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White House fights for Patriot Act

Idaho's Craig co-sponsors legislation aimed at ensuring some civil liberties

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration on Thursday stepped up its fight to preserve the controversial USA Patriot Act, warning that proposed legislation, co-sponsored by Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, to scale back the law would undermine national security and would face a presidential veto if approved.

In a letter to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General John Ashcroft contended that a bipartisan proposal to undo parts of the Patriot Act "would make it even more difficult to mount an effective anti-terror campaign than it was before the Patriot Act was passed."

In the letter and in comments to reporters Thursday, Ashcroft also warned that President Bush was prepared to veto the proposed legislation; the Security and Freedom Ensured (SAFE) Act, which is co-sponsored by Sens. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., and Craig, a Republican. Ashcroft's letter and remarks are the latest salvo in the Congressional battle over the

Patriot Act, the sweeping anti-terrorism measure Congress approved overwhelmingly in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. In his State of the Union speech this month, Bush called on Congress to make permanent the portions of the Patriot Act that are set to expire in 2005.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft



Sen. Larry Craig, Idaho

SO LONG, MRS. WATSON



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Nimberly Middle School eighth grader, Lanelle Rosh, left, hugs outgoing principal Judy Watson during an assembly in Watson's honor Thursday. Watson, a longtime Magic Valley educator, has been the NMS principal since 1999. She and her husband Larry, right, were whisked away in a limousine for lunch after the assembly. She's retiring and was given a medical leave of absence for the remainder of the school year.

School finances get some scrutiny

Smaller districts pay more per student on administrators

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - A study presented to the Legislature Thursday revealed that school superintendents in the state's largest districts make about as much as those in the smallest. Smaller schools, meanwhile, are forced to spend more money per pupil on administration than larger schools, the study showed.

Suspecting that school districts were paying too much for administration, the 2003 Legislature ordered the independent study of how public schools could become more efficient in that area.

Only one Magic Valley school - Murtaugh Joint District - wound up in the Legislature's Office of Performance Evaluation's comprehensive study of 11 districts that was unveiled to lawmakers and educators Thursday. Murtaugh was used as an example of how the state's smallest school districts comply with state law in filling administrative positions.

The study included some statistics on the number of administrators in each district throughout the state. Looking for ways to trim spending, lawmakers have ordered a number of similar studies over the past year to examine other areas of school and state agency spending.

But what stands out in the report about school administration, said Tim Hill, a financial analyst for the state Department of Education, is that evaluators did not differentiate between administrators who have earned certification through post-graduate education.

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Medicare bill's cost will rise another \$134B

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The White House has concluded that adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare will cost one-third more than the \$400 billion administration by Congress and the administration when President Bush signed the bill into law less than two months ago, federal sources said Thursday.

The budget Bush is to propose on Monday will say that the new Medicare law, which sets in motion the largest expansion of the program in its history, will require \$534 billion during the next decade, \$134 billion more than the president and lawmakers promised, according to congressional and administration sources.

Word of the escalation in the spending forecast immediately enraged lawmakers and policy analysts at both ends of the ideological spectrum. Congressional Democrats and conservative Republicans alike vowed that they would intensify efforts they already had been planning to alter major aspects of the Medicare law this year. "This is a work in progress," said Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., a conservative

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Regulators say they're uncertain if reporting rules apply to dairies

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Federal regulators say enforcement of air quality and toxic emissions reporting laws has been unclear when it comes to dairies and other livestock operations.

"The issues are real gray right now," said Gary McRae of the Environmental Protection Agency in Boise.

Pressure to bring large-scale livestock operations under the rules is mounting in areas of the country including Idaho, where environmentalists are prepared to go to court to force dairies under the regulations.

The Idaho Conservation League has threatened to sue Magic Valley dairies in two test cases. The group says large dairies produce enough ammonia and hydrogen sulfide to fall under air quality permitting and reporting requirements.

Hank Haflinger's existing dairy near Filer reported ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions to a community right-to-know inventory rather than face an Idaho

Conservation League lawsuit. Total emissions reported by the dairy added up to nearly 130 tons of ammonia a year and more than 2 tons of hydrogen sulfide a year. But the group says it still wants to talk with the dairy about how it arrived at its emissions estimates.

Adrian Boer's planned expansion of a Gooding County dairy is faced with a lawsuit should it begin to operate without first obtaining an air quality permit under the Clean Air Act.

Livestock operations haven't been regulated under these particular federal laws.

Bob Nerebout, director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, said the industry has not been able to get clarification from regulators about how the laws may apply to the dairy industry.

"I guess we assume that something will be coming down eventually," Nerebout said.

The Idaho Dairymen's Association has formed the Independent Dairy Environmental Action League, or IDEAL, as an independent organization to

help dairymen and other related agricultural businesses address environmental challenges. IDEAL is representing the two dairies in the Idaho Conservation League cases.

The natural breakdown of manure produces ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, both of which are eye and respiratory irritants and can be deadly in heavily concentrated doses. In areas such as the Treasure Valley with a lot of smog, ammonia can trigger a chemical reaction in the air and create more pollutants.

Protocols haven't been established for measuring emissions from open facilities such as livestock operations, McRae said.

"We're waiting for the scientific knowledge to catch up to the already established law," he said.

There is no set standard for estimating the amount of pollutants emitted per cow, McRae said. While there is an average range of manure produced per cow, the amount of pollutants actually emitted depends upon feed, weather, the layout of the

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Business owners lend support to Boulder-White Cloud wilderness

They urge Rep. Simpson to keep pursuing his project

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Andy Munter can spot them coming before they even pass through the glass doors of Backwoods Mountain Sports.

Out-of-staters whose license plates have sunflowers and dairy barns on them in search of something wild. "They always say, 'We're here to backpack in the

Sawtooth Wilderness,'" Munter said. "And I say, 'Have you thought of backpacking in the White Clouds?' Always they say, 'What's that?'"

That could change if the owners of more than 130 Idaho businesses - from all corners of Idaho - have anything to say about it.

The businessmen voiced their support Thursday for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's efforts to protect the Boulder-White

Cloud and Pioneer Mountains as a wilderness area by delivering letters of support to the congressman's Boise office.

If the Boulder-White Clouds north of Sun Valley became wilderness, they would achieve instant recognition among hundreds of thousands of Americans who are drawn to the wild, said Munter.

That represents big bucks. Please see SUPPORT, Page A2



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Bill Cassell of Ketchum, standing, looks over the White Cloud peaks from atop a ridge along Deer Creek just north of Galena Summit this past summer.



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President defends economic record

MERRIMACK, N.H. (AP) — President Bush, taking the New Hampshire political stage after the Democrats decamped, defended his economic record Thursday against his rivals' charges that he has favored the rich and let 2.3 million jobs slip away.

"You can tell I'm upbeat," Bush said, almost drowned out by cheers. "And I got reason to be. Not only do the numbers say things are looking pretty good, the American people are telling me that they feel pretty good."

From New Hampshire, Bush headed to Connecticut to raise \$1.1 million for a reelection campaign well on the way to its fund-raising goal of \$170 million. That's just for efforts between now and the official start of the general election campaign in September.

Though Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland is state chairman of Bush's campaign, he was not expected at the Greenback fundraiser. Rowland is the subject of a federal corruption investigation.

On his fifth visit to New Hampshire as president, Bush said the economy was rebounding under his watch—and that he was determined to see it through to even better days.

Aides insisted there was no political component to the choice of New Hampshire to press that message. However, they offered no other reason the president chose to come here just two days after the state held its first-in-the-nation primary.

New Hampshire is seen by Bush political advisers as a crucial prize despite its relatively small cache of four electoral votes. The president won the state in 2000, but by only a slim margin. And since it was his only victory in the Northeast, it is a state the campaign wants to hold on to.

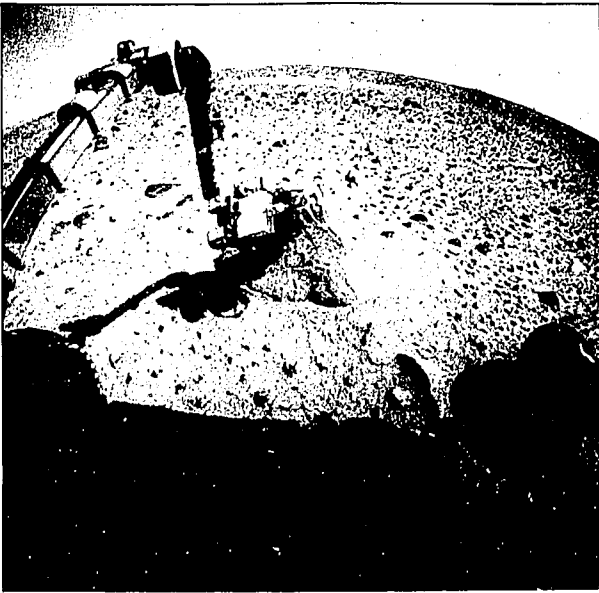
Report: Jobless aid will expire for millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 2 million people are expected to exhaust their state unemployment benefits in the first half of the year without access to more government aid or a regular paycheck, according to a study released Thursday.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities based its study on Labor Department data of jobless workers who began receiving regular unemployment benefits in the last half of 2003.

"In no other January-June period on record have so many unemployed workers exhausted their regular benefits without qualifying for additional weeks of unemployment assistance," said the study by the Washington-based advocacy group for poor and moderate-income people.

Congress has refused to approve another extension of federal unemployment benefits for people who exhaust their state aid.



This is the latest photo shot by NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Spirit Wednesday since the Spirit's problems with communication began last week. The image from the rover's front-hazard-identification-camera shows the robotic arm extended to the rock call Adirondack.

Opportunity could roll Saturday; NASA predicts recovery for Spirit

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA on Thursday moved up the schedule for the rover Opportunity, which could tread martian ground as early as Saturday, and said the robot's twin, Spirit, "will be perfect again" after repairs of crippling software problems.

Except for its robotic arm, Opportunity finished unfolding and standing up from its landing position and was ready to travel the final 10 feet from its lander to the surface of Mars, possibly late Saturday, project manager Pete Theisinger told The Associated Press.

Engineers continued to make

New life for Hubble? - D6

progress on the Spirit rover, which has been sidelined for more than a week on the other side of Mars.

They were prepared, if necessary, to wipe its flash memory clean of science and engineering files that have stymied its software. The fix could restore Spirit to full health and allow it to resume gathering science data, possibly by late Sunday.

"I think it will be perfect again," Theisinger said.

Spirit has resumed using its

high-gain antenna, which speeds transmission of the data needed to debug the rover's problems.

Spirit also took its first picture in more than a week. The simple black-and-white photograph shows the rover's robotic arm pressed to a football-sized rock, exactly as it was poised before the problems started.

Spirit landed in Gusev Crater, a 95-mile-wide depression that once may have contained a lake. Opportunity landed 6,600 miles away, on a broad plain called Meridiani Planum. It too ended up in a crater, this one just 20 yards across.

Commander of ship seized by N. Korea dies

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Former Navy Cmdr. Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, who commanded the spy ship USS Pueblo when it was captured by North Korea in 1968 and helped his crew survive months of brutal captivity, only to nearly face a court-martial back home, has died. He was 76.

Bucher, who lived in the San Diego suburb of Poway, died Wednesday evening at a nursing facility there. He had been in declining health for months, partly the legacy of his captivity, said Stu Russell, who served under Bucher and is president of the USS Pueblo Veteran's Association.

The lightly armed Pueblo was monitoring communist ship movements and intercepting messages in international waters near the North Korean coast when it was attacked by torpedo boats Jan. 23, 1968. One sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. Bucher was beaten and tortured into signing a confession.

"The man was a giant," Russell said from his home in Eureka, Calif.

McCain calls for Iraq intel probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parting company with many of his fellow Republicans, Sen. John McCain said Thursday he wants an independent commission to take a sweeping look at recent intelligence failures.

The White House has dismissed the proposal, saying the CIA is committed to reviewing the intelligence behind claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. The Bush administration also argues that the weapons search is

not yet complete.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., has expressed frustration with those who suggest an outside investigation is needed before his committee has a chance to complete an inquiry now underway.

In an interview with The Associated Press, McCain said he believes the public needs an assessment that won't be clouded by partisan division.

Al-Qaida takes root in Iraq, commander says

By Mogan K. Stack
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The capture of an al-Qaida operative on the Iraq-Iran border is compelling evidence that the terrorist network has begun to take root in Iraq and is joining forces with loyalists from Saddam Hussein's fallen regime, the commander of the U.S.-led coalition forces said Thursday.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said the arrest this month of Hussain Ghul, described by the United States as a "courier" for alleged Sept. 11 planner Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, "is pretty strong proof that al-Qaida is trying to gain a foothold here to continue their murderous campaigns."

The extent of the infrastructure and the extent of their operations here is still evolving," Sanchez told reporters at a news briefing. Sanchez said hints of foreign expertise had been evident since at least mid-November, when a suicide bomber killed 33 people in an attack on an Italian military police base in the southern Iraqi

city of Nasiriyah.

"For months I've been saying that al-Qaida's fingerprints have been here in Iraq," Sanchez said.

"The influence was notable, he said, in "the techniques that were being employed by foreign fighters and ... the tactics being employed by suicide bombers."

The military hasn't been able to identify any of the suicide bombers who've succeeded in blowing themselves up, Sanchez said. But most of the would-be bombers who've been stopped were foreigners, he said.

"We believe that there is some fundamentalist terrorist linkage with the former regime at the tactical level," he said. "And we believe there are some efforts to strengthen those linkages."

Sanchez had said in November that he hadn't identified a single al-Qaida operative in Iraq despite indications that foreign recruits might be playing a part in suicide bombings. Last week, he told CNN: "I think it's probably not appropriate for me to talk about al-Qaida in the sense of a concrete, proven presence."

Explosion at weapons cache in Afghanistan claims seven

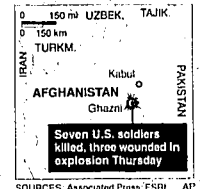
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An explosion at a weapons cache killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday, in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces deployed in Afghanistan. The U.S. Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the 3 p.m. explosion near the city of Ghazni, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

Centcom spokesman Capt. Bruce Frame said the cause had yet to be determined in the blast, among the most damaging blows to American troops since they deployed in Afghanistan more than two years ago.

The Taliban were driven from power but sporadic fighting has continued. Earlier this month, the U.S. death toll reached 100. Sixteen of those deaths occurred in combat — including seven when two helicopters took enemy fire in March, 2002.

The United States provides



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP

9,000 of the 11,000-member coalition troops stationed in Afghanistan. The Army is preparing a spring offensive against Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts amid concern that operations in Afghanistan are not as effective in breaking up terrorist networks as they had hoped.

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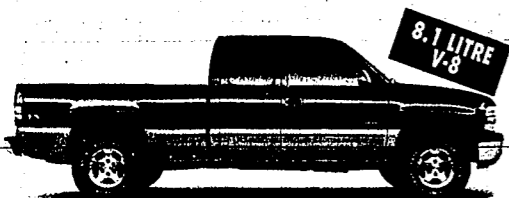
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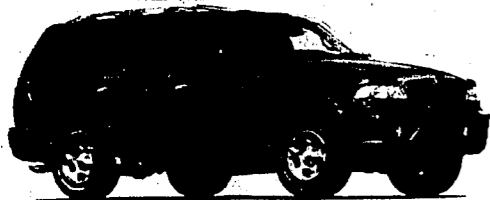
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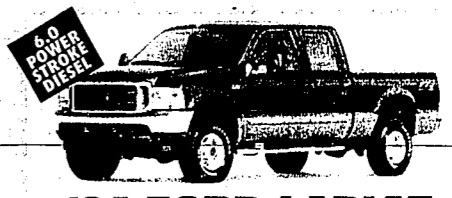
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EDITORIAL

Lack of public input hurts county on Anderson plan

Now that Twin Falls County commissioners are on a path to buy the former Anderson Lumber building, a number of locals are cooling to the idea. Jeff Hepworth, a local lawyer and a leader of the Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District, says the county is setting a bad example by fleeing the downtown area. If a lack of office space is the issue, Hepworth says there's plenty of cheap property the county can buy downtown.

than the Anderson Building itself.

The public has awakened slowly on this issue largely because the decision process froze out public involvement. If not for news reports and editorials in this paper, most citizens wouldn't have found out about this until they showed up at a former county office and discovered it had moved.

Our view: Twin Falls County didn't give the public enough time to discuss the Anderson building proposal.

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

County commissioners say the courthouse is jammed, and there's no place to expand. That's a legitimate issue for discussion. But to keep the public in the dark for months, and then to dismiss dissent as being too late, is arrogant.

Public agencies can draw enormous benefits from the diverse knowledge and experience of citizens - but only if officials go to the trouble of asking. Time after time, we see elected officials in this community forging the benefits of public involvement and openness, because they fear debate.

The concerns raised by Hepworth and others about abandoning downtown are legitimate. The county should support efforts to preserve a vibrant downtown area, and there are numerous ways to find the space commissioners are looking for.

Commissioners should consider alternatives, not shrug them off as obstacles to their fast-track real estate deal. They should welcome more public input on this issue.

CIA director Tenet has to go

David Kay says he can't find nuclear, biological or chemical weapons in Iraq. He thinks there were none on the eve of the American invasion. Kay, who just stepped down as head American WMD hunter in Iraq, is a straight shooter. He expected to find banned weapons. If he has concluded there are none, it's good enough for me. It should also be enough for President Bush.

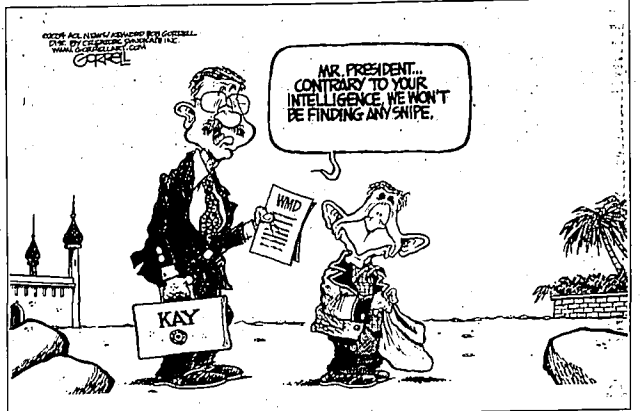
ZEN CHAIFETS

Bush has two very big problems. The first is political. In an interview with Kay, Tom Brokaw correctly observed: "A lot of the president's critics are going to say, 'This is clear evidence that he lied to the American people.'"

Kay disagreed. "Well, Tom, if they do that, I think we're really hurting ourselves. Clearly, the intelligence we went to war on was inaccurate, wrong. We need to understand why that was. I think if anyone was abused by the intelligence, it was the president, not the other way around."

Kay is not a politician, but his answer gives Bush a political ladder. He himself was misled by the CIA, given bad information. This explanation has the virtue of being true. Bush may have been predisposed - by family history or personal ideology - to view Saddam Hussein as a non-conventional threat, but he was not alone. Bill Clinton got the same information and came to the same conclusion. We know because he has said so.

Making that point, Bush can survive the political fallout. But that raises the second question: What is the president going to do about it? The answer should be obvious. If the CIA can't produce accurate, reliable assessments of threats to American national security, there must be drastic changes in the way it operates. Starting from the top.



CIA Director George Tenet has been living on borrowed time since Sept. 11. His agency misjudged the al-Qaeda threat, and for that alone he should have been fired.

It's now apparent the CIA also missed the significance of Libya's nuclear program. It failed to grasp Pakistan's role in enabling rogue states to gain nuclear technology. It was surprised by the North Korean program. It has no real insight into the situation in Iran. This sort of incompetence is indefensible.

The president can't say he hasn't been warned. Last summer, he was deeply embarrassed by the revelation that the agency had vetted the false claim, which Bush then made in his State of the Union address, that Saddam had tried to buy nuclear material in Africa.

It was clear back then that Tenet couldn't stay on as CIA director. And yet he did. Why? We can only speculate. The CIA

Bush has two very big problems. The first is political. In an interview with Kay, Tom Brokaw correctly observed: "A lot of the president's critics are going to say, 'This is clear evidence that he lied to the American people.'"

director knows a great deal about a great many things. The Bush family has potentially embarrassing business and social ties to the bin Laden clan, the Saudi royals and other jihadis. Another possibility: George Bush Sr. was once head of the CIA; there may be closets that his son would like to keep closed.

Let's be charitable. Maybe the president has wanted to be loyal. But he no longer has that option. If he doesn't shake up the CIA, he can't be judged a victim of future intelligence failures. He becomes

an accomplice. This will (and should) have political consequences. More important, it is dangerous. The invasion of Iraq was vital: the start of the American counteroffensive against Arab-Iranian aggression. The war, as Bush himself says, is far from over.

It cannot be won without a CIA that knows what's happening across enemy lines.

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Granite State crowns the winner, losers

From Dartmouth College to Dixville Notch, New Hampshire voters had their say in Tuesday night's first-in-the-nation primary. Only one Democratic hopeful liked the message.

The losers' attempts to put a pretty face on an ugly dog were positively dizzying. "This vote put us in the ring!" yelled Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman. Sorry, Joe, make that the ring. "We are in a three-way split decision for third place," continued Lieberman, who was actually running a solid fifth. Guess no one told him the spin cycle should come before the ring, not after it.

In the evening's most surreal moment, Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich popped up between Hannity and Colmes on Fox News to detail his 50-state strategy for winning the nomination. At least Kucinich showed flashes of pragmatism when he noted dryly that "the battle for sixth place continues."

New Hampshire voters turned out in record numbers to throw a bucket of icy reality on every candidate except Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, the night's only real winner. Kerry swept voters concerned about issues and electability in November, with supporters evenly distributed in gender, income and education level.

The Granite State primary had several big losers. One was the increasingly battle-scarred Howard Dean, whose second-place finish with a home-field advantage signals that his campaign is losing steam. If Dean can't win in his own back yard, how's he going to fare among all those flag-waving Confederates

BRONWYN LANCE CHESTER

In South Carolina? Anger has been Dean's greatest asset to date. But his post-caucus shrieking in Iowa - he was likened to a prairie dog on speed - confirmed many voters' worst fears that a well of nuttiness underlies his hair-trigger temper. Now Dean has over-compensated with a Zen-like calm. The result is a candidate who appears to be on Thorazine. To remain viable, Dean will have to win somewhere.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and retired Gen. Wesley Clark also emerged as losers Tuesday. Edwards scored an impressive and unexpected second place in Iowa. But that bounce did not extend to New Hampshire, raising questions about the affable Southerner's national appeal.

And Clark skipped Iowa to put all his eggs in the New Hampshire basket, only to see Kerry steal much of his military-record thunder. Clark's lack of political experience and novice gaffes unnerved voters concerned with electability. Still, both Edwards and Clark have a chance to prove themselves in coming Southern and Midwestern primaries.

Another big New Hampshire loser was Al Gore. His Judas kiss of Dean shows that party faithful are refusing to take marching orders from the almost-president. Gore's attempt to reinstate himself as a Democratic player looks

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like a failure. This time, close isn't good enough for Democrats intent on booting Bush from office.

History is now on Kerry's side. Rare as hens' teeth is the candidate who curbs his ranting against the Bush administration's "economy of privilege."

Last week, Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie threw a verbal uppercut at Kerry. Citing Kerry's high ratings by a liberal group, Gillespie crowed, "Who would have guessed it? Ted Kennedy is the conservative senator from Massachusetts!" Expect more of the same in the coming weeks.

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Despite the hoopla surrounding Iowa and New Hampshire, only 1.5 percent of Democratic delegates are now committed. The next two weeks are a political lifetime. In the blink of an eye, Kerry's campaign went from flop to top. But the same road that leads up leads down.

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LETTER

Phelps' teachings aren't welcome in town

I can no longer keep still when I read and hear about what Fred W. Phelps of Topeka, Kan., is saying and doing. It's despicable, horrific and downright dangerous. How dare he use the title "reverend"?

Do not condemn those you deem "different" - apparently because you are ignorant of the facts. Who are you to judge others and do them harm?

You could have been born homosexual - it's not a choice. A true homosexual would never choose that life - a life where nights seem to delight in making other lives miserable, a life where others are denied the civil rights that we are all entitled to.

mitted by a homosexual, don't blame it on that fact. Get your head out and realize how many horrendous crimes are committed by heterosexuals.

I can't help but think of Matthew Shepard's death. I am reminded of actual leaders who were known to persecute certain ethnic groups in the past and in our immediate times. I really don't believe God needs your help in judging people. Good night, Fred Phelps, and if you can sleep, you are a more callous person than I give you credit for.

I beg our leaders to stand up tall and refuse to let the likes of Fred Phelps use threats to spread his hate against others. Our great country doesn't need the likes of him.

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By Garry Trudeau

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By Bruce Tinsley

U.N. policy hampers U.S. action

DAVID FRUM AND RICHARD PERLE

The United Nations is the tooth fairy of American politics. Few adults believe in it, but it's generally regarded as a harmless story to amuse the children. Since 9/11, however, the United Nations has ceased to be harmless, and the Democratic presidential candidates' enthusiasm for it has ceased to be amusing. The United Nations has emerged at best as irrelevant to the terrorist threat that most concerns us, and at worst as an obstacle to our winning the war on terrorism. It must be reformed. And if it cannot be reformed, the United States should give serious consideration to withdrawal.

The United Nations has become an obstacle to our national security because it purports to set legal limits on the United States' ability to defend itself. If these limits ever made sense at all, they do not make sense now.

Yet the United Nations' assertion of them forces presidents and policymakers into a horrible dilemma. If we obey the U.N.'s rules, we compromise our national security. If we defy them, we expose ourselves to accusations of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

According to the U.N. Charter, nations are permitted to use military force only in two situations. Article 51 of the charter recognizes an "inherent" right to self-defense against attack. In all other cases where a nation feels threatened, it is supposed to go to the U.N. Security Council to seek authorization before it takes military action — even action that might forestall an attack.

The trouble is that the United Nations defines aggression in outdated ways. For the United Nations, "aggression" means invasion across national borders. Send Nazi shock troops into Poland — that's aggression. Give sanctuary to thousands of anti-American murderers, as the Taliban did in Afghanistan, that's not aggression. In other words, if the United States had sent troops into Afghanistan to shut the camps down, we might well have been branded the aggressor. But if the United States had asked the Security Council for a mandate to destroy al-Qaida's terrorist bases, could the French, Russians and Chinese have been expected to approve? Even after 9/11, there

defeating terrorism — at least terrorism that is aimed at us.

The U.N. member states know that the United States will in the end do whatever it has to do, regardless of what the United Nations says. But they also know that the United States pays a price for disregarding the United Nations. The French in particular benefit from pushing the United States to break the U.N.'s rules. Under French President Jacques Chirac, they are trying to fashion the European Union as a counterweight to the United States, and the image of the U.S. as an outlaw power helps their cause. In a little more than a decade, our world has been transformed, first by the fall of the Soviet Union and then the events of 9/11. Everything has changed — except for the United Nations. It remains an invention of a vanished era, designed to solve vanished problems. It must evolve or it will slide from irrelevance to oblivion. If the U.N. is not part of the anti-terror fight, the United States should not be part of the United Nations.

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By any other name and in any other year, it is a gay marriage

PETER A. BROWN

The idea that a presidential candidate can support civil unions for homosexuals and avoid the accompanying negative political baggage of gay marriage is a liberal fantasy.

That is the Democratic strategy, hoping voters see the two as more than just semantically different.

Their presidential candidates are trying to please the gay community and supporters of homosexual marriage, while not turning off the much larger bloc of voters who consider the idea unacceptable.

My instincts tell me that civil unions' political downside is only slightly less than for gay marriage.

A joint survey by Stan Greenberg, a Democrat who was Bill Clinton's 1992 pollster, and Bill McInturf, who runs a major GOP consulting firm, proves the point.

The two, working for National Public Radio, came up with the numbers. McInturf, in a memo to his clients, expands on just how powerful the issue can be for President Bush.

Interestingly, many whom the issue could move into the GOP column are otherwise likely Democratic voters.

Homosexuals are part of the Democratic coalition. A candidate opposed to gay rights is as unlikely to win that nomination as would one who advocated abortion in the ninth month of pregnancy become the GOP standard-bearer.

But Democrats understand that, by a roughly 2-to-1 margin, voters overall oppose gay marriage and want to avoid the issue like the plague. Yet their core constituency requires them to take a stand.

Thus, the understanding between homosexual-rights activists and Democratic candidates that they will advocate the creation of civil unions, rather

ported either would turn off voters.

By 56-30 percent, voters oppose gay marriage. By a 49-42 percent margin, they oppose civil unions. And when told those unions would provide rights to health insurance, pensions and hospital-visiting privileges, voters split 45-45 on the civil-unions question.

The key results, however, came when voters were asked how they would vote for president between Bush and a generic Democrat. Another sample of voters was then asked the same question but told that Bush opposed and the Democrat favored civil unions.

Bush has not taken a stand on civil unions, but he is widely assumed to oppose them.

Bush initially held just a 46-42 percent lead against the generic Democrat.

But when voters were told the Bush and the Democratic position on civil unions, his lead mushroomed to 51-35 percent.

The 12-point overall swing was greater among Republican subgroups such as Southerners and married men. But the swing to Bush when voters were told about the civil-union stance was also larger than 12 points among self-described independents, union households and even those who said they backed Al Gore in 2000.

Democrats and gays will surely search for a more effective way to package the issue.

But they need to realize that not only conservatives and Republicans see civil unions as a form of gay marriage and, therefore, as unacceptable. So do millions of voters who are normally part of the Democratic coalition.

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LETTERS

Bush policies aim for world conquest, domination

Did we hear a whisper of truth by Paul O'Neill? Note he was immediately shouted down by our government's propaganda machine? Unfortunately, while O'Neill writes is correct. In fact, the crime is bigger and goes back further.

Clue — Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote a piece for the Council of Foreign Relations called The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geoeconomic Imperatives. Within he stated, "Ever since the continents started interacting politically some 500 years ago, Eurasia has been the center of power."

The average American wouldn't know Eurasia from Uranus, so tell you about it. Eurasia is all territory east of Germany. Or simply put, it's Russia, the Middle East, China, India and all in between. As the world's energy consumption keeps increasing, Caspian Sea oil and natural gas have become so vitally important it has become general knowledge everywhere — except inside the United States — that he who controls this area controls the world's economy well into the foreseeable future. Heaven knows U.S. consor-

tiums, for a long time being fully aware of this wealth, would never ever want all of it for themselves, but if they ever did, Brzezinski's writings clearly show that the United States must establish its domination over Eurasia, with an "unprecedented, open-ended militarization of foreign policy, coupled with unprecedented manufacture of domestic support."

Plus, as the United States becomes more multi-cultural, it will be much more difficult to gain a national consensus "with-out a widely perceived direct external threat."

Does this sound familiar? Doesn't "open-ended militarization" equal our present "war on terrorism"? Certainly the phrases "manufactured domestic support" and "widely perceived direct external threat" creates a queasy feeling in most stomachs than my own.

about the sinking of the battleship Maine, and World War I and World War II came with two fully verifiable and unmitigated frauds — the sinking of the Lusitania and Pearl Harbor; 9-11. What about 9-11? MARK SCHUCKERT TWIN FALLS

Jerome band apologizes for taking time away

To Twin Falls High School parents and community: As the band director of Jerome High School, I want to first thank you for the opportunity to play at last Saturday's game and support our Tigers. It is a pleasure to be able to accompany our players to their games and show our school spirit. However, it is never our intention to disrespect at a school where we are guests. I would also like to apologize for our lack of sensitivity — we were playing when the Bruins came out on the floor, not giving the Twin Falls High School pep band the opportunity to play your team song. Please accept our sincere apologies. We look forward to more opportunities to share in team spirit together. RIGUI HEINEMANN TWIN FALLS

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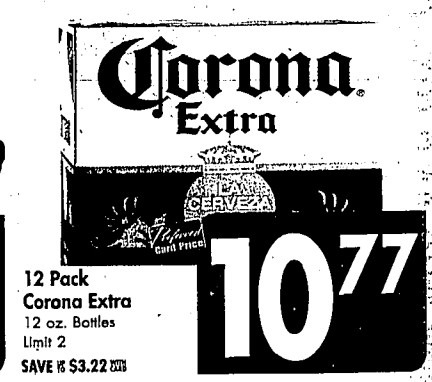
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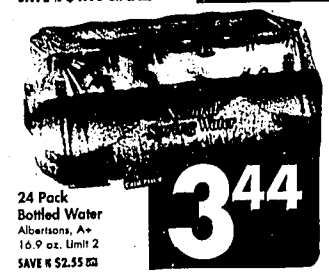
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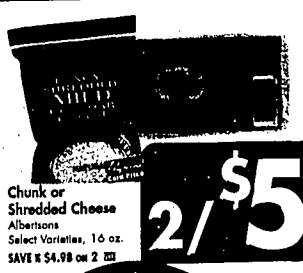
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AROUND THE VALLEY

ISDB hires interim principal for this year

GOODING - The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind announced it has hired Lewis McLin to serve as interim principal for the rest of this school year.

McLin's son graduated from the Gooding school in 2001. He has a master's degree in elementary education from Boise State University and is certified as a K-12 principal and a superintendent in both Idaho and Alaska. McLin was an elementary school principal in Homer, Alaska, before returning to Idaho where he was employed as superintendent of the Horseshoe Bend School District for four years. McLin then retired to McCall.

Harv Lyter is still the Gooding school's acting superintendent, while the State Board of Education is waiting for a recommendation from a hearing officer before it will decide whether or not to reinstate Angel Ramos, the school's controversial superintendent, who has been on administrative leave since July 30.

Local residents enter

water users Hall of Fame

BOISE - The Idaho Water Users Association recognized several Magic Valley-area residents during its annual convention Wednesday.

Waldo Jones of Shoshone and Harold Grant of Twin Falls were chosen for the association's Hall of Fame for their long and distinguished service to the IWUA in a variety of important water-related positions. Individuals honored for their efforts, performance and service in water-related activities include Sen. Mike Crapo, Water Statesman Award; Charles H. Coiner Jr. of Hansen, Distinguished Service Award; and Amber McFarland of Murtaugh, Meritorious Service Award.

Bill Morse of Twin Falls received a Water Conservation Achievement Award, and Joe Cooper of Hazelton received a Water Management Award.

"All of these individuals have distinguished themselves through their involvement in Idaho water activities. They truly represent the best Idaho has to offer when it comes to protecting, conserving and managing our state's most precious resource," said Norm Semanko, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association.

Health district seeks ideas for 'Health Heroes'

TWIN FALLS - South Central District Health is calling for nominations from the community for Health Heroes - individuals or groups who worked to protect, promote and enhance the health of southern Idaho citizens during 2003.

Award winners will be honored during Public Health Week, March 28 through April 3. Nominations are due by March 3.

Nominees must be residents of or do business in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Mindooka or Twin Falls counties.

Nominations are being accepted in adult, youth and corporate categories. The Adult Hero award will honor an adult individual or group who has made a long-term commitment to improve the health of citizens in south-central Idaho. The Youth Hero award recognizes a youth 18 years old or younger, or a youth group, which has worked to improve the health of the community. The Corporate Hero award recognizes a business or organization that worked to educate the public about healthy living.

Nominations may be mailed to South Central District Health, attention Health Heroes Nominations, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	98%	59%
Saltmon Falls	109%	68%
Salmon	95%	57%
Oakley	104%	64%
Big Wood	83%	57%
Little Wood	104%	61%
Hansley Fork/Teton	113%	69%
Big Lost	99%	56%
Little Lost	85%	49%

As of Jan. 29

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

CSI prepares for flat state funding

By Julie Ponca
Times-News writer

BOISE - Enrollment over the last 10 years has exploded at the College of Southern Idaho compared to the state's other colleges and universities.

CSI's head count has shot up more than 85 percent, while the next closest in growth were Idaho State University and North Idaho College, at about 25 percent.

The burgeoning population at CSI is prompting college officials to search for some \$1.2 million to



Rep. Maxine Bell

and other CSI officials prepared their annual budget request to

\$1.4 million for new roads and parking spaces around the campus.

But that money won't come from the state, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer acknowledged Thursday.

Meyerhoeffer and other CSI officials prepared their annual budget request to the Legislature's budget-writing committee on Thursday. Though they had asked for a 5.7 percent increase over last year's appropriation, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended only a 2.1 percent increase. That's about enough to cover a small salary increase and some insurance adjustments.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, chairman of that budget committee will likely fund the governor's recommendation for salary and insurance increases. But anything above that would not be a



good idea, she said.

That's because Kempthorne's budget is about \$28 million over what the Legislature's revenue projection committee is predicting to come in during the next fiscal year, Bell said.

"The general assumption is that the governor's projection is a little over-optimistic," Bell said. She thinks lawmakers should take a slightly more conservative approach in forming the final budget than Kempthorne has taken.

Last year the college got a total of \$19.5 million from the state. The governor is recommending \$20.076 million for the coming fiscal year. College officials had asked for \$20.63 million.

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TAKING A STAND



Bob Parrish and Fran Hernandez, both of Twin Falls, protest Thursday in front of KMYT-TV, a CBS affiliate. Six local activists protested CBS's decision not to run advertisements from moveon.org and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals during Sunday's Super Bowl.

Protesters call CBS decision censorship

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Censorship, one protester said, is worth bundling up in a coat and muffler to protest.

"We need to do something," Fran Hernandez said. "It's getting out of hand. We need to get active, even through rain or sleet or snow."

Hernandez was one of a half dozen people who picketed the CBS TV network Thursday in front of the KMYT-TV building on Blue Lakes Boulevard. KMYT is a CBS affiliate, but it was a network decision the group was protesting, not a decision of the local station.

CBS has refused to air an ad during Sunday's Super Bowl critical of President Bush. The 30-second spot, titled "Child's Play," was a winner of a contest sponsored by the San Francisco-based

What they're saying

Here's what some protesters and others had to say about CBS-TV's decision to not air an ad critical of President Bush during Sunday's Super Bowl. The controversial ad can be seen on the MoveOn Web site at www.moveon.org.

- "Censorship is something you have to fight against all the time."
- Harry Phillips, Twin Falls County Democratic chairman
- "I think our government is becoming increasingly secretive about everything."
- Bob Parrish, Twin Falls County Democratic secretary
- "I'm tired of politics. We can't hear or see the truth."
- Will Bahler, a longtime Twin Falls resident and a former Democratic candidate for the state Legislature
- "This is something you'd expect in the former Soviet Union."
- Activist Bill Chisholm
- "Historically, CBS has been painted the liberal network. Now they're being painted opposite that."
- Lee Wagner, KMYT-TV general manager

MoveOn, an Internet fund-raiser. The ad shows children working as dishwashers, janitors, grocery store checkers, trash collectors and factory workers followed by

the question, "Guess who's going to pay off President Bush's \$1 trillion deficit?"

CBS also said no to an ad produced by People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals promoting vegetarianism.

In a written statement, CBS defended its decision, saying it had a decades-old policy against selling time "for the advocacy of viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance."

But the group that gathered in front of KMYT Thursday called CBS's decision censorship and a violation of the First Amendment. "Their decision to not run the ad during the Super Bowl is a violation of freedom of speech and also brings into question control of the airwaves," said Bill Chisholm, a local activist who organized Thursday's protest. "The ad raises a fundamental question: Who's going to pay the large debts of the Bush administration?"

As for CBS's policy, Chisholm said the network runs advocacy

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Cows go to Washington

Seven cows at the Moo Mountain Milk Inc. dairy near Burley that were placed under quarantine as part of the USDA's ongoing mad cow investigation will be destroyed at a USDA slaughter facility in Washington state.

The cows were taken from the dairy near Burley either Wednesday evening or sometime Thursday, Idaho Department of Agriculture Deputy Director Mike Everett said Thursday. It is unknown when the animals will be destroyed at the Washington facility.

The USDA's mad cow investigation in Idaho will likely end after the Burley cows are destroyed, Idaho Department of Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi said Thursday.

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Feds take over Buhl drug case

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

BOISE - Two men arrested following the discovery of more than 100 marijuana plants in Buhl have been indicted by a federal grand jury.

Robert Preston Werley, 46, of San Leandro, Calif., and Michael William Gaylord, 45, whose residence was unavailable, face four counts related to the case.

Two of the counts, conspiracy to manufacture/distribute/possess with intent to distribute marijuana, each carry a penalty of between five and 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine. A third charge, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, has a maximum punishment of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. The fourth count, drug

forfeiture, requires the relinquishment of all property derived from and related to the sale of the drugs, including cash, land, vehicles and marijuana-growing equipment.

Werley had been arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls on charges of manufacturing a controlled substance and trafficking in marijuana.

Gaylord was arraigned on possession of paraphernalia, resisting/obstructing an officer, manufacturing a controlled substance and trafficking in marijuana. As a result of the federal indictment, the state has dropped its cases against Werley and Gaylord, said Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

Also arrested in the raid were Jason Robert Gaylord, 19, whose residence was unavailable, and Paul Adam Gaylord, 21, of Estes, Colo. They were arraigned earlier

this month in Twin Falls County on one count each of aiding/abetting trafficking in marijuana, a felony. Those cases are pending in state court.

Acting on a confidential tip, officers from Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and Gooding County Sheriff's Department obtained a search warrant for the residence at 4481 N. 1800 E.

Inside the house, officers found two hidden "growing rooms," according to an affidavit written by Jerry Martinez of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. In one room, there were more than 30 small plants. In another room, the affidavit said, about 85 marijuana plants were found.

The drugs had an estimated street value of between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

Jerome officials fine-tune plans for judicial annex

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Construction on the new Jerome County Judicial Annex building may start in June if all goes well.

Architectural designs for the annex building are nearing completion. County commissioners, judges and department heads met with architects Lisa Morris and Bruce Poe of Cole and Associates Architects of Boise on Thursday to review the architectural drawings and fine tune the plans.

The county purchased the former Ridley's grocery store building, located in the 200 block of West Main Street, several years ago with the intention of converting it into a judicial annex.

Eventually, the annex will contain five courtrooms, a public access area, judges chambers, a clerks office, law library, prosecutor's suite, public defender's suite, adult probation suite, juvenile probation suite and a detention area.

The total cost of remodeling is a problem, however.

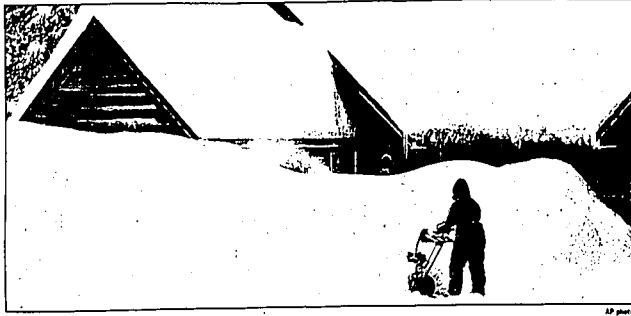
The building is 32,000 square feet and, at a hypothetical estimate of \$100 per square foot, the complete building remodel would cost \$3.2 million. The county has budgeted only \$1 million in the current year toward the upgrade. So the county must complete the remodel in phases.

Morris said phase I will include the creation of the public access area, the clerks office, judges

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LOOKING FOR HOME



Penny Eaves uses her snowblower to plow a path to the front door of her Essex, Mont., area home Wednesday afternoon. She said they had received about 3 feet of snow in the past 48 hours.

Cabin Fever Day includes variety of activities

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The fourth annual Cabin Fever Day, hosted by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, will be held Saturday at several locations in Twin Falls.

All ages are invited, and admission is free. Class sizes may be limited, and participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Here are some of the activities:

- **The Rocky Top Cloggers** will provide an introduction to clogging at Percussion Stop, 220 Main Ave. N. (entrance in the alley behind Cain's Furniture). Wear or bring tennis shoes to dance. Session 1 for ages 7 and up is from 9 to 10 a.m. Session 2 for those under age 7 is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- **The Magic Valley Academy of Music**, with studios at the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., will provide piano instruction and musical inspira-

tion from primer to advanced levels. Classes for ages 5 to 10 will be held each half hour from 10 a.m. to noon. Classes for ages 11 and up will be every half hour from noon to 2 p.m. Kindermusik is a program of music and movement for children ages newborn to 7. Parents participate in classes that encourage early learning and creativity through singing, dancing and moving to music. Sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon for newborns through age 3 and noon to 2 p.m. for ages 4 to 7.

- **The YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd.**, will have two indoor courts open for tennis. Lessons will be given on the hour for all ages, with beginners from 1 to 2 p.m. and beginners/intermediates from 2 to 3 p.m. Youth racquets are provided; adults need to bring their own.

- **The Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W.**, is offering mini-lessons in sewing. Sessions every half hour include classes for ages 6 to 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 9 to 10 from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and ages 10 and up from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

- **Musical Express, 347 Sunrise Blvd. N.**, will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to noon to provide information about this program that produces three concerts per year. Carol Conover will lead children's singing classes for ages 3 to 14.

- **Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N.**, is a paint-your-own-pottery studio. Participants can create Valentine charms. No experience is necessary. All ages are invited from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Michael's Craft Store, 1988 Bridgeview Blvd.**, offers a variety of craft projects for ages 5 and up. Call 735-9006 to sign up for either session - from 1 to 2 p.m. or from 2 to 3 p.m.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department at 736-2265.

Gooding considers health insurance pool

With costs skyrocketing, counties might combine to form self-funded plan

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Faced with a 47 percent increase in the cost of health insurance for its employees last year, Gooding County commissioners chose to switch carriers and raise deductibles - yet the county still ended up paying 12 percent more for insurance than the previous year.

The only way to make up the difference between the 12 percent increase and a 3 percent cap on the annual budget is to freeze or cut costs in other departments.

So in hopes of not repeating the hard choices made last year, commissioners listened to a presentation this week on a new insurance program called the Gem Plan, or Government Employees Medical Plan. The program is fashioned after the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, which provides property and casualty insurance coverage to public entities.

Tom Katsilometes, a former Bannock County commissioner for

“We believe there will be about 15 counties signed on by the end of March.”

“Tim Marks, GEM Plan proponent

18 years, and Tim Marks outlined the program.

“Counties have wanted a self-funded health plan, like ICRMP, for themselves on a statewide basis and the ideal (way) is to stabilize premiums so we don't have to cut benefits or freeze salaries,” Katsilometes said.

It is not an insurance company but a pool fund or trust fund formed through a joint-powers agreement, he said.

A board of trustees comprised of county commissioners, elected to the district they represent, will oversee the governing and policy

making. The president of the Idaho Association of Counties has appointed the board, which will be elected every two years. Veronica Liernan of Jerome is the district representative for Gooding County, Katsilometes said.

Katsilometes said that the idea has been in the planning stage for some time.

“But we had to wait until legislation was passed last year, of course we had some opposition from a couple of the large health providers in the state who didn't want to see the plan to fruition,” Katsilometes said.

He noted that the Gem Plan would include the same benefits as Gooding County's current insurer but has also added early retirement coverage, mammography, contraceptive coverage, weight loss control, flu vaccinations and immunizations.

The cost of the program would be 5 percent less than what Gooding is currently paying for health insurance.

“We believe there will be about 15 counties signed on by the end of March,” Marks said.

Branding iron used by Lewis gets top billing

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - A branding iron that was once the possession of Capt. Meriwether Lewis is getting top billing at a national exhibition commemorating the legendary explorer.

The artifact, on loan from the Oregon Historical Society, is featured in one of nine “treasure cases” at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, the first stop on a national tour.

“They are the most precious and important artifacts that you see as you go through the center of the room,” curator Carolyn Gilman said.

In the late 1890s, a Hood River man found the metal branding iron bearing the words “U.S. Capt. M. Lewis” among the rocks on the north shore of the Columbia River, near Celilo Falls.

Lewis used the iron to brand

trees and possibly boxes, barrels and other goods on the 8,000-mile journey by the 33-member Corps of Discovery, said Richard Engstrom, public historian for the Oregon Historical Society.

The object has drawn intense speculation from historians, some of whom believe it could have been used to signal ownership, allowing Lewis to lay claim to parts of the vast western territory.

SERVICES

Dora Louise Davis Faux (Fausde) of Buhl, service at 1 p.m. today at the First Christian Church, Broadway and Poplar, Buhl.

Edward D. Coltrin of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W., Burley. Friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Marvin Eugene Pierson of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. today at the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Walter G. Nickel of Filer, service at 1:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Merril L. Lewis of Arco, Idaho, service at 1 p.m. today at the Arco Baptist Community Church in Arco. The family will meet with friends for one hour before the service at the church.

M.J. Gordon “Jay” of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 W. 400 S., Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Earle Quigley of Bountiful, Utah, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 1001 Fair St. Friends may call from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Home and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. before the service at the church.

Rose Louise Kyle Fry of Webers Falls, Okla., memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Robert G. Knight of Twin Falls, a celebration of life at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary. Viewing from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

John Francis Chittock of Burley, memorial service Saturday at the home of Don Cagun in Monument, Ore.

Russell George Bennett of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 9

p.m. Sunday at the Stardust Bible Church, 14611 West R. H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, Ariz.

Mary Adelia Arnold Trader of Fairfield, service at 10 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Family and friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Cecelia Rosemond Hill Ortega of Meridian, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Meridian's Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. Graveside rites will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Meridian Cemetery. Viewing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Alice Mildred Knutson
BURLEY - Alice Mildred Knutson, 94, of Burley and formerly of Solvang, Calif., died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the Burley Care Center.
Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Nancy 'Nan' Wavra
BUHL - Nancy “Nan” Wavra, 92, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at her home.
The service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl. A viewing will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Wm. Brian Draw
PAUL - Wm. Brian Draw, 50 of

Paul, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, of kidney cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St., Burley. Friends and family may call before the service at the church.
The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Calvary Baptist Church or Gideons International, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Birdie Stevens
GOODING - Birdie Stevens, 90, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2004, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.
Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obit@mvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on “Obituaries.”

Violet A. Gachings - Twin Falls



Violet A. Gachings went peacefully to the Lord on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, 2004, surrounded by her loved ones. Violet Kennedy was born June 13, 1920, at home in the country near Des Arc, Ark. She, along with her brother and sister, were orphaned as children and were raised by their grandmother. As a teenager, Violet and her sister went to Oregon to live with an aunt and uncle. In 1946, she married James P. Gachings in Payette, Idaho, and they were married on Sept. 12, 1949, in Elka, Nev.

He was the love of her life for 54 years, and they shared a rare and beautiful closeness. Mama (Violet) had a beauty shop in her home for 25 years.

ter. She had many friends and thought always of everyone except herself.

Surviving Violet is her loving husband of 54 years, James P. Gachings, daughter and son-in-law, Jamey C. and John Presada. Her parents, her brother and her sister preceded her in death.

A funeral service for Violet will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberley Road, with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church Building Fund, 601 Shoshone Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Elmer August Aufderheide 'Slim' - Clover



Elmer August Aufderheide “Slim,” 91, of Clover, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Mt. View Convalescent Center. He was born May 28, 1912, in Hebron, Neb., the son of George and Caroline Elting Aufderheide. He was baptized on June 2, 1912, at Friedensburg, Neb. He attended parochial school at Immanuel Lutheran in Desler, Neb. He came to Idaho in 1935, later returning to Nebraska.

In 1941 he returned to Idaho and purchased a farm south of Wendell, Idaho. He married Della Dierker in 1942 at Jerome, Idaho. They lived in the Wendell area until purchasing a farm at Clover in 1962 which he continued farming until the early 1980s.

He also worked 22 campaigns at Amalgamated Sugar Company. Elmer was an active life member of the Lutheran church, Missouri Synod and was currently a member of Clover Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is survived by seven children, Marilyn Schroeder of Boone, Iowa; Gary (Linda) Aufderheide of Twin Falls; Diana (Roger) Newton of Twin Falls; Karen Sams and Lloyd Emery of

Twin Falls; Ray (Ruby) Aufderheide of Filer; Naomi (Jeff) Hopkins of Buhl; Jerry (Loni) Aufderheide of Twin Falls; 18 grandchildren, four step grandchildren and by 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Della, in 1984; one son, Marlin, in 1990; one granddaughter; one step granddaughter; two brothers; and four sisters.

The funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Christ officiating. Interment will follow in Clover Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, “Chapel by the Park,” with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Lutheran Hour, in care of Clover Lutheran Church.

Ruby J. Woods - Twin Falls

Ruby J. Woods, 91, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates.

Ruby was the oldest of eight children, born to David E. and Mary Ellen Canniff Woods in Eagle, Idaho, on Feb. 15, 1912. She graduated from Eagle High School in 1932. She worked as a nanny for the Dr. Howard Deadman family of Boise, Idaho, for many years. She also worked for Mountain Bell Telephone Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1977. Survivors include her sister,

Bonnie Jean Woods Nelson of Rogue River, Ore.; and one brother, Howard B. Woods of Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by her nieces, Linda Garrick of Rogue River, Ore., and her children: Susan Daugherty and family of Portland, Ore.; Sandra Jensen of Medford, Ore.; Darlene (De) Nelson of Burley, Idaho, and children; Lisa Burkowski and daughter of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Lori (Phil) Byer and family of San Rafael, Calif.; Dolores (Doyle) Mason of Twin Falls, Idaho, and daughter, Margo (Nate)

Hoffmeyer, and son of Twin Falls, Idaho, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Interment took place Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park. Services were under the direction of White Mortuary, “Chapel by the Park.”

Negotiators keep trying for release

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP) - A prison standoff stretched to 12 days Thursday could be the lengthiest prison hostage situation in the United States in at least 50 years, an expert said. Other standoffs include an 11-day incident in 1987 when Cuban detainees took control of a penitentiary in Atlanta and held more than 100 hostages. Inmates in Lucasville, Ohio, also staged an 11-day standoff in 1993, taking 12 guards hostage to stop mandatory tuberculosis testing.

Both ended in surrenders. Robert McCrie, a professor of law and police science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said the standoff at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis was probably the longest in at least five decades.

Negotiators Wednesday spoke briefly to the female guard held hostage.

“The indications are that she is doing OK,” said Alan Ecker, a spokesman for the state Department of Corrections. He offered no other details. Authorities were trying to ensure the hostage's safety, corrections spokesman Michael

Murphy said Thursday. “Because we value the life of that officer so dearly, it will take as long as it takes,” Murphy said. Ivan Bartos, a Corrections Department official, said the use of force is also an option but emphasized it's not something officials are planning.

On Thursday morning, one of the inmates again appeared on the tower's observation deck. He peered over the edge as he has done on several occasions during the standoff.

The two inmates in the high-security section of the prison took two officers hostage in a guard tower before dawn on Jan. 18.

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Burley man still mulls request for wind turbines

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Jeff Mitchell wanted to build a wind turbine on his property at 70 East 300 South in rural Burley. So he applied to the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission and his request was eventually approved, then appealed and then denied.

Mitchell's already invested between \$5,000 and \$7,000 on the wind turbine project, but doesn't have much to show for it.

The planning commission granted Mitchell a conditional-use permit for the turbine in July. When that decision was challenged before the county commissioners in November, the commissioners took the matter under advisement pending counsel from Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus. Neighbors appealed the planning commission's issuance of the permit, sending the matter to county commissioners.

Commissioners decided Mitchell had to reapply because he had failed to post a required notice on his property, Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said.

"It's upsetting I went through this whole process and didn't get

it," Mitchell said. "I got beat out on a technicality."

Attorney Bill Parsons argued on behalf of people who opposed the permit, saying the planning commission made several mistakes that nullified their original decision to issue a permit. Among the errors Parsons cited were the failure to post a required notice on Mitchell's property.

"I'd like to reapply but it's getting cost prohibitive," Mitchell said Thursday. "I've already spent \$5,000 to \$7,000 on my lawyer's bill. And it could still be appealed again."

Mitchell didn't post a notice on his property, but advertised with a newspaper public notice and mailed notices to neighbors.

"It does say it's required, but it had to be present actually before he said of the property posting," Mitchell said.

Mitchell, an X-ray technician at Cassia Regional Medical Center, said the bureaucratic tangle doesn't make sense. "Planning and zoning ordinances aren't meant to halt people ... it shouldn't take this much effort," he said.

However, McMurray said commissioners made the right decision.

"It could have gone to court and there is no sense dragging that out

and costing time and money when the courts are pretty settled on the issue," he said. McMurray said notices are important when dealing with local government.

Neighbors opposed to the turbine worried about noise, safety and how it would affect property values, Mitchell said.

LeRoy Jarolimek, who already has approval to build an identical turbine as Mitchell proposed on his Burley farm, said such worries are unfounded.

The 120-foot tall tower with three 31-foot blades runs quietly, Jarolimek said.

"The actual wind noise is louder than the turbines," he said.

Jarolimek said studies have proven turbines don't negatively affect property values and that they actually increase the value of the land.

"Property values even go up because turbines eliminate a utility bill," he said.

Jarolimek said his farm is zoned for agricultural use, and such zoning didn't present any problems to get approval. Mitchell's property is zoned residential-agricultural, which has more restrictions, he said.

Mitchell said the turbine would have cost about \$40,000 and paid for itself in five years.

Farmer moves ahead on wind study

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

BURLEY — LeRoy Jarolimek believes alternative energy could put some wind back into the local economy's sails.

"Wind power is a good resource for the community," he said. "It's good for the economy and it brings in business to build the turbines."

Jarolimek expects to install a wind turbine on his Burley Butte farm next month and has a federal grant to study the feasibility of building a 10-megawatt, six-turbine wind farm on his property. The turbine will stand 120 feet tall. Jarolimek's property is at 600 West 225 South.

Jarolimek's turbine is identical

to one Jeff Mitchell sought a permit for on his rural Burley property. Mitchell was ordered to reapply for a permit because he failed to post proper notice of his request for a permit. Some of Mitchell's neighbors, worried about noise and property values, successfully challenged the application.

"I think people were being one-sided," Jarolimek said.

"Burley's going to be a ghost town if they keep chasing business away."

Jarolimek estimates he will generate enough power to cover his residential power needs and possibly more. He can sell any extra power, which will feed directly to the power grid.

Guiding him through his project are experts from the Idaho Energy Division, Idaho Power Co. and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Jarolimek is so devoted to developing wind power that he has rented out his farm and now devotes his attention to wind power issues.

"Cassia County is one of the best sites for wind farms in the Magic Valley," he said.

In order to install the turbine, Jarolimek had to get a conditional-use permit. "It can be time consuming," Jarolimek said. County commissioners are going to consider allowing turbines in agricultural zones without conditional-use permits.

"It'll make it easier to put them on farms," Jarolimek said.

Decloman faces sex abuse charges

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Decloman was bound over to District Court two weeks ago on three counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with children younger than 16.

John Michael Hitt, 46, is scheduled to be arraigned in 5th District Court in Cassia County on Feb. 20 on the three counts. He was originally charged with eight counts of lewd conduct.

According to the court information filed by Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus, Hitt is accused of having sexual

contact with a then 11-year-old girl in December 2002, of having sexual contact with a then 7-year-old girl in 1998 and 1999 and of having sexual contact with a then 9-year-old girl in 2001 and 2002.

The other five counts involved the same three girls, according to the criminal complaint filed by Barrus.

Hitt was arraigned in Magistrate Court on the charges Oct. 29, 2003, before Magistrate Judge Michael Cabreze. His preliminary hearing before Judge Cabreze was Jan. 16. The judge ruled that sufficient evidence existed to send the case to

District Court.

Hitt was charged after the Cassia County Sheriff's Department investigated a March 2003 report filed by the uncle of the three girls.

The uncle told a deputy that the 11-year-old girl told him Hitt had "been touching her in the wrong places."

In subsequent interviews with police officers, all three girls said Hitt had touched them inappropriately on many occasions. They said the activities often took place after they had gone to bed.

CSI

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In May, Kemphorne asked colleges, universities and public schools to give back anything that wasn't already committed from the 2002-03 appropriations. Meyerhoeffer said that came to about \$440,000, or about \$112,000 less than the increase the governor is planning on for the 2004-05 appropriation.

"So it's just about a wash," Bell said.

Meyerhoeffer said there's a possibility that CSI students will have to pay more the coming year in tuition and fees to make up for inflation and other increases,

including capacity building at the college. In addition, he said he's worried about instructors having to teach larger classes and more classes for relatively small remuneration. For every extra three-credit class an instructor takes on, he or she gets an extra \$2,000. About 70 percent of the faculty is teaching extra classes, he said.

Bell said she's concerned about CSI having to put capacity building on hold.

"It's not good business management," she said, though she also said there's not much the state can do about it.

In addition, she said she's not

happy that the Legislature voted for bonding authority last year to allow every college campus on the state go forward with construction projects. As a result, CSI will have a remodeled and expanded Fine Arts Building by March 2005, but the state won't be able to help with its occupancy costs.

Meyerhoeffer told lawmakers on Thursday that one way or another, CSI will find the money each year. He also said property taxes in the CSI taxing district includes Jerome and Twin Falls counties will not go up unless valuations increase.

Agriculture

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too easy for companies to move overseas or north of the border, Takasugi said.

"The Mini-Cassia area knows all too well about industries moving off-shore. They burn recently lost J.R. Simpson's original potato plant."

Takasugi also shared his views about special interests' influence over farm policies. It's no longer a government of the people, by the people, for the people, he said.

One of the courts, by the attorneys and for the special interests.

Regarding the controversial dairy odor issue his department has faced for the past several years, the director said producers must consider the social aspects

of agriculture.

"There are some places that just aren't appropriate for 3,000 cows," he said.

Those issues could be handled better at the local zoning level rather than by the Ag Department, which then must come in after the fact and tell a dairy that it has an odor problem, Takasugi said. A new 3,000-cow dairy near Mountain Home didn't face any opposition because of its location, he said.

Takasugi did discuss the manure issue but quipped about Idaho's Canadian neighbors: "We're leaving the mad cows up there. We only have happy cows in the United States."

Lynn Tomlinaga, director of the

Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, gave an update on progress in the water dispute between groundwater users and canyon springs users. Groundwater users are attempting to negotiate with fish producers for a two-year timeout in legal fights that otherwise could result in the curtailment of a number of wells on the north side of the Snake River.

Tomlinaga said the discussions involve both financial compensation and more water for fish farms.

Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931. — Ext. 237, or jsandmann@magicvalley.com.

Manure digester could heat 200 homes

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The planned anaerobic digester at the Whitesides Dairy near Rupert has the potential to produce 28 million cubic feet of natural gas a year, officials from Intrepid Technology and Resources Inc. said Thursday.

That translates to enough fuel to heat and operate 200 homes, Intrepid financial consultant Steve Ellis said.

Intrepid officials are well into the design of Idaho's first natural gas production plant that will process dairy manure through anaerobic digestion, Ellis said.

Plans still call for construction to begin March 30, weather permitting.

Intrepid will own the plant and expects to see the first gas production in late July, Ellis said. About half the gas produced at this flagship facility will be used at the Whitesides Dairy and the other half sold to customers who are now using propane for their energy source.

The plant's maximum production potential of 28 million cubic feet of gas per year is also the equivalent of 335,000 gallons of annual propane production. In Idaho, some 50,000 gallons of propane are used daily, Ellis said.

"The biogas industry in Idaho alone has the potential to generate tens of millions in annual revenue due to its robust dairy and cattle feedlot operations," he said in a press release.

Intrepid officials continue to

pursue the construction of additional digesters with Magic Valley dairy owners, Ellis said.

The driving force behind the company's pursuit of biogas generation is constant price increases for other energy supplies. Ellis said the cost of natural gas to the consumer has increased 80 percent during the last 10 years. Intrepid officials expect domestic energy prices to increase significantly in the next decade.

Intrepid focuses on biogas, biomass and ethanol products — all green energy services — designed to assist in worldwide energy independence and reduce pollution. Intrepid personnel search for methods to use renewable agriculture feedstock and industrial and agriculture waste to create fuels.

Idaho, Utah rank well in newborn study

Idaho beats other states in baby health

BOISE (AP) — Idaho continues to fare better than many other states when it comes to comparing the health, condition and family circumstances of newborn babies, a new study says.

In 2001, Idaho remained second in the lowest percentage of births to unmarried women behind Utah, which was at 17.4 percent in 2001.

The national average rose slightly from 33.2 percent to 33.5 percent.

The percentage of Idaho women with less than 12 years of education eased slightly from 16.7 percent in 2000 to 16.4 percent. Idaho was tied with Wisconsin for 21st place in 2001. The national average remained at 21.7 percent.

The percentage of Idaho women with late or no prenatal care improved a bit from 3.9 percent in 2000 to 3.7 percent in 2001. Idaho went from 33rd place to 30th place. The national average mirrored Idaho's mark in 2001.

For low birth weight, the Idaho figure in 2001 was 6.4 percent, down from 6.7 percent. The weight benchmark is 5.5 pounds. Idaho shared 9th place with three other states including Utah. The percentage nationwide worsened slightly to 7.7 percent.

Idaho's percentage of women having preterm births earlier than 37 weeks of gestation remained steady at 10.2 percent from 2000 to 2001, tying Idaho with California at ninth. The national average in 2001 was 11.9 percent.

The percentage of repeat teen births eased in Idaho. Between 2000 and 2001, the percentage of young women who were already mothers giving birth to another child fell from 21.2 percent to

19.5 percent, moving it from 35th to 20th place. The national average dropped from 21.1 percent to 20.9 percent in the same time.

Births to unmarried women in Idaho rose from 11.6 percent to 22 percent between 2000 and 2001, keeping the state in second place behind Utah, which was at 17.4 percent in 2001.

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Utah had fewest births to unwed mothers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For the 11th straight year, Utah led the nation for the lowest percentage of births by unmarried women, according to a national study on child health released Thursday.

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The percent of Idaho mothers who smoked during pregnancy in 2001 improved greatly from 12.6 to 10.1 percent.

Start for America's Newborns annual report. The figures cover 20,688 births in 2001, the latest year statistics were available.

It is a joint project of Child Trends and Kids Count, an effort of The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The state's results that year were better than or equal to the national average in the eight categories researched.

Foundation officials contend conditions under which infants are born can have lifelong effects on child development and school readiness.

The statistics are an important tool for health-care providers and policy-makers, the foundation said. Whether a mother smokes, whether she receives prenatal care and other factors are important indicators of the child's future.

Among the findings:

- Idaho's instance of teen births fell from 11.6 percent in 2000 to 10.8 percent, and the rank went from 25th to 23rd among the states. The national figure dropped from 11.8 percent to 11.3 percent.
- The percentage of repeat teen births eased in Idaho. Between 2000 and 2001, the percentage of young women who were already mothers giving birth to another child fell from 21.2 percent to

19.5 percent, moving it from 35th to 20th place. The national average dropped from 21.1 percent to 20.9 percent in the same time.

Births to unmarried women in Idaho rose from 11.6 percent to 22 percent between 2000 and 2001, keeping the state in second place behind Utah, which was at 17.4 percent in 2001.

The national average rose slightly from 33.2 percent to 33.5 percent.

The percentage of Idaho women with less than 12 years of education eased slightly from 16.7 percent in 2000 to 16.4 percent. Idaho was tied with Wisconsin for 21st place in 2001. The national average remained at 21.7 percent.

The percentage of Idaho women with late or no prenatal care improved a bit from 3.9 percent in 2000 to 3.7 percent in 2001. Idaho went from 33rd place to 30th place. The national average mirrored Idaho's mark in 2001.

For low birth weight, the Idaho figure in 2001 was 6.4 percent, down from 6.7 percent. The weight benchmark is 5.5 pounds. Idaho shared 9th place with three other states including Utah. The percentage nationwide worsened slightly to 7.7 percent.

Idaho's percentage of women having preterm births earlier than 37 weeks of gestation remained steady at 10.2 percent from 2000 to 2001, tying Idaho with California at ninth. The national average in 2001 was 11.9 percent.

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ads all the time, including ads promoting safe drinking and ads against drugs. Commercials scheduled to run during Sunday's Super Bowl include an anti-smoking ad from the tobacco giant Philip Morris Corp. and an anti-drug ad from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Chisholm said CBS and other big broadcasting corporations are "very politically motivated to not embarrass the Bush administration."

Why? Because the Bush administration endorsed a new Federal Communications Commission rule allowing broadcast networks to expand and own television stations that reach a combined 45 percent of the national audience,

up from 35 percent. Chisholm said. In November, lawmakers agreed to a provision that would prevent the FCC from loosening its rules despite a White House veto threat.

Bob Parrish, secretary of the Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee, agreed that big broadcasting doesn't want to get on Bush's bad side.

"The FCC gave major networks and other major media the chance to monopolize 45 percent of any given market," Parrish said.

Meanwhile, KMYT General Manager Lee Wagner said he would consider airing the ad if the MoveOn group approached him.

"We do run advocacy ads during the political season," Wagner said. Wagner explained that CBS affiliates make their own deci-

sions on programming. Likewise, affiliates can't tell CBS what it can or can't do.

"This is an issue between MoveOn and CBS Television Network," Wagner said. "Local affiliates can't tell CBS how to do business."

Wagner said both the protesters and CBS had the right to express their views.

"CBS is a business like any business, and those who protest have every right to do so under the Constitution," Wagner said. "At the same time, CBS has the same rights to run their business as they wish."

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chambers, law library, two courtrooms, the jail area and restrooms.

Poe estimated the cost of that phase at about \$15.2 million, adding that he "always estimates heavy."

"That way there are no surprises," Poe said.

He suggested the county pull out an area from phase I for alternate bidding, have the contractors bid the whole project and also bid the separated area, in case the whole project is over budget.

"It will be a clean construction project, all indoors," Poe said. "It depends on how hungry the contractors are but they will be bidding competitively and I wouldn't be surprised if you don't get everything you want in the bid."

The holding cells area, estimated

to cost \$280,000, is probably the most expensive portion of the whole building, Poe said.

But Commissioner Veronica Lierman rejected the idea of it being bid separately. If the jail area were built later, the county would have to hire extra deputies and jailers to secure inmates waiting their turn in court, Lierman said.

The jail area will have five 10-person holding cells. However, the county does not expect to hold 50 inmates at any one time, Sheriff Jim Weaver said. But the cells will allow the separation of male and female inmates, adults and juveniles and also segregate the more violent prisoners from the others.

The secure parking area, where inmates will be brought to the jail area if the building will have high walls, gates and razor wire on

the inside. The wire will not be visible from the street, Poe said.

The second phase will include the construction of three courtrooms, a prosecutor's suite, the defender's suite, adult probation suite, juvenile probation suite and the exterior landscaping and face of the building. It can also be done in stages since any of the parts can be completed separately as funds become available, Morris said.

Weaver suggested that due to the nation's heightened security, the county needed to build barriers between the parking area and the front of the annex to prevent car bombs from being crashed into the building.

Poe said if all goes well the county could move into the building in October.

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Senate confirms former Kempthorne chief to council

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's former chief of staff won confirmation Thursday for a seat on the panel that nominates and disciplines judges.

However, Phil Reberger's approval came over objections that his appointment could compromise the council's independence.

The Senate voted 26-8 along party lines to confirm Phil Reberger's appointment to the Judicial Council. Cecil Ingram of Boise was the only Republican to join the seven Democrats in opposing the appointment. GOP Sen.

Critics contend adding the Republican unbalances the judicial review board

Gary Schroeder of Moscow was absent.

Republican leaders rejected claims by Democrats that Reberger's appointment violates the limit of three Republicans on the council and that Reberger is barred by the law that denies council membership to anyone who is compensated for holding another state office.

Reberger is paid \$75 a day as a member of the State Building Authority besides his expenses.

The commission meets no more than a day or two each quarter.

"There is no conflict," Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington of Declo said flatly.

Before Reberger's appointment last September, the seven-member council already had three Republicans - Helen McKinney of Caldwell, Bill Parsons of Twin Falls and Randy Smith of Pocatello, the former state Republican chairman who is now a 6th District judge. Republicans contended that

under law, judges are considered nonpartisan and therefore the former state GOP chairman is not a Republican.

Democrat Michael Burkett of Boise essentially ignored that contention, arguing instead that packing the council with a fourth Republican who has been such a close adviser to the incumbent governor and a member of other public panels undermines the separation of the judiciary from the executive branch of government.

"The potential for conflict and confusion of purposes abounds," Burkett said.

Senate Republican Floor Leader Bart Davis, an Idaho Falls attorney, disputed the claim that Reberger's membership on the Building Authority bars him from the council. Davis cited a state Supreme Court decision that the authority is not a state agency so that it would not fall under the offices that preclude membership on the council. Reberger was

appointed to the Building Authority by Kempthorne's predecessor, Republican Phil Batt.

Democrats repeatedly said they were not challenging Reberger's integrity, only the perception that his appointment would result in undue influence on judicial nominations and proceedings.

In addition, Democratic Floor Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum questioned Reberger's appointment because of his involvement on several different levels in the controversial University Place project by the University of Idaho in Boise.

UI officials warn of cutbacks to programs

Further trimming will harm academic, ag offerings, they say

BOISE (AP) - University of Idaho administrators joined other higher education officials Thursday in warning budget writers that significant academic and agricultural program cuts are likely if state financial support continues to shrink.

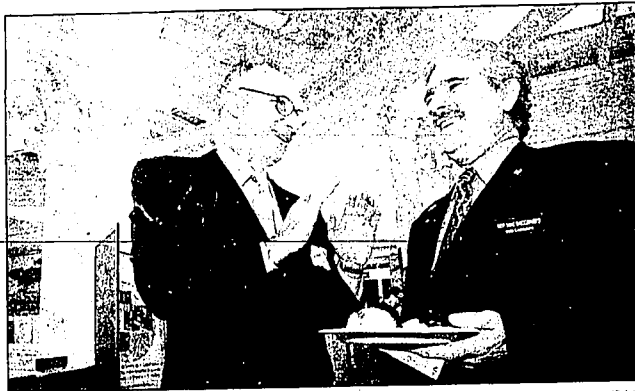


"We clearly cannot continue to do all the things we have done in the past," interim President Gary Michael told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. But he reiterated his commitment to "world-class quality in the things we continue to do."

It was the fourth day that the House-Senate panel has heard the state's educators warn that the bare-bones budget proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne falls millions of dollars short of meeting the legitimate needs of public schools and colleges.

"We've had to make some really tough choices, and some of them are still to be announced," Michael said. "It was not fun."

Provost Brian Pitcher recom-



University of Idaho President Gary Michael, left, talks to Idaho State Rep. Mike Naccarato, D-Lewiston, inside the Statehouse rotunda Wednesday. This is education week at the Statehouse, when state schools and universities gather to meet legislators to talk about upcoming education needs throughout the state.

ed the elimination of mining and geology engineering more than a year ago along with consolidation of majors in other disciplines as steps already taken to cope with the current budget crisis and the school's decision to make science and technology its emphasis.

Michael said there is already a \$75 million backlog of building maintenance and that will grow

by another \$7 million in the coming year under Kempthorne's budget plan.

But Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert pressed ahead, asking Michael, Pitcher and others what more can be done to maintain programs and permit the state further to reduce financial support.

Michael again said the school intends to launch fund-raising

campaigns for cash to enhance faculty salaries and provide scholarship to students - in both cases to make up for what the state is not providing or pushing onto student fees.

Beyond that, he said there are no other places to turn but further elimination of programs.

"We don't have the money anywhere else," he and Agriculture Dean John Hammel said.

Utah panel votes to snub Bush's 'No Child' law

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A Republican-dominated House committee voted unanimously on Thursday to exempt Utah from the No Child Left Behind Act, the federal education program championed by President Bush, even though the decision could cause Utah's cash-strapped schools to forfeit \$103 million or more in funding.

Supporters of the move to opt out say it could cost Utah even more to comply with the 2002 act, which uses a reward-and-punishment system to prod schools to meet escalating academic standards for students, than the state receives from the government in the first place.

Utah's conservative Republicans are lining up to oppose it, even as their president seeks re-election in November. They are joined by the state's school administrators, who say the federal mandates are punitive and incomprehensible, branding entire schools failures if just a few students fail to meet testing standards.

"Our biggest frustration with No Child Left Behind is that it is full of negative reinforcement. It sends the message that if schools fail, like a culture circling for prey," said Patti Harrington, an associate state superintendent in charge of student achievement.

The House Public Education Committee voted 15-0 for a two-line bill that would opt Utah out

of more than 2,000 pages of federal legislation and regulation. Legislators took action without knowing how much Utah would have to forfeit in federal funding, a critical issue in a state that ranks at the bottom in per-pupil funding.

The measure now goes to the full Republican-dominated Utah Legislature.

Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, told the Legislature last week that he had gotten only "spongy" answers from federal education officials about the penalty for withdrawing from the No Child Left Behind Act. Cannon said he assigned a staffer to dig the federal officials.

State schools Supt. Steven Laing's Jan. 12 inquiry to U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige, has gone unanswered. In the absence of information, legislative analysts estimate Utah would lose \$103 million a year, or more, if Congress increases funding for the act. But they said the act could cost Utah \$200 million to \$600 million annually for individual tutoring, special transportation, summer school, before-and-after school mentoring and other programs.

The act "launches off on the premise there is equitable funding across the nation to accomplish these kinds of requirements," said Barry L. Newbold, superintendent of Jordan school district, Utah's largest with 75,000 students.

Idaho lawmakers will hear anti-gay-marriage measure

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Legislature on Thursday took its first step to consider a constitutional ban on gay marriages.

The House Judiciary and Rules Committee agreed on a voice vote to bring the resolution before the full committee. The vote was split closely along party lines, with two of the three Democrats against it.

The amendment would add a new section to the Idaho Constitution, which would say that "Only marriage between one man and one woman at one time shall be recognized as valid in this state."

State law already prohibits marriage between people of the same sex. But the amendment's floor sponsor, Republican Rep. Henry Kulczyk of Eagle, said he feared that a court ruling in Massachusetts could threaten Idaho's law.

Last November, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts voted 5-4 that gay and lesbian men and women have the right to marry. That state's constitutional guarantee of equal rights for all citizens.

Kulczyk is sponsoring the resolution along with 17 fellow House members and three senators. A hearing is scheduled for Feb. 5 in the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

Committee Chairman Debbie Field of Boise said she intends to seek a larger venue for the hearing than the usual House committee room, which was packed to overflowing. But she warned speakers and the committee that she



Rep. Henry Kulczyk, R-Eagle, and Rep. Wendy Jaquet, R-Ketchum

would not tolerate disrespect.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Marty Durand said her organization strongly opposes the amendment.

"We think it's unnecessary, discriminatory, and will hurt a lot of people, including different-sex couples," she said.

Durand pointed to the language of the resolution, which says that other than a marriage between a man and a woman, "no other relationship shall be recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent by the state of Idaho or any of its political subdivisions."

Durand said that would clearly exclude the kind of "third way" commitment Hardenbrook was speaking of.

"It may be designed to prohibit homosexual marriage, but I think it may go a lot further than that," she said.

House Democrats are not united in opposition to the amendment. Minority Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet said. But she called the measure a waste of time.

Utah anti-gay-marriage bill moves ahead

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Despite concerns about its constitutionality, a bill that would prohibit same-sex and common law marriages advanced Thursday in the Utah Senate.

The bill would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman and outlaw civil unions allowed in other states.

The Senate will likely pass the bill Friday and send it to the House.

A Senate committee on Tuesday approved Sen. Chris Butters' bill even though some legislators were

concerned about its constitutionality.

In particular, lawmakers and lawyers were concerned that the bill would close the courts to same-sex or unmarried heterosexual couples with legitimate legal questions regarding child custody and care, wills, medical decisions, mortgages or even car ownership.

Butters has amended the bill to say it does not impair "any contract or other rights, benefits, or duties that are enforceable independently" of his proposal.

Utah cites privacy, drops out of program

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gov. Olene Walker on Thursday withdrew Utah from a federal pilot program that collects personal information on citizens and shares it with six other states and the federal government in the name of homeland security.

Utah is the fifth state to withdraw from the former 10-state pact. Idaho is not participating.

"We've got to review this ... to look at the benefits in comparison with privacy concerns," Walker said. She promised "with all haste" to set up an oversight group as early as today.

The multistate database was launched last year with \$12 million in federal funds. The law enforcement officials and private database company behind the Multistate

Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange, or Matrix, presented it as a means to purchase a computer software necessary to become part of the program.

Florida had received all the initial federal funding, said Robert Flowers, Utah's public safety commissioner.

Along with Flowers, Utah Department of Corrections Director Mike Charities and Utah Tax Commission chairman Pam Hendrickson signed the agreement with the Florida law enforcement director.

Walker, who was Utah's lieutenant governor at the time, said she didn't know anything about Matrix until Thursday night. Nor was she aware of former Gov. Mike Leavitt's interest in the project or always part of discussions having to do with technology, she said.

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Administration will seek mad-cow related funds

PHOENIX (AP) - The Bush administration will ask Congress for \$60 million to fund a national cattle identification system and other mad cow-related programs, the U.S. agriculture secretary said Thursday.

The 2005 fiscal year appropriation request will be \$47 million more than the current year, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's convention here.

More than half the money, \$33 million, would be directed toward developing a national identification system for the nation's 96 million cattle - a program Democrats on Capitol Hill were pushing for faster action on this week.

Another \$17 million would be

spent on the collection of 40,000 samples for mad cow tests at rendering plants and farms. The remaining money would be used for food and grain inspections and to develop more tests for mad cow, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Eating beef containing the disease can lead to a similar rare but fatal disease in humans, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

"We continue to be very aggressive in our BSE program," Veneman said.

Despite the discovery of a Holstein cow infected with mad cow in Washington state on Dec. 23, the U.S. beef industry has held up well. Domestic demand remains strong and prices have bounced back from initial declines,

Veneman said.

Prices for beef initially dropped 15 percent to 20 percent after the mad cow discovery, but since then, they've largely rebounded, and demand for beef is higher than year-ago levels, she said.

"The worst-case scenarios have not played out," Veneman said. Cattlegrowers and others at the conference agreed.

Demand for beef remains strong and the effects of the BSE discovery seem to be minimal, said Bill Nutt, a rancher from Cedartown, Ga.

"It sort of vindicates the things we've been doing all along to prepare for this," he said.

Veneman credited steps taken by the administration in the weeks after the discovery, including a ban

on the sale of downed cows for human consumption and the push for a nationwide ID program.

Veneman said the Agriculture Department is seeking a way to implement a system that will be flexible and will integrate with the identification systems that some cattlegrowers and states are already using.

"What we don't want to do is put extra burdens on producers so they need multiple systems," she said.

The cattlemen's association has developed its own plan for implementing a nationwide system based on standards it has established. The association hopes to persuade the federal government to adopt the plan and fund it rather than developing a separate plan.

Gary Wilson, an association member who has worked heavily on the ID plan, said the group has already developed standards that would identify every cow that's sold and be able to track its movement.

The group's plan calls for implementation to begin in July 2004, but it would likely take until 2006 before most cows would be tied into the identification system, he said.

"It's got to take time. It just doesn't happen overnight regardless of what our congressional leaders think," Wilson said.

About 3,900 cattle producers are attending the national association meeting in Phoenix, which began Wednesday and runs through Saturday.



Agricultural Secretary Ann Veneman Wants \$60 million to label cows

Bush asks for \$760 million for fire prevention

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration is asking Congress for \$760 million next year to reduce the risk of wildfires by thinning national forests.

The amount is at least \$80 million more than current spending and would allow forest managers to treat up to 4 million acres at risk of fire - an increase of about 300,000 acres over current efforts. The acreage is quadruple the amount treated in 2000, when a record 8 million acres of forest land burned.

The plan announced Wednesday would fully fund the so-called "Healthy Forests" law passed by Congress last fall. Most of the thinning projects - which include prescribed burns and removal of underbrush that serves as fuel for wildfires - would be focused on areas near homes and communities.

Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who leads the administration's forest policy, called the budget request a good start.

"We think it's an appropriate response to the act," he said.

The money being requested is separate from accounts to prepare for and put out fires, Rey said, and includes spending by both the U.S. Forest Service and the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management.

Rey said the \$760 million includes \$80 million to \$100 million in new spending. Rey disputed a claim by some environmentalists that the increased spending for thinning projects was a way to increase commercial logging on public lands.

Critics have called the new forest law a giveaway to the timber industry, which has contributed more than \$500,000 to President Bush since 1999. The law will limit public participation in forest decisions and leave old-growth trees and remote, roadless areas of forests at risk of logging, they say.



George Vissla cuts firewood from trees thinned from the Black Hills National Forest by the U.S. Forest Service May 15, near Sturgis, S.D. The Bush administration is asking Congress for about \$80 million more next year to reduce wildfires by thinning national forests.

Rey called that unfair and said much of the treatment work will be done through prescribed burns, not logging.

"With regard to mechanical thinning those projects will be done with a singular objective to improve the health of the forests," Rey said. "The amount of timber to be removed is incidental."

A top aide to Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat who helped pass the forest bill, called the announcement a positive development, but said Wyden was waiting

to see the fine print before celebrating.

"We hope that the \$760 million is real money and isn't taken from other programs that are critical to maintaining our forest resources," said Josh Kardon, Wyden's chief of staff.

Environmental groups, meanwhile, criticized new guidelines that allow private groups to keep trees and other material removed from public lands to reduce the danger of wildfire.

Under so-called "stewardship

contracts," the Forest Service and allow contractors to cut large, commercially valuable trees for up to 10 years in exchange for clearing smaller, more fire-prone trees and brush.

Critics say the program turns forest land into a "money tree" for timber companies. "When you let forest managers use the trees they manage like a big piggy bank ... those trees are in big trouble," said Mike Leahy, natural resources counsel for Defenders of Wildlife.

Dog detects powder residue, terminal evacuated

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A whiff of pyrotechnics used on stage by a dance company caught the attention of Robbie, a police dog trained to sniff out explosives, and part of Albuquerque's airport was evacuated for two hours Thursday.

The emergency response went smoothly after Robbie detected residue of the explosives that once had occupied an equipment trunk, said Brig. Gen. Annette Sobel, head of homeland security for New Mexico.

The dog homed in on the trunk about 11 a.m. MST in a baggage room at the Albuquerque International Airport.

The FBI, the Albuquerque bomb squad and the U.S. Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms responded, and the west side of the terminal was evacuated. The all-clear came at 1:15 p.m.

"This was a dance company - it was some of their equipment that they take to do pyrotechnics on the road, part of their act," said Sobel, a brigadier general in the Air National Guard.

The dance company called Akhe Russian Engineering Theatre consisted of four male dancers from St. Petersburg, Russia, who had been booked on a Delta Airlines flight to Atlanta on route home via Paris, Beldon said.

The equipment trunk was run through an electronic scanner,

their "dogs were brought in to sniff the luggage," Beldon said.

"Subsequent investigation determined there was some residue in there, apparently from pyrotechnics used in a prior show," he said, adding that pyrotechnics were not used during the Akhe show in Albuquerque.

Their appearance here was co-sponsored by Trick Lock Co. and the University of New Mexico department of theater and dance as part of the 4th annual Revolutions International Theatre Festival.

The company staged performances last weekend of "White Cabin" at the UNM Center for the Arts' Rodey Theatre.

The dancers have been cleared for departure Friday by the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Beldon said.

For a while, however, security was notched up around the state, particularly at the state legislative session under way in Santa Fe, said Peter Olson, spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety.

Jesse Jackson speaks for human rights

POCATELLO (AP) - The Rev. Jesse Jackson says the playing field in level for all races in sports, but that is not the case everywhere in society.

Jackson spoke to about 2,000 Idaho State University students Wednesday as a part of the university's Human Rights Celebration. Earlier, he met the ISU basketball team at the airport in Salt Lake City.

In athletics, he said, the playing field is level, and race is not a factor when the game is at stake. "We didn't know how good baseball could be until everyone could play," he said. "We won't know how good America is until everyone can play."

Part of creating a level playing field begins with providing health care to the poor working-class as well as the rich, Jackson said.

"It's time for a health care plan for all Americans based on humanity," he said. "Need, not money must be the basis for health care."

His organization, the Rainbow Push Coalition works to increase voter registration, and more than 100 students took voter registration cards from the event.

He encouraged students to vote for a tuition cap and give support to prenatal care and Head Start.

"Our strength is not in smart bombs, but in smart children. Our strength is not our will to kill, but our will to heal," he said.

And he said university students should fight against war. Working-class Americans are dying while the rich receive large no-bid contracts, he said.

"Within you rests the destiny of our nation and perhaps the destiny of our world," Jackson said. "We must go beyond color and culture to a thing called character. That must be our goal. It will make America whole."

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Whooping cough cases worry Lewiston schools

LEWISTON (AP) - Three cases of whooping cough have been confirmed in a Lewiston family and the North Central District Health Department has alerted schools.

The Lewiston cases make eight cases reported in north central Idaho in January. An adult and two preschool-aged children in the same family had whooping cough earlier this month in Latah County and laboratory tests confirmed whooping cough in the two teenagers in Idaho County.

There were three cases all of last year and two in 2002 in Idaho. But the number this year is not being viewed as an outbreak, Donna Anderson, the department epidemiologist in Lewiston said. The health department has found no link between the cases.

Anderson said that in the latest cases, whooping cough, or pertussis, was confirmed through laboratory tests in one adult and two children in the same Lewiston family.

A letter will be sent home to parents, Anderson said.

In addition, the health depart-

ment is working with the family to generate a list of individuals most at risk of exposure. Those on the list will be contacted with a recommendation that they start antibiotics. Antibiotics can make the disease milder and will prevent transmission of the illness to others, Anderson said.

All who were exposed should be given antibiotics, even if they had been vaccinated against the disease. The two cases in Idaho County earlier this month were in teenagers in the same family who had been vaccinated, Anderson said. Immunization is not 100 percent effective, and doesn't always last past childhood.

Infants younger than 6 months are most at risk. Complications include pneumonia, seizures and at times death. Whooping cough begins with cold-like symptoms and a cough that becomes progressively worse over one to two weeks. Coughing usually occurs in long bouts, sometimes with a characteristic whooping sound.

Prosecutor: Cat's death not animal cruelty

POCATELLO (AP) - Investigators have determined there was no malice in the killing of a cat in a Marsh Valley High School classroom and no charges will be filed, Hamrick County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman said.

A report by the sheriff's office said the cat had been a nuisance in class for a few weeks before being cornered by four boys on Jan. 16.

It ran toward one of the boys and latched onto his right leg with its claws. He shook his leg until it fell off and it then ran toward two other boys, one of whom bit it in the head with a broomstick. The cat fell onto its side unconscious and went into convulsions.

According to the report, one of the boys then placed his foot on the cat's neck and told the teacher, Gordon Gillman, who advised that it be put out of its misery.

The boy then pushed down harder and twisted his foot, killing the cat.

The facts in the case did not support charging anyone with animal cruelty, Hiedeman's office said.

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WORLD

Authorities detain 13 Mexico police officers in drug trafficking, murder

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) - Authorities questioned 13 state police Thursday about drug trafficking and the murders of at least 11 people, feeding fears that officers in this gritty border city take part in the crime they should be fighting.

The 13 officers were detained Wednesday. Their commander and three fellow officers were being sought.

A state police spokesman acknowledged officials have been unable to clean up the force despite firing about 400 officers in the past two years. Thousands of other local, state and federal lawmen in Mexico have been dismissed in recent years.

The money from drug trafficking is "too tempting for people who are not committed to public service," spokesman Mauro Conde said.

Hundreds of murders have gone unsolved in Ciudad Juarez, including the cases of dozens of young women who were strangled and dumped in the desert outside of the city.

Conde said the 13 officers focused on drug cases and were not involved in the investigations of the slain women, but they were linked to the bodies of 11 men found this weekend in the back-



Relatives leave the morgue Wednesday after identifying some of the bodies found by police in the backyard of a home in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Alejandro Garcia, who lived in the house where 11 bodies were discovered, told police he helped kill and bury victims in his backyard at the behest of drug smugglers.

yard of a house in a middle-class neighborhood.

Federal Deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos also told W Radio in Mexico City that "some elements of the state judicial police" were involved.

He said that type of people "are nothing more than delinquents disguised as public servants, at the service of the interests of drug traffickers."

The man who rented the house,

Alejandro Garcia, was arrested Tuesday and told police he took part in the killings at the order of several state police officers and members of the Vicente Carrillo drug gang.

That led officials to investigate all state police officers on the night shift in Ciudad Juarez. Thirteen were taken into custody when they showed up for work Wednesday night, and four others, including their commander, are being sought.

Prisoner swap goes ahead as planned

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - A long-awaited prisoner swap between Israel and the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah on Thursday freed more than 420 Palestinians, two Lebanese militia leaders and an Israeli businessman.

Obeid was the first to disembark the plane. Sporting a long beard and white Shiite Muslim turban, he walked steadily toward a group of government officials. Dirani followed him.

Minutes earlier, an Israeli jet landed in Tel Aviv bringing home a businessman and the bodies of three soldiers killed on the Israeli-Lebanese border.

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A Muslim woman makes her way to the grand mosque to perform the noon prayer in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Muslims begin Hajj pilgrimage

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Thousands of people dressed in white circled slowly around Islam's holiest shrine on Thursday, beginning the Hajj pilgrimage under the watch of security forces on alert after a shootout in Riyadh and a year of terror attacks in Saudi Arabia.

Bombings killed 51 people, including eight Americans, at housing compounds for foreigners in 2003. Saudi and U.S. officials have blamed the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden, a Saudi exile.

On Thursday, suspected terrorists exchanged fire with Saudi security forces raiding a house in Riyadh, killing several Saudi agents.

But in Mecca, 500 miles to the west, pilgrims said Thursday they were too overwhelmed by the spiritual experience of the Hajj to be worried about terrorism.

"I do not think that any real Muslim dares to do anything to the pilgrims. God's guests," said Libyan pilgrim Bakr Salem. "And even if anything happened, nothing is better than dying in God's house as a martyr."

Muslims believe that the pilgrimage, or hajj, is a form of jihad, or holy struggle, because of the physical, financial and emotional demands during the rituals. Those who die are considered martyrs with a guaranteed place in heaven.

"I am not concerned about anything: I am at God's place," Libyan Aisha al-Hadi, who is performing Hajj for the first time, said tearfully.

The pilgrims - men dressed in identical seamless white garb and women covered except for their hands and faces - circled the Kaaba on Thursday at the Grand Mosque, Islam's holiest site, in the first ritual of the pilgrimage.

Iraqi pilgrim Saudi Saber said the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime constituted a new beginning for him.

"This is the first time we come here after the fall of Saddam's regime and it feels so different - we are so free," he said.

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Good times

Country music Hall-of-Famer Ray Price will do two shows tonight and two more on Saturday at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot.

Jump and Jive!

Jive!, Twin Falls High School concert choral group, will perform its winter concert Saturday night at the Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls.

Got to be taught

Burley's Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will wrap up its production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" tonight and Saturday afternoon in the King Center.



Dinner theater

Twin Falls' Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts will present its dinner-theater production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" tonight and Saturday night at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Reservations are required.



Stand and deliver

Baxter Black and Ian Tyson will headline the last weekend of the 20th annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering today and Saturday at the Western Folklore Center in Elko, Nev.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C3-5

'A new world calls across the ocean/A new world waits just beyond the mountains, waiting there, waiting there ...'

Company of Fools strikes up 'Songs for a New World'

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - A new world is dawning at the Liberty Theater as Company of Fools attempts yet again something different.

This time the Fools are attempting to tell tales of the human heart through song, rather than staged plays.

They'll present "Songs for a New World," a musical revue of 17 songs by Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown from Wednesday through Feb. 22.

The songs, alternately warm, touching, inspirational and hilarious, each tell a story.

"This town is so lucky to have this," said New York actor Joshua Phillip Huff. "This is really popular in musical theater circles. A lot of my friends back East are so jealous because I'm out here doing this."

The evening of stories in song takes place against a contemporary urban setting of ladders and stair railings, their silver lines juxtaposed against a black backdrop. The set, which Dennis Rexroad adapted from an architectural model of a never-built California highway, represents the idea that it is a new world under construction.

Like wise, the four singers emerge onto the scene, each holding a suitcase to symbolize the journey that each - and the audience - is taking.

"A new world calls across the ocean/A new world waits just beyond the mountains, waiting there, waiting there ..." they sing.

It's a journey that ultimately becomes a personal journey of self as the night winds on.

The music flows from swoony jazz to gospel-laced blues to perky and upbeat. The songs are just as diverse.

One song, for instance, features a woman threatening to jump off the balcony of her penthouse because her husband won't buy her a fur coat.

Another more poignant song is about a flag maker who is sewing stars on the flag.

Please see SONGS, Page C7

If you go ...

- **What:** Company of Fools will present "Songs for a New World."
- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Hailey
- **When:** Wednesday through Feb. 22 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. No show on Valentine's Day.
- **How much:** Tickets are \$24 for reserved seating and \$18 for students and seniors. Wednesday is a Pay What You Can Frivew. You can charge tickets by phone between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at 578-9122 or buy them online at www.ticketweb.com. They're also available at the Fools office at 409 N. Main St. or by phoning 578-9122.



'Songs for a New World' tells stories through music.

KARL SCHMIDT/The Times-News



Renata Hadzic, center, and her fellow performers from The Dance Company, rehearse a number to a 'swing medley' by The Brian Setzer Orchestra Wednesday for the upcoming 'Freeze Frame' dance revue. The Saturday night event will feature dancers from 40 different studios from around the Magic Valley.

'Freeze Frame' returns to T.F.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - If there's a kid with tap shoes in south-central Idaho, chances are pretty good that he or she will be at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium Saturday night.

It's the 15th annual edition of Freeze Frame, a massive (270 dancers) revue by 10 dance studios

Please see FREEZE, Page C6

Gotta dance

- **What:** The Idaho Dance Arts Alliance will present "Freeze Frame," a dance revue.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** Saturday, 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under and for senior citizens, are available at the door.

For a cast list, see page C6.

Video watch

House of the Dead

In terms of popular kill-the-zombies video-game conversions, even "Resident Evil" is "Citizen Kane" compared with "House of the Dead." Under the direction of German director Uwe Boll, a no-name, no-talent cast fails to bring any life to a convoluted plot about weekend ravers on an isolated wilderness island being turned (mostly off-screen) into

raging zombies who then attack a party of latecomers. The centerpiece of the film is an extended battle royale obviously aimed at gamers: Sega video graphics (familiar, superior, actually more intense) are interspersed with newly actualized carnage under a pounding metal soundtrack. Contains gore, obscenity and nudity.

PG-13

Thirteen

When popular girl Evie (Nikki Reed) invites 13-year-old classmate Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) into her social circle, it's the start of a scary transformation. Tracy goes from mama's little angel (who also writes thoughtful poetry) to accessorizing, tongue-slugged bitch goddess. Tracy's zeal to change herself is so powerful, she eclipses Evie, the very person she worshiped in the first place. It's up to her mother (a riveting Holly

Hunter) to stand by this social monster in the making. Catherine Hardwicke's disturbingly powerful drama, which she wrote with Reed, redounds with a firsthand authoritative. Reed and Hardwicke have turned their mutual experiences into a superbly textured - if often disturbing - drama. Contains drug use, self-destructive violence, obscenity and sexual scenes - mostly among teen-agers.

Radio

As the titular hero of "Radio," a fact-based melodrama about the relationship between a retarded man and the saintly coach (Ed Harris) who adopts him as his personal mascot, Cube Gooding Jr. manifests not courage but a

acceptance after a string of recent cinematic dogs. Trust me, he won't get it. "Radio" is no "Bling Blade," and, unlike Harris, most critics are no saints. Contains some bad language and cruelty toward the mental-bald-faced bid for critical ly challenged.

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- Source: Washington Post

WEEKEND

Sundance awards stay true to festival's roots

By Kenneth Turan
Los Angeles Times

PARK CITY, Utah - Ignoring glitzy surroundings that increasingly make the event look like a snow country Mardi Gras, the Sundance Film Festival stuck stubbornly to its gritty independent roots. It awarded its dramatic grand jury prize to the most original, yet compelling "Primer," a film that its writer-director has said was "shot for about the price of a used car."

"I completely do not know what to say," said flabbergasted filmmaker Shane Carruth at Saturday night's award ceremony. Just as impressed was emcee Jake Gyllenhaal, who added, "For a film made for \$7,000 to win the grand jury prize is incredible."

A disturbing sci-fi story about a research breakthrough and its aftermath that also took the Alfred P. Sloan Prize for the best film on science and technology, "Primer" is a triumph of mood over dramatic coherence.

Though the film is often impossible to follow - even the most attentive viewer can't follow it effortlessly - it doesn't diminish its power to involve us in its mysterious story lines.

In addition to writing and directing and having his cast double as crew, Carruth costars in the film's scenes and cut the film on his home computer. "Post-production," he has said, "was mainly me sitting in my apartment for a year learning how to edit."

"HIGH," the film that captured the documentary grand jury prize, took seven years out of the life of filmmaker Ondi Timoner, who shot 1,500 hours of footage that display the divergent fortunes of a pair of West Coast alter-ego rock bands. The Dandy Warhols succeeded, the Brian Jonestown Massacre did not.

Taking the documentary audience award was Ross Kauffman and Zana Briski's outstanding "Born Into Brothels," which



Morgan Spurlock accepts the Documentary Directing Award for the film 'Super Size Me' Saturday at the Sundance Film Festival.

details how photographer Briski not only befriended children of Calcutta's prostitutes but taught them how to use cameras and helped them find a place in the world. Buoyant and alive despite their horrendous living conditions, these kids are the film's transporting soul.

Winning the audience award on the dramatic side was an HBO entry, "Maria Full of Grace," a Spanish-language film that was written and directed by Joshua Marston. It features Colombian actress Catalina Sandino Moreno in an impressive performance as a strong-minded young woman who agrees to become a "mule," swallowing dozens of pellets of heroin and transporting them to the United States.

The world cinema section,

always one of the festival's strongest, for the first time handed out a pair of audience awards, both going to Canadian films.

"The Corporation," a smart and sassy look at modern society's dominant institution, was the doc winner. Noting Sundance's many corporate sponsors, co-director Mark Achbar noted dryly, "While it's a callow play to put a caring face on a psychopathic institution, it doesn't mean it isn't appreciated."

The dramatic victor was one of the festival's half-buried treasures, the French-language "Seducing Doctor Lewis." A monster hit in its native Quebec, where it had more film award nominations than "The Barbarian Invasions" and earned more money than "The Lord of the

Rings" and "The Matrix Reloaded," "Doctor Lewis," tells the dull tale of the enormous trouble to which a tiny fishing village goes to get a doctor to relocate there. A warmhearted film of considerable film charm, "Doctor Lewis" has yet to find an American distributor despite its certified crowd-pleasing ways.

Sundance's Waldo Salt screenplay award went to Larry Gross for turning two André Dubus short stories into the well-received "We Don't Live Here Anymore," a lacerating, faultlessly constructed film, directed by John Curran, about the linked dissolutions of a pair of marriages, a script that Gross first wrote some 30 years ago.

Aside from "Primer," the only film to win two awards was

"Down to the Bone," a bleak story of a woman in a small upstate New York town struggling with her cocaine habit. It won the directing prize for Debra Granik and a deserved special jury prize acting award for star Vera Farmiga, present and then some in almost every scene. A euphoric Farmiga jumped up and down still can't believe I got the part. This is incredible."

On the documentary side, the best directing award went to Morgan Spurlock for "Super Size Me," a personal doc that chronicles the director's visible physical disintegration as he eats nothing but McDonald's fast food for 30 days. "I don't know about you but I'm loving it," Spurlock told the crowd. This has been the most amazing week of my life."

The two cinema photography awards went to films with one-word titles. On the doc side, Ferne Pearlstein won for "Imelda," an examination of Imelda Marcos that attempts to get beyond the shoes. The dramatic winner was Nancy Schreiber for "November," a claustrophobic look at a woman's coping with the death of her boyfriend that gradually morphs into something else.

Schreiber revealed that the mini-DV camera she shot with was so small that "when we arrived on the first day I was embarrassed to be seen with it."

Not getting any awards but certainly deserving was director Nicole Kassell's subdued, effective "The Woodsman." Kevin Bacon gives one of his best per-

formances as an ex-convict attempting to normalize his life on returning home after 12 years in prison for child molestation.

In addition to giving a special prize to actress Farmiga, the dramatic jury also gave one to "Brother to Brother," which deals with the black gay experience in two different eras. The doc jury gave a special prize to "Farmingville" and its examination of the conflict between Mexican day laborers and a Long Island town.

The Freedom of Expression award, for a documentary on issues of social or political concern, went to Kim Dongwan's "Reparation," which dealt with the determination of long-term North Korean political prisoners to return home from the south.

Director Kim said what audiences understand was that "in North Korea there are also good people just like South Korea and America."

Also on the documentary side of things, some surprisingly strong non-competition docs could be found lurking in the festival's often overlooked corners. In the world documentary section was "Screaming Men," Mika Ronkainen's punchy film about the Finnish Screaming Male Chorus, a serious-absurdist group that goes around the world screaming the words to national anthems, international treaties, folk songs and other stuff.

Disconcerting at first, the screaming gets to be something you look forward to the more you experience it.

'The Big Bounce' springs into Magic Valley theaters

New to the valley

'The Big Bounce'
Seductive Sara Foster urges Oahu drifter Owen Wilson to pull a scam on former boss Gary Sins. Morgan Freeman, Charlie Sheen, Gregory Spiner, Willie Nelson and Harry Dean Stanton also star in this comedy based on the novel by Elmore Leonard. Directed by George Armitage. (PG-13, for sexual content and nudity, violence and language.)

'The Heart of Me'
Upper crust England before, during, and after World War II provides the backdrop for this richly emotional drama about the seductive - and destructive - nature of passion. A classic romantic triangle, the film stars Helena Bonham Carter and Olivia Williams as sisters Dinah and Madeleine, and Paul Bettany as Rickie, Madeleine's husband, who finds himself drawn to his darkly beautiful, Bohemian sister-in-law. Torn between two women, one who always plays by the rules and one who always breaks them, Rickie risks everything by falling into a clandestine affair with Dinah. What follows is more than a decade of deception, betrayal, and manipulation during which Rickie's carefully constructed world falls apart and he is all but destroyed by love. Over the years, the two sisters wage a fierce battle for his heart that exposes their vast differences as well as their surprising bonds.

'The Perfect Score'
In the name of self-determination, a group of high school students (including Erica Christensen and Scarlett Johansson) makes plans to hijack the SAT test. Brian Robbins directs. With Chris Evans, Bryan Greenberg, Darius Miles, Leonardo Nam and Tyra Ferrell. (PG-13, for language, sexual content and some drug references.)

'The Returner'
Much about this Japanese sci-fi feels familiar - the feuding gangsters, the stranded alien, the time-traveler sent to the present to save the future from Armageddon. But before you write it off as a kung-fu spin on "ET," and "Terminator," consider this: In 15-year-old Anne Suzuki, a Tokyo TV star who appeared in "Snow Falling on Cedars," director Takashi Yamazaki has chanced upon an ingredient woefully lacking in high-tech "Matrix"-like fantasies - a little something called heart. R.

What's playing

Twin Falls	
Twin Cinema	'The Big Bounce'
'Big Fish'	'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!'
'Calendar Girls'	'Smiley Time Cinemas'
'Cheaper by the Dozen'	'The Butterfly Effect'
'Cold Mountain'	'Calendar Girls'
'House of Sand and Fog'	Sun Valley Opera House
'The Last Samurai'	'Mystic River'
'Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King'	Burley
'Lost in Translation'	Century Cinema
'Something's Gotta Give'	'Along Came Polly'
'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!'	'The Big Bounce'
'You Got Served'	'Cheaper by the Dozen'
Odyssey Theater	'Cold Mountain'
'Along Came Polly'	'The Home Teachers'
'The Home Teachers'	'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!'
'Master and Commander'	Burley Cinema
'Monster'	'Runaway Jury'
'Perfect Score'	Jerome
'Torque'	Jerome Cinema
Lamphouse Theater	'Along Came Polly'
'Elephant'	'Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King'
'The Heart of Me'	'Master and Commander'
'The Returner'	'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!'
'The Orphanus'	Gooding
'The Butterfly Effect'	Schubert Theater
Halley/Ketchum/Sun Valley	'Cheaper by the Dozen'
'Mingie Lantern'	
'Along Came Polly'	

'You Got Served'
High stakes and double-crosses in the world of competitive street dancing with a soundtrack featuring B2K, Marques Houston and Lil' Kim. Houston co-stars with Omari Grandberry. Directed by Christopher B. Stokes. (PG-13, for thematic elements and sexual references.)

'Along Came Polly'
Jennifer Aniston and Ben Stiller star as a flaky free-spirit and a buttoned-down business guy in this satirical slapstick romantic comedy from the writer of "Meet the Parents." The best reason to see it: the handsome supporting per-

Big box office

Last week's top-grossing movies:
1. 'The Butterfly Effect,' New Line.
2. 'Along Came Polly,' Universal.
3. 'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton,' DreamWorks.
4. 'Big Fish,' Sony.
5. 'The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,' New Line.
-Source: Exhibitor Relations Co.

formances by Philip Seymour Hoffman, Alec Baldwin and Hank Azaria. PG-13 (sex, nudity, toilet humor, language)

'Big Fish'
Tim Burton's fabulist story about the colorfully fantastical father (Albert Finney) of a grimly realist son (Billy Crudup) is a lush fairytale that will appeal to the fantasists among us. With Ewan McGregor and Jessica Lange. PG-13 (brief nudity, mild violence)

'The Butterfly Effect'
Co-written and co-directed by Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gruber, this risible would-be thriller stars Ashton Kutcher as a college student with a history of blackouts who tries to illuminate the dark holes in his memory. His character doesn't merely travel back into the past; he plunges into a nightmare involving kiddie porn, animal torture, a blown-up baby and a child-on-child murder. As the requisite love interest, Amy Smart gives the film's only professional performance while co-star Eric Stoltz, as the story's villain, walks somnolent through the scenery with what seems to be barely suppressed mirth. Given the deeply unpleasant plot machinations and the amateurish direction the actor's amusement is understandable. (1.5, R, for violence, sexual content, language and brief drug use.)

'Calendar Girls'

Inspired by the true-life British matrons who bared (almost) all for a charity calendar, this convivial movie starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters is more involving than its glib premise suggests. PG-13 (discreet nudity, brief profanity)

'Cheaper by the Dozen'
A family slapstick that young kids will love for the food fights, older kids will love for TV stars Hilary Duff and Ashton Kutcher, and adults will endure for Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt, "Cheaper by the Dozen" purports to be based on the memoir by the children of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth. The new movie and the wryly funny memoir are alike in name only. PG (flautance and poop humor)

'Cold Mountain'

Atwag with mountain music and actors stretching their vowels in long, loping cadences, this romantic odyssey set during the Civil War is the equivalent of corn for food: old-fashioned, earthy

(lots of root vegetables), satisfying. Jude Law and Nicole Kidman star, as lovers separated by conflict, strife and hundreds and hundreds of miles. R (violence, profanity, nudity, adult themes)

'Elephant'

Gus Van Sant's film inspired by the Columbine massacre is not concerned with the themes of gun control and gratuitous violence but with the rhythms of sneezes on linoleum. School killings silence this everyday music of youth. R (violence)

'The Home Teachers'

Director Kurt Hale's ("The Singles Ward," "R.M.") comedy about two mismatched Mormon home teachers (Michael Birkeland, Jeff Birk). Rated PG.

'House of Sand and Fog'

Vadim Pirelman's grief-stricken portrait of exiles, one forced from his homeland and the other from her home, stars Ben Kingsley as sin for food: old-fashioned, earthy

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Saturday
"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 Additions in Burley, or at the door.

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

Feb. 7
Ketchum's Footlight Dance Center will present "Dancers Got Game," 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
Bullet West will dance Tchakikowsky'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-TIXX. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

March 19-21 - Boise
Riverrdance will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on March 19-20, at 2 p.m. on March 20-21 and at 7 p.m. on March 21. Tickets, which are \$32.50, \$45 and \$55, 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.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Monday - 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-TIXX or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.



Tuesday - 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.

Tuesday - 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-TIXX. Linquist Field is located at the corner of 23rd and Lincoln.

Thursday - 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-TIXX 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-TIXX. In The Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Feb. 13-14
38 Special will play two shows a night at, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices are \$20, \$25 and \$30. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

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
Ski 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 Hippocrisy will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. In The Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Feb. 27-28
Banyan 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-TIXX 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-TIXX 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 18 - Utah
A Perfect Circle will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

March 20 - Boise
Metalion 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.

March 26 - Boise
Big Head Todd and the Monsters will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

COUNTRY

Tonight and Saturday
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.

Tonight and Saturday - Elko, Nev.
Wyfie and the Wild West Show will perform at the Red Lion Inn and Casino at 9 p.m. PST. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (775) 753-0551. The Red Lion is located at 2065 Idaho St.

Tonight and Saturday
Renegade 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
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 Crest 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.

Saturday - 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-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

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 Bills 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 Bills in Hailey, or at the door. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Feb. 20-21
Ronnie Milsap will do two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Ticket prices are \$20, \$25 and \$30. For reservations, call (800) 821-1103.

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-TIXX 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.

HIP HOP

Tonight - Boise
Living Legends will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$13.50 and \$15, 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.

BLUES

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.

CLASSICAL

Tonight and Saturday - 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.

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WEEKEND

Events

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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) 722-0471. 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 Artix at (800) 965-4827. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 19 - Utah

Soprano Barbara Bunney will sing in Cedar 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 Artix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 20-21 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Bachmann'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 Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 27

The Magic Valley Symphony, under the direction of guest conductor Kaden Call, will perform Dvorak's "New World" symphony and Stravinsky's "Firebird" at 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 27-28 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform music by Bernstein and Brahms at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 5-6 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform music by Beethoven, 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 Artix 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 Artix 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.

CHRISTIAN ROCK

Feb. 16 - Utah

Zoegler, Superheld and Joy

Williams will perform at Anstad 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 Tax at (800) 868-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>.

ELECTRONIC

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.

HIP HOP

March 6 - Boise

Lil Jon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45, 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.

JAZZ

Feb. 14

Former Idaho jazzman Paul Tibbittson will perform for the 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.

March 13

Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio, the last act of the season in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Chamber Artist Series, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491.

OPERA

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.

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.

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; Sas-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding. For season ticket information, call the Community Education Center at CSI at 732-6288.

March 16 - Utah

Bill Galtner 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 <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

KARAOKE

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.

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.

Tonight

High Mountain 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.

Tonight

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

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.

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.

Saturday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside in Burley and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna in Declo. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 Highway 30 W. in Burley and the Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main in Declo.

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

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Roundevoo on Main Street in Burley. No cover charge.

Tuesday

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.

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Wednesday

Kroakers 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.

Wednesday and Thursday

P & D 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 1826 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

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.

Thursday

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight and Saturday

Housed will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Chasers Sports Bar and Night Club. Cover charge is \$5. Chasers is located at 1539 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.

Tonight and Saturday

The Badges will play 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

Jivel, the Twin Falls High School choral group, will perform its winter showcase at 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, are available at the door.

Sunday

Pocket Change will play at 8 p.m. at the Sun Lounge. A chili cook-off potluck dinner will begin at 2 p.m. at the lounge. For more information, call Bay at 326-9904. The Sun Lounge is located at 307 Stevens in Filer.

Wednesday

The Vaanettes - 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.

Thursday - Utah

Josh Grohan 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. Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C5



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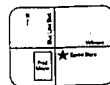
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Spotlight

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Petes 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, \$15 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. 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 Art/Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 132 West South Temple.

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. 13-14
Jose Feliciano will do two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, are available by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Feb. 14 - Elko, Nev.
Taylor Dayne will do two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. PST, at the Red Lion Inn & Casino. Tickets, which are \$28, can be reserved by phoning (775) 753-0551. The Red Lion is located at 2065 Idaho St.

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.

March 9 - Boise
The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$16, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

March 24 - Utah
Ryan Adams will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 26-27
Utah Symphony will present A Celtic Celebration at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning Art/Tix at (801) 355-TDXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 132 West South Temple.

COMEDY

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 Sealed Air at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

THEATER

Today and Saturday
Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts will present Gene DePaul and Johnny Mercer's "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in dinner theater at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, Twin Falls. Tickets are \$13.50, which includes dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse. There's also a matinee scheduled for 3 p.m. today; 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.

Tonight and Saturday
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. tonight and 3 p.m. Saturday 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 Welch Music in Burley, and will be available at the door. For tickets or for more information, call 678-6868.

SUNDAY

The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid," featuring Wally Huffman, Gordon Flade, Eric J. Larson and Paul Strang, 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.

Wednesday through Feb. 22
Hailey's Company of Fools will present Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World" at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Feb. 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 "Rumbleweeds," 7:30 p.m. nightly, Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7, are available at Everybody's Business and Kurt's Pharmacy & Hallmark in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, at SavMor Drug in Burley, 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 Art/Tix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 13-15, 17-22
Blaine County's New Theater Company will present Ar. Gurney's "Sylvia," 8 p.m. nightly, NextStage Theater, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$22, are available at the nextStage or by phoning 726-4TKS.

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 Art/Tix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

March 4-6, 9-9, 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 Burley, with an all-American dinner prepared by Chef LuAnn Stites, 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

Today and Saturday
The 20th annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering concludes at the Western Folklore Center and the Elko Convention Center in Elko, Nev. For an event schedule and ticket prices, phone (775) 738-7508 or log on to <http://www.westernfolklore.org>.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday 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, "Ring World," 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 1" at 8:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens

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 16th annual Foreign Film Festival continues with screenings of Takashi Yamazaki's "The Returner," a Japanese movie, at 4:45 p.m. today, at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. Saturday, at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday and at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday. Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7.50, are available at the door or at the Magic Valley Arts Council office. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
The 16th annual Foreign Film Festival continues with screenings of Thaddeus O'Sullivan's "The Heart of Me," a British movie, at 7:15 p.m. today, at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday and at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday. Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7.50, are available at the door or at the Magic Valley Arts Council office. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

ART SHOW

Through Saturday
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 an exhibition of the artwork of Twin Falls artist Ralph Lierman 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 "Pat Steir: 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. 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. 27
Gay Odmark's "The Value of Inheritance" will be on display at the Eighth Street Center in Burley 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.

Through March 12
"Cowboys and Indians: the West as Muse in Contemporary Photography" will be on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Ketchum. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. The Sun Valley Center is located at 191 Fifth St. E. The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

March 5
The South-Central Idaho Folklife Exhibit, the first in a series of exhibits designed to reflect the life of the Bobl community, will open at the Eighth Street Center at Burley. Skills such as saddle-making, quilting, needlework and woodturning will be featured. Free. An opening reception is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

'Manhunt' redefines violence in video games

By Matt Slagle
Associated Press writer

The creators of "Manhunt" have succeeded in making a game that's often gruesome, disgusting and shocking — plus numbingly repetitive and mind-numbingly difficult.

The story, such as it is, begins with the staged execution of convicted killer James Earl Cash. He's been strapped to the gurney but unknowingly injected with sedatives instead of lethal drugs.

The awakens in the dank confines of the death chamber and discovers he's become the star of a series of snuff films. Cash is ordered around by smarmy Valiant Video Enterprises director Lionel Starkweather (superbly voiced by actor Brian Cox, the original Hamlet Lear in the 1986 film "Manhunter").

As Cash, you'll stroll the trash-lined streets of Carver City, a no-descript Midwestern rust belt town, picking off various thugs and gang members in a variety of brutal ways through 20 levels.

Delivering Starkweather's videos is key — the manner in which your character's death is rated on a five-star scale. I got plenty of one and two-star ratings by sneaking up behind thugs and stabbing them in the neck. Higher ratings are awarded depending on how much additional carnage you add to the execution.

Follow Starkweather's direction, and he'll chime in with satisfaction: "The bodies are starting to stack up nicely," he says. "We're getting some great footage here!" Lethal Instruments include plastic bags for suffocating, as well as glass shards and metal wire. Later, you'll obtain sickles, chain saws and an array of guns, some loaded with hollow-point bullets.

One nagging inconsistency is "Manhunt's" use of stealth. You must lure your victims into situations where they can't see you; then sneak up from behind for the kill. The problem is that it's often impossible to sneak up. At one point I was jumped by a goon despite creeping along a wall and ducking into shadows whenever possible.

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Box of chocolates - Frederickson's
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Caramel Hearts - Daisy's
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Kiss Challenge Entry Form! Place kiss here!

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- Hayley Andrews, Christina App, Sophia Blunt, Alice Byrum, Kathleen Connor, Kirby, Gordon, Heather Fisher, Danielle Hebert, Lina Jaga, Kates Pruitt, Molly Sides, Laura Williams, Estee Clifford, Addy Mason and Caitlin O'Farrell, all of the Footlight Dance Centre, Ketchikan.
- Miayla Delabastoue, Leslie Fowler, Britany Gooding, Erin Heib, Shauna Gerhardt, Courtney Lopez, Caitlin Muir, Madison Smith, Chancer Bad, Lynn Gaslin, Alysa Dufuna, Donnan Gonzales, Arianna Hugger, Camco Hunt, Chrissy McCarthy, Taylor Phillips, Jessica Rasmussen, Shaha Weech, Vanessa Harper, Ashley Helms, Vicky Kramer, Natalie Osterout, Natasha Osterhout, Ashley Rodriguez, Emily Whitmore and Alyson DeLuna, all of 5 G-7-8 Dance Company, Burley.
- Katie Baxter, Brittny Beard, Sara Eberlein, Angela Essma, Danielle Garcia, Jessica Hartley, Alex Khaal, Elena Loder, Amanda Mingo, Cassia Myers, Janessa Nye, Kiri Oler, Heidi Tessmer, Jenna Wilson, Sara Eberlein, Elizabeth Bond, Marissa Dickinson, Christie Essma, Halley Fari, Brittny Hobbs, Jessa Jensen, Emma Ward and Kristan Garcia, all of Julie's Jazzworks, Twin Falls.
- Micah Alcocer, Erica Bagley, Jaraka Ball, Meg Broadhead, Tess Carpenter, Alami Dells, Kyle Star Hale, Cambree King, Jacobi Knopp, Kyle Praegitzer, Brooklyn Taylor, Cassidy Tibbetts, Kara Tolle, Kille White, CeAnn Carpenter, Marlee Chandler, Jacey Couch, Dakota Goff, Makenzie Haynes, Emri Hoyle, Jill Heppworth, Kayla Kerts, Hannah Matson, Kara Schmitt, Michelle White, Hailey Jo Willberger, Macy Broadhead, Tiffani Browning, Teal Cameron, Katie Coats, Gena Cook, Danielle Cummins, Shelly Danielson, Danyel Gunnell, Kathryn Hauk, Katie Heibauer, Kylie Pickup, Shelby Andersen, Alyssa Balles.
- Lyndise Gerratt, Kimberly Hickenlooper, Jaylee Miller, Anna Rigas, Kynsi Wadsworth, Paige Washburn, Whitney Beck, Whitney Le Goodrich, Branna Hansen, Hiary Parish, Hailey Smith, Cata Von Rasself and Mattie Washburn, all of Centre, profanity, sex).
- Stephanie DeBaeke, Katelyn Fritner, Alina Haeric, Renata Haeric, Holly Hansing, Katelyn Jorgensen, Kristin Marler, Ashley Moulton, Serena Prater, Sabrina Stone, Stephanie DeBaeke, Katelyn Jorgensen, Britany Orr, Kristin Richter, Emily Stueeman, Jessica Stone and Alexis Blomham, all of The Dance Centre, Twin Falls.
- Erica Dwyer, Kacie Birenberg, Brooke Callan, Halley Everson, Annmarie Hawkes, Christen Howard, Kristi Johnson, Katie Ormrod, Kara Diamond, Jenny Smith, Logan Robinson, Brooke Callan, Annmarie Hawkes and Carson Howard, all of the Rocky Top Cloggers, Twin Falls.
- Lucretia Anichustein, Rachel Anichustein, Anna Assucera, Amy Bolton, Jacqueline Bronten, Megan Bronten, Kelsie Brown, Melissa Canchola, Veronica Damon, Chrissa Dawson, Jenny Dawson, Mike Dawson, Rachel Dawson, Taylor Dawson, Kiersten Hill, Emmie Kaylor, Kyle Lamm, Cuccella Milloy, Annie Nelson, Natasha Meyers, Caitlin Peckens, Katelyn PIERCIS, Shayne Pressler, Steven Santos, Alexis Sliman, Megan Stockham, Ryan Stockham, Stephanie Stockham, Gonzala Valdez, Erica Winter, Chelsea Woody, Rebecca Woody, Choisee Wray, Jae Anderson, Alleigha Bizik, Anna Bizik, Savannah Fleming, Stacey Galvez, Kelly Gaston, Ashley Gines, Aidan Lamm, Sami Logran, Sabvina Lozada-Cabbage, Brianna Meyers, Anna Or, Zussett Perez, Jessica Schroder and Nicole Van Esch, all of Motions School of Dance, Gooding.
- Emily Barclay, Brooklyn Draper, Alexis Fairchild, Kelsi Goodfellow, Kadi Hearl, Halley Manning, Kali Rasmussen, Alexie Robinson, Lindsay Taylor, Brittny Turner, Amy Walker, Megan Price, Jason Bailey, Jeffrey Bailey, Levi Bodily, Dustin Goodfellow, Logan Ottley, Josh Stallings, Christian Winmill, Desiree Dayley, Halley Manning, Brittny Turner and Dianna Zunino, all of Julie's Danceworks, Burley.
- Justine Anderson, Holly Drury, Amber Hunsaker, Rachel Lorchet, Angie Olson, Amanda Evers, Lauren Fleno, Adrianna Hough, Kelli Miller, Kim Olson, Beth Pomronke and Courtney Stouder, all of the Uptown Dance Studio, Wendell.

Movies

Continued from C2

Iranian emigre and Jennifer Connelly as a scattered California divorcee. As Kingsley's wife, Shultrich Afghandashloo gives an indelible performance in this American tragedy. R (nudity, violence, profanity, sex)

'The Last Samurai'

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

'The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King'

The final installment in Peter Jackson's daunting adaptation of J. R. R. Tolkien's trilogy is long, episodic, Renaissance Fairy and, at times, mind-bogglingly brilliant. The fellowship of hobbit and man, dwarf and elf, puts down the orcs - and far greater evils - in this visually spectacular realization of Middle-earth. PG-13 (violence, monstrous beings)

'Lost In Translation'

Sofia Coppola's dreamy film about jet-lagged Americans sleepless in Shinjuku, Tokyo's business district. Bill Murray is ineffably moving as an actor at his midlife crisis who connects with Scarlett Johansson, a newlywed adult while her husband is off on assignment. R (lap dancing, sexual conduct)

'Monster'

The details of executed killer Aileen Wuornos' brutal, pathetic life have been the subject of one television movie, an opera, several books, a forest of print articles and two documentaries by Nick Broomfield. And now it's become grist for an offensive art-house exploitation flick, written and directed by obvious talent. In the end, Jenkins seems to want to pin the murders everywhere but on Wuornos, a tactic that, of course, makes the movie and the character easier to market. (1.50. R, for strong violence and sexual content, and for pervasive language.)

'Mystic River'

Clint Eastwood's exceptional murder mystery swells with the twin themes of violence and vengeance that have long haunted the filmmaker. Sean Penn, Tim

Robbins and Kevin Bacon costar as the South Boston ex-gangster, ne'er-do-well and cop, childhood friends who are still reeling from an act of violence 25 years earlier, when the cop is sent to investigate the murderer of Penn's daughter. With Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney and Marcia Gay Harden. R (mature themes, violence, profanity)

'Something's Gotta Give'

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

'Torque'

Good and bad bikers zoom around the California desert in this

flimsy, wheely-popping carbon copy of 'The Fast and the Furious.' Your heart will not race. PG-13 (profanity and violence)

'21 Grams'

Sean Penn, Naomi Watts and Benicio Del Toro star in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's powerful tale of strangers whose lives intersect in tragedy. Structured in fractured, time-jagged arcs, the narrative flashes forward, lurches back. It's moviemaking curbside, and it challenges and provokes, but the characters at the heart of the tale are people we recognize. And know R (nudity, sex, profanity, violence, adult themes)

'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton'

A sweet-natured romantic comedy that's easy-viewing but could have used a little more energy and a little less unalloyed niceness to put it over with more punch. It's not likely to have much appeal beyond romance-fantasying teen-aged girls. Kate Bosworth plays a lovely and level-headed supermarket cashier who wins a date with a Hollywood movie star, a hunky heartthrob. With Josh Duhamel and Topher Grace. Directed by Robert Luketic. (1.36. PG-13, for sexual content, some drug references and language.)



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Freeze

Continued from C1 designed to raise scholarship money for summer dance camp. The two-hour event will showcase ballet, lyrical, jazz, tap and character styles of dance, featuring dancers ages 12 to 18. The name - Freeze Frame - comes from the format, in which "dance pictures" come to life. All of the proceeds go to pay for tuition to the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance summer dance camp, held on the CSI campus each July.

The camp draws young dancers from across the state. Dancers for Freeze Frame come from Nielsen's School of Dance, The Dance Centre, Julie's Jazzworks and the Rocky Top Cloggers, all of Twin Falls; 5-6-7-8 Dance Company, Centre Stage Dance Studios and Julie's Danceworks of Burley; Footlight Dance Centre of Ketchikan; Motions Dance School of Gooding; and Uptown Dance Studio of Wendell.

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Best-selling 'Da Vinci Code' contains surprising fictions

Knight Ridder News Service

Even if you lived under a rock—a rock in a remote area of the Arizona desert—you could not avoid hearing about "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown's runaway best-seller of a novel.

This book, which has spent 43 weeks at the top of The New York Times best-seller list, is not great literature. It's clunky, overwrought suspense with way too many unexplained revelations. But reading "The Da Vinci Code" is like listening to a disposable pop song, when you know you're listening to trash but you sing along anyway.

No, Brown's novel—which makes an eye-opening list of claims about hidden truths, suppressed Gospels and various conspiracies maintained by the Catholic Church—has got people talking. Talking about faith and art and history, pondering the mysteries of the past, wondering what to believe and what to distrust. A recent trip to the bookstore to buy a copy of "The Da Vinci Code" turned into an impromptu book club meeting, with the cashier and the next guy in line both offering opinions, theories and suggestions for further reading.

The talk has moved beyond bookstore lines. Brett Younger, senior pastor of Fort Worth's Broadway Baptist Church, says he has heard people talking about the book for months. A few weeks ago, he arranged a discussion to let church members ask questions and exchange ideas about the novel; 100 people showed up.

Similar discussions have been arranged at churches across the country, because people are confused by "The Da Vinci Code." Brown presents his ideas as facts, but they fly in the face of what most Christians have been taught. Where is the truth? Probably somewhere in between.

"He's a wonderful storyteller, and he's a lousy church historian," Younger says of Brown.

Besides several art-history quibbles (the big one: Brown insists on calling the artist Da Vinci, not Leonardo—"It's like calling Jesus Christ Nazareth," Younger says), "The Da Vinci Code" has riled up religious scholars as well. The Internet is full of lengthy treatises about the book's many errors and assumptions.

Here's a look at some of the burning questions brought up by "The Da Vinci Code"—and the real religious history "behind" those ideas:

Question: Was Jesus married?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: No. Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene—they had a daughter. Her name was Sarah! And their descendants are living in France today, their identity protected by a secret society called the Priory of Sion ("the greatest cover-up in human history").

Reality: We don't know for sure whether Jesus married, but most scholars don't think so.

There's no biblical evidence that Jesus had a wife. But there's also nothing to prove indisputably that he didn't marry. (In fact, the Bible's silence on the issue is the best evidence for either side of the argument.)

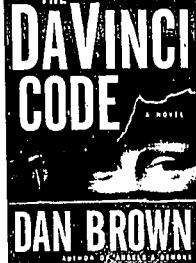
Those who believe Jesus was married point out that during Jesus' lifetime, it was unusual for a Jewish man to be single—surely, they say, the scriptures would mention the anomaly if Jesus were a single Jewish man.

On the other hand, Younger points out there are places where the Bible would logically mention a wife—but it doesn't. There's no mention of a wife being present at the Crucifixion. Early Christian literature doesn't mention a wife. And in all the writing Paul did about marriage, he never made a reference to Jesus' marriage or held it up as an example.

Question: Who was Mary Magdalene, really?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: Mary Magdalene's importance in religious history has been buried under stories that she was a prostitute. It was a "smear campaign" launched by the early church, which wanted to hide her true identity. She was the wife of Jesus and the mother of his child. And because she bore his descendants, she is the Holy Grail—"the chalice that held the blood of Christ."

Reality: The Bible doesn't say a lot about Mary Magdalene. Brown is right, though, that she isn't the fallen woman history has made her out to be. Mary Magdalene's trumpy reputation is one that was assigned to her, a misconception that eclipsed evidence to the contrary. See, in A.D. 591, Pope Gregory the Great delivered a sermon that combined Mary Magdalene with a few other women in the New Testament, including a sinful woman mentioned in the Gospel of Luke. Why?



No one's sure. But after centuries of promoting Mary Magdalene as the repentant sinner, the Vatican officially retracted Gregory's statement, in 1969. In fact, now scholars are examining her story and theorizing that Mary Magdalene was an apostle—and that other women had leadership roles in the second century.

There's no evidence that Mary Magdalene married Jesus or carried his child. And though Brown believes her value has been purposely hidden by a male-chauvinist church, Younger points out that she comes off pretty well in the New Testament. After all, she's the one to whom Jesus appears after his resurrection; she's charged with telling the news.

Women have been mistreated by the church, Younger says. "But it's an extremely important position she holds. If the church could have put down women by editing scripture, that would have been the first story to go."

Question: Did Leonardo really include Mary Magdalene in "The Last Supper"?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: The truth of the Holy Grail is all hidden in "The Last Supper." Though we've overlooked her all these years, Mary Magdalene is seated next to Jesus at the table. And there's no chalice in the painting—which means the Holy Grail isn't a cup after all, but a person—"the very person sitting next to Jesus."

Reality: That's probably not Mary Magdalene. Plenty of people have puzzled over this, because the figure to Jesus' right looks as if it could be a woman. Most historians have concluded, though, that the figure must be the disciple John. John is often portrayed as young and clean-shaven. And if he's not sitting next to Jesus, where is John, anyway? Was Jesus' beloved disciple—but they are far from certain—depicted of the Last Supper.

Furthermore, the fact that Leonardo didn't include a chalice in the scene is somewhat irrelevant, Younger points out. The painting isn't "The Holy Grail"—in fact, really, it's not even about the Eucharist. The painting is about Jesus telling his disciples that one of them will betray him. Which makes the glassware and table dressings seem pretty unimportant.

Question: What about this secret society, the Priory of Sion? Is that real?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: The Priory of Sion was founded in 1099 by a French king with a secret. The members know about the Holy Grail and protect Jesus' descendants. Some of the group's members were Sir Isaac Newton, Victor Hugo and Leonardo Da Vinci.

Reality: There may have been a group called the Priory of Sion. Some sources say the organization was real but disbanded in the 17th century; other sources say the Priory of Sion was nothing more than a social group founded in France in 1956. At any rate, there's no evidence that the Priory of Sion—whatever it is—has ever been involved in the kind of cover-up "The Da Vinci Code" describes.

Question: What about Opus Dei? Does it really exist?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: Opus Dei is the fastest-growing Catholic organization in the world, and it is controversial because some of its members are religious nuts. Its members have been called "God's Mafia" and "The Cult of Christ," but even so, it has full endorsement of the Vatican.

Reality: Opus Dei is real, and so is the opposing watch group Brown mentions, the Opus Dei Awareness Network. Opus Dei, which says it "helps ordinary lay people seek

holiness in and through their everyday activities," is, indeed, recognized by the Vatican—it was canonized by the pope in 2002.

Some former members of Opus Dei have spoken out against its practices, and the Opus Dei Awareness Network objects to the organization's aggressive recruitment and advocacy of corporal mortification. Regarding Brown's the group, which has posted a statement on its Web site (www.opusdei.org) reminding the public that "The Da Vinci Code" is a work of fiction.

Question: What about Jesus' divinity? Did the church make that up?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: Before A.D. 325, no one believed Jesus was anything more than a mortal prophet. But in the Council of Nicea, met and made arbitrary decisions about the date of Easter, the church sacraments and the divinity of Jesus. These men declared Jesus divine by "a relatively close vote," and then the emperor Constantine commissioned a new Bible—one that got rid of all the Gospels that suggested Jesus was a mortal man. "Almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is false!"

Reality: Brown is wrong to a little. The early Christians worshipped Jesus as divine "Nica" before the Council of Nicea, Younger says—for example, Paul and the Gospel of John both present a divine Jesus, not a mortal human prophet. And the 27 books of the New Testament—the ones "The Da Vinci Code" claims were hand-selected to hide the truth? Well, most of those books were on their way to canonization well before Constantine ever got involved in them. "The books in the New Testament were not chosen in a smoke-filled room," Younger says. They emerged as the most useful books, the ones most likely to be accurate and authentic, after decades of use by the Church.

Question: What about these lost Gospels the book mentions? Are they real?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: The earliest Christian records are the Gnostic Gospels, discovered at Nag Hammadi, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. They don't match up with the Gospels in the Bible. For instance, they say that "Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married." Reality: The Gnostic Gospels, lost for centuries, were indeed discovered at Nag Hammadi in Egypt in 1945. Scholars are examining these documents now, learning more about the earliest days of being Christian, but they are far from certain. Besides—even these documents don't make a clear statement that Jesus was married. And the Dead Sea Scrolls? No one can figure out why Brown included those in his story. The Dead Sea Scrolls date from 200 B.C. and have nothing to do with Jesus.

Question: So does Dan Brown really believe all of this?

What "The Da Vinci Code" says: "All descriptions of artwork, architecture, documents and secret rituals in this novel are accurate!" Reality: Yeah, he seems to believe it all. Just before the prologue, a page titled "Fact" asserts that though the characters are fictional, the world they're moving in—with its art, its history and its secrets—is real.

No matter what Brown says, Daryl Schmidt, chairman of the Texas Christian University religion department, suggests we take everything with a grain of salt.

It's good that people are asking questions, he says, instead of accepting everything in Brown's book as fact. "It's a good way to approach all religious history. "We'd be hard-pressed to factually verify a lot of official things about Christianity itself," Schmidt says. "There have always been stories and traditions far greater than what we have inherited. We all need to develop some instinct about—'What's 'really' the case?'"

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The ensemble features Wagoner, who starred in last summer's Fools' production of "Always, Patsy Cline." Also, Jennifer Riley-Perry, who recently appeared with the Fools as Della in "The Gift of the Magi," as Audrey in "Little Shop of Horrors," "Maria in 'The Sound of Music,' and Aldonza in "Man of La Mancha."

It also includes Bobby Smith, who has appeared in a number of Broadway and off-Broadway productions, including "Crazy For You" and "Gypsy of the Year." Smith received a Helen Hayes Award nomination for his performance in "Evita" at Toby's Dinner Theater. And he performed on the first national tour of "The World Goes Round" and several national tours of "Forever Plaid."

Rounding out the cast is Hoff, who has been in "Parade"—the same play for which Brown won a Tony Award.

They will be backed by keyboardist F.L. Rowsey, who has taught classes at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and other musicians on drums and bass.

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WEEKEND

Controversy grows over 'Passion'

New York Daily News

Call it a holy war – and it's coming to a theater near you. Mel Gibson's controversial new movie about the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ has ignited unprecedented outrage, passion and – most of all – anticipation a month before it even opens. Against unbelievable odds, "The Passion of the Christ" is now shaping up to be the hottest ticket in the history of Hollywood when it finally hits theaters on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.



Mel Gibson

"We could probably sell 10,000 of these tickets," said Catholic League President William Donohue. "The reason I'm subsidizing it is to make a point – it's important to see this movie. And it's to drive Mel's critics crazy."

Jewish leaders have blasted the movie as anti-Semitic and warned it could ruin interfaith relations for decades. "He didn't miss any chance to malign Jews," said Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League. But many church groups are planning massive pilgrimages to the theaters, buying up blocks of thousands of tickets. And plenty of other New Yorkers, from the faithful to film geeks, are scrambling for tickets too to see what the fuss is about. Forget "Return of the King," a new Lord is coming to town. "This is really the highest demand we have seen this far in advance for group sales," said Dick Westerling of Regal Entertainment, a major cinema chain. Regal has booked the flick at three of its Manhattan theaters. In Brooklyn, Norman Adie hopes to open the movie in two of his three Pavilion theaters. "I'm hearing from my staff the interest is enormous," Adie said. Filling seats, at least during the first weekend, should be a problem because this is one religious film that's getting more buzz than a plague of locusts. The New York-based Catholic League bought 1,200 tickets at \$9.75 apiece and will make them available to members for \$5.

"Overall, nobody cared about it. They thought it was some fool's quest," said Harry Knowles, the film fan behind the Web site aintitcoolnews.com.

But then Mel started showing it around to various special interest groups – politics and religious groups – and word started leaking out about people being shook to their souls. (Now we were talking about how powerful a film it was, as opposed to how much did it cost, how stupid it was.)

In December, Knowles convinced Gibson to show the film at a 24-hour marathon in Austin, Texas.

"The audience was blown away," he said. "And those were film lovers, not necessarily the most religious people."

By October, Gibson had found a distributor, New York-based Newmarket Films, which decided to open "The Passion" on 2,000 screens nationwide. English subtitles were added.

Raves from the religious kept pouring in. In November, the Rev. Billy Graham said he was moved to tears. The next month came reports that Pope John Paul had given his blessing.

"It is as it was," the pontiff was quoted as saying. Still, controversy dogged the film.

Last week, the Pope's right-hand man denied the holy father had "plugged" the film. "And Gibson's detractors' remain vocal.

"I find, with some exceptions, basically Christians who see it like it or feel a catharsis, and Jews who see it feel troubled," said Foxman.

Foxman isn't surprised by the demand for tickets, just uneasy. "He's selling it as a religious experience," he said of Gibson. "It's not just another movie. This is now becoming a Christian obligation."

Filmmaker Michael Moore readies next project

TRVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) – Michael Moore isn't the apologetic type.

Gibson regrets over proclaiming to millions around the world during last year's Academy Awards ceremony that George W. Bush was a "fictional president" ... sending us to war for fictitious reasons? No way. But the crusading author and filmmaker does have a small confession: That rip-roaring acceptance speech after his "Bowling for Columbine" won the Oscar for best documentary almost went undelivered.

"Every bone in my body wanted to just thank them, blow them a kiss and walk off the stage," Moore confides, stirring whipped cream into a steaming cup of hot chocolate during an interview at a local bookstore. "This was my night! How many times in your life do you win an Oscar?"

"And yet that good Catholic schoolboy inside me is saying, 'You know, this life is not about being honored with golden statues' ... In the end, I have to do what is right as a human being and a citizen. But I was fighting it. I'm a normal person, you know."

And that's one thing Moore wants to make clear – that he is normal. A regular guy.

Fair enough – at first glance. With his bespectacled, bearded face, tousled brown hair flecked with gray, jeans-and-baseball-cap ensemble and pudgy build, he'll never be mistaken for a Hollywood hunk.

But there's nothing ordinary about this formerly obscure, muck-raking journalist becoming an international celebrity – nor about having two best-selling books and an Oscar-winning film in the same year. And not everybody can write books and make movies that have people rolling with laughter one minute and fuming with righteous indignation the next.

That delicate mixture of anger and humor is Moore's weapon of mass denunciation. In books, films, speeches and on his Web site, the 49-year-old gadfly fires rhetorical

fusillades at the National Rifle Association, conservative politicians, corporate executives and assorted "stupid white men," grinning all the while.

Now he's working on another film, "Fahrenheit 9-11," due for release late this summer. As the title implies, the subject is terrorism.

It will feature Moore on a quest for answers to troubling questions – a recurring role he first assumed in "Roger & Me," the hilarious and heartbreaking 1989 tale of woe in his hometown of Flint after General Motors Corp. shuttered 11 auto manufacturing plants and laid

off 33,000 workers. True to form, his queries will be verbal whacks on the head; diplomacy isn't Moore's strong suit.

"You know the question a lot of people were asking after Sept. 11 – 'Why do they hate us?' The question I want to ask is, 'Why DON'T they hate us?' – and then take my camera around the world a bit and show what's done in our name," Moore says.

Terrorism is wrong, he says, but when he has finished cataloging misdeeds by the U.S. government and corporations, viewers will feel lucky their country hasn't drawn more attacks.

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Men, CSI at Colorado NW, 7:30 p.m.

High school wrestling
Red Halverson Tournament at Minico HS, 3:15 p.m.

High school boys basketball
Declo at Filer, 4:15 p.m.
Lighthouse—Christian—at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Burley, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Castelford at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Valley at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
M.V. Christian at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Rockland, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Wood River, 6 p.m.

High school bowling
Kimberly at Burley, 4 p.m.
Filer at Jerome, 4 p.m.
Wendell at Gooding, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Canyon Springs plans golf tourney

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation's Cabin Ever Day Winter Golf Tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course will be held on Saturday with registration prior to lunch at noon.
The shotgun start is set for 12:30 p.m. There is a \$15 entry fee which includes lunch. Prizes will be awarded after the tournament is completed.

Twin Falls Rapids tryouts sites change

TWIN FALLS — Tryouts for the Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer club will be held at two locations — one new. This Saturday's tryouts will be held at the Buhl soccer complex from 10-11 a.m. and at the new location, Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls from 2-3 p.m.
No previous soccer experience required. If weather prevents tryouts, coaches will still be on hand to register athletes. For more information, call Vince Gibson at 735-0176, men's coach Sasha Pavlovic, 733-9411 or club president Mark Goodman, 733-1699.

Declo recreation starts wrestling registration

DECLO — The Declo Recreation Association is taking wrestling registration for boys kindergarten through grade 6.
The cost is \$10 per athlete with a T-shirt and SS without. Forms can be picked up at the elementary or junior high school offices. Practice starts March 2. For more information, call Carol at 654-6893.

Minico Booster Club plans meeting for Feb. 2

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the high school library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 436-5670 for more information.

Doctors present free health classes at fitness center

BURLEY — Area doctors will give free health and wellness educational classes once a month at the Racqueteer's Health and Fitness Center, 1150 East 16th in Burley. All classes are open to the public.
The classes are:
• Heart Disease, Feb. 10, Dr. Wayne Blauer
• Metabolic Syndrome, March 5, Dr. Walter Gahman
• Osteoporosis, April 13, Dr. Wendell Wells
• Back and Joint Pain, May 11, Dr. Allan Nelson
Compiled from staff reports

Baseball approves Dodgers sale

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The \$430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to Boston real estate developer Frank McCourt was unanimously approved Thursday by baseball owners.
The highly leveraged purchase, likely to be finalized within a week, probably will set off the third change in management in six years for the marquee franchise, which hasn't advanced to the playoffs since 1996.
The deal was approved during a conference call. Commissioner Bud Selig said the sale "heralds the beginning of a new era of fam-



Frank McCourt

ily ownership for one of the game's most storied franchises."
News Corp. bought the team in March 1998 from the O'Malley family for \$311 million. The corporation quickly tired of running the team, and former movie executive Robert Daly took over as chief executive officer in October 1999 after purchasing a minority stake.
Daly has said he will depart

when the sale closes. The futures of team president Bob Giamano, general manager Dan Eagan and manager Jim Tracy are uncertain as the Dodgers prepare to report to spring training on Feb. 18.
"This is not just one of the greatest franchises in baseball, it's one of the greatest teams in all of sports," said McCourt, who met Thursday with Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn. "I take to heart all the responsibilities that come with it and I intend to restore the glory days of Dodger baseball."
Los Angeles finished second in the NL West last season at 85-77 despite the worst offense in the

major leagues. Still, the Dodgers drew over 3 million fans for the eighth straight year.
With the sale pending, the Dodgers made few moves during the offseason. They only free-agent additions were right-handers Rick White and Jose Lima and infielder Jose Hernandez, who agreed to minor league contracts, and Bubba Trammell, who's expected to come off the bench.
A few miles to the south, the 2002 World Series champion Anaheim Angels added pitchers Bartolo Colon and Kelvin Escobar and outfielders Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Guillen.

McCourt, whose grandfather was part owner of the Boston Braves, announced Oct. 10 he had agreed to buy the team along with Dodger Stadium and adjoining real estate, plus training facilities in Vero Beach, Fla., and the Dominican Republic.
He had lengthy talks with officials of the commissioner's office and other owners, who were concerned about the amount of debt in the deal. News Corp. will retain a minority stake.
Once one of baseball's most stable franchises, the Dodgers have won six World Series championships — the first in 1955.
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Raft River upsets Murtaugh

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — The Raft River Lady Trojans overcame 32 turnovers to make it past Murtaugh's Lady Red Devils 40-29 in Magic Valley Conference Tournament first-round play at Red Devil Gymnasium Thursday afternoon.
It was a bookend game for the Lady Trojans who scored 12 points in both the first and fourth quarters. By outscoring Murtaugh 24-9 in those two periods, Raft River grabbed the lead early and slammed the door on Doug Wright's Lady Red Devils late.
"They made free throws, we didn't. It was the whole nine," Wright said. "They just came to play."

Murtaugh was only able to cut into the Lady Trojans' lead in the second quarter, outscoring Raft River 11-7. While Murtaugh had a hand in forcing Raft River into a lot of their turnovers, the Lady Red Devils just couldn't find the basket with their shots.
"We didn't hit any shots, so their turnovers didn't really matter," Wright said.
Raft River was led by an 18-point performance from junior point guard Sierra Cooper. Junior wings Lisa Lee and Jennie Hutchison added eight and seven points, respectively. The strong play of coach Jeremy Qualls' backcourt is a welcome sight in this, the most important part of the season.
"Overall, I'm pleased with the effort of the girls, their defense was a lot better tonight," said Qualls. "Murtaugh is a tough team. They had an off night and fortunately for us our shots were falling."

Murtaugh was led by senior Jillian Cutler's eight points, with sophomore Kristen Egbert adding seven. Cutler had an unusually tough time getting her shots to fall, and was frustrated with foul trouble.
"Jillian hadn't had a game like that all year," Wright said.
Sophomore post Drue Tollman finished with five points despite Raft River's good 2-3 zone.
Tollman finished with nine rebounds, all in the second half. Usually a man-to-man defensive team, Qualls installed the zone this week.
"The zone is something we haven't played all year, but we thought we'd give it a shot this game to make up for our lack of height," Qualls said. "Luckily, it worked out all right for us tonight."

The loss puts Murtaugh into the losers' bracket and will face the loser of Saturday's Hagens-Hagerman game at 6 p.m. Monday.
Raft River has a tough task ahead of them Saturday, as the Trojans face top-seeded Oakley at 7:30 p.m.
"I think the key to beating Oakley is dealing

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Thursday's results
Raft River 40,
Murtaugh 29
Hansen 62,
Magic Valley Christian 15
Hagerman 51,
Castelford 26

Saturday's schedule
Magic Valley Christian vs.
Castelford, 4:30 p.m.
Hansen vs. Hagerman,
6 p.m.
Oakley vs. Raft River,
7:30 p.m.



Raft River junior Brenda Darrington shoots the ball over Murtaugh junior Halle Rosborough during the 2004 Southside Magic Valley Conference Girls Basketball Tournament in Murtaugh Thursday. Raft River moves on to play No. 1 seed Oakley Saturday.

Safin stops Agassi's Aussie run

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi put his fingers to his lips and bowed after going five sets with Marat Safin. He blew kisses to all corners of the court in what has become a postmatch ritual.
"You never know when it's your last," Agassi said. "So you want to say bye properly."
It was certainly goodbye for the 33-year-old Agassi at this Australian Open. The defending champion rallied after dropping the first two sets, but lost Thursday's semifinal to an opponent who has fortified his game and is playing as if he were No. 1 again.
Safin, who upset top-ranked Andy Roddick in the quarterfinals, won 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6), 5-7, 1-6, 6-3 in a



Russia's Marat Safin, left, is congratulated by Andre Agassi of the U.S. after their semifinal match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday. Safin won in five sets 7-6, 7-6, 5-7, 1-6, 6-3.

Lady Golden Eagles women find ways to win

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While a lesser team might lose a game by 20 points when it seemingly can't throw the ball in the ocean, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team still manages to find a way to win.
The 21st-ranked Golden Eagles (18-4 overall, 14-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference), who play at Colorado Northwestern Community College tonight and Saturday at 5:30 p.m., shot just 37 percent from the field in this past Friday's game against North Idaho College. The performance included a miserable 2-of-15 from 3-point range, but CSI still man-

CSI women at Colorado NW
Friday and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
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aged to do all the little things necessary to pull out a 69-58 victory.
The Eagles, the top rebounding team statistically in the SWAC (+12.5), outrebounced the Cardinals 49-35. While injuries and illness have caused inconsistencies in other facets of CSI's play, rebounding has been perhaps the team's greatest strength all season. The Eagles have outrebounded their opponents in all.

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SPORTS

Top seeds advance to Northside title game

The Times-News

CAREY - No. 1 seed Shoshone and No. 2 seed Dietrich both cruised to the Northside Conference Tournament girls basketball championship game with wins on Thursday at Carey High School.

Dietrich beat Richfield 39-22 while Shoshone prevailed over host Carey 62-44.

The Indians and Blue Devils will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Carey High School gymnasium.

Richfield takes on Camas County at 6 p.m. followed by Carey versus The Community School at about 7:30 p.m. in loser-out action.

Northside Tournament

Thursday's scores Dietrich, 39, Richfield 22 Shoshone, 62, Carey 44

Saturday's schedule Carey vs. Dietrich, JV championship, 4:30 p.m. Camas County vs. Richfield, 6 p.m. Carey vs. Community School, 7:30 p.m.

The night opens with the junior varsity district championship between Carey and Dietrich at 4:30 p.m.

Dietrich 39, Richfield 22

CAREY - Nikki Miller scored 13 points to lead No. 2 seed

Dietrich past Richfield 39-22 Thursday in semifinal action at the Northside Tournament. Michelle Schmidt scored 11 while Cassie Wood added nine for No. 3 seed Richfield in the loss.

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Gooding girls knock off Valley in 46-43 win

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GOODING - The Gooding Lady Senators finished their regular season in style with a 46-43 home win over the Valley Lady Vikings Thursday night.

By holding Valley to 18 second-half points, the Senators were able to overcome a 25-16 halftime deficit to improve their record to 13-7.

"We came out in the second half and played hard," Gooding girls basketball coach Chris Comstock said. "We were more aggressive and attacked the basket more."

Once again, sophomore Britanie Toone led Gooding with 18 points, dishing out three assists in the process.

"She kind of sparked us in the second half by getting some steals that led to lay-ins," Comstock said.

Valley was led by senior guard Sara Praegitzer's 11-point effort, while Lindsay Wood and Mindy Malone were held to 13 combined points.

Gooding hosts Filer Tuesday in the first round of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament.

Local sports

half we did a good job of maintaining the lead." "Twin Falls (14-5) next plays in the regional tournament Tuesday.

Valley 46, Gooding 43

Gooding 42, Wendell 30

Wendell 60, Buhl 51

Buhl, - The Wendell Lady Trojans edged out the Buhl Lady Indians on Thursday in Buhl, 60-51.

It was close throughout the game, but Wendell pulled ahead in the fourth quarter, outscoring Buhl by five points in that quarter to seal the victory.

The Lady Indians (7-10) next play in district tournament play at Wood River on Tuesday.

Jerome 59, Buhl 14

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Dietrich rallied in the third quarter to take its only lead, 47-45, before the Cutthroats regained control late in the third and early in the fourth quarters.

Vance Dill scored seven points and pulled down 14 rebounds while Chase Krapf scored 16 and Jared Telford 14. The Cutthroats were paced by John Hayes and Jim Fairchild with 12 points apiece.

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Trail Blazers win fourth road game in a row

The Times-News

ATLANTA (AP) - Rasheed Wallace had 11 of his 20 points during a dominating third quarter, and Zach Randolph finished with 22 to help the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Atlanta Hawks 93-85 Thursday night.

The Trail Blazers have won four in a row on the road after a 216-point away from home.

Damon Stoudamire had 13 assists and Darius Miles scored 16 points for Portland.

Stephen Jackson led the Hawks with 15 points, and Jason Terry

added 14. Atlanta hostst three of four, including the past two at home, and it still has three left in a five-game homestand.

Nets 89, Magic 79

ORLANDO, Fla. - Jason Kidd snapped out of his slump to keep the New Jersey Nets rolling under new coach Lawrence Frank.

Kidd scored 20 of his 33 points in the first half to help the Nets beat Orlando 89-79 Thursday night, giving Frank his second victory since taking over for the fired Byron

Scott earlier this week.

Kenyon Martin had 18 points while Richard Jefferson added 13. Lucious Harris scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter. Tracy McGrady scored 22 points.

Kings 96, Spurs 91

SAN ANTONIO - Bobby Jurek converted a 4-point play with 29.1 seconds left to help the Sacramento Kings put down a late rally by San Antonio and defeat the Spurs 95-91 Thursday night.

After Tim Duncan drove for a

layout to bring the Spurs within six points in the final minute, Manu Ginobili picked off a pass by Mike Bibby and hit Malik Rose for a breakthrough dunk to make it 91-87 with 46.8 seconds remaining.

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Red Wings down Devils

Yzerman moves up on scoring list

DETROIT (AP) - Steve Yzerman moved past Mario Lemieux for sixth place on the NHL's career scoring list with his 1,702nd point in the Detroit Red Wings' 5-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Yzerman assisted on Tomas Holmstrom's goal, which gave the Red Wings a 4-2 lead midway through the third period. When his feat was recognized by the public-address announcer, Yzerman stood and raised a hand to the crowd.

Devon Sater's Chris Joseph made 31 saves and got plenty of help from goal-scoring Brett Hull, Jamie Rivers, Mathieu Dandenault and Kris Draper, who added an empty-net goal with a minute left.

The Red Wings returned home for their first game since going 1-2-2 on a recent road trip.

Martin Brodeur made 15 saves for the reigning Stanley Cup champions, who had won three straight. Erik Rasmussen and Turner Stevenson scored for the Devils.

Joe Jersey's Jamie Langenbrunner played for the Devils after missing 28 games with a bruised knee, and Igor Larionov returned to the arena he used to call home.

Vladimir Orszagh each had a goal and an assist, and Marek Zidlicky and Andreas Johansson had three assists apiece.

Scott Hartnell also scored, and Zidlicky tied for high with three assists.

Trevor Letowski matched his career high with two goals and three points for Columbus, and Geoff Sanderson and Tyler Wright added goals. Many Malhotra had a career-best three points on three assists.

Lightning 5, Penguins 1

TAMPA, Fla. - Martin St. Louis had a goal and an assist, and the Tampa Bay Lightning sent the Pittsburgh Penguins to their eighth straight loss with a 5-1 victory Thursday night.

Brad Richards, Pavel Kubina, Vincent Lecavalier and Brad Lucevich also scored for the Lightning, who have a nine-point advantage over second-place Atlanta.

Capitals 5, Hurricanes 3

RALEIGH, N.C. - Bates Battaglia broke a third-period tie and Peter Bondra scored twice to help the Washington Capitals beat the Carolina Hurricanes 5-3 Thursday night.

Justin Williams scored twice in the second period for the Hurricanes, who have lost all four meetings with Washington this season.

Battaglia tapped in a cross-crease pass from Anson Carter with 6:13 left to make it 4-3.

Brunls 2, Islanders 1, OT

BOSTON - Glen Murray scored the game-winning goal in overtime, giving the Bruins a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Andrew Raycroft made 23 saves for the Bruins, the 23rd time in 33 complete games this season he's allowed no more than two goals.

Murray, who led the team with 17 goals, stole the puck from Jason Blake at center ice and beat goaltender Rick DiPietro with a backhand flip on a break-away.

Canucks 4, Blues 2

ST. LOUIS - Magnus Arvedson scored two goals for the second straight game and the Vancouver Canucks extended their winning streak to four Thursday night with a 4-2 victory over the slumping St. Louis Blues.

Daniel Sedin had a goal and two assists for Vancouver. Arvedson and Markus Naslund sparked the Canucks' four-goal third period scoring in their streak to end Chris Osgood's shutout bid and put Vancouver ahead.

Mark Yocroft and Keith Tkachuk scored for the Blues.

Tourney

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New Mexico men beat BYU on last-second layup

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Danny Granger's jump off a half-court pass from Troy DeVries with 1.9 seconds left gave New Mexico a 65-63 win over Brigham Young Monday night.

Granger, who scored 27 points, baited out DeVries, who had a chance to break a 43-41 tie but missed two free throws with 3.8 seconds remaining.

New Mexico is now 11-6 overall and 2-2 in the Mountain West. BYU is 12-6 and 2-3.

DeVries went to the line after BYU's Mark Bigelow was given the technical for running onto the court after teammate Kevin Wheeler's tip-in tied the game with 4 seconds left.

Bigelow fouled out with 1:26 left in the game. DeVries missed the two free throws, but the Lobos retained possession. With Granger near the baseline under the New Mexico basket, DeVries threw the ball to him and Granger beat BYU center Rafael Araujo to the basket, his layup just managing to roll in.

S. Utah 73, UMKC 63 CEDAR CITY, Utah — Jason Baker scored a career-high 34 points, including three 3-point shots, as Southern Utah beat UMKC 73-63 Thursday night.

Baker hit 10-of-16 shots for the Thunderbirds (7-12, 3-5 Mid-Centennial Conference), who ended a four-game home losing streak.

Louisiana Tech 68, Boise St. 66 BOISE — Donell Allick scored 15 points, including a 15-foot basket from the baseline with 5.5 seconds left, to lift Louisiana Tech to a 68-66 win over Boise State Thursday night.

Allick scored his winning basket after Boise State's Jermaine Blackburn had tied the game at 66 with a field goal with 34 seconds remaining. The Bulldogs worked the clock down to the final 10 seconds before Allick drove to the baseline and hit his clutch shot in heavy traffic.

Paul Millsap scored 23 points and pulled down 10 boards to lead Louisiana Tech (10-8, 4-4 Western Athletic Conference). Blackburn paced BSU with 22 points.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

6 p.m. Homes at Sixers, ESPN, 5 p.m. Cavaliers at Bucks, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

PGA Tour, FBR open, second round, USA, 2 p.m.

PGA Tour of Australasia, Johnnie Walker Classic, third round, TGC, 11 p.m.

Australian Open, men's semifinal, ESPN, noon

Australian Open, women's championship match, ESPN, 7:30 p.m.

High school, Landmark Christian vs. Southwest Christian, ESPN2.

College Basketball Scores

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Buhl Knights of Columbus plans hoop shoot Saturday

BUHL — All boys and girls ages 10-14 can compete at the local level for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship from noon to 3 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Buhl Middle School.

Verplank's accuracy helps earn him first-round lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Scott Verplank, never known for dissembling off the tee, had no problem with the newly lengthened course at the FBR Open.

Pomerelle hosts big air and freestyle competitions

ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a big air competition Saturday, Feb. 7, and a freestyle competition Saturday, Feb. 14. Both competitions are open to all ages, skiers and boarders.

Central Michigan coach will lead Idaho State soccer

POCATELLO — Mark Salisbury, the head women's soccer coach at Central Michigan, has been named to lead Idaho State's women's soccer team.

Mock phone call during Jazz game angers Malone

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone was offended by a mock phone call that made fun of him and teammate Kobe Bryant during a timeout at the Lakers' game at Utah last week.

Iraq elects new Olympic committee in first step

DIKANK, Iraq — The former star athlete and defector elected to head Iraq's Olympic committee promised Thursday not to "forget the painful past, when Saddam Hussein's son Odai was in charge of the nation's sports program."

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SPORTS

Patriots' Harrison shows no reservations about getting physical

By Don Plerson
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — Rodney Harrison is the biggest hitter in the biggest game. In a Super Bowl on Sunday between the violent defenses of the New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers, nobody will be more respected, reviled or ready to "rip somebody's head off" than the Patriots' safety from the South Side of Chicago.

"I've played with an inner rage," he said Wednesday. "I don't know what it is. I play with a chip on my shoulder. Ever since I was 7, I have played the same way." Maybe it was seeing his mother, Barbara, raising three kids by herself, spending \$40 to sign her youngest up for football at 7.

"She had a light bill due. It was 40 bucks," Harrison said. "That was the last money she had. We didn't know if the lights would be cut off or not."

Maybe it's trying to prove himself because the San Diego Chargers released him after his ninth season.



Rodney Harrison
Plays with an 'inner rage'

"They fired me," he said. "Didn't think I could play anymore. I live in Atlanta, but they didn't think I could play anymore, so they didn't want me."

Maybe it's because he's emotional about becoming a father any day now.

"My dad wasn't around. Of course, he wants to come around now," he said. "This is my first son and the opportunity to be a dad and be a great one, I'm very excited about it."

Maybe he's thinking older brother Raymond.

"He used to beat me up, try to bring out toughness in me," he said. "I was one of those physical kids who wanted to play with the big kids and get into fights. I'd get beat up and come back with a stick or a bat. I will hunt you down."

Maybe he wants to show all the colleges that failed to recruit him out of Marian Catholic in Chicago Heights. Only Western Illinois offered him a scholarship.

"They said I was too small, too slow, too weak to play in the Big Ten," Harrison said. "Western gave me the opportunity to get away from the streets. I just wanted to make my mom proud."

Maybe Harrison wants to tell the NFL it shouldn't sell its violent side and fine its violent players at the same time. Harrison estimates he has paid more than \$300,000 in fines for hits league policemen deemed illegal. He was suspended for a game last year.

In the 1999 preseason, it was a hit by Harrison on Rams quarterback Trent Green that wrecked his knee and opened the door for Kurt Warner.

Maybe Harrison wants to please teammates who made him captain despite a training camp of making enemies. Receiver Troy Brown threw a football at Harrison on the first contact practice. Brown then took off his helmet and tossed it.

"Nobody wanted to talk to me once I got in the locker room, but I didn't care about that," Harrison said. "It was about me proving I still have gas left in the tank."

By week four, Belichick approached Harrison.

"Players came to me and said they would like to see him included in that (captain) group," Belichick said. "That speaks to the leadership and respect he has."

"It meant the world to me," Harrison said.

"Players want to honor the play of his idol, Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott.

"Intimidation is part of everybody's game," Harrison said. "When you watch someone being nasty, you say, 'Man, this guy's a beast.' When you see guys out there just getting their heads knocked off,

people take notice.

"Ronnie Lott looked me in the eye (ear-lier in Harrison's career) and said, 'I respect the way you play. Keep playing the way you play!'"

Maybe he wants to stick it to peers who didn't vote him to the Pro Bowl.

"If you hit a guy in the mouth and you're talking smack to him, yelling and screaming, he's not going to vote you into the Pro Bowl," he said. "That system is terrible."

Maybe he's still afraid of the life he left behind.

"If I don't go to college?" he pondered. "Of course, it was scary. I didn't want to get caught up in the streets. My mom did a great job of trying to protect me from the streets. It's easy to get caught up in the right thing, getting a girl pregnant when you're 15-16 years old. I didn't do any of that."

Harrison bought his mother a beauty shop a few years ago. She'll be in the game. What if Chicago is snowed in?

"I don't care if I have to get a private jet," Harrison said. "She's getting here."

'Bullet Bob' Hayes gets his last, best chance

HOUSTON (AP) — The penalty, fair or not, has been served. Bob Hayes didn't live long enough to witness a vote that could finally put him in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Little more than a year after his death, the former Dallas Cowboys receiver is a finalist for the first time. He was nominated by the hall's seniors' committee, and the vote is set for Saturday.

It will be, by most accounts, his best chance to earn a spot that eluded him for more than a quarter century, dating to his retirement in 1975. It will also be a chance to make amends for what, in many circles, is viewed as one of the more flagrant miscarriages of justice in the history of the hall.

"I first played with him in a college all-star game," said Roger Staubach, who also was Hayes' teammate on the Cowboys for six seasons. "He definitely had another dimension, in terms of speed. It affected the game, as far as how it was played."

A track star who won two gold medals in the 1964 Olympics, "Bullet" Bob Hayes was called the "World's Fastest Human." When he took that speed to the football field, seven-time draft pick out of Florida A&M — it really did change the game. It forced the unsophisticated defenses of the day to ditch man coverage in favor of zones in an attempt to control a player no cornerback could contain in today's NFL, some defenses are as common as the forward pass.

"The one thing people forget about him is that he did it all when we weren't in a passing league," longtime Cowboys personnel director Gil Bates said. "Had he done it in this era, he would have been better."

But Hayes' life after football was tarnished by drug addiction.

In 1979, the year before he first became eligible for the hall, he served 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to delivering nar-

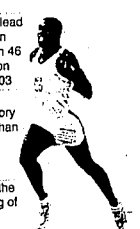
Hayes on track for Canton

Former Dallas Cowboys receiver, 'Bullet' Bob Hayes, will be among the 15 finalists who will be considered for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame when the Hall's Board of Selectors meet in Houston, Texas on Saturday.

NFL Career Totals
Receiving - 371 receptions for 7,414 yards and 71 touchdowns
Punt Returns - 104 returns for 1,158 yards and 3 touchdowns

Beat Season
In his second in the NFL (1966), caught 64 passes for 1,232 yards and 13 touchdowns in 14 games.

Career highlights
Won two gold medals in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics
Named "World's Fastest Human" after tying world record in 100-meter dash selected to the Pro Bowl three times
Member of Super Bowl VI championship team
Set a Cowboys franchise record with 71 career touchdown receptions
Set a Cowboys franchise record 20.0 career yards per



catch average
First rookie to lead the Cowboys in receptions with 46 and in reception yards with 1,003
First player in Cowboys' history to total more than 1,000 yards receiving in a single season
Inducted into the Cowboys Ring of Honor (2001)

otics to an undercover police officer. The episode "destroyed my life," Hayes wrote, years later in his autobiography.

Back then, Hayes' troubles were considered scandalous, and while the public agonized about his sedate inebriation, centered on his statistics over an 11-year career, the truth lurking beneath was that voters were reluctant to enshrine, or even discuss, a drug-abusing convict with a surly personality.

His nomination this week comes against a much different backdrop.

Hall of Fame bylaws make no mention of a player's off-the-field behavior. And really, the problems Hayes encountered seem far less daunting when set with athletes like Lawrence Taylor and Pete Rose defining the debate about how morality plays into the definition of sports greatness.

"Bob Hayes had his problems, but he turned them around," said Staubach, who helped Hayes fight his addiction. "Anyone who knew Bob Hayes knows that he was a good man."

Hall of Fame vote

Voters will choose four to six players to be enshrined in August; John Elway and Barry Sanders are considered shoo-ins. The voting takes place Saturday.

But by the time Hayes turned things around in his personal life — he did charity work and spent extensive time promoting high school sports in his hometown of Jacksonville, Fla. — his window of opportunity was closing.

New names were coming up for votes every year, and guys like Lynn Swann, Charlie Joiner and Steve Largent were getting enshrined, their better statistics and purer lifestyles helping transform Hayes' history-making exploits into an afterthought.

When it comes to discussing his hall worthiness, the statistics, at least on the surface, won't wow everyone. His 371 receptions don't score 18 touchdowns in the top 100 receivers of all time. He didn't shine in either of the two Super Bowls he played in.

But he averaged 19.98 yards a catch, second best of anyone in the history of the league with more than 300 receptions. He scored 18 touchdowns of 50 yards or longer. He averaged a touchdown for every 5.2 catches. Jerry Rice, by comparison, averages a touchdown for every 7.6 catches.

Hayes also remains the only athlete to win an Olympic gold medal and a Super Bowl title.

"When he ran, the ground would literally churn up behind him seven to 10 yards," Dick LeBeau, a former Lions cornerback, said in an interview a few years ago.

The last piece of Hayes' legacy now rests with the 39 Hall of Fame voters. He is one of 15 players up for consideration. Besides Hayes, the seniors' committee also nominated former Eagles tackle Bob Brown.

DA says school uses sex parties to recruit players

The Associated Press

DENVER — Prospective Colorado football players recruited with sex parties where women say they were raped, and school officials have resisted demands to stop the practice, according to depositions of a prosecutor and a police officer.

Boulder County District Attorney Mary Keenan, a potential witness in a federal lawsuit filed by a woman who says she was raped at a 2001 party attended by football recruits, made the statement during an October deposition, which was obtained by KUSA-TV.

School officials have denied Keenan's accusations.

In her statement, Keenan said she met with athletic department officials at the 17-year-old girl reported she was raped by a football player or a recruit at a party in 1997.

Keenan said she met with university officials again after a woman said she was raped at the 2001 party. Keenan said she didn't believe school officials took her complaints seriously.

Keenan said she was told by a former Colorado athletic department official that athletic director Dick Tharp and football coach Gary Barnett decided against any changes.

Keenan decided, after discussing the history, that they would not change anything because they could not afford to lose the competitive edge against universities such as Oklahoma (and Nebraska), Keenan said.

Barnett, and Tharp denied the accusations.

"That is absolutely a 100 percent out-and-out lie," Barnett said in Thursday's Denver Post. "I can't fathom why anyone would imply that, say that, or make that up. It is a lie."



Gary Barnett
Denies sex-party allegations

In another deposition in the lawsuit, university police officer Timothy Delaria described another 2001 party as "some kind of sex party for the recruits."

Delaria's deposition, made in May 2003, said recruits were shown a pornographic video and told that easy sex was a benefit of playing at Colorado.

Delaria, discussing a transcript of a police interview with a football recruit, said the recruit told officers, "They told us, you know, 'This is what you get when you come to Colorado.'"

Keenan and Delaria gave their depositions as part of a lawsuit filed by Lisa Simpson, who contended she was sexually assaulted by two men at the 2001 party. Simpson filed her case anonymously but later said she wanted to set an example that victims need not feel ashamed.

Prosecutors filed no sexual assault charges after the party because they said they did not think they could be proved. Four players were charged with providing marijuana and alcohol to minors.

Another woman has filed a lawsuit against the university saying she, too, was sexually assaulted at the party.

Tennis

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calm, consistent and powerful display.

The unseeded Russian ended Agassi's 26-match winning streak at the Australian Open — an Open era record — and denied the American a shot at a ninth Grand Slam tournament title.

"It couldn't go any better," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "I think I played one of my best matches in my whole life."

Safin next meets the winner of Friday's semifinal between Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero, a showdown for the No. 1 ranking.

Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters will play for the women's No. 1 spot after winning their semifinals.

Henin-Hardenne of Colombia, 32, Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia 6-2, 6-2, and Clijsters eliminated No.

22 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

This will be the third all-Belgian final in four Grand Slams, and the second straight not to feature the Williams sisters. Clijsters is 0-3 in Grand Slam finals, including two losses to Henin-Hardenne.

"In those matches, I knew where the problem was lying and I knew that it wasn't psychological," said Clijsters, who has a 19 edge in head-to-heads. "I was a little bit exhausted at the end of those two Slams. This year, I think I've become a little bit smarter."

Henin-Hardenne made 25 unforced errors, including 15 in the second set against Zuluaga, the first Colombian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

"People are going to make a lot of noise, again — it's an all-Belgian final, which I understand is huge for a little country," Henin-Hardenne said. "But I think that

both Kim and me are getting familiar and used to this situation."

Agassi won Australian titles in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and hadn't lost a match at Melbourne Park since the fourth round in 1999.

"You have to play really great against Andre to beat him," Safin said.

Safin entered the tournament ranked No. 86 after struggling all of 2003 with a wrist injury sustained in the first round of last season's Australian Open.

"I came here to try to win it. And I'm almost there. Just one left to go," he said. "Everything is going my way for the moment."

Before facing Agassi, Safin beat four other Americans — Brian Babbitt, Todd Martin, James Blake, and Roddick, the U.S. Open champion.

Safin reached the Australian final in 2002 when Agassi was out

with an injured wrist. He hasn't been back to the final at a major since and missed the last three in 2003 after withdrawing in the third round in Australia.

Against Agassi, he resembled the player who upset Pete Sampras to win the 2000 U.S. Open. "I managed to stay with him on the baseline. I managed to serve 33 aces — for me it's a big thing," said Safin, who did not have a double-fault. "It gives you much more confidence."

Agassi seemed in control in the fifth set until the fourth game. Then he missed two crosscourt shots to lose his serve from 30-all.

"Felt pretty good about my chances at that point," he said. "But I didn't recover from that."

Agassi suspects he'll be back at the Australian Open for another try.

"Right now, I've got no plans to do otherwise," he said.

Men

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and 3.3 rebounds over the last four contests since Jones' departure.

The Eagles will also need to find some consistent offensive help for Dante Sawyer (15.8 ppg) and Yusuf Baker (13.6 ppg). Baker is averaging 17.5 points over the last two games with Sawyer at 17.0.

Notes: CSI has welcomed four new players to the squad, all of which are practicing with the team and will be eligible to play beginning next season.

Sophomore point guard Jamaal Brown comes to CSI after playing last season at Utah Valley State College, where he averaged 15.1 points and 4.5 assists. The NJCAA native was then named a Chicago pressman

First-Team All-American for 2003-04; Brown has signed at NCAA Division I Oklahoma State to play there in 2005-06. He originally committed to Division I North Carolina at Greensboro out of high school.

Adam Jordan, a 2-guard/small forward from Salt Lake City, played his freshman season at Ricks College (now BYU - Idaho) before spending two years on a mission.

All Traore, a 6-10 center from Paris, played the 2002-03 and 2002-03 seasons with ASVEL Villeurbanne of the French National League and is also a member of the French Junior National Team.

Zayron Ferret, a pure-shooting off-guard, comes to the Eagles by way of New South Wales, Australia.

The Eagles will ... need to find some consistent offensive help for Dante Sawyer and Yusuf Baker.

Women

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but one contest this season, finishing on par with the College of Eastern Utah on Jan. 2.

The Eagles also grabbed 22 offensive rebounds in the win against NIC, creating extra scoring opportunities, many from close range.

"We are getting extra shots," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We have not been outrebounded in any game this season, just tied one time. I think we get extra possessions that way."

CSI is also getting to the free throw line. After trailing 34-31 against the Cardinals in a first half where the Eagles attempted only

seven free throws, CSI got to the line 16 times after halftime, making 13.

The Eagles also turned the ball over 17 times. Not awful, but considering they forced 23 NIC turnovers, creating six extra possessions for CSI.

"We didn't do a terrible job taking care of the basketball, either," Rogers said. "That gave us a few extra possessions. When you're not shooting the ball well, you want more chances."

Much of the credit for the Eagles' care with the ball can be credited to Jordan Eckman. The freshman has taken over most of

the responsibility at point guard after Delicia Jernigan suffered a foot injury last month. Eckman is averaging just 2.6 points per game, but is contributing in other ways. In Friday's win over NIC, she didn't score, but grabbed nine rebounds and had an assist in 37 minutes.

"She just gives us a real steady, calming presence on the floor," Rogers said. "Over the last six, seven ball games, she's been our steadiest player. She doesn't hurt us."

Eckman and the rest of the Eagles may have a field day picking apart a CNCC defense that is forcing a league-worst 17.9

turnovers and allowing opponents to shoot nearly 45 percent from the field, also last in the SWAC.

Heidi Clemmer leads the attack for CNCC (5-15, 2-12). She is averaging 12.3 points and 7.6 rebounds per game, both team highs. In the two games against CSI in Twin Falls Dec. 5 and 6, both convincing Eagle victories, she finished with at least 13 points and 13 rebounds.

"She's shooting the ball very well right now," Rogers said. "You would like to go with just one and one (defenses) on her, but they have four or five kids that can shoot the 3's. We just have to make sure we contest all of her shots."

Baseball

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playing in Brooklyn. Walter O'Malley moved them to Los Angeles after the 1957 season and they won the title in 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1958. But they haven't won a postseason game since their last championship.

Hall of Famer Tommy Lasorda, who managed the Dodgers to their last two World Series triumphs, is a senior vice president

who's future with the organization also is in question.

The O'Malley family controlled the Dodgers for nearly 48 years before selling to New Corp. Many of the team's moves since that sale didn't work out. In May 1998, popular catcher Mike Piazza was dealt to the Florida Marlins after he turned down a contract that would have been baseball's richest.

NATION/WORLD

Some retailers pull controversial 'Boys Are Stupid' merchandise

NEW YORK (AP) — The T-shirts and pajamas are meant to be funny with cartoon captions like "Boys Are Stupid - Throw Rocks At Them." But some protesters, encouraged by a fathers-rights talk show host, are unamused and have pressured three retail chains into dropping the merchandise.

The products in question — an array of girls' clothes and accessories — are manufactured or licensed by David & Goliath, a T-shirt company based in Clearwater, Fla.

Its chief designer, Todd Goldman, has created a series of cartoonish graphics used on the merchandise with what he intended to be humorously anti-boy themes. "Boys Are Smelly," "They're Garbage Cans At Them," says one. "The Stupid Factory — Where Boys Are Made," says another.

"I have a very quirky, sarcastic sense of humor," Goldman said in a telephone interview. "Most people just love the cartoons. If a few people don't like them, they don't have to buy them."

The graphics have been in use more than two years, but only recently came to the attention of Glenn Sacks, a commentator who hosts "His Side," a weekly radio show aired in Los Angeles and Seattle that is sympathetic to the fathers' rights movement and often at odds with feminists.

My 11-year-old son, whatever the joke is, he just doesn't understand it, either.

— Glenn Sacks, radio commentator who objects to anti-male captions

At Sacks' urging, listeners and supporters have contacted targeted retailers by e-mail and other means, urging them to stop selling the David & Goliath products. At least three retail chains, Seattle-based Tilly's, San Francisco-based Hon-Mac's, and Claire's Stores, Inc., an international chain, say they will no longer carry the contested items. Hon-Mac's spokeswoman Kimberly Reason said about a dozen products ranging from boxer shorts to baseball caps were pulled from the chain's stores in five Western states because they displayed "one of three captions: 'Boys Are Stupid,' 'Boys Are Smelly,' and 'Boys Have Cooties.'"

Tilly's, which operates 32 stores in Southern California, responded immediately to the complaints by removing all "Boys Are Stupid" items and canceling pending orders, senior vice president Sam Mendelsohn said.

"I agree with what the people said," Mendelsohn said. "It was a problem and we were not aware of it."

Claire's Stores, which operates more than 2,800 stores in North America, Europe and Japan, determined after an internal review that its branches were carrying only a few items—including cosmetic bags and lip balm—with the "Boys Are Stupid" graphics.

"We've canceled all pending orders that bear any of the slogans that people found offensive," company spokeswoman Marisa Jacobs said.

Sacks, in a telephone interview, said reaction to the protest campaign had been largely positive, although some people have suggested he was overreacting.

"I'm sorry if I sound like a humorless zealot, but I just don't see the humor in it," Sacks said. "My 11-year-old son, whatever the joke is, he just doesn't understand it, either."

He contended that many marketers, while wary of offending women and minorities, "have developed a moral blind spot toward disparaging males."



Victoria Evangelou shows one of the T-shirts in question at the G-Squared showroom in New York. The T-shirts and pajamas are meant to be funny, but not everyone is amused.

U.S. releases youths from Cuba Base

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military on Thursday released three teenage boys — believed to be between the ages of 13 and 15 — who had been accused of supporting the Taliban and had been held at the prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Pentagon announced.

The boys were sent back to their home country — which was not identified, the Pentagon said, saying it was determined that they no longer posed a threat to the United States. They have no further value as interrogation subjects and are not going to be tried by the U.S. government for any crimes, the military said.

They were the youngest prisoners at the Guantanamo base, which has held hundreds of suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters since the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Two of the boys were captured during U.S. and allied raids on Taliban camps in Afghanistan; the third was captured trying to obtain weapons for the Taliban, the Pentagon said. All three had arrived at the Guantanamo prison in February 2003, a spokeswoman at the prison said.

Human rights groups had campaigned for their release for some time, saying the long separation from their families was hurting the boys.

During their captivity at Guantanamo, the boys wore orange jumpsuits and frequently met with psychiatrists. They were taught math, reading and writing in their native languages and picked up some English, guards said.

The teenagers had a refrigerator stocked with apples, oranges, pears and dates. When they cooperated, they got snacks and extra movie time. When they didn't, they were confined to their rooms.

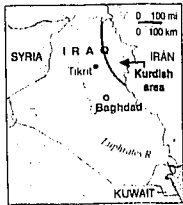
Head of BBC resigns over weapons report

LONDON (AP) — The head of the British Broadcasting Corp. resigned Thursday, the second top official to step down after a judicial inquiry harshly criticized the broadcaster's journalistic standards, and the network apologized "for our errors."

But Greg Dyke's resignation prompted hundreds of BBC employees to walk out of the 81-year-old corporation's two main London offices and demonstrate on the street. "My main concern is that with the climbing down, the news gatherers will stop their task of questioning the government and holding it to account," said Richard Curtis, 35, an engineer at BBC's Radio 4.

Kurds' dreams of state collide with U.S. plans for Iraq

By Scheherazade Faramarz Associated Press writer



IRBIL, Iraq — There's growing concern among Iraqi Kurds that the United States will once again abandon them midway in their age-old aspiration to set up a federal Kurdish state.

Kurdish leaders and many others in the Kurdish areas of northern Iraq are convinced that Washington promised just before invading Iraq 10 months ago, that the Kurds would be granted autonomy under a federal system after the fall of Saddam Hussein. U.S. officials say no such guarantees were made.

The Kurds, who established a semi-autonomous area in Irbil, Sulaimaniyah and Duluk provinces in northern Iraq under U.S. and British protection following the 1991 Gulf War, were among the strongest Iraqi supporters of the war that toppled Saddam Hussein.

"In the last 12 years, we've had a

free and democratic atmosphere. It's impossible for the Kurds to accept one's justice less than what they have enjoyed," Neshirwan Barzani, the prime minister of the Irbil, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Irbil is controlled by the Kurdish Democratic Party, one of the two major Kurdish factions. The other faction, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, controls Sulaimaniyah. Those provinces and Duluk are home to most of Iraq's Kurds, who

represent about 20 percent of Iraq's 25 million people.

The Kurdish goal is to formalize their existing autonomy under a federal system and cover expanding it to the oil-rich areas around Kirkuk, historically a mixed Kurdish, Arab and Turkoman city. Saddam expelled Kurds from Kirkuk and resettled the area with Arabs.

Barzani, nephew of KPD leader Massoud Barzani, said no political party should accept anything less than the establishment "because the Kurdish public and the Kurdish people will not accept it."

The Kurdish Parliament in Irbil has sent a proposal for a federal solution to the U.S.-installed Iraqi Governing Council in Baghdad and to L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civil administrator of the nation. Bremer has indicated that he prefers a federal system, but one based on geographical boundaries rather than ethnic composition.

Barzani said that during meetings between U.S. officials and anti-Saddam opposition groups and Kurdish leaders before the

war, "it was confirmed that the Kurds will get a lions share in the new Iraq."

"And things gradually changed. After the war, they forgot everything... They came out with a new idea about how to run the situation. This in itself has become a problem," he said.

Barzani said "historically, geographically" there has been an area called Kurdistan made up of areas with majority Kurdish population.

"What we say is this: The borders of the federal union should be made up of areas that are called Kurdistan," he said, reiterating a demand by Kurdish leaders.

The Kurdish aspirations have alarmed neighboring Turkey, Syria and Iran, which fear that granting Iraqi Kurds an ethnic enclave could incite separatist sentiments among Kurdish minorities within their own borders.

Barzani also demanded that Arabs, who were settled in Kirkuk and other Kurdish areas, should be asked to leave. Then Kurds can

vote in a referendum on whether they want to be part of a Kurdistan federation, he said.

In recent days, Kurds have been collecting petitions from citizens calling for a referendum on a federal solution.

"The petition is to put pressure on the coalition authority, the Governing Council and human rights groups to take notice of the wishes of the Kurdish people that they want to determine their own fate," said Haval Abu Baker, a professor at Sulaymaniyah University.

Ferdad Pirbal, a writer and professor at Salahaddin University in Irbil, said, "We know the Kurds, the Arabs and the Americans very well. They might do the same again and betray us, like they did in the past. Americans understand the feelings and emotions of Iraqi nationalism and can use that against us."

His wife, Tarza Jaff, a teacher and a novelist, agreed. "We are all afraid that America will betray us again," she said.

NASA chief agrees to review of Hubble decision

BALTIMORE (AP) — NASA's chief has agreed to a review of his decision to cancel servicing missions to the Hubble Space Telescope and let it deteriorate and go out of operation, Sen. Barbara Mikulski said Thursday.

Adm. Hal Gehman, chairman of the board that investigated the Columbia shuttle breakup last year, will "review the (Hubble) matter and offer his unique perspective," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said in a letter to Mikulski, who released a copy of the letter.

O'Keefe had defended his decision earlier this month to cancel all space shuttle missions to the Hubble, which has revolutionized the study of astronomy with its striking images of the universe. He had cited the risk to the astronauts on a Hubble mission and President Bush's plans to send humans to the moon, Mars and beyond as the reason for NASA's change of focus.

Mikulski, the ranking Democrat on the Senate subcommittee that that oversees NASA's budget, had asked for a review of the decision.

"My view is when someone is told they need major surgery, any prudent person would get a second opinion," said Mikulski. "That's what I told Administrator O'Keefe

and that's what he has agreed to do. Hubble has made so many extraordinary contributions to science, exploration, and discovery. We cannot prematurely terminate the last servicing mission without a rigorous review."

A call to NASA headquarters by The Associated Press seeking comment on the new letter was not immediately returned Thursday. Maryland's congressional delegation also sent a joint letter to O'Keefe on Tuesday urging him to reconsider the decision.

Hubble's scientific operations are conducted at the Space Telescope Scientist Institute, located at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The telescope is managed and operated by the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

"The scientific returns we have received from Hubble's service thus far have exceeded our expectations. We believe that NASA should make every possible effort to retain this proven window on the universe," the letter said.

Without the servicing mission, which had been planned for 2006, the orbiting telescope is expected to stop working several years before its scheduled 2010 retirement.

Scientists create new form of matter

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Scientists say they have created a new form of matter from a half-million potassium ions within a whisper of absolute zero, the coldest possible temperature.

Physicists working at a joint laboratory operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and University of Colorado call the new matter a "fermionic" gas. Its properties are described in the current issue of the journal Physical Review Letters.

Researchers said Wednesday they would examine its behavior for clues into the paradoxical laws of quantum mechanics, in which matter behaves in waves rather than individual particles. Eventually the gas might help engineers achieve superconductivity, or the state in which electricity flows without resistance, at everyday temperatures. That would dramatically improve computers and electrical power generation, as well as systems like magnetic trains.

Bush seeks \$18 million budget increase for arts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is proposing a big funding boost to the National Endowment for the Arts, an agency that once was a favorite target of Republicans. The money would go for a new program to give Americans an up-close look at their own heritage.

The \$18 million increase, a 15 percent hike in the NEA's funding, would be the largest in years. Last year, Congress increased the agency's funding to \$122.5 million, up from \$115.7 million but still well below what the agency received 25 years ago.

Most of the increase Bush is proposing in his upcoming federal budget would be used for a new initiative called "American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius." The programs will take works of American art on tour to large and small communities in all 50 states, said Douglas Sonntag, director of the NEA's Office of National Initiatives.

Sonntag said the program also will create educational packages of videos and study guides tailored for schoolchildren, bringing jazz, Shakespeare, dance and other art forms to classrooms nationwide.

While federal spending on the arts has edged up slightly, cash-strapped state governments have slashed funding for theaters, museums and performance groups by nearly one quarter.

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MONEY

Stocks finish mixed as Wall Street ponders its next move

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks were mixed Thursday as investors sought a direction for the market after a major sell-off the day before. The Dow Jones industrials closed higher, while technology stocks fell for a third straight session.

Investors wrestled with how to view Wednesday's 141-point drop in the Dow — as a buying opportunity or a sign of a market correction — and how the Federal Reserve's changing stance on interest rates would factor in.

"The market is on a precarious perch right now," said Bryan Piskunski, market commentator at Wachovia Securities.

"Fundamentals are definitely robust, but there's a valid question of how robust they'll be down the road. That's the question people are making their bets on."

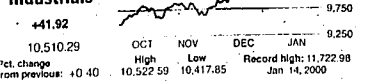
The Dow was up 41.92, or 0.4 percent, at 10,510.29 in heavy trading as many investors searched for bargains after the sell-off.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose up 5.63, or 0.5 percent, at 1,134.11, and the Nasdaq composite index finished down 9.14, or 0.4 percent, at 2,068.23.

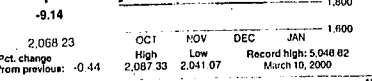
Many on Wall Street blamed the Fed's interest rate statement, and the selling it sparked, was an excuse to lock in profits rather than the beginning of a larger selling trend, especially given the economy's overall health and the strength of recent earnings reports.

"The Fed has shown that they have no desire to make a preemptive rate increase," said Jeff

Jan 29, 2004 Dow Jones Industrials



Jan 29, 2004 Nasdaq composite



Swensen, senior trader at John Hancock Securities. "They want to see actual inflation before they raise rates, and that helped the market feel a better about buying again."

But the trading volatility that marks most earnings seasons persisted, despite nearly two-thirds of the S&P 500 companies beating analysts' expectations.

New economic data from the government did not provide a clear picture of the pace and health of the recovery. First-time jobless claims for the week fell by 1,000 to the lowest level since the end of December. However, wages and benefits grew by only 0.7 percent, the lowest monthly rise in a year.

Friday's gross domestic product figures and the January payroll data for a better read on the overall economy. In the meantime, Exxon Mobil Corp. posted a record yearly profit

in 2003 and beat analysts' estimates for the fourth quarter by 10 cents per share. Shares jumped 66 cents to \$41.47 on the news.

Eli Lilly & Co.'s earnings matched analysts' expectations as the pharmaceutical company posted a 1 percent growth in profits from a year ago. Lilly added \$1.48 to \$68.40.

Verizon Communications Inc. ended with nearly \$3-billion in one-time expenses due to voluntary job buyouts, nonetheless beat Wall Street expectations by 2 cents per share. The telecommunications giant was up 33 cents at \$37.09.

Halliburton Co. climbed 82 cents to \$50.23 after the company announced that it took a \$1.1 billion charge related to asbestos lawsuits. The oilfield services firm managed to beat analysts' estimates by 2 cents per share without the one-time expenses.

Fed: Workers' wages and benefits appear moderate in fourth quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers' wages and benefits grew by 0.7 percent in the final quarter of 2003 — the smallest quarterly increase in a year — as companies still uncertain about the durability of the economic recovery kept a close eye on their bottom line.

The increase in the employment cost index for the October-to-December quarter marked a moderation from the 1 percent advance registered in the previous quarter, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The 0.7 percent increase in compensation was the smallest since the fourth quarter of 2002 and was slightly weaker than the 0.9 percent rise that economists were forecasting.

In a second report from the department, new claims for unemployment benefits last week dipped by a seasonally adjusted 1,000 to 342,000, the lowest level since the end of December, a sign that the pace of layoffs is slowing.

"People who do have jobs appear to be a little more secure

because the major housecleaning appears to be finished," said Clifford Waldman, economist at the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, a research group.

Federal Reserve policy-makers, after their meeting Wednesday, offered a hopeful assessment of the nation's employment climate.

"Although new hiring remains subdued, other indicators suggest an improvement in the labor market," they said.

The Fed decided to hold a main short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent but dropped a pledge to keep rates at near rock-bottom levels for a "considerable period."

The Fed debated at its December meeting dropping the "considerable period" pledge, according to minutes of those discussions released Thursday.

Several Fed officials argued that removing the phrase would give the central bank more flexibility when the need arose to start raising rates, but the majority of Fed officials argued that the phrase should be maintained "at least for now," the minutes said.

The Fed's decision to drop the "considerable period" language at this week's meeting sent both

stock and bond prices down sharply on Wednesday as Wall Street worried that the Fed has moved closer to starting to raise interest rates, something it has not done in almost four years.

However, private economists continued to insist that the Fed is still months away from actually raising rates because of continued slack labor markets and continued benign readings on overall inflation.

In the compensation report, increases in the costs of benefits, such as health insurance and vacations, continued to outpace the growth in wages.

Benefit costs rose by 1.2 percent in the fourth quarter, down from a 1.5 percent rise in the third quarter.

Wages and salaries went up by 0.5 percent in the final quarter of 2003. That marked the smallest increase since the fourth quarter of 2002 — and represented a slowing in wages and salaries registered in the third quarter.

"Businesses are under pressure to keep costs under control even as the economy shows recovery advances," said Waldman.

Bush could be bad for U.S. business

The Associated Press

Europeans' low opinion of the Bush administration could translate into tougher sales for some American brands overseas, according to an international survey of affluent consumers.

The poll queried opinion leaders, defined as college-educated people 35 to 64 years old, with

household incomes above \$75,000, or the equivalent in Europe. It found some troubling news for some multinational, U.S.-based staples such as Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Procter & Gamble and Citicorp, citing a European "trust discount" for American-based organizations.

The poll found the divisions mirrored the nations who most strongly

opposed the U.S.-led war last year in Iraq, France and Germany. Sixty-four percent of Germans

said they were less likely to buy U.S. products because of the war, and 65 percent were less likely to buy British products. Among the French, 64 percent were less likely to shop American, and 59 percent said they would do some British goods.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for stock symbols (A, B, C, D, E, F), prices, and changes. Includes sub-sections for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and others with their current values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns for Name, PE, Last, and YTD % Change.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names used at initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Table listing 525 most active stocks on the NYSE, 400 on NASDAQ, and 100 on AMEX.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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MARKETS

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MyDoom prepares for attack on Sunday

By Robert Manor Chicago Tribune
The spread of the MyDoom worms slowed markedly Thursday...

The worms - a kind of aggressive computer virus - are expected to remain quiescent at least until Sunday...

Typically you will see a slowdown for a number of reasons, said Brian Czargaj, marketing director of MessageLabs...

Huger said he believes hackers are searching the Internet for computers already opened up by MyDoom...

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Speculation about Fed's plan drives rates up

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mortgage rates around the country rose this week amid speculation on Wall Street about when the Federal Reserve may begin to push up short-term interest rates...

The average rate on 30-year mortgages increased to 5.68 percent, up from 5.64 percent last week...

Home sales reached record high levels in 2003 powered by low mortgage rates...

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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COMICS

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By Charles M. Schulz



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



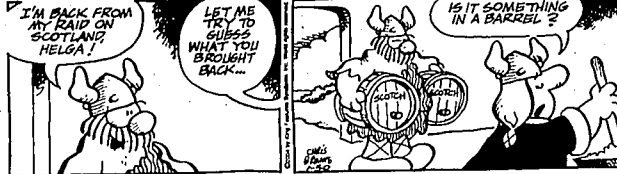
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Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

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Frank and Ernest

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The Born Loser

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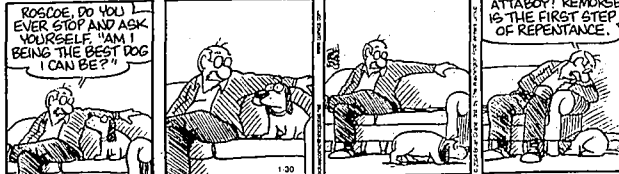
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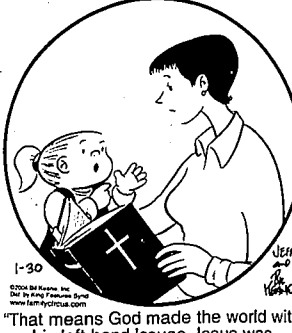
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The Family Circus

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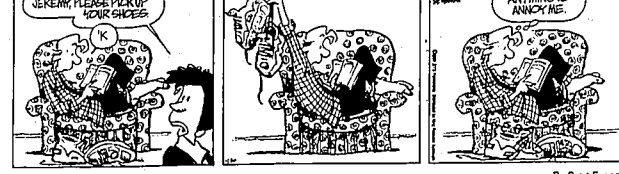
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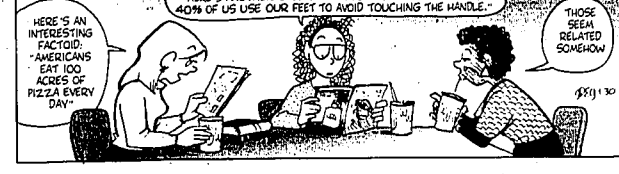
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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



On the Issues

MEDICARE

How, if at all, would you change the new prescription drug benefit for the elderly?



Wesley Clark "We ought to give the government the power to negotiate with drug companies through the free market to get bulk discounts on popular drugs. We need to do more to reduce barriers to low-cost generic drugs entering the market and prevent drug companies from exploiting legal loopholes to keep them out. And we need to allow seniors to import safe, low-cost prescription drugs from Canada. Most importantly, I want to see a real drug bill that strengthens Medicare instead of undermining it by forcing seniors into HMOs."

Howard Dean "As president, a high and early legislative priority of my new administration would be to improve the prescription drug benefit to create one that is affordable, federally administered and for all of America's seniors; uses the government's buying power on behalf of 41 million seniors... contains meaningful cost containment... assures stability of coverage; and promotes price competition and real pharmaceutical innovation."

Sen. John Edwards "When I am president, we will write a prescription drug bill for the American people—a law that benefits seniors not the HMOs and insurance companies. We will bring drug costs down by allowing importation, stopping wasteful and misleading drug advertising, and using the government's purchasing power of Medicare's beneficiaries to negotiate lower drug prices. In addition, my proposal reduces drug prices for everyone by stopping patent abuses and allowing the Secretary to implement measures, such as encouraging the use of generic drugs, to further reduce costs."

Rep. Dick Gephardt "I led the light for a prescription drug bill that provided seniors with a real prescription drug benefit under Medicare—without gaps in coverage. I still support this proposal and, as president, I would seek to pass it into law. This bill allows the Health and Human Services Secretary to use the collective purchasing power of Medicare's beneficiaries to negotiate lower drug prices. In addition, my proposal reduces drug prices for everyone by stopping patent abuses and allowing the Secretary to implement measures, such as encouraging the use of generic drugs, to further reduce costs."

Sen. John Kerry "I will change the benefit so that it rewards employers who are offering retiree health benefits rather than undermining them; does not push seniors into HMOs; includes real cost containment and improves protections for low-income Americans."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich "I will include complete coverage of prescription drugs in a single-payer plan that provides every man, woman, and child with comprehensive health coverage from whatever doctors they choose, and does so through a tax on employers that is lower than what employers who now provide coverage pay on average."

Sen. Joe Lieberman "I strongly opposed the Medicare bill, and joined Senator (Edward) Kennedy's filibuster against it. We need to do it right, by providing a universal benefit to all seniors. We should allow real importation of prescription drugs; eliminate premium support demonstration projects; allow Medicare to use its purchasing power to achieve savings in the cost of prescription drugs; and eliminate the \$12 billion slush fund for HMOs."

Rev. Al Sharpton "I support a national single-payer plan. I think it will not be fixed until we have health care for all seniors. I think that we're moving on the last bill toward a privatized health system and I think the only answer is a universal single-payer plan."

The Bush-Cheney campaign says President Bush will begin participating in the weekly issues survey in February.

Nothing has shaped this campaign's Democratic health-care proposals more than the failure of President Clinton's effort to guarantee universal coverage a decade ago. From the collapse of the Clinton plan—which helped trigger the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994—the Democratic contenders have learned two lessons.

Democrats offer similar health-care programs

By Ronald Brownstein
Los Angeles Times

Analysis

WASHINGTON — It is a political paradox. Much in the last campaign and New Hampshire's primary, voters ranked health care at the top when asked which issues most concerned them.

But health care has been almost a non-issue in shaping voters' decisions on which candidates to support, polls in the contests showed.

The results indicate that none of the Democratic contenders has found a way to draw clear distinctions for voters among their competing plans—all of which represent ambitious efforts to provide insurance to many of the nearly 44 million Americans without it.

"All of us have been unsuccessful at developing a differentiated position," said Ed Reilly, the pollster for Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri. Gephardt centered his presidential campaign on a proposal to provide nearly universal health care, but withdrew after a poor finish in Iowa.

The plans from the major remaining Democratic candidates share a common thread—they would expand coverage mostly by enlarging public programs for the uninsured, especially a state-federal partnership that covers children in working-poor families.

The key distinctions center on diverging approaches for controlling rising health-care costs—an issue that none of the candidates has spotlighted in the nomination fight.

In the general election, however, health care looms as one of the clearest contrasts between President Bush and the eventual Democratic nominee. The differences are huge between the Democratic proposals and Bush's plan to expand insurance through tax credits and to control exploding health-care costs mainly through limits on its medical malpractice lawsuits.

Nothing has shaped this campaign's Democratic health-care proposals more than the failure of President Clinton's effort to guarantee universal coverage a decade ago. From the collapse of the Clinton plan—which helped trigger the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994—the Democratic contenders have learned two lessons.

One is to minimize changes for the nearly 85 percent of Americans who have health insurance—they would feel few effects from any of the Democratic plans. The second is to avoid confrontations with big business. Clinton's proposal to require most companies to contribute to coverage for their workers provoked staunch resistance from small businesses.

None of the leading Democratic candidates would ask employers who don't provide insurance to contribute to coverage. But as a result, the plans carry substantial price tags for taxpayers—a potential vulnerability against Bush.

The proposals are "a budget buster, so it is tricky terrain for them," said one Republican strategist close to the White House.

Kenneth E. Thorpe, a former Clinton health official, has estimated that the proposals by Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and retired Gen. Wesley K. Clark would cover similar numbers of the uninsured at similar costs.

According to Thorpe, a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, the Clark-Kerry-Lieberman plans would cover about 33 million of the uninsured. Dean's about 32 million and Kerry's just over 28 million.

Over the next decade, the cost of the plans would range from about \$750 million for Lieberman's to over \$932 million for Dean's. That variation is largely because of the plans' use at different speeds when fully implemented. Thorpe projects all of them would cost around \$1.6 billion a year.

The proposal by Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina is less ambitious in reach and cost. Thorpe estimated the plan would cover about 23 million of the uninsured for an annual cost of around \$100 billion when fully phased in.

Each Democrat would pay for his plan by repealing part or all of Bush's tax cuts.

By contrast, Bush's plan to provide tax credits of up to \$1,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for families to purchase insur-

ance would cost only \$65 billion over the next decade and cover just 3 million of the uninsured, Thorpe calculated.

Almost all the Democratic plans call for a significant expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides care for uninsured children in low-income working families.

Dean would make the CHIP's program available to all children and young adults under 25 years of age in families with incomes up to about \$54,000 a year. All other uninsured adults in families with annual incomes up to about \$43,000 also could be covered by the program.

Though the CHIP's program is funded as a state-federal partnership, Dean would have Washington assume the cost of the expanded coverage.

Under Dean's proposal, uninsured adults not qualifying for the expanded CHIP's program would be allowed to buy into an insurance pool modeled on the coverage plan for federal employees. He also would let small-business owners buy into the new insurance pool.

Kerry proposes that Washington assume from the states all the cost of insuring the very poorest children who receive coverage under Medicaid. In return, the states would agree to contribute to the cost of guaranteeing health insurance through CHIPs to all children in families earning up to about \$55,000 a year and all parents in families with annual incomes of about \$47,000 or less.

Like Dean, Kerry would establish an insurance pool modeled on the program for federal employees and provide tax credits for small businesses to buy into it.

Clark would provide coverage through Medicaid or CHIPs at no cost to children in families earning up to about \$27,000 a year and provide tax subsidies to ensure coverage for children in families with income up to around \$90,000.

Clark also would pay the full cost to provide coverage for adults earning less than around \$14,000 a year and offer subsidies more generous than his rivals to fund insurance for uninsured adults earning up to about \$25,900 annually.

Edwards would require that all parents provide insurance for their children (an idea Clark adopted). Edwards would provide coverage at no cost to poor families; he would offer tax credits to families in some higher income brackets to help them cover the insurance cost.

Like the others, Edwards would open the CHIP's program to all states. But he would offer less generous subsidies than his opponents for working-poor families to obtain insurance.

Lieberman initially would expand eligibility for CHIPs, making it available to the same number of children and young adults as Dean, and slightly fewer older workers. But Lieberman, searching for an approach that relies less on government programs, would phase in generous tax credits that lower-income families could use instead to purchase private insurance through a new government-run pool.

Long shot Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio has proposed a "single-payer plan" to cover all Americans under an expanded Medicare program that he would finance with a new 7.7 percent payroll tax on business. The proposal would cost about \$600 billion a year.

Two distinctions could still emerge among the Democrats on health care.

Kerry is hoping to move effectively out his proposal by reducing the rise in insurance premiums by committing the federal government to footing most of the bill for patients whose health care costs exceed \$50,000 annually. The potential political advantage of that idea for Kerry is that it offers a tangible benefit to the roughly 85 percent of Americans with health insurance.

Meanwhile, Andy Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union, which has endorsed Dean, is urging the candidate to place greater emphasis on his experience as a doctor.

Dean's background could give him more credibility as someone who could deliver the health-care changes he is promising.

On the Issues

MINIMUM WAGE

What increases, if any, do you favor in the \$5.15 an hour federal minimum wage?



Wesley Clark "I will raise the minimum wage in steps to \$7 per hour by 2007."

Howard Dean "I favor increasing the federal minimum wage to \$7.00 during my presidency."

Sen. John Edwards "I believe that low-income working people deserve better and support an increase in the minimum wage of at least \$1.50."

Rep. Dick Gephardt "I support an immediate increase in the minimum wage and I would index the minimum wage to inflation, so it rises each year."

Sen. John Kerry "I will continue to support increasing the minimum wage and indexing it to inflation. To begin with, I support increasing the minimum wage by \$1.50 over the next year."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich "I favor restoring the value ... lost to inflation over the past 35 years, which would mean a minimum wage of over \$8.50. I favor indexing this to automatically keep pace with the cost of living."

Sen. Joe Lieberman "Workers need to make enough to have a decent life. We should raise the minimum wage to \$7."

Rev. Al Sharpton "Let me say I would campaign for a \$2 raise in minimum wage."

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On the Issues

DEATH PENALTY

Do you support the death penalty?



Wesley Clark "I believe the death penalty should be available for the most heinous crimes. If we are to carry out the ultimate penalty, it must be with the ultimate safeguards."

Howard Dean "I believe the death penalty should be available for extreme and heinous crimes, such as terrorism or the killing of police officers or young children. But it must be carried out with scrupulous fairness."

Sen. John Edwards "I believe the death penalty is the most fitting punishment for the most heinous crimes, and I support it. But we need reforms in the death penalty to ensure that defendants receive fair trials with zealous and competent lawyers, and with full access to DNA testing."

Rep. Dick Gephardt "I support the death penalty for heinous crimes, but I also believe we have the responsibility to ensure that it is enforced in a manner that is fair and just."

Sen. John Kerry "I oppose the death penalty other than in cases of real international and domestic terrorism. As president, I'll enforce the law but I'll also have a national moratorium on federal executions until we use DNA evidence to make sure those on death row are guilty."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich "I oppose the death penalty and would ban it."

Sen. Joe Lieberman "I have long supported the death penalty for the most egregious crimes and terrorists, and I still do. I also believe that the death penalty must be applied fairly."

Rev. Al Sharpton "Unilaterally opposed and unequivocally under any circumstances."

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Momentum gives Kerry clear edge

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — John Kerry will be hard to beat in Tuesday's caucus, but other Democratic presidential hopefuls can curb his momentum if they play to their strengths and his weaknesses—in the right places.

While he is running strong everywhere, the four-term Massachusetts senator is not unstoppable anywhere, said Democratic strategists and political experts in the seven states at stake.

Kerry's victories in Iowa and New Hampshire gave him the instant credibility he needs to become a winning rival to President Bush. Even in states that under normal circum-

stances would run cool to a Massachusetts liberal, Kerry suddenly looks presidential, experts said Thursday.

He has momentum, which breeds success.

"People who want a winner against Bush naturally gravitate to the guys who have won something," said Robert Kwei, political science professor at the University of North Dakota. His state has 14 pledged delegates up for grabs, fewest of Tuesday's states.

In Oklahoma, where 40 delegates are at stake, Kerry is in a run-away fight with rivals whose records are a more comfortable fit with the state's conservative Democrats. Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark and North

Carolina Sen. John Edwards are matching Kerry ad-for-ad on Oklahoma television. The fourth, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, can afford just a few ads.

Clark and Edwards will be more Oklahoma-style candidates, but we're in a process where one caucus and one primary make a huge difference on the next," said Don Hoover, a political consultant who ran former Gov. David Walters' campaign.

It's the same story in Missouri, Arizona, South Carolina, New Mexico and Delaware. Experts give Kerry the edge although he ignores all seven states for months while salvaging his Iowa and New Hampshire campaigns.

But the front-runner has at least one rival in each state who could beat him, or grab a bundle of delegates by targeting congressmen and a factor, despite running a campaign low on cash and barely playing in the seven states. He does not plan to air ads before Feb. 7 contests in Michigan and Washington state, but promises to visit Missouri, Arizona, South Carolina and New Mexico. He can deny Kerry delegates, if not wins.

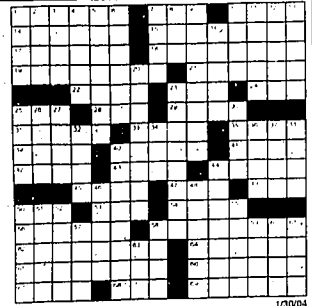
Kerry's rivals would be smart to borrow a page from Lieberman and cast him as a liberal, out of touch with moderate Democrats in places such as South Carolina and Oklahoma.

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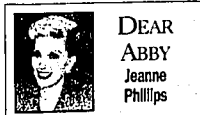
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Clutter may disguise deeper problems

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been working out of the country for almost a year. Since he's been gone, I have turned into a house-keeping slob. I have a demanding job where I pick up the slack for missing personnel. I am one of a few musicians at church on Sundays. In addition, I'm struggling with a chronic back problem. I'm overwhelmed.

Cleaning the house has taken a back seat to all the other things I do, and now it is full of clutter. It's out of control.

Most of the time I feel like I don't care. How can I get out of this slump? I feel guilty when I watch my neighbors taking care of their homes. Please help me get going.



DEAR ABBY: Once that's done, ask a friend or two if they'll help you with the house over a weekend. Treat them to dinner and a movie afterward. Of course, for the same amount of money, you could probably hire someone to help you, but enlisting the help of friends would be more fun. And from my perspective, contact with friends is what you need right now. Good luck.

- NOT MOTIVATED IN ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR NOTE: It occurred to you that you might be depressed by your husband's long absence? The first thing to do is schedule an appointment with your physician for a complete check-up and

DEAR ABBY: There is a husband and wife in our church who drive everyone crazy. We live in a small rural area and most of our congregation are simple, modest folk.

These people live in a neighboring town in a very pretentious, affluent neighborhood. They drive an expensive SUV and are extravagant in everything they do. Their children misbehave often, and the whole family acts like they're better than everyone else. They are all spoiled, lacking in discipline, and seem to have behavior or emotional problems. Despite their bravado, they don't realize that everybody can see through them. Maybe if you remind those individuals that God can see them, whether they are in church or not, they'll know they aren't fooling anyone.

- MISERABLE METHODIST IN NEW YORK

DEAR MISERABLE METHODIST: God can see you, too. And he has asked me to relay this message: "Happy are they who tend to their own gardens and waste not their time complaining about their neighbors' shortcomings."

DEAR ABBY: For three years

REVISITED L.M. Boyd

vessel superstition that a naked woman aboard a ship calms the sea?

A. Sailors of old quoted it. For reasons of their own. Superstitions usually have practical origins, do they not? Sailors also had a counter superstition, please note: "A woman aboard ship makes the sea angry."

The medical profession - or some of it - specifically recog-

nizes these ailments among musicians: "Cellist's Chest," "Fiddler's Neck," "Harplist's Fingers" and "Flutist's Chin."

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DEAR FEARFUL: First of all, let's hope this young man has matured past the point where he would harass you. Neither of you are children anymore.

You are doing the right thing to take your concerns to the head of security. If that fails to resolve the problem, document any and all incidents and promptly report the harassment to the police department.

Swimming for exercise works best if you dog paddle

Any swimming stroke will give you exercise, says a sports doctor, but for a good workout of natural muscle movement, nothing beats the dogpaddle.

Trace back the liquids used to christen ships: Now, it's champagne. Yesteryear, it was red wine. Earlier, animal blood was the christener, a sacrifice to the gods. But earliest, only human blood so stained those ships.

When you do every morning dampens down the walls considerably, according to one expert. Shower, shave, brush teeth, make coffee, wipe tables, whatever. Claim is that you, if typical, spray out a pound and a half of water vapor before you saunter out the front door.

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Man will use winnings for headstone

PRINCE GEORGE, British Columbia (AP) - Lottery winner Phil Lee is taking his irreverent sense of humor to his grave.

The former construction worker in his 60s says he'll use some of the nearly \$76,000 he won in the lottery to buy a hedonistic headstone.

Lee said his tombstone will read, "Been there, done that" and show

"a champagne glass, a royal flush, a slot machine, a nude woman facing backward and a stick of dynamite with a lit fuse."

He said he first thought he'd won the \$19 million top prize in the Super 7 draw last Friday, "so after I came down from the ceiling it took me two hours to realize what I actually had."

Single Libras need to be realistic about romantic expectations

IF JANUARY 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you love to talk, play, create and have fun. Sociable and friendly, it's easy for you to bite off more than you can chew. Sometimes you're going in a million directions at once. You probably have more than one creative hobby and are at the center of every party. Always popular, and (almost) always forgiven, your transgressions, you win over others with your fresh charm and exuberance.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): There continue to be some deeply sweet feelings going on inside you; be sure to share them with others. You have a magic way with words

today. There's still lots of good cosmic energy for winning allies at work.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): As the day proceeds, you find yourself more talkative than usual today - and you express yourself beautifully. You may also want to write down some of your thoughts and feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are even more charming than usual today. As the day moves on, all eyes focus on you. Too much frivolity could be a problem in school settings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You're feeling extremely romantic. Be sure to keep your expecta-

HOROSCOPE
Jeralaine Saunders

tions in the realm of the possible for the next few days. Later in the day, you feel lighter, though more inclined toward spending some time alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A glow of true love softens relationships for committed Leos, making you realize why you fell in love with your partner. This wondrous feeling lasts for several days. Single Leos can prove successful for their own true love for several days, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your ability to devote yourself to others is made even sweeter by the stars for a few days. You are able to reach a transcendent place through service. Watch out for illusions of excessive repayment; those you serve may not have the same idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Single Librans need to be sure they're being realistic about their dating partners through the weekend. Rose-colored glasses can distort the facts, and this could become a problem later. Artistic Librans find this weekend an exceptionally creative time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Dating Scorpions are on a mysterious magic carpet ride. You never know what to expect, but it's probably all good. Travel may be difficult to achieve or be problematic in some other way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Another day of devotion to others. Stars are improving now for almost everything, but money that flows through others may remain restricted for a while. Still, your own earning potential looks excellent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Though you are seldom anything other than totally pragmatic, for the next few days you are inclined to see money matters not as they

are but as you wish them to be. In addition, you could be deceived in finances - get all the facts!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Caution, your idealism is showing! You're quite stary-eyed now, and some of your greatest illusions may be about how you are perceived. Don't make any fanciful, unplanned changes to your appearance now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your naturally spiritual nature (regardless of your religious affiliations or lack thereof) is highlighted for a few days. You are able to tune in to the poetry of the universe. You may want to record your thoughts and inspirations at this time.

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BUIH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SEEKS BIDS ON SURPLUS PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Buih Rural Fire Protection District will accept sealed bids on a 1.46 acre tract of land declared surplus. The tract of land is located on River Road across from Banbury Hot Springs. Interested parties may pick up a legal description and map to the property at the Buih Fire Department, 201 N. Broadway, Buih, Idaho by calling 543-5854.

Sealed bids will be accepted via US Postal Service at PO Box 505, Buih, ID 83316 until close of business on February 10, 2004. Bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Surplus Property Bid". Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2004 at the regular meeting of the Buih Rural Fire Protection District at 201 N. Broadway, Buih, Idaho. The successful bidder will be notified and full payment must be received by the Buih Rural Fire Protection District within 20 business days of the award notification. Mark Ruffing, Secretary Buih Rural Fire Protection District

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

Case No. CV 03-5849

ANOTHER GUMMONS

NORTHWEST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., an Idaho corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE STREET BANK

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AND TRUST COMPANY, AS CUSTODIAN, a foreign trust company, and John Does 1-5.

TO JOHN DOES 1-5, THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You have been sued by Northwest Property Management, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, in Case No. CV 03-5849.

That the nature of this claim is a complaint for quiet title and declaratory relief against the following described real property located in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land being described as the Westone-half of Lot 2 of Parsons Second subdivision thereof, filed in Book 5 of Plats at Pagelet 9, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Any lingo after 20 days following the last publication of this notice in the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 425 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, (208) 734-0044 and served

a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney at law, Whisney, Attorney at Law, 500 W. Myrtle, Suite 200, Boise, Idaho 83720, (208) 336-5955.

A copy of the summons and complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 17th day of December, 2003. KRISTINA GLASSCOCK Clerk. By Dorothy McMillan Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-04-298
NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the matter of the application of **CHONEY DAN VERNON** for change of name. A Petition by Choney Dan Vernon, of the City of Twin Falls, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, for change of name, was filed with the Clerk of the Court at 425 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, (208) 734-0044 and served

on the Plaintiff's attorney at law, Whisney, Attorney at Law, 500 W. Myrtle, Suite 200, Boise, Idaho 83720, (208) 336-5955.

A copy of the summons and complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 15th day of January, 2004. /s/Dave Butler, Deputy District Director of Management Services. Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720-5450

PUBLISH: January 28, 29 and 30, 2004

NOTICE OF HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

SUBJECT: Proposed use of Federal Health and Human Services Block Grant; Availability of Plan for Public Review.

ACTION: The purpose of this hearing is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds during Federal Fiscal Year 2005. The Federal Health and Human Services Block Grant being reviewed will be the Community Services Block Grant.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 60-109 Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will conduct a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A Legislative and Public Hearing concerning the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will be held on Friday, February 2, 2004, at 10:15 a.m. in Room 328 of the State Capitol Building, Boise, Idaho.

The hearing site will be accessible to the physically disabled, interpreters for persons with hearing impairments and braille or taped information for persons with visual impairments can be provided. For arrangements, contact Luanne Dattman at (208) 334-5600.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANS: Plans for this block grant are available for public review at: The Department of Health and Welfare Central Office located in the Pete Constance Building, 9th Floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the proposed use of these funds. The deadline for written comments is February 17, 2004. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Central Office, 450 West State Street - 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho, or call (208) 334-5609. Oral and/or written hearing. For more information, contact Luanne Dattman at (208) 334-5609, Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720.

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Case No. CV-04-361
NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of the Application of **TERRELL BRITAIN STANGER** for change of name. A Petition by Terrell Britain Stanger, born September 8, 1998, at Burley, Idaho, now residing at 3225 North 5200 East, Murtaugh, Idaho 83344, Twin Falls, Idaho, proposing a change in name to Terrell Britain Winder has been filed in the above-entitled Court, the reason for the change in name being that Petitioner chooses to continue to be known and associated with his family members having the name Winder, and it is in the best interest of petitioner to have the name changed for school and familial resources. The name of Petitioner's birth father is Gary A. McCoy, II, of 442 Rose Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

This Petition will be heard at such time as the Court may appoint, and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the Court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS: My hand and seal of said District Court this 23rd day of January, 2004.

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facilities are available for public review in the Twin Falls County Courthouse on the 4th floor in the County Commissioners' Office from April 11 2004 through March 21 2005 from 9:00 to 4:00 regular work days. For more information please contact the Twin Falls County Emergency Services Director, Jackie Frog at 736-4234.

The Twin Falls County Local Emergency Planning Committee is required to publish this notice pursuant to section 3 24 (b), U.S.C. section 11044 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASSIA

Case No. CV-0131624
Another Summons for Service by Publication

BETTY ANN KENDALL, Plaintiff vs. **WILLIAM TELL KENDALL**, Defendant

NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED by the above-named plaintiff. The Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice unless you respond within twenty (20) days. Read the information below.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 21st day of January, 2004.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Robyn Kline, Deputy FULLER LAW OFFICES
By: Greg J. Fuller

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Contract specifications and bid forms will be available at the above Boise Address or by calling Julie Konkol at (208)334-0252.

An Idaho Public Works Contractor License is required for the bid amount on this project is \$5,000 or more. Performance and payment bonds of 10% each will be required if the bid amount on this project is \$5,000 or more.

For further details and arrangements to inspect the project site contact Scott Nunn (208)334-0251. The Department of Lands reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper gives every citizen the right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the emergency response plan for chemical accidents developed by the Twin Falls County area, and extremely hazardous substance notification material safety data sheets, chemical inventory forms and accidental release notifications submitted by

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"The cliché organizes life; it becomes people's identity; it becomes ruler, defense lawyer, judge, and the law."

— Vaclav Havel

We all know the cliché that rules were made to be broken. Well, as East here, see whether you can avoid cliché thinking when you defend against four diamonds.

Your partner leads ace and a second diamond. Declarer wins and advances the spade queen, your partner playing the three to suggest an odd number. When you take this trick, what should you shift to? Since declarer has at most a singleton heart, maybe a club is best? Hopefully, partner will be able to win the club ace, but if not, you will have time to switch your attention to hearts.

However, suppose declarer has both the heart and club aces — after all, he did drive to the four-level with only a moderate six-card trump suit! Declarer will be in perfect position to run his spades after you take your top winners, losing just two spades and a trump.

The secret of this hand is to count declarer's tricks. He has five diamond tricks in hand plus one ruff in dummy, so needs four more tricks for his contract. Suppose you defy convention by ducking the first spade. Now South has one spade trick as well, but no hope of any more winners in the suit. To make his bid, he would need to make three tricks from the hearts and clubs — impossible on the bidding if partner has the 12 points he has promised.

By ducking the first round of spades, you will always beat the contract when it is beatable.

NORTH 01-30-A
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♥ J 5 3 2
♦ K 4 3
♣ 4

WEST 7 4 3
♠ K 10 8 7 4
♥ A 5
♦ K Q 3
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EAST A K 9
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The bidding:
South West North East
2♦ Pass 3♦ 1NT
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Opening lead: Diamond ace

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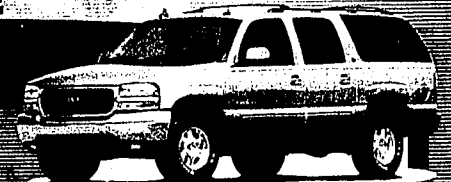
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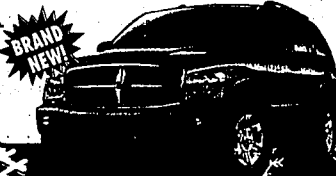
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