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Lawmakers revive school test

Kempthorne, business lobby, school boards association urge Legislature to pass exit exam

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — He knew ahead of time the vote on Thursday in the House Education Committee would be 12-6 in favor of requiring an exit exam for high school graduates starting in 2006.

But that didn't stop Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, from telling fellow members he wasn't in favor of it.

Not only does the public question using the Idaho Standards

Achievement Test as the only way most students can get diplomas, but the wording of the rule is incorrect, Jones said.

Jones, a 20-year veteran of the Legislature, is the senior member of the House Education Committee. Last week he and five other members of an education subcommittee voted against accepting the recommendation of the State Board of Education to implement the exit exam so soon. They argued the test wasn't

proven to be valid and reliable by an outside test evaluator. Three subcommittee members voted in favor of it.

The move prompted the governor's office, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, and the Idaho School Boards Association to exert pressure on House Education Committee members. They argued the SAT is ready for use as a graduation



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Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer



Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls

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Crew starts clean-up of truck crash

Leaking diesel presents initial task; big pieces will come up first

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — The crew from Twin Falls Crane Services was a bit nervous Thursday.

Loni Thorp, Nathan Christensen and Dustin Brewer had been involved in this type of work a number of times before, but it wasn't every day that they were lowered in a metal basket quite this far — 370 feet to the bottom of the Snake River Canyon.

In low-30-degree temperatures, they sipped ice-cold cola just before making the descent — lowered by Jim Thorp, owner of the crane services company and operator of the 80-ton crane. Their task was to begin cleaning up the wreckage from a tractor-trailer that plunged into the canyon at the Hansen Bridge Jan. 30.

The body of Oregon trucker Robert Allen MacDougall, 37, owner of Portland-based MacDougall Trucking, was recovered the day of the wreck. Officials have been investigating whether he was the victim of a freak weather system that enveloped Magic Valley for a brief period Jan. 30, when wind gusts might have reached 60 mph. Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Nancy Howell said she had no information about the investigation Thursday afternoon.

The Twin Falls Crane Services crew hauled about 200 yards of crushed rock to the edge of the canyon to build the pad the crane was sitting on Thursday, Jim Thorp said. The crushed rock was laid over the top of the south approach to the old suspension bridge, which was built in 1918 and was used until the current Hansen Bridge was built.

Supports for the crane were dug down into the pavement of the old road that crossed the suspension bridge.

Diesel from the truck's fuel tank has to be mopped up before the truck can be pulled out of the canyon, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Burgess, who was on hand to keep traffic flowing across the bridge while the crew worked.

"Undoubtedly there will be more drippage as they bring the truck up," Burgess said. "But it is not enough to be a serious environmental concern."

The Environmental Protection Agency declared the scene a "level one," which means a mop-up operation should be done at the time the truck is pulled up, Burgess said.

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Cleanup from last Friday's accident, when a tractor-trailer plunged into the Snake River Canyon at the Hansen bridge, began Thursday. Workers from Twin Falls Crane Services are lowered into the canyon, on their way to mop up spilled diesel fuel.

“That thing virtually exploded when it hit the rocks.”

—Loni Thorpe,
Twin Falls Crane Service

Officers find body south of Twin Falls

Police investigate whether it's missing woman

By Rebecca Meaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Law enforcement officials uncovered a body in the Berger area south of Filer Thursday that is feared to be that of a woman who was reported missing Monday.

The body had not been identified, nor had the sex been established, Nancy Howell, a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman, told *The Times-News* late Thursday.

But law enforcement officials are investigating whether the body is that of Sheri Brookshire, 32, who was reported missing Monday to police by her husband, said Sgt. Dan McAtee of the Twin Falls Police Department. Brookshire was last seen Friday night at the Klover Klub Lounge in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls Police Detective Curtis Gambrel flew to San Bernardino, Calif., Thursday to question a suspect who might be linked to Brookshire's disappearance.

The unidentified man was arrested in Yucapita, Calif., and is in custody, said Capt. Bob Hodge of the Twin Falls Police.

The scene where the body was found is under the command of the sheriff's department and is being investigated as a homicide.

"Any time we have an unattended death we investigate it as a homicide to collect evidence," Howell said. "We have to plan for the worst."

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CIA chief defends pre-war intel

Tenet says agency never said Saddam was 'imminent threat'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Intelligence analysts never told President Bush before the invasion of Iraq that Saddam Hussein's rule posed an imminent threat, CIA Director George Tenet said Thursday in a heated defense of agency findings central to the decision to go to war.

The urgency of the Iraqi threat was Bush's main argument for the war. But the president said Thursday he still would have invaded Iraq if he'd known no weapons stockpiles existed — adding a new question to the much-debated question of whether the United States went to war based on faulty assumptions.



CIA Director George Tenet speaks Thursday to students at Georgetown University in Washington.

Tenet, addressing such questions for the first time after weeks of silence, acknowledged that analysts believed before the war that Saddam had chemical...

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M.V. leaders ask agency for new employment tally

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — How about getting the local labor economist to lie? Have him falsely inflate western Magic Valley's low unemployment rates, a College of Southern Idaho official told state Labor and Commerce Director Roger Madsen.

At that, CSI Executive Vice President Jerry Beck got a laugh from the audience at Madsen's Twin Falls forum Thursday.

But Beck's joke introduced a real hurdle in recruiting businesses to an area with just 4 percent unemployment.

"Our biggest problem is convincing industries that we do have a work force," Beck said.

This request Beck made in earnest: The Idaho Department of Labor should create a statistical

Area's employment rate impresses department chief — E1

description of the underemployment in various regions of the state, he said. Several other local leaders echoed his suggestion.

Regional labor economist Greg Rogers estimates only about 65 percent of Magic Valley's workers enjoy some sort of job benefits. And wages here tend to be low.

The average wage is about \$10 per hour in the seven Magic Valley counties other than Blaine, because many jobs are service-related. But Rogers calculates a livable wage needed to support a family of four at about \$15 per hour. The result is a wage gap of

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with snow showers. High in the 40s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with snow showers. Possible after midnight.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with snow showers and occasional snow.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with snow showers and breezy winds. High in the 40s.
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Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with snow showers and occasional snow.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, City. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts for various cities.

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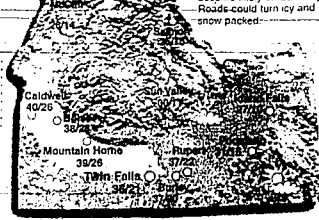
Table showing moon phases for Feb 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

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Partly cloudy skies and light conditions are expected today. Clouds and snow showers will return this weekend.

Today High: 38 to 42. Tonight's Low: 5 to 15. Increasing clouds and wind are expected through Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH: Snow showers are expected today. Snow will become likely on Saturday and Sunday.



Yesterday's Sun Summary: 45 to 49 on Fri. Low: 3 at Stanley. Weather key: S: sunny, PC: partly cloudy, M: mostly cloudy, C: cloudy.

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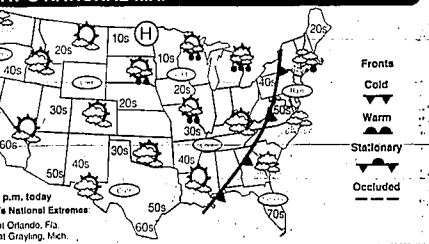
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continue to work on the reliability and validity of the test... Superintendent around the state are concerned...

Intelligence panel will include Sen. McCain

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush will name Sen. John McCain to a commission that will investigate Iraq intelligence failures...

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Department were on hand to oversee operations... It's an open property, and we do have to make sure we don't do any more damage than we need to do...

Bush, slumping in polls, will 'Meet the Press'

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Recent Democratic attacks and a record drop in his approval rating, President Bush has decided to take the unusual step of giving an hour-long interview to a Sunday morning television talk show, NBC's "Meet the Press."

The president wanted to directly discuss with the American people his thinking about the war on terror and other subjects, said deputy White House press secretary Trent Duffy. Several polls conducted at the end of January detected a swift drop in the president's approval ratings over the month. For instance, in a recent CNN/Gallup Poll, the president's job approval fell from 62 percent at the beginning of the month to 49 percent at the end—the first time in his presidency that Bush registered below 50 percent in the Gallup Poll. "I don't think the sky is falling

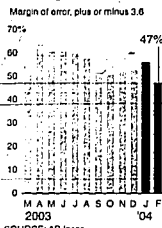
at all, but it is causing some gnashing of teeth, especially at the grass-roots level," said Scott Reed, a Republican strategist who managed Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign. Bush's appearance on "Meet the Press" comes during a difficult period for the president. Duffy said Bush proposed the idea on Tuesday, following a weekend in which he decided to try to quell questions about pro-war intelligence on Iraq by agreeing to appoint an independent commission.

It also came after a month of hard politicking by the contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination, who have concentrated their fire on the incumbent, said Bush aides. "We've had the Democrats on every single week in the month of January, and we were very interested in equal opportunity for the president," said the show's executive producer, Betsy Fischer. Fischer said host Tim Russert, who is in his 11th year of moderating the program, "is going to do his usual tough but fair interview." The interview will be conducted in the Oval Office on Saturday and aired—unedited Sunday-morning, according to the NBC.

POLL

Presidential approval rating

President Bush's overall job approval rating from a survey of 743 registered voters.



SOURCE: AP/ISSAS

Feds look at Halliburton subsidiary

WASHINGTON (AP) — A subsidiary of Halliburton Co. is under scrutiny by the Justice Department over allegations that it was involved in payment of \$180 million in bribes to win a natural gas project contract in Nigeria. Vice President Dick Cheney was head of Halliburton at the time. The \$4 billion Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Plant was built in the 1990s by a consortium that included Kellogg, Brown & Root, a unit of Houston-based Halliburton.

Two senior Justice Department officials, speaking this week on condition of anonymity, said the department had asked that Halliburton voluntarily provide documents related to the allegations. Those records, they said, could determine whether a full investigation is warranted.

Halliburton has complied with the request, the officials said. Halliburton, already under fire for its handling of contracts related to the war in Iraq, disclosed the Justice Department request in a Jan. 21 filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A French magistrate, Renaud Van Ruybeke, also is investigating the Nigerian payments. He has said in a memo that embezzlement charges could be filed against Cheney in Paris. Cheney's aides have refused comment on the allegations.

Halliburton's troubles do not stop there. The Defense Department is conducting a criminal probe into the Houston-based company's contract to supply gear to Iraqi civilians. Last month, KBR reimbursed the Pentagon \$6.3 million after disclosing that two employees had taken kickbacks from a Kuwaiti subcontractor in return for providing services to U.S. troops in Iraq. KBR also has agreed to reimburse the Pentagon more than \$27 million for overcharges on meals served at military dining facilities in Iraq and Kuwait.

Report: President plans cuts in programs he's opposing

Knightridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush's long-term budget plans include deep spending cuts in programs he's promoting this year on the campaign trail as among his signature achievements.

The president's "long-range" spending plans are detailed in White House budget documents that weren't included in the proposed \$2.4 trillion 2005 budget that he sent to Congress on Monday. Knight Ridder obtained a copy of the plan, which lays out proposed allocations for government programs over the next five years. It also forms the basis for the administration's intention to ask Congress for budget caps to set limits on all discretionary spending between 2005 and 2009.

Other programs that the president's budget proposes to increase

next year, then reduce the following year, include the Women, Infants and Children supplemental nutrition program; Pell Grants for higher education; special education; Low Income Home Energy Assistance; and the National Institutes of Health.

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Budget would trim toxic cleanup funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the same day a poison-laced letter shuttered Senate offices, President Bush asked Congress to eliminate an \$8.2 million research program on how to decontaminate buildings attacked by toxins.

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Buried in documents justifying Bush's 2005 budget proposal released Monday is an Environmental Protection Agency acknowledgment that his proposed cut represents complete elimination of homeland security building decontamination research.

The agency said in the documents that Bush's proposal will "force it to disband the technical and engineering expertise that will be needed to address known and emerging biological and chemical threats in the future."

Opportunity stretches its legs

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA took the rover Opportunity on its first real drive on Mars, a trip across pebbly soil that appears to be unlike anything else seen on the surface of the Red Planet, scientists said Thursday.

Opportunity rolled forward about 11 feet on Thursday, leaving it closer to an outcrop of rocks that scientists want to spend days studying. It was the first time the rover had moved since leaving its lauder Saturday. Scientists planned for Opportunity to roll 5 more feet today. That should put the slab of bedrock within reach of the rover's robotic arm, although a little "scoot" may be needed to move Opportunity even closer, said scientist Larry Soderholm of the U.S. Geological Survey.

On the far side of the planet, the Spirit rover was expected to return to work Thursday studying a volcanic rock dubbed Adirondack and then strike out for a crater roughly 250 yards away. NASA said it had successfully reformatted Spirit's "flash memory" and planned to reboot its computer later Thursday before giving it a clean bill of health.

The software problems have stymied half of the \$320 million double mission to find evidence the planet was once a wetter



This image from NASA shows Opportunity's landing platform and the tracks the rover left Thursday after moving about 11 feet from the lander.

place. Problems with its flash memory have kept the rover parked for two weeks.

On Wednesday, NASA released color-enhanced photographs taken by Opportunity's microscopic imager that show a postage stamp-size patch of soil scattered across what is probably volcanic sand are roughly 30 rounded pebbles that intrigue scientists running the

mission at JPL. The roundness of the pebbles can be caused by a handful of processes, ranging from particles rolling around on a sea floor to a meteor impact that hurls molten material into the atmosphere or volcanic action that puts hot ash into the sky, said scientist Hap McSwain of the University of Tennessee.

with enormous public support for Khan and the possibility that a trial could lead to further embarrassment for Pakistan, Musharruf softened his stance.

Pakistan is a key ally in the war against terrorism.

Dean sets deadline for Wisconsin voting

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Howard Dean, his campaign for president short on cash and election wins, said Thursday he would be out of the race for the Democratic nomination if he did not win the Wisconsin primary.

In an e-mail appeal for \$100 donations, Dean stopped short of declaring he would abandon his bid if he lost in Wisconsin on Feb. 17. He earlier had vowed to remain in the race through March 2, the "Super Tuesday" election day with 10 contests for delegates. The campaign said it had collected more than \$474,999 in online contributions by mid-afternoon.

Pakistan leader pardons scientist who leaked nuclear secrets

Combined wire reports

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Pervez Musharruf Thursday pardoned Abdul Qadeer Khan, the father of Pakistan's atomic bomb, for passing nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea.

In announcing his action, Musharruf insisted that Pakistan's military was not involved in the black-market sale of uranium.

Last month, Musharruf vowed to "treat with an iron hand" anyone found guilty of spreading nuclear weapons technology. But faced

Tenet

Continued from A1 and biological weapons, although none have been found. He said he believes some of what U.S. intelligence predicted about Iraq will turn out to have been right — and some wrong — as is often the case in such matters.

He made clear that analysts differed among themselves all along on important aspects of Saddam's chemical, biological and nuclear programs and spelled out those disputes in an October 2002 intelligence estimate given to the White House.

"They never said there was an imminent threat," Tenet said in a speech at Georgetown University. "Rather, they painted an objective assessment for our policy-makers of a brutal dictator who was continuing his efforts to deceive and build programs that could and should surprise us and threaten our interests."

Tenet's remarks hit back at his former special adviser on Iraq

weapons, David Kay, who said last month "we were almost all wrong" about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The comments also seemed designed to inoculate the CIA from becoming a scapegoat in the fight over whether the war was justified.

Speaking in Charleston, S.C., Bush acknowledged that the weapons have not been found, although investigators have discovered evidence of possible programs. He said the war was still justified. "Knowing what I know today, America did the right thing in Iraq," Bush said.

Tenet, in his 40-minute defense, never said in detail how the Bush administration, citing U.S. intelligence, might have painted an inaccurate picture of Iraq's weapons arsenal. He insisted that the intelligence analysts had not tailored their findings for any political purpose.

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Idaho delegation sticks to its guns on SAFE Act

You know conservative politics have turned upside-down when Idaho U.S. Sen. Larry Craig is crosswise with U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft over the USA Patriot Act.

That's the standoff Idaho's senior senator finds himself in with America's highest law enforcement official. Craig, however, has valid reasons for sticking to his guns.

Our view: Idaho's congressional leaders have a valid case in arguing for revisions to the Patriot Act. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Wiretaps orders - "Roving" wiretap orders that don't identify a specific location must identify a person to be targeted. "John Doe" wiretaps, which don't specify a targeted suspect, must at least identify the facility or location to be tapped.

Sneak and peek searches - Covert searches of a home could still be made with a delayed notification to the suspect. But notification would be required within seven days - or longer if approved by a judge. Currently, notification is only required within a "reasonable period."

Personal record info - An agency must present reasonable facts to a judge that a suspect may be a foreign agent, spy or terrorist, before obtaining private records from a third party.

Library records - Searches for a suspect's library or book purchase records must be refined to that individual, and can't be used to examine records-for-all-users-or-customers.

The proposals sound like a reasonable start for clarifying the law. Ashcroft, however, remains opposed to any changes.

In a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Ashcroft wrote the legislation "would make it even more difficult to mount an effective anti-terror campaign than it was before the Patriot Act was passed." He added that passage of the bill would warrant a veto from President Bush - even though Bush hasn't vetoed a single bill since taking office.

For Ashcroft to throw down the gauntlet before any of these measures even get a hearing, is overdoing it.

Craig and the Idaho delegation deserve credit for sticking with their principles and going against the administration on the issue. Re-examining the Patriot Act makes reasonable sense three years after Sept. 11.

One witness in the Martha case

You really can't say that Doug Faneuil was scorned by Peter Bacanovic, his well-trodden boss at Merrill Lynch. Left unprotected, yes. Led astray, perhaps. But scorned? Not this time.

ELLIS HENICAN

Although it was a force far more powerful than personal slight that turned this sweet-faced 28-year-old into the government's star witness in the Martha Stewart trial. It was the power and rigidity of the federal sentencing guidelines. Hell hath no fury like a broker's assistant facing prison time.

Peter was the best boss I ever had. It was a great working relationship; the assistant explained. "He was demanding yet appreciative."

And like any assistant to a busy professional, Faneuil came to learn the intricate details of the boss's habits and tastes. From the casual way he answered the phone. "This is Peter." To the fact that he favored ornate, gold-trimmed ballpoint pens - like a Mont Blanc.

Not a bad gig for an ambitious young guy four years out of Bennington and Vassar with just three years of zopher work at a Manhattan hedge fund.

Well, what a difference a federal plea bargain can make! By the time he reached the witness stand, Faneuil had already



pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge. "I told one client what another client was doing in his account and they lied about it to cover it up," he told the jury. It's hoping he won't get jail time, although sentencing isn't scheduled until June. Between now and then, the federal prosecutors will write a letter to the sentencing judge, saying how helpful their star witness was - or wasn't - in the Martha Stewart stock-fraud and obstruction-of-justice case.

It all goes back to one frantic morning, Dec. 27, 2001. This is the day a key corner of socially connected friends and business associates turned themselves into a nasty little knot of defendants, witnesses and personal enemies.

Even before he'd had his morning coffee, he was hit with a barrage of desperate faxes and calls. They were from the people closest to Sam Waksal, a Bacanovic client who was the founder of

ImClone Systems, a company with a promising cancer drug. The messages all concerned the company's high-flying stock.

"Sell," said Waksal's daughter, Aliza.

"Sell," said Waksal's other daughter, Elana.

"Sell," said Waksal's accountant, Alan Goldberg. On the witness stand, Faneuil recalled Aliza's groggy tone. "She was tired as if she had been woken in the middle of the night, and she told me she wanted to sell all her ImClone," he said. That was saying something. She had 40,000 shares. Faneuil put through the order, as directed. The stock fetched about \$63 a share.

But it was Waksal's accountant who raised the real concern. He seemed quite oblivious to the Securities and Exchange Commission regulations that limit how top company executives can unload their stock.

Recalled Faneuil: "He asked me, as per the fax, to transfer all Sam's shares to his daughter's account, Aliza's account, and to sell them immediately."

"This sounded fishy to the broker's assistant," said Faneuil. "I don't think you can do that." He was

talking about 79,797 shares. Faneuil made a quick call to Florida. Bacanovic came to the phone. But he didn't sound too eager to have his vacation disrupted with Christmas-week stock trades.

"I remember he said something vague about a boat," Faneuil said. The young assistant could take care of things.

But before the broker hung up, he raised one last specter, a thought the whole messy lot of them would never live down. "Oh my God!" Faneuil remembered Bacanovic saying. "Get Martha on the phone!"

He didn't need to say "Martha who?"

She was on a plane to Mexico. But she'd surely call right back.

"Listen," Faneuil recalled his boss instructing him in no uncertain terms. "Martha is going to call you back, and you'd better tell her what's going on."

"Can I tell her about Sam? Am I allowed to?" Faneuil replied. "Of course," Bacanovic said. "You must. That's the whole point."

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Issues over IdaCorp are only partially related

I would like to clear up some misconceptions in Laurence Smith's letter of Feb. 2 regarding the Idaho Power rate case currently before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

At the workshop conducted by our staff in Twin Falls, Mr. Smith wanted to know why IdaCorp, the parent company of Idaho Power, was formed. His letter

states he was misinformed by commission staff and should have been told that a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission order required Idaho Power to "go through a process of dividing its property so the one who produces the kilowatts does not transport or sell the electricity produced to the public."

Mr. Smith was not misinformed. He is confusing two separate, but somewhat related, issues.

As we explained at the workshop, IdaCorp was formed in 1998 (after approval by FERC and state commissions in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and Wyoming) so that the company could engage in business other than generating and transmitting power and not expose Idaho Power customers to the business risks inherent in providing other services. These IdaCorp affiliates, not regulated by this commission and not funded by

ratepayer dollars, include, among others, an Internet service, an investment vehicle for affordable housing projects and research into clean energy technologies.

The 1996 FERC order to which Mr. Smith refers requires all utilities to allow wholesale competitors access to transmit power across the regulated utilities' transmission systems. Idaho Power was required to comply with that order whether IdaCorp was formed or not. It also

requires utilities to isolate their generating and transmission information systems so that the utility that owns the transmission lines does not have an unfair advantage over competitors in wholesale sales. This order pertains to wholesale sales only. Idaho's regulated utilities are required to meet their customer load before they can sell excess power outside their territories.

The two issues are somewhat

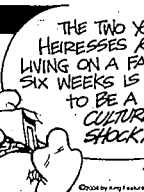
related in that the 1996 wholesale deregulation order did prompt some utilities to look into other business ventures so that they could be more competitive in a deregulated environment. But the FERC order did not require the formation of IdaCorp.

GENE FADNESS (Editor's note: Gene Fadness is the public information officer for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.)

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

Democratic presidential race comes down to three candidates

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Democratic presidential field has been narrowed to its serious center, a place where policy differences are minimal and the prospects of fielding a serious challenge to President Bush look best.

That is the meaning of the seven-state demolition derby on Tuesday and it will likely be reinforced this weekend when three more states — Maine, Michigan and Washington — join the parade.



DAVID S. BRODER

Tuesday's voting finished off Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, who was at the opposite pole of the Democratic Party from Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, a casualty of the Iowa caucuses. Gephardt represented most of the labor wing of the Democratic coalition, cemented to his cause by his history of opposition to liberal trade agreements.

Lieberman was the candidate of the New Democrats, the former chief of the Democratic Leadership Council, a strong advocate of the very trade policies Gephardt denounced.

The most pro-labor and pro-



business Democrats running are gone. Almost vanished — shut out on Tuesday and sinking in the polls — is former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the most outspoken and acerbic critic of the party's congressional establishment.

Despite his embrace by former Vice President Al Gore, Dean sounds increasingly like a scold, decrying the records and impugning the character of Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the first choice of most Democratic voters.

Two other pretenders are of little consequence. Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio has never found a constituency for his peace platform. Rep. Al Sharpton, the civil rights activist from New York, could only win less than 10 percent of the votes in

South Carolina, where African-Americans made up 45 percent of the electorate. Black Democrats no less than white are passing up symbolism and seeking the candidate who can beat George Bush.

So it comes down to Kerry and his two mainstream challengers, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, the big winner in South Carolina, and retired Gen. Wesley K. Clark, who edged Edwards for honors in Oklahoma.

The notable thing about these three men is how much they agree on — and how willing Democratic voters are to accept their credentials.

Exit polls noted, for example, that in Oklahoma, when Kerry received only 27 percent of the votes, 70 percent said they would

be satisfied with him as the nominee.

As for the issues, the differences among them are minimal. Clark (and, to a lesser extent, Edwards) has faulted Kerry for accepting contributions from lobbyists. Edwards has pointed to his differences with Kerry on trade.

But you could take large chunks of the stump speech of any one of them, slip it onto a TelePrompTer and place it before any of the voters, and he would read it as comfortably as if it were his own.

Clark calls for bringing "a higher standard of leadership" to the White House; Edwards vows to end inequality in education and health care; Kerry says he will do both. All three decry the record and the "misplaced priorities" of the Bush administration.

Where they differ most is in their biographies. Kerry is the political veteran, the man with a record in public office stretching back three decades. He is also the most patriotic of the trio — the son of a diplomat, a product of Yale and the husband of an heiress. Democrats often have nominated and elected such wealthy friends of the working class (think FDR and JFK) so there is plenty of tradition for Kerry to evoke.

Edwards and Clark are much more self-made men, climbing out of modest family backgrounds thanks to education at

public universities (West Point for Clark, North Carolina State for Edwards) and distinguishing themselves from thousands of others in their chosen fields of the military and the law by their brautiness and their work ethic.

Politically they face different tests. Kerry has run well in states where Democrats are expected to win or at least compete strongly in November — Iowa, New Hampshire, Missouri, Delaware, New Mexico and Arizona, among them. He has yet to demonstrate that he can expand the playing field. Tennessee and Virginia next Tuesday could allow him to do that.

Edwards and Clark have come in states which lean Republican, South Carolina and Oklahoma. They can claim the potential to challenge Bush in his electoral base, but they need to show more support in the Democratic heartland, Michigan, Washington and Maine this weekend could do that for them, as could Wisconsin on the 17th.

But the main point is this: If the Democrats can't form a competitive ticket by combining two of these three, then they're not smart enough to deserve the White House.

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LETTERS

IDWR can clarify meetings by following existing law

Water, water everywhere but none to spare — if you go to Idaho Department of Water Resources meetings and listen to the IDWR ("We know we can and will manage the water situation"). Manage what? If it isn't there, then where do they get the water to satisfy all claims to water? They haven't so far. So where should they go? Well, duh, what about the rule of law that is supposed to answer any questions between parties in dispute over water?

The IDWR's Mr. Karl Dreher, says you can't view the Idaho water law so simplistically (quote from *The Times-News*, Feb. 3). The issue becomes cloudy when talking about the time lag for water to get into the aquifer, as well as to how the water dispenses geographically. Well, another duh, Mr. Dreher: Water runs down hill, whether it is on top or below ground. If it is not on the surface, then you must go down to retrieve it. This becomes the problem. Pumps have extended to depths that have affected senior water rights spring users for years, without the IDWR saying "slow down."

So why the hold up on shutting upper pump users off? Good question. Money and good old boys politics. I do know money never dries up in politics but water does in times of drought.

IDWR and pumps have set up committees and meetings to show they are trying to resolve the question of enough water for everyone involved. Meetings do not produce many answers but

invariably raise more questions such as who is supposed to get water in times of drought. Back to square one — the law. Why should senior users have to file suit to get the water they have rights to? Politics and money, of course. More money on top (the pumps) than on the bottom (the spring users). Money influences political positions by disregarding the law in some cases. I can only hope that the state uses any excess water that might come from this year's simple snow to refill the aquifer and nower it run to the sea as they did in 1997.

But tune in again, because if we do get enough snow to fill the aquifer, the politicians will crow, the bureaucrats will brag, water users will be at peace and Mother Nature, I hope, will be the unpaid litigator solving the whole issue.

AL "PETE" ADKISON
Hagerman

Super-Bowl flap is just the start of government trouble

I read than an "outraged" Federal Communications Commission Director Michael Powell wants to launch a Janet Jackson's right boob and how it came to be exposed during a Super Bowl half-time show.

Well, Mr. Powell, I'd be happy to explain it to you if you can't figure it out for yourself. What you have is an over-the-hill 40-year-old pop singer who is part of the most dysfunctional family this country has known since the Mansons trying desperately to

sell a few more compact discs before she is as yesterday's news as a crutch-grabbing Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

Now this is the same FCC Director Powell who only a few months ago thought it would be a good idea to allow the huge conglomerates that already control a good deal of the media in this country to gain even more control over the news and information that we, the public, are allowed to view. It finally took a few level-headed Republicans to join with the Democrats and vote down this insane insult to First Amendment freedoms.

The Bush Administration continues in its attempts to limit free speech with the so-called "Patriot Act," the Kempthorne-Newcomb Administration advocates closed-door meetings against all state laws, and locally, Grindstaff and his minions spend \$3.1 million to buy themselves a new clubhouse while ignoring any public input. By the way, Powell, Bush, Kempthorne-Newcomb and Grindstaff all have one thing in common — they are all Republicans. Think about it.

In closing, I'd like to wish Director Powell good luck in his boob quest. It's good to know that all the erectile dysfunction and the horse-farting ads didn't bother him a bit.

RON FOLKINGA
Twin Falls

Snow day is long overdue in Twin Falls School District

I appreciate the bounty of moisture our area has been

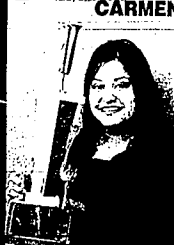
receiving this winter.

However, my children (and the kid in me) can't help but feel a bit cheated because Twin Falls School District hasn't yet had a snow day. Night after night, we watch the falling fluff, hoping and wishing, "Maybe tomorrow will be the day!" But, alas, the road crews have been doing too good of a job clearing the roads.

May we propose that next time the snow falls, the road crews decide to sleep in so that we too may do the same. They're well-entitled to come over later for hot chocolate with marshmallows.

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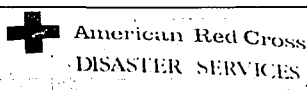
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NATION

Search of Frist's mailroom turns up no additional ricin

WASHINGTON - A thorough search of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's personal mailroom has turned up no additional traces of ricin and no threatening letters or messages, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Law-enforcement materials from the FBI, Capitol Police Department and Postal Service included examination and testing of all the mail that had been isolated after ricin was found on a mail-opening machine on Monday. Nothing suspicious was found, including no message from a mysterious "Fallen Angel" who has sent two threatening letters containing ricin to government agencies, said two federal law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

Still, they said, the possibility that the ricin had arrived in the mail has not been ruled out. The earlier typewritten "Fallen Angel" letters, addressed to the White House and Transportation Department, warned that more ricin would be used unless some trucking regulations that went into effect Jan. 4 were scrapped.

Nation in brief

1971 to 2,618 calories in 2000. For women, calorie intake grew from 1,542 calories to 1,877 calories during the same time period.

The government recommends about 1,600 daily calories for women and 2,200 for men, more for active people.

Corkscrew stops strokes by grabbing blood clots
SAN DIEGO - A tiny experi-

mental corkscrew threaded deep into the brain can pluck out deadly blood clots and stop a stroke in its tracks, potentially giving doctors an entirely new tool against this major killer.

Nearly 90 percent of all strokes result from clots that lodge in the brain's arteries, cutting off circulation and starving brain cells of oxygen and nutrition. The goal of the new device is to extract these clots before they do permanent harm.

"It's like pulling the cork out of a wine bottle," said Dr. Sidney Starkman, co-director of the

UCLA Stroke Center. "What you want is to get the blood flowing back to the brain."

The device is the most advanced of several new stroke treatment tools discussed Thursday at a meeting in San Diego of the American Stroke Association.

Frist staffer may resign over leaked memos

WASHINGTON - One of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's key staffers has resigned because of an investigation into how

Republicans gained access to Democratic memos concerning opposition to President Bush's judicial nominees, a Senate source told The Associated Press.

Manuel Miranda, who worked for the Tennessee Republican on judicial nominations, has been on leave since earlier this month because of the investigation into how Democratic memos stored on a computer server shared by Judiciary Committee members ended up in GOP hands.

But Miranda, a former GOP Judiciary staffer who transferred to Frist's leadership office, has

now resigned, said the source on the condition of anonymity.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, began the investigation in November after Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., protested what they said was the theft of memos from their servers. The memos, concerning political strategy on blocking confirmation of several of President Bush's judicial nominations, were obtained and reported on by The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Times.

- compiled from wire reports

Calorie and carb consumption rises

Women are eating 22 percent more calories a day - the equivalent of a McDonald's Egg McMuffin - than they did 30 years ago, for a total of 1,877. Men are consuming 7 percent more at 2,618 calories per day. About half of all calories for both men and women are from carbohydrates.

Daily calorie consumption

Calories from carbohydrates

3,600 calories

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

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Women Men

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Women eat more calories a day; carbs mostly to blame

ATLANTA - Americans, especially women, are getting fatter because they eat much more of everything than they did 30 years ago, and carbs are the biggest culprit, the government said Thursday.

In the year 2000, women ate the equivalent of one more large chocolate chip cookie every day, 335 more calories - compared to what they ate in 1971.

Men ate 168 more calories - slightly more than a 12-ounce Pepsi - each day, according to the report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The average intake for men grew from 2,450 calories in

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Man faces charges in aggravated assault

TWIN FALLS — A man described in court documents as a transient was arraigned in 5th District Court Thursday on multiple charges.

Charles Edward Baker, 24, faces one count each of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of paraphernalia.

He was arrested Wednesday for pointing a pistol at a man in Twin Falls, and saying, "I'm going to shoot you," according to an affidavit written by Clinton Doerr, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department.

After hearing the report of the incident, officers went to the house where the suspect was believed to be. Inside, they found drug paraphernalia, a gun and bullets, the affidavit said.

Baker has a previous conviction for the possession of a controlled substance.

He has not entered a plea for the first two charges. His preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 13 and bond was set at \$2,500.

For the third charge, Baker pleaded innocent. His pretrial conference was set for April 27 and bond was set at \$1,000.

Idaho Power reports fewer tree-related outages

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Power Co. is reporting that tree-related power outages have decreased by 65 percent since 2000.

The company said it has increased the number of clearing crews from 20 to 31 since 1996 — the year it created its Line Clearing Department. The company is close to achieving a three-year trimming cycle that ultimately could lead to restoring far enough ahead that it could cut back on the line clearing budget.

The company reported spending \$4.8 million on line clearing last year compared with \$2.3 million in 1999. Idaho Power says it's worth the expense, because it improves customer service and reduces overtime costs by after-hour outages caused by lines in trees.

Trces have been associated with large-scale power outages, including the 1996 blackout. A series of events led to the blackout. A line heading from Idaho to the Idaho Power-PacifiCorp Jim Bridger plant in Wyoming heavy with power sagged into trees, setting off a chain reaction and capitalizing on vulnerabilities in an overloaded Western grid. Power was cut in 11 Western states.

Filer man faces six counts of grand theft

TWIN FALLS — A filer man was arraigned in 5th District Court Thursday on six felony counts of theft by receiving/possessing stolen property.

Michael Shane Atwell, 31, was arrested Dec. 23, for driving without privileges, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to an affidavit written by Officer Clinton Doerr of the Twin Falls Police Department.

During a search at the time of arrest, officers found checks with someone else's name on them.

Atwell was arrested on Jan. 5 in connection with a stolen vehicle, according to an affidavit written by Brent Wright, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department.

While officers were searching the vehicle, they found personal checks with the same person's name on them.

On Jan. 20, detectives made contact with the victim. She said she had been missing her checkbook for several weeks and had not authorized anyone to use them.

Atwell has not entered a plea. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for Feb. 13. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of 1999	% of 2000
Upper Snake Basin	100%	64%
Salmon Falls	114%	74%
Salmon	98%	62%
Oakley	111%	74%
Big Wood	102%	61%
Little Wood	102%	64%
Henry Fork/Teton	116%	75%
Big Lost	99%	60%
Little Lost	89%	54%

As of Feb. 5

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Idaho tax collections fall short

Numbers cool optimism about recovering state economy

The Associated Press

BOISE — Preliminary figures show tax collections fell as much as \$12 million short of expectations in January, cooling opti-

mism about a recovering Idaho economy.

"It kind of scared me," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said Thursday on being briefed on the figures. "It was deja vu."

After rolling up a \$30 million cash surplus last summer and fall, revenue collections in December and January have fallen far short of their targets. A \$20 million surplus in December 2002 turned into a \$22 million deficit by last June.

Collections last December

were \$7.5 million short of the benchmark.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff, Brian Whitlock, and his top economist, Michael Ferguson, declined to comment on the raw figures provided by the state Tax Commission. Ferguson emphasized that any figures at this point are preliminary, incomplete and could change significantly when finalized.

But Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said the weakness was in both sales and personal income taxes, each

a key economic indicator. Sales-tax receipts reflect consumer confidence, while income tax collections, particularly through paycheck withholding, highlight the economy's underlying job strength.

Reduced sales tax revenue would reflect a slow holiday shopping season because December sales taxes are turned over to the state in January.

There was no indication of where income taxes were weak. A year ago, a combination of earlier-than-expected refund claims

and depressed-paycheck-withholding payments left January 2003 income tax collections more than \$8 million short of the target.

Newcomb was concerned that the same thing happened again.

"This is a new economy," he said. "The recovery is different. You don't see any job creation. This is just a stock market recovery."

The Department of Labor showed essentially no growth in employment during 2003. It

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IN PREPARATION



Kelsey Jones, a senior at Magic Valley High School, responds to a question during a mock interview with volunteer judges Craig Nebecker, foreground, Marie Sharp, from left, Susan Westendorf and Lila Stauffer at the school Thursday. The interview was part of teacher Patty Silvers' career preparation class at the school.

Mock interviews help students develop career skills

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kelsey Jones spent the last moments before her mock interview adding title pages to her portfolio Thursday morning.

"I have to have everything perfect, and I don't think I'm quite perfect yet," said Jones, a senior at Magic Valley High School.

The mock interviews were the capstone to Patty Silvers' "Introduction to Career Pathways" class, which includes career research, job skills and job shadowing.

Jones' first idea was to shadow a psychologist, but privacy concerns made that impossible. Instead, she spent a day with the disc jockey at KITZ, the Music Monster radio station.

Jones liked it so much she filled out an application and is updating

her resume in hope of getting an internship there.

"I'm pretty excited," Jones said. Jones said she felt relieved when her interview was done, but she was still "anxious" about how she did.

"It's hard when I'm trying to impress four people at once," Jones said.

Seven students went before the four-person interview panel.

Susan Westendorf, the professional/technical education coordinator for 11 Magic Valley high schools, said the panel gives students feedback and support.

"You want to see them succeed," Westendorf said. She found that students' speeches showed how Silvers helped them put positive spins on their greatest difficulties.

Marie Sharp, an area manager at the Twin Falls Office Chamber of Commerce, came to help judge

the interviews. She used to be a math aide at the school.

"I don't think the city sees what an asset this school is," Sharp said. Lila Stauffer, a former foster grandparent at the school, brought a nurturing perspective to the panel.

Craig Nebecker, a 1989 graduate of Murtaugh High School who had Silvers' class there, completed the group.

Nebecker got his career started in a job shadowing experience and is now the activity director at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation.

One of the students' projects was to write an "elevator speech" about their values, their future plans, and obstacles they've overcome. Each student delivered that speech at the start of the interview.

The class is the gateway to a work-based learning experience,

where students can receive class credit for a job or internship.

"They get a lot of knowledge with that work," Silvers said.

The class is funded as part of the individualized occupation training program run by the state's Professional Technical Education Department.

Students did their interviews in the library, while the sound of the film "We Were Soldiers" came through the wall from the classroom next door.

Ricky Beltran, 16, shared his experience of a shadow day at EHM Engineers, where he saw civil engineering firsthand.

Each student presented portfolio of his work in the class. Assignments included filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, taking career aptitude and interest tests, writing

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Contention grows over school technology

The Associated Press

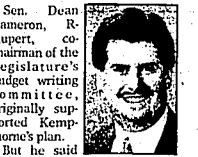
BOISE — Resistance among key lawmakers and the J. A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation is growing against Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan for reducing school technology spending by \$5 million next year.

But Kempthorne contends the money must be pulled to help the state weather difficult economic waters.

Craig Olson, Albertson Foundation president, urged lawmakers Wednesday to maintain or increase technology spending as the foundation prepares to invest \$35 million in a new statewide computerized student tracking system to help parents follow their children's progress.

Insufficient funding for equipment could jeopardize Albertson's plan, Olson told the House and Senate Education committees.

"If it can't be used, why would we want to finish it?" Olson asked.



Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

But he said the "committee" was looking for ways to restore technology funding.

Besides Cameron, both education committee chairmen — Rep. Jack Barnacolaud and Sen. Gary Schneider — oppose Kempthorne's plan.

Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, said restoring technology funding is her top priority after raising teacher salaries.

In his State of the State address last month, Kempthorne bragged about the Albertson Foundation's



proposal to launch the Idaho Student Information Management System in 2006.

But Kempthorne spokesman Mike Journee said Wednesday there is "no change" in the governor's request to cut the state's technology funding from \$8.4 million to \$3.4 million next year — even after Albertson officials appealed to members of Kempthorne's staff for continued funding.

Kempthorne put \$10 million into the public-education budget for next year slated for salaries, but Journee said school districts could use that money for technology or other projects if they desire.

Hagerman city, school officials tackle traffic

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Solutions to traffic problems in Hagerman will be the focus of a joint effort between the city and school district.

Hagerman School Superintendent Lee Mitchell reported explained to the City Council Tuesday the cooperative effort already forged between the district and Police Chief Loren Miller to slow traffic around the school.

"I am out there at the end of every day, guiding traffic," Mitchell said. "It's kind of a nuisance thing. There are traffic issues we need to respond to as a city and a school."

Miller, meanwhile, has been working with the school's full-

time resource officer, Ron Geer.

"The enforcement part needs to be a team effort because it will take some time to retrain everybody, including parents," Mitchell said. "We have a traffic issue that nobody has responded to, and we need to because somebody is going to get hurt."

Two new stop signs will go up downtown because numerous drivers are failing to yield to vehicle and student foot traffic on Second Street. The one-block street runs between Chappell's Market and the city's new off-street public parking lot. Students use it as an avenue from the school to the market and other downtown businesses.

The signs are expected to improve safety for the students as well as motorists at the intersection.

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Lawmakers consider ban on gay marriages

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Lawmakers were not swayed by pleas for tolerance Thursday as the House State Affairs Committee voted 10-6 in favor of a Constitutional amendment to ban gay and lesbian marriages.

Religious clergy from a wide variety of churches testified both for and against the bill. But gays and lesbians themselves, along with their parents and friends, came out in strongest numbers against the measure.

The amendment is sponsored by Republican Majority Leader Lawrence Demmy and GOP Rep. Henry Kulczyk of Eagle. It would add a new section to the Idaho Constitution, specifying that "Only marriage between one man and one woman at one time shall be recognized as valid in this state."

Committee discussion followed passionate public testimony, with three Republicans — including Leon Smith of Twin Falls and Tim Ridinger of Shoshone — joining all three Democrats against it.

"We already have a law on the books that does this," Smith said. "It changes nothing. This is fear legislation. Fear of the Idaho Supreme Court that they'll make the same decision as the Massachusetts Supreme Court."

However, Neither Ridinger nor Smith said they know how they'll vote when it gets to the floor.

Ridinger said the bill won't make marriage better for anyone, nor will it stop homosexuality.

"There are better things for the Idaho Legislature to be doing," Ridinger said.

Some of the people who testified attacked the sponsors of the bill, saying they were only promoting hate for political gain.

"Those of you who are advocating this amendment are behaving just like bullies on school yard playgrounds who try to make themselves popular by picking on the weak and unpopular," said Robert McDermott, a gay man representing the gay tolerance group Your Family, Friends and Neighbors.

"This legislation singles us out

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

House-Senate panels endorse pay raise

BOISE (AP) - A House-Senate panel on Thursday endorsed Gov. Dick Kemptorner's proposal for a modest 2 percent pay increase for state workers...



approved by the two committees acting separately. But that seemed assured based on Thursday's vote that saw the Senate committee vote 8-1 for it and the House committee support it 8-3.

Utah committee approves anti-gay marriage bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A House committee on Thursday endorsed a bill that would ban gay marriages, even to two lawmakers - a Democrat and a Republican - who sponsored the bill's rationale.

we're in Utah," he said. "I do not believe we're bound by the liberal values in other states."

remains extremely tight, Thursday's decision made good on a commitment from legislative leaders before the election-year session began to come up with at least some cash for the more than 24,000 people who work for the state.

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SB120 (Health and Welfare) - Allows up to 1 percent of interest on trust to be used to manage the wastewater and drinking water loan program.

Completed for Wednesday, Confirmed by Senate

SB121 (Transportation) - Repeals the cap on the state share of teacher salaries.

Judge refuses to drop criminal charges against company in firefighter van crash

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A judge on Wednesday rejected motions to dismiss criminal charges against a Roseburg fire-fighting company over the deaths last summer of a firefighter working for First Strike Environmental.

Garry Reynolds rejected First Strike arguments that it could not be prosecuted because the company considered itself to also be a victim of the crash.

employee returning from a job site in defendant's vehicle." The judge also rejected a First Strike motion that Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris did not provide enough detail about where alleged drinking took place that has been blamed for the fatal crash.

Successful philanthropist dies from leukemia

BOISE (AP) - Ron Yanke, a machine shop operator and philanthropist who was instrumental in getting Micron Technology Inc. off the ground, died after a sudden onset of leukemia. He was 68.

his father became ill. "The deals he did were usually based on a handshake and looking someone in the eye," said his son-in-law, Bryan Norby.

Yanke gathered friends Thomas Nicholson and Allen Noble to fund brothers Ward and Joe Parkinson in the start-up venture when Micron was housed in the basement of a dentist's office.

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 obituaries@magicvalley.com.

A. Blake Froehlich - Hansen

A. Blake Froehlich, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Feb. 2, 2004.



He will be greatly missed by his family including his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Dorothea Froehlich and his sister and brother-in-law, Martha and F.D. Covey.

Richard Leon Gibson - Twin Falls

Richard Leon Gibson, 65, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died peacefully in his home on Feb. 4, 2004, surrounded by his family.



He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Gibson of Twin Falls; son, Bryce and wife Brandy Gibson; daughters, Bryttini and Breaghen of Medford, Ore.; sons, Kevin Gibson of Hailey, Idaho; Jeff Gibson of Tahoe City, Calif.; Travis Gibson and Jessi Cyr and their children, Zoe and Arya Gibson of Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Jessie LaFren Winder Morrison Kitzman of Kuna, service at 11 a.m. today at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 105 E. Carlton Ave., Meridian.

Phyllis May Jiall, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. A reception following will be held at the Brooke View Club House, 421 S. Curtis Road.

6-8 p.m. today, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th Street, Burley, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Saturday, at the church.

Roger Clifford 'R.C.' Tracy of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Buhl.

Sherman Jerry Olson, visitation at 6:30 p.m. today-in-St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the church.

Verla Banner Wrigley of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the View 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E. Burley, friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday, at the church.

Corelin Lus Lucero-Del Toro of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. with a rosary service at 7 p.m. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Gary A. Thurston, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Rupert 4rd and 10th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 526 South F St.; friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. Friday, at the church.

Ellen Smith, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main.

Rev. Mervyn C. 'Mike' Shay of Fruitland, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, Fruitland. Viewing from 5-7 p.m. today at Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

Golden R. Burch of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave.; burial will be in the Basin Cemetery. Friends may call from

Gayle Ann Boyd of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2251 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Thomas L. McClure Jr. of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Eugene Cleon Kenner, service at 12 p.m. Saturday at the South Jordan 7th Ward, 9750 S. 2200 W. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. tonight at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 E. 10600 S., and from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the church before the service.

H. Elizabeth Shafer of Ivin Falls, memorial at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley Christian Church. (White Mortuary).

DEATH NOTICES

Florence W. 'Flossie' Kay Heyburn - Florence W. Kay 'Flossie' a 77 year-old Heyburn resident passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Edythe Mae Baughman TWIN FALLS - Edythe Mae Baughman, 82, of Ivin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at her home.

evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the service at the church.

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Russian Heritage Please see page E6

You are invited to join a nondenominational Christian Men's Fellowship that meets every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the Depot Grill banquet room (545 Shoshone St. S.).

Boise area. In his spare time, Gibby spent countless hours enjoying the outdoors and passing that passion on to his children. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, rafting, golf and most of all camping with his family, usually in the Stanley Basin.

Our family thanks everyone who shared in the celebration of the life of Joe Holcomb. We're grateful to the many people who were there to support our family.

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Elk near infected ranch tested positive for brucellosis

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Four elk tested positive for brucellosis at the Muddy Creek elk feed-ground near Boulder in western Wyoming, State Veterinarian Jim Logan announced.

Conservationists are pointing to the state's system of elk feedgrounds needs to be dismantled.

The testing was done at Logan's request to see if brucellosis found in two cattle herds in the state was linked to infected elk.

Game and Fish employees and Wyoming Livestock Board representatives collected blood samples from 15 elk. The four that tested positive will be killed so tissue samples can be compared with samples from infected cattle from the nearby Jensen Ranch to see if they carried related bacteria.

Logan said last week's tests indicated 27 percent of the Muddy Creek female elk were infected with brucellosis. Elk in the area were last tested in 1997, when 29 percent were found to be infected.

Brucellosis, which causes domestic and elk cows to abort and humans to experience chronic flu-like symptoms, has been found in two Wyoming cattle herds, the first near Boulder and the second

in Worland. The Worland herd originated with the Boulder herd.

The disease is transmitted when other cattle or elk lick or sniff an infected fetus or other birthing byproducts. The animals like to clean up the after-effects of birth to keep predators at bay.

It has long been known that elk in Wyoming carry brucellosis.

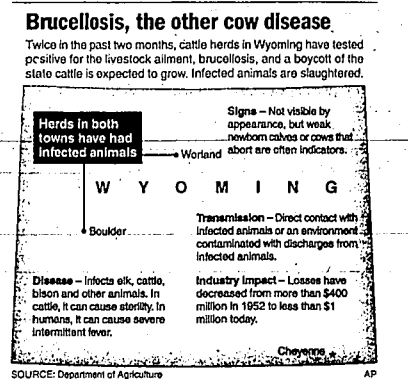
Lloyd Dorsey with the Greater Yellowstone Coalition conservation group said the state's elk have had the disease "for a better part of a hundred years."

Dorsey said his group believes the best way to eradicate brucellosis in Wyoming is to eliminate the state's feedgrounds.

He said animals that are allowed to feed in a natural setting have rates of brucellosis as low as zero to 1 percent, versus rates as high as 50 percent among elk on designated feedgrounds.

But Wyoming Game and Fish Department Deputy Director Gregg Anderson said the state has stopped using feedgrounds there would be more damage to private lands. Also, cattle could be at greater risk of disease because there would be more commingling of cattle and elk, he said.

He said his department will continue to follow a brucellosis con-



Program, which includes such policies as vaccination; minimizing the number of days elk are fed; keeping elk and cattle separated through fencing, feeding and lazling; habitat improvement projects surrounding feed-

Bliss looks west for new lagoon site

By Elisabeth A. Devena
Times-News correspondent

BLISS—The City Council is looking again for a new site to build a lagoon after a preliminary geological inspection deemed the preferred site to be unstable.

Council members have been looking to replace the current lagoon since a change of ownership occurred at the site where it lies.

The City Council decided in October to look into the feasibility of putting a new lagoon on a piece of land south of town and west of the old Bliss grade. There was some question whether the site would be stable enough to support the lagoon from the beginning, and conducting a survey of the area was the first step.

On Wednesday, City Engineer Rex Harding met with William Holder, a project engineer with the Bureau of Land Management. "I'll get with BLM and see if there's anything that will be a total stopper," Harding said. "They'll have to go through their environmental studies of the project before they can lease it."

Although the distance from town will involve a larger immediate cost, the quantity of land in that area will facilitate long-term planning, including the possibility of servicing the entire city of Bliss.

"The other out of town is better," Harding said. "In the long term it is a much better solution for the city."

Another matter that Harding will be helping with is trying to find funds to build the new system.

"On the project, in a situation that it is the possibility of getting grants is pretty good," Harding said. "It's sort of an emergency situation."

Flooding, rocks, soil, landslides, pipelines, railroad tracks, and the possibility of gravity flow were all considered for a number of locations around the town.

"We've been looking at close proximity to the existing lagoon just for speed of getting this done," Harding said.

The council decided to look into building the new lagoon in an area about a mile west of town commonly known as the old rodeo grounds, which is owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

Senate Dems question 9th circuit nominee on environmental views

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats on Thursday questioned an appeals court nominee — Boise attorney William G. Myers III — about his past opposition to environmental regulations and sought assurances he would not pursue an anti-environmental agenda from the bench.

Myers' record as a solicitor shows balance and mainstream decision making.

Myers counseled that he has averaged three years volunteering in the nation's parks and sometimes took the side of environmentalists while the top attorney at the Interior Department from 2001-2003.

"That in my opinion is the kind of example that you need to consider," as you're deliberating whether you would disregard statutory mandates or congressional authority. I'm here to tell you that I would not," Myers said at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Responding to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., "That's my dilemma to figure that out, because I could not vote for you to be a judge based on the views you've expressed in your writing."

Myers is the president's choice to join the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The court, based in San Francisco, has jurisdiction over nine Western states.

Myers, 48, faces opposition from environmental, civil rights, American Indian and women's organizations.

Critics cite actions he took as Interior Department solicitor, including opening the way for a gold mine to be built in Imperial County, Calif., that was opposed by his predecessor as potentially

harmful to public lands.

Myers — has written articles comparing federal management of public lands with "the tyrannical actions of King George" and has criticized the 1994 California Protection Act, which Feinstein wrote, as "an example of legislative hubris."

Feinstein told Myers the act protected 7.7 million acres of California wilderness and created two national parks.

"There are times when I've written things which looking back on them at times — were probably a poor choice of words," Myers said. "That was bombastic ... so accept that apology please."

But he said he was responding to concerns from California ranchers in criticizing the act.

Myers has received a qualified rating from the American Bar Association's judicial-screening committee. Republicans on the Senate committee praised him.

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Salt Lake mayor rejects 'exclusionary' message

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The mayor of Utah's largest city said Thursday he won't participate in a state government-endorsed "Marriage Week," calling it exclusionary and insensitive.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson said he objected to the language in the declaration, which is scheduled to be signed Friday by Gov. Olene Walker and mayors from around the state.

The document — which limits marriage to a man and a woman — "sends a message that there's only one good, healthy way to live," Anderson said.

The declaration signing will kick off the Feb. 7-14 week and is intended to strengthen Utah families and educate them on how to build their relationships, said Amanda Covington, Walker's spokeswoman.

"This sort of proclamation not only humiliates gay people, but I think it's very alienating and even hurtful for those who aren't in a typical — becoming less typical — two-parent nuclear family situation," Anderson said.

However, Anderson did not mention gay unions in his objection.

A celebration of marriage is far from surprising in Utah, where many residents marry at a young age and billboards advertising bridal shops and bridal expos dot the state's freeways. The state is dominated demographically and politically by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which places a premium on traditional values. About 70 percent of Utah's 2.2 million residents are at least nominal Mormons.

The Utah Legislature, also dominated by many members of the Mormon faith, is putting its own stamp on who should be married. The Senate has passed a bill defining marriage as only between a man and a woman. The bill, which a House committee endorsed Thursday and sent to the full chamber, also prohibits recognition of same-sex marriages, common-law marriage or civil unions allowed in other states.

On Wednesday, the Massachusetts high court declared that gays are entitled to nothing less than marriage, clearing the way for the nation's first legally sanctioned same-sex weddings by the spring.

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recorded 652,900 people on the job last January and 652,800 at work last December.

The report of a second straight monthly revenue shortfall reinforced the view of many lawmakers to take a more conservative approach to Idaho's near-term economic outlook than Kempthorne has.

But with the House-Senate budget committee within a week of beginning its spending deliberations for the 2004-05 fiscal year, the major cuts in the governor's already bare-bones \$2 billion general tax spending plan.

Legislative leaders have speculated that the House and Senate would accept Kempthorne's plan for a 2 percent state employee pay raise and his 2.5 percent increase in support for public education.

"While they can accommodate a

budget with little growth now, the next three years become impossible without either drastic cuts in education and other support or higher taxes to replace the temporary penny sales tax increase that expires in mid-2005.

Newcomb expected quick disposition of the budget and an early end to the election-year session — possibly before mid-March.

That would be in stark contrast to last year's record 118-day session that dragged on to May 2, marked by monthly reports suggesting further deterioration in the economy.

The debate ended with passage of the temporary tax over an entire round of severe budget cuts.

"I want to get out of here before we get more bad news," Newcomb said. "That's what we did last year. We kept hanging around and getting more bad news."

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with Salmon and Main streets.

Mayor Todd Bassett has requested that Mitchell meet with the City Council once each month as part of the new joint effort.

Bassett recently served as the guest speaker for the annual school spelling bee kickoff. Later this month Chief Miller will meet with the Hagerman High School student body council. Together, they will apply for Idaho Department of Transportation funds to educate and hopefully change the habits of aggressive young drivers.

Dog owners in Hagerman also might soon get some education with the council's new commitment to strictly enforce the city's codes on animals running at large.

"If you take a drive during certain times of the day, you will see

a dozen dogs walking through town," Bassett said. "There are streets in this town that I can't walk on with my kids because there's a dog that's going to rip by leg off."

"I think if we enforce the city code, it will cease being an issue down the road. People will take care of their dogs."

Stricter code enforcement resulted in five dogs being impounded Wednesday. Owners of three of the dogs were identified and the animals were returned to them. Two of the dogs remain in the city kennel.

If the dogs are not claimed after 72 hours, they will be transported to the animal shelter in Twin Falls and put up for adoption.

The owners of dogs running at large will be issued warnings for a first offense. A second offense will result in a citation.

Other City Council business included:

- Police report — During the month of January police department calls included: one arrest, four case files, nine traffic citations, five other street cases, 10 calls for service including two vehicle accidents, one public assist, one Emergency Medical Service assist, one illegal burn, one structure fire, one vehicle fire and three responses for hazardous materials. The Quick Response Unit had nine medical calls, seven trauma calls and one standby call.
- The Hagerman police, fire and Quick Response Unit will be brought onto the main police, fire and emergency medical service channels sometime later this month.
- "This will be an enormous asset for us," Peterson said.
- Fire rating — The Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau will inspect the city's fire suppression capabilities later this month. Public safety officer Cassie Kellee and Peterson said they hope equipment improvements and upgrades within the department will improve the city's rating. A lower rating translates into lower insurance costs to residents.
- Fees waived — City Council members waived the park fee for the annual Hagerman Hot Rod Run car show and swap meet, sponsored by the Early On Car Club. Club members Mel Temple and Ted Stouder requested the waiver. For the Sept. 25 and 26 event, the club will make a \$200 deposit, which will be refunded if the park is cleaned up after the show.

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cover letters and résumés, examining college possibilities, writing essays on ethics and unions, and a problem-solving origami project.

"I'm not a big fan of folding paper," Beltran said. "It was hard."

After the interview, Beltran went back to the classroom across the hall and took off two of his three shirts because he was sweating.

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Marriage

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as a threat and denies us full participation in the very institution that is said to be the building block of society," said McDermott, referring to the Constitution.

Episcopal Church of Idaho Bishop Henry Bainbridge said the move to constitutionally outlaw gay marriages does not promote strong and lasting relationships.

"This proposed legislation says that fidelity and faithfulness can only be honored by the state for certain people in certain circumstances," Bainbridge said. "This bill says that in Idaho, we do not believe that liberty and justice are the inalienable rights of all our citizens."

State law already prohibits marriage between people of the same sex. But Kulczyk, the amendment's floor sponsor, 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 denying lesbians and gay men the right to marry

violates its constitution's equal rights guarantees.

Proponents were far outnumbered in the audience, but several took the podium to testify in favor of the amendment.

Gays and lesbians and their supporters moaned in disapproval when Julie Lyden, a member of the conservative Institute of Idaho called gay marriage a "counterfeit relationship."

"What we need to do in our culture is strive for the ideal — to set the highest standard between one man and one woman. If we don't have that standard, then we fall to the lowest common denominator," Lyden said.

Majority Leader Denney closed the debate in part by quoting the state constitution.

"The first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home. The

Legislature should further all wise and well-directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality," Denney said.

Responding to remarks of critics that it was not possible or even advisable to legislate people's morality, Denney said, "You cannot make people moral through legislation, but all of our social laws, the laws against murder and rape, robbery and incest, are all legislated—morality. These laws are boundaries that we as a society say must not be crossed.

"If we don't establish boundaries, if we let everyone do what is right in his own eyes, what we have is chaos."

Democrats voting against the measure were Donna Boe and Allen Anderson, both from Pocatello, and Anne Pasley-Stuart of Boise. In addition to Smith and

Ridinger, Republican Bob Ring of Nampa joined Democrats in voting against it.

"The politically correct thing to do is to vote this," said Ring, a retired physician. "This is polarizing and will cause ill will where there shouldn't be ill will."

Republicans voting in favor of the amendment included chairwoman Debbie Field of Boise, Bill Sall of Kuna, Henry Kulczyk of Eagle, Julie Ellsworth of Boise, Dick Harwood of St. Maries, Cleve Edmondson of New Plymouth, Peter Nielson of Mountain Home, Mack Shirley of Rexburg and Richard Willey of Glenns Ferry.

House — Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said it's not a priority of his but 80 percent of people in America say they don't approve of gay marriage. Newcomb predicted the amendment will fly through both the Idaho House and Senate. He said much of the dilemma for gays can be solved in civil contracts between two people.

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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

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College remains on probation, but holds onto accreditation

BOISE (AP) - Albion College of Idaho remains on probationary status pending further demonstration of financial stability.
The college was put on probation over money problems last year...

lege last August. It says the development of a task force has helped stabilize the institution.
"The college's personnel demonstrate a strong commitment and allegiance to the reestablished mission and vision," the report states.

Tourist gets fine, jail for damaging park geyser

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A tourist pleaded guilty to driving his pickup truck across fragile soil near a Yellowstone National Park geyser and was sentenced to jail and fined this week.
Adam Ray Elford, 22, of Vancouver, Wash., pleaded guilty Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen E. Cole in Mammoth Hot Springs to driving off-road, damaging park resources, having a loaded gun in his truck, improper food storage and driving on a suspended license.
"The judge said it was the worst, most egregious case of resource damage he's ever seen in the park," federal prosecutor Don White said.

Elford would be responsible for the full amount. In addition, Elford was ordered to reimburse his court-appointed attorney and pay a towing bill of \$380.
According to White, Elford and Austin B. Olsen, 19, of Battle Ground, Wash., removed a barrier, drove down a path reserved for hikers and bicyclists, removed another barrier, then drove into a meadow by crossing a thermal channel and stream vent about 100 yards from the geyser. The truck became mired in ruts 6 to 8 inches deep.
"His told the judge this is what they do all the time in Washington, drive around barriers," White said.
The pair, unable to dislodge the truck, camped overnight, built a fire, shot a gun in the middle of the night to scare off any nearby bears, then in the morning asked arriving tourists to help tow them out.
The tourists refused, but gave the two a ride to the ranger station at Old Faithful Village.
Workers spent more than 80 hours trying to repair the damage before the snow fell.
"The judge said it will never be the same," White said.
Olsen's case is pending.

Call center will hire 200 people

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Only a month after it closed, the Center Partners call center in town will soon reopen with 200 employees.
"As a result of a very happy client, we'll be expanding another 150 employees," Vice President Martha Lanaghan said.

Economist Kathryn Tacke with the Idaho Department of Labor said the new jobs are especially welcome because prior Center Partners layoffs combined with losses at Stinson Lumber and Phillips Plastics have increased local unemployment.

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Praying jury decides against death sentence

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A jury that convicted Cody Lynn Nielsen of murder and recommended a prison sentence instead of death prayed together during the process, and even offered a special blessing for one holdout juror who wouldn't vote for the death penalty.

"Every time we went into a deliberation, it was agreed as jury, that we would pray about it," juror George Andy Berkley told The Herald Journal.

The jury convicted him Jan. 21 of murder in the June 2000 death of Trisha Autry, 15, of Hyrum. A week later, the same jury recommended life in prison after falling one vote short of the death penalty.

Nielsen, 31, is scheduled to be sentenced Monday.

Jurors voluntarily prayed together on three occasions, including prior to sentencing Nielsen to life in prison without the possibility of parole, Berkley said.

"We just wanted to have all the help we figured we needed," he said.

Nine of the 12 jurors initially voted for the death penalty, which increased to 11 after some deliberation. There was one unidentified holdout for a prison sentence.

"The one person who wanted life without parole made a statement that they knew in their head that the death penalty was appropriate, but in their heart they couldn't do it," Berkley said.

After further discussions, another panelist asked the if the holdout juror would like a blessing, Berkley said.

The blessing was given. The juror then went off alone and continued contemplating the sentencing options.

"About a half hour or so they came back and said they had prayed about it and in their heart couldn't change," Berkley said.

"We went around less than five minutes after that person made that statement. A vote was taken and it was 12 for life in prison without parole."

Nielsen was also found guilty of first-degree felony aggravated kidnapping, second-degree felony kidnapping and two counts of third-degree felony desecration of a dead human body for taking Autry against her will and then dismembering and burning her body after killing her.

Former church member receives threatening letter

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Mohave County authorities are investigating a possible death threat against a former member of a polygamist church.

Ben Bistline, a former member and outspoken critic of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, received a letter Jan. 23 at his home near Colorado City, vowing revenge and predicting that God will order "the destroying angels to go forth, and they will kill off all the wicked."

The only hope for a person who disobeys is blood atonement, the letter said.

Bistline told the East Valley Tribune that the letter did not frighten him, but he turned it over to law enforcement anyway.

"If they were going to kill me, they would have just come over and killed me," he said. "It's just some kid."

The FLDS church, a sect that broke away from the mainstream Mormon church, has been under more scrutiny since 20 church leaders were excommunicated in mid-January by church president Warren Jeffs.

Court sets trial date for eviction in polygamist town

KINGMAN, ARIZ. (AP) — A trial date in the eviction of an excommunicated member of a polygamist church is set for March 2.

The trust controlled by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has asked that Ross Chatwin be evicted from his Colorado City home. The church controls much of the property in the neighboring communities of Colorado City and Hildale, Utah.

Chatwin, 35, recently became an outspoken critic of the polygamist sect, comparing the church's prophet Warren Jeffs to Adolf Hitler. He urged those being kicked out by Jeffs, as Chatwin was, to stand their ground.

FLDS attorney Rod Parker has said Chatwin was excommunicated for soliciting brides without Jeffs' consent.

The eviction trial will be a bench trial before Mohave County Superior Court Judge James Chavez.

Idaho agency scraps plans to drain reservoir

BOISE (AP) — An ambitious plan to nearly drain Lake Cascade to restore its perched population has been scrapped, although Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists have not given up saving the game fish.

The agency, along with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, announced this week they were ending plans to drain the lake in 2005.

The agencies found that if they drained the reservoir, they probably would not have enough water to refill it and also provide water for endangered Snake River salmon downstream should the drought persist.

"That is consistent with our pledge that if we could not meet our water obligations, we would back away from it," Fish and Game state fisheries manager Virgil Moore said.

Such a shortage could last several years. Lake Cascade provides about one-third of the water used to help flush juvenile salmon during their migration to the ocean.

The reservoir also provides irrigation for more than 100,000 acres of farmland.

In the 1990s, it provided a popular perch fishery that brought in \$6 million in commerce annually at its peak.

Cascade, the fourth-largest lake in Idaho, was once its most popular fishing destination, and most of those anglers came for perch. In 1986, anglers caught 528,000 perch, a record harvest for the reservoir.

Fish and Game biologists said they believe disease and algae blooms that deprived the lake of oxygen in the 1990s caused perch populations to crash. Since then, predatory pikeminnows have prevented them from recovering.

Fish and Game suggested the reservoir be nearly drained, with the remaining water treated with a piscicide to clear out the pikeminnows. Then, perch could be replanted.

The decision not to drain the lake means Fish and Game can try other methods to restore perch without the lengthy environmental review required for the drawdown.

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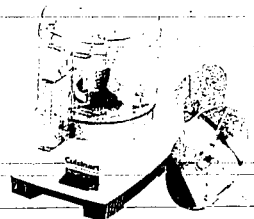
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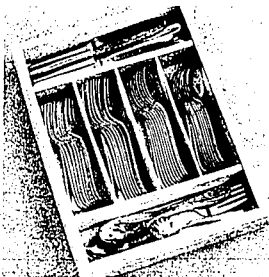
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Section C

best in entertainment

Boogie tonight

Has it ever dawned on you that Tony Orlando has sold nearly 30 million records in his career? He'll play Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot tonight and Saturday night.



Meteora

Alt-metal monsters Linkin Park will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City Tuesday night, backed by Hoobastank and Story of the Year.

Theater of song

Hailey's Company of Fools will perform Jason Robert Brown's acclaimed "song cycle," "Song for a New World," tonight, Saturday, Sunday and Thursday at the Liberty Theater.

Suite sounds

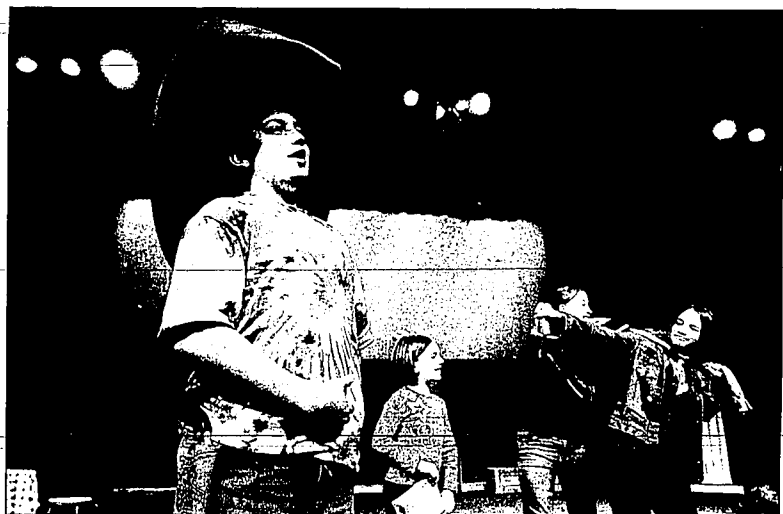
Guitarist Richard Smith and cellist Julie Adams will the third Mini-Cassia Community Concert of the season Wednesday night in Burley's King Center.

That jazz

The Broadway stage revival of Bob Fosse's musical "Chicago" (the movie version won the Academy Award for Best Picture last year) will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City tonight and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

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

Tumblin' 'Tumbleweeds'



Connor Bennett as Deputy Knuckles, Ballee Wadman as Echo, Kelsey Nebeker as Mrs. Grover and Jennifer Lewis as Mrs. Uplift joke around between skits during a rehearsal of 'Tumbleweeds' at Roper Auditorium Wednesday.

If you go ...

- What: The Junior Musical Playhouse will present Tom K. Ryan's "Tumbleweeds."
- Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Tonight and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$7, are available at Everybody's Business and Kurt's Hallmark and Pharmacy in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, at SavMor Drug in Buhl or from any cast member.

JUMP company sidles up to Grimy Gulch

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What becomes a cartoon legend? Cockeyed optimism, evidently. Charlie Brown made a career of hoping for the best in the face of evidence to the contrary, and the same applies to a cartoon cowpoke named Tumbleweeds.

"Tumbleweeds tries his best to be an optimist," said Kate Woods, publicist for the Junior Musical Playhouse, which will present its production of the musical based on Tom K. Ryan's comic strip tonight and Saturday night in Roper Auditorium.

"It ain't easy, because he lives in the wretched town of Grimy Gulch, which is populated by such bizarre characters as Hildegarde Hambocker, who's always on the lookout for a husband, Judge Frump, who gives everyone a fair and impartial conviction; Col. Fluster of Fort Ridiculous and a tribe of eccentric Indians."

"It's a great story for kids," said Susan Baca, who's directing a cast of 63 youngsters.

"It's high-energy and it has great songs." JUMP Company, founded by Twin Falls music teacher Marty Mead in 1984 to give local youngsters some exposure to musical theater, seeks to educate as well as to entertain, Baca said. "Our job is to teach kids to focus that energy," she said.

"We teach theater etiquette, and give them some exposure to the stage."

Ryan, who started drawing "Tumbleweeds" in the late 1980s, now has it syndicated in more than 200 newspapers worldwide.

"He sets the traditional western on its head," Woods said, "gleefully mixing anachronisms, wild humor and reverse stereotypes."

"The kids love the story," Baca said. "It's funny, and they relate to it. They're having a great time." Craig Nebeker is the musical director of the production and Lara Bradshaw the choreographer.

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Meet the cast

Members of the cast include: Andrew Alberdi, Rees Atkins, Weston Bennett, Connor Bennett, Sydney Bergen, Delaney Bergen, Madison Bernhisel, Alexis Bernhisel, Julie Blaser, Megahn Bronson, Daniel Bunch, Erica Bywater, Shelby DeBoard, Amanda Johnson, Alex Johnson, Hanna Kern, Xavier Kinney, Emily Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Lindsay Mancurel, Benjamin McMurtry, Mariah McMurtry, Scott McMurtry, Julie Mettler, Kayla Nebeker, Elizabeth Pries, Ryckiah Rich, Steia Seltago, Alazaria Summons, Jessica Simonsen, Katelyn Van Leo, Ballee Wadman, Maddie Watkins and Erin Wildman, all of Twin Falls. Other are Jordan Cramer, Jaclyn Hunt, Ridge Lee, Amanda Mahler, Heidi Mikota, Danielle Mosee, Shelby Mosee, Kelsey Nebeker, McKay Nield, Aubrie Nield, Kaisha Packham, Tasha Packham, Alecia Southwick and Kari Southwick, all of Kimberly; Masadi Eccles, Emily Hosman, Emily Plov, Britanna Sherman and Parker Olson, all of Buhl; Trevor Downs, Tamara Downs and Kenya Thompson, all of Jerome; Rebecca Johnson and Jared Johnson, both of Filer; Katrina Fuchs of Richfield; Paige Kimball of Hazelton and Tillie Millican of Hagerman.

Video watch

American Splendor

Winner of the 2003 Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, this is a highly entertaining tale about comic book cult writer Harvey Pekar. Directors Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini have assembled a marvelous, intelligent hybrid of documentary, comic book graphics and straight-ahead drama. As Pekar, Paul Giamatti is a mix of charm and gritty realism with his pale, slouching, hairy body, eye-

rolling expressions and amusing rejoinders. Hope Davis makes Joyce Brabner (Pekar's eccentric wife) into an unforgettable being, quiet but powerful under an Elvis-style mane of black hair. As Toby Radloff, Harvey's friend who's obsessed with "Revenge of the Nerds," Judah Friedlander steals every scene he's in. Contains intense thematic material, obscenity, sexual situations and language.

PG-13

With its soundtrack of traditional and contemporary gospel music performances by the likes of the Rev. Shirley Caesar, the O'Jays, Marcell Jordan, Faith Evans, Melba Moore, rapper T Bone, the Blind Boys of Alabama and star Beyonce Knowles, this would have made one heck of a concert film. Too bad the seasoned music had to come packaged in a mediocre, sitcom-style

story about the redemption of a slick New York ad man (Cuba Gooding Jr.) who finds happiness and love when he is forced to take on the duties of their director of his hometown church in order to collect an inheritance. Unlike the electrifying music, the playing out of the plot is dull in every way. Contains a couple of impolite words and some sexual references.

Lost in Translation

Sofia Coppola's charmingly off-beat film finds Bill Murray in Tokyo, bored and existentially flummoxed as Bob Harris, a past-his-prime actor who has come to the Japanese capital to shoot a series of lucrative whiskey commercials. When he meets Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson), the bored twenty-something wife of a fashion photographer (Giovanni Ribisi) who's also in town for a

commercial gig, he finds a kindred spirit. If Murray has an imposing corner on the comic dynamism in this movie, Johansson is no less compelling for her mysticism, self-assurance and charm. The crucial question is: What kind of relationship should they have? For an entire, thoroughly enjoyable movie, they undergo a sort of delicate negotiation. Contains sexual scenes and obscenity.

PG-13

A Mr. Right fantasy set amid groves of olive trees and similarly thick accumulations of handsome Italian men, this movie is redeemed by witty writing and direction by Audrey Wells (who freely adapted and fictionalized Frances Meyers' reminiscence "Under the Tuscan Sun: At Home in Italy"). The clichés are obscured by the sheer fun of it all.

Diane Lane is sweetly assured as Frances, an attractive, 35-year-old woman recovering from a divorce who buys a dream home in Tuscany and falls for Marcello (Raoul Bova), whose eyes are so blue they should probably be outlawed. Contains sexual situations and some obscenity.

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The Fighting Temptations

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WEEKEND

Jazz pianist will play at seminar

TWIN FALLS — Chuck Smith, a well-known regional jazz pianist, will be featured as part of the College of Southern Idaho's "Jazz Summit Seminar" series this month.

Smith will work individually with pianists from the Chamber Jazz classes at CSI during the afternoon of Feb. 20 and then perform that evening at 7 p.m. with CSI instructors Brent Jensen and Steve Cox and CSI music major Aaron Miller at Java coffeehouse, 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Admission is free, and

the public is invited.

Smith is active throughout the Northwest as both a jazz pianist and a music educator. A member of the International Association of Jazz Educators, he performed at the 1999 Jazz Educators Conference in Anaheim, Calif., and was the recipient of an Idaho Commission on the Arts grant for the 2000-01 academic year. At the 2001 Gene Harris Jazz Festival, he was a featured performer with Gene Harris' former rhythm section, the L.A. Connection.

Three new art shows open tonight at Council

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council will host a tri-gallery opening reception tonight from 7-9 p.m.

In the Full Moon Gallery, the artists will have new works on display done in a Valentine theme. Member artists have created new pieces that will be on display through the end of March.

Jenifer Wilson; Hailey Evertson; Alex Kraal; Gabrielle Roussseau; Brandi Salinas; Andrew Sheppard; Caitlin Stanley; Hanna Thomas; and Lille Thomas. The chairs will be on display through March 27.

Featured in the Arts Council's office gallery and building is "Idaho Paints Idaho," a show featuring Idaho artists who have painted various parks within the state. The foundation was underwritten by the University of Chicago & Argonne National Laboratory at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and is sponsored by Eagle Rock Museum in Idaho Falls, as well as the Foundation of Parks and Lands. The show is traveling to venues throughout the state and will conclude at a gala event in May. "Idaho Paints Idaho" will be on display through Feb. 21.

The arts council is located at 132 Main Ave. S. Admission to the gallery shows is free and the public is invited to attend.

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Students participating in the project include: Kelsi Edwards; Hannah Evans; Josh Horejs; Ariel Pullin; Brenda Williamson;

College will host benefit concert

The Times-News

GOODING — The Western State College of Performing Arts will hold a benefit concert on Feb. 12 for musician Suzanne Jusst, who is

battling cancer.

Anyone who can play an instrument is invited to participate. Call 733-7695 for more information. The concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Schubert Theater.

Polly comes along to local theaters

New to the valley

Along Came Polly

It should be a better film than it is, it really should. On paper it has every advantage from gifted stars Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston to established comedy writer-director John Hamburg with a promising idea about a romance between a carefree woman and a worried man. But instead of maximizing those pluses, the film so fritters them away that even its brief running time feels unhappily long. Burdened by clumsy plot threads, a confusion of tones and a weakness for bathroom humor, it never gathers enough momentum to compensate for all those drawbacks. With Debra Messing, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Hank Azaria. (1.30) (PG-13, for sexual content, language, crude humor and some drug references.)

Barbershop 2: Back in Business

Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer and company continue their tenuous talkfest, joined by Queen Latifah as the stylist next door. With Sean Patrick Thomas, Eve and Troy Garity. Directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan ("How Stella Got Her Groove Back"). (PG-13, for language, sexual material and brief drug references.)

Continuing

The Big Bounce

Seductive Sara Foster urges Oahu drifter Owen Wilson to pull a scam on former boss Gary Sinske. Morgan Freeman, Charlie Sheen, Gregory Sporleder, Willie Nelson and Harry Dean Stanton also star in this comedy based on the novel by Elmore Leonard.

What's playing

Twin Falls

Twin Cinema
 "Cheaper by the Dozen"
 "Calendar Girls"
 "You Got Served"
 "Big Fish"
 "Something's Gotta Give"
 "Lord of the Rings 3 Return of the King"
 "Cold Mountain"
 "The Big Bounce"
 "Miracle"
 "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton"
 "The Last Samurai"
 "Catch that Kid"
 "Mystic River"
Odyssey Theater
 "Master and Commander"
 "Home Teachers"
 "Along Came Polly"
 "The Perfect Score"
 "Barbershop 2"
 "Monster"

Lamphouse Theater
 "Shattered Glass"
 "Lilya 4-Ever"
 "To Be and To Have"

The Orpheum
 "The Butterfly Effect"

Ketchum

Magic Lantern
 "The Big Bounce"
 "In America"
 "House of Sand and Fog"
 "Calendar Girls"
 "Along Came Polly"

SkTime Cinema
 "Miracle"
 "Monster"

Gooding
 "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton"

Burley

Century Cinema
 "Miracle"
 "Catch that Kid"
 "Cold Mountain"
 "Along Came Polly"
 "Cheaper by the Dozen"
 "Barbershop 2"

Burley Cinema
 "The Cat in the Hat"

Jerome

Jerome Cinema
 "Along Came Polly"
 "Catch that Kid"
 "Torque"
 "Master and Commander"

Directed by George Armitage. (PG-13, for sexual content and nudity, violence and language.)

Big Fish

Big fish often swim in small ponds, but in Tim Burton's wistful new film about a son, a father and the lies that come between them there are no small ponds — just big, bright movie sets shimmering and bubbling with the director's imagination. Based on Daniel Wallace's delicate wisp of a novel, the film tells the story of a raconteur who, after a lifetime of

spinning whoppers about lachrymose giants and two-headed women, faces the prospect of dying under the dark cloud of his son's resentment. A fable about fathers and sons, lies and misconceptions, this is the straightest movie in Burton's kinky-repertoire and there's something sad about him directing a movie that pleads the case for imagination. With Billy Crudup, Albert Finney, Ewan McGregor and Jessica Lange. (2.05, PG-13, a fight scene, some images of nudity and a suggestive reference.)

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 smugly 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. (1.53, R, for violence, sexual content, language and brief drug use.)

Calendar Girls

As written by Tim Firth and Juliette Towhidi and directed by Nigel Cole, the film is a paper-thin, comic distraction about some English women who bared their all in the name of charity. Very loosely based on a true story, the film relates how in 1999 members of a North Yorkshire chapter of a national club, stripped down to their middle-aged plump and pucker to produce a calendar that would raise proceeds for leukemia research. Although they have little to do but grin and bawle it, Helen Mirren and Julie Walters are a delight. The actresses are such pleasant company that the fact that the movie turns into an advertisement for itself when the characters visit Hollywood — to bid the film rights to the very story we're watching — is almost forgivable, but not quite. With Annette Crosbie, Penelope Wilton. Please see MOVIES, Page C7.

TAKE A BREAK
 with L.M. Boyd
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Valentine
 Silly or sweet, romantic or frantic, "Valentine's Day Messages" is the perfect way to share your sentiments with someone special in a Special Section in The Times-News, Saturday, February 14th, and online at www.magicvalley.com.

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Foreign Film Festival concludes at Lamphouse Theater

FILM FESTIVAL

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The 16th annual Foreign Film Festival concludes with screenings of Georges Lopez's "To Be and to Have," a French documentary, at 4:45 p.m. today, at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday and at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday at the 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 concludes with Lukas Moodysson's "Lilya 4-Ever," a Swedish movie, at 7:15 p.m. tonight, at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday and at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday at the 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.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Tonight and Saturday

Housed 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

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.

Tuesday - 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 3260 South Decker Lake Drive.

Thursday - Bolse

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.ticket-ctweb.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 - Bolse

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.widdahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

Feb. 20 - Bolse

Skid 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.ticket-ctweb.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 Hippocry 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

Bongun 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 - Bolse

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.ticket-ctweb.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 12 - Bolse

Bob Weir and Ratdog will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticket-ctweb.com>.

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March 13 - Bolse

Henry Rollins will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticket-ctweb.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 - Bolse

Metallica 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.widdahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

March 26 - Bolse

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.widdahotickets.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 5 - Bolse

A Perfect Circle and The Mars Volta will perform at the Bank of America Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticket-ctweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

COUNTRY

Tonight - Bolse

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

Tonight and Saturday

U-Turn 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's East Restaurant and Lounge. No cover charge. George's 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 Dueto.

Saturday

Tony Furtado will perform at The Mint Bar in Hailey at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available at Twist and Trout Music in Ketchum, Big Bad Bill's in Hailey, or at the door. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Feb. 13 - Bolse

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

Feb. 15

Leftover Salmon will play The Mint Bar in Hailey at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, are available at Twist and Trout Music in Ketchum, Big Bad Bill's in Hailey, or at the door. The Mint is located at 116 S. Main St.

Feb. 20-21

Ronnie-Milsap will do two

shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets 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.

BLUES MUSIC

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 a program of Strauss and Brahms at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, are available at the door. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 18 - Idaho Falls

The Vienna Choir Boys will perform at the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

Feb. 19 - Utah

The Vienna Boys Choir will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (800) 888-TIXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 19 - Utah

Soprano Barbara Boomey will sing in Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 20-21 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Rachmaninoff's Piano Concert No. 2 at 8 p.m. on Feb. 20 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 27

The Magic Valley Symphony, under the direction of guest conductor Kevin Cain, will perform Dvorak's "New World" symphony and Smetana's "Firebird" at 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students, are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Crowley's Soda Fountain in Twin Falls, and at the door.

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 ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 5 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform music by Berlioz, Ravel and Milhaud at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 11 - Utah

Utah Symphony will play violin

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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. Abrahams hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

REGGAE

March 1 - Boise

The Waiters 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

Zoegiri, Superclick and Joy Williams will perform at Ausrad 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 Fix at (800) 888-TXNX or online at <http://www.smithstix.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 \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

JAZZ MUSIC

Tonight

The Gene Loranger Trio will perform from 5-10 p.m. at First Paradise in downtown Twin Falls. Free.

Feb. 14

Former Idaho jazzman Paul Tilton 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 21 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; Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Centers in Boise, Hailey and Gooding. For season ticket information, call the Community Education Center at CSI at 732-6288.

March 16 - Utah

Bill Gaither 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 CDs 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

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rondeveo 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.

Tuesday

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

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

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

The Swingtones will play from 7:10 p.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge. No cover charge. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N. in Burley.

Tonight and Saturday

Tony Orlando will do two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Pines Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Tonight and Saturday

Out There will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at T.J.'s Lounge. No cover charge. T.J.'s Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S. in Buhl.

Wednesday

The Vuarenettes - 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

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

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ENGAGEMENT

TRACY - TUCKNESS

RUPERT - Amy Tracy and Ernie Tuckness announce their engagement.

Tracy is the daughter of Jay and Annette Eilers of Rupert. She is a sixth-grade teacher at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley.

Tuckness is the son of Jimmie and LaVon Tuckness of Paul. He works as an agricultural engineer.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the First Baptist Church. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the reception at the church.

*The couple will reside in Rupert.



Ernie Tuckness and Amy Tracy

Video watch

My Boss's Daughter

Ashton Kutcher is Tom Stanfield, a good-looking big lug (at least that's the idea) at the office who gets sucked into house-hunting for his ruthless boss (Rosemary Stamp) because he wants to please the boss' daughter Lisa (Tara Reid). The rest is bad "Risky Business," as Tom attempts to keep the house (and

the boss' pet owl) safe from a sudden avalanche of unsavory guests. Even more depressing than the movie's script is the spectacle of such great screen presences as Stamp and Michael Madsen in a banal project like this. Contains crude and sex-related humor, drug content and language.

Secondhand Lions

Centering around the relationship between a shy teen-ager (Hayley Joel Osment) temporarily abandoned by his ditsy mother (Kyra Sedgwick) and the two lovable-old-coot, great-uncles who take him in (Robert Dugall and Michael Caine), this coming-of-age tale has the overpowering flavor of corn. From Sedgwick's fake Texas accent to

the synthetic, string-drenched climax, in which the boy's mother is seen doing what almost no real mother would ever do, nearly everything about "Secondhand Lions" feels like an exercise in bathos, as indulgent as a cowboy hat on Rodeo Drive. Contains a rough word or two and some generally bloodless violence.

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Wednesday

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.

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 and Feb. 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 ARTix 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 ARTix 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 Pees 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 10 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 Brightman 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.idahohotickets.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.smithsix.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 ARTix at (801) 355-TIXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

DANCE

Tonight

The Radio Rondevo Event Center's Friday Night Dances con-

times, featuring country-western artist Curley Sirtles, will be held 7:30 p.m. The Radio Rondevo Event Center is located at 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Tonight

The Echols will play for a dance at 8 p.m. at the Snake River Elks Lodge. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. For more information, call 324-0200. The Snake River Elks Lodge is located at 412 E. 200 S. in Jerome.

Saturday

The Roseland Band will play for a dance from 8-11 p.m. at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom. Cost is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. The Roseland Crystal Ballroom is located at 523 Main St. in Filer.

Saturday

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

Ballet West will dance Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 and 18-21 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 14 and 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call ARTix at (801) 355-TDXX. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Feb. 14

Catered with Class will host a Valentine's dance and prime rib dinner at the Marsh Creek Event Center in Albion. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and the dance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$16.95 per person for dinner only, \$5 per person for dance only or \$19.95 for dinner and dance. Must be 21 to attend the dance. For reservations or for more information, call 431-6105 or 435-827-5519. The Marsh Creek Event Center is located at 899 S. Highway 77.

March 19-21 - Boise

Riverdance 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.idahohotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

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 Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahohotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

THEATER

Tonight and Saturday

The Junior Musical Playhouse will present Tom K. Ryan's "Hambrowedds," 7:30 p.m. nightly, Roger Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7, are available at Everybody's Business and Kurt's Pharmacy & Hallmark in Twin Falls, at Ariens's Flowers in Jerome, at SawMor Drug in Bull,

or for any cast member.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday - 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. tonight and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, which range from \$27.50 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning ARTix at (801) 355-2787.

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday and Thursday

Hailey's Company of Fools will present Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World," at 8 p.m. tonight, Saturday and Thursday and a 3 p.m. on Sunday, Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520. The production continues through Feb. 21.

Sunday

The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Res' "Forever Plaid," featuring Wally Huffman, Gordon Glade, Eric J. Larson and Paul Stoops, will play the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show continues every Sunday through the end of March.

Feb. 13-15, 17-22

Blaine County's New Theater Company will present A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia," 8 p.m. nightly, nextStage Theater, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$22, are available at the nextStage or by phoning 726-ATKS.

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

March 4-6, 8-9, 15-16, 11-13, 18-20

The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Martin Charnin and Charles Strouse's "Annie," 8 p.m. nightly in Oakley's Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

March 12

The College of Southern Idaho Players will perform Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor's "Complete History of America (Abridged)" at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, which is an all-American dinner prepared by Chef LuAnn Sites, 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.

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Maximum Volume I" at 8:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

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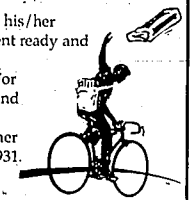
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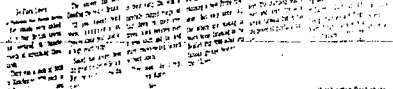
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WEEKEND

Still ticking ...

Thousands of Britons 'Riot' Over the Beatles' In-



The Beatles first appeared in The Washington Post on Oct. 28, 1963. Flora Lewis wrote that the Beatles were "four wide-eyed, wacky boys in their early 20s ... They look like limp, upside-down dust-mops."

By Richard Harrington
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Call it pop culture meets Chaos Theory, where something of importance is rooted in an apparently trivial event that ultimately catalyzes a chain of events of major consequence. Chaos theory is exemplified by the proverb about a battle in which the loss of a nail in a horseshoe leads to the loss of the horse, which leads to the loss of the rider, which leads to the loss of the battle, which in turn leads to the loss of a whole kingdom.

In the Beatles' case, a whole kingdom was gained because, 40 years ago, a Silver Spring, Md., teen-ager saw a CBS television news clip and wrote a letter to a Silver Spring DJ who went to great lengths to acquire an imported copy of the Beatles' "I Want to Hold Your Hand," which became a local sensation after being played incessantly and exclusively on a Silver Spring, Md., station. Six weeks later, a previously unknown British band had captured a nation's eyes, ears and hearts and ushered in a new era of rock 'n' roll.

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40 YEARS AFTER BEATLES' FIRST AMERICAN CONCERT:

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get the immediate and lasting impact they had on American music, fashion and popular culture. Looking back 20 years later, cultural analyst Greil Marcus called the Beatles' seminal Feb. 9, 1964, appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" "a pop explosion ... an irresistible cultural upheaval that cuts across lines of class and race and, most crucially, divides society itself by age. The surface of daily life — walk, talk, dress, symbolism, heroes, family affairs — is affected with such force that deep and substantive changes in the way large numbers of people think and act take place."

February marks the 40th anniversary of the Beatles coming to America and there will be plenty of celebrations — in Washington, New York and sites both stateside and abroad. "The speed and the magnitude of it was the important thing," says Bruce Spizer, whose expansive and authoritative "The Beatles Are Coming! The Birth of Beatlemania in America" has just been published. "The Beatles would have been popular in America regardless, but the actions of three people set forth a chain of events that not only jump-started Beatlemania in America, but changed American culture."

reached epic proportions in England, capped by their October appearance on the Sullivan-like "Sunday Night at the London Palladium." When the Beatles appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show" — their first live appearance on American television — no one could have guessed that this showcase would be so historic. It was and remains one of the most important milestones in the history of rock music, eyewitnessed by 78 million people in the audience at CBS' Studio 50. The big numbers came in the next day when A.C. Nielsen reported that close to 74 million people — 40 percent of the entire U.S. population at the time — had watched what a CBS press release identified as "The Beatles of London ... a wildly popular quartet of English recording stars."

As the curtain parted, a dozen white arrows pointed in on the Beatles — set designer Bill Bohmert later said he was trying to symbolize that the group was "here" — and they stood there with no visible signs of nervousness, as if they had no idea of the size of their audience. Which no one did, of course. After a flurry of screams and a slight "a-one-two-three-four!" the Beatles launched into their first song, with Paul McCartney singing: "Close your eyes and I'll kiss you! tomorrow I'll miss you! ..."

Events

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Folk 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 "A Certain Likeness: The Paintings of Tibi Freiwald," a collection of work by the Belgian artist, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens and full-time college students, and \$1 for children, are available at the door. BAM is located in Julia Davis Park in downtown Boise.

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The Boise Art Museum will present "Pat Steier 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

Guy Odmark's "The Value of Inheritance" will be on display at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Free admission. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

Through Feb. 29 — Boise

The Boise Art Museum will present "Extra-Ordinary: The Work of Charles Gill," a collection of paintings and collages by the Boise Art, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens and full-time college students, and \$1 for children, are available at the door. BAM is located in Julia Davis Park in downtown Boise.

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 Buhl community, will open at the Eighth Street Center at Buhl. Skills such as saddle-making, stringing, woodwork 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.



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Movies

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and Colla Imitic. (1.48. PG-13, for nudity, some language and drug-related material)

Catch That Kid

A trio of pint-size plotters plan an adult-size bank heist. Directed by Bart Freundlich ("The Myth of Fingerprints"). With Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu, Max Thieriot, Jennifer Decker, Sam Robards, John Carroll Lynch and James Le Gros. (PG, for some language, thematic elements and rude humor)

Cheaper by the Dozen

This shiny reworking of the autobiographical Frank Bunker Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey book means to send a family-everything message, but by largely unfunny default instead makes it clear that having it all is virtually impossible for a father of 12 unless he's seriously well-off. Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt star as the humor and humanity. It's better to try to rent the charming and very different 1950 version starring Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy. (1.38. PG, for language and some thematic elements.)



Goldie Hawn, left, and Kurt Russell smile as they arrive at the World Premiere of Walt Disney Pictures' "Miracle", Monday, in Hollywood, Calif. Russell stars in the movie.

(2 hours, R for violence, mild nudity, sexuality and language)

In America

Irish immigrants start over in New York City. (1.45, PG-13)

The Last Samurai

In director Edward Zwick's sweeping sentimental fiction, the most modern of all screen stars, Tom Cruise, plays an embittered 1870s U.S. Army captain spiritually reborn by embracing the Way of the Samurai. Recruited by Japanese businessmen to help usher their country into its modern militaristic age, Cruise's captain finds himself entranced by Japan's romantic warrior caste, an infatuation that his director enables by embracing the Way of the Hollywood Historical Epic. Taken to the level of spectacle rather than of sense, the film affords the sort of fizzy enjoyment that can come with epic movie endeavors, including a meticulously detailed world unlike our own, an excellent supporting cast and some pulse-pounding fights. Ken Watanabe's no-nonsense believability makes for one dreamy samurai, the kind that embodies the warrior's romantic ideals without any of the frizziness unpleasantness. With Timothy Spall, Billy Connolly and Tony Goldwyn. (2.20. R, for strong violence and battle sequences.)

Lilya 4-Ever

The movie portrays the dark side of teenage life in the former Soviet Union.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

It took one ring to rule them all,

and now there's one film to end it all, to bring to a close the cinematic epic of our time, the one by which all others will be judged. Powerfully imagined two times over, first by the matchless fantasy mind of J.R.R. Tolkien and then by the bravura filmmaking of director Peter Jackson, this is a fitting climax to a story about the quest to rescue the world from evil. Like anything restlessly and eagerly anticipated, the film will inevitably be quibbled with. It is both formidably long and unsure where it ought to end. Its critical human-moments-include-some-of-the strongest of the trilogy, but however the film's definition has to showcase battles that will literally end all battles, the brevity of those character beats at times threatens the critical human thread with unraveling. With Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen and Viggo Mortensen. (3.20. PG-13, for intense epic battle sequences and frightening images.)

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

Directed by Peter Weir from a script he co-wrote with John Collee, the film intends to be an intelligent epic, but it's the epics that holds us. While Russell Crowe is the man heroic actor who can handle any kind of psychologically complex role, he's not really called on to do that here, playing an 1805 British sea captain. That the film succeeds despite a relative lack of depth and emotional involvement shows how wonderful effective it is in doing what it does best: re-creating an extended nautical duel between Aubrey's HMS Surprise and the French pri-

vateer, Achéron. With Paul Bettany. (2.05. PG-13, for intense battle sequences, related images and brief language.)

Miracle

The underdog U.S. hockey team faces the mighty Soviet machine in the 1980 Winter Olympics. Kurt Russell stars as coach Herb Brooks. With Patricia Clarkson, Noah Emmerich and Eddie Cahill. Directed by Gavin O'Connor. (PG, for language and some rough sports action.)

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 a celebrity makeover in this offensive arthouse exploitation flick, written and directed by Patty Jenkins, a newcomer of some obvious talent. The film's big news, its gimmick and reason for being, is that actress Charlize Theron stripped away her supermodel looks to play Wuornos. But phony choppers and a startling resemblance to Jon Voight aren't enough to transform Theron into Wuornos. 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. (1.59. R, for strong violence and sexual content, and for pervasive language.)

Mystic River

A major American motion picture, an overwiping piece of work that involves some of the most basic human emotions: love, hate, fear, revenge, despair. Directed by Clint Eastwood with absolute confidence and remarkable control, it owes both its success and its significance to the way it seamlessly uses elements that are difficult to pull off on their own: much less together. It is simultaneously an intricate and gripping crime story that involves child molestation and murder and a thoughtful and disturbing emotional drama about the nightmare past sending destructive tentacles into the present. With Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon, Lawrence Fishburne, Marcia Gay Harden and Laura Linney. (2.17. R, for language and violence.)

The Perfect Score

In the name of self-determination, a group of high school friends (including Erika 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.)

Shattered Glass

Written and directed by Billy Ray and based on a Vanity Fair article by Buzz Bissinger, the movie relates the rise and fall of a young charmer in terms of the office culture of the New Republic.

Something's Gotta Give

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

To Be and To Have

At a rural school in the Amvergne region of France, teacher Georges Lopez presides over a class of 13 children.

Torque

A terrific action picture, fast moving, studded with great stunts and smart enough not to take itself too seriously: Martin Henderson stars as a biker who has run afoul of a desert community drug dealer/biker gang leader (Matt Schulze) but returns to reclaim his gorgeous, feisty girlfriend (Monet Mazur). Lee Cuba co-stars as the leader of a rival biker gang. Co-produced by "The Fast and the Furious" Neal H. Moritz. (1.23. PG-13, for violence, sexuality, language and drug references.)

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

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Reality check: Truth is stranger than fiction

By Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel

Executed serial killer Aileen Wuornos returns chillingly to life in "Monster."
The U.S. Olympic hockey team skates to gold-medal glory — again — in "Miracle," a Kurt Russell sports drama that re-creates the glorious 1980 "Miracle on Ice."
From actors playing dead poets to celebrities giving Robert McNamee a chance to tell his new or what went wrong in Vietnam — TV isn't the only place "reality" is taking hold in entertainment. More than ever, the movies are taking on real life, real people and real events.
But are they getting it right?
In making "Monster," writer-director Patty Jenkins told a version of Wuornos' story that adheres more closely to the serial killer's "self-defense" alibi than the evidence as presented in court. Jenkins invents characters, blurs the distinctions between the victims and alters the order of the killings.
When history runs up against

the recent stink on the TV movie "The Reagans," there was an uproar when the filmmakers included a Reagan quote that seemed to align with Reagan's attitudes toward AIDS sufferers but was not the literal truth of what he said.
What obligations do filmmakers have in re-creating reality?
"Movies aren't journalism, though we tend to treat them that way," says Beverly Gray, author of recent, biographical romances Roger Corman and Ron Howard's "Howard's 'A Beautiful Mind,'" an Oscar-winning film, glossed over many unpleasant or contradictory facts about its subject, mentally ill mathematician John Nash.
But Kurt Russell, who plays the legendary hockey coach Herb Brooks in "Miracle," says the truth will set filmmakers free.
"Do it right," he says. "You owe it to people. It happened. Why rewrite history? It's usually more exciting than anything a screenwriter can come up with."
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WEEKEND

Will Janet Jackson force a change in broadcast standards?

By David Bauder
The Associated Press



Janet Jackson is shown in a videotape released to the media Tuesday in Los Angeles in which she apologized for the breast-baring incident during her performance at the Super Bowl halftime show. Jackson had previously apologized Monday night in a written statement.

to air the segment.

• The NFL cut a halftime production number by one of Timberlake's 'N Sync bandmates, JC Chasez, planned for Sunday's Pro Bowl in Honolulu, because Chasez's song contained the words "horny" and "naughty." He'll be replaced by hula dancers and local singers.

Shock and titillation in popular culture is nothing new. From Elvis Presley's scandalously swiveling hips to Ozzy Osbourne's bleep-fest on his MTV show, performers have banked on outrageousness to intrigue an audience.

TV executives are also desperate to reach a young audience; it's no coincidence that CBS and the NFL turned to MTV, the network of "Punk'd" and "Jackass," to produce its halftime show, said social historian Neal Gabler.

"In a sense, they asked for this," Gabler said. "This is not something that happened out of the blue."

NEW YORK — The one-second flash of Janet Jackson's breast at the Super Bowl could end up putting the brakes on years of plunging standards in the dawn-and-dudery entertainment industry.

"This particular event might be, for the moment, the straw that broke the camel's back on the patience of the audience," said Carson Daly, a talk show host on MTV, which produced the offending halftime show. "Tolerance of this sort of sexual imagery may have reached its peak."

"Unlike other milestones of indecency — rock star Brito using the f-word on the 2003 Golden Globes, Madonna and Britney Spears tongue-kissing on MTV — Jackson chose to reveal herself before the largest TV audience of the year. And she did it precisely when federal authorities are mulling a crackdown on broadcast indecency.

The Jackson case could have a "galvanizing effect" on the move to toughen standards, said FCC Commissioner Michael Copps. "There is going to be a national conversation on this," said Brent Bozell, president of the Parents Television Council. "I think what this has done is sensitized the public."

"Some" are also complaining that the show came amidst a spectacle feature bone-crunching violence, sexed-up advertisers and TV ads for pills to cure impotence. "Give me a break," former NBA star Charles Barkley said. "There are a lot more trashier things on television than Janet Jackson."

But the fallout continued Thursday: CBS, already facing an FCC probe for the halftime show, said it would broadcast Sunday's Grammy Awards with a five-minute delay to allow time to edit out any offensive images. It remained unclear whether Jackson, scheduled to be on the show, would appear.

A banker from Knoxville, Tenn., filed a class action lawsuit against Jackson, dance partner Justin Timberlake, CBS, halftime show producers MTV and the networks' parent company, Viacom. Tim Carlin said the "sexually explicit" conduct by the performers caused millions of people to "suffer outrage, anger, embarrassment and serious injury."

NBC cut a scene from Thursday's "ER" that showed an elderly patient's breast, saying the current atmosphere made it too difficult for affiliates

GRAMMYS 2004

Diversity defines an undefinable year

By Brian McCollum
Detroit Free Press



Outkast's Andre Benjamin, left, and Antwan 'Big Boi' Patton pose in New York. Outkast's newest album, the double CD set 'Speakerboxxx-The Love Below,' has sold more than 3 million copies since its release, has spawned the nation's top two singles (the No. 1 'Hey Ya!' from Andre and 'I Like The Way You Move,' from counterpart Big Boi) and has netted the band six Grammy award nominations, including album of the year, where they are favored to win at the Sunday ceremony in Los Angeles.

Need a dominant theme for the 2004 Grammys? Try this one: There is no dominant theme for the 2004 Grammys.

Reflecting a year that saw a far-flung array of sounds and styles decorating the pop charts, the world's premier music awards show, to be aired on CBS Sunday, will be paired with a wild assortment of acts.

No sweeping trends — no Year of the Woman, no Yet Another Comeback For Rock 'n' Roll. No juicy head-to-head battles among nominees. No poetic story lines awaiting a heartwarming ending, like we saw last year when young Norah Jones snuck in and gracefully kicked the competition's butt. As the record industry continues to consolidate — it's down to three big corporate players — America's artists and fans seem more capable than ever of navigating their own way through a buffet table of musical styles.

Four artists — Beyonce, Jay-Z, Outkast and Pharrell Williams — are heading into the Grammys with six nominations apiece. Nine acts are going in with five; several others have four. Want diversity? In addition to the White Stripes, the leading ambassadors for the back-to-basics branch of rock music, there's Missy Elliott, at last getting high-profile recognition for a body of consistently excellent dance-hip-hop. There's the dark orchestral rock of newcomer Evanescence. There's Outkast and its carnival of funky rap. And after years of Grammys' neglect of the once-ubiquitous teen pop trend, there's Justin Timberlake, vying for an award 'N Sync never even got a chance to win.

Smart bettors will put their wagers on Outkast, the colorful Atlanta duo whose stock contin-

ues to rise — at the perfect time. Big Boi and Andre 3000 have been making groundbreaking music for more than a decade — 1998's "Aquemini" remains their best record — but the current confluence of critical and commercial success for Outkast makes an ideal recipe for Grammy triumph. The group's double album "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" was released in late August. That means it not only made the Grammys' eligibility period in the nick of time, it was the reigning buzz album as the 15,000 music-industry voters cast their ballots. Outkast's hold on the pop world has been one of domination: Their album remains the nation's best seller, while the singles "Hey Ya!" and "The Way You Move" have held down Billboard's No. 1 and 2 spots for two straight months.

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 CSI vs Central Arizona at Henderson, Nev., 5:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
 1A Southside District Playoffs, Murfreesboro
 Murfreesboro vs. Raft River, 6 p.m., loser-out
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 Glens Ferry at Gooding, 4:15 p.m.
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 Dietrich at Bliss, 6 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Skyline, 6 p.m.
 Buhl at Wendell, 6 p.m.
 Carey at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
 Valley at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
 Blackfoot at Burley, 6 p.m.
 Filer at Wood River, 6 p.m.
High school wrestling
 Wood River at Fleschman Duels, 3 p.m.
 Buhl/Gooding at Weiser Tournament, 4:30 p.m.
 Filer at Challis tournament, 3 p.m.
High school bowling
 Girls district singles, Jerome Bowl, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Athletes get nod to play Down Under
 DECLEO - Declo High School students Brian Brackenbury and Justin Pickup have been selected to participate on the Idaho All-Star football team at the 16th annual Down-Under-Bowl in Australia, held this summer. Both players were selected by Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference coaches to participate in the two-week stay and two football games.
 Both students are currently trying to collect the funding necessary to participate. Contributions may be made at The Country Store in Declo, or sent to:
 The Country Store
 c/o Jay Fox
 5 North Clark
 Declo, ID 83323
 Further questions can be addressed by calling Pickup at 678-1421 or Brackenbury at 769-6627.

Idaho coach, officials arrive in T.F. today

TWIN FALLS - New University of Idaho football coach Nick Holt, interim president Gary Michael and athletic director Rob Spear will be at the Turf Club at 6 p.m. today to meet area boosters. Film of the 2004 recruiting class will be shown.

ISU football coach visits Twin Falls tonight

TWIN FALLS - Idaho State University head football coach Larry Lewis and his staff will be at the Pressbox sports bar at 6 p.m. today to meet area boosters. Film of the 2004 recruiting class. There will be free food and door prizes.

CSI volleyball plans Parents Night Out

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program will host Parents Night Out, a children's all-night slumber party at the Golden Eagles gym starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.
 Pickup is 9 a.m. the next morning.
 Children in grades 1-6 are eligible with some exceptions considered. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional child per family. The fee includes free admission to tonight's CSI basketball games, pizza from Papa John's, movies and games.
 The chaperones are the CSI volleyball team members. Children need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and pajamas.
 Outback Steakhouse is offering a free Bloomington to any parents who sign on their children up for the event.
 Call Ben Stroud at 732-6478 or Jmg Hughley at 732-6492 to obtain a registration form. The form and payment are due Feb. 12.

Compiled from staff reports

Judge clears Clarett for NFL

Decision paves way for teenagers wanting to enter draft



Maurice Clarett

The Associated Press
 NEW YORK - A federal judge opened the door for Ohio State sensation Maurice Clarett and teenage football stars to turn pro, declaring Thursday that an NFL rule barring their eligibility violates antitrust law and "must be struck."
 U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin said legal issues are so clearly in Clarett's favor a trial is unnecessary. The NFL said it will appeal, and it will probably try to

block the ruling before the April draft.
 Clarett sued the league last year to challenge its 1990 rule that a player must be out of high school three years to enter the draft.
 Clarett's lawyer, Alan Milstein, called it a "total victory." He said the star running back was "thrilled" and would speak at a news conference in New York later Thursday.
 Jeff Pash, the executive vice president of the NFL, said the ruling left him "really surprised," but confident on appeal because its findings contradicted those of past court rulings.
 The ruling, if it holds up on appeal, means that high school football players and college underclassmen will be able to make the jump to the pros just like their counterparts in the NBA.
 Scheindlin wrote that the NFL rule "is precisely the sort of conduct that the antitrust laws were designed to prevent."
 "One can scarcely think of a more blatantly anticompetitive policy than one that excludes certain competitors from the market altogether," she wrote.
 Clarett, a 20-year-old sophomore, played just one season at Ohio State, leading the Buckeyes

to the 2002 national championship. He was barred from playing in the 2003 season for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and then lying to investigators about it.
 Ohio State would have to petition the NCAA to allow Clarett to return for the 2004 season, and it is unclear whether the school would succeed. The court ruling came a day after Ohio State said it was investigating an ESPN.com report that the family friend was gambling while in daily contact with Clarett during the 2002 season.
 Clarett would be prevented from entering the NFL draft until 2005 under current rules.

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NFL needs to learn to play by rules

The judge used football lingo, maybe so she could get the NFL finally to understand it has to play by the rules, too.
 "If so, it didn't work."
 The league that only a few days ago brought fans one great Super Bowl and one of Janet Jackson's breasts doesn't much like taking advice from anyone, even a federal judge.
 In fact, the ink had barely dried on U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin's decision Thursday, clearing the way for Maurice Clarett to enter April's draft, when the NFL dismissed it as "not legal reasoning and wowed to appeal."

Jerome advances to title game



A swarm of Century defenders converge on Jerome guard Whitney Clark as she dives toward the hoop during the second quarter of the Lady Tigers' 47-37 win over the Lady Diamondbacks Thursday in Jerome.

Tigers stay unbeaten with 47-37 victory over Century

By John Derr Times-News writer
 JEROME - In basketball you usually look for the tallest player to make the biggest noise. On Tuesday, the undefeated Tigers got a huge spark from the smallest player on the court.
 Five-foot-3 senior guard Mallory Meservy stepped up with the game tied in the second half to lead Jerome to the championship game of the Great Basin Conference tournament with a 47-37 victory over Century.
 "Everyone has been bigger than me my whole life. I just use my speed," said Meservy, who had all nine of her points in the second half. "I just felt the shots and took them."
 Century hosts Burley, a team

they beat 59-43 Tuesday, this Saturday with the winner of that game moving on to the championship game on Feb. 10 in Jerome.
 The Diamondbacks focused on Jerome's big three - Vanessa West, Elisa-Hope, and Whitney-Clark. West finished with a game-high 17, but Hope and West combined for just 10, well below their averages.
 The Tigers would need others to step up and they got it from Meservy and Tami Davis.
 Jerome swept the season series, winning at home by 23 but only 43-41 on the road.
 Thursday, Jerome would again find it self in a battle.
 Leading by three at the half, Meservy and West turned steals into lay-ups to set the third quarter for a five-point edge, but

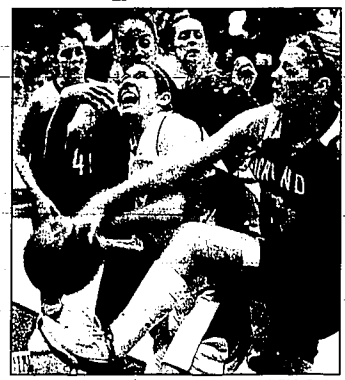
Century got a three-pointer from Knudson to tie the score at 25-25.
 The 20-game winning streak was on the line.
 Meservy stepped up to get the Tigers going. She scored inside, and then found herself alone behind the arc. She hit nothing but net and Jerome led 32-27.
 Megan Marshall came off the bench to dish a pair of big assists as the lead grew to 11 points. One of those was to Davis, who finished with a season-high nine points.
 "They have been hounding me to do more and I have been working on it in practice. I told myself I was going to do it tonight," Davis said.
 Century didn't let up.
 Jerome kept putting the Diamondbacks at the free throw

line and they took advantage, hitting five of six to cut the deficit down to five. Century, despite several chances on numerous offensive rebounds, went cold from the field. West hit four free throws in the final minutes as the Tigers advanced.
 "We were too excited early, but the coach talked to us at half and we settled down," said West, who scored from everywhere on the court. She had a three-pointer, the free throws, and inside the paint. "I just played my role."
 The senior post agreed that her teammate points were huge.
 "They were focused on Elisa, Whitney and I and Mallory stepped up and took it over,"

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Hovey lifts Bruins past Rams

Twin Falls advances to district championship game



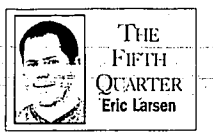
Twin Falls junior Holdi Rollmsa, center, is fouled by a Highland defender as she goes up for a shot during the Lady Bruins' 45-32 win over the Lady Rams Thursday in Twin Falls.

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer
 TWIN FALLS - In a game between two closely-matched teams, sometimes it's one quick spurt that can make the difference between a win and a defeat.
 For the Twin Falls girls basketball team Friday night, senior Amanda Hovey provided that spurt as the Lady Bruins defeated Highland of Pocatello, 45-32 in a Class 5A District 4-5-6 playoff semifinal game. With the win, Twin Falls advances to the district championship game Tuesday night at top-seeded Skyline for an automatic trip to the state tournament.
 With the game tied 13-13 late in the first half, Hovey hit two consecutive 3-pointers and then hit a jumper from the top of the key to start the second half to give Twin Falls (14-5 overall) the cushion it would need the rest of the way.
 "The last two games we've played here, our defense has been left back in Pocatello," Highland coach Scott Hansen said. "Amanda hit some big shots for the Bruins tonight and"

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Wrestling with an issue

TWIN FALLS - I've heard a lot about The Times-News' wrestling coverage - both good and bad - in the last couple weeks. From letters to our editor to pre-mat comments, everyone has something to say about high school grappling. Well, so do I.
 But first, it's important that we all know something about wrestling. According to a 2002 National Federation of State High School Associations survey, 244,637 high schoolers participated in the sport, half the total participation of basketball. Although an individual sport, each wrestler is part of a 14-man varsity squad divided by weight classes.
 Points are awarded in ones, twos, and threes, and there are no blowouts, as a 15-point lead results in a technical fall and the end of the match. Points are earned by reversals of holds, take-downs, and near-falls, where a wrestler holds their opponent in a pinning situation for a five-second count without actually accomplishing a pin. Any match not ending in a technical fall or a pin is won by decision, given to the wrestler who earns



THE FIFTH QUARTER
 Eric Larsen
 the most points during the six-minute match. And that, my friends, is all you need to know to claim a basic understanding of wrestling.
 So why is it the least understood high school sport in the nation?
 Blame human nature.
 We are drawn to the sports of our childhood heroes. We wish to possess Michael Jordan's hang time, not Chad Sanderson's cross-face. The common American doesn't admire a particular wrestler because in general, they don't know any.
 Unlike football or basketball, we are not spoon-fed hours of wrestling action on the television. Televised wrestling coverage is as steady as leap year - it comes once

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SPORTS

Late scores lift Skyline over Minico

IDAHO FALLS - The Minico basketball team kept up with Skyline until the final minute, but Skyline pulled out a 39-37 win over the Lady Spartans Tuesday night.
Rettinger led Skyline with 13 points, including three 3-pointers. Bullock scored 11 points, and they added five.

"We played hard - it's hard to win on the road," said Minico coach Clint Strimling.
"Minico hosts Potomac Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Potomac eliminated Idaho Falls 42-41 in overtime Thursday.

Class 2A District IV Valley 50, Wendell 42

HAZELTON - A good start on defense helped Valley lead the entire game in a 50-42 win over Wendell in Class 2A District IV tournament play Thursday.
Jessica Kowitz scored 20 points to lead the top seed Vikings. Mindy Malone added 10.

"We got off to a good start," said Valley coach Brian Harty. "It took six minutes for them to score their first field goal. Jessica Kowitz just had a great game. She found gaps in their zone. We never could put them away."

Hailie Kelsey scored 15 points to lead No. 3 seed Wendell.
Glenns Ferry travels to Wendell Monday in a loser-out game. The winner plays at Valley (17-4) Wednesday. Hallyes loses Thursday, that game's winner hosts the championship on Friday.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Declo 50, Gooding 41

HAILEY - Melissa Rasmussen scored 12 points while Meagan

Local sports

Webb added 10 to lead 13-7 Declo past Gooding, 50-41 Thursday night to advance to the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament championship against No. 1 seed Wood River at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Ashtly Abramowski scored 14 while Gooding's Brittanie Bonte added five.

The Senators play Buhl in a loser-out game at 5 p.m. Monday.

Buhl 40, Filer 37 HAILEY - No report.

Boys basketball Gooding 61, Buhl 53 30T

BUHL - The Gooding Senators took a marching band 51-39 in overtime Saturday Central Idaho Conference road win over the Buhl Indians Thursday night.

The Senators finally picked up their first conference win, improving their record to 1-8, 3-15 overall. Senior Angel Aguilar led all scorers with 19 points, while junior Josh Morris added 13. "It was long," Buhl coach Ryan Bowman said. "We had our opportunities, but missed free throws here and there."

Indians were only 17 from the free throw line and now fall to 3-6, 4-12 overall. Freshman Will Chivers led Buhl with a 16-point, 15-rebound game.

"I can't fault my kids' effort," Bowman said. "They played hard. Buhl travels to Wendell tonight to face the top-ranked 2A Trojans.

Hansen 54, Hagerman 44

HAENSEN - Hansen rode the emotion of Senior Night to a 54-44 win over Hagerman Thursday behind 20 points from Mark Pearson and 11 from Mitch Theves. Hagerman was led by Quinn

Smith with 16 points. Hansen (10-6, 1-1) hosts Lighthouse Christian Tuesday.

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Carey 70, Richfield 57 RICHFIELD - Sophomores Tyler Cook scored 20 and Tadd Green 19 to lead Carey past Richfield 70-57 Thursday night.

Victor Vasquez scored 21 for Richfield, which hosts The Community School Friday.

Dietch 58, Rimrock 55 0T DIETRICH - Vance Dill score 20 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead Dietch to a 58-55 overtime win Thursday over Rimrock.

"Rimrock made a great comeback to force overtime but our kids hung on in overtime and shot our fouls well," said coach Wayne Dill. "We bent but didn't crack." Anthony Hofer scored 16 points and hauled down seven rebounds. Dietch (8-11, 4-7) plays at Bliss tonight. The Dietch junior varsity will play 4-5-31.

Magie Valley Christian 52, Castleford 43 CASTLEFORD - James Jarvis scored 15 points to lead Magie Valley Christian boys basketball team to a 52-43 win over Castleford Thursday night.

Griffith added 11 points and John Jarvis chipped in 10 to help the Conquerors. Comer scored 14 points, including two 3-pointers, to lead Castleford (5-12, 4-8). Bower added 11. "We got beat on the inside, and that's a big deal," said Castleford

coach Tyler Gaston. The Wolves host Murtaugh Tuesday.

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Wrestling Kimberly 46, Wood River 29

KIMBERLY - Kimberly pulled away from Wood River in the lower weights behind pins from 112-pounder Clay Moore and Sony Silva. 119- and 125-pounder Nick Mulberry in a 46-29 dual meet win over Wood River.

Moody was down 15-5 when he turned and pinned Sid Watson of Wood River to make it 36-29 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference meet Thursday.

Jeremiah Spencer of Kimberly picked up an important win over Brandon Silvia at 160 pounds. Kimberly (11-3) next competes at Declo Tuesday.

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College baseball CSI 4, Hutchinson (Kan.) 2 HENDERSON, N.W. - Zach Aakhus drilled a leadoff triple to lead CSI to a fourth inning for the College of Southern Idaho baseball team in a 4-2 win over Hutchinson Community College (Kan.) Friday night in the opening game of the Third Annual Coyote Slugout.

Aakhus scored in the fourth on a sacrifice fly. Jared Archart then walked and stole second before D.J. Edwards drove him home.

Sophomore Ryan Jessop threw the seventh and eighth innings to pick up the win. Sophomore Chris Lora earned the save. Brandon Christiansen got the start for the Eagles, pitching six innings in a no decision.

"Overall, for a first game, we played pretty well," said CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker. "We got some solid pitching, too."

No. 1 Duke hods off No. 17 UNC in OT

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - Mike Krzyzewski thought this was more than just one of the best games in the storied rivalry between Duke and North Carolina. "I think you do it an injustice to say it was a great Duke-Carolina game," he said of the top-ranked Blue Devils' 84-81 overtime victory over No. 17 North Carolina on Thursday night. "It was a great game. You can't match the intensity level."

The roar from the enthusiasm we had in the building, I'd be one hell of a coach." Sheldon Williams had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Duke (19-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference). He had two of his five blocks in overtime and also came with a big defensive play in the final minute to force a turnover by the Tar Heels (13-6, 3-5).

Daniel Ewing scored 19 points for Duke, while Deng had 17 points and 12 rebounds, and J.J. Redick added 14 points. Rashad McCants scored 27 points for North Carolina, including the 3-pointer with 13 seconds left that tied the game at 81. Sean May had 15 points and 21 rebounds for a pair of 1-and-1 free throw makes by Belinda Turley, Twin Falls was able to

slow down the tempo the rest of the way. "I think we were able to do a good job late in that third quarter and in the fourth quarter of running out the clock," Ewing missed a 3 with 3 seconds left for Duke.

Bruins

Continued from D1 we did not fulfill our assignments to make sure she was covered." Hovey dribbled the length of the floor before pulling up just short of the arc on the first 3-point make. The second "came off the Bruins' crisp perimeter passing, as Hovey found herself open spotting up on the left wing.

board and putback by Highland's Taitum Dixey gave Highland a 3-2 edge. Third-seeded Highland (13-7) struggled to get into their offense in the first quarter. Dixey to give Highland the lead. The Rams' best scoring chances came on offensive rebounds, but even then the Highland shots trickled off the rim.

After gaining a comfortable 36-22 lead early in the fourth quarter after a pair of 1-and-1 free throw makes by Belinda Turley, Twin Falls was able to

Jerome

Continued from D1 added West. Jerome led 16-12 after one quarter but struggled offensively to lead 21-18 at the break. Century coach Michelle Skyles was pleased to get the victory over what she said was one of the top

teams in the state. "We just were able to battle through against a very good team. They made us make some adjustments," Skyles said. Century coach Michelle Skyles said her team was fatigued down the stretch and were hurt by an ankle injury to

guard Corinne Fowler in the second half. "We played three quarters tough with Jerome. When we lost Fowler and that made a difference," Smith said. "Now we have to forget about Jerome and focus on Burley. You can't look past Burley."



Red Wings skate past Avalanche in OT

DENVER (AP) - Boosh and debris rained down on the ice. This wasn't the ending Colorado's fans wanted in a matchup of the NHL's two best teams and biggest rivals. Brett Hull scored 57 seconds into overtime after two Colorado players were hit with penalties at the end of regulation, leading the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 win over the Avalanche on Thursday night.

in his third shutout of the season and Brendan Morrison and Trevor Linden added power-play goals. The Canucks break into the NHL All-Star week with six wins in eight games.

Detroit had a two-man advantage to start overtime after Steve Konowalchuk and Adam Foote were called for four-minute high-sticking penalties with 1.6 seconds left. Although NHL overtime rules are played four-on-four in this case, the Red Wings were given a 5-on-3 edge to begin the period.

Canadians 2; Islanders 1

MONTREAL - Rookie Michael Ryder scored the winning goal midway into the third period. Ryder, selected to play in Saturday's YoungStars game during the All-Star weekend in St. Paul, Minn., scored his 15th goal with a shot from the right side that went in off goalie Garth Snow's glove. Ryder leads all NHL rookies with 39 points, three more than his teammate Saturday.

Bruins 6, Sabres 2

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The Bruins won their fifth straight game as Joe Thornton had a goal and an assist. Thornton-registered his 400th career point with an assist on Mark Knuble's first-period goal, which tied the game at 1-1. P.J. Axelsson had a goal and two assists, while Martin Lapointe, Glen Murray and Nick Boynton also scored for Boston. Andrew Raycroft stopped 26 shots for the surging Bruins (13-3-2 in their last 18 games).

Flyers 5, Thrashers 1

ATLANTA - Antero Niittymaki had 20 saves in the second start of his NHL career, helping the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Atlanta Thrashers 5-1 Thursday night. Simon Gagne, Mark Recchi, Sami Kapanen and Tony Amonte scored in the second period for the Flyers. 5-0-1 in their last six road games.

Canucks 4, Devils 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Brothers Henrik and Daniel Sedin set up goals for each other Thursday night and the Vancouver Canucks avoided a winless start of the New York metropolitan area with a 4-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils. Dan Cloutier stopped 24 shots

Lightning 5, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Pavel Kubina, Dan Boyle and Ben Clymer scored in the second period, while Corey Stillman added three assists, leading the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 5-2 victory over the Nashville Predators on Thursday night. Denis Arhipov kept Nashville in the second period, but in the second period, Martin Erat and Vladimir Orszag added two assists each for Nashville, and Martin St. Louis had two assists for Tampa Bay. The Lightning won their 15th road game, surpassing last year's total.

Sixers drive past Lakers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - After ripping his team for having no heart, Allen Iverson showed they still have a pulse. Iverson played one of his better offensive games of the season Thursday night, scoring 39 points to lead the struggling Philadelphia 76ers past the weary and depleted Los Angeles Lakers 107-93. In a game that stayed competitive for only a few minutes, Iverson had his way against defender Derek Fisher and repeatedly freed himself for mid-range jumpers and drives. Iverson shot 15-for-29 from the field - missing his final four shots - and added six assists in one of the 76ers most lopsided victories of the season. The Lakers, playing their fourth road game in five nights and extra tired after arriving in Philadelphia around 4 a.m. last, Gary Payton to an ejection in a first quarter in which they scored

Lightning 5, Predators 2

just 10 points - matching their season low set earlier this week at Indiana. Shaquille O'Neal missed 11 of 13 free throws in the second half, finishing 3-for-15 from the line with 17 points. Glenn Robinson added 26 points for the 76ers, who were ripped by Iverson two nights ago following a loss to Toronto - their ninth in 11 games. "We don't play with no heart, we don't take a challenge," Iverson said during a 10-minute rant. "Guys don't take pride and compete."

After shooting off his mouth, it became clear early that Iverson might be capable of shooting the Sixers out of their slump. He scored six points over the final 10:15 of the first quarter to help Philadelphia to a 25-10 lead. The opening 12 minutes featured the quick ejection of Payton by referee Joey Crawford for arguing while Iverson shot free throws.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pomerelle hosts big air competition on Saturday

ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a freestyle competition Saturday, Feb. 14. Both competitions are open to all ages, skiers and boarders. Inverted normals are not allowed. Registration for both competitions will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with competition starting at noon each weekend. Fees are \$5 for trophy and a \$5 deposit. Entrants and medalists will be given to the top three places in each division, and all competitors in the big air competition will be entered in a drawing for a new snowboard from BBC.

Erickson, Mets agree on minor league contract

NEW YORK - Scott Erickson and the New York Mets agreed on a minor-league contract, capping an exciting week for the free-agent pitcher. Erickson celebrated his 36th birthday Monday, Marched "Monday Night Football" sideline reporter Lisa Guercio in Hawaii the following day and agreed to the deal Wednesday. Once one of baseball's most durable pitchers, Erickson has missed two of the past three seasons because of injuries. He was out in 2001 after having Tommy John surgery on his right elbow and was sidelined last year after a shoulder operation. Erickson is expected to be ready for spring training. The Mets are hoping he can compete for the fifth spot in the rotation, behind Al Leiter, Tom Glavine, Steve Trachsel and Jae Weir. Erickson is 140-128 with a 4.51 ERA in a major league career that started in 1990.

Women's national hoops team takes shape

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Sue Bird was added to the women's national team Thursday, the ninth WNBA star on the team expected to play in the Athens Olympics. Bird joined the WNBA players Terrika Catchings, Shannon Johnson, Lisa Leslie, DeLisha Milton-Jones, Katie Smith, Dawn Staley, Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson on the national team. The final three to be on both in matches, she one draw was against Evander Holyfield in a tight most observers felt he had won. He later beat Holyfield on points to become undisputed world champion.

Ellis Burks returns to Boston Red Sox as DH

BOSTON - Ellis Burks was introduced Thursday as the new Boston Red Sox designated hitter, returning to the organization that made him a first-round draft pick in 1983. The 39-year-old Burks was a All-Star and Gold Glove outfielder in his six seasons with Boston. He left as a free agent after the 1992 season when team officials expressed concerns about his back. He went on to have a solid career with the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, San Francisco Giants and Cleveland Indians. His best season was in 1996, when he hit .344 for Colorado, with home runs and 128 RBIs. He batted .301 with 32 home runs and 91 RBIs with Cleveland in 2002, his last full season.

NFL declares Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald eligible

PITTSBURGH - Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald, the Pittsburgh sophomore who set several NCAA receiving records in his two college seasons, was declared eligible Thursday for the NFL draft. The NFL's ruling came on the same day a federal judge opened the door for running back Maurice Clarett to sue the league despite playing only one college season. Under league rules, a player must be in college for three NFL seasons before he can be drafted. Fitzgerald left the University of Arizona in his second year after being signed with Pittsburgh and immediately became the most productive receiver in school history. He owns NCAA records for games with a consecutive touchdown pass (18) and receiving touchdowns as a freshman (four) and sophomore (34).

Falcons hire former Boise State assistant coach

Atlanta Falcons on Thursday hired former Boise State coach Tom Rocco as an offensive assistant and signed linebacker J.R. Johnson and punter Glenn Pakulak. Erickson is expected to be ready for spring training. The Mets are hoping he can compete for the fifth spot in the rotation, behind Al Leiter, Tom Glavine, Steve Trachsel and Jae Weir. Erickson is 140-128 with a 4.51 ERA in a major league career that started in 1990. Bird joined the WNBA players Terrika Catchings, Shannon Johnson, Lisa Leslie, DeLisha Milton-Jones, Katie Smith, Dawn Staley, Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson on the national team. The final three to be on both in matches, she one draw was against Evander Holyfield in a tight most observers felt he had won. He later beat Holyfield on points to become undisputed world champion.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto Racing: NASCAR, Nextel GP, practice for Bud Shootout, SPEED, 1:30 p.m.
Basketball: Magic at Nets, ESPN, 8 p.m.
Spurs at Kings, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

Area ski report

Upper Basin - The 7:15 p.m. ski report makes ground 49 - 75 on a 40 to 60 mph wind.
Lower Basin - The 4:55 p.m. ski report makes ground 74 - 84 on a 40 to 60 mph wind.

Boxing

Friday night at the Fights, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Aust. Cup, first round, U.S. vs. Davis, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Eastern Conference Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NBA Western Conference Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

NBA GAMES

NBA Game Schedule table listing Date, Time, Home Team, and Away Team.

College Basketball Scores

College Basketball Scores table listing Game, Score, and Location.

Champions Tour, Royal Caribbean Classic, TOG, 11:30 a.m.

Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, second round, USA, 1 p.m.

European PGA Tour, Heineken Classic, third round, TOG, 9:30 p.m.

USTA Cup, first round, U.S. vs. Davis, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

AT&T Pebble Beach National

AT&T Pebble Beach National Golf Standings table with columns for Player, Score, and Par.

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Lightning 6, Predators 2

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High Schools

High Schools Standings table with columns for School, W, L, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

GOLF

GOLF Standings table with columns for Player, Score, and Par.

TRANSACTIONS

TRANSACTIONS table listing Player, Team, and Transaction.

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Area ski report

Upper Basin - The 7:15 p.m. ski report makes ground 49 - 75 on a 40 to 60 mph wind.
Lower Basin - The 4:55 p.m. ski report makes ground 74 - 84 on a 40 to 60 mph wind.

Boxing

Friday night at the Fights, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Aust. Cup, first round, U.S. vs. Davis, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

Champions Tour, Royal Caribbean Classic, TOG, 11:30 a.m.

Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, second round, USA, 1 p.m.

European PGA Tour, Heineken Classic, third round, TOG, 9:30 p.m.

USTA Cup, first round, U.S. vs. Davis, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

AT&T Pebble Beach National

AT&T Pebble Beach National Golf Standings table with columns for Player, Score, and Par.

NHL Scores

NHL Scores table listing Game, Score, and Location.

Canadians 2, Islanders 1

Canadians 2, Islanders 1 NHL Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

Flames 5, Thrashers 4

Flames 5, Thrashers 4 NHL Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

Blues 6, Sabres 2

Blues 6, Sabres 2 NHL Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

Maple Leafs 5, Senators 4 OT

Maple Leafs 5, Senators 4 OT NHL Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., GB, Home, Road, Conf., and Overall.

Women's national hoops team takes shape

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Sue Bird was added to the women's national team Thursday, the ninth WNBA star on the team expected to play in the Athens Olympics. Bird joined the WNBA players Terrika Catchings, Shannon Johnson, Lisa Leslie, DeLisha Milton-Jones, Katie Smith, Dawn Staley, Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson on the national team. The final three to be on both in matches, she one draw was against Evander Holyfield in a tight most observers felt he had won. He later beat Holyfield on points to become undisputed world champion.

Ellis Burks returns to Boston Red Sox as DH

BOSTON - Ellis Burks was introduced Thursday as the new Boston Red Sox designated hitter, returning to the organization that made him a first-round draft pick in 1983. The 39-year-old Burks was a All-Star and Gold Glove outfielder in his six seasons with Boston. He left as a free agent after the 1992 season when team officials expressed concerns about his back. He went on to have a solid career with the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, San Francisco Giants and Cleveland Indians. His best season was in 1996, when he hit .344 for Colorado, with home runs and 128 RBIs. He batted .301 with 32 home runs and 91 RBIs with Cleveland in 2002, his last full season.

NFL declares Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald eligible

PITTSBURGH - Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald, the Pittsburgh sophomore who set several NCAA receiving records in his two college seasons, was declared eligible Thursday for the NFL draft. The NFL's ruling came on the same day a federal judge opened the door for running back Maurice Clarett to sue the league despite playing only one college season. Under league rules, a player must be in college for three NFL seasons before he can be drafted. Fitzgerald left the University of Arizona in his second year after being signed with Pittsburgh and immediately became the most productive receiver in school history. He owns NCAA records for games with a consecutive touchdown pass (18) and receiving touchdowns as a freshman (four) and sophomore (34).

Falcons hire former Boise State assistant coach

Atlanta Falcons on Thursday hired former Boise State coach Tom Rocco as an offensive assistant and signed linebacker J.R. Johnson and punter Glenn Pakulak. Erickson is expected to be ready for spring training. The Mets are hoping he can compete for the fifth spot in the rotation, behind Al Leiter, Tom Glavine, Steve Trachsel and Jae Weir. Erickson is 140-128 with a 4.51 ERA in a major league career that started in 1990. Bird joined the WNBA players Terrika Catchings, Shannon Johnson, Lisa Leslie, DeLisha Milton-Jones, Katie Smith, Dawn Staley, Sheryl Swoopes and Tina Thompson on the national team. The final three to be on both in matches, she one draw was against Evander Holyfield in a tight most observers felt he had won. He later beat Holyfield on points to become undisputed world champion.

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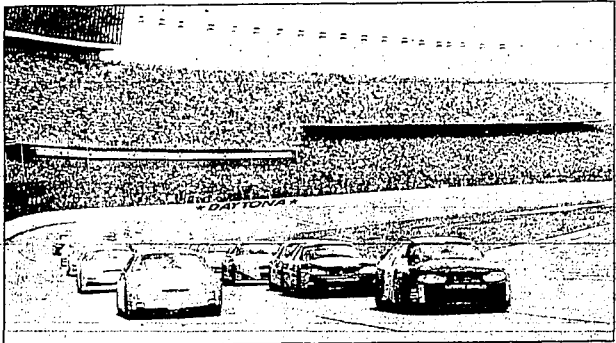
Daytona 500 has the hype

Prestigious race opens NASCAR season-in-big way

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — No other sport begins its season with its biggest event, but NASCAR's drivers wouldn't have it any other way.

The Daytona 500 is more important — and more appreciated — than ever.

"We spend all winter preparing for it and, if it's not the biggest, somebody needs to step in and tell me," said Kevin Harvick, who finished fourth last year. "It's the first race, it's got all the hype, all the prestige and the most money."



NASCAR race cars approach turn 1 at the start of the 45th running of the Daytona 500 at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., in this Feb. 16, 2003, photo. Except for maybe a few more cell phone antennas plastered around the speedway, the Great American Race will be virtually unchanged. Same rules, same cars, same familiar faces.

Harvick, along with defending champion Michael Waltrip and the rest of the Nextel Cup drivers, will begin practice Friday for the Feb. 15 season-opener at Daytona International Speedway.

With a new points format for 2004, dividing the year into a 26-race regular season and a 10-race championship playoff, there was some concern that the Great American Race might lose some of its luster.

The drivers say no way.

"When you win this race, you know you've beaten the best," explained Elliott Sadler. "Everybody brings the best of everything they've got to this race."

"That doesn't happen at any other race... Here, the equipment is new, the uniforms are new. It's a great way to start the season off."

Jeff Burton said having the biggest race of the year leading off the schedule never made

sense to him until after NASCAR announced the new points format.

"In every other sport, their biggest event of the year is their last event," Burton said. "Look at how many people watched the Super Bowl on Sunday. Even my wife watched the Super Bowl."

"But, in today's format, it's my opinion that the Daytona 500 is certainly the biggest race of the year, although it may not be the most important race of the year. Now we have a system that may make the last race of the year the most important. But not the biggest."

No one doubts the prestige of winning the Daytona 500.

"This race can save your

career," Sadler said. "This race can make your career go to the next step."

Just ask three-time winner Dale Jarrett, who shot to stardom after beating Dale Earnhardt in a head-to-head duel in the 1993 Daytona 500.

Jarrett has gone on to a great career, highlighted by winning two more of the 500-milers here (1996 and 2000) as well as the 1999 Cup championship.

"Winning this race opens doors for you," the second-generation Cup star said. "Winning that first one meant everything to me, to my family and to my career. Nothing has changed. It's still the big one."

Reigning Cup champion Matt Kenseth likes the historical prestige.

"Daytona is where NASCAR is and where it all started," Kenseth said. "There's so much hype and so much history that goes with the Daytona 500. I think it's good to start off big and let everybody know that the season's starting."

The bottom line, though, is that, going into the 46th running of the big event, it is still the race the drivers want most to win.

"This is the one that we're all shooting for, the one we put the most effort into," Harvick said. "The next championship comes first, but this is by far the biggest race that we can win."

Ivy League matchup will be family affair

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — When Yale plays Columbia on Friday night, more than the Ivy League standings will be on the line — family bragging rights will be at stake, too.

James and Joe Jones will become the first brothers in more than 40 years to coach against each other in Division I.

"I want to beat the pants off him just like I want to beat the pants off the Penn team and the Brown team and the game after that," said James, who two years ago led Yale to its first Ivy League title in 40 years.

The younger James is in his first year as head coach of the Lions (6-11, 2-2 Ivy League), who went winless in the league last season. Yale (6-11, 1-3) also struggled early this season.

"There's always been a bit of sibling rivalry for the Jones brothers, which is not unusual in their Long Island, N.Y., back yard playing hoops or ping-pong."

"I was always trying to beat him when I was growing up," Joe admits.

James explains that he was the bigger and stronger, but Joe was the faster of the two, a fact that "was a thorn in my side."

"Our relationship has changed over the years. It was like a hate-hate relationship because we were so competitive," James said. "But college we really missed each other and developed a love and mutual respect."

When James was hired in 1999 as Yale's first black basketball coach, Joe was at the news conference. And James lobbied on his brother's behalf when the Columbia job opened up.

These days they talk at least three times a week, catching up on family news — each has a young daughter. But the conversation is rarely about basketball — not even with Friday's game approaching.

"It's one of those unspoken things," James said.

James Jones, 39, was an assistant coach at Ohio University and at his alma mater Albany before getting the job at Yale. He immediately upgraded the Bulldogs' nonconference schedule with opponents from the Big East, Big 10 and ACC.

He led Yale to an Ivy League title two seasons ago, his first since 1959-60. His squad also advanced to the second round of the National Invitation Tournament, recording the first postseason win in the program's 107-year history.

"You could see the germ of coaching in him when he was playing. He had a curious, almost always prodding me to do this and that," former Albany coach Richard Sauer said about James.

"He was a great recruiter. He'd drive 200 miles just to talk to a kid between study halls."

Columbia is the first head coaching job for 38-year-old Joe Jones. A longtime assistant under Jay Wright at Hofstra and then Villanova, Jones also coached prep school on Long Island and played his college ball at SUNY-Cortland.

"He has such a great passion for life and he coaches the same way," Wright recalled. "He cared about



Yale University head men's basketball coach James Jones talks with his players at practice Monday in New Haven, Conn. Jones will face a Columbia University team coached by his brother Joe Jones on Friday.

Sibling rivalry

Six pairs of brothers are known to have coached major college programs:

- Hank Iba, Oklahoma State (1933-70), and Clarence Iba, Tulsa (1949-60)
- Jim Valvano, Bucknell-Iona N.C. State (1972-90), and Bob Valvano, St. Francis, N.Y. (1984-88)
- Joe Meyer, DePaul (1984-87), and Tom Meyer, Illinois-Chicago (1977-83)
- Bill Herron, Drexel-East Carolina (1991-present), and Tom Herron, College of Charleston (2002-present)
- Dickey Nutt, Arkansas State (1995-present), and Dennis Nutt, Texas State (2000-present)
- James Jones, Yale (1999-present), and Joe Jones, Columbia (2003-present)

the players and the program. He just embodied everything I wanted the players to do."

The last brothers to coach against each other were Hank and Clarence Iba, who did it in the Missouri Valley Conference from the 1949-50 season through 1959-60. Clarence coached Tulsa and Hank was at Oklahoma State, which was then Oldham A&M.

The Jones brothers have two other siblings — plus five step- and half-brothers and sisters. Most are expected to attend the game at the 2,532-seat Lee Amphitheater at Yale.

"Their father admits he's a little conflicted about Friday's game. 'I don't like the fact that they're playing against each other,' Herman Jones said. 'I'm feeling a lot right now because they are my sons and I love them both so much. I don't know how I'm going to react. I'll root for each of them when they score.'"

He'll get to do it all again next month. Yale plays at Columbia on March 6, the season finale for both teams.

A return to the top for Kuchar, Henry

Golfers make a return to spotlight at Pro-Am

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Matt Kuchar and J.J. Henry, who slipped from view after such promising rookie seasons, returned to the spotlight Thursday on a spectacular afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula with rounds of 7-under 65 for a one-stroke lead in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

For Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson, only the scenery changed.

Singh, closing in on the PGA Tour record for most consecutive top 10s, recovered from a difficult start with two remarkable birdies on his way to a 5-under 67 at Poppy Hills. Mickelson, playing in the same group, continued his solid play with a 68.

"I had some putts that went in and some putts that didn't go in, just like it was for everybody," Mickelson said.

The AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am is renowned for its celebrity field, stunning



Matt Kuchar follows his drive from the 16th tee of the Poppy Hills Golf Course Thursday.



J.J. Henry misses a birdie putt on the 18th green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links Thursday.

views and greens so soft and bumpy that only 6-inch putts are considered tap-ins.

On Thursday, it looked like a "Welcome back" party for some

of the leaders.

Kuchar, the former U.S. Amateur champion who had a charming run through the majors in 1998, won the Honda

Classic two years ago but followed it up by finishing 182nd on the money list. Henry had two runner-up finishes as a rookie in 2001, but dropped into mediocrity the last two years.

"There's definitely a learning curve out here," Henry said.

"The biggest surprise might have been Tommy Tolles, who shot a 66 at Pebble Beach."

Tolles, considered to be among the best young players when he nearly won the '96 Players Championship, watched his game slowly fall into disrepair until he was forced to play on the Nationwide Tour last year.

Defending champion Davis Love III opened with a 3 over 75 on the toughest of the three courses, Spyglass Hill. Masters champion Mike Weir had a 73 at Spyglass.

Kuchar finished with three straight birdies at Poppy Hills. Most of the celebrities, such as Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady, Kevin Costner and Ray Romano, were at Poppy Hills, but Singh and Mickelson were the top attraction.

No. 4 UConn women knock off No. 1 Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — No matter who's ranked No. 1, Diana Taurasi and Connecticut know how to beat Tennessee.

The All-American guard scored 18 points to lead the No. 4 Huskies to an 81-67 victory Thursday night, their fifth straight win over the top-ranked Lady Vols.

Connecticut (17-2) improved to 12-0 all-time against Tennessee (18-2) in a rivalry that began in 1995. The series has included three national championship games — all won by the Huskies, including last season.

"The feeling is just so draining, so unbelievably rewarding to win a game in this environment against a team obviously that's that good," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said.

"I couldn't be prouder of my players. This wasn't one of those typical Diana Taurasi gets 35 and everybody just kind of goes along for the ride. Everybody in their

own way had some huge plays."

Ann Strother added 17 points for Connecticut, and Barbara Turner had 16 points and nine rebounds. Ashley Battle scored 11 points.

The Huskies, two-time defending NCAA champions, made a compelling case to return to the top of the polls for the second time this season. Connecticut was No. 1 until Jan. 5, after losing at home to Duke two days before.

"This is the best I've seen them play this year," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "They were just

a lot tougher than we thought they were. They got the loose balls. We need five people on the floor that are competing at a high level and intensity. We have some players who need to decide when they're going to do that."

The Huskies ran out to a 21-13 lead midway through, the first half and never let go of the lead.

Each time Tennessee appeared to mount a rally, Connecticut would get an easy basket on a backdoor cut or come off a screen to hit a 3-pointer.

Reserve "Ye'ha" Fluker and Shmuna Zolman each scored 14 points for Tennessee, which had its 11-game winning streak snapped.

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guys are going to break his tail, try to break him in. That's the way it's going to be for him. Either he'll succeed, or he'll be a total bust. If he can make it that rookie year without being assassinated, I think he'll be all right."

The bottom line, though, is that Claret deserves the chance to succeed or fail on his own terms. That's always been the American way, and shouldn't be opposed by a league that — usually — wastes no opportunity to wrap itself in the red, white and blue.

Haywood has been there. His 1970 case opened the door to undergraduates in the NBA under the league's "hardship" rule.

"I was in Iraq this summer for eight days with some retired NBA legends fighting for our country," Haywood said. "I'd love somebody to explain to me how we can send an 18-year-old to war, but we can't do the NFL."

Claret's biggest risk, that we can't end up being the Curt Flood of football, unloved by most, hated by some and never able to play his way past the stigma that comes with helping change the way sports does business.

Indeed, wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald may well be taken a lot higher in the same draft as Claret and have a much better career should he decide to forgo his last year of college at Pittsburgh.

The NFL has the luxury of using

college football as a free minor league system, and it's hard to argue that the same sort of magic number — is an infringement on their right to earn a living.

"Times has changed. There's just so much money now," said UNLV football coach John Robinson, who was once an NFL head coach. "If you're a young guy and someone says here's \$5 million, well, there shouldn't be too many rules that prevent that."

As of Thursday, there's one less rule preventing it. A federal judge made sure of that, then offered some advice of his own.

If the NFL is so worried about maturity, she said, why not test every player's maturity level?

"In such a scenario, no player would be automatically excluded from the market and each team could decide what level of risk it is willing to tolerate," Scheindlin wrote.

Hmm. Sounds like free enterprise at work.

To the NFL, that's almost — an American in itself.

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Scheindlin noted courts had already eliminated similar age-based rules violating antitrust laws in professional basketball and hockey. She said the NFL had kept one in effect since Illinois' star running back, Harold "Red" Grange, left school in 1925 to join the Chicago Bears

and executives, who say younger players aren't physically ready for the NFL, although the 6-foot, 230-pound Clarett could be an exception.

Jeff Reynolds, a writer at Pro Football Weekly, said the ruling probably would not have an immediate effect on young players around the country, but he suggested that could change if

NFL teams started sending scouts to high school games.

It was more likely, he said, that players will leave college early to enter the draft.

Scheindlin wasn't swayed by the league's arguments.

"While, ordinarily, the best offense is a good defense," she said, "none of these defenses hold the line."

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And then there were four

Carey's Simmons paces the Panthers

Murtaugh has home court against Raft River tonight

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH - Tonight's Magic Valley Conference girls tournament will mark the end of the season for one team and the near fulfillment of a season's work for another. Action at Murtaugh High School will start at 6 p.m. tonight as the Murtaugh Lady Red Devils take their home court against the Raft River Lady Trojans.

Tonight's loser-out game will be the fourth meeting of between Murtaugh and Raft River this year. While the Lady Red Devils took both regular-season games over Raft River, the Lady Trojans pulled through with a 40-29 first-round tournament win last Thursday. Despite committing a whopping 32 turnovers, Raft River was able to take advantage of Murtaugh's cold shooting to advance in the tournament.

This season around, senior forward Jillian Cutler and sophomore post Druce Tolman will need to find their shots if they want Murtaugh's season to continue.

Raft River needs to take better care of the ball, but maintain the aggressiveness they displayed in their first-round victory and Monday's win over Castledo. Junior guard Sierra Cooper is having a good tournament, and attacking junior wing Jennie Hutchison has been a big key in the Lady Trojans' offense.

The second game of the night is the season's third meeting between the Oakley Lady Hornets and the Hansen Lady Huskies. The teams both finished the regular season with a 9-4 conference record and a split of the season series. The most recent meeting between the two teams saw senior guard Bonnie Freestone lead Hansen past Oakley, 51-41. Oakley posts Jenna Peterson and Ashley Pickett were shut down by Hansen's zone defense in the loss. Both will have to find the holes in Raft River's defense if Hansen could have the advantage in this championship game.



Oakley guard All Cranney drives past a Hansen player during a recent girls basketball game. Hansen prevailed 51-41.

Games of the Week

Magic Valley Conference girls basketball tournament

defeat of Hagerman. With Freestone out, junior guard Retha Stanger responded with a 34-point effort. If Stanger can help Bonnie Freestone with another double-figure effort, Hansen could have the advantage in this championship game.

Boys basketball
Twin Falls at Skyline
POCATELLO - The Twin Falls

2 overall can clinch the regular-season conference championship.

Kimberly can keep their hopes of a share of the conference championship alive with a win. The Bulldogs are 6-1 in conference and boast the conference's premier post, 6-foot-4 senior Ricky Zdrov. Juniors J.J. Shaver and Darin Musser complement the bruising Zdrov.

Senior wing Bret Wardle and the Hornets will look to capitalize on turnovers created by their full-court press. Sophomore point guard Spencer Stoker and junior guard Bjorn Christiansen will need to bother Musser and the Bulldogs all game if the Hornets are to claim their spot on top of the SCIC.

Filler at Wood River
HUMBLEY - While both the Filer Wildcats and Wood River Wolverines have experienced up-and-down seasons, they are two of the most dangerous teams heading into the SCIC tournament. Filer's athleticism has led the Wildcats to a 2-5 conference record, while the bruising Wolverines are 4-4 in conference play.

The Wolverines boast three physical senior posts, 6-foot-7 Jason Hoffman, 6-5 Cory Ott, and 6-4 Jeremy Solche. The three will cause a multitude of matchup problems for the smaller Wildcats.

Filer G-3 junior forward Dan Ramseyer is an impressive post player with great footwork on the block. If senior guard Kyle Robinette can find his shot tonight, Wood River will have to honor the "Wildcats" outside game, freeing up room for Ramseyer on the inside.

Wrestling
Mnico, Jerome at Burley Duals
BURLEY - Burley High School will roll out four wrestling mats for Saturday's Burley Duals. Wrestling action will start at 10 a.m. in Bobcat Gymnasium and will feature some of the best individual wrestlers from the area, including Minico's Gene Hammond, Jerome's Cody Carpenter, and Burley's Cole Jones.

Kimberly at Declo
DECLO - The top two Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys basketball teams will face off Saturday to determine conference superiority. Declo's Hornets sit atop the SCIC with a perfect 8-0 mark, 13-

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

CAREY - Life in Carey doesn't afford the kind of luxuries that many area residents enjoy.

Carey's 513 residents make do with one grocery store that doubles as a service station and restaurant. There is no Albertsons, no quick-fix Taco Bell. In Carey, you make the most of what you have.

Which is why Carey High School's six-player Panther boys basketball team has done all season. Although they play with only one substitute, the Panthers have earned the spot as Idaho's top IA team, according to IdahoSports.com.

Carey has experienced that type of success thanks in part to 6-foot-2 senior Ty Simmons. The talented wing is averaging 19.8 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game this season. Thanks to Carey's up-tempo offense and low numbers, Simmons looks more like a cross-country runner than a baller.

As a cross-country runner, he's scored 39 points against the seventh-ranked Community School Cuthroths.

While there is no doubt that Simmons is Carey's main scoring option, the senior is still getting used to a starting role.

"It's kind of weird knowing when I catch the ball and I'm open that the opposing coach is yelling for his players to get out on me," Simmons said. "It's weird knowing that they're gunning for you."

And make no mistake, everyone is gunning for the top-ranked Panthers, who have already locked up the top seed in the upcoming Northside Conference Tournament in Shoshone. While Carey won't enjoy home-court advantage, there are benefits for taking the top seed in the conference.

"We get to wear our white jerseys," Simmons said.

There might as well be big red bulls-eyes painted on those white jerseys, as the perennially strong program is playing for a third straight district title.

"We've got a target on us, everybody wants to beat Carey," Simmons said. "We've always had a good program here, so if a team beats Carey, it's kind of a special thing."

The senior has started thinking about life after high school. Simmons hopes to attend Brigham Young University or BYU-Idaho and study teaching and coaching.

Moving on is something

Athlete of the Week



Ty Simmons Carey boys basketball

Simmons will have to deal with now that Carey has played its last home game.

"Our last game against Ketchum was weird," Simmons said. "I realized it was senior night at the tip-off and our last home game of the season, but winning the game was a good way to end it."

While Simmons and the Panthers will have to battle to overcome their lack of numbers when tournament time rolls around, Simmons and the Panthers won't take any excuses into the end of the season.

"We'd definitely like to finish number one," Simmons said. "We'll have to play tough though, the level of competition at state is a lot higher."

Girls basketball

Hallie Kelsey, Wendell
Sharp-shooting sophomore guard Hallie Kelsey led Wendell past Glenns Ferry, 51-44 in the opening round of the Canyon Conference girls basketball tournament Tuesday night. Kelsey connected on three three-pointers and 19 points to propel the Lady Trojans.

Wrestling

Cole Jones, Burley
The top-ranked 215-pound 4A wrestler took an individual championship at last weekend's Red Halverson Memorial Invitational at Minico High School. The senior is now 16-0 on the season after missing time recovering from injuries.

Parry's Power Guide

Idaho Power Rankings

Team	Ranking	Points	Team	Ranking	Points	
1. Idaho Falls	91.7	14	23. Weaver	47.9	27. Orefino	20.7
2. Central	81.7	10	24. Payette	47.8	28. Clearwater Valley	18.6
3. Shoyew	81.9	11	25. Buhi	46.2		
4. Borah	82.1	12	26. St. George	45.7		
5. Eagle	81.9	13	27. Gooding	39.4		
6. Capital	82.4	14				
7. Lewiston	82.9	15	1. Wendell	75.3	1. Carey	48.8
8. Timberline	87.7	16	2. Grangeville	67.0	2. Masky	47.3
9. Moscow	85.7	17	3. Malad	65.9	3. Ratt River	46.2
10. Pocatello	83.7	18	4. Rye	63.7	4. Troy	46.2
11. Nampa	83.3	19	5. Lapwai	60.6	5. Hopewell	45.9
12. Coeur d'Alene	82.7	20	6. West Side	59.9	6. Genesee	42.9
13. Meridian	81.1	21	7. Postfall	57.3	7. Community School	39.8
14. Twin Falls	81.1	22	8. Parma	57.7	8. Hayward	38.5
15. Skyline	81.1	23	9. Frame	55.7	9. Clark Fork	38.7
16. Highland (Poc)	80.1	24	10. Homedale	54.4	10. Cole Valley Christian	38.4
17. Boise	79.1	25	11. Buhl	53.6	11. Cascade	37.4
18. Apollo	75.5	26	12. New Pines	52.9	12. Magic Valley Christian	37.1
19. Lake City	74.9	27	13. Valley	52.4	13. Molan	34.9
			14. Weiser	51.2	14. Pluckam	33.5
			15. Hama Christian	50.5	15. Lakeside	33.4
			16. Kamiah	48.0	16. Kendrick	32.9
			17. Gracie	46.0	20. Dary	32.5
			18. Staters Ferry	45.5	21. Venus	32.4
			19. Aberdeen	40.7	22. Harrison	31.9
			20. West Jefferson	36.2	23. Shoshone	31.1
			21. Pama	35.2	24. Dotsch	31.3
			22. McCall-Dorothy	35.0	25. Castledo	30.2
			23. Chula	34.8	26. Gem State	29.6
			24. North Fremont	33.7	27. Kootenai	28.1
			25. Weehee	30.6	28. North Gem	27.3
			26. Marsing	27.0	29. Camas County	26.9

Larsen

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over four years with the Summer Olympics. We love our wrestling heroes for two weeks, but the next time they're on the tube, they're smacking Hulk Hogan with a chair.

Secondly, to the masses, wrestling isn't sexy or cool. There are no windmill dunks or towering homers in wrestling. To the untrained eye, the sport looks like two guys pawing at each other.

This is a shame, because wrestling is the purest athletic competition around. It is the imposition of one participant's will upon another. For six minutes or less, it is an all-out struggle to wear your opponent down until they submit to your will to pin them. And thanks to the weight-class system, the playing field is as level as that of any sport.

At 189 pounds, yours truly wouldn't have to wrestle a 275-pound behemoth with a neck as thick as my thigh. I'd have to wrestle "Twin Falls" Dustin Swett-

Which, on paper, is a great match. We weigh the same, I'm a little taller, and at 23 years of age, my body should - emphasis on should - be a little more developed.

But on the mat, Scott would dispatch me so fast, I'd be on my back before I could ask for mercy. Why? Because Scott wants it more. He's 189 pounds of solid muscle and pure will. He isn't one of the best wrestlers in Idaho because he is incredibly gifted, he's ranked No. 1 because he works harder than anyone else.

Wrestlers throughout the Magic Valley spill themselves across the mat for the sport, shedding blood and sweating off pounds for a sport that is basically torture. From Buhi's Will Buggs and R.C. Sisson to Minico's Gene Hammond, many young men we know are working harder than we've ever dreamed of.

The least we can do is show them a little appreciation. Seats are available for the show, it's time to claim yours.

Area boys basketball standings	Class 3A	Class 2A	Class 1A
Through Feb. 4	Declo 4 6 10 3	Wendell 3 0 17 0	Magic Valley 10 0 15 0
Class 5A	Kimberly 4 4 6 10	Valley 2 2 12 5	Raft River 10 0 15 0
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Pocatello	3 9 7 9		
Skyline	5 3 8 9		
Twin Falls	4 3 10 6		
Idaho Falls	4 4 9 7		
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PORTRAITS OF THE FALLEN

Army Sgt. Craig Davis

Two decades after joining the Army right out of high school, Craig Davis had been planning to retire in 2004.

It was on his way to Baghdad for a medical examination because of an ailment when the Black Hawk helicopter he was in was shot down on Jan. 8, killing all nine on board.

Davis, 37, of Opelousas, La., was stationed at Fort Polk. Quick to smile, he was also inspirational in his leadership, said friend and fellow soldier Sgt. Brent Harris.

"When we got our orders to go to Iraq, we laughed, and I joked with him about how 'short' he was," Harris said.

"When he took over the 1st Platoon, he had his own style of leadership... I will always remember him as a people's champion."

Survivors include his wife, Rosalind Davis, and five children: Shanna, Donovan, Dominic, Dominique and Shanyah.

Army Pfc. Jesse D. Mizener

Jesse D. Mizener returned home to California in November for the birth of his third child, his first son.

He was scheduled to come home a lot soon.

"We stopped worrying; his time was so short," said his brother, Brian Mizener.

Mizener, 24, of Auburn, Calif., died Jan. 2 when a mortar round hit his Baghdad-area logistics base.

Mizener had been worried about mortar attacks.

"When I miss home the most when you get mortared," he told The Auburn Journal in November.

Survivors include his wife, Nicole, two daughters, ages 2 and 1, and a 2-month-old son.

Army Capt. Eric T. Palliwoda

Eric T. Palliwoda had a busy life to plan a master's thesis and a teaching position to pursue.

"He was very excited. He'd be a wonderful teacher; he had a very commanding presence," said his mother, Mary Palliwoda.

Palliwoda, 28, of Goodyear, Ariz., was killed Jan. 2 when his command post came under a mortar attack in Balad, about 50 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Palliwoda and his fiancée, Wendy Rosen, were planning a June wedding, said his father, Alfred Palliwoda.

Palliwoda grew up in Farmington, Conn., and was a standout basketball player in high school.

"Originally, he did go to play basketball, but he was always willing to devote himself for our country," she said.

Army Sgt. Marc S. Seiden

Marc S. Seiden had been thinking for a long time about joining the Army, but kept putting it off.

"Then 9-11 happened, and it hit him hard," said his girlfriend, Tricia Ferris.

Seiden, a 26-year-old paratrooper from Bridgeport, N.J., died Jan. 2 when his convoy was ambushed in Baghdad.

Seiden played soccer in high school and at Ramapo College, and then worked in constructing before enlisting in the Army seven months after the terrorist attacks.

Army Sgt. Jeffrey C. Walker

Jeffrey C. Walker was a fitness and car buff who traveled the world during 14 years in

Note to our readers

Here are some of the 529 U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq since military operations began there last spring. Their stories are compiled by The Associated Press.

Walker and his brother, Johnny Walker, to a Korean mother and an American father.

During their father's military career, they lived in California, Texas and Panama. But Walker always considered Maryland home.

After graduating from high school in Havre de Grace, Md., Walker joined the Army. He trained as a welder, completed an airborne school and served in Korea, Germany, the Balkans and the United States.

"He'd decided to make a career of the military," Johnny Walker said.

Walker, 33, was one of nine soldiers killed Jan. 8 when a Black Hawk helicopter on a routine medical flight to Baghdad was shot down.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Aaron A. Weaver

Rebounding from testicular cancer, Aaron Weaver could have stayed put at Fort Bragg when his unit shipped out to Iraq last year.

Weaver, 32, of Inverness, Fla., had worked hard to get himself back into shape after cancer surgery in 2002.

Weaver said he had a special magical clearance to fly his OH-58 observer heli-copter in Iraq.

"He wanted to go to Iraq," his father said.

Weaver was on a Black Hawk helicopter en route to Baghdad for a checkup when the craft was shot down south of Fallujah, Iraq.

As an Army Ranger, Weaver survived the October 1993 battle of Mogadishu in Somalia that was recounted in the book and film, "Black Hawk Down."

At West Point, August met his wife, Maureen, and they married in 1998.

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Low-tech insurgents hamper troops

U.S. soldiers constantly watch for roadside bombs

By Daniel Williams The Washington Post

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Staff Sgt. Jeremy Anderson knows the doorbell only rings once.

The doorbell mechanism was connected by wire to a blasting cap and a small battery. The blasting cap was embedded in PE-1 plastic explosive, a substance with the consistency of Silly Putty, that was stuffed into a big artillery shell.

The discovery was not out of the ordinary for Anderson, leader of a squad of roadside bomb hunters.

"You see the bomb and you see the doorbell. Right away, you've got to find the detonation point, but there's no wire leading anywhere," Anderson said.

Anderson leads the 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, C Company of the 307th Engineers Battalion.

"IEDs are hard on morale," said Capt. Miguel Torres, commander of the 760th Ordnance Company's explosive ordnance disposal unit.

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Torres' unit gets rid of bombs, usually by blowing them up.

U.S. denies rumors of assassination attempt on cleric

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Reports of an assassination attempt Thursday against Iraq's most powerful Shiite Muslim clericman are untrue, a court close to him said.

The council works closely with al-Sistani in promoting Shiite political interests.

U.S. officials said they had no confirmation of any attempt on the ayatollah's life.

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Army Spc. Jay Farmer, 21, of Pandora, Ohio, carries a battering ram and tool pack as part of his unit approaches a suspected insurgent site in Fallujah, west of Baghdad.

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American forces did not foresee extensive use of roadside bombs when they invaded Iraq.

"We were briefed on booby traps, like it was Vietnam. IEDs were hardly mentioned," Torres said.

Units like Anderson's run interference for troops on roads around Fallujah, arguably the roadside-bomb capital of the country.

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Official: Claims may be attempt to discredit U.S.

KABUL, Afghanistan — A senior Afghan official said Thursday it was unclear if a U.S. airstrike last month killed civilians.

Also Thursday, in Washington, the State Department said in a travel warning that U.S. citizens and aid workers in Afghanistan face an ongoing threat of kidnapping and assassination.

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Saturday, members of a unit sent to blow up a building from which snipers had fired on troops.

"Buddy," he said, "you might want to clear out of here. We've got a live one here."

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"There are times we walk right over them, and then two or three hours later they blow up vehicles," he said.

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Troops capture suspected guerrillas as attacks rise

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber hosts annual banquet

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce board will host its annual banquet March 4 at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn & Suites, 2653 S. Lincoln.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. The dinner offers a choice of tri-tip roast or chicken Kiev breast.

The 2004-2007 board of directors will be installed and an overview of 2003 provided. Judge Roger Burdick will be master of ceremonies.

Cost is \$30 per person; tables of eight can be reserved for \$240.

Registration information - including name, choice for dinner and credit card information - may be faxed to the chamber at 324-6881. Information and a check payable to the chamber may be sent to the Jerome chamber at 1731 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Or call the chamber at 324-2711.

Starbucks sues Shanghai competitor over name

SHANGHAI, China - In the land of tea, the world's best-known coffee chain is going to court to protect its name.

The U.S. coffee chain Starbucks is suing a competitor in Shanghai over use of their shared Chinese name, the company said Thursday - the latest in a growing number of copyright suits involving foreign firms here.

Starbucks said it filed the lawsuit Dec. 23 against the Shanghai Xingbake coffee shop chain for trademark infringement after it was unable to settle out of court.

Both companies use the same three Chinese characters in their names - "Xingbake." In Chinese, "xing" means "star" and "bake" (bah-kuh) is a phonetic rendition of "bucks."

The non-Starbucks company, Shanghai Xingbake, claims the name was registered as its company name, rather than as a trademark, making Starbucks' complaint invalid.

"We were disappointed that we were not able to come to an amicable agreement regarding this issue," Starbucks said. "However, we will take legal steps to protect the value of our trademark, and protect the public from confusion and deception."

Starbucks has 37 stores in Shanghai and close to 100 in China, where it has hooked legions of middle-class customers after entering the market in 1999 with virtually no competition.

Xingbake is among the many smaller competitors hoping to give the global coffee giant a run for its money. General Manager Mao Yubo said his two-store chain registered the name as its company title on March 9, 2000, before Starbucks even applied.

Market chains reject striking workers' offer

LOS ANGELES - A proposal by grocery union leaders to immediately end a long-running strike and submit their contract dispute to binding arbitration fell flat Wednesday when the supermarket chains quickly rejected the offer, crushing the hopes of many striking and locked-out workers in California.

In a joint statement, the Albertsons, Ralphs and Vons chains characterized the union's offer as "just another effort to shift the focus away from the United Food and Commercial Workers' apparent inability to find a negotiated settlement to this labor dispute."

The markets said they wanted to continue negotiating with the help of federal mediator Peter Hurgren. The arbitration offer was intended to put pressure on the supermarkets to settle the nearly 4-month-long dispute. Flanked by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn and other religious and elected leaders, Rick Zaia, president of UFCW Local 707, said, "Our members have struggled too long. The public has struggled too long. Let's put an end to this strike."

Zaia did not specify an arbitrator, but said union members would return to work as soon as the stores agreed to the offer.

The strike area involves about 70,000 workers in Southern and Central California.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Looking good

Commerce, labor director praises M.V. economic outlook

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

JEROME - The "explosive" growth of Magic Valley's economy in recent years has helped to make Idaho one of the most economically successful states in the United States, an Idaho government official said Thursday.

Roger Madsen, director of the Idaho Department of Labor and acting director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, spoke at a Twin Falls forum and at a Jerome luncheon hosted by D.L. Evans Bank.

"You folks have declined to participate in the recession," he said. In Jerome alone, Madsen said, the population and the labor force have grown, while unemployment has decreased substantially. Madsen compared the economic situation in Jerome in 1995 to the situation today.

"What's happened (in Magic Valley) is exceptionally successful," Madsen said. "In 1995, the economy wasn't sufficiently diversified. City leaders were asking themselves, 'Where do we go from here?'"

In the past year, Jerome County has gained 940 jobs, Madsen said.

More on Unemployment - A1

Since 1995, unemployment has decreased from 6.6 percent to 3.8 percent.

Employment elsewhere in Magic Valley has risen as well, including 3,500 new jobs in Twin Falls County since a year ago, 700 in Gooding County and 200 in Lincoln County, in rough figures.

Madsen credited a solid agricultural base as well as increased Please see **OUTLOOK**, Page E3

Matters of the heart



Abbas Public Relations LTD owner Julie Swenson shown in her office in Minneapolis; counsels against office romances. She was once engaged to the son of a client.

Office romance often proves to be problematic

By Joyce M. Rosenberg,
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - It's one of the most sensitive situations a business owner can face: two employees involved in a romantic relationship. It can be especially difficult in a very small company with very few workers.

Many people caution against office romances because such alliances can lead to discomfort for other employees who don't want to see public displays of affection. They can also create a tense atmosphere if the couple is having a fight or the relationship ends badly. At the extreme, especially if the relationship involves a supervisor and a subordinate, it can mean sexual harassment charges.

Professionals who advise companies on employment matters say the owner, upon learning of the relationship, needs to talk to the couple.

"You should immediately meet with those people and set some guidelines for appropriate workplace behavior," said Arlene Vernon, a human resources consultant in Eden Prairie, Minn. "You need to tell them, 'This is not your place for any of the fooling around that might go on - sneaking handholdings,

hugging in the corner, passing little notes.'" But you shouldn't try to forbid the couple from having the relationship.

As lawyer John Robinson says in "You can't stop biology," and Vernon said that trying to force an end to a relationship can create an unpleasant atmosphere for everyone, including other employees who wouldn't want similar interference in their personal lives.

She suggests telling the couple, "I'm glad you met and that things are going well, but this is what I expect in the workplace."

Robinson, senior employment lawyer with Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa, Fla., said owners should also set expectations for the couple in the event of a breakup. He recommended telling them, "If this ever becomes a situation where one or the other of you becomes uncomfortable with it, we want to know about it so we can take action to continue with you and the company being successful."

A workplace romance doesn't have to be between two employees to cause problems.

Julie Swenson, owner of Abbas Public Relations in Minneapolis, found that out when she entered Please see **ROMANCE**, Page E3

Up and running

Proposed grant could provide for training equipment

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Training of potential employees for a California manufacturer that plans to relocate to Twin Falls this year has begun, but students don't have the necessary training equipment yet.

The College of Southern Idaho's new Manufacturing Technology program, designed to train potential employees for manufacturing industries that use "computer-numerical control" machining processes, known as CNCs, began Tuesday at the Twin Falls High School technical training center. However, the high-tech machinery needed for the class has not been paid for, and has yet to arrive in Twin Falls.

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency will hold a special meeting at noon today to discuss its contemplated \$200,000 incentive program for Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp., which makes hydraulic valves and fittings. The agency had tentatively set aside \$200,000 to help

Meeting today

Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency meeting
• When: noon today.
• Where: Twin Falls City Annex Building conference room, 305 Third Ave. E.
The meeting is open to the public.

Hydro Fitting buy land at the intersection of 3300 East and a planned section of Highland Avenue East for its new manufacturing plant.

Urban Renewal will discuss using the money instead for the purchase of the training machinery, said Steve McAlindin, executive director of the agency. The agency in January voted to pay an initial \$10,000 portion of the contemplated \$200,000 gift as earnest money on Hydro Fitting's land purchase.

That vote did not obligate the agency to pay the remaining \$190,000 that set aside in a budget set as "reserved for planning purposes." Today, members will consider approving that expenditure.

"The (CNC) class has already started - we need to get that equipment here so people can start training," McAlindin said. "If we get this voted on and the equipment paid for, (the machinery) can be in town by the first of next week."

Companies will tap hot water for power

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - Bubbling springs of hot water underneath Idaho have caught the attention of electric energy companies looking to tap and develop a new energy source.

Two developers have separate projects to harness the hot water through wells and develop a source of renewable electrical energy - making Idaho the fifth state to have geothermal power.

The two companies, Idahoearth and U.S. Geothermal, are planning what will likely be the state's first geothermal electrical plants. They are eyeing eastern Idaho and the southern part of the state near Malta for initial project sites.

Once these plants produce megawatts, they could bring less reliance on fossil fuels and natural gas, said Bob Neilson, renewable energies and power technologies department manager of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Idaearth, an Oakley-based company, plans to begin drilling wells this spring southeast of Idaho Falls along the Bingham/Bonneville County line near Willow Creek. The 100-megawatt project will include 10 to 20 wells, and the planners want it up and running by the end of 2005, said Carl Adams, Idaearth's exploration manager.

They are now completing an environmental study in the area, where an oil company first found the 480-degree water in the late 1970s. The company is also searching for utility companies interested in purchasing the power.

US Geothermal planners say the same thing about their project, 15 miles south of Malta. The company is also searching for utility companies interested in purchasing the power.

Chief Operating Officer Doug Glaspie hopes to have a contract with a utility company in place within a couple of months, and aims to begin production by late 2005 or early 2006.

"They essentially should produce power forever," he said. "The attraction for us is it's a green, renewable energy resource."

Glaspie said potential power buyers include Idaho Power and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Because wells already exist from the DOE, the main tasks involve building the plant and testing the existing wells for water flow.

Glaspie said future expansion is ahead, with more drilling possible in 2006. The extra power could turn the development into a 90-megawatt operation, but he said more research is needed before knowing its full potential.

OUTDOING PROJECTIONS

Cold weather, clearance sales help retailers beat January's sales forecasts

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Record-breaking cold and clearance sales helped lift January sales above expectations for many retailers, including merchants who lagged behind their competitors in recent months, according to results released Thursday.

Wal-Mart, Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Abercrombie & Fitch were among companies with better-than-expected results. There were a few disappointments, including Target, which blamed sharper-than-expected sales declines on its lack of winter inventory.

The January increase followed what was a respectable holiday season for many retailers, suggesting to analysts that a previously uneven recovery in consumer spending seems to be gaining more traction.

"This is definitely a lot stronger than expected," said Michael P. Nemiur, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers. "And it is across the board. This is a taste of Please see **RETAIL**, Page E3

Retail sales

Here is a look at the percent change in major retailers' sales from the same month last year.

Retailer	% Change
Wal-Mart	5.7%
J.C. Penney Co. Inc.	6.4%
TJX Cos.	2.0%
Limited Brands Inc.	23.0%
Target Corp.	5.1%
Gap Inc.	3.0%
Dillard's Inc.	2.0%
Saks Inc.	6.6%
Federated Department Stores Inc.	5.5%
May Department Stores Co.	4.6%
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	4.6%

NOTE: Sales exclude those from stores open at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

Idaho utility remains in the black

Company falls short of expectations with report of small profit in last quarter of 2003

The Associated Press

BOISE - The holding company for Idaho's largest utility on Thursday reported a modest profit for the final three months of 2003, and executives said the worst of their financial problems appear to be behind them.

IDACORP reported October-December earnings of \$3.8 million, or 10 cents per share of common stock, on revenues of \$171.6 million.

That compared with a fourth-quarter loss in 2002 of \$3 million, or 8 cents a share, on revenues of \$219.8 million. It was the second straight profitable quarter for the company that owns Idaho Power Co. following three-straight quarterly losses and a decision to cut its shareholder dividend for the first time in 14 years. The dividend dropped by 35 percent to \$1.20 a share last September.

The Wall Street analyst survey by Thomson First Call had projected net income at 19 cents a share for

the fourth quarter.

"A combination of fair and timely rate relief, our ongoing management efforts and a return to more normal weather patterns will improve our outlook," President Jan Packwood said in a statement.

He reaffirmed the company's forecast for 2004 annual earnings of between \$1.60 and \$2.20 a share. For all of 2003, the corporation reported a net profit of \$4.6 million, or \$1.22 a share, on revenue of \$823 million. That compared with 2002 earnings of \$61.7 million, or \$1.63 a share, on revenue of \$928.8 million.

Boistering the outlook was the pending state regulatory decision on the company's request for \$86 million in higher rates to recover infrastructure and other investments made over the last decade since Idaho Power's last permanent rate hike. In that period, the company's customer base has grown by a third to 423,000 customers in southern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada.

The Public Utilities Commission is expected to decide on the 17.7 percent rate increase

request in late May.

A series of winter storms across much of Idaho has also increased prospects that the four-year drought may have broken and stream flows during the coming year will be normal or better for the utility that relies heavily on hydrogeneration for its power.

"While it is too soon to say whether the snowpack, stream flow and temperature patterns that have pressured the utility in recent years have abated, the outlook is encouraging," Packwood said.

The company continued focusing on its core utility business, finishing the phase-out of its energy trading arm and beginning the wind-down of its power development subsidiary. The combination accounted for a 21-cent-per-share loss in the fourth quarter, but that will modest losses in other subsidiaries were more than offset by the 38-cent-per-share gain posted by the utility.

A warmer winter last year reduced the severity of demand for power by 11 percent from 2002, as measured in so-called heating-degree days, but the higher temperatures persisted into the summer when conditions measured by so-called cooling-degree days were up 27 percent from the previous year.

MONEY

Stocks rise on profit taking in spite of mixed economic data

NEW YORK (AP) — Buyers enticed by Wall Street's depressed prices moved back into the market Thursday, giving stocks a moderate boost after a more-than-2-week slide.

Mixed economic news on the labor market and the major indexes fluctuating in the first part of the session, but investors shook off any concerns and all of the major indexes had turned higher by the close of trading.

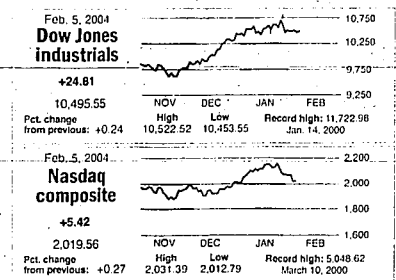
In the end, wall earnings as strong as they've been, "I'm going to overlook the little economic reports," said Bill Greenfield, head trader for vFinance Investments. "Right now, we're seeing earnings-driven buying, which is smart and good for the economy anyway."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 24.81, or 0.2 percent, to 10,495.55.

The broader indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.07, or 0.2 percent, to 1,283.53. The Nasdaq composite index gained 5.42, or 0.3 percent, to 2,019.56, after falling 52.07 points Wednesday, its biggest one-day loss in more than four months.

With prices lower after a decline that began in late January, investors were looking to pick up some bargains. Still, the major indexes moved sideways for much of Thursday's session as investors tried to interpret the day's economic news.

First-time jobless claims rose by 17,900 last week, according to the Labor Department, while worker productivity grew by only 2.9 percent in the fourth quarter, down sharply from 9.5 percent in the third quarter. Economists expected jobless claims to remain level



and productivity to rise by 3.4 percent. "When you look at the productivity numbers, it shows that the cost-cutting that drove earnings is behind us, and the earnings themselves are back to a more normal range," said Sushobh Kumar, chief investment strategist for CIBC World Markets. "We're starting a slower growth phase and leaving the faster cyclical recovery phase, and that will tempt investors into the larger-cap stocks."

A more important indicator was expected Friday, when payroll figures will be reported for January. The market was looking for a better performance than the meager 1,000 jobs that employers added in December.

While they awaited Friday's report, investors continued a subtle shift toward defensive positions in the consumer and health care sectors.

Gainers included brewer

Adolph Coors Co., which jumped 55.58, or 10 percent, to \$61.50, on the strength of its earnings, which blew past Wall Street expectations.

Pharmaceutical stocks were mixed as federal authorities announced plans to take action against drug makers who misled investors by misrepresenting the status of regulatory reviews of their products. Such reviews can have a powerful impact on the share prices of companies seeking approval for new medical treatments.

Pfizer Inc. added 13 cents to \$38.40, while Merck & Co. fell 20 cents to \$48.74. Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. gained 65 cents to \$75.95 after its earnings beat Wall Street forecasts by 8 cents.

Regulators reach settlement

Mutual fund company settles improper trading charges

BOSTON (AP) — The mutual fund company Massachusetts Financial Services agreed Thursday to pay \$225 million and reduce fees by \$125 million to settle allegations of improper trading. The company's top two executives were also temporarily banned from the industry.

Under the settlement reached with the Securities and Exchange Commission, MFS chief executive John Ballen and president and chief investment officer Kevin Parke cannot work in the securities industry for three years. The men will also have to pay \$300,000 each — \$250,000 in penalties and \$50,000 in restitution — out of their own pockets.

State regulators in New York and New Hampshire will also party to the settlement, which calls for MFS to pay \$175 million in restitution to investors

and \$50 million in penalties. MFS will also lower fees over the next five years.

MFS had no immediate comment on the settlement. MFS is the latest mutual fund company to settle with regulators in the scandal that has swept the \$7 trillion industry and resulted in investigations of dozens of fund companies.

It is the nation's No. 11 fund company, with about \$140 billion under management, and operates what some consider the oldest mutual fund: the Massachusetts Investor Trust, introduced in 1924.

MFS' penalty is smaller than the \$250 million fine imposed in December on Alliance Capital Management, which also agreed to cut fees, but the suspensions of such high-ranking officials will make this settlement among the most serious enforcement actions yet in the scandal. Top executives at such firms as Pilgrim Barter and Putnam Investments have lost their jobs, but not directly at the insistence of the SEC.

How to avoid the dial run around

—The key, says consumer advocate Rich Sayers, is to match the service with the type of phone call you wish to make. If you're calling family members and will have conversation that lasts 30 minutes or longer? Call a service with a high connection fee and low rates for minutes. Are you just calling to say hello or leave a message on a phone answering machine? Call a service with low connection charge and relatively higher per-minute rates. Sayers operates http://www.1010phonerates.com/, a Web site where you can calculate plans and how much an individual call

would cost. He also notes that some companies have recently raised rates (10-10-220, for example, raised its rates last November for an average of 99 cents for the first 20 minutes to an average of \$1.74 for the first 20 minutes). Other carriers have added minimum usage requirements. These fees and changes can be a big headache (and a big research first). Another way to check rates and connection fees is to call the carrier's toll-free customer service line. Sayers' Web site lists numbers for each carrier.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, % Chg, YTD, and various market data for NYSE.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

INDEXES

Table showing High/Low, Net, and YTD % Chg for various market indices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, % Chg, YTD, and Market Cap.

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 AMEX National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are 1,115 listed. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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Large table listing NASDAQ National Market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, % Chg, YTD, and Market Cap.

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Outlook

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Retail

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Romance

Continued from E1. About it before I found out," she said. But that can be hard, especially when a couple is trying to preserve their privacy. Still, a business owner needs to be alert to the possibility of a romance that is romantically linked because of the potential problems. As Vernon put it, "when the relationship falls apart, the impact on the organization is fairly positive..."

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns: Name, Class, and other details. Includes categories like Domestic, International, Bond, Equity, etc.

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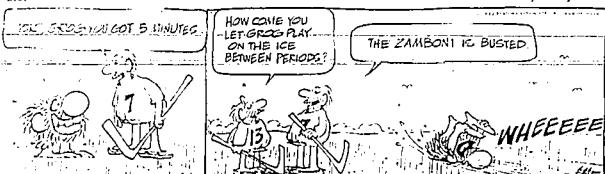
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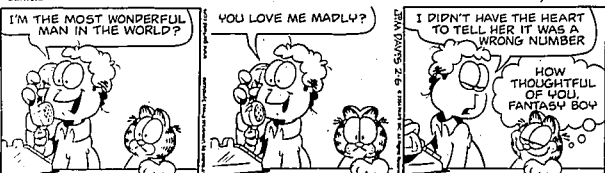
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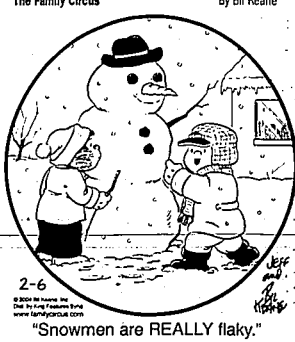
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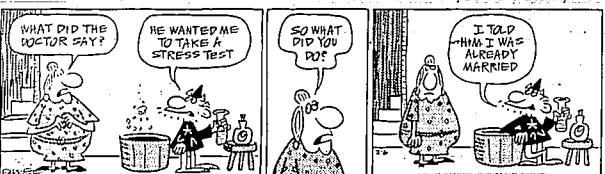
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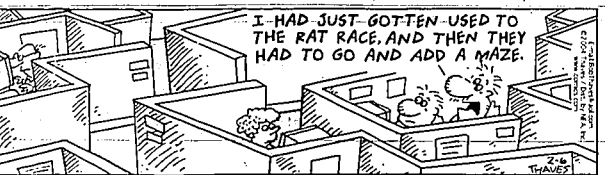
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RIDDLE UNRAVELED?

Scientist may have solved one of math's great problems

By Douglas Birch
The Balmore Sun

MOSCOW — In his office overlooking the faded pastel mansions along a St. Petersburg canal, a young Russian mathematician spent eight solitary years grappling with the Poincare Conjecture, one of the most famous and frustrating conundrums in math.

New colleagues say Grigori Y. Perelman may not only have solved the century-old riddle. He may have helped advance many areas of math and physics, and made it possible to better understand the shape of the universe. "It seems like a very beautiful idea," one American colleague said.

If "Grisha" Perelman's proof of the Poincare is correct—and many mathematicians suspect it is—it will seal his transformation from an obscure researcher into one of the world's leading scientists.

And he will become the first person eligible to claim a \$1 million prize offered by the Clay Mathematics Institute of Cambridge, Mass., for solving what it calls one of the seven central problems in math.

But the 37-year-old native of Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, doesn't seem interested in money or acclaim. While he could probably get a far more lucrative job in the West, he earns only about \$200 a month at the Steklov Institute of Mathematics in St. Petersburg.

And he has rejected a recent one-time mathematical prize: in 1996, he refused to accept an award in Budapest, Hungary, from the European Mathematical Society. Perelman himself won't discuss any of this. "In my opinion, any public discussion of my work at the moment is premature and counterproductive," he wrote in an e-mail to The Baltimore Sun several months ago. He didn't respond to a more recent request for an interview.

Colleagues describe Perelman as jealous of his privacy, and fearful that public attention would dis-

See them on the Web

Grigori Y. Perelman has so far refused to publish his arguments, a mixture of esoteric math jargon and formulas, in a recognized journal, the traditional method for announcing scientific discoveries. Instead, he has posted his proof as "preprints" or draft scientific papers — on an obscure Web site (www.arxiv.org/abs/math.DG).

tract him from his work. He may also be concerned that the talk of the prize money could make him a target of the Russian underworld.

"I think he wants to be a private person," said John W. Milnor, director of the Institute for Mathematical Science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "He doesn't want to be a media hero, where he can walk out 'without being recognized,' where he has a tear for his life."

Partly, Perelman is probably leery of prematurely claiming victory. Dozens of researchers have tackled the Poincare Conjecture. It goes to the heart of topology, or the mathematical study of surfaces, which holds that the world consists of two basic shapes, the sphere and the doughnut. Poincare speculated, in effect, that certain rules governing these three-dimensional shapes also apply to the same shapes projected into four and more dimensions.

Two years ago, the mathematician Martin Dunwoody of Southampton University in Britain caused a stir when he published a proposed proof. But Dunwoody, like all his predecessors, was later proved wrong.

Milnor cautioned that Perelman's proof could have hidden flaws. "It's been a puzzle and a challenge for 100 years," he said. "There have been many positive first steps and many false proofs. It's the kind of a subject where it's very easy to make a mistake if you're not careful."

Experts say it could take another six months to a year to verify Perelman's work, which is being scrutinized by teams around the world. But the work appears to have avoided the pitfalls of past efforts. Colleagues say even if his proof has hidden flaws, it repre-

Great problems still in search of answers

■ Poincare's Conjecture

Mathematician Jean Pierre Serre recently called Poincare's Conjecture "central to our understanding of the mathematical world." It was proposed in 1904 by Frenchman Henri Poincare, a near-forgotten mining engineer and university professor who was described by one of his early teachers as "a monster of mathematics." Poincare has been called the last of the great "universalists" in his field, meaning he was a master of all areas of math. But he is probably most famous as a founder of modern topology, the study of the geometric properties of elastic surfaces that don't change when they are stretched or bent.

In topology, a sphere is the only way to bend a two-dimensional plane into a shape without holes. In 1904, at age 31, Poincare speculated, in effect, that there was likewise only one way to bend three-dimensional space into a shape without holes. But he couldn't prove this was so.

Such talk of bending space may sound like it has nothing to do with the real world. But Albert Einstein said that gravity does indeed bend space, meaning that our three-dimensional universe is curved. If you travel long enough in a straight line through the cosmos, physicists say, you will eventually wind up back where you started.

■ The Riemann Hypothesis

Perhaps the most famous outstanding problem, the Riemann Hypothesis — concerns the distribution of primes — numbers that can be divided only by one and themselves. (They include 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and so on). As numbers grow larger, primes become scarcer, and they appear to be distributed randomly.

In the mid-19th century, German mathematician Georg F.B. Riemann showed that the appearance of known primes follows a general pattern. But mathematicians have

not my goal to make waves in the family. What can I do to fix the problems? I've caused? And how can I get everyone on speaking terms again? Please help!

Girl who lost boyfriend grieves by turning to sex

can become financially as well as emotionally independent.

P.S. Neither one of the young men I mentioned appears to be solid and mature enough for a serious relationship, so I urge you not to depend on either of them for anything. Both have taken advantage of your vulnerability.

DEAR ABBY: I turned 18 last year. When I started college, I moved in with my grandma on my father's side. My parents were furious. They said I moved out because "Gram" doesn't give me rules or chores.

I moved in with Gram because she doesn't see, hear, drive or even move well anymore. I drive her wherever she needs to go. My parents refuse to believe that I moved out to help Gram. It has reached the point that my parents no longer speak to her — and I no longer speak to my parents. It was

proved that there is an infinite number of primes, and they are discovering new ones all the time. He has been able to disprove the theoretical existence of a prime that doesn't follow Riemann's Hypothesis — so the hypothesis remains unproven.

■ Navier-Stokes Equations

These equations, written in the 19th century, describe the waves and turbulence created, say, when a boat's roused across a lake or a cruise missile streaks through the air. For more than a century, mathematicians have tried to explain why these equations work.

■ Yang-Mills Theory

Winn roots in the 1950s, this theory introduced geometry to the physics of elementary particles and has become the foundation of theories describing the behavior of the subatomic world — especially the so-called "strong" nuclear force that binds the nucleus of the atom. Understanding why the theory works could revolutionize both physics and math.

■ The Hodge Conjecture

In 1950, the Scottish mathematician William V. D. Hodge began proposing that geometric shapes known as projective algebraic varieties are built of bits and pieces of other shapes called algebraic cycles. Like the Poincare conjecture, the Hodge Conjecture tries to be together different branches of mathematics: geometry, algebra, topology and calculus. Its proof could advance all these fields.

■ The Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture

In the early 1960s, Bryan Birch of Oxford University and Peter Swinnerton-Dyer of Cambridge developed a way to predict whether an equation describing certain elliptical curves has an infinite or finite number of solutions. No one has been able to prove the method always works.

DEAR BIG PROBLEM: You appear to be the daughter of very controlling parents. At 18, you are old enough to decide where you want to live, and the arrangement you have made appears to be mutually beneficial.

Being a companion to an elderly person in failing health is a heavy responsibility and certainly isn't chore-free. (Could it be that your parents miss your free labor at their house?) It is not your responsibility to "get everyone on speaking terms again." From my perspective, you not only deserve a pat on the back but also a thank-you for taking care of your grand-

mother.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved with answers for Across and Down.

You suddenly feel a bolt of energy, Sagittarius

IF FEBRUARY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are highly diligent and dutiful, and others know you can always count on you. An excellent teacher, parent or caregiver, you are able to understand the vulnerabilities of others and extend gently. You have a tendency to take on too much and then drive yourself relentlessly to complete everything. Don't worry, and don't forget that you need to take care of yourself, too. It's also important to let others take advantage of your sweet nature and high-level capabilities.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Times should be happy and fun when you aren't working hard. If single, you could meet a love interest at work. It could be a blessing day to devote yourself to a worthy cause.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Again, remember your tendency now to be a pistol, and take it down a notch or two. Instead, use this energy to fund a new learning goal at school or far away is a possibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have the power to bring people together — even if they are uncertain at first. Your sexuality is strong and winning ways at your job will bring you much appreciation. You are having an opportunity now to build your devotional skills. With a little practice, mastery in this will come as easily as everything else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's hard to know whether to hide or

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Jeraldine Saunders

jump into the spotlight. Perhaps some of both is best. There's also an issue regarding freedom versus pleasing a partner that could make you nervous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Passions run high with Mars in Libra's sexual sector. Worries about possible threats to your security may get blown out of proportion and create anxiety.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home is still a big area of focus and you're getting more realistic about the real issues there. Dating more unusual people for some time now. It's unlikely you'll settle down for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You now have so much energy for getting things done and serving others. Just don't get into squabble after squabble about it. Instead, work to channel this energy constructively. Then, when done, get out and take a walk or make some great getaway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Life is begging you to free up some of your suppressed charisma. You can charm one and all now — so don't be shy. Learn to speak up — and speak out in new ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your nerves could be especially on edge today with home/money issues the likely trigger. Breathe your way into feeling more grounded, and don't start a dispute. These stars will pass in a couple of days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You win over new friends with your soulful communications. Spend time writing about anything and everything, the more vigorously you expend energy on this, the less argumentative you will feel.

Waitress wreaks havoc on 'Hope'

Center in St. Paul, Minn. (CC) 5 p.m.

"The Lion King" — Animated. After the death of his royal father, a young lion returns to battle his scheming uncle for the jungle throne. (TV) ABC 7 p.m.

"Hope Falls" — An ill-timed waitress wreaks havoc on Hope and Faith's attempt to impress a film director. Guest Star: Kathie Lee Gifford. (CC) (TV) NBC 8 p.m.

"Ed" — Carol convinces Ed that their wedding plans need to be more spectacular, so their march to the altar is underscored by a circus theme; Warren decides to produce an ambitious video for the ceremony; Phil begs Ed to let him perform the ceremony. (CC) (TV) NBC 8 p.m.

Saturday
"Hockey" — From Xcel Energy

TV Best Bets

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Sunday
"Pearl Harbor" — Two pilots and lifelong friends put their differences aside after the Japanese launch a surprise attack against the U.S. (CC) (TV) ABC 6 p.m.

"The 46th Annual Grammy Awards" — Festivities honor excellence in the recording industry. From the Staples Center, Los Angeles. (CC) (TV) CBS 7 p.m.

Twins may share the closest, most enduring bond

What's the "closest and most enduring" human relationship? Mother and child? Husband and wife? Some psychologists say a huge body of data suggests it may be identical twins.

The "more money a woman makes, the more liquor she drinks. The more money a man makes, the less he drinks. There's a rough generalization with countless exceptions. But the one thing I'm a researcher who says it's typical enough to be noteworthy.

It's not unusual for a grownup to go out for an eight-month swim.

In the 1930s, after British surgeons gazed intently at red tissue and blood, they looked up to see green after-images on the white walls. Complimentary colors, red and green. One doctor suggested the walls be painted green to wash out the disconcerting image. That's what's traveled to the 50-year notion that

green was the wall color most restful to the eyes. Pink, however, has finally moved it out of first place on the restful roster.

This was Robert Frost's cry to pen people everywhere: "Death to the adjective!"

That baby girls' brains tend to develop at a slightly younger age than baby boys' brains is suggested by numerous phenomena. One such: Women tend to recall earlier memories, a little earlier, than men do.

No bird has more than four

toes. An observant downtowner advises: "When you go to the salad bar, get in the line with the most women in it. Lot of them are dieting, and they know what they want. Their line moves faster."

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Germany acquits 9-11 suspect

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) - A court acquitted a Moroccan on Thursday of helping the Sept. 11 hijackers while they lived and studied in Hamburg, citing a lack of evidence he was involved in the al-Qaida cell's plans to attack the United States.

Abdelghani Mzoudi, a longtime acquaintance of lead hijacker Mohamed Atta who even signed his will, smiled silently as he left the state court a free man after only the second trial anywhere of a Sept. 11 suspect.

The verdict infuriated victims' relatives and prompted Germany's chief federal prosecutor to criticize Washington for refusing to allow testimony from a U.S. captive - Ramzi bin al-Shibh, believed to have been the hijackers' main contact with al-Qaida. Even the presiding judge warned Mzoudi that his acquittal was "no reason for joy."

"You were acquitted not because the court is convinced of your innocence, but because the evidence was not enough to convict you," Judge Klaus Ruchle said in explaining the verdict. "In this case we have to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt."

Mzoudi faced more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and charges of belonging to a terrorist organization allegedly led by Atta. Prosecutors said they would appeal the five-judge court's ruling, and chief federal prosecutor Kay Nehm said he was hopeful of winning a retrial.

Prosecutors alleged that Mzoudi provided logistical support to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell, helping with financial transactions - for instance, paying student fees - and arranging housing for members to evade authorities' attention. He received training at a terrorist camp in Afghanistan in 2000.

But the case took a dramatic turn Dec. 11 when the court heard evidence that suggested Mzoudi had no knowledge of the Sept. 11 plot, prompting the court to order him freed from custody.

Prosecutors scrambled to salvage their case, producing new witnesses and evidence. In a last-ditch move, a lawyer for relatives of the victims sought to delay the verdict as Thursday's session began, asking the court to again seek evidence from Bin al-Shibh. Ruchle rejected the request, then pronounced the verdict.

Attempt to ease Iranian election impasse fails

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran's latest attempt to resolve its worst political crisis in years failed after reformists accused the hard-line Guardian Council of interfering in a compromise brokered by the country's supreme leader.

"The compromise has failed," deputy speaker Muhammad Reza Khatami, among others, the Guardian Council has disqualified from seeking re-election, told reporters.

Khatami said his Islamic Iran Participation Front, the country's largest reform group, would maintain its boycott of the Feb. 20 parliamentary elections.

"The previous trend has continued," he said. "The Feb. 20 elections will not be legal and free. My party will not participate in this election."

Meanwhile, reformist lawmakers ended a 26-day sit-in to protest disqualifications, declaring that they too would boycott the elections.

Without major reformist parties, voter turnout will likely be low and hard-line candidates could easily retake control of parliament.

Chinese holiday stampede kills 37

MUYUN, China (AP) - A lantern festival marking the end of China's Lunar New Year celebrations erupted into a stampede Thursday, killing at least 37 people and injuring 15, authorities said.

Many of the victims suffocated in the accident in Muyun County, a northern suburb of the Chinese capital, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Officials from President Hu Jintao on down immediately expressed "deep concern." The mayor of Beijing and the region's Communist Party chief went to the scene to supervise.

Egg purchase brings hope to Russia

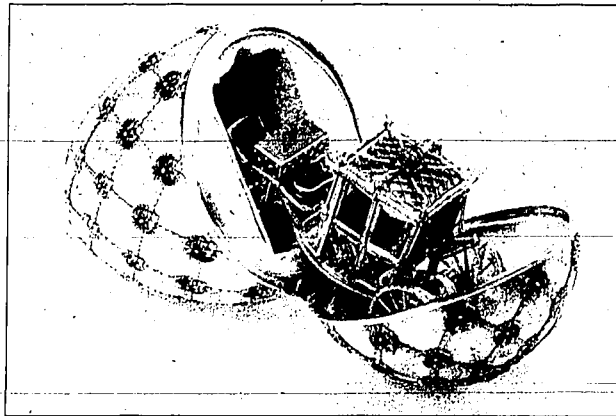
MOSCOW (AP) - The purchase of nine czarist-era Faberge eggs by a Russian tycoon who promised to return them to their homeland has prompted optimism in cultural circles that other great artworks sold by the Soviets could be returning home.

The purchase of the eggs - intricate treasures of jewels and precious metals - from the estate of U.S. publisher Malcolm S. Forbes by industrialist Viktor Vekselberg has attracted wide coverage in Russia, where most news about the ultra-wealthy recently has been about their imprisonment or moves to buy foreign sports teams.

"It's a sign that Russian capitalists are beginning to spend their money correctly," said Mikhail Piotrovsky, director of St. Petersburg's State Hermitage museum, the primary repository of czarist-era art.

"There has always been this dream, but I wasn't sure it would come true. This is the first time that a major treasure sold by the Soviet authorities has returned to Russia," Piotrovsky told The Associated Press.

Aristocrats and wealthy merchants who fled the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution took substantial amounts of art with them; much of what was left was sold off by Soviet authorities, who were both strapped for cash and theoretically opposed to aristocratic excess.



This jeweled coach and the Coronation Egg that holds it were presented by Tsar Nicholas II to his wife. The egg is one of the nine Faberge Imperial Easter Eggs purchased by Russian industrialist Viktor Vekselberg.

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Russians have become increasingly interested in regaining their departed treasures. Wealthy Russians have gone on art

buying sprees in the West, but few of the pieces have been brought home. However, a recent change in the law could encourage the return of

artworks by allowing objects with a significant cultural value to be imported without the normal payment of a whopping 30 percent import duty.

U.N., U.S. ask for \$500M in Liberian aid

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United Nations and the United States appealed for nearly \$500 million Thursday to put Liberia firmly on the road to peace after nearly two decades of civil war.

But they also warned that unless former combatants can make a living without guns the country will remain unstable.

"The world has a crucial opportunity to help Liberians recover from the ruinous effects of conflict and rebuild their country," said Mark Malloch Brown, head of the U.N. Development Program.

"But it is a fragile peace and urgent action is now needed to help ensure that the gains that have been made towards Liberia's recovery are not reversed," he told participants at a two-day donors conference.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin and other high-level representatives were to attend today's pledging session.

The West African nation is trying to rebuild following President Charles Taylor's flight into exile in August, which cleared the way for a power-sharing deal between his government and rebels after 14 years of fighting that claimed more than 150,000 lives.



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AMENDED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE
Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by JOSE F. GARCIA, A SINGLE PERSON, as grantor(s) to TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION as beneficiary, recorded April 20, 1999 on file No. 1999-007482 in book XX, page XX, in the official public records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 4 OF GOLDEN GATE ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 4, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.
Commonly known as:
176 MONROE STREET
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301

There is a default by the grantor(s) or other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, or by their successor in interest. The default is:
Failure to pay the monthly payment due November 1, 2001 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. Monthly Payment \$440.00 Monthly Payment to Chicago \$17.82

By reason of said default, the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor in interest has declared all obligations secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following: \$55,711.88 with interest thereon at the rate of 7.250% per annum, from 10/01/2001, until paid, plus monthly late charges of \$17.82 each, beginning 11/01/2001 until paid, together with title expenses, costs, trustee's fees and attorneys fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor in interest for protection of the above-described real property and its interest in it.
The beneficiary and trustee or their successors in interest, have elected and do hereby elect to cause the property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and expenses of the sale, including the commissions of the trustee or successor trustee, and the reasonable attorneys fees incurred.

The Original Notice of Sale given pursuant thereto stated that the property would be sold on 08/22/2002 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard Time, at THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, City of Twin Falls, Idaho; however subsequent to the recording of said Notice of Default the original sale proceedings were stayed by order of the Court or by proceedings under the National Bankruptcy Act or for other lawful reasons.
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