas. More than 65,000 people have died in 14 years of fighting between Indian forces and Islamic militants seeking to separate the Muslim-majority region from India. Some of the guerrilla groups are based in Pakistan — which, like India, claims all of Kashmir — and have said they will not stop fighting until Indian forces leave.

The two nations have fought two of their three wars over the Himalayan region, which remains divided along what is known as the Line of Control.

Letter makes rare notion of Van Gogh's stillborn brother

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A recently discovered letter by Vincent van Gogh on display for the first time speaks of a tiny grave and his father's grief over the loss of his first child — a boy also named Vincent who was stillborn.

The letter, the first authenticated one by Van Gogh to surface since 1990, is the only known reference by the artist to the family tragedy, said Leo Jansen, a researcher at the Van Gogh Museum, which added the letter to its exhibition on Thursday.

He and other experts say its passionate tone contradicts theories by some biographers that Van Gogh may have suffered from alienation as a "replacement child."

Van Gogh was born March 30, 1853, exactly a year after his mother gave birth to a stillborn boy who shares the artist's name.

The letter was written in 1877, three years before Van Gogh launched his brief but prolific career as an artist. He was 24 at the time and living with an uncle in Amsterdam preparing to study theology.

— compiled from wire reports

Judge sentences ex-lawmaker to 100 days

The Washington Post

FLANDREAU, S.D. — Former South Dakota governor and congressman William Janklow, a law-and-order politician who always advocated jail sentences for criminals, saw his policies turn acutely personal Thursday when a state judge sent him to jail for at least

100 days for causing a fatal traffic accident at a rural intersection last August.

Janklow pleaded for leniency in court: "My political career is wrecked," he said, his voice choking. "I can't be punished any more than I've punished myself." His lawyer asked for no jail time. But Circuit Judge Rodney Steele

declared that "the citizens of South Dakota expect justice" before ordering the jail term, \$5,750 in fines and three years' probation, during which Janklow will not be allowed to drive.

The 64-year-old political veteran will serve his time in the Minnehaha County Jail, a modern facility in downtown Sioux Falls.

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Happy talk

Burley's Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" tonight, Saturday and Thursday at the King Center.



Foreign films

The 16th annual Foreign Film Festival continues at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls with screenings of Olivier Assayas' "Demonlover," a French film, and Emile Gaudreault's Canadian comedy "Mambo Italiano" tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Dance tonight

The second of the Radio Rodeo Event Center's Friday Night Dances, this week featuring Curley Surles, a country-western act, will be held tonight in downtown Twin Falls.

Jazz on Sunday

The Great Riff Jazz Society and the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Program will present Jam at Java Sunday night at Java in Twin Falls.



Put on a show

The national tour of David DaSilva's Broadway musical version of "Fame" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

A winter's dance

Boise's Idaho Dance Theater will perform at the Community School in Sun Valley Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Page C2 and C7

A turn for the verse

How a few bunkhouse bands inspired Elko's cowboy poetry gathering

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

ELKO, Nev. — When a folklorist named Hal Cannon called him 1984 to ask Baxter Black if he'd be willing to participate in a cowboy poetry festival, Black was bemused.

"I was still a practicing vet back then, and I did a little cowboy poetry because I used to write songs," he said. "But I had no idea there was anybody else doing it."

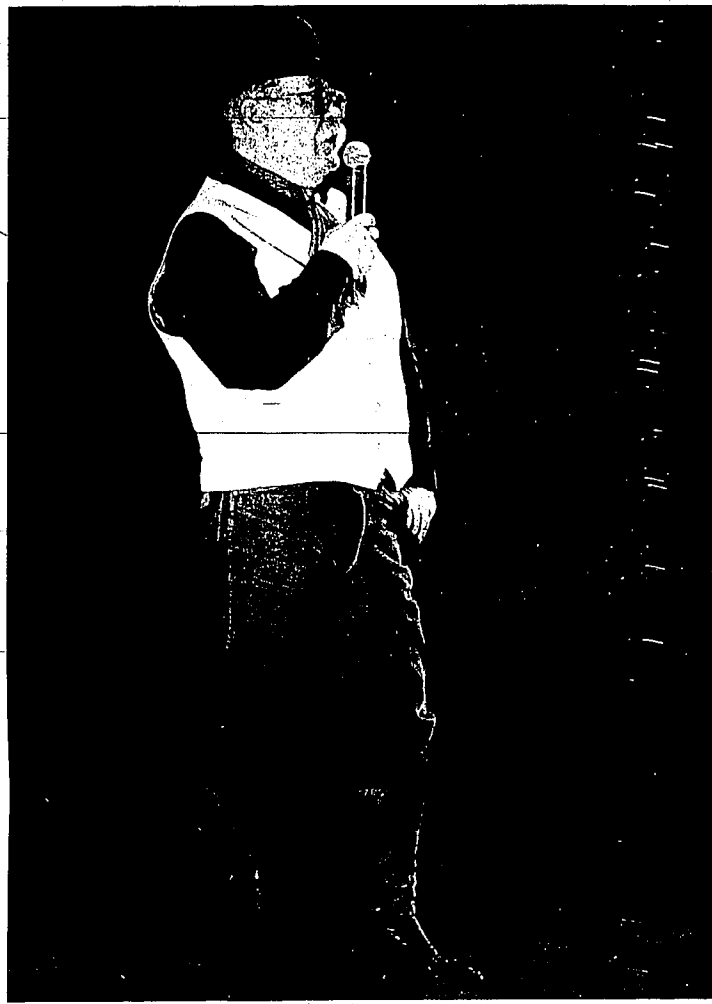
Turned out to be a few. Twenty years on, Cannon's little one-off cowboy poetry slam has turned into an industry, drawing as many as 8,000 people here during the last week in January and pumping \$7 million or more into the local economy, according to the institution that the festival spawned, the Western Folklife Center.

"Nineteen eighty-five was ripe for ranching culture to claim its own story, to find the touchstones of its culture," Cannon said. "Always before cowboys had allowed their story to be told publicly by others — songwriters, scriptwriters, novelists — but increasingly that story, told in popular culture, became a monolithic Arthurian myth, far from the breadth of the real life."

Cannon's festival generated some regional buzz, and early on, attention from the national media. The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, CBS News, People Magazine and National Public Radio sent reporters to Elko.

"I loved it from the start because it was real," Black said in a telephone interview from his Arizona home. "It was Hollywood."

A former Magic Valley resident who's been back to Elko often in 20 years,



Cowboy poet and sixth-generation Montana rancher Wally McRae has entertained audiences at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev., since its inception in 1985.

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Black has seen the trajectory of his career parallel the rise of the Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Now 58, he writes a syndicated column published in 100 newspapers, has written a string of popular books, does commentaries for NPR and commercial radio and makes

a good living speaking to agricultural banquets and conventions.

"I entertain people I like and respect," he said. "And that's why I like to go to Elko."

As much to listen as to versify, he says.

"I love to go to the open sessions, where anybody can read their stuff," Black said. "Some of it is very good." And at least in the early years, Black

also frequented Elko because, well, it's Elko.

"I know how to party," he said. "About the third year, I walked on to the stage, Hal Cannon took a look at me and said, 'You look terrible!'"

"I said, 'That's why I'm here.'"

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Performing arts school discovers 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you run a performing arts school that's a ministry of a church, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" can be a bit problematic.

Based on an ancient Roman myth, Johnny Mercer and Gene DePaul's musical is the story of a group of frontier women who are held against their will over the winter by six wife-seeking men.

"We're very straightforward about it," said Kim Kolck, who runs the Magic Valley School of Performing Arts at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. "We tell the kids that if you're not married, you can't do that."

But the music and the energy of the piece are more than enough compensation, Kolck says.

"It's just a great musical," she said. "And perfect for a large cast." There are 52 cast members, so many that Kolck had to double-cast the brides.

"The kids love it," she said. "Seven Brides" is that most unusual creature, a traditional musical that reached Hollywood (in 1954) before it made it to Broadway (in 1982, where it closed



Kara Lundy, who plays Sarah, and Ben Hall, as Carl, rehearse with their classmates for their production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." The play will be performed at the Magic Valley School of Performing Arts, which is located at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, Thursday through Jan. 31.

after five performances). It's the story of Adam Pontipee (Andrew Toff), a 19th century Oregon rancher who woos and marries a small-town waitress, Milly (Kelsey Jessor). Adam's six scruffy brothers (Kamrud Jacobson, Jason Bemis, David West, Austin Hollingshead, Daniel

Video watch

Open Range

Boys Spearman (Robert Duvall), a wizened cowboy, and Charley Waite (Kevin Costner) who have no homes to speak of but enjoy the run of the country wherever they roam.

In director Costner's marvelously old-fashioned western, their horseback lifestyle has been threatened by nasty landowner Denton Baxter

(Michael Gambon), whose henchmen have drawn first blood. The movie's about the big things and the small details, a movie about America as a nation but also the specific habits and behavior of individuals. And it has finely honed performances from Duvall, Costner and Annette Bening, as the woman who helps the two men. Contains violence.

Once Upon A Time in Mexico

Even more over-the-top than 1995's "Desperado," an over-the-top follow-up to Robert Rodriguez's sleeper hit, "El Mariachi" this is

stupid, violent fun, made palatable mostly by a smirkingly self-referential performance from rescuing them.

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ance by Johnny Depp. The movie is essentially the third version of what was never all that big an idea to begin with an attempt to parody spaghetti westerns. Contains plentiful violence and obscenity.

Spellbound

With more drama and suspense than many scripted films, Jeffrey Elko's documentary following eight young contestants in the 1999 National Spelling Bee is a winner. But so, for that matter, are all of the filmmaker's subjects, who come across not so much as the

nerds one might expect as smart, well-rounded kids who love the thrill of competition. The parents don't fare too badly either. Whether you're a word geek or not, chances are you'll find "Spellbound" an aptly named, Contains nothing objectionable.

—Source: Washington Post

WEEKEND

Radio Rodevoo offers second of Friday Night Dances

DANCE

Tonight

The first of the Radio Rodevoo Event Center's Friday Night Dances, featuring Curley Surlis, a country-western artist, will be held at 7:30 p.m. The Radio Rodevoo Event Center is located at 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Tonight

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

Saturday

A dance will be held from 8-11 p.m. at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom. Music will be provided by the Roseland Band. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 for a couple. The Roseland Crystal Ballroom is located at 523 Main in Filer.

Saturday and Sunday

Boise's Idaho Dance Theater will perform at the Community School in Sun Valley at 8 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets, which range from \$20, are available at the Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum or by phoning (208) 331-9592.

Jan. 31

"Freeze Frame," a revue involving 10 Magic Valley dance studios, will be held at 7 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, with proceeds going to the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance Twin Falls area scholarship program. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under and for senior citizens, are available at On Stage in Twin Falls, at Dance Addictions in Burley, or at the door.

Feb. 7

Ketchum's Footlight Dance Center will present "Band, Got Games" 7 p.m. Wood River High School auditorium, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum, Read All About It in Hailey, and at the door.

Feb. 13-14, 18-21 - Utah

Ballet West will dance Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 and 18-21 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 14 and 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-TDXX. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Tonight

The Willie Waldman Project will perform at Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. No cover charge. Whiskey's is located at 251 N. Main St.

Sunday - Boise

Lawrence Arms and The Ghost will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, 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.

Wednesday

Mountain of Venus will perform at Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. No cover charge. Whiskey's is located at 251 N. Main 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. 3 - Utah

Handsome Family will play Linquist Field in Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Linquist Field is located at the corner of 23rd and Lincoln.



Feb. 5 - Boise

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

Feb. 7

Papa Mali and the Instigators will perform at Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. No cover charge. Whiskey's is located at 251 N. Main 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. 12 - Boise

M.E.S.T., Dynamite Boy and Matchbook Romance will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 13 - Utah

M.E.S.T. will perform at In The Venue in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. In The Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

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. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

Feb. 20 - Boise

Sid Row will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, 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. 23 - Utah

Cannibal Corpse and Hipocrisy will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available at Twist and Trout Music in Ketchum, Big Bad Bill's in Hailey, or at the door. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Feb. 27-28

Baryan will perform at Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. nightly. No cover charge. Whiskey's is located at 251 N. Main St.

March 2 - Utah

Dillinger Escape Plan 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.

March 7 - Boise

Liz Phair will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, 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.

March 10 - Utah

The Casualties will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City 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.

March 13 - Boise

Henry Rollins will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy

Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 20 - Boise

Metalica will perform at the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$57 and \$77, 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.

COUNTRY

Tonight and Saturday

Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge. No cover charge. TJ's Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S. in Buhl.

Tonight and Saturday

Country Classics will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Creek Drive in Twin Falls.

Saturday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday - 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

Jan. 30-31

Ray Price will do two shows a night, at 8 and 11, at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Ticket prices are \$20, \$25 and \$30, available on by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Jan. 31 - Utah

Hank Williams III will perform at Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 9:30 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. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

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.

Feb. 7

Tony Furtado will perform at The Mint Bar in Hailey at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available at Twist and Trout Music in Ketchum, Big Bad Bill's in Hailey, or at the door. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Feb. 13 - Boise

Leftover Salmon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 15

Leftover Salmon will play The Mint Bar in Hailey at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, are available at Twist and Trout Music in Ketchum, Big Bad Bill's in Hailey, or at the door. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Feb. 24 - Utah

Lucinda Williams will sing at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 25 - Utah

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash will perform at Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

FOLK MUSIC

March 10

Joan Baez will sing in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of

the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

B L U E S

Feb. 15 - Utah

B.B. King will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

C L A S S I C A L

Jan. 30-31 - Utah

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

Feb. 6-7 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform a program of Strauss and Brahms at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, are available at the door. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 18 - Idaho Falls

The Vienna Choir Boys will perform at the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

Feb. 19 - Utah

The Vienna Boys Choir will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 888-TDXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 19 - Utah

Soprano Barbara Bonney will sing in Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 20-21 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Rachmaninoff's Piano Concert No. 2 at 8 p.m. on Feb. 20 and 2 p.m. on

Feb. 21 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

CHRISTIAN ROCK

Feb. 16 - Utah

Zoegrid, Superchick and Joy Williams will perform at Austad Auditorium on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15.50 and \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com.

ELECTRONIC

Saturday - Utah

Mark Farina will play Club Axis in Salt Lake City at 10 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. Club Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

Feb. 27 - Boise

Crystal Method will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, are available 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.

March 5-6 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform music by Berlioz, Ravel and Milhaud at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 11 - Utah

Utah Symphony will play violin music by Grieg, Sinding and Schubert at 7:30 p.m. in Libby Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

REGGAE

March 1 - Boise

The Wallers will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 14

Former Idaho jazzman Paul Tillotson will perform for

the Great Riff Jazz Society and the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Program will present Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. at Java in Twin Falls. Free. Java is located at 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

H I P - H O P

March 6 - Boise

Lil Jon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

J A Z Z

Sunday

The Great Riff Jazz Society and the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Program will present Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. at Java in Twin Falls. Free. Java is located at 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Feb. 14

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WEEKEND

Spidey, Harry and Shrek lead familiar pack of films

LOS ANGELES (AP) — You'd think there isn't an original idea left in Hollywood with all the sequels, spinoffs and remakes crowding the 2004 movie lineup.

Yet fans are not likely to complain, considering the savory characters featured in this year's many remakes, which include about two dozen sequels and prequels and at least a dozen updates of old movies or TV shows.

The three heavy hitters arrive in quick succession during the busy summer season:

- "Shrek 2" premieres just before Memorial Day, as the animated ogre with the Scottish brogue (again voiced by Mike Myers) accompanies his princess bride Fiona (Cameron Diaz) to meet her parents, with her pal Donkey (Eddie Murphy) along for the ride. Julie Andrews and John Cleese join the voice cast as Shrek's disapproving in-laws, and Antonio Banderas provides the voice of crafty cat Puss-in-Boots.

- "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" debuts in June, with author J.K. Rowling's boy savior (Daniel Radcliffe) and his chums (Rupert Grint and Emma Watson) in their third year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. This time, the gang faces an escaped convict (Gary Oldman) who's coming after Harry for mysterious reasons. Michael Gambon replaces the late Richard Harris as wise headmaster Dumbledore.

- "Spider-Man 2," opening over Fourth of July weekend, reunites director Sam Raimi with Marvel Comics' anxious-toned-turned-superhero Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire), girl-next-door Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst) and Peter's pal Harry Osborn (James Franco). Now a college student, webmaster Peter battles new super-villain Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina), who has been transformed into the tentacled "Doc Ock."

While most sequels ratchet up the action, Raimi chose to ratchet up the moral and personal dilemmas and private quandaries that set "Spider-Man" apart from many Hollywood franchises and helped turn it into a \$400 million megahit.

"The next one is going to seem a little smaller and more intimate. I hope people and not hoping it's bigger and better. Hopefully, they'll think it's smaller and better," Raimi said. "I really turned the film inward on the characters, and it seems like that's what the audience responded to in the first film. So we focused on developing the characters to the next level, and the actors have taken the performances, all of them, up a notch."

The sequel picks up two years after "Spider-Man," which ended with Peter turning his back on his great love, Mary Jane, realizing it was a sacrifice he had to make to travel the high road with his superpowers.

"In those two years, we see the weight of this decision upon Peter Parker," Raimi said. "It's a much tougher road than he ever thought. And the sacrifices he makes here are much more extreme than he ever thought."

"It's about the growth of a boy into a man. Really, a simple coming-of-age story. This boy just happens to be one bitten by a radioactive spider."

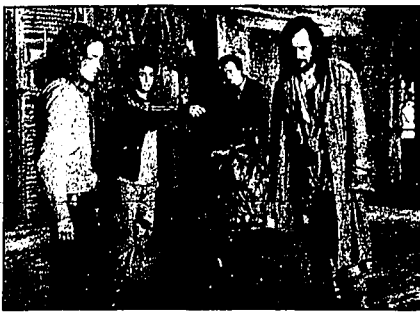
"Harry Potter" fans who want to see every detail from the books translated into the screen versions might be uneasy over the projected length of "Prisoner of Azkaban." Director Alfonso Cuarón expects to bring the movie in at less than 2.5 hours, the shortest of the series so far and well under the nearly three-hour running time of the last installment, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

This time, Rowling's story lent itself to a tighter script than the first two flicks, Cuarón said.

"I'm sure that somebody is going to miss something very specific that was ingrained in his or her mind when they read the book. But I think fans are going to love the movie," Cuarón said.

Cuarón signed on for "Harry Potter" after making the raucy Spanish-language hit "Y Tu Mama Tambien." He hesitated initially, wondering if it was a good idea to leap into blockbuster country, where every frame would be under the microscope of a profit-minded studio and an eager but finicky audience.

"Helping to put the filmmaker on the Hogwarts Express was a remark from a friend who told him, 'In serving Harry Potter, you may do the best film of your career,'" Cuarón said. "It turned



From left, Emma Watson as Hermione Granger, Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, David Thewlis as Professor Lupin, Gary Oldman as Sirius Black and Rupert Grint (back to camera) as Ron Weasley appear in a scene from "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." In this undated publicity photo.

out to be probably the most free experience I ever had in a studio movie."

On the other hand, Andrew Adamson, a bit artistically constrained on "Shrek 2," A co-director on both "Shrek" movies, Adamson felt he and his collaborators wrapped up the 2001 original too neatly, making it tougher to develop the sequel.

Adamson's main beef: He wishes they had not let Shrek and Fiona marry at the end of the first film. The filmmakers could have strung out the romantic mayhem in the sequel if the two had yet to tie the knot, Adamson said.

"But it actually forced us to push the story through more twists and turns and prevented us from letting the film fall back into sequels," Adamson said. "Among the twists: Turns out Shrek wasn't the fairy-tale true love meant for Fiona, after all. A guy named Prince Charming was (Rupert Everett provides the voice of the unlucky-at-love prince).

While the filmmakers had not been thinking sequel on the first "Shrek," they have left more leeway to continue the story after the new installment, Adamson said.

"This time at least, we're preparing for it. We're trying not to make the same mistakes," Adamson said. "In the first movie, Shrek learned he could be lovable to some degree. This movie, he learns how to love, and at some point, he needs to learn to love himself. So there is still more to be told about these characters. They still have room to go."

This year's non-sequel and non-remake highlights include a "Wedding Singer" reunion for Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore in the romance "50 First Dates"; Tom Cruise as a hitman in "Collateral"; Kurt Russell in "Miracle," the story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team; Gene Hackman as an ex-president running for mayor in "Welcome to Mooseport"; the end-of-the-world thriller "The Day After Tomorrow," with Dennis Quaid; Nicole Kidman's "The Interpreter," a tale of United Nations intrigue; Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg reteaming for the drama "The Terminal"; and Will Smith in the sci-fi adventure "I, Robot."

Also: "The Village," the latest fright flick from M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense"); the epic "Troy," with Brad Pitt as Greek hero Achilles; the musical "Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera," directed by Joel Schumacher; Oliver Stone's "Alexander," with Colin Farrell as the great conqueror; Leonardo DiCaprio in the Howard Hughes biography "The Aviator," directed by Martin Scorsese; Russell Crowe as Depression-era boxer Jim Braddock in Ron Howard's "Cinderella Man"; and the comic-book adaptations "Constantine" with Keanu Reeves, "Catwoman" with Halle Berry, "Hellboy" with Ron Perlman, and "The Punisher" with Thomas Jane.

Among the year's other sequels: Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer and pals return in "Barbershop 2: Back in Business," which co-stars Queen Latifah, who gets her own spinoff, "Beauty Shop"; "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," with Anne Hathaway and grandma Julie Andrews on a hubby hunt; "Kill Bill - Vol. 2," the conclusion to Uma Thurman and Quentin Tarantino's vengeance saga; and Renee Zellweger's return to romantic misadventures in "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason."

Also: Matt Damon's second time out as the amnesiac spy in "The Bourne Supremacy"; Robert De

Niro and Ben Stiller's "Meet the Parents" follow-up "Meet the Fockers"; "Blade: Trinity"; Wesley Snipes' third time as the vampire slayer; Frankie Muniz in "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London"; "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," with the Great Dane and his ghost-hunting gang; Naomi Watts in the horror tale "The Ring 2"; and John Travolta's "Get Shorty" postscript "Be Cool."

With "Ocean's Twelve," George Clooney reprises the title role from the heist hit "Ocean's Eleven," a remake of the Frank Sinatra flick.

The assassination thriller "The Manchurian Candidate," another Sinatra film from the '60s, gets an update with Denzel Washington in the lead.

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Dilettantes announces cast of 'Damn Yankees'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley have announced the cast for its upcoming production of the musical "Damn Yankees."

Rick Webb of Filer will play Joe Boyd and Susan Brown of Twin Falls will play Joe's wife, Meg. Don Wight of Hazelton has been cast as Mr. Applegate and Jessie Williams of Twin Falls is Lola.

Other cast members are Sherry Johnson of Twin Falls as Sister, Linda Bean of Eden as Doris, Kyle Anderson of Hazelton as Joe Hardy, Diana Stauffer of Jerome as Gloria Thorpe and Larry Shepherd of Buhl as the Baseball Commissioners.

The cast also includes Thomas Hassani, Ben Heiner, Jim Latham, Bill Perry, Wade Gerber, Sue Sapp, Heidi Walton, Kim and Rafael Lewis, Emily Dodds, Ashley Johnson, Karlee Johnson, Hannah and Meg Wormsbaker, and Thea LeFevre, all of Twin Falls; Eli Halper, Charles Frantz, Julie Dodson, Gina Pool, Kayla Tolman, Allison Applewhite, Shelli Howell, Jamee Walker, Nathanael-Johnson, Taj-Jarson



Susan Brown of Twin Falls is cast as Meg Boyd and Rick Webb of Filer is Joe Boyd in the upcoming Dilettantes' production of 'Damn Yankees.'

and Lael Cherry, all of Jerome; Bill Woodfin and Albert Ramirez of Buhl; Adam Kroeger of Wendell, Angela Marie-Baton of Gooding, Julia Bean of Eden, Challis Johnson of Filer and Eric Escher of Kimberly.
Fred Scheibe of Lewiston is the director and choreographer, and

Sharon Warner of Twin Falls is the musical director.

The production is scheduled for March 19-21 and 25-27 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets will go on sale March 12 in the Dilettantes booth at the Magic Valley Mall.

—ANNIVERSARY—

Ethos Percussion Group plays Ketchum Saturday

The Times-News

KETCHUM—Ethos Percussion Group will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood Saturday night.

The group will perform at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series.

The ensemble will play a variety of musical styles on several instruments, including the marimba, bongos, vibraphone, tom-toms and drums.
The music comes from a number of traditions, including Brazilian folk dances, the influences of John Cage, African and Jazz rhythms.

Ethos was formed in 1990 by Juilliard School graduate, Michael Scouros, and is made up of four musicians whose specialties range from rock to North Indian drumming. The New York-based group has performed in

Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center and London's Wigmore Hall.

Ethos will bring their instruments and talents to Bellevue Elementary School Students today through the generosity of Atkinson's Markets and the Koret Foundation. In addition to their touring schedule, Ethos is committed to teaching and sharing percussion music with students around the country.

Tickets to the Saturday concert, which are \$20 for Sun Valley Center members and \$25 for non-members, are available through the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum, or by phoning 726-9491.

Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio featuring Frank Vignola and Jon Burr, the last of the Chamber Artist Series concerts of the season, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood on March 13.



Ted and Shirley Lisle

THE LISLES

KING HILL—The children of Ted and Shirley Lisle announce the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents.

Lisle and Shirley Allred were married Jan. 23, 1954.

They have resided in King Hill most of their lives.

They have four children, Roxie Ritchie of Glenns Ferry, Jack (Shery) Lisle of Declo, Webb (Bonnie) Lisle of Bruneau and Trudy (Tim) Jess of Hammett.

They have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

TEETER-TREMONTRE

HEYBURN—Whitney and Thane Teeter announce the marriage of their mother, Theresa Teeter, to Mark Tremonte.

An open house to honor the couple will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2011 V St. in Heyburn.



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captive women (Kara Lundy, Karlee Hatfield, Hannah Bramon, Emma Wiersma, Jessica Patrick, Kyra Fuller, Rachel Toft/Clarissa Lentz, Mary Toft/Elena Louder and Marissa Jessor/Clarissa Adams) have had a change of heart and decide to marry the brothers.

Mercer, one of history's great jazz composers, wrote the lyrics for songs that included "Wonderful Wonderful Day," "Sobbin' Women" and "Love Never Goes Away."

The show will be presented in dinner theater on Thursday and Jan. 30-31. Reservations are necessary "because we have to cook them a steak," Kolkx said. Outback Steakhouse is doing the catering.

The two-year old performing arts school is a ministry of the Reformed Church, but not funded by it.

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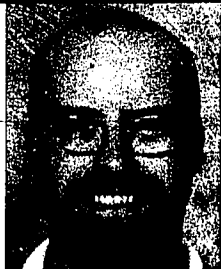
Love never goes away

- What: The Magic Valley School of Performing Arts will present Gene DePaul and Johnny Mercer's "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in dinner theater.
- Where: Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N., Twin Falls.
- When: Thursday and Jan. 30-31, 7 p.m.; there's also a matinee on Jan. 30 at 4 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$13.50 for dinner and show, must be reserved by phoning 734-0266. Matinee tickets are \$6 for adults.

Meet the cast

Cast members of the Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts include: Andrew Toft, Kelsey Jessor, Kamrud Jacobson, Jason Bemis, David West, Austin Hollingshead, Daniel Watland, Cody Hafer, Kara Lundy, Karlee Hatfield, Hannah Bramon, Emma Wiersma, Jessica Patrick, Kyra Fuller, Rachel Toft, Clarissa Lentz, Mary Toft, Elena Louder, Clarissa Adams and Marissa Jessor. Other cast members are Jonathan Weese, Zach Black, Landon Wagner, Ben Hall, Colt Turner, Thomas

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WEEKEND

Video game ratings: System has flaws

Knight Ridder News Service

Although rated E, meaning it's suitable for everyone, "The Sims Bustin' Out" contains some dialogue that could be described as mildly crude.

The virtual characters spout such phrases as "If I do something naughty, will you use your handcuffs?" "That black leather of yours makes me wild"; "Want to lock tongues?"

Not exactly See Spot Run. "It's just tacky," said Warren Buckleimer, editor of Children's Software & New Media Revue, a quarterly periodical and online service that reviews interactive products.

"You don't want someone in a Wal-Mart in Topeka picking it up" expecting the video game equivalent of wholesome fun in a "Finding Nemo." E-rated games are supposed to be appropriate for anyone older than 6.

Buckleimer said the rating for "The Sims Bustin' Out," which should be at least a T (teen), is one of the few instances in which the Entertainment Software Ratings Board, or ESRB, missed the mark.

But, he said, the dirty-talking Sims shows the difficulty in rating video games, understanding the ratings, and keeping teen- and mature-rated videos out of the wrong hands.

"It's sort of the Wild West of the media," he said. "You just never know. The games are so complex." The ESRB video game ratings are: E for everyone, T for teen, M for mature, and rarely, AO for adult only.

The general ratings are found on the front of the box. On the back, there are slightly more detailed descriptions such as "blood and gore" and "depict sexual themes."

But the ratings are meaningless if they are not enforced or understood. A study released in December by the National Institute on Media and the Family, a non-profit media watchdog group, found that 87 percent of boys and 46 percent of girls played M-rated games.

The average age of students in the survey was 13.5. The same survey found that 50 percent of parents didn't understand the ratings system. A Federal Trade Commission study showed that 63 percent of children succeeded in buying M-rated games.

The games, which contain adult sexual themes and extreme violence, shouldn't be available to anyone younger than 17.

The ESRB was formed in 1994 and has rated roughly 10,000 games. Nearly all games sold in stores are rated. After the publisher fills out a detailed questionnaire about game content, three raters of various ages view a videotape.

The raters aren't expert players and don't have ties to the video or computer industry.

"Even after a decade, the ratings system has not become part of the collective unconscious yet. It's not something everyone is aware of yet," said Hal Halpin, president of Interactive Entertainment Media Association, a non-profit run by the industry.

Douglas Gentile, a professor of psychology at Iowa State University who works with the National Institute on Media and



Most parents don't understand that when they buy an M-rated game, their child should be at least 17, said Hal Halpin, president of the Interactive Entertainment Media Association.

Recommended games

- 1. "SimCity 4," E
2. "The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker," E
3. "SSX 3," E
4. "NBA Street Vol. 2," E
5. "Top Spin," E
6. "Rise of Nations," T
7. "Madden NFL 2004," E
8. "Microsoft Flight Simulator 2004: A Century of Flight," E
9. "Mario & Luigi: Superstar Saga," E
10. "Royman 3: Hoodlum Havoc," E

Games kids should avoid

- 1. "Möbius," rated M
2. "RoadKill," M
3. "Outlaw Volleyball: Spike or Die," M
4. "Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball," M
5. "Def Jam Fight for NY," T
6. "True Crime: Streets of LA," M
7. "Backyard Wrestling: Don't Try This at Home," M
8. "Max Payne 2: The Fall of Max Payne," M
9. "WarCraft III: The Frozen Throne" expansion, T
10. "Postal 2," M

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the Family, said parents aren't that savvy about video-game ratings. "They expect that it's just like a movie theater that will not allow their 10-year-old to go into an R-rated movie," he said.

One area of concern is how easy it is for kids to buy mature-rated games. At many stores, a reminder to check for identification is supposed to pop up at the register whenever a mature-rated video is sold.

But Buckleimer, whose magazine supports the ratings system and ranks hundreds of videos a year, would like to see it taken a step further. He'd like mature games out of toy stores.

There have been darts thrown at the industry because of highly violent or sexual games such as the "Grand Theft Auto" series, which centers on drugs and prostitution.

Gentile cited a BMX racing game that, "when you pass a level, you get as a reward footage of real strippers, stripping."

expect that to be in their kids' biking game. Just imagine how grandmothers who bought it for their grandkids would react," said Gentile.

Buckleimer said objectionable material can be buried in a game. For example, he said, a skating video starring Tony Hawk might focus on skating, but one of the 40 songs played in the background might contain inappropriate lyrics.

Another issue might be how people are portrayed. "These games are designed by young people, mostly males, who are not tuned into ethnic stereotypes and gender stereotypes," he said.

"We are seeing a much more graphic depiction of violence," he said, adding some games hire ex-Army officers as consultants. They help make sure things such as an arm being blown off by a high-powered weapon look realistic.

Even if parents understand the ratings system and dutifully check the back of the box for more information, they can still get some unhappy surprises.

Parents filter their interpretations of "blood and gore" or "strong sexual content" through their own experiences with video games, Halpin said.

Hungry for nostalgia? '80s games are released again

Knight Ridder News Service

The '80s were a simpler time. Games were free from virtual car-jackings, bloody violence and fancy-schmancy analog joysticks.

And while the decade brought us big-hair bands, parachute pants, Cabbage Patch Kids and the Super Bowl Shuffle, it also birthed many of today's gaming stars.

Now, game publishers are opening up their vaults to let gamers who were born in the 1980s or -gasp!- the 1990s learn where their favorite video game characters came from.

"Nintenduo, one of the kings of 1980s gaming, recently launched a promotion giving away 'The Legend of Zelda: The Collector's Edition,' a disc containing the first two games in this acclaimed series that debuted on the Nintendo Entertainment System, or NES, in 1987.

By registering purchased games on Nintendo's Web site (www.nintendo.com), subscribing to

Nintenduo Power magazine or by buying specially-marked GameCube bundles, you can experience 8-bit adventure-gaming heaven on strong Nintendo 64 "Zelda" entries - "The Ocarina of Time" and "Majora's Mask" - round out the disc.

Not enough nostalgia for you? Then you'll have to, like, totally check these games out, too: The three classic NES "Ninja Gaiden" games are stealthily tucked away in the upcoming Xbox "Ninja Gaiden" title.

Mega Man lovers will get a chance to relive the little blue dude's exploits in the "Mega Man Anniversary Collection" for console systems and "Mega Man Mania" for Game Boy Advance.

Nearly every big-name '80s game company is pouring its two-decades-old coin-op and console winners into collections for modern-day gamers, such as "Midway Arcade Treasures" and "Intellivision Lives."

Three big-name cartoons/toy

lines from the '80s have found new life on game consoles: "Robotch," "The Transformers" and "Masters of the Universe" will take a shot at video game glory. Can "Thundercats" and "G.I. Joe" be far behind?

The crazy bigwigs at Nintendo have thumbed their noses at gamers' desires to play over the Internet. Instead, they've pumped much effort into dreaming up creative ways to connect a Game Boy Advance with a GameCube.

Though I often curse them for spurning the online realm, I can't resist their latest crossover concoction, an ingenious spin on an all-time classic called "Pac-Man vs."

Here's how it works: It's a four-player battle. After your Game Boy is connected to the Cube (via a \$7

cable), one player steps into the role of our yellow dot-gobbling star and the other three play the part of the ghosts. Pac-Man tries to eat dots and the ghosts; ghosts try to eat Pac-Man. Nab Pac-Man, and it's your turn to be Pac-Man.

The catch here is that the Pac-Man player can see the whole board - courtesy of the Game Boy. The ghosts, playing on the TV screen, only see tiny sections of the map, making the hunt for Pac-Man much more tension-filled and entertaining.

What makes this one-trick wonder so fierce is that anyone who's ever played a "Pac-Man" game is already an expert at the controls, so there is no learning curve to picking up and competitively playing this party title.

Events

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annual Valentine's Day Dinner at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$40, can be reserved by phoning 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St. in Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30 in Burley.

OPERERA

Feb. 29 Sun Valley Opera will open its third season with "Merry Widow and More," 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for students under 18, are available at Chapter One-Bookstore or can be reserved by calling 726-2220.

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 in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Tonight through Thursday Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub in Twin Falls. Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

March 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 24 - Utah Utah Opera will perform Giacomo Puccini's "The Girl of the Golden West" at 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 15, 17, 19 and 24 and at 2 p.m. on March 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$25 to \$65, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

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

Saturday and Thursday Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club in Burley. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

GOSPEL

Feb. 28 The Blind Boys of Alabama will perform in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, an Arts on Tour concert. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hallett and Gooding. For season ticket information, call the Community Education Center at CSI at 732-6288.

Saturday Kroklers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 Highway 30 W, Burley, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo. No cover charge.

KARAOKE

March 16 - Utah Bill Gauthier will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.75 and \$34.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at www.ticketmaster.com. The Delta Center is located at 391 West South Temple.

Monday Karaoke will be featured at 7 p.m. at the Schubert Theater in Gooding. The Schubert Theater is located at 402 Main St.

Monday P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

Tuesday Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at George's K's East Restaurant in Burley. George's K's East Restaurant is located at 325 E. Third N.

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

Tuesday Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge in Paul. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Tonight Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1825 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

Wednesday Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge in Paul. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

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

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

Tonight Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers in Declo. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

Thursday Kroklers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C7.

South Pacific Musical by Richard Rodgers Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. January 23, 24, 29, 30 31. 7:30 pm. Sat. Jan 31 is Matinee only at 2 pm. The King Fine Arts Center. South end of Burley High School • 2100 Park Ave. Reserved Seats: \$10 • General: \$8. Call 678-8888. Tickets available at the door. General Tickets may be purchased at the Book Plaza, Watch Music in Burley & Book Store in Rupert. Sponsored by D.L. Evans Bank.

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WEEKEND

Spotlight

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Riverside in Burley. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight - Utah

The Chieftans will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$32 to \$65, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Tonight

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

Tonight and Saturday

The Badges will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. Cover charge is \$4. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Tonight and Saturday

DJ night with Kurt Krzyzew will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Saturday

The Ethos Percussion Group will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 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.

Tuesday

Sweatshop Band will play at 9 p.m. at Woody's Sports Bar. Cover charge is \$2. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Wednesday

The Vuarnettes - Linda Badell, Callie Galpin, Cheri Kessler and Heidi Bates - will perform at 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show will continue every Wednesday night through the end of March.

Wednesday

Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Thursday

DJ night with Forest and Chad will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Feb. 5 - Utah

Josh Groban will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Sold out.

Feb. 6-7

Tony Orlando will do two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Peets Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

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.

Feb. 13 - Utah

Bruce Cockburn will sing at the Rose Wagner Theater in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. The Jeanne Wagner Theater is located at 138 West 300 South.

Feb. 12-13 - Utah

Linda Eder will sing with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 132 West South Temple.

Feb. 13-14

Jose Feliciano will do two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Peets Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, are available by phoning (800) 821-1103.

March 9 - Utah

Sarah Brighman will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, \$50 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

COMEDY

Tonight - Idaho Falls

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

March 12 - Boise

Jerry Seinfeld will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$61.50 and \$77, can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotheatre.com> or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

THEATRE

Tonight, Saturday and Thursday

Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's "South Pacific," sponsored by D.L. Evans Bank, at 7:30 p.m. nightly at the King Fine Arts Center at the Burley High School, 2100 Parke Ave. Reserved seats are \$10 and general seating is \$8. General tickets may be purchased at the Book Plaza and Walk Music in Burley or the Evans Bank in Rupert. Tickets will be available at the door. For tickets or for more information, call 678-6868. The production continues Jan. 30-31.

Sunday

The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Ross' "Forever Flame" featuring Wally Huffman, Gordon Glade, Eric Larson and Paul Stoops, will play the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show continues every Sunday through the end of March.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Boise

The national tour of David DaSilva's musical version of "Fame" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, \$38.50 and \$46, can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1494 or line at <http://www.idahotheatre.com>.

Thursday

Magie Valley School for the Performing Arts will present Gene DePaul and Johnny Mercer's "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in dinner theater at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Tickets are \$13.50, which includes dinner, catered by Outback Steakhouse. There's also a matinee scheduled for 3 p.m.; tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. The Twin Falls Reformed Church is located at 1631 Grandview Blvd. N. The production continues Jan. 30-31.

Feb. 4-22

Halley's Company of Fools will present Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World," at 8 p.m. on Feb. 4-7, 11-13 and 18-21 and 3 p.m. on Feb. 8, 15 and 21. Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

Feb. 6-7

The Junior Musical Playhouse will present Tom K. Ryan's "Tumbleweeds," 7:30 p.m. nightly, Reeper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7, are available at Everybody's Business and Kurr's Pharmacy & Hullmark in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, at SavMor Drug in Buhl, or for any cast member.

Feb. 6-8 - Utah

The touring Broadway production of Bob Fosse's "Chicago" will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on Feb. 6-8 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7-8. Tickets, which range from \$27.50 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 24-29 - Utah

The touring Broadway production of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" will play Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 24-28, at 2 p.m. on Feb. 28-29 and at 7 p.m. on Feb. 29. Tickets, which range from \$30 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

March 4-6, 8-9, 15-16, 11-13, 18-20

The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Martin Charmin and Charles Strouse's "Annie," 8 p.m. night in Oakley's Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

March 12

The College of Southern Idaho Players will perform Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor's "Complete History of America (Abridged)" at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, with an all-American dinner prepared by Chef LuAnn Sates, 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by phoning 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

COWBOY POETRY

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The 20th annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held at the Elko Convention Center in Elko, Nev. For an event calendar, ticket prices, phone (775) 738-7508, log on to <http://www.westernfolklife.org>. The gathering continues Jan. 30-31.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday and Wednesday

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present a new show, "More Than Meets the Eye," at 7 p.m. today, Saturday and Tuesday along with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday. Other shows are "More Than Meets the Eye" on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume IV" at 8:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

FILM FESTIVAL

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The Magic Valley Arts Council will present Emil Gaudreault's "Mambo Italiano," a movie from Canada, as the 2004 Foreign Film Festival continues, at 4:45 p.m. today, at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. Saturday, at 4:45 p.m. Sunday and at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. Tickets are \$7.50. On Tuesday nights, College of Southern Idaho students will be admitted free with student ID. There's also a senior-citizen rate. Tickets are available at the door or at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, 132 Main Ave. S. The

Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S. The festival continues through Feb. 12.

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The Magic Valley Arts Council will present "Oliver Assayas' 'Camp Lovell,'" a movie from France, as the 2004 Foreign Film Festival continues, at 7:15 p.m. tonight, at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, and at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. Showtimes at 7:15 p.m. today, Sunday and Tuesday, 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Monday and Wednesday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7.50. On Tuesday nights, College of Southern Idaho students will be admitted free with student ID. There's also a senior-citizen rate. Tickets are available at the door or at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, 132 Main Ave. S. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S. The festival continues through Feb. 12.

ART SHOW

Through Thursday

"Retro Steel," a retrospective of the work of artist Marvin Star Steel, will be on display in the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Gallery hours are Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1-9 p.m.

Through Jan. 31

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

Through Feb. 6

Magic Valley Bank will sponsor a exhibition of the artwork of Twin Falls artist Ralph Ilernan at its downtown Twin Falls office, 133 Main Ave. W., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. It's free.

Through Feb. 22 - Boise

The Boise Art Museum will present "A Certain Likeness: The Paintings of Thi Frederick" a collection of work by the Belgian artist, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens and full-time college students, and \$1 for children, are available at the door. BAM is located in Julia Davis Park in downtown Boise.

Through Feb. 22 - Boise

The Boise Art Museum will present "Frat Steel: Waterfall Paintings," a collection of work by the New York artist, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays.

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Through Feb. 27

Gay Odnark's "The Value of Inheritance" will be on display at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Free admission. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

Through Feb. 29 - Boise

The Boise Art Museum will present "Extra-Ordinary: The Work of Charles Gill" a collection of paintings and collages by the Boise Art, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens and full-time college students, and \$1 for children, are available at the door. BAM is located in Julia Davis Park in downtown Boise.

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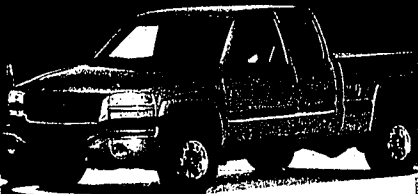
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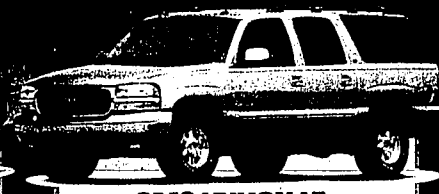
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MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College basketball**
- Women, North Idaho at CSI, 6 p.m.
 - Men, North Idaho at CSI, 8 p.m.
- High school girls basketball**
- Declo at Filer, 4:15 p.m.
 - Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
 - Carey at Camas County, 6 p.m.
 - Shoshone at Valley, 6 p.m.
- High school boys basketball**
- Wood River at Declo, 4:15 p.m.
 - Castleford at Raft River, 6 p.m.
 - Minico at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
 - Lighthouse Christian at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.
 - Hansen at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
 - Carey at Camas County, 6 p.m.
 - Hagerman at Oakley, 6 p.m.
 - Burley at Century, 6 p.m.
 - Kimberly at Gooding, 6 p.m.
 - Lighthouse Christian at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling**
- Declo, Kimberly, American Falls at Marsh Valley, 5 p.m.
 - Wood River at Sugar Salem Tournament, 2 p.m.
- High school bowling**
- Gooding at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.
 - Wendell at Filer, 4 p.m.
 - Declo at Minico/Jerome, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

- Minico High hoops hosts chili dinner**
- RUPERT - The Minico High School boys basketball team will be sponsoring a dinner in the Minico Lunchroom (back gym) prior to the Burley/Minico basketball game on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include homemade chili, baked potato and toppings, cinnamon rolls and drink. Cost is \$6 per person or \$3 for a child under eight years old.
 - Advance tickets may be purchased from any boy on the Spartan Basketball team or at the door.
 - For more information call Alice Schenk at 438-5562.
- Idaho Youth ranch plans hoops tournaments**
- TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Youth Ranch announced the dates for its 24th annual basketball tournaments. The girls grades 5-6 tournament is Feb. 12-14 while the girls grades 7-8 play Feb. 19-21.
 - The boys grades 5-6 follow Feb. 26-28 while the 7-8 boys go March 11-13.
 - To enroll a team, call Bobby Lopez at 532-4117, ext. 1332.
- YF YMCA will host junior tennis tourney**
- TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls YMCA will host a "B" level tennis tournament for ages 10-18 on Jan. 30 and 31.
 - The entry cost is \$12 for both singles and doubles players.
 - For entry forms, please stop by the YMCA at 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information call 733-4384.

- Minico boosters sponsor Red & Gold Nights**
- RUPERT - The Minico Booster Club will be sponsoring a Red & Gold Night on Jan. 28 for the Minico boys, basketball game against Burley and on Jan. 29th for the Minico girls, basketball game against Burley. If you wear red or gold that night to the game you will receive a ticket for prizes that will be given away during the game. Come out and support our teams in the school colors. For more information call 436-5670.

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CSI readies for run at title

With 8-6 conference record, men are in hunt

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS -- Who would've known that when the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team won two late-November games at North Idaho College that they'd be the only team so far this season to accomplish the feat?

Those wins, coupled with a victory at Dixie State last weekend, have the Golden Eagles (14-6 overall, 8-6 Scenic-West-Athletic Conference) in relatively good position to make a run for the league title. CSI trails league leader Snow College (10-4 SWAC) by two games and Dixie (9-5 SWAC) by one game. Dixie and Snow still have two games left to

play against each other while CSI will host Snow for a pair of contests to end the regular season. "I'd rather be undefeated and up six games," CSI head coach Gib Arnold joked about where his Eagles are in the standings. "But for the season, how it's gone, we're actually in a pretty good position. It sets up well if we can play pretty well up until that last week. I

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wouldn't be surprised if it came down to those two games (with Snow) for the conference championship." But the Eagles must first concentrate on a pair of contests at 8

p.m. tonight and Saturday night with a North Idaho team that is among the hottest in the SWAC. The Cardinals (14-6, 8-6) are 7-3 in their last 10 games, including a heart-breaking 64-63 overtime loss to Dixie in Coeur d'Alene. NCI is also top in the conference in points per game at 80.3. Sophomore Matt Gipson, a 6-foot-9 forward, leads the Cardinal attack. The University of Oklahoma transfer and signee at

Please see CSI, Page D4

Minico mauls opposition



Buhl's Dave Alves, top, pins Twin Falls grappler T.J. Wells during their 125-pound match Thursday in Twin Falls.

Sixth-ranked Spartans notch wins over Twin Falls, Buhl

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After the latest Idaho state wrestling rankings touted Minico as the No. 6 team in Class 5A, the Spartans came into Twin Falls Thursday night and defended that honor with two impressive dual meet victories. With a 69-5 win over the Twin Falls Bruins and a 58-8 defeat of Buhl, coach Brad Cooper's

Spartans looked as strong as they have all year. "We had a long week with Highland Tuesday," said Cooper. "It's good to see our kids bounce back. We keep thinking we're going to get better, and I think we're coming along." The Spartans came out of Highland with a 39-30 victory. Thursday night's team effort from the Spartans was evident, with a combined 10 pins in their two

dual meets. No. 2-ranked Kevin Killey picked up two pins at 112 pounds, as did Robert Fernandez at 130, and Shawn Kuzler at 152. "It was a pretty good overall team effort tonight," Cooper said. "All our kids wrestled well." In other action, top-ranked 5A 189-pounder Dusty Scott of Twin Falls added variety, winning matches by technical fall, forfeit, and pin. Scott earned the Bruins' only points against Minico with

his 16-1 technical fall over Rowdy Hakes. While the Bruins dropped all three of their dual meets, first-year Bruin coach Salid Dabestani sees Scott's improvement as reason to be happy. "I want to see steady wrestling out of him," said Dabestani. "And he's been improving over the season. We've been working pretty hard with him and this team. They are really trying, but it is going to

Please see WRESTLE, Page D2

Loyola College stumbles toward dubious record

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - Nothing Jamaal Dixon experienced in high school could have prepared him for the indignity he's endured as a starting guard for Loyola College's basketball team. The Greyhounds have lost 29 consecutive games, four short of the NCAA record held by Grambling. It's been more than a year since Loyola's last victory, 74-69 over Rider on Jan. 19, 2003 - and that took overtime. "I don't know how often our players think about it," coach Scott

Hicks said, "but I don't talk about the streak with them." He doesn't have to. The basketball team traditionally gets little attention - from the 6,000 students on this cozy campus, but the Greyhounds' slide has created a perverse interest in the sport. "Everybody teases us about it," said Dixon, a freshman who helped Thayer (Mass.) Academy win three league titles. "My whole high school career, I probably lost about 12 games altogether. Then to come here and struggle just to get one win - it's not fun." Please see LOYOLA, Page D4



Loyola College basketball player Charlie Bell looks on as his team loses 79-55 to Niagara Jan. 16 at Loyola's home court in Baltimore. The loss was Loyola's 27th in row.

The making of a sports writer

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THE FIFTH QUARTER Eric Larsen

You see, journalism and park maintenance don't exactly share a set of skills. After all, now I'm creating the messes I have to clean up. So how did I land this awesome job?

My editors call it potential. Most of you would call it groveling.

Unfortunately, groveling only gets you so far. Turns out my puppy-dog eyes and crocodile tears have no effect on my editor when I'm in Burley and he's in Twin Falls. Luckily though, I'm a fast learner.

My first day on the job, I learned that if you're not provided rosters for a soccer game, you're in trouble. Case in point - try spelling - Bonifacio - Sanchez after only hearing it phonetically.

I also learned about bravery that day. True bravery is standing up in front of 20 unfamiliar soccer moms and asking, "Who's No. 12?"

Learning movie kicked into high gear when my editor told me it was time for me to learn how to photograph a game. The crown jewel of my prior photography experience is a set of pictures of my thumb partially blocking the view of Washington, D.C. landmarks.

The first thing I learned about shooting is that a digital camera's memory card can hold a lot of pictures; no matter how out of focus they are. The disk that holds the photos from my first photo assignment - a Filer at Declo girls basketball game - contains more fuzzy shots of

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Strong returns lift Safin over Martin

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Marat Safin used a string of powerful backhand returns in the last set to beat Todd Martin 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 Friday and move into the fourth round of the Australian Open, where he will face James Blake. The 3-hour, 25-minute match ended when the 23-year-old Russian whipped a crosscourt return at Martin's

feet on his first match point. Safin was demonstrative throughout the second and third sets as he muttered to himself, slammed his racket into the court and received a caution violation for smacking a ball out of the arena. He settled down in the fourth set, however, while Martin began disputing line calls. Blake needed just 75 minutes to beat France's Olivier Patience 6-1, 6-3, 6-2, conced-

ing only one break point as he dropped serve when trying to close the match at 5-0 in the third set. Otherwise, he was on his game, hitting 41 winners to Patience's 12 and winning 25 of the 30 times he went to the net. He gave Patience only one break-point opportunity. "This is the farthest I've gone in a Slam, and I want it to continue," the 23-year-old said. "I was really happy with my first-round match, and

today I got even better. I feel I played pretty darned well. I like to think it had more to do with me than with him." Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan, seeded 13th, beat Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten, a former No. 1, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. On the women's side, fourth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo had very little trouble in beating Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-1, 6-2. Please see OPEN, Page D2



Russia's Marat Safin celebrates his victory over Todd Martin of the U.S., Friday at the Australian Open in Melbourne.

SPORTS

T.F. rallies past Buryley in second half

BURLEY — Jayme Edwards scored 13 of her 17 points in the second-half to lead Twin-Falls High to a 55-39 nonconference girls basketball road win over Buryley Thursday night.

The Bruins used a 16-3 edge in the third to blow the game open. "We had a good first half," said Bobcats coach Gordon Kerbs. "We played well. In the third quarter, they got a lot of easy layups. We didn't even contest them. No one covered back so they went on a run there."

Bruins forward Hannah Heidmann scored 11 of her 12 points in the first half. "She did whatever she wanted," Kerbs said. Buryley (3-13) plays at Century Tuesday. The Bobcats were paced by Jessica Byington's 16 points. "We've not two games to get better," Kerbs said.

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Jerome 37, Pocatello 21

JEROME — Jerome took control of its home girls basketball game with an 11-2 scoring edge in the third quarter to overcome Pocatello's slow-down offense in a 37-21 win Thursday.

"We came out and hit a couple threes," said Tigers coach Michelle Skyles. "We got up 20 in the last quarter until the final couple minutes. The kids played hard and we didn't shoot real well. Defensively, once we made some adjustments we did a much better job in the second half."

Jerome (18-0) hosts Madison Tuesday.

Idaho Falls 44, Minico 30

IDAHO FALLS — No report.

Wood River 51, Buhl 22

HAILEY — Despite only four points from Wood River all-time leading scorer Natalie Green, the Lady Wolverines took a 51-22 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference home win over the Buhl Lady Indians.

Jessica King led Wood River with 13 points, while Syringa Stark added 12, Emily Smith and Tiffany Wheeler added 11 and 10, respectively, to help the balanced Lady Wolverine attack.

The win improves Wood River to 8-1 in conference, 12-6 overall. Buhl was led by six-point efforts from Dani Kippes Jessica Brown,

Wrestle

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take time.

Coach Stacy Wilson's Buhl Indians wrestled hard, but were hampered by forfeits all night. Despite six forfeits against Twin Falls, the Indians only lost by two team points, 39-37. They weren't as fortunate as Minico, as the Spartans capitalized on pins and forfeits for a 58-15 victory over the Indians. Top-ranked 17-pound Will Baggs improved his season record to 23-0 with a 44-second pin of Minico's Preston Arthur, and a 15-5 major decision over Twin Falls' Kyle Smith.

"We wrestled a lot better tonight than we did last night," said Wilson. "All I tell kids is, [you

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and Amanda Owen. Both teams hit the road Tuesday night with Wood River in Kimberly and Buhl in Declo.

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Declo 37, Kimberly 26

DECLO — Melissa Webb scored nine points and 13 rebounds to lead Declo past Kimberly 37-26 in a foul-filled, sloppy Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls basketball game Thursday.

"We're not into pretty, we're just into wins," said Hornets coach Kurt Murdock. Declo (8-5, 6-2 S-CIC) plays at Filtr 4:45. Whitney Funk and Megan Stradley each scored six points to lead Kimberly

Hagerman 51, Magic Valley Christian 25

HAGERMAN — Hagerman point guard Shannell Knight scored 11 points and dished out eight assists to lead the Lady Pirates past Magic Valley Christian Thursday, 51-25, in Magic Valley Conference Southside play.

Hagerman (10-7, 10-3 Southside) plays at Gooding Saturday and Monday at Murtaugh.

Hansen 48, Lighthouse Christian 21

HANSEN — Charlotte Freeston and Jamie Lapp each scored 14 points to lead Hansen past Lighthouse Christian Thursday in Southside hoops.

Caitlin Pulsipher scored seven to lead the Lions. Hansen (14-3, 11-2 Southside) plays at Rockland Saturday.

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Open

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She dropped serve once in the second set and needed treatment for her lower left leg at 3-2.

Upon returning, she lost only one point before clinching a fourth-round berth with a drop volley.

Maurse has lost just six games in three matches and spent less than three hours on court.

Russia's Vera Zvonareva, seeded 11th, beat Nicole Pietrangola 7-5, 6-2, 6-1; 32nd-seeded Fabiola Zuluaga of Columbia advanced 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-2 over Australian Jill Craybas; and Australian Alicia Molik overcame Claudia Schaul of Luxembourg 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-2.

Murtaugh 42, Castleford 23

CASTLEFORD — Jillian Cutler led Murtaugh to victory over Castleford, scoring 13 points in Magic Valley Southside Conference girls basketball play. Katelyn Perkins contributed nine points and Jenelyn Perkins scored eight.

Echo Frey scored seven points for Castleford, which travels to Oakley Monday.

Gooding 55, Glens Ferry 53 2OT

GOODING — Ashley Abramowski scored 14 points to propel Gooding to a 55-53 win over Glens Ferry in a dramatic double overtime non-conference girls basketball game.

Brittanie Toone and Katie Rice both scored 11 points and Teri Lehr scored nine points.

Glens Ferry's Jessica Simons scored 31 points and Kylee Noble contributed nine points.

Early in the third quarter, Gooding was down 15 points, but put in a great team effort and came back to win, said Gooding athletic director Joleen Toone.

Gooding will host Hagerman Saturday.

Boys basketball

Buhl 59, Filtr 58

BUIHL — They'll be taking about this one in the western part of Twin Falls County for some time. Buhl defeated Filtr 59-58 on a halfcourt heave as time expired on what appears to be a missed call by the game's referee.

The halfcourt attempt bounced off the rim and was tipped in by a Filtr player, reported Buhl coach Ryan Bowman after he reviewed the tape. It should have counted for two, tying the game and forcing overtime, he said.

Instead, Buhl escaped with a controversial home win, rallying from down 10 with three minutes left in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play.

"The officials didn't realize it was tipped," Bowman said. "It gave us a three to win the game. Filtr was pretty upset, understandably. Sometimes the ball bounces weird ways."

Filtr junior Dan Ramsey put the Wildcats up by two with two free throws, with five seconds left.

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Shoshone 60, Dietrich 53

SHOSHONE — Sophomore Greg Strongs scored 10 of his game-high 23 points in the decisive third quarter as Shoshone downed rival Dietrich 60-53 Thursday night in Northside play.

Tony Pereira scored 10 of his 22 in the first quarter. Vance Dill scored 14 for Dietrich.

Shoshone (5-10, 3-5 Northside) hosts Richfield Thursday. Shoshone defeated Dietrich 54-42 in the junior varsity game.

Magie Valley Christian 77, Twin Falls Christian 55

TWIN FALLS — Gody Griffith scored 25 and Wade Johnson combined for 30 points to lift the Magie Valley Christian Conquerors past the Twin Falls Christian Warriors 77-55 Thursday.

Blake Roemer scored 25 points while Michael Harris added 15. The Conquerors host Lighthouse Christian Friday.

Richfield 35, Bliss 31

BLISS — Charlie Amy led Richfield with 14 points to help his team squeak past Bliss 35-31 in Thursday night's Northside Conference game. While Bears coach Nick Smith's team didn't earn the win, Smith was pleased with the intensity his players showed.

"It was a good game, it was back and forth for most of it," said Smith. The Bears were led by 16 points from Sam Bray.

The loss drops Bliss to 0-9 in conference, 1-12 overall. The Bears will look to bounce back next Friday at Rockland.

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Satan lifts Sabres past Bruins, 3-2

BOSTON — Miroslov Satan scored two late goals to help Buffalo snap a six-game road winless streak, 3-2 Thursday night.

Buffalo ended a three-game losing streak and won for only the second time in its last six games. The Sabres also ended Boston's six-game home unbeaten streak.

Satan gave Buffalo a 2-1 lead with 6:20 left, and added an empty-net goal, his 17th of the season, with 1:10 to go to make it 3-1. Rory Fitzpatrick also scored for the Sabres.

Mike Knuble and Glen Murray scored for Boston.

Flyers 2, Rangers 2

NEW YORK — Keith Primeau had two assists just hours after being selected to the All-Star game, and the Philadelphia Flyers snapped out of a powerplay slump in a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

Primeau, a surprise choice to the Eastern Conference All-Star team, set Sami Kapanen's tying goal late in the first period and assisted on Simon Gagne's score that made it 3-2.

Mark Recchi and John LeClair added powerplay goals for the Flyers, 3-for-35 with the man-advantage in their previous 10 games. Anson Carter and Brian Leach scored for the Rangers.

Senators 6, Penguins 5

OTTAWA — Martin Havlat and Peter Schaefer each scored two goals and Marian Hossa had three assists for Ottawa.

Daniel Alfredsson and Josh Langfeld also scored to help Ottawa move within a point of Toronto for the Eastern Conference lead. The Senators improved to 13-24 in their last 19 games.

Milan Kraft, Drake Berehowski, Tom Kostopoulou, Brian Holinger and Dick Tarnstrom scored for Pittsburgh. The Penguins have lost five straight.

Avananche 1, Thrashers 1

ATLANTA — Past Nurminen made 20 saves and Atlanta held Colorado's NHL-leading power play scoreless.

Colorado had converted 24 percent of its opportunities with the man-advantage coming in, but squandered five chances against the Thrashers, including a brief five-on-three in the second period.

Frankie Kabele gave Atlanta a 1-0 lead early in the first period on a power play, and Brad Lensen tied it in the second. Colorado's David Aebischer made 20 saves.



Los Angeles' Karem Rush (21) and Dallas' Josh Howard battle for the ball Thursday during the first quarter in Dallas.

Mavericks whip undermanned Lakers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks might not beat the Los Angeles Lakers often, but they know how to kick them when they're down.

Antawn Jamison scored 26 points in 27 minutes, leading an 18-2 breakthrough spurt in the third quarter that sent the Mavericks past the Lakers 106-87 Thursday night, keeping alive streaks for both teams.

Dallas won its sixth straight, stretching its best run of the season. The Mavs also came close to matching the 26-point blowout victory they enjoyed early last Thursday when the Lakers were without Shaquille O'Neal.

They are now, too, and they're also missing Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone. As a result, they've dropped three straight and four of five games. They've also lost nine straight on the road, their longest skid since dropping 10 in a row in 1963-64.

Kings 95, Cavaliers 89

CLEVELAND — The Peja Stojakovic scored 27 of his 37 points in the second half Thursday night and the Sacramento Kings opened their longest road trip of the season

with a 95-89 win over the undermanned Cleveland Cavaliers.

Stojakovic, on a car of late scored 20 in the third quarter and the Kings held off the Cavs, who were still missing LeBron James but nearly rallied from a nine-point deficit in the final minutes.

Brad Miller had a key putback off a missed free throw with 57.5 seconds left as the Kings (30-10) became the first Western Conference team to reach 30 wins.

Vladimir Divac had 13 points, nine rebounds and nine assists and Miller had 15 rebounds for Sacramento, which began a six-game trip with its 10th win in 12 games.

Dajuan Wagner had 20 points and Carlos Boozer 15 with 11 rebounds for the Cavs. Cleveland was within 89-87 with 1:13 remaining when Wagner made two free throws. Divac missed a free throw — he clanked his last four from the line — with 57.5 seconds to go, but Miller smartly sneaked behind Boozer on the baseline to grab the rebound and score while being fouled. He missed the free throw. Boozer hit two foul shots to make it 91-89, but Mike Bibby penetrated in the lane and made a nice pass underneath to Divac, whose layup sealed it with 24.7 seconds to play.

Jazz frustration grows with losing streak

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Frustration is building for the Utah Jazz...

We need them out on the floor. I also realize that frustration sometimes bothers all of us...

was thrown out in the third quarter for fighting with Cleveland's Zydrunas Ilgauskas...

ball into the crowd after a layup at the end of the first quarter was waved off...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Boxing workshop set for Jan. 31 in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's community education center will hold a five-hour boxing workshop...

Toney Injury forces fight to be called off in Vegas

LAS VEGAS — Heavyweight contender James Toney's Feb. 7 fight with Jameel McCline was called off after Toney ruptured an Achilles' tendon in training...

Namath undergoes alcohol abuse counseling

BRISTOL, Conn. — Joe Namath is undergoing counseling for alcohol abuse a month after a television interview in which he slurred his words...

Canada's Alcock wins World Cup skeleton race

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — Lindsay Alcock won a World Cup skeleton race Thursday with a narrow victory over American Len Ann Parsley...

McNabb out of Pro Bowl, replaced by Rams' Bulger

NEW YORK — Donovan McNabb dropped out of the Pro Bowl on Thursday because of a rib injury, and was replaced by St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger...

Bruschi's injured leg starts to feel better

FOXBORO, Mass. — Terry Bruschi's injured right leg had improved Thursday, but secrecy surrounded the Super Bowl status of the Patriots' receiver...

Twin Falls Rapids tryouts this Saturday and next

TWIN FALLS — Tryouts for the Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer club will be held at two locations this Saturday and two others the next...

Utah coach of allegations

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus was cleared in an investigation into a complaint by a former player who claimed the coach berated him about his partial hearing loss...

Davis to miss two more games with ankle sprain

NEW ORLEANS — Hornets guard Baron Davis will miss two more games with a sprained left ankle...

Lu Russa unfazed, unhurt in small plane accident

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa was unfazed when a small jet he was riding skidded this week off a snow-covered Colorado runway...

Ex-BYU pitcher pleads guilty to sex charge

PROVO, Utah — A former Brigham Young University pitcher who had been expected to return to the school and the team has pleaded guilty to reduced charges of having sex with an underage girl and supplying alcohol to minors...

Samuel-Lewis Fereley, 22, sentenced to 180 days in jail

Provo, Utah — Samuel-Lewis Fereley, 22, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and sentenced to 180 days in jail...

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SPORTS

Perry moves in front at Hope Classic

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) - Kenny Perry is in his prime two decades after making his tour debut.

Perry shot a 6-under 66 Thursday to go to 14 under and take the second-round lead in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Phil Mickelson, playing his first tournament of the year after a disappointing 2003 season, had another good round, a 63 that left him one shot behind Perry.

Mickelson was the 2002 Hope champion, and Perry took the title in 1995 in the 90-hole event.

Kirk Triplett had a 65 and Skip Kendall a 68 and were tied with Mickelson at 13-under 131.

Perry, 43, is coming off his best year, with three victories, 11 finishes in the top 10, and \$4.4 million to rank

sixth on the earnings list.

"I've just gotten better," said Perry, who has won seven times in his career. "I just understand how to play. I understand my golf game. I'm not as rattled as I used to be, and I'm not as angry on the golf course as I used to be."

"I used to always get frustrated trying to make things happen. I'm just letting it happen instead of trying to force it now. You just have to be patient and try not to make the big mistake."

Patience helped him move into the .Hope lead on a day when he wasn't hitting the ball straight.

"It was probably the best round I've ever played for as poor as I hit the ball," he said. "I kept hitting everything to the right. Thank goodness the mental side of my game was good."

Beginning the second round on the back nine at PGA West, he was just even par for the day when he curled in a tricky 8-foot birdie putt on No. 18.

That started him rolling.

Making a series of putts from 6-8 feet after the turn, he had five birdies and



Kenny Perry tees off on the 15th hole during the second round of the Bob Hope Classic Thursday in La Quinta, Calif. Perry shot a six-under par 66 and is the overall leader at 14-under-par.

no bogeys on the front nine. "The key to my round was the 18th" Perry said. "I mis-hit a pitching wedge into the front bunker then blasted it 8 feet from the hole. But it had about eight inches of break, a big curler off the hill. "I said I was going to make the putt for birdie and shoot 5 under on the front nine." And he did.

Hansen shares lead with McLean and Slem JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Denmark's Anders Hansen shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday and shared the first-round lead of the Dunhill Championship with Scotland's Alan McLean and Germany's Marcel Siem. Hansen, troubled by an injured right

wrist, had seven birdies in a bogey-free round in damp conditions on the par-72, 7,118-yard Houghton Golf Club. Last year, he was part of a six-man playoff in the tournament, which was won by Mark Foster. France's Raphael Jacquelin, Denmark's Soren Hansen and France's Gregory Havret were one stroke off the lead at 6-under 66.

Bush uses bully pulpit against steroids

One of the few proposals that brought cheering Democrats to their feet during President Bush's State of the Union address was his call to rid sports of steroids.

That bit of bipartisanship is essential for Congress to pass legislation that would ban over-the-counter sales of steroid precursors and step up the fight against dangerous performance-enhancing supplements.

A bill like that should be a shoe-in for Bush's early signature. In an election year, it would seem good, safe politics to stand strong against steroids. Still, bills have a way of moldering among other priorities. The problem of drugs in sports has been going on for many years with no staunch leadership in Washington to deal with it.

GOP Reps. John Sweeney of New York and Tom Osborne of Nebraska offered a bill in the House more than a year ago that would

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reclassify anabolic steroids and other steroid precursors as controlled substances that cannot be sold over the counter.

"These substances have some effects and dangers as steroids," said Osborne, who coached Nebraska to national football championships in 1994 and '95. "And their side effects pose far greater risks for young people than they do for adults."

Two similar bills sit in the Senate, one by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the other cosponsored by Sens. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Hatch's name is particularly significant because he is the godfather of the 1994 federal law that allowed all manner of "dietary" pills, potions and lotions to escape FDA approval. Coincidentally, the supplement industry in Utah is substantial.

Bush's signature on some final resolution of the bills in Congress would be a huge victory for anti-doping forces. He should invite Mark McGwire, the former poster boy for andro, to lend his support at the signing ceremony. Since renouncing andro and retiring, McGwire has shrunk back to his slimmer self. Bulging muscles don't suit golf.

Yet Bush didn't mention any of those bills in his speech. Instead, he tossed the ball back to sports leaders and athletes. He stated the case broadly when he told Congress that "we help children make right choices, they need good examples," and he called on major sports leagues to implement stringent drug policies.

"Athletics play such an important role in our society, but, unfortunately, some in professional sports are not setting much of an example," the president said.

One of the problems with performance-enhancing drugs like steroids in baseball, football and other sports is dangerous, and it sends the wrong message - that there are shortcuts to accomplishment, and that performance is more important than character.

"So tonight I call on team owners, union representatives, coaches and players to take the lead, to send the right signal, to get tough, and to get rid of steroids now."

The sentiments, aimed unambiguously at his former co-players in baseball and the reluctant players' union, may be the best Bush can do from his bully pulpit besides pushing for stricter controls of over-the-counter supplements.

Baseball, which will start testing players this spring, has made progress but is still a long way from a tough policy to stop steroids.

Between 5 and 7 percent of anonymous player tests last summer turned up positive. But under the policy negotiated in the last labor agreement, no player would be punished unless he is caught at least two more times. Littering carries a stiffer fine than a player starting the season juiced up on steroids.

A major reason for baseball's failure to embrace a stronger policy has been the union's worries about intrusions on a player's privacy by year-round random testing.

Privacy is not a frivolous concern, but it has to be balanced against the threats to the players, the sports and the impressionable young fans who watch them. In an atmosphere of widespread chemical cheating across many sports, professionals and amateurs have to be willing to give up a portion of their privacy to ensure integrity and safety. They have to be willing to accept testing to send the message to kids that it's not OK to cheat and risk your health to win.

Bush's rhetoric gives the anti-doping fight more ammunition and credibility. Whether it will make much difference is uncertain, but some are hopeful.

Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said it was "as close to a home run as you can get on this issue."

The significance of the president speaking out against steroids so forcefully on such an occasion in the State of the Union address, Pound said, is immense.

"It's never been said before by someone in his position," Pound said. "He's saying this is a real issue, a national issue. He understands clearly that professional athletes have an inordinate influence on the young people in this country."

Kids listen to the athletes. Maybe some athletes will listen to the president.

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Hard-hitting backs lead Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) - New England beat Steve McNair and Peyton Manning in the playoffs by smacking their receivers and stealing their passes.

So if the Patriots' defensive backs could make the NFL's co-MVPs look ordinary, they should toy with Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme in the Super Bowl, right?

Patriots strong safety Rodney Harrison knocked down that idea as if it were a tight end coming across the middle.

"The co-MVPs are at home while he's playing in the Super Bowl," Harrison said Thursday when the Patriots returned to practice after two days off. "How are we going to get overconfident? We haven't done anything. We haven't won a Super Bowl yet."

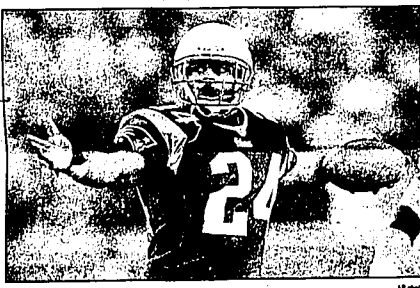
Not this year, anyway. They did that in 2002 against St. Louis. But cornerback Ty Law is the Patriots' only starting defensive back from that game still with the team.

After last season, cornerback Otis Smith was cut and safety Tuckey Jones was traded to New Orleans.

The last starter to leave was safety Lawyer Milloy, an emotional team leader with four Pro Bowl appearances. He was released five days before the season in a contract dispute.

Four of the Patriots' top five defensive backs are newcomers this season. Harrison, a free agent signed in the offseason, spent his other nine pro seasons losing most of his games with San Diego. The other starters have done just fine.

Harrison led the team in tackles and intercepted a pass in the end zone on Indianapolis' first



New England Patriots' Ty Law celebrates after his fourth quarter interception against the Indianapolis Colts during the AFC Championship Game Sunday in Foxboro, Mass.

drive of the AFC championship game.

Free safety Eugene Wilson, a rookie converted from cornerback, leveled Colts receiver Brandon Stokley on an incompletion over the middle.

Cornerback Tyrone Pole and Law led New England with six regular-season interceptions apiece. And Law added three pickoffs against Manning in last Sunday's 24-14 win in the AFC championship game.

Their tight coverage led to three sacks and an interception against McNair in the 17-14 playoff win over Tennessee, and four sacks and four interceptions against Manning. The co-MVPs threw just one touchdown pass each.

That's what Delhomme, a seven-year veteran and a first-year starter, will face on Feb. 1 in

Houston. Steve Smith expects he and fellow receiver Mushin Muhammad to see the same hard-hitting style.

"Moose is more of a physical guy. I am the butterfly," Smith said. "I'm not with all that mugging and stuff, so I am not really worried about it. It is a part of the game and that is Ty Law's game and he is very successful with it."

In their 18 games this season, the Patriots have allowed only 11 touchdown passes thanks to a strong pass rush, mobile linebackers and tenacious defensive backs. They led the NFL with 29 interceptions and returned five for touchdowns.

Delhomme threw for 19 touchdowns and 16 interceptions in the regular season. He'll be throwing to receivers who could have one eye on the ball and the other on defenders barreling toward them.

The other Manning soaks up spotlight

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Ricky Manning Jr. stepped out of the sauna and into the locker room, pausing to flex like a body-builder.

His Carolina Panthers teammates stared in disbelief, then burst into laughing.

With four postseason interceptions, the rookie cornerback has turned into a star and is being every minute of it. "I think Ricky went to be a model or something," safety Deon Grant said. "He thinks he's so pretty and so special - he thought that even before he started playing well. Now that he's playing as good as he is, he's out of control."

But that's OK with the Panthers. After all, Manning is learning as he goes, and Carolina might not be keen to let the Super Bowl to play the New England Patriots on Feb. 1 if it not for him.

After replacing an injured Terry Cousin in the starting lineup with four games left in the regular season, Manning has improved steadily. He had three interceptions in the regular season, and returned one 27 yards for a touchdown in the finale against the New York Giants.

His play hit another level in the postseason. Against Dallas in the first round, he allowed only two receptions and no touchdowns while breaking up two passes.

He saved Carolina's season the next week in St. Louis, stripping the ball away from receiver Torry Holt in overtime to stop the potential game-winning drive. That interception set up the Panthers' own score to send them to the NFC championship game.

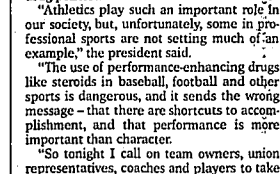
But he saved his best for last week, intercepting three passes against the Philadelphia Eagles. One ended a possible scoring drive, another set up a Carolina touchdown.

Now the ball-faced Manning - at 23, he's the youngest player on Carolina's roster - is one of the most popular Panthers.

"My phone doesn't stop ringing now, so I just keep it off," he said. "I don't know if I am a star, but that's the way everyone is making me feel. All I know is I am playing real well right now, so I think it's well deserved."

Manning has been on a mission all season. Manning made the all-conference football team three times and thought he was one of the best cornerbacks in the draft.

But 81 players - including 10 cornerbacks - were selected before him. Manning couldn't help but feel snubbed by the time the Panthers called his name in the third round.



Ricky Manning Jr.

Loyola

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There have been a few close calls this season - six games have been decided by five points or fewer - but Loyola remains on course to eclipse the streak that Grambling assembled from Dec. 6, 1999, to Dec. 16, 2000.

"It's not the kind of record you want to be associated with," Loyola athletic director Joe Boylan said.

The Greyhounds' next chance to win comes Friday on the road against league-leading Manhattan in a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference game. If the loss continues, Loyola's last chance to avoid becoming new kings of futility will come at home Feb. 4 against Manhattan.

In between, there are games against Fairfield, Marist and St. Peter's.

"We're doing what we

can, but the players we have are not as good as some of the other teams in this league," Boylan conceded.

And it's not just this season. Loyola hasn't had a winning season since 1993-94, when the Greyhounds entered the NCAA tournament as MAAC champions.

Under Hicks, Loyola went 6-21, 5-23 and 4-24 before losing its first 16 games this season with a roster that includes five sophomores and four freshmen.

"Scott has done a lot of very good things," Boylan said. "But the record speaks for itself."

The Greyhounds' modern basketball arena usually draws fewer than 500 fans for home games. As for recruiting, the best players often choose a school that places more emphasis on sports.

CSI

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The University of Hawaii is averaging 15.9 points and 8.7 rebounds per game, both team bests. He is third in the league in scoring and second in rebounding, behind CSI's Yusuf Baker (9.7 rpg).

"Matt Gipson is great," Arnold said. "I think he's a phenomenal player, probably in the top five in the conference. He's definitely the key. He's an inside/outside player."

Sophomore point guard Curtis Lincoln (5-11) is adding 14.0 ppg and 5.2 assists per game, second best in the SWAC. Sophomore off-guard Paul Hafford chips in at 14.2 ppg while shooting 42 percent from 3-point range.

Women

CSI head coach Randy Rogers also has a conference title well within reach. The 21st-ranked Eagles (16-4 overall, 12-2 SWAC) have a two-game edge over the College of Eastern Utah (10-4 conference) and have the luxury of

hosting CEU Feb. 13-14. Third-place Salt Lake Community College, at 7-5, appears to be a long shot to make a run at the championship.

"We have a chance to choose our own destiny, we have a chance to control it," Rogers said. "We have a two-game lead right now. I figure that if we can win our next three games, and that's easier said than done, we can win our region. One of this team's goals at the beginning of the season was to win the region."

With the return of guard Sidney Orndorff to the lineup last weekend, and the possible return of forward Jennifer Fond and center Lenka Zimova to the rotation today, CSI appears to be getting all its heavy artillery back in time to get for a run in the regional tournament in early March. Guard Delicia Jernigan also made it back into the rotation last weekend, but she rolled her ankle in Saturday's game and is questionable for the rotation.

"I think I'll take two or three weeks once everybody's back to get back into that flow where we were," Rogers said. "Really, with the timing of it, if we stay injury-free, we're going to be peaking, at the right time going into the end of the season and the region tournament."

Rogers will welcome the return of Pond (sprained ankle) and Zimova (broken foot) with open arms. In their absence, the Eagles' play, at least offensively, has been spotty at best on the low block. No low post player scored in double digits in either game last weekend against Dixie State.

And CSI would love to use as many big bodies as possible on 6-foot freshman center Brianna Thompson of North Idaho (6-13, 4-10). She is averaging 17.3 points and 8.6 rebounds per game, both SWAC bests.

"She's nice. I'd love to have her (at CSI)," Rogers said. "She's not extremely big, but she's a strong post. Our main focus preparing for them is her. We've got to stop her first and force the other kids to shoot from the outside."

VARSITY

Valley, Wendell collide

Baggs' determination earns him No. 1 status

Teams sit atop Canyon Conference

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

WENDELL - Need a reason to get excited about Saturday night's Canyon Conference boys basketball game between the visiting Valley Vikings and the Wendell Trojans?

How about 6-foot-8 Kael Pope dominating the post against the smaller Vikings? Or the potential offensive explosion that is Valley's Michael Grant and his 28 point-per-game scoring average?

The two teams stand eye-to-eye atop the Canyon Conference, both owning a win over Glenns Ferry. The victor tonight will stand atop the conference standings heading into the home stretch of the season.

For 14-0 Wendell - the top-ranked 2A team in Idaho - more than just a win is on the line. Last year, Valley defeated the Trojans four times, including a 61-51 district championship win that ended Wendell's season.

Trojan coach Allan Kelsey and his team are determined not to repeat past mistakes.

"We're motivated by that," said Kelsey. "The thing we want to do is not become overly motivated by it. We want to continue to play the kind of basketball we've been playing all year."

Wendell's starting five of Pope, Zac and Tyrel Davis, Cody Howerton, and Jysen Lancaster all felt the sting of last year's losses to Valley and will look to protect their pride and their perfect season. The emergence of sophomore Zac Davis as one of the area's premier point guards has been a big boost for the Trojans - a trend that will have to continue against Valley.

"He's playing just right," Kelsey said. "His main job is to get the ball to other people, and he looks to score when he has opportunities. Make no mistake though, all things Wendell will be done through Pope. The Southern Utah-bound center will have a seven-inch height advantage over the tallest Valley defender, and will play a huge role as the anchor of Wendell's full-court press.

"We're just waiting to see how they'll play Kael," said Kelsey. "Whether they zone him or go man-to-man, all these things we'll find out."

For Valley to leave Wendell with



The Wendell Trojans bench react to a referee's call during a recent boys basketball win.

Game of the Week

Valley vs. Wendell

the Canyon Conference play, the Vikings will need to play what is undoubtedly their best game of the season. While Grant will need to bring his A-game tomorrow night, there is no single player in the state that can beat Wendell. The Viking role players will need to make timely baskets the way they did in their earlier 58-43 home win over Glenns Ferry.

"If (Wendell does) key on Mike, our other guys will have to step up and make shots," said Viking coach Bernard Mussman.

Even a great offensive effort may not be enough to get by Wendell. Since Valley lacks a defender to match up with Pope, playing great team defense will be huge for the Vikings.

"We're just going to have to take care of the ball when they bring it to the top," Mussman said. "We'll double down on Pope, and the rotation needs to be there when he kicks it out."

While limiting Pope's chances inside will be important, Mussman knows that his team can't forget about Wendell's other starters.

"That is the biggest problem,

they have four other real good players that can make things happen," said Mussman. "We'll have to recognize who's hot for them and key in from there."

Regardless of the outcome of the game, both coaches know that this initial match-up is just a pleasant hello, compared to district tournament time.

"We'll just see exactly what we're capable of and what the matchups are as far as seeing who we need to get open," said Mussman. "There are so many things that factor in, you can't put too much emphasis on this one game."

Hagerman at Raft River

While still a few days off, Tuesday's game in Malta between the Hagerman Pirates and the Raft River Trojans is of the utmost importance in the Magic Valley Conference standings race. While the Trojans sit atop the conference, their toughest test to date came in Hagerman when they eked out a 67-64 victory over the Pirates.

Girls basketball

Declo at Filer

Tonight's game between the Declo Lady Hornets and the Filer Lady Wildcats is the rematch of Declo's 57-43 home victory earlier this year. The tables are turned tonight though, as juniors Jenica Mecham and Lindsay Heimkes will

have homecourt advantage. If the Wildcats expect to gain a win over Declo, Mecham's teammates will have to give the shooting guard more help than they did in Declo. Mecham finished with 20 points in Filer's previous game against the Hornets, but was the only Wildcat player to score in double figures.

Declo will once again rely on their size advantage to propel them past the Wildcats. The long arms of twins Melissa and Megan Webb in Declo's zone defense gave the Wildcat offense fits before.

Valley at Wendell

The rematch of Valley's 41-35 defeat at the hands of the Wendell-Lady Trojans comes Tuesday night at Wendell High School. Wendell walked off the Lady Viking's court earlier this season, knowing they can beat Valley. Missed chances on one end and offensive rebounds on the other were the reason for the Lady Trojans' earlier undoing.

The Vikings will need another strong performance from sharpshooting sophomore Hailee Kelsey, along with better focus on rebounding to make it past Valley this time.

Valley senior Mindy Malone will look to improve upon her earlier performance against Wendell - six points before fouling out. If Malone helps sophomore forward Lindsay Wood with the scoring duties, the Lady Vikings will be atop the Canyon Conference heading into the postseason.



Off the mat, Baggs is an avid hunter who also enjoys working on automobiles. He played football for Buhl and has aspirations to earn a business degree in college. While he has been speaking with Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. about collegiate wrestling, Baggs has yet to determine his final college plans.

For the standout senior, the looming completion of his high school career has come quickly.

"I haven't really thought about it, but it's kind of weird," Baggs said. "It feels like it was yesterday that I was a freshman and starting. When it's over, I'll probably miss it."

And what better way for Baggs to cap off his senior season than taking a 3A wrestling championship?

Boys basketball

Kael Pope, Wendell

The 6-foot-8 senior finished with 33 points, 17 rebounds, and five blocks in the undefeated Trojans' 91-53 defeat of Glenns Ferry Wednesday night. After the game, Pope wore a shirt that read, "Keep starting, I might do a trick." Good advice when Pope steps on the court.

Girls basketball

Mindy Malone, Valley

The senior point forward has been strong all season, including a 25-point effort against Glenns Ferry Monday night. The Lady Vikings' 53-30 win moved them to 3-0 in the Canyon Conference, clinching a top seed heading into the district tournament.

Parry's Power Guide

Team	Rating	Team	Rating	Team	Rating	Team	Rating
0. Blackfoot	85.7	21. Bear Lake	54.2	26. Clearwater Valley	25.7	30. Camas County	27.0
1. Post Falls	85.7	22. Soda Springs	52.1	27. Moscow	22.7	31. Oakley	24.6
2. Rigby	84.9	23. Payette	47.3	28. Teton	21.6	32. North Gem	23.4
3. Moscow	83.9	24. Buhl	46.0			33. Murgho	22.0
4. Timberline	83.2	25. Weiser	44.3			34. Highland	22.8
5. Spingonia Falls	82.5	26. Gooding	42.7			35. Arco	22.7
6. Eagle	81.6	27. St. Maries	41.4			36. Pocatello	21.4
7. Capital	81.4					37. Remond	20.6
8. Shoshone	81.3					38. Greenleaf Friends	19.5
9. Lewiston	81.1					39. Clark County	19.3
10. Timberline	81.0					40. Idaho City	18.8
11. Spingonia Falls	80.7					41. Timpanio	17.2
12. Mountain View	80.6					42. Idaho	14.1
13. Eagle	80.6					43. Cambridge	11.0
14. Capital	80.4					44. Bliss	10.5
15. Shoshone	80.1					45. Almo	9.2
16. Nampa	84.6					46. Golden Valley	8.4
17. Deer Valley	84.2					47. Wader	8.3
18. Mountain View	83.9					48. IF Christian	8.1
19. Pocatello	83.3					49. Leseau	7.8
20. Twin Falls	82.3					50. First Christian	0.5
21. Skyline	81.6					51. Meadows Valley	3.9
22. Minico	70.4					52. Salmon River	9.0
23. Lava City	77.8					53. Lighthouse Christian	10.7
24. Bliss	75.6						
25. Highland	74.8						

Larsen

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teenage girls than an issue of The National Enquirer. But joy of joys, it also holds a nice shot of Declo's Melissa Webb blocking Wildcat-Jenica Mecham's shot, in focus, to boot.

I've also learned something about making mistakes. Walking to my car after a Burley boys basketball game, I slipped on the ice and landed on my back in front of a group of teenagers. As they started to laugh, my face turned magenta as I found my feet and brushed myself off.

I grinned at the kids on the way to my car.

After all, it was just a slip-up in front of three kids. We've all had those embarrassing moments, they're no fun, but they're not big deal. But multiply that embarrassment to 23,000

people - the approximate Times-News' circulation - and you'll know how I felt Jan. 1.

I nearly vomited when I saw my 2003 Rising Stars wrap-up. In trying to honor the memory of the late Trent Davis of Wendell, I reached the pinnacle of bone-head rookie errors by mistaking my first name. While the realization that 23,000 people viewed my error into their homes was a grim realization, it paled in comparison to my disappointment in letting down his wife and children. I have no excuses and don't expect the error will be my last, but I pray it will be my worst.

From humility to humiliation, elation to empathy, life as a sports writer is simply that - life. All I can do is learn as I go.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

2003-04 IDAHO BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Boys Basketball Standings Through Jan. 21	Girls Basketball Standings Through Jan. 21
<p>Class 5A</p> <p>1. Coeur d'Alene 96.3</p> <p>2. Shoshone 91.1</p> <p>3. Lewiston 91.1</p> <p>4. Timberline 91.0</p> <p>5. Spingonia Falls 89.6</p> <p>6. Eagle 89.6</p> <p>7. Capital 89.4</p> <p>8. Shoshone 88.7</p> <p>9. Mendon 86.1</p> <p>10. Nampa 84.6</p> <p>11. Coeur d'Alene 84.2</p> <p>12. Mountain View 83.9</p> <p>13. Pocatello 83.3</p> <p>14. Twin Falls 82.3</p> <p>15. Skyline 81.6</p> <p>16. Minico 70.4</p> <p>17. Lava City 77.8</p> <p>18. Bliss 75.6</p> <p>19. Highland 74.8</p>	<p>Class 1A</p> <p>1. Carey 48.8</p> <p>2. Mackay 47.4</p> <p>3. Joy 36.3</p> <p>4. Raft River 36.9</p> <p>5. Hagerman 33.3</p> <p>6. Clark Fork 41.0</p> <p>7. Harpette 40.9</p> <p>8. Idaho 39.1</p> <p>9. Shoshone 39.1</p> <p>10. Cascade 37.8</p> <p>11. Council 37.3</p> <p>12. Community School 36.9</p> <p>13. Genesee 36.5</p> <p>14. Horseshoe Bend 36.2</p> <p>15. Hamam 36.5</p> <p>16. Cole Valley Christian 35.5</p> <p>17. Malan 34.0</p> <p>18. Lakeview 33.3</p> <p>19. Hope Valley Christian 32.6</p> <p>20. Richland 31.8</p> <p>21. Drury 31.3</p> <p>22. Castleton 30.8</p> <p>23. Mountain Cove 30.6</p> <p>24. Kenock 30.0</p> <p>25. Hamam 36.5</p> <p>26. Noterham 29.9</p> <p>27. Detrick 29.7</p> <p>28. Gem State 27.8</p> <p>29. Renohead 27.7</p>

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber announces speaker for breakfast

SUN VALLEY - Ford Frick, of BBC Research and Consulting in Denver, will be the featured speaker at this year's Economic Outlook Breakfast in Sun Valley.

The breakfast, sponsored by the Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau and Blaine County Title, will be held at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 4 at the Sun Valley Lodge Dining Room.

Frick will discuss downtown revitalization and resort town retail. Cost is \$20. Reservations must be made by Feb. 2 at 732-2105 or smahoney@visitsunvalley.com.

CSI offers job research workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free Occupational Research workshop. The workshop aims to help participants sort through their options for training and careers, and weigh the factors of expected pay and required investment in training.

"Many people have narrowed down their career choices, but just need more information to help them make an educated decision," organizers said in a statement. "Through resources such as Idaho Career Information Systems, Occupational Outlook Handbook and the Department of Labor, a participant will have a hands-on approach to researching areas of interest for an occupation and compare occupational choices."

The informal free workshop is set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday. The session is open for individualized help. Time spent in the session depends on the amount of information each participant needs.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

CSI offers career planning course

TWIN FALLS - Successful careers are a result of careful planning, says the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

The center is offering the "WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning Skills" class for people who want to identify their personal values, interests and existing skills. The class aims to direct participants - whether currently employed or not - toward their education and job options, and to help them make plans of action to pursue their goals.

"WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning" is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 5 through Feb. 19. Register before Feb. 2. For information, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

Cost for the one-credit class is \$82.50. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

Judge denies request for separate trials

DENVER - Separate trials are unnecessary for the former Qwest Communications International Inc. executives facing fraud and conspiracy charges, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Robert E. Blackburn denied reverance motions for former executives Grant Graham, Thomas Hall, Bryan Treasday and John Walker. Their criminal trial is set to begin Feb. 17.

The men had argued a joint trial would hurt their individual defenses, which conflict. Blackburn disagreed, arguing the men allegedly participated in the same acts and that conflicting stories were not sufficient grounds to grant separate trials. He said a joint trial would not bar any of the defendants from presenting relevant evidence.

Joint trials are favored, Blackburn said, because they conserve judicial resources, help avoid inconsistent verdicts and alleviate burdens on witnesses who would have to testify at multiple trials.

The former executives are accused of seeking to create more than \$33 million in revenue by wrongfully reporting a purchase order from the Arizona School Facilities Board. All have pleaded innocent.

The defendants are among eight current or former Qwest executives named as defendants in a civil lawsuit filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission - accusing them of inflating revenues. That case is on hold while the criminal case proceeds.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

New CSI course will train machinists

Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - At a time when high-tech manufacturing jobs are at a premium, a new technical training program by the College of Southern Idaho will put local machinists at an advantage when Hydro-Fitting Manufacturing Corp. starts operations in July.

CSI's new Machining Technology program, designed to train potential employees for manufacturing industries that use "computer number calibration" machining processes, known as CNCs, starts Feb. 3 at the Twin Falls High School technical training center.

The program is composed of six five-week evening courses that will teach basic through advanced machining technology using CNC equipment provided in part by CSI's industry partners, Seastrom

Manufacturing and Hydro Fitting, said DeVere Burton, CSI dean of technical education.

"Our goal is to identify and train a pool of people with the interest and aptitude to learn the skills necessary for employment in high-tech manufacturing," Burton said.

Experienced machinists are also invited to sign up for training to upgrade their skills. Developing the program was a crucial step in recruiting Hydro Fitting to relocate from Covina, Calif., to Twin Falls, Burton said. The company, which produces high-precision hydraulic valves and fittings for the aerospace industry and the U.S. military, will break ground for its Twin Falls facility Jan. 30.

Burton compared the machining program to the computer-technology program CSI created in 2001 to train potential employees for Dell Inc. While students who complete the course are not guaranteed jobs with Hydro Fitting, those who demonstrate the aptitude and develop skills

required for jobs at the company could have an advantage over other applicants, Burton said. Hydro Fitting plans to hire about 37 new employees.

CSI will work in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Labor's Job Service to place qualified machining technologists and experienced machinists with local companies.

Interest in the training program has been high, said Scott Scholes, CSI advising director. The course has room for 15 students, and 10 students have signed up since registration began last week. A second section will be formed if demand remains high, Scholes said.

Burton said the classes will be held at the Twin Falls High School technical training center due to a lack of room on the CSI campus for the large computerized lathes used for training. But the lack of space worked out as an advantage for both CSI and the Twin Falls School District, said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs.

He said the school district and

CSI had been looking for a way to collaborate to expand the high school's technical education curriculum, and the opportunity to hold college classes at the high school's technical training center was a "perfect way to start."

The school district and CSI plan to develop a joint machining technology program for high school and college students, starting in the fall.

But registration is open now for the college's own training program. Course instructors Larry Waymont, owner of Waymont Manufacturing in Filer, and Ken Gould, plant manager for the Filer shop, were selected for their machining expertise and experience, Burton said.

Waymont Manufacturing, which produces high-tech machine tools and parts, will relocate to a larger location in Filer soon. Waymont is looking to hire three more employees, who could be drawn from machinists trained in the course.

Cost for the full six-credit training program is \$495, but those looking to upgrade their skills

To enroll

College of Southern Idaho's new Machining Technology program

• What: Six five-week evening courses

• When: Feb. 3 through midsummer

• Where: Twin Falls High School technical training center

• Cost: \$495 for full program or \$82.50 per course

• For information and schedule: Call CSI Advising Director Scott Scholes at 732-6250.

• Course starting dates:

March 9
Basic Machining Technology I:

Feb. 3
Basic Machining Technology II:

March 9
Blueprint Reading: April 13
CNC Programming: May 18
Basic Machining Technology III:

May 19
Advanced Machining Technology:

June 22

may enroll in individual courses for \$82.50 per credit. Need-based scholarships are available.

Dreading the outcome

Farmers, ranchers fear proposed trade pact with Australia

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - U.S. milk, beef and sugar producers are likely losers if the Bush administration finalizes a trade pact with Australia that is seen as a key test of America's resolve in promoting global free trade.

Negotiators meeting in Washington are anxious to wrap up the agreement, aimed at giving Australian farmers greater access to U.S. consumers while opening up markets Down Under for U.S. pharmaceuticals, machinery and entertainment.

A deal would also allow the Bush administration to reward Australia for its support of the free trade pact. But by backing the pact, the Bush team could face a political backlash at home.

American consumers would probably benefit through lower food prices, while Hollywood could gain a greater share of the Australian entertainment market. The U.S. agriculture industry, however, fears the agreement will open the door to a flood of cheap imports, driving thousands of U.S. producers out of business.

"There's a lot of trepidation among California farmers," said Christopher Galen, a spokesman for the National Milk Producers Federation in Washington. "The guys with the boots in the Central Valley are real concerned that the guys with the suits in Hollywood are going to be the ones who benefit from this agreement at their expense."

California's 2,144 dairy farmers, who provide more than 20 percent of the nation's milk, say they will lose up to 21,000 jobs and \$4.9 billion in farm income if the United States agrees to Australia's dairy proposal.



Dairy farmer Jaquin Contenté stands in front of some of his cows at his ranch in Hanford, Calif. U.S. milk, beef and sugar producers are likely losers if the Bush administration finalizes a trade pact with Australia that is seen as a key test of America's resolve in promoting global free trade.

"This is going to either make or break the dairy industry in the United States," said Cornell Kasbergren, 46, a third-generation dairy farmer in Tulare.

Farmers in Australia and the developing world, who accuse Washington of failing to match its free-trade rhetoric with action, say the United States must open up its most protected farm sectors or risk further alienating developing countries under pressure to purchase more American high-tech goods and services.

"Anger over huge U.S. and European farm subsidies contributed to the breakdown in global trade talks last fall in Cancun, Mexico. Officials at the Geneva-based World Trade Organization are trying to restart those negotiations, which were supposed to develop a blueprint for trade round launched two years ago in Doha, Qatar.

The clash over agriculture has turned the U.S.-Australia trade talks into a litmus test of America's willingness to confront free-trade opponents within its own borders. Though the Bush administration has been a leading proponent of

opening markets around the world, it triggered widespread resentment when it levied punitive restrictions on imports of steel and apparel and textiles.

With global trade talks in hiatus, the United States has turned its attention to finalizing bilateral free-trade agreements with Australia and more than a dozen other countries.

The United States and Australia already boast a robust economic relationship. The United States shipped \$12 billion in goods to Australia in 2003, making it the country's top supplier, while purchasing \$5.8 billion in Australian goods. U.S. companies are also the top foreign investors in Australia.

Grant Aldons, the U.S. commerce undersecretary, said recently that he was confident the two sides could wrap up a deal benefiting both countries and rewarding a "tremendous ally." U.S. trade negotiators have said they are pursuing an accord that would include greater access for services investment and "across the board" liberalizations and "across the board" liberalizations.

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Layoffs

Krafts expected to cut 6,500 jobs, spend savings on marketing

Kraft Ritter News Service

CHICAGO - Kraft Foods Inc. is expected to announce thousands of job cuts early next week as part of Chief Executive Roger Dermode's plan to cut costs and put more muscle into marketing.

In research notes to clients, Wall Street analysts said Thursday that they expect Dermode to reveal job cuts of up to 10 percent of its workforce and plant closures when he discusses fourth-quarter earnings Tuesday. The Northfield, Ill.-based company - which has a cheese plant in Rupert - is expected to report earnings of 50 cents per share, down a cent from a year earlier, according to analysts' consensus estimates from Thomson First Call.

Kraft spokesman Dennis Stidewitz declined comment. But company sources confirmed that job cuts and plant closures are scheduled to be unveiled Tuesday.

Dermode is scheduled to be in New York Tuesday to meet with Wall Street analysts.

"Organizational changes may result in the termination of about 10 percent of Kraft's workforce,"

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Boise Cascade boasts boost

Company reports 11 percent rise in fourth-quarter profits

The Associated Press

—BOISE - Stable office product sales and a solid plywood market offset continued weakness in the paper sector to push fourth-quarter profits up 11 percent for Boise Cascade Corp.

The Idaho-based company - which has a corrugated container plant in Burley and an OfficeMax store in Twin Falls - on Thursday reported net income of \$6.9 million for the October-December quarter, or 5 cents per share of common stock, on revenue of just under \$2.4 billion.

That compared with a profit of \$6.2 million, or 5 cents a share, on revenue of \$1.8 billion during the final quarter of 2002.

The lumber and paper company that more than doubled its office products business with last month's \$1.3 billion acquisition of Cleveland-based OfficeMax Inc. said the expansion plus other one-time transactions boosted fourth-quarter income to \$18.3 million, or 24 cents a share.

Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call anticipated earnings of 25 cents a share. Chairman George Harad predicted both sales

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Lower paying service work replaces high-paid tech jobs

The Associated Press

BOISE - Like most states, Idaho replaced highly paid technology jobs lost during the 2001 recession with lower-paying work in the service sector, according to a national report.

The report by the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute said that the jobs created in Idaho between November 2001 and November 2003 paid an average of \$29,593 a year - 13 percent less than jobs lost during the same period. Idaho's percentage decline was

the lowest among seven Mountain states that suffered declines. Only Nevada, which recorded an increase of 9 percent, saw the creation of more high-paying jobs. Idaho fared relatively well in total employment, according to the state's chief economist, Michael Ferguson.

While nationwide unemployment seemed to be continuously drifting downward, Ferguson said, Idaho recovered enough to hit a record 576,600 last November. "The (Idaho) job trend has

clearly been upward," Ferguson said. "But there is no doubt that we've seen a change in the composition of the work force."

Ferguson said many of the Idaho jobs added in the education, health care and professional services industries don't pay as well as many of the jobs lost during the recession that officially ended in November 2001.

However, Idaho is on track to recover at least some of those high-paying jobs, thanks to an expected 0.8 percent increase in high-tech employment for 2003, a jump that

is expected to accelerate to 3.3 percent by 2004, Ferguson said.

John Church of the consulting firm Idaho Economics agreed that the high-tech sector is showing signs of ramping up to take advantage of higher prices brought on by a recovering economy, but he warned against expecting an all-out hiring spree in the near future.

"It was McCain, I'd be cautious until I was sure that these price levels were sustainable," Church said. Church expects overall job growth in Idaho will be 1.5 percent in 2004, with the high-tech

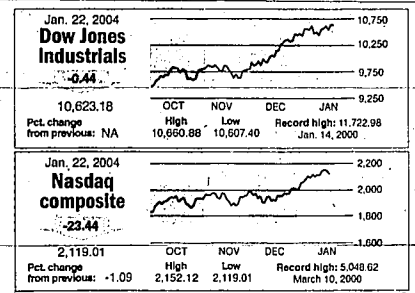
manufacturing sector eking out a gain of a couple of hundred jobs.

The Economic Policy Institute report, which was based on an analysis of data compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, found that 48 of 50 states have seen jobs in high-paying industries give way to lower-paying employment since November 2001.

Only Nevada and Nebraska saw net gains. Nationwide, the jobs gained paid an annual average of 21 percent less than the jobs lost.

MONEY

Stocks head lower



Cautious investors digest earnings reports

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks drifted lower in choppy trading Thursday as investors sifted through economic reports and corporate earnings, but Eastman Kodak surged on restructuring news.

Boise Cascade sells Washington complex

BOISE (AP) - Boise Cascade Corp. announced the sale of its Yakima, Wash., plywood plant and sawmill complex to Frontier Resources of Eugene Ore.

Our decision to explore the possibility of a sale stemmed from strategic reviews that began a few years ago.

Bush looks to colleges to fuel job growth

TROY, N.Y. (AP) - Simeon Cloutier could not afford university tuition to study computer- or forensic science.

I had one-on-one time to talk with a manager or a boss," said Cloutier, 20, who wants to work in the computer network security field.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ with columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ national market data including various stock indices and their values.

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and income should rise during the next 12 months as office product sales increase, prices strengthen for wood products and the trough in the paper industry ends.

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"We believe...the very difficult year in 2003 that Boise Paper Solutions experienced was a cyclical low point for that business."

plated.

For 2003, excluding the acquisition and one-time transactions, Boise's earnings and earnings per share were \$2.1 million.

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American work force, or about 6,500 employees," Eric Katzman, an analyst with Deutsche Bank Securities, wrote in a note to clients.

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For much of the past year, the maker of Oreo Cookies, Oscar Mayer and other products.

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On Dec. 16, Kraft had announced the chief executive would give him sole control of the nation's largest food maker.

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Australia

other opponents have vowed to take their battle to Congress, where the deal will need to be approved.

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Section E

Changing focus

Candidate Clark finds battlefield has shifted in New Hampshire

By David Jackson
The Dallas Morning News

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Retired Gen. Wesley Clark is ready to change into the 2004 political wars, though the first battle is not what he expected.

The New Hampshire primary is no longer a one-on-one with Howard Dean, a Yankee governor with no foreign policy experience. Instead, the Arkansas general also has to contend with Vietnam veteran John Kerry and smooth Southerner John Edwards, the top two finishers in the Iowa caucuses.

So in accepting an endorsement Wednesday from New Hampshire veterans, Clark offered his own analysis of Iowa. Voters wanted someone who knows national security, understands ordinary people, and can stand up to President Bush and beat him by

taking Southern states. "They split their votes," Clark said at a VFW hall near the waterfront. "I'm that package all in one vote."

Clark joined the race in September to much fanfare but soon fell prey to a rookie candidate's mistakes. Now, after skipping Iowa, he puts his four-star resume before actual voters in New Hampshire and across the country.

"This is a nationwide race," Clark said this week at his New Hampshire campaign headquarters. "We're going to do well here — we're going to do well everywhere."

Not without a fight, however. Democratic rivals are focused on stopping Clark's rise: pinning two of the harshest labels they could find on him — Republican and lobbyist.

Primary opponents have drawn attention to Clark's past votes for Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, and even kind words he once had for President Bush.

As Iowa winner John Kerry puts it: "I'm a lifelong Democrat." In an increasingly sharp stump speech, Clark emphasizes traditional domestic issues, saying he has plans to provide health care,

On the Issues

Which of the tax cuts enacted in 2001 would you change, if any?



Wesley Clark
"I support tax reform to make the tax code fairer, simpler, more progressive and more pro-growth. My plan will relieve the squeeze on middle-class families by eliminating federal income taxes entirely for families with children making less than \$50,000 annually and by lowering taxes for all families making less than \$100,000."



Howard Dean
"I would roll back all of the Bush tax cuts."



Sen. John Edwards
"I will repeal the Bush tax cuts that benefit only the top 2 percent of Americans. I will also impose a new tax on unearned income for the top 1 percent. At the same time, I will offer new tax cuts to 95 percent of Americans."



Sen. John Kerry
"I will roll back the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. However, I don't believe that we should be raising taxes on the middle class. Specifically, I want to protect the increases in the child tax credit, the reduced marriage penalty, and the new 10 percent tax bracket that helps people save \$350 on their first level of income."



Rep. Dennis Kucinich
"I will repeal the tax cuts to the very wealthy, restoring the top two and a half income brackets and taxes on investments and estates — modifying the estate tax to protect small farms. I will retain the child tax credit expansion and extend it to the low-income families who were left out. I will retain the elimination of the marriage penalty."



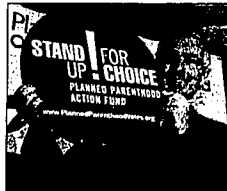
Sen. Joe Lieberman
"Here's what I'll do: Repeal the tax cuts for the wealthy; maintain the tax cuts for the middle class, including the increase in the child tax credit and elimination of the marriage penalty; cut taxes for 95 percent of taxpayers; restore the dividend tax that Bush repealed; reform the estate tax that Bush repealed."



Rev. Al Sharpton
"I would rescind the entire tax cut bill."



The Bush-Cheney campaign
says President Bush will begin participating in the weekly issues survey in February.



Democratic presidential hopeful Wesley Clark shows a pro-choice poster after speaking at a Planned Parenthood meeting in Bedford, N.H. Thursday.

improve education, and clean up the environment. As a military commander, he adds, he has supervised hospitals, schools and courts.

"I've done executive leadership through my entire career," he said. But while the novice politician has cranked out all the right policy papers, his electoral calling card remains his military resume.

"The idea of a general and a Southerner — a two-for — is really appealing to those Democrats who are desperate to beat President Bush," said political analyst Charles Cook.

During Wednesday's event, campaign staffers handed out buttons

advertising "Veterans For Clark," featuring a determined-looking general dressed in camouflage fatigues.

At the Clark campaign headquarters in Manchester, John Hinko, who organized an initial movement to draft Clark for the presidency, said his man "lives up to the ethos of the presidency."

"This is a time — whether we like it or not — when our nation is at war," Hinko said. "Someone who knows how to lead troops in war and peace is very important — someone who knows what war is like."

His reputation has made him a vague candidate for many celebrities, including liberal Bush-bash-

ing author Michael Moore and Madonna.

And while all the Democrats bash Bush over Iraq, Clark often adds an indictment, accusing the administration of being asleep at the wheel before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The full truth about Iraq hasn't yet come out to the American public, nor has the truth about 9/11," Clark told volunteers at his campaign headquarters. "And when it does, it'll be an absolute shocker and a stunner across this country."

Referring to an upcoming report by the independent commission investigating the attacks,

he said: "Can you imagine what the American people will say when it really sinks in in this country that this president did not do everything he could have done to protect the United States of America before 9-11?"

Republican spokeswoman Christine Iverson said the general is politicizing the attacks, calling his comments "irresponsible and wrong."

"Howard Dean got in trouble for making similar claims," Iverson added. "Once people begin to apply the same level of scrutiny to Wesley Clark, they'll find he also has a problem making claims with-

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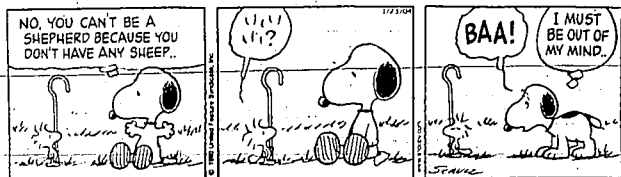
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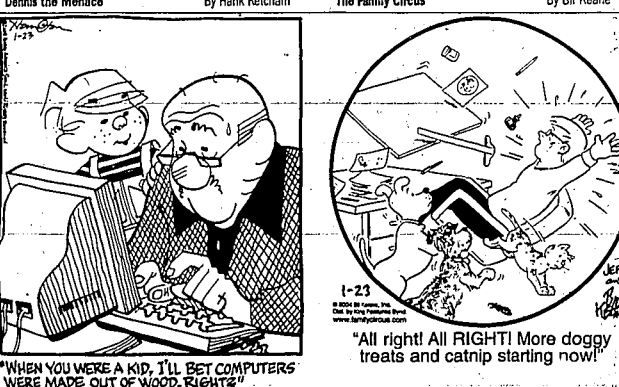


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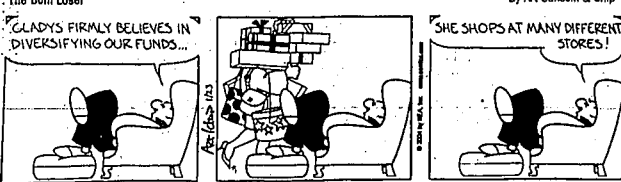
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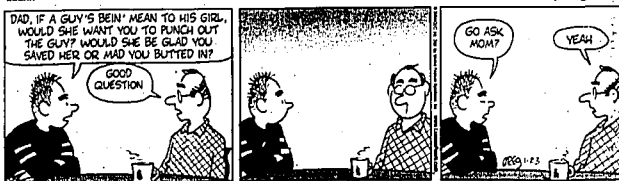
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Bush claims progress in war on terror, proposes increased spending

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP)—President Bush claimed broad progress Thursday in the war against terrorism but warned against complacency toward "the ultimate danger." He proposed spending more than \$30 billion on combating terrorism at home next year.

The spending figure would be an increase of more than \$2 billion over the current budget year.

Bush, visiting a state he barely lost in the 2000 election, ticked off military successes in Afghanistan and Iraq but made no mention of Osama bin Laden's disappearance nor the failure of American inspectors to find Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

"I appreciate the president's forceful defense of the Iraq war, his voice rising to a shout as he addressed a supportive crowd of about 1,600 military servicemembers and young cadets."

"I made the tough decision of war," Bush said. "It's not easy, but we acted because the lessons of Sept. 11. We acted based upon the facts."

Bush made only passing reference to the American death toll in Iraq, which this month surpassed 500.

Violence has continued in Iraq. Two U.S. soldiers were killed and another wounded during a rocket and mortar barrage late Wednesday northeast of Baghdad. Attackers killed nine people in Baghdad Thursday, including four Christian women headed to jobs at a U.S. military base. South of the capital, the security chief of Spanish troops was shot in the head.

"I appreciate the moms and dads, husbands and wives, who are staying at home as their loved one goes off to defend America and to spread freedom," Bush



President Bush shakes hands with Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., before making remarks on the progress against terrorism at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center on Thursday in Roswell, N.M.

said. "Their loved ones sacrifice and so do the families."

Bush offered favorable progress reports on the captures of al-Qaida and Iraqi leaders.

Al-Qaida "cannot escape the justice of America. We got thousands of troops, thousands of brave soldiers who are chasing them one by one," Bush said. "There is no hole deep enough to hide from America."

Of 55 Iraqi leaders sought by the United States, 45 have been captured or killed, Bush said, adding, "The other 10 have got to be nervous."

"The United States and our allies refuse to live under the shadow of this ultimate danger," Bush said.

Bush said spending on homeland security-related activities will rise from about \$28 billion to more than \$30 billion in his next proposed budget. The White House said counterterrorism efforts at the Department of Justice would receive about a fifth more than they currently get, rising to \$2.6 billion.

It wasn't clear where else the new money would go, or whether other government programs would have to be cut to make way for this spending at a time when Bush has promised to cut the record \$500 billion budget deficit in half.

The streets along Bush's motorcycle route were lined with hundreds of supporters, and the convention hall was packed on his sixth visit to the state as president.

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out the facts to back them up."

Other Democrats have called Clark's Sept. 11 comments over-stated, including his pledge that another attack would not take place under a Clark presidency.

And while Clark calls Iraq an unnecessary war based on over-hyped intelligence, opponents in New Hampshire say the general's views have shifted.

Dean, seeking to bounce back from Iowa, reported that a New Hampshire congressional candidate in 2002 said Clark advised her to support an anti-Iraq resolution.

The campaign of Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, who also skipped Iowa, has accused Clark of taking seven separate positions on the war. Lieberman aides also want the general to release records from the lobbying career he pursued between his Army retirement and his pursuit of the presidency.

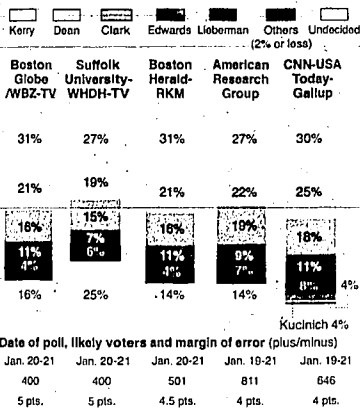
"While voters may know everything there is to know about Clark's military service, he's keeping them in the dark about his covert operations as a Washington lobbyist," said Lieberman spokesman Jano Cabrera, calling on the general to "detail who his clients were, what they paid him and who he lobbied on their behalf."

Edwards, the other Southern candidate, has challenged the general's claim to being a national candidate, noting his absence from Iowa.

"I decided to stay and fight because I think if you want this nomination you have to be willing to fight everywhere in the country," said Edwards, who wound up with 32 percent in the

Different numbers, same order

Mass. Sen. John Kerry leads all other Democratic candidates in five of the polls taken within the last three days, although the order of finish in each poll is unchanged.



Iowa caucuses. Clark's strategy counts on a big splash in New Hampshire, then moving on to South Carolina. That has seemed to work well, as Clark passed Kerry for second place in many New Hampshire polls, right behind Dean.

After the Iowa caucuses, Clark has slipped back to third in surveys behind a slumping Dean and a fast-charging Kerry, both of whom hail from states that border New Hampshire.

As Portsmouth-area veterans listened at the VFW, Clark discussed how the military prepared him for the White House. He could just as easily have been talking about the campaign needed to get there.

"It's about sizing up a situation, building a team, laying out objectives, bringing people together, meeting those objectives, and accomplishing the mission," Clark said. "And the mission is performance. It's action."

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Entry Form

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Name: _____
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"For all sad words of hope or pen,
The saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"
— John Greenleaf Whittier

When South gets a heart raise from his partner, he knows that he is facing an opening bid with trump support. Since slam must have some sort of play, he might as well bid it directly and not give too much information away.

Despite dummy's wasted values in diamonds, slam still has pretty decent play. Nonetheless, the hand requires care and a rather remarkable end-position, even though the start of the hand is prosaic enough.

South puts up dummy's spade jack and wins the first trick in hand, then draws trump in two rounds. He unblocks the diamond ace, cashes his remaining top spade, and ruffs a spade in dummy, then takes the top diamonds, pitching clubs from hand. Now he leads the fourth diamond, intending to trump it in hand, but at this point East, who had shown out on the third round of spades, also discards on the fourth diamond. Since he had two spades, two hearts, and only three diamonds, that means he has ALL six clubs, which does not bode well for the club finesse, does it?

Conversely, though, West has no clubs, which means that the correct play is not to ruff the fourth diamond, but to discard a club loser on the trick. Poor West, on lead with nothing but spades and diamonds, must give you a ruff and discard. Now you lead in your hand, goes away on this trick as you ruff in dummy. Contract made, and a truly happy ending!

NORTH		01-23-A
♠ J 7	♥ K J 6 5	
♦ K Q 10 3	♣ K 7 2	
WEST		
♠ 10 9 8 6 3 2	♥ A Q 4	
♦ 9 8	♣ 4 3	
♠ J 9 7 6 4	♥ 8 5 2	
♦ —	♣ A Q 9 8 5 3	
EAST		
♠ A K 5	♥ A Q 10 7 2	
♦ A	♣ J 10 6 4	
SOUTH		
♠ A K 5	♥ A Q 10 7 2	
♦ A	♣ J 10 6 4	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
6♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES

01-23-B

South holds:

♠ J 7	♥ K J 6 5
♦ K Q 10 3	♣ K 7 2

South West North East
1♥ 1♥ Dbl. Pass
6♥ 1NT Pass. 2♣ Pass

ANSWER: Pass, since partner's

action suggests 6-9 points with five or six clubs and four spades. He did not have enough to show invitational or better values at his first turn by bidding two clubs, so given your aceless wonder, even two clubs figures to be high enough.

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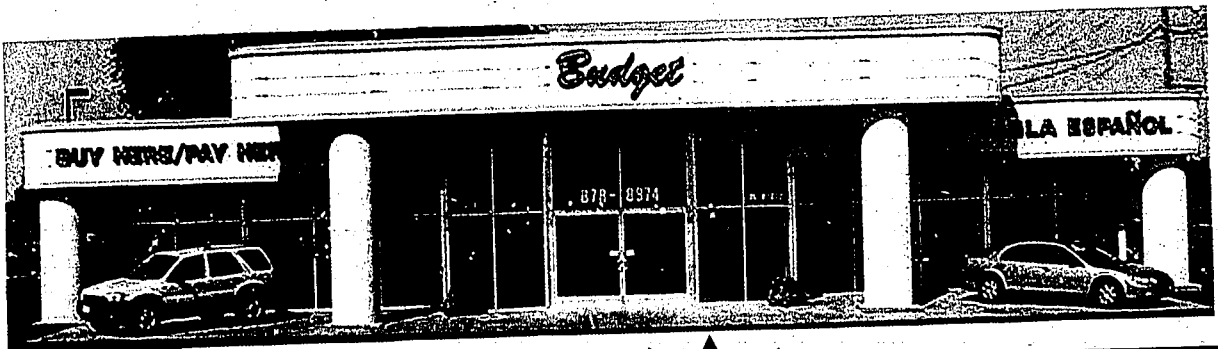
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