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Filer man faces murder charge

Officials hold suspect in missing woman's death
By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Officials have charged a Filer man with second-degree murder in connection with the death of a woman missing since last weekend.

Jody Randall Carr, 31, was being held Friday in San Bernardino County, Calif., awaiting extradition, said Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecutor. He was being detained in the county's West Valley Detention Center. The maximum sentence for the charge is life in prison.

The body of Sheri Brookshier, 32, was discovered Thursday in the desert south-of-Filer and was visually identified Friday.

Investigators put a tent around the scene and used heaters to melt the snow, Loeb said. The process was done slowly in order to preserve evidence that may be in the area.

The cause of death and details of the incident were not being released by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, according to a news release issued Friday. An autopsy will be performed on Monday in Boise.

The case was filed at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, but court employees declined to give The Times-News access to the file Friday.

Brookshier was reported missing by her husband Monday. She had last been seen at the Klover Klub Lounge in Twin Falls on Jan. 30.

Carr's bond was set at \$1 million.



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FAR BEYOND FINGERPRINTING



Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Steve Byers, right, takes the 'writer's palm' print of Chuck Meeks, a field service engineer with Identix, the company that makes a fingerprint and palm print hand scanner. The sheriff's department's new machine is the first of its kind in Idaho.

Palm scanner debuts at county jail

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - New technology at the Twin Falls County Jail is ready to give law enforcement a hand in fighting crime.

The TouchPrint 3800 Live Scan Booking Station arrived this week, replacing an older model used for computerized fingerprinting. Unlike the earlier version, the new machine has full palm scanning capabilities.

Having palm prints on file can help police solve crimes when all they have to go on is part of a hand print, such as what might be left on a doorknob.

"This is the first one in Idaho, the first one installed in the Northwest states," said Chuck Meeks, field service engineer for Minnesota-based Identix, the maker of the machine. "Twin Falls is well out on the bell curve."

An infrared scanner takes the "points" of the hand and transfers them to the card, Sgt. Steve

Byers said.

"If you make a mistake, or if someone's under the influence and slides their finger, you can delete it, go back and take it again," he said.

The machine, which runs on Windows XP software, tells the user if the scan is good enough. If it didn't pick up enough points, it rejects the print and instructs the user to try again, Meeks said.

"The machine is insensitive to water," he added. "If you come in (to jail), you're nervous because

you've just been arrested, and you sweat through your pores. But water actually makes it better."

Although the jail has had computerized fingerprinting since the mid-1990s, booking officials still took palm prints the old-fashioned way for people charged with felonies.

Using black ink, booking agents would roll a person's palm over a roller and press it onto a card. Some angry inmates would purposely make a mess with the

Trading of pollutants could prove boon to T.F.

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The commodity on Idaho's emerging pollutant trading market is phosphorus.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for several years has been laying the groundwork to allow industries and municipalities that discharge wastewater into the Snake River to trade pollutants to meet looming federal water quality deadlines.

An overload of phosphorus - a naturally occurring nutrient - is driving cleanup of the Middle Snake River from Milner to King Hill. Phosphorus is present in farm and livestock runoff and in wastewater discharges from sewage treatment plants, food processing plants and fish hatcheries. Phosphorus is blamed for the nuisance algal aquatic plant growth and lake inlets that plague stretches of the river and ruin trout fisheries.

Rumsfeld orders investigation into sexual assault reports



Donald Rumsfeld

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has ordered an investigation into reports of sexual assaults among troops stationed in Iraq and Kuwait, the Pentagon said Friday.

Rumsfeld directed David Chu, the Pentagon's undersecretary for personnel and readiness, to review military procedures for medical care for sexual assault victims and availability of ways for troops to report assaults, particularly in a combat area.

The reports consist of male soldiers accused of assaulting female counterparts.

A defense official, who said Rumsfeld's memo to Chu came in response to media reports about sexual assaults in the region, specifically a story by The Denver Post. The Post cited officials with the Miles Foundation, a Connecticut-based organization that assists victims of sexual or family violence who are connected to the military.

Some 37 women have told the Miles Foundation that they were assaulted by fellow military personnel while in Iraq or Kuwait during the last year, said Christine Hansen, executive director of the organization. Of those, several said they did not receive thorough medical care, access to chaplains and lawyers, or information on their rights, Hansen said in a telephone interview.

Only 11 of the women reported being assaulted to military authorities, Hansen said.

The defense official said the Army has recorded 80 cases of sexual misconduct during the year within the region managed by U.S. Central Command, which includes Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. The Air Force recorded seven cases.

However, sexual misconduct, in military terms, includes a variety of charges, from rape to consensual sodomy, the official said.

The Marines recorded a single sexual assault. The Navy recorded none, the official said.

GIVING AND GETTING COMFORT



Wanda Winings hugs Tiffany Meeks, a friend of Carlo Bruca, after Meeks placed flowers Friday at a small memorial at the car wash where 11-year-old Bruca was abducted Sunday in Sarasota, Fla. Bruca's body was found Friday. Please see page A3.

Bush names intelligence panel members

The Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON - Responding to bipartisan criticism of the intelligence that helped spur the United States to attack Iraq, President Bush on Friday appointed seven members to a new commission that will study U.S. intelligence capabilities, including prewar assessments that apparently overstated Iraqi military capabilities.

Bush named former Virginia governor and U.S. senator Charles Robb, a Democrat, and retired Judge Laurence Silberman, a Republican, to co-chair the commission.

"As we move forward in our efforts to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, we must stay ahead of constantly changing intelligence challenges," Bush said at a hastily



President Bush announces the formation of the commission Friday at the White House.

U.S. intelligence gathering by March 31, 2005, well after the November presidential elections.

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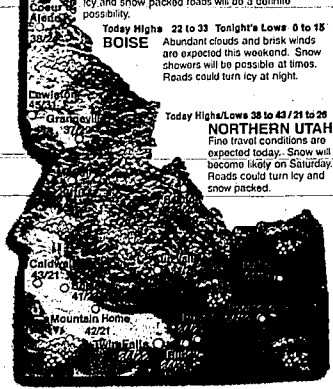
Today: Cloudy and windy at times with occasional snow... Tonight: Cloudy and brisk with evening flurries... Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and brisk winds...

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Windy with periods of snow... Tonight: Flurries possible early otherwise mostly cloudy skies...

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy skies and brisk winds are expected throughout the weekend...



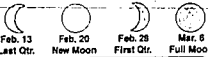
TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

ALMIGHTY - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Moonset. Includes times for today, Sunday, and Monday.

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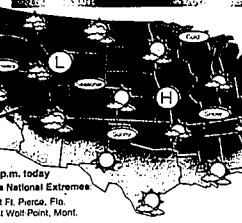
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Advertisement for 'Comunidad' with phone number 733-0931 and website information.

Gephardt endorses Kerry; Clark, Edwards face off

WARREN, Mich. - A former rival on Friday embraced Sen. John F. Kerry... Gephardt, a champion of labor unions and a former rival in the presidential race, will help Kerry pad his large lead in an industrial state...

John has won seven of the first nine caucuses, beginning with the Iowa caucuses Jan. 19... Gephardt told reporters that he believes Kerry has shifted on this...

Nigeria will probe allegations against Halliburton subsidiary

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) - Friday ordered an investigation Friday into allegations that a Halliburton Co. subsidiary paid \$180 million in bribes to land a natural gas project contract in Nigeria...

body Obasanjo set up to fight rampant branches of financial law... The \$4 billion Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Plant was built in the 1990s by a consortium that included Halliburton, Brown & Root, a unit of Houston-based Halliburton...

Fingerprinting

Continued from A1 ink, Byers said. Others would inadvertently snag their own clothes... All incoming inmates will have their 10 fingerprints taken, Byers said.

Cost control

The county got full trade-in value back on what it paid for the previous machine, Lt. Doug Hughes said... Palm scanning machines were supposed to come out a long time ago, Hughes said.

Credits

Continued from A1 comment proposed guidelines for phosphorus trades. The proposal uses a hypothetical trade between the city of Twin Falls and Clear Springs Foods Inc... Both entities said such a trade is not under consideration.

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Advertisement for 'Stay on top of your investments with the Money pages' featuring phone number 735-3350 and services like Ski, Lottery, and Weather information.

Advertisement for 'Want to comment?' regarding the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's proposed state pollutant trading rule, including contact information for Susan Burke and other officials.

NATION

GOP grows wary of Bush's slump, braces for full-scale election fight

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — His support slumping in the polls, President Bush is campaigning more vigorously for re-election at the same time Republicans unleash their surrogates to take the shine off Democratic front-runner John Kerry.

"The polls are where we expected them to be," Republican Party chairman Ed Gillespie said Friday in an interview, one of several GOP officials to attribute Bush's slippage to months of attacks by Democrats.

"Our political season hasn't really begun yet."

While other GOP officials privately acknowledged concern about Bush's political standing, several sources said Republicans intend to begin airing television commercials soon after Democrats settle on a nominee — whether that occurs as early as the Feb. 17 Wisconsin primary or later.

Eventually, Republicans hope to depict Kerry as a liberal whose rhetoric is often at odds with his record, according to several party strategists.

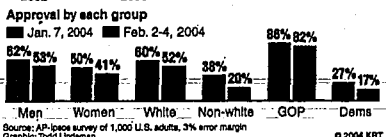
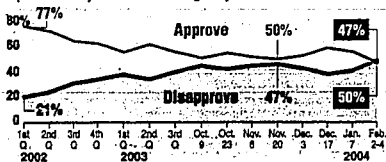
Terry Holt, a spokesman for the president's re-election committee, declined to discuss plans for advertising. At the same time, he said, "There won't be such a free ride" for the president's Democratic challenger in the fall campaign.

For his part, Bush has taken to shadowing Democrats, and offi-

Public approval of Bush drops

President Bush has lost public support in the past month, a new Associated Press poll finds.

Opinion of way Bush is handling his job



Source: AP-Ipsos survey of 1,000 U.S. adults, 3% error margin. Graphic: Todd Eisenman

cially say he'll soon embark on a heavier round of travel.

He flew to New Hampshire two days after the state's presidential primary, hoping to erase any damage inflicted by weeks of Democratic campaigning. A few days after the South Carolina primary, he flew to Charleston in an appearance designed to regain the political spotlight in that state as well.

On Sunday, Bush is booked for an hour-long interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," the first for a chief executive who has set a

modern record for fewest full-scale news conferences. Next week, he also goes to Florida for the Daytona 500 — a high-profile event in a sport that has expanded its appeal in recent years beyond Southern white conservatives to a more diverse audience.

First Lady Laura Bush is also raising her profile, and told CNN in an interview this week that the couple's 22-year-old daughters, Jenna and Barbara, are contemplating a role in what may be their father's last campaign.

Memory repairs cure rover

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA on Friday pronounced its Spirit rover cured of the computer ills that crippled the vehicle for two weeks and had threatened its mission to search for geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter planet.

"I think I can say this morning with as much certainty as we can say anything here that our patient is healed," mission manager Jennifer Trosper said.

The rover, which abruptly stopped sending scientific data to Earth last month, underwent delicate repairs as programmers deleted files and cleaned out its flash memory. It was able to resume scientific work Thursday.

The problem caused computer files to accumulate, consuming the spacecraft's memory, "and eventually we ran out," said Glenn Reeves, who designed the probe's software.

FDA finalizes ban on ephedra

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of ephedra must stop by early April, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday in finalizing its ban of the herbal stimulant.

In the meantime, "do not take these products. They are simply too risky," warned FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan. Ephedra has been linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks and strokes.

DNA evidence helps free man

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Darryl Hunt left court a free man Friday, cleared by DNA tests of a murder that sent him to prison for 16 years.

Hunt was convicted twice and imprisoned for the 1984 murder of Deborah Sykes, a copy editor at the now-defunct Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Hunt, 38, had been serving a life sentence but was released on bond Dec. 24, two days after DNA implicated another man in the crime.

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Mechanic faces murder charge after officials find 11-year-old girl's body

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A tattooed mechanic with a long rap sheet was charged with murder Friday after authorities found the body of an 11-year-old girl whose kidnapping was captured on a carwash surveillance camera.

Police said Joseph P. Smith told witnesses that he had kidnapped and killed Carlie Brucia, and authorities used that information to find the sixth-grader's body in a church parking lot a few miles from the carwash.

Investigators refused to say how the girl was killed or whether she had been raped.

"He will pay the ultimate price for what he did to her," sheriff's Capt. Jeff Bell said. Investigators would not give details on the witness who helped them.

Smith, 37, is believed to be the man seen on the surveillance video in a mechanic's shirt with a name patch, leading Carlie away by the arm Sunday as she walked home from a slumber party. Investigators said the man on the tape has tattoos on both forearms; Smith has many tattoos on his arms.

The kidnapping set off a frantic search for the former Girl Scout, and the tape was beamed across the nation as Carlie's family and authorities pleaded for her safe return.

Investigators were led to Smith after a tipster identified him as the man in the video. Authorities said he had a Buick station wagon that was seen in the surveillance footage shortly before the kidnapping.

Carlie's body was found beneath thick underbrush near the Central Church of Christ. While investigators in white coveralls searched the area for evidence, Carlie's friends and family gathered outside the church. Her stepfather, Steven Kansler, and some friends knelt in a prayer circle. "She's in a better place. She got there in a horrific manner, but now she's watching me all the



Children comfort each other near a makeshift memorial for schoolmate Carlie Brucia in Sarasota, Fla., on Friday.



Joseph P. Smith
Suspect in girl's death
time," said her father, Joe Brucia. Smith has been arrested at

least 13 times in Florida since 1993. He served 17 months in prison in 2001 and 2002 for heroin possession and prescription drug fraud. Eight days after he got out, he was arrested for cocaine possession and placed on probation for three years. He also got probation for aggravated battery in 1993 and heroin charges in 1999. A state correction official, Joe Papp, said that a probation officer had asked a judge on Dec. 30 to declare Smith in violation of his probation because he had not paid all his fines and court costs.

Neighbors said Smith and his wife had separated recently and he had moved out of the house.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Knock three times

- What: Tony Orlando will do two shows tonight in Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: 8 and 11 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



Tales from Grimy Gulch

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

Theater of song

- What: Hailey's Company of Fools will present Jason Robert Brown's song cycle, "Song for a New World."
- Where: Liberty Theater, Hailey.
- When: Tonight at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. (the production continues on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 22)
- How much: Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

What in the world

- What: The 16th annual Twin Falls Foreign Film Festival concludes with screenings of Georges Lopez's "To Be and to Have," a French documentary, and Lukas Moodysson's "Lilya 4Ever," a movie from Sweden.
- Where: Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S.
- When: "To Be and to Have" will be shown at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. today and at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday; "Lilya 4Ever" will be screened at 4:45 p.m. today and at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday (further showings are planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
- How much: Tickets, which are \$7.50, are available at the door or at the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	1 of Aug.	% snow
Upper Snake Basin	98%	74%
Salmon Falls	117%	74%
Salmon	97%	72%
Onley	114%	74%
Big Wood	91%	61%
Little Wood	95%	64%
Henry's Fork/Teton	114%	75%
Big Lost	96%	60%
Little Lost	85%	54%

*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.

Group treasurer faces theft charges

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A woman entrusted to care for the funds of Harrison Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization was charged with "embezzling more than \$15,000."

Sarah Dee Behninn, 35, of Twin Falls, faces one count of grand theft, a felony, according to court

documents.

The charge came in connection with incidents that began more than a year ago, according to an affidavit written by Detective David Heidenann of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Behninn became the volunteer secretary/treasurer of the PTO in October 2002, the affidavit says. Her duties included balancing the checking and savings accounts for

the group and paying the bills.

After a Dec. 3 meeting when the accounts were discussed, the president of the PTO notified the school's principal regarding a perceived discrepancy.

School staff members went to their bank to go over the checks written on the school's accounts. One staffer noticed her name had been forged on a check, the affidavit says.

Upon further investigation, school officials found the loss was about \$15,107.

The suspect was questioned by officers and admitted that she began taking money out of the school's account shortly after she was given the responsibility to handle the money, the affidavit says.

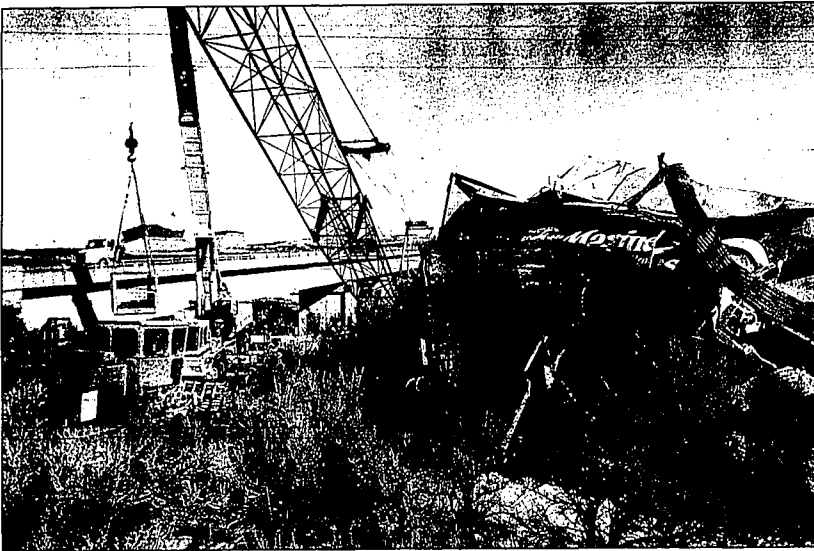
For a year, the affidavit says, she would write herself checks from the PTO account and deposit

them into an automated teller machine at a credit union. She would then wire money to another account.

A search of The Times-News' archives reaching back to the mid-1990s turned up no criminal history on Behninn.

She was arraigned Friday in 5th District Court and had not entered a plea. Her preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 13.

PICKING UP THE PIECES



A portion of the tractor-trailer that crashed into the Snake River Canyon at the Hansen Bridge last week was recovered Friday by Twin Falls Crane Services employees. A 100-ton crane with 650 feet of cable was used to recover the wreckage.

Bliss residents favor school proposal

The Times-News

BLISS — Response at a town meeting Thursday about building a new school in Bliss was an overwhelming "Yes," said Superintendent Kevin Lancaster.

"It was just a great meeting," he said.

About 40 people came to discuss how to improve on the district's 75-year-old facility, which

houses about 189 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Lancaster said the consensus was that the district needs to act to ensure that there will be a school in the community in the future. There also was support for building the school all at once, instead of in phases, because that would save some money.

The district has about \$650,000 saved for construction, but will

need a bond of about \$2.3 million to complete the project, Lancaster said. He's confident there will be enough support to pass the bond and hopes to have it done by May so the district can start construction.

The district has been considering a new building for years, Lancaster said.

Carol Wood, president of the school's parent organization,

Parents and Winning Students, said she didn't hear a dissenting voice speak. She was impressed that parents and people who don't have children attended the meeting. She had reservations about building the school all at once, but can understand that low interest rates might make it a good time to act.

"I guess this is a good start," Wood said.

Planners continue work on CAFO zones

Cassia County may allow large operations as an outright use

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

BURLEY — In an effort to make the county more "agriculture friendly," Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission members are working on a plan that would allow confined animal feeding operations in certain areas of the county without conditional-use permits.

"We want to identify those areas in the county where we can allow CAFOs without having to go through the hearing process,

as long as they meet certain criteria," planning commission member Clayne Zollinger Jr. said.

The existing zoning ordinance requires conditional-use permits for all CAFOs and a public hearing before the planning commission is required before any conditional-use permit can be granted.

Zollinger thinks that hearing process scares some people away. "We are agriculture friendly, but I think the perception is otherwise," he said.

Albion resident Bill Mendenhall, president of AgriSource Inc., a southern Idaho grain exporting business based in Burley, said he knows some dairy men decided not to expand into Cassia County "because of the fear of public hearings."

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Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission members Clayne Zollinger Jr., Bruce Beck, Vaughn Cook and Dee Yeaman review the county's confined animal feeding operation boundary map as they discuss creating designated CAFO zones.

T.F. superintendent joins education committee

TWIN FALLS — State Board of Education President Blake Hall appointed Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls Schools' interim superintendent, to the board's Technical Advisory Committee Thursday.

The committee gives the board advice on testing and will specifically be looking at the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, to make sure it is evaluated and improved so that it is reliable when it is implemented as a statewide graduation test.

The ISAT has been approved by the state's House Education Committee, but it still has to be approved by the full House to be implemented as a graduation requirement in 2006.

Magic Valley In brief

Dobbs wants the ISAT improved so that it is better aligned with Idaho's state standards.

"I'm looking forward to working on it, because we're in favor of a graduation test," Dobbs said.

The Twin Falls School District previously issued a position statement that the ISAT needs more changes before it can be used as a high-stakes graduation test.

CSI shows documentary on killing of Mexican women

TWIN FALLS — The College of Twin Falls International and

Multicultural Student Services Office and the CSI Diversity Council will show a movie this month that documents the killings of hundreds of young women in Juarez, Mexico.

"Senorita Extraviada" by Lourdes Portillo details the brutal rapes and murders of some 370 girls and women and the disappearance of at least 350 more. The movie is described as a disturbing portrait of Ciudad Juarez, "the City of the Future" and one of the world's largest border cities.

The film shows how police and other authorities since 1993 have been quick to write off the attacks as a result of the lifestyles of supposed prostitutes.

It goes further, in some cases, to

suggest that investigators have been complicit in the killings and have chosen not to investigate them.

The director says the movie gives voice to the families who want the world to know that their daughters did not deserve this fate.

The movie will be shown at 4 and 7 p.m. Feb. 13 and again at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Student Union Lobby. A candlelight vigil in the Student Union chapel will follow the show on Feb. 15.

Admission is free; students and the general public are invited.

For more information, contact Kim Prestwich at 732-6293 or kprestwich@csi.edu.

— compiled from staff reports

TFPD honors its finest

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The light blue pickup racing down Blue Lakes didn't get far.

Officers from the Twin Falls Police Department were on its trail, suspecting the driver of being involved in a robbery of a Key Bank branch.

Capt. Jim Massey, Sgt. Dennis Rinehart and Detective Curtis Gambrel were instrumental in arresting the suspect, gaining a confession from him and keeping pedestrians and motorists safe from his fleeing truck during those events of December 2002.

They and other members of the Twin Falls Police Department were honored Thursday evening at the department's eighth annual award banquet.

"Dennis got his for going the bank robber. I got mine for not getting myself killed," Massey joked as he accepted a letter of commendation.

The chief of police showed pride in his department.

"We recognize heroic and community service acts performed by members of the police department," Chief Lee DeVore said. "I'm amazed by the accumulation of good things going on. This is not your average police department."

Officer Tom Fleming was recognized for his shooting ability. He received the master certification, which means he has had near-perfect shooting scores for three years.

The department gave out three new awards this year. Community service officer Chad McClain was the recipient of employee of the year. Officer of the year went to Chad Wington. Detective Sgt. Dave Heidemann was honored as detective of the year.

Since March 2003, the department has increased its fight to eradicate illegal drugs. Officers achieved most goals in this effort, dubbed Operation Zero Tolerance, including a surge in narcotics arrests and an expansion of drug awareness presentations. Sgt. Ron Fustos and Sgt. Dan McAtee were commended for their work in those areas, respectively.

"There were 3,951 hours invested as a department," Sgt. Steve Ryan said. "That doesn't mean we neglected something else. We used our time more effectively."

Thanks also went out to the people involved in the new city communications center, which went into operation Dec. 30.

"Thank you for hanging tough on this new dispatch center," DeVore said, nodding to the three dispatchers in attendance.

"They're all doing a great job, and it's working out well," he said.

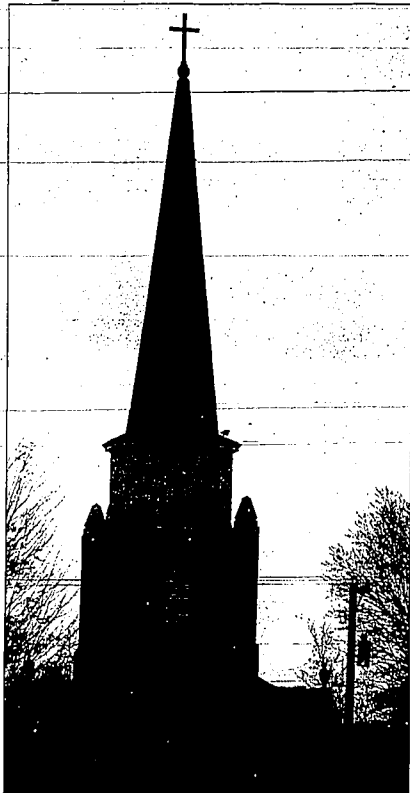
WANTED

In the Magic Valley

Name: Daniel Paul Ray.
Age: 30.
Description: 5-foot-9, 150 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes.
Wanted for an officer.
Bench warrant, \$100,000 bond.
Original charge: Possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).
The Jerome County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Ray's whereabouts to call the department at 324-8845 or 324-7583, or the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 324-1911.



A RISING FORCE



The moon rises alongside the First Congregational Church in downtown Walla Walla, Wash., Thursday evening.

Idaho nuke shipments might see delay

The Associated Press
CARLSBAD, N.M. — Nuclear waste shipments from Idaho and other states to a geologic repository could be slowed because of a New Mexico Environment Department decision to pull some state employees from oversight of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, officials said.
 New Mexico announced this week it was directing resources away from WIPP as it redirected its priorities on issues at the Los Alamos National Laboratory that has recently faced more than \$1 million in state fines.
 Three of the five full-time state employees working at the federal underground waste repository near Carlsbad have been transferred to Los Alamos, New Mexico

Environment Department spokesman Jon Goldstein said.
 "In the long term, there is a potential for that to cloud some of the issues down at WIPP," he said.
 The federal Environmental Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls ships plutonium-contaminated waste to WIPP. All transuranic waste stored above ground in barrels at INEL must leave the state by 2018 as per a 1995 agreement with the federal government. Idaho argues that more transuranic waste buried above the aquifer that supplies water to some 200,000 southern Idahoans and drains into the Snake River in the Magic Valley should be dug up and also shipped to WIPP under the terms of the agreement.
 R. Paul Detwiler, acting manager

of the U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad office, said the federal government is concerned about the changes at WIPP.
 WIPP is awaiting state action on five proposed changes to its state hazardous waste permit. Under normal circumstances, a decision involving some issues can take more than a year.
 New Mexico also has scheduled in the near future 10 audits of sites that ship waste to the plant, Detwiler said. The Energy Department can try to expedite its part of the permit change process, but delays in audits could more immediately affect shipping schedules, he said.
 The annual audits must be completed before waste can be shipped.
 Under Idaho's 1995 court-

enforced cleanup agreement with the federal government, the Energy Department must move an average of 9,700 drums of plutonium-contaminated waste a year out of INEL. The shipment level is calculated on a rolling three-year average so that any shortfalls in one year can be made up in the next.
 New Mexico's redirection-of-resources involved a notice of seven alleged violations of state hazardous waste management regulations at Los Alamos. The state issued a compliance order with a possible maximum fine of more than \$850,000 against the lab.
 Last month, the state levied a fine of more than \$280,000 for other backlogged violations.

Pueblo captain gets funeral with honors

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Former Cmdr. Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, the Pueblo native who was the skipper of the USS Pueblo when it was captured in 1968 by North Korea, was buried with honors from a military that he felt had abandoned him during 11 months of brutal captivity.
 Three men who served under Bucher on the Pueblo helped carry his flag-draped casket to a windswept gravesite overlooking San Diego Bay at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. Bucher died on Jan. 28 at a nursing facility outside San Diego at the age of 76.
 James Kell, who served under Bucher on the Pueblo, said in his eulogy on Tuesday that Bucher was a sailor's sailor who thought of others first.
 "He loved the crew," Kell told the audience at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Poway. "There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for the crew, starting with that fateful day on the 23rd of January, 1968."
 The lightly armed Pueblo was monitoring communist ship movements and intercepting messages in international waters near the North Korean coast when it was

attacked by torpedo boats.
 One sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. Some of them, including Bucher, were wounded.
 After 11 months, the crew was released two days before Christmas, some of them crippled or nearly blind because of the brutality and malnourishment they endured.
 "He was beaten more than anybody else," Kell said. "We were all beaten, we all were tortured, but he had it the triple, quadruple, what we got. Those injuries probably led to his death."
 In his homily, Monsignor Joseph Finnerty said the trials and triumphs that marked Bucher's life paralleled those from the life of Jesus Christ, "who was also betrayed, abandoned, discouraged, spat upon, preyed upon."
 Bucher remained angry that the country he had risked his life for had not come to the aid of the Pueblo. "Everybody just forgot we were there," he told.
 The Associated Press on the 20th anniversary-of-the-ship's-captivity. But during captivity, he was a rock for his men and an inspiration to them, Finnerty said.



Rose Bucher, widow of Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher, center, holds the flag as she stands next to her sons, Mike, left, and Mark, right, at the funeral for Bucher at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery Tuesday in San Diego. Bucher was the captain of the USS Pueblo when it was captured by North Korea in 1968.

Utah history professor claims anti-LDS bias at school

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A professor claims there is a lack of scholarly attention to Mormon history within the University of Utah history department, the Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story Friday.
 "Teachers recognize no 'intellectual or cultural merit in Mormonism,'" claimed university religious historian Colleen McDannell. She said a perfect example of the bias is the recent rejection of a controversial Mormon studies scholar for a history position.
 In a Feb. 3 letter to administrators, McDannell said her col-

leagues' refusal to hire D. Michael Quinn, a Yale-educated author and excommunicated Mormon, is "blatant discrimination."
 "The absence on this campus of scholarly attention to Mormon history, theology and practice is profound," said McDannell, who served on the search committee.
 University historian Robert Goldberg, one of eight professors on the search committee, said the department is "clean" of any discrimination.
 "Not one of the votes against Michael had anything to do with denigrating Mormon history or the Mormon church," he said. "In my

mind, it was just the opposite."
 Goldberg said he and the five others who voted against hiring Quinn are not looking for a Mormon apologist. But they don't want an avowed critic, either.
 Jim Clayton, a senior historian in the department, said the school has no mandate to teach Mormon history.
 "It presents all kinds of difficulties. Who could teach it without criticism from either side?" Clayton said. "Mormons who want the church's perspective can take a class at the LDS Institute across the street."
 History Department Chairman

Gov. paid bills with ball funds

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne needed the cash generated at his Jan. 31 fund-raiser to pay year-old bills from two Virginia consultants who had worked on his re-election campaign, according to financial records.
 Kempthorne closed out 2003 with only \$22,000 in the bank but \$48,500 in bills from his longtime political consultant Tony Payton and issue consultant and advertising strategist MPGH Agency Inc.
 The governor, who has said he will not seek a third term in 2006, spent \$1.1 million to defeat Idaho Falls newspaper publisher Jerry

Brady by 15 percentage points in November 2002. Brady spent just more than \$1 million, a third of its out of his own pocket.
 The dinner the Republican governor hosted at a restaurant just a block from the Capitol on Jan. 31 in conjunction with the annual Governor's Ball and GOP Legislative Gala attracted about 100 people at \$500 each, organizer and former Kempthorne campaign manager Jason Lohseist said.
 The campaign cleared about \$40,000, Lohseist said, more than enough to put it back into the bank.

Man asks to withdraw guilty plea

The Times-News
BURLEY — A hearing to consider a motion to allow Earl Dean Anderson, who also uses the name D.J. Anderson, to withdraw his "guilty" plea to a charge of statutory rape is scheduled for Feb. 27 in 5th District Court in Cassia County.
 Anderson is listed in court records with a Burley mailing address and a physical address in Paul, Ho's 19.
 Anderson reached a plea agreement with the Cassia County prosecuting attorney's office in August 2003. In exchange for him pleading guilty to one count of statutory rape, Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus agreed to drop a second count of statutory rape. Barrus also agreed to recommend the judge impose a suspended prison sentence of two to five years and place

Democrats set planning session

TWIN FALLS — Democratic candidates for Twin Falls County and Idaho elective offices will hold a strategy planning session at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the City Hall conference room, 321 Second Ave. E.
 County Democratic Central Committee Chairman Harry Phillips said a special search group has contacted several prospective candidates to run against current Magic Valley officeholders in brief.
 The group still is seeking potential candidates for the offices of county clerk, sheriff and prosecuting attorney, he said. It also is looking for county residents to fill voting precinct volunteer leadership positions, Phillips added.
 For more information, Phillips can be contacted at 735-8825.

High court rejects petition over abortion law

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court on Friday rejected without comment an anti-abortion group's petition over public information on alternatives to abortion.
 Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, one of the targets of the lawsuit, said Friday the petition was not necessary and only delays attempts to improve implementation of the 1993 law.
 "My administration was working closely with the pro-life community, including Idaho Chooses Life, to address their concerns and update the information required by law to be provided to women making this difficult decision," Kempthorne said.
 David Ripley with the Idaho Chooses Life Alliance said he had not yet had a chance to

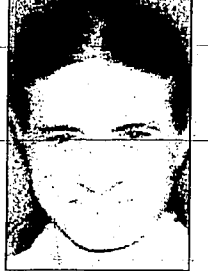
review the ruling.
 "We'll have to review the order with our counsel and see what options we have, but I promise you this: The fight to ensure women get high quality information is far from over," Ripley said Friday night.
 The alliance filed a Jan. 16 petition with the high court, asking that the state be ordered to publish its own brochure for distribution to women considering abortion, as well as in the document were the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and its director, Karl Kurtz.
 The alliance said the pamphlet should describe alternative services available to pregnant women including adoption, the characterizes of a fetus up to 24 weeks old, abortion procedures and any

reasonable complications and risks to the mother.
 Health and Welfare has been circulating an old pamphlet produced by the state of Ohio, which includes a disconnected toll free telephone number for information on abortion and alternatives. Critics claim that fails to comply with the state's Right to Know law.
 The law was enacted before Ripley became an ardent opponent of abortion in the 1990s. Before that, Ripley was one of the engineers of the huge Democratic victory in 1990 that capitalized on public dissatisfaction with Republican approval of what would have been the nation's toughest anti-abortion law. Then Gov. Cecil Andrus vetoed the bill.

OBITUARY

Debra Golay-Carroll - Twin Falls

Debra Golay-Carroll, age 48, passed away the third week of January 2004, at her home in Boise, Idaho.
 Debra was born on Jan. 21, 1956, in Boise, Idaho, to Gary and Naomi Golay; they were later divorced. She was a long-time resident of Twin Falls.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Dean Carroll.
 She is survived by her daughter, Katherine Fisher; her mom, Naomi and Doyle Hansen; her dad, Gary and Jennie Colay; sisters, Rose Griffiths and family; Tina Kelsey and family; and brother, Robin Golay.
 Cremation was under the direction of the Cremation Society of Idaho.



Plans

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 "I think this is positive thinking, it is looking 20-years from now."
 Mendenhall and other agribusinessmen within Cassia County proposed a CAFO overlay zone to commissioners in 1998. The proposal was adopted but several key changes were made by county officials.
 "The problem was that they changed CAFO boundaries and put them in prime agricultural land, which was too close to clusters of people," Mendenhall said. It was decided to plan for CAFOs in Cassia County, he said, because that development is coming, with or without a plan.
 "We know that the dairy industry is overcrowded in Jerome and Twin Falls counties, and they are probably going to move into

Cassia County," he said.
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"There may be some people who always want a say whether something comes in," he said.
 "But the specifications for dairies are amazingly tight."
 Planning commission members plan to further discuss CAFO zones at their Feb. 19 meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.
 "If the county adopts a far-sighted CAFO overlay zone, there shouldn't be any problems, Mendenhall said.
 "Cassia County is very large, we can fit big dairies and bring the money in, but not having the same same problems as Jerome and Twin Falls."
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Indian trust fund sees budget hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Gale Norton touted a plan Friday to improve its management of American Indian lands by buying up slices of Indian property and turning the consolidated parcels over to tribal ownership.

The \$75 million initiative marks an effort by the department to find a way to improve its management of tracts of land that are becoming increasingly splintered among heirs.

By law, the Interior Department is assigned to act as trustee for Indian lands. Today, it manages 260,000 active accounts, more than 10,000 of which contain less than \$1. But the department spends \$220 million annually administering the lands.

"Without corrective action, millions of acres of land will be owned in such small ownership interests that no individual owner will derive any meaningful value from

that ownership," Norton said in remarks delivered in Phoenix on Friday.

The department's plan is to buy the small pieces of land from willing sellers, lump them together and turn them over to the tribes. The department would keep revenues from the land until it has recovered the purchase price.

In the last 4.5 years, the department has purchased 69,000 splintered parcels of land, Norton said. At the same time, 100,000 new interests were created, pointing to the need for the additional \$53 million included in this year's budget request.

The initiative is a cornerstone of the Bush administration's budget for Indian Country in the coming year. But it also illustrates how a massive class-action lawsuit alleging the department mismanaged tens of billions of dollars over generations continues to drive the

department's budget.

Of the \$250 million budget increase proposed by President Bush on Monday, \$158 million — 63 percent of the increase — would go to fix problems identified in the lawsuit and comply with a judge's order to account for money that should have been paid to the Indian landowners dating back to 1887.

Last year, programs related to the Indian trust fund management accounted for half of the \$344 million increase in the administration's budget.

Outside of the trust-related increases, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' budget is being cut by about \$100 million.

That includes a \$66 million cut in construction spending on BIA-run elementary and secondary schools. The department runs 183 schools for 48,000 students and the Bush administration made recon-

structing and retrofitting the dilapidated schools one of its top priorities.

But the administration has now funded work on its list of 25 schools most in need of repairs and needs to determine which other schools are in need of work.

The department, also proposed cutting its funding to tribal colleges and universities by \$5 million, an 11 percent reduction and eliminating a \$2.5 million community development project. It is seeking to increase tribal law enforcement and justice programs by \$10 million.

The increases will go to help the department meet a court order to account for money that should have been paid to the Indian landowners. The court of appeals is being asked to determine whether that accounting should be limited in scope or document every transaction for every account since 1887.

California asks for 2002 prison riot probe

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold — Schwarzenegger asked a federal prosecutor on Friday to probe the 2002 Folsom State Prison riot in which more than two dozen inmates were wounded.

His request came two weeks after witnesses told state Senate committees that prison officials helped trigger the 90-second gang fight and then covered up their mishandling of the riot and its aftermath.

McGregor Scott, the U.S. attorney for the district that includes Sacramento and neighboring Folsom, said in a statement he will consult with other agencies before deciding whether to conduct an investigation.

Excluding California's massive budget deficit, the state's adult and juvenile prison system has flared as Schwarzenegger's biggest policy crisis since he took office in November. The system has been accused of overspending and criticized by a federal overseer.

The administration said Friday it has ended the California Youth Authority's practice of using wire cages to contain misbehaving youths.

Acting Department of Corrections Director Rick Rimmer told senators two weeks ago that he was temporarily resigning the entire Folsom administration during an independent investigation of the April 2002 riot, a probe he said could involve state or federal prosecutors.

The U.S. attorney has powers such as federal civil rights laws that aren't available to state or county prosecutors.

Folsom's warden was fired last year. Rimmer said the investigation will probe allegations by Folsom guards that the acting warden on the day of the riot had ties to the Southern Mexicans, or Mexican Mafia, one of the two gangs involved in the brief battle.

Twenty-five inmates were wounded, one correctional officer suffered a permanent disability as he helped break up the fight, and another committed suicide after complaining about his treatment by prison officials in the riot's aftermath.

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Panel

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needs for his commission. But he announced its formation Friday to meet a self-imposed deadline. The White House wanted to announce the commission before Bush appears on the NBC Sunday morning show "Meet the Press" to talk about intelligence failures in Iraq and his plans to address them.

Other members of Bush's panel include Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.; Lloyd Cutler, former White House counsel in the Carter and Clinton administrations; Rick Levin, president of Yale University, Bush's alma mater; Adam Stuleman, a former deputy CIA director; and Pat Wald, a former appeals court judge from Washington.

"As we vet and find additional members to fill out the nine," Bush said, "we will let you know."

The president said the commission would examine "weapons of mass destruction and related 21st-century threats." That will include comparing intelligence used to justify the war in Iraq with reports from U.S. weapons inspectors who did not find the weapons stockpiles the Bush administration claimed Iraq possessed.

Bush expanded the commission's agenda to include U.S. intelligence gathering on other countries with nuclear ambitions, including North Korea, Libya and Iran. The panel also will examine operations in Afghanistan, the one-time base of the al-Qaida terrorist network.

Democrats who called for an investigation by an independent commission quickly denounced Bush's commission as inadequate for the job. The panel "should look not only at the intelligence that was gathered, but the way the administration used — or misused — it to justify the invasion, they said.

Bush's executive order creating the panel was silent on whether the group could look into the use of the intelligence.

"To have a commission appointed exclusively by President Bush investigate his administration's intelligence failures in Iraq does not inspire confidence in its independence," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Democrats accused Bush of giving the panel a broad mandate and post-election deadline to limit political damage and move the focus away from the case Bush

Investigating Iraq intelligence failures

President Bush named seven people Friday to sit on an independent study commission to look into intelligence failures on Iraqi weapons.

Charles S. Robb, 64 U.S. senator from Virginia, 1988-2001; governor of Virginia, 1992-1996; son-in-law of former President Lyndon Johnson	Lawrence Hirsch Silberman, 68 Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 1995-present; member, Defense Policy Board, 1981-85	Lloyd Norton, 86 Attorney, 1940-present; senior counsel, President's Commission on Strategic Forces, 1983; presidential economist, 1979-81	Richard C. Levin, 56 President of Yale University, 1993-present; dean of U.S. House of Representatives, 93, chair of Arizona's first intelligence district, 1982-86	John McCain, 67 U.S. senator from Arizona, 1986-present; congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, 1959-2001; director of naval D.C. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, 1979-99	William D. Studeman, 39 Deputy director, CIA, 1991-95; director, International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia, 1999-2001; director of naval D.C. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, 1979-99	Patricia McGowan Wald, 75 Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia, 1999-2001; director of naval D.C. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, 1979-99

SOURCE: Associated Press

made for quick military action in Iraq, including the claim, since proved erroneous, that Iraq had stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons.

"While the commission may ultimately perform valuable work on intelligence issues, the president is not allowing it to look into the growing number of questions millions of Americans are asking about the administration's statements and actions before the Iraq war. That investigation still needs to be done," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

McCain, who joined Democrats in calling for an independent commission, defended the president's commission as a "wise decision."

"In our war against terrorism, it is imperative that we guarantee the credibility and effectiveness of our intelligence capabilities," McCain said. "I will do my very best to help find the answers that the American people have a right to know."

Michael O'Hanlon, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who has written extensively on the Iraq war, called Bush's choices for the panel "generally a strong group of people who are capable and independent-minded."

Some members of the committee have backgrounds in U.S. intelligence and military policy, including McCain, a member of the Senate Armed Services

Committee, and Robb, who served on the Senate's Intelligence, Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees, and Studeman, who in addition to his CIA service was director of the National Security Agency, another intelligence agency.

But, O'Hanlon said, the panel would have added credibility if Bush appointed an opponent of the war.

Bush initially resisted having a commission investigate prewar intelligence. But he reversed course, appointed the panel and decided to make a potentially risky appearance on "Meet the Press" to regain momentum after a series of setbacks — coupled with ceaseless criticism from a field of Democratic presidential contenders — drove down his public standing in polls.

Election-year proposals to send astronauts to Mars and rewrite immigration laws have generated little excitement. Bush's State of the Union address was criticized by Republicans and Democrats as being overly political and disappointing. Then Bush's chief weapons inspector in Iraq, David Kay, resigned Jan. 23 and announced that a 10-month search for chemical, biological

and nuclear weapons — the primary basis given for Bush's decision to go to war — turned up no evidence of the stockpiles.

That revelation was followed by Secretary of State Colin Powell's statement, later retracted, that he had doubts about whether the United States would have gone to war if it had known earlier that Saddam Hussein "did not have unconventional weapons."

CIA Director George Tenet on Thursday delivered another blow when, in an unusual public review of his agency's work, he said intelligence analysts never portrayed Iraq as an imminent threat prior to the war.

The president announced his panel at a terse appearance in the White House briefing room. He read a five-minute statement in which he did not acknowledge any specific failures in prewar intelligence, then left without answering questions.

In a declaration likely to become a staple of his re-election campaign, Bush defended his decision to go to war, saying "In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, I will not take risks with the lives and security of the American people by assuming the goodwill of dictators."

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Bush bases budget on wishful thinking

President Bush, in a budget message longer on wishful thinking and political calculation than on realism, set his top goals as winning the war on terror, maintaining domestic safety and spurring economic growth. Only then did he list, as "another important priority, cutting the budget deficit brought on by recession and war."

The order of his priorities suggests that the nation's first president set a master's degree in business administration continues to resist any suggestion that his own fiscal management has contributed to the way that the massive long-term budget surplus he inherited became an equally massive long-term deficit.

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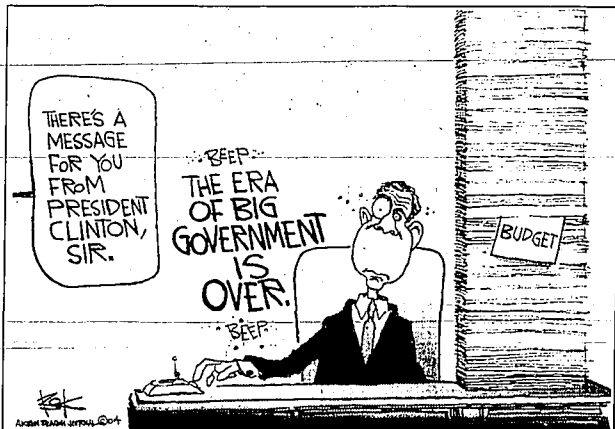
To Bush, the chief factors are a sharp decline in revenue, stemming largely from the drop in the stock market and a recession that began soon after he entered office, plus increased spending on defense and homeland security to meet the terrorist threat. He also notes he inherited increased domestic spending initiated by his predecessor, Bill Clinton.

"Had there not been one dime of tax relief under President Bush, we would have still run substantial budget deficits," his message said.

To the president's critics, the added costs of defense, homeland security and domestic programs are dwarfed by the revenue losses from the series of Bush tax cuts.

Discretionary domestic spending has been relatively stable, said the liberal Center for American Progress, contending that more than half of this year's record \$52.1 billion deficit stems from the tax cuts.

Comptroller General David Walker, a nonpartisan appointee, has made the rounds in Washington for some months, warning that the situation is worse than he advised and requires action to limit the tax



cuts, reduce spending and curb the burgeoning costs of Social Security and Medicare.

Though many people in both parties agree, the chances for meaningful action in an election year probably are minimal.

With Bush seeking to extend his tax cuts, any rollback clearly is off the table. And on spending, both Congress and Bush have played a better game than they have played.

Lawmakers have larded their budgets with all sorts of pork, and Bush has shown no inclination to use his veto power to enforce greater discipline.

In his new budget, Bush sought to put the burden on Congress by inviting lawmakers to consider his plan as ceiling and develop a mechanism to limit spending and make additional cuts.

But he undercut his credibility by failing to include funds for continued U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan that almost certainly will make the deficit even worse.

Looking to the future, most Democrats, including presidential front-runner John Kerry, want to roll back the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. But they would use much of the savings to expand federal health and education programs.

Such proposals are nonstarters this year. Indeed, there's no guarantee they would pass next year, even if Kerry wins the presidency. Republicans are certain to keep the House and quite possibly the Senate, meaning that a Democratic president could face significant obstacles in passing a deficit plan that includes tax hikes.

The last two decades suggest that the only solution is for a president and lawmakers to join in crafting explicit proposals. Deficit reduction plans in 1982, 1986 and 1990, raising taxes and cutting spending, passed only with bipartisan support, though Democrats in 1993 passed Clinton's plan without a single

GOP vote.

The controversial memoir of former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill provides an ironic footnote. According to Ron Suskind's "The Price of Loyalty," O'Neill and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan agreed in 2001 that any tax cut should include a trigger to suspend the cuts if the budget outlook deteriorated. The goal would have been to keep the cuts from exacerbating the situation if the projected surplus began to vanish and to save as much of it as possible to bolster Social Security and Medicare.

But Bush opposed the plan and passed his tax cuts without it. Its inclusion might have kept the deficit under control and prevented a situation that will have to be faced sooner or later, either by this president or the next one.

Carl P. Leubsdorf is Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News.

Dean can follow Nixon as example for comeback

DAVID GREENBERG

Early in Richard M. Nixon's 1968 campaign for president, his speechwriter, Raymond K. Price, was among those charged with a delicate task: Review Nixon's disastrous "last press conference" speech of Nov. 7, 1962, and figure out how to handle it in the upcoming race.

Nixon had delivered that rambling address after losing his bid to unseat Pat Brown as governor of California. Surprising reporters by venturing down from his hotel room the morning after his defeat, Nixon appeared at "all the members of the press (who) are so delighted that I have lost" and chided them for biased coverage. He concluded, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore, because gentlemen, this is my last press conference and it will be one in which I have welcomed the opportunity to test wits with you."

Combined with his failed 1960 presidential bid, the 1962 loss and the emotional speech — especially its signature phrase — were seen as consigning the former vice president to oblivion. Five nights later, ABC aired a special titled "The Political Obituary of Richard Nixon." But when Price and the press displayed the dreaded speech years later, they found that it didn't seem so bad.

Nixon's remarks were indeed raw and spontaneous, especially for a man given to controlling his public image tightly. The barbs at the press displayed an unmistakable hostility.

But the candidate neither shouted nor raged. His manner was far more restrained than printed accounts — or public memory — suggested. He even conceded: "I've given as good as I've taken."

In short, in its many retellings, the "last press conference," though reflective of some real bitterness, was magnified into a debacle more damning than it had to be.

This story comes to mind after watching the Washington punditocracy indulge in a giddy round of denigration at Howard Dean's expense. The former Vermont governor and onetime front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination was judged to have lost his moorings during his concession speech following his disappointing third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses.

Like Nixon's press conference, however, Dean's speech has grown increasingly bizarre — and more damaging to his campaign — in the echo chamber of news media chatter. What began as some people's opinion escalated into the unanimous verdict of the news media. Yet like Nixon, Dean could easily come back — and in a matter of weeks, not years.

When I first saw the snippets of Dean's one-hour night speech, they struck me as little more than the fiery rallying cry of an exhausted, arrogance campaigner trying to keep disappointment from sapping his troops. His final grunt did sound sort of odd, but just as I was about to dismiss his comments that night, which were subdued and conciliatory, his

overall reaction seemed reasonable. Within 24 hours, however, a consensus among the news commentators had coalesced that Dean had lost it. Cable news replayed the offending speech fragments over and over. Pundits tittered and shook their heads over Dean's reputation as "anger" — a quality Dean they had always overstated and overrated anyway.

Ultimately, television pumped this non-story so full of life that many newspapers felt obliged to run another round of articles about it. Dean was described as a "rabid dog" and "borderline psychotic" by analysts. Soon, the conventional-wisdom buzz was not that Dean's third-place showing would doom him but that his gross and howling would.

In this respect, Dean's experience also recalls that of another presidential aspirant — Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie. In the 1972 New Hampshire primary, Muskie, the Democratic front-runner, was facing false and scurrilous attacks in the conservative Manchester Union Leader.

At one campaign stop, Muskie — responding emotionally to the paper's publisher, William Loeb — appeared to tear up over so slightly. Television aired the clip and newspapers played it up on the front page — creating a story line that a weeping Muskie lacked the fortitude to lead.

Although he still won the New Hampshire primary, his rival, George McGovern, won the momentum and the good press. After a poor showing in Florida, Muskie dropped out.

Later, some correspondents admitted that they had botched the Muskie story. Even the teardrops they thought they saw, the Washington Post's David L. Broder wrote, might well have been melting snow. Yet the story had been a self-fulfilling prophecy. Despite the soul-searching, it often follows from a journalistic failure like the Muskie incident, the media rarely learn from their mistakes. Now Dean is paying the price for the self-satisfied cockiness of the Washington elites that so often decryes.

What had been a relatively innocuous, if slightly goofy, speech has metamorphosed into a real threat to his prospects, as late-night comedians drill home the image of a deranged Dean. Perhaps the propensity toward hysteria and overheated rhetoric belongs to the media, not to Dean.

In the end, Dean's resilience, or lack of it, will probably determine his fate. In 1972, Muskie carefully concluded that given his temperament, he wasn't the right man for a polarized America that year. In contrast, within days of his "last press conference," Nixon was plotting his political future.

David Greenberg, who teaches history and political science at Yale, is the author of "Nixon's Shadow: The History of an Image."

LETTERS

President Bush spending benefits his cronies

The hippies sang a song that said, "Money can't dance and it can't walk but it can talk." It is a federal office to make excessive profit on war-related items; however, Halliburton's billing of the government for 40,000 meals for 20,000 troops seems unconcerned. The media has reported three instances that should have put the cuffs on Halliburton. It makes your wonder how much of the 200 million that Bush is raising is our tax money from his grateful friends.

Nothing is too good for our troops. Unfortunately, they are getting less than nothing. Republican legislators proposed a 28 million cut in funding for veterans. They only got away with 5 million.

A \$6,000 proposed increase for families of soldiers that died in combat was killed by White House pressure. An average \$42,000 savings due to cuts in capital gains and dividend taxes will be enjoyed by Bush's cabinet and will not be cut.

In some parts of the country veterans have to wait two years for a doctor's appointment and then have to come up with a \$250 enrollment fee. Quite a difference from Mr. Bush's medical program.

Bush Veterans Administration is closing several veteran hospitals. Gotta find the money for the tax cut for the rich. Wounded and mentally disturbed veterans as the results of serving in combat are not just good for anything anyway. Just as well use that money for beneficial purposes. Our current national debt is \$6.84 quadrillion with Bush's

debt spending in 2003 the largest in history.

MAX SMITH
Twin Falls

Wilderness plan will usher in a boom for Idaho

Wilderness as we define it — the notion of a place that is substantially unchanged since man first encountered it — had not occurred to me, nor had the notion that we have the power to designate beautiful, untouched mountains and meadows, trees, streams and rivers and wilderness areas until I came to visit Idaho. Places for people to visit and enjoy with friends and family are a priceless addition to the quality of our lives.

Recently, I became aware of the efforts of Congressman Simpson and his staff to designate the Boulder and White Cloud Mountains as our newest wilderness.

Here are my reasons for supporting the Boulder-White Cloud wilderness designation:

• Beyond the obvious attributes of solitude, fishing, hiking and scenery, wilderness is good for Idaho because wilderness attracts visitors. Tourism provides our state with more outside income than any other single commercial activity. As a businessman, it's heartening to know that through wilderness designation, we can protect a piece of Idaho for future generations while at the same time improve the economy of the state.

• In 1994, the Institute for Southern Studies, Durham, N.C., found that "states that do the most to protect their natural resources

also wind up with the strongest economies and the best jobs." As a businessman, I find that very appealing.

• The growth of the technology and knowledge business in Idaho has attracted people who are educated and interested in the quality of our outdoor experience and the outdoor Idaho way of life. As our population grows, our need for wilderness grows. Businesses seeking a stable work force would do well to support the lifestyle that their employees are seeking.

What this comes down to is that wilderness protection in Idaho is an important part of an essential economic strategy that offers positive growth to our local economies. Rep. Simpson is to be commended for leading the way.

MAURICE M. CHARLAT
Sun Valley

Lack of conservation diminishes quality of life

I try to live my life in a manner that leaves stepping stones on which future generations may advance, at least at the minimum not leave holes, which they will have to crawl out of. As I look around, it seems to me that collectively as a society we are not only digging holes for future generations, we are digging holes for ourselves.

We have gone from a trillion dollar economic surplus to a trillion dollar deficit in a few short years by giving tax breaks to the very wealthy and spending money as if there were no tomorrow. Our air, land and water are becoming ever increasingly polluted by our wasteful, over-consumptive lifestyles.

The recent energy bill proposed by the Bush administration does nothing to solve our energy problems but does more poorly for the energy industry. Tax breaks for buying gas-guzzling sport-utility vehicles while young Americans and Iraqis die for oil is disgraceful. And though we are running out of oil, which will drastically change the way future generations live, we are ignoring the fact that there are technologies that could dramatically increase the gas mileage of our transportation fleet. U.S. automakers push to drive mileage requirements down. At the same time, any attempt at increasing public transportation is thwarted by selfish interests.

The shovels digging all those holes for future generations and ourselves are greed, arrogance and stupidity. Not only are we digging economic and environmental holes, we are digging intellectual and socio-cultural holes as well. No Child Left Behind sounds good, but is hamstringing our education system, thwarting creativity and imagination in students and teachers. The Patriot Act is anything but patriotic and may well limit the opportunity for future generations to find redress for the problems we are creating for them.

There are solutions, we can do much better, but only if we come to grips with our selfishness and look to the good of our societal needs. We need to take responsibility as individuals and take our government back from special interests. The hour is late, very late, but not too late, not yet.

BILL CHESHOLM
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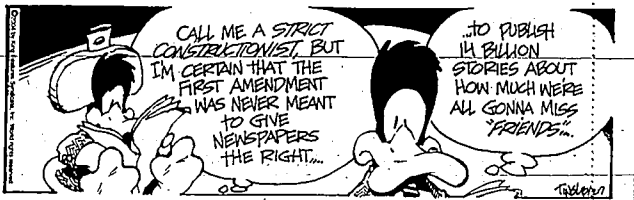
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WORLD

Haitians loot as armed group seizes city



People stand outside Avtozvodskaya metro station in Moscow Friday. An explosion hit the Moscow metro during Friday morning rush hour, killing at least 39 people and wounding at least 120 more.

Dozens die in Russia in subway explosion

MOSCOW (AP) - A bomb ripped through a Moscow subway car during rush hour Friday morning, killing 39 people and wounding more than 120 in what some reports called a suicide attack. It was the deadliest terrorist blast in the capital since Russia launched its second war in Chechnya.

President Vladimir Putin blamed the explosion on Chechen rebels and said it was aimed at sowing chaos before next month's presidential election.

"Russia doesn't conduct negotiations with terrorists - it destroys them," Putin said.

Moscow has been on alert following a series of suicide bombings that officials have blamed on Chechen rebels. The latest was in December, when a suicide bomber blew herself up outside a hotel across from Moscow's Red Square, killing at least five bystanders.

Russia has been fighting an insurgency in Chechnya for most of the last decade. One rebel leader, Shamil Basayev, is said to have created a special battalion of female bombers known as black widows.

Friday's blast struck the second car of a train after it pulled away from the Avtozvodskaya station, heading northwest toward the Paveletskaya station on the Moscow metro's busy circle line.

After the explosion, the train traveled several hundred more feet before coming to a stop, police spokesman Kirill Mazurin said in a TV interview.

The blast was equivalent to 11 pounds of TNT, said Deputy Mayor Valery Shantssev.

The Interfax news agency quoted unidentified police sources as saying the attack was carried out by a female suicide bomber. The agency reported authorities have a



SOURCES: ESRI; ToleAtlas; AP Associated Press

videotape of the suspected attacker and her alleged accomplice standing on a platform before boarding the train.

But Shantssev said investigators had not found shrapnel, which usually fills suicide bombers' explosives. He said that the bomb had likely been in a suitcase or backpack on the floor of the subway car, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Lawmaker Valery Draganov, who represents the Avtozvodskaya district, told Echo of Moscow radio that body parts were scattered along the tracks. Inside the badly damaged train, bodies covered in soot sat side-by-side still in their seats.

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) - Hundreds of people looted a small police station Friday, a day after an armed opposition group took control of Haiti's fourth-largest city in the biggest uprising yet aimed at the overthrow of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The revolution has begun, declared Domestien Philippe, a 27-year-old in the crowd milling outside the police station.

At least seven people were killed in Thursday's attack - four civilians and three police officers - and 20 were wounded, according to the Haitian Red Cross. The four were anti-government militants killed in gunbattles with police, Gonaives Resistance Front leader Wynter Etienne told Radio Vision 2000.

Etienne's group set ablaze a police station, the home of pro-Aristide Mayor Stephane Moise and a building housing a gas station and other businesses belonging to Moise.

Soldiers were deployed at main intersections in Gonaives, a city of about 200,000, but nobody stopped looters - carrying handguns and helmets from the police station.

In the seaside shantytown of Raboteau, the armed group's stronghold, hundreds of demonstrators shouted "Aristide must go! Too much blood has flowed!" Some of them wore looted police uniforms and brandished stolen weapons.

At the downtown jail, where the attackers freed more than 100 prisoners, the sound of hammering rang out as looters smashed metal gates and bars. Stores and schools remained shut and severed telephone lines were strewn in rubble-covered streets.

Members of the armed group in Gonaives were once allied with Aristide but turned on him last year after their leader, Amiot Metayer, was found murdered

Sept. 22. Metayer had long supported Aristide, but many of his followers now accuse the government of involvement in the killing.

At least 58 people have been killed in Haiti since mid-September in clashes between police and Aristide opponents and Aristide supporters and opponents. Discontent has grown since

Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000 and international donors have frozen millions of dollars in aid until new elections are held.

Haiti won its independence from France in a black slave revolt 200 years ago but has experienced little freedom since, suffering through a string of dictators interspersed with more than 30 military coups.

After 29 years of the Duvalier family dictatorship, Aristide, then a slum priest, won presidential elections by a landslide in 1990. He was overthrown the next year, then restored in 1994 by a U.S. invasion.

He was re-elected in 2000, but has been plagued by political troubles.

Shellfish hunters die in rising tides

LONDON (AP) - At least 19 shellfish hunters, all apparently Chinese nationals, died when they were trapped by fast-rising tides in treacherous Morecambe Bay in northern England, police said Friday. Police reported 14 survivors and said the search was continuing.

The dead were among a large group who were out from the bay's shore Thursday evening in Lancashire as they searched for cockles, a shellfish delicacy that lives just below the surface of the mud flats.

The 120-square-mile Morecambe Bay is notoriously dangerous, known for its fast-rising tides and quicksands. A British man and his 9-year-old son drowned in the mud flats two years ago after becoming disoriented in fog and trapped by the rapidly incoming tide.

Geraldine Smith, the local member of Parliament, said the difficulty of regulating cockle-picking meant it was "a tragedy waiting to happen."

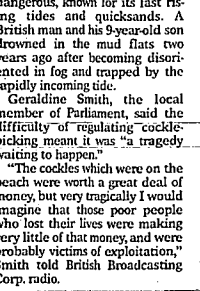
"The cockles which were on the beach were worth a great deal of money, but very tragically I would imagine that these poor people who lost their lives were making very little of that money, and were probably victims of exploitation," Smith told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

"The rescue was complicated by uncertainty over how many pickers were in the bay - the initial emergency report was of about 25 people but rescuers later acknowledged they had no idea what the real number was. Police said the dead included 16 men, two women and one person whose gender was not specified."

"We have received unconfirmed reports that some people in the group may have left the area without telling us so the problem is that we don't know how many people we are looking for," said Coast Guard spokesman Martin Collins.



A woman who offered to assist in rescue efforts waits in a car at Morecambe Bay, England, where at least 19 people were believed to have died, trapped by the rising tide.



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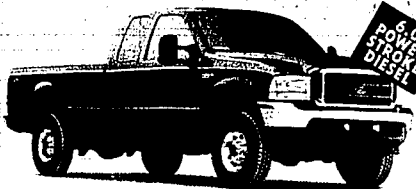


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Local sports

Blackfoot 51, Burley 46

BURLEY - Brent Packer scored 23 points and hauled down eight rebounds to lead Blackfoot to a 51-46 win over Burley Friday...

Valley 72, Kimberly 71

KIMBERLY - Michael Grant dominated the non-conference boys basketball game Friday scoring 35 points for Valley High School...

Filer 52, Wood River 38

HAILEY - Filer outscored Wood River 29-19 in the second half on its way to a 52-38 win in Hailey Friday...

Highland 43, Minico 41

POCATELLO - Minico faltered down the stretch as Highland rallied for a 43-41 Region Four-Five win Friday...

Dietrich 54, Bliss 43

BLISS - Dietrich pulled away with its free throw shooting to pull away for a 54-43 road win over Bliss Friday night...

Wendell 73, Buhl 41

WENDELL - Wendell blew open its game with a 29-8 scoring edge in the second quarter en route to a 73-41 win over Buhl Friday...

The Community School 58, Richfield 43

RICHFIELD - Jim Fairchild scored 19 points to lead The Community School past Richfield 58-43 Friday night...

Jones wins first race in over a year

NEW YORK (AP) - Marion Jones stepped into Madison Square Garden on Friday night and knew she was right at home. The world's most famous sprinter more than showed that on the track...

boyfriend Tim Montgomery. She resumed training a month later, and knew around the holidays she needed to get back on the track...

make her fourth Olympic team. "Grandma can't tell you how long grandma will keep going," she said...

Jazz loses fourth straight game, 87-73

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Zach Randolph had 19 points and 14 rebounds to lead the surging Trail Blazers to an 87-73 win over the Utah Jazz Friday...

held to four points on 1-of-6 shooting. Chauncey Billups scored nine on 3-of-10 shooting, including a meaningless 3-pointer late in the game...



Hawks 100, Celtics 96
BOSTON - The Atlanta Hawks won consecutive games for the first time this season, getting 23 points from Shaq...

Oakley

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Oakley can take its next step toward state with a win in tomorrow's Magic Valley Conference Tournament...

scored 12 points, including three three-pointers and propelled Raft River to defeat Murtaugh 40-30 in the Southside District girls basketball playoffs Friday night...

Murtaugh is out of the tournament and Raft River plays Oakley at Murtaugh tonight.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with 2 columns: Team and Win/Loss record. Includes teams like Utah, Portland, Sacramento, etc.

Friday's Games

Table listing game times and matchups for Friday, Feb 6.

Saturday's Games

Table listing game times and matchups for Saturday, Feb 7.

NBA Boxes

Table with 2 columns: Team and Box Score (Points, Rebounds, Assists).

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Michigan St. at Ohio St., ESPN, 11:30 a.m. ... North Carolina at Wake Forest, CBS, 11 a.m.

Golf

Champions Tour, Royal Caribbean Classic, second round, TGC, 11:30 a.m. ... Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, third round, CBS, 1 p.m.

Hockey

Exhibition, YoungStars Game, ESPN, 6 p.m. ... Exhibition, SuperStars Game, Competition, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Motor Sports

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Area ski report

Boyer Basin - the 735a play/04 machine ground 19 - 75 base 45 of 52

Boxing

IBF interim junior welterweight championship, SHO, 7 p.m.

Golf

Champions Tour, Royal Caribbean Classic, second round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

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FF Rec plans ice skating trips to Sun Valley

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering two ice skating sessions at the Sun Valley Ice Arena.

Giants DT Keith Hamilton retires after 12 years

REYES RUTHERFORD, N.J. - New York Giants defensive tackle Keith Hamilton retired Friday, ending a 12-year NFL career.

Former IU coach becomes UCLA offensive coordinator

LOS ANGELES - Offensive coordinator Steve Axman is leaving UCLA and will be replaced in that position by former Idaho head coach Tom Cable.

Yankees complete trade for third baseman Lamb

NEW YORK - The New York Yankees finalized their deal for Mike Lamb on Friday, acquiring the third baseman from the Texas Rangers.

Pomerle hosts air and freestyle competitions

ALBION - Pomerle Mountain Resort will host a big air and freestyle competition Saturday and a freestyle competition Saturday.

Snowboarder recovering after fall during stunt

NEW YORK - A champion snowboarder got stitches and a visit from David Letterman after she fell 25 feet of a ramp while performing a stunt for the comedian's late-night TV show.

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YOURSPORTS

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ELKS HOOP-SHOOTERS



The Rupert Elks hold its annual Hoop Shoot recently at the Rupert Civic Center. Winners in the 8-9 year-old boys were, from left, Jake Johnson, second; Nathan Olson, first; and Kai Garner, third.



Winners of the Rupert Elks Hoop Shoot in the 8-9 year-old girls' division were, from left, Tual Smith, second; Micalia Merrill, first; and Hunter Gano, third.



Winners of the Rupert Elks Hoop Shoot in the 10-11 year-old boys' division were, from left, Mathew Olson, second; Nathan Hanks, first; and Davis Jones, third.



Winners of the Rupert Elks Hoop Shoot in the 10-11 year-old girls' division were, from left, Page Johnson, second; Taylor Phillips, first; and Nathleen Yanez, third.



Winners of the Rupert Elks Hoop Shoot in the 12-13 year-old girls' division were, from left, Danalee Holland, second; Kendra Bailey, first; and Jessica Fuentes, third.



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Photos courtesy of GEORGE ANDERSON

YOURSCORES AND STATS

BOWLING

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Where's Thelma?

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T.F. Parks and Recreation

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Lodging sales

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales during December.

County	Dec. '03	Change from Dec. '02
Blaine	\$681,040	down 16%
Camas	\$24,328	just \$1.16 up

County	Dec. '03	Change from Dec. '02
Camas	\$157,476	down 11%
Grant	\$39,652	down 3%
Walla	\$145,582	down 43%
Wahkiakum	\$1,439	down 11%
Wascow	\$68,956	up 2%
Waukegan	\$71,696	down 7%
M.V.	\$1,835,468	down 44%

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the December sales totals - for the most part - reflect activity that happened in November.

Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

Glacier Bank posts record earnings

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In the flurry of corporate earnings data released this week were results for several companies that are Magic Valley employers.

Among them were a bank with Wood River Valley branches; a brewing company that has elevator and research operations in Magic Valley and buys barley from local growers; a real estate service

and investment management firm that manages Magic Valley Mall; and an athletic specialty retailer with a store in Magic Valley Mall.

Here are the highlights:

Glacier Bancorp Inc. - Knappton, Mont.-based Glacier Bancorp Inc. - which operates Mountain West Banks in Hailey and Ketchum - posted record net earnings of \$38.008 million for 2003, a 17 percent increase

QUARTERLY REPORT

over 2002. Glacier's fourth-quarter earnings were \$9.531 million, up 9 percent from fourth quarter 2002. Diluted earnings per share in the quarter were 48 cents, up 7 percent from fourth quarter 2002. Loans outstanding in 2003

increased by \$133 million, 10 percent higher than in 2002.

"Higher mortgage interest rates during the fourth quarter reduced the volume of mortgage loan originations and the resulting gain-on-sale of loans," said Mick Blodnick, Glacier Bancorp president and CEO, in a statement.

Coors Brewing Co.

Despite declining U.S. beer sales late in the year, Golden, Colo.-based Coors Brewing Co.

announced higher consolidated net sales, net income and earnings per share for 2003.

Coors reported consolidated net sales of \$4.0 billion in 2003, a 5.9 percent increase from 2002. Coors' consolidated net income was \$174.7 million, or \$4.77 per diluted share, an 8 percent increase from 2002.

Coors reported net sales of \$1.1 billion for the fourth quarter, up 4.3 percent from fourth quarter

2002. Please see REPORTS, Page B8

Avon gets a makeover



Avon rep Lauren Shifflet, center, shares a sample with schoolmates, left to right, Courtney Howard, Mikello Harris and Marianne Hood.

Avon looks to young women to sell trendy products

The Baltimore Sun

This is the new Avon Lady calling: "I heard that Johnny Depp wears mascara," coos Lauren Shifflet, 17 of the Academy Award-nominated actor. "How cool would it be if he bought it from me."

Shifflet represents a new breed for Avon, the cosmetics retailer. As its century-old door-to-door selling has met new challenges and competition, the company has turned to young girls as the next leg of Avon ladies.

Girls age 16 to 24 are pitching a new Avon line called "Mark" at high schools, college dorms and slumber parties. Avon has long sold some items for children, but hadn't before used youths to sell products or created a separate line for them.

Long known for its appeal to middle-age women, the 117-year-old company is attempting to become a trendsetter for finicky teens.

A recent "Mark" catalog featured products such as body crystals, "plumping lip" pots and don't nail polish colors so girls can stripe their nails. The promotional material more resembles teen magazines than the company's familiar pocket-sized catalog. Avon hired the pop singer Jewel, and Lala, a vejay on the MTV music-video channel, as "spokesmodels." And, a teenage character in the NBC soap opera "Frasier" sold the products as part of her role in

three episodes last year. This definitely is not your grandmother's Avon. "There is an extraordinary opportunity for us to target this demographic," said Deborah L. Fine, the former publisher of Glamour magazine and president of Avon Future, the company division responsible for Mark. "The buying power of this group is extraordinary." Females under 25 spend about \$250 billion a year, a quarter of it on makeup and fashion, according to various sources. To better reach this audience, Avon created the "Mark" line last summer.

It had hoped initially to sign up 13,000 Mark salesgirls, but got nearly twice as many: 25,000. Mark sales reached \$20 million in December. Avon hopes the line brings in \$100 million by the end of its first full year this summer - still a fraction of Avon's total sales of more than \$6 billion. Along with cosmetics, the Mark brand includes hats, purses and earrings ranging in price from \$4 to \$28.

Avon officials said they named the line to celebrate the "mark" young women are making on the world - and

because it was short enough to fit on a tube of lipstick. "The average age of Avon's sales people and customers is middle age," said Linda Bolton Weiser, vice president of research at Oppenheimer & Co. in New York. "You need to get something to try to live up your brand. The company has recently upgraded many of their products. The next step is to offer things to people that are trendier." Shifflet, a senior at the Institute of Notre Dame in East Baltimore, recently gathered five of her friends in the school library for a Mark session. She put pink lip gloss on the girls and painted their nails gold and silver. She passed around lotion that smelled like roses.

The girls, in their plaid-and-navy Catholic school uniforms, lathered it on their hands and giggled a lot. The conversation bounced frenetically from exams, to the latest "Lord of the Rings" movie, to the relative cuteness of Depp and fellow actor Orlando Bloom. "I like the lotion," said Courtney Howard, 15. "It makes my fingers tingly."



On Thursday, the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency unanimously voted to give \$200,000 to purchase the required machinery for the class as part of the agency's incentive package to Hydro Fitting. The incentive funding was originally earmarked for Hydro Fitting's purchase of approximately 4.25 acres in the Magic Valley Business Park, said executive director Dave McAlindin.

Upon relocating to Twin Falls, Hydro Fitting will repay the Urban Renewal Agency for the cost of the machinery, and the company will take over ownership of the machinery for use in the new Hydro Fitting building, according to the agreement. When that money is repaid to the agency, the agency will use the \$200,000 to help complete the purchase of the land in the business park.

The new machinery is due to arrive next week. The Hydro Fitting facility is scheduled to be fully operational in early July.

Rent-A-Center plans to buy Ohio rental business

CANFIELD, Ohio - Rainbow Rentals, an Ohio-based rent-to-own business that operates 124 stores in 15 states, is selling out to Rent-A-Center, a Plano, Texas, chain with a Twin Falls store.

Rent-A-Center, which calls itself the nation's largest rent-to-own operator, said it will pay \$16 per share in cash for the Canfield company. Rainbow's 5.9 million shares make the deal worth about \$95 million. Wayland-Russell, Rainbow chairman and chief executive, owns nearly half the company with about 2.5 million shares.

Rainbow's shareholders and federal regulators must approve the transaction, which the companies expect to be complete in the second quarter.

Russell said the company's board of directors has unanimously approved the move. He and Rainbow president Michael Viveiros also have agreed to vote their shares in favor of the transaction.

Mark E. Speese, Rent-A-Center chief executive, said in a news release that he expects the transaction to increase value for his shareholders. The acquisition is expected to result in cost savings in advertising, purchasing of rental merchandise and overhead for Rent-A-Center, he said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

McDonald's sales rise sharply despite reports of mad cow

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - McDonald's Corp. on Friday reported sharp sales gains for January, a full month after the first case of mad cow disease emerged in the United States.

The hamburger giant was boosted by its new "I'm Lovin' It" campaign, extended hours and revamped menu items, as well as the weak dollar.

Sales from the more than 30,000 McDonald's restaurants worldwide were up 19 percent from January 2003.

The U.S. figures showed that new consumers didn't stay away from the burger chain despite news in December that a Holstein in Washington state was infected with mad cow disease.

No further cases have been discovered, and U.S. officials have said there is no cause for alarm.

McDonald's chairman and CEO Jim Cantalupo said in a statement Friday he was confident 2004 will be "a year of ongoing progress," but made no reference to mad cow.

Sales at restaurants open more than a year, considered a key indicator of McDonald's health, rose 10 percent due to gains of 13.4 percent in the United States and 6.5 percent in Europe.

Home Depot seeks workers over the age of 50 for new jobs

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Home Depot and the AARP are forming a national partnership to recruit people older than 50 to fill jobs at the world's largest home-improvement retailer.

The partnership also will provide training and offer an easier application process.

"We have a need for qualified employees. We're looking for people who have the experience, the skills, the knowledge and the passion," said Dennis Donovan, Home Depot's executive vice president for human resources.

Atlanta-based Home Depot has about 35,000 jobs opening up at its 175 new stores in 2004, Donovan said.

Under the agreement, the AARP will find and train the workers and will help them apply for the jobs, said the AARP's Jim Seith. Home Depot will try to accommodate part-time schedules and varying skill levels.

"What Home Depot has said to mature workers is: We respect mature workers, and we want to hire them," Seith said.

Home Depot and the AARP said they won't be any specific preferences given to older workers over other qualified applicants. About 15 percent of Home Depot's 300,000-person work force is currently over 50 years old.

"We'll put everybody through the same testing we put all applicants through," Donovan said. "We'll always hire the best, and that's what we're continuing to do."

As baby boomers continue to age, there will be an increasing need for older workers to fill all the jobs that will come open, Seith said.

"There's going to be a workforce shortage, and mature workers are going to be a solution to that problem," he said. "Home Depot figured that out."

The partnership will benefit from the Department of Labor's 575 million a year Senior Community Service Employment Program, which helps people over 55 and under 65 with the poverty level get training to enhance their skills, redo their resumes and learn job skills.

L.A. worries about proposed Wal-Mart

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES - This city is on the verge of telling the nation's largest retailer to get lost.

In a show of hostility toward a company promising to bring hundreds of jobs and rock-bottom consumer prices to poor, blighted neighborhoods, the Los Angeles City Council this month may ban Wal-Mart from opening its popular "supercenters," sprawling new stores that sell discount groceries along with many other bargain goods.

No other city so big has ever taken on the retailer, which has been facing growing resistance in smaller communities around the country to both the size and the business tactics of its rapidly expanding chain of more than 2,900 stores.

And, unlike other places in conflict with Wal-Mart and other "big box" national retailers, Los Angeles is hardly trying to save its small-town charms. With nearly 4 million people and roads choked with traffic, it has none.

Rather, city leaders here say they fear the arrival of the retailer's biggest stores would drive down local wages, as rival businesses struggle to survive; wipe out more jobs than they create; and leave more residents without health insurance - and with no choice but to use public hospitals and clinics that are already overrun by demand.

"They're a goliath, but we're a goliath, too - and we want to send them a message," said Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles councilman proposing the restrictions against the retailer, which appear to have strong council support. "We can't have a health care business model is good for the kind of economic development that we want in the places where we need it most. And we want people to realize that the 10 cents they may save on a jar of pickles could mean paying another \$5 in taxes for all the extra visits to local emergency rooms."

In recent years, Wal-Mart has encountered similar objections in communities from Atlanta to Albuquerque. But its plan to bring dozens of supercenters - which are twice as large as its traditional stores - for the first time to California is provoking a particularly strong backlash. The company, which is furious with the measures that some cities are crafting to block its expansion, is aggressively fighting back.

In December, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors became the latest among several local governments in the San Francisco Bay Area to approve an ordinance banning the kind of giant stores that Wal-Mart is eager to open around the state. Last week, the company filed a lawsuit against the county that seeks to overturn the ban.

Wal-Mart also is taking the battle to the ballot this spring. In the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood and in Contra Costa County near San Francisco, two places where local leaders also have sought recently to stop its supercenters from opening, the company has succeeded in getting measures on the ballot that, if approved by voters, would clear the way for its expansion plans.

Company officials are confident of victory. Peter Kanelos, a Wal-Mart spokesman in California, said opposition to the company in the state is quite vocal but small, and that most consumers are clamoring for the kind of discount prices they will find at supercenters. He noted that in 2002 voters in the border town of Calexico easily overturned a measure their leaders had passed to block Wal-Mart and similar retailers from doing business.

"The reality is that this is not some huge grass-roots uprising," he said. "Most communities in the state do not believe that government should be restricting the shopping choices of their residents."

Unemployment rate falls to 5.6 percent in January as companies boost payrolls

Job drought might be key issue in Nov.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's unemployment rate fell to 5.6 percent in January, the lowest level in more than two years, as employers stepped up hiring - but not at a brisk enough pace to ease concerns about the prolonged job drought.

Job growth is expected to be a key issue as November's presidential election nears. The economy has lost more than 2 million jobs since President Bush took office, the worst job creation record of any president since Herbert Hoover.

Democrats are seizing on the troubled job market to boost their election prospects, and some Republicans recognize they might be vulnerable.

January's unemployment rate declined 0.1 percentage point to the lowest level since October 2001, when it was 5.4 percent. Last month's rate matched the 5.6 percent posted in January 2002, the Labor Department reported Friday.

Companies added 112,000 new U.S. jobs overall, marking the fifth straight month of payroll gains and the largest in three years.

But economists had expected a larger increase of 150,000 new jobs or more.

It is not as distressing news, but it is definitely disappointing," said Bill Cheney, chief econo-

mist at John Hancock Financial Services.

The report sent stocks sharply higher on Wall Street. Analysts are looking for monthly payroll gains of 300,000 or more, but the economy remains far from that mark.

About 8.3 million people were unemployed in January, with the average duration of 19.8 weeks without work.

Bush touted the lower unemployment rate while touting the National Targeting Center in Herndon, Va., which provides support for counterterrorism efforts.

Over the past five months, 366,000 jobs have been added. That includes an upward revision in December, from 1,000 to 16,000.

The economy is strong and jobs eventually will follow. But it has been "mainly slow, not fast" enough for George Bush," Cheney said.

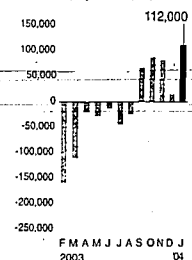
A survey of consumers by the Associated Press and Ipsos-Public Affairs in early February found Americans were less enthusiastic about the economy's prospects and their own financial situations in the

Unemployment

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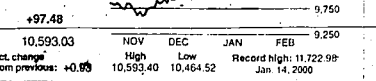
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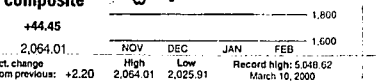
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New job data sparks buying spree on Wall Street

Feb. 6, 2004 Dow Jones Industrials



Feb. 6, 2004 Nasdaq composite



NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks surged higher Friday as investors overcame their initial disappointment over the government's January employment report, believing the moderate job growth would help keep interest rates stable in the near future.

The Labor Department reported the unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage point to 5.6 percent last month to its lowest level since October 2001. The economy created 112,000 new jobs in January, and while analysts and economists had been expecting a moderate gain, the report was enough to motivate buyers who had been dormant for more than two weeks.

"It's a Goldilocks report - not too hot and not too cold," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp. "When you have interest rates declining and stock prices rising, like we do today, you get a great return on a balanced portfolio."

The Dow Jones industrial average surged 97.46, or 0.93 percent, to 10,750.41, ending the week up 104.96, or 1.0 percent, after two weeks of selling.

Broader stock indicators also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 44.45, or 2.2 percent, to 2,064.01, although it fell 0.1 percent for the week due to a 52-point loss Wednesday, giving the tech-dominated index its third straight losing week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.17, or 1.3 percent, at 1,147.16, and finished the week up 1.0 percent higher after being down the previous week.

Although the new job figure wasn't as high as the 150,000 to 175,000 pundits had hoped for, it can no longer be considered a jobless recovery as a jobless recov-

ery. "It's job-creating recovery," said William Miller, chief economist at First Albany Corp. "The report was enough to motivate buyers who had been dormant for more than two weeks."

Investors also bought stocks because of a move to large-cap stocks, since small to mid-caps could suffer if the dollar continues to weaken, according to Kevin Caron, market strategist at Ray, Beck & Co.

With the global economy accelerating in 2004, the large caps will be able to take full advantage of that, whereas the smaller companies don't have the resources to globally diversify in the weak dollar," Caron said. "There's still some room for positive surprises in earnings in the first and second quarters, however."

In the meantime, strong first-quarter earnings reported Friday by the sector's biggest maker, LM Ericsson gained \$3.07, or 13 percent, to \$26.77 after posting a profit that exceeded expectations. Forecasts for growth in 2004 were slightly better than expected as

well. Watson Pharmaceuticals gained \$1.87 to \$47.87. It met Wall Street estimates with 23 percent profit growth, and had its rating boosted Friday from "neutral" to "overweight" by JP Morgan.

General Motors Corp. added 13 cents to \$18.64 despite saying it would recall 1.8 million cars to repair ignition switches that could cause a fire.

McDonald's Inc. posted a 19 percent increase in January sales despite the mad cow disease discovery. Shares were up 46 cents at \$27.16.

Electronic Data Systems Corp., one of the rare decliners, fell \$1.39 to \$21.90 after swinging to a loss in the fourth quarter even though it managed to beat analyst expectations before one-time charges.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than 4 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume rose to 1.89 billion shares, compared with 2.02 billion in Thursday's session.

The Russell 2000 index of small companies was up 14.53, or 2.6 percent, at 584.07.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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SEC studies legality of fees at some index funds

The Washington Post... Federal regulators are investigating whether several major fund companies and their directors...

return would shrink to \$22,220. That's a difference of \$3,265, or 13 percent. Over 30 years, the difference jumps to \$55,804, or 34 percent.

The investigation is focusing on index funds, mutual funds that attempt to replicate major indicators like the Standard & Poor's 500 and Russell 2000 stock indexes...

Such payments cut into returns for investors but are not included in the funds' reported fees.

But not all index funds are equal. Vanguard Group charges 0.176 percent annually for its S&P 500 fund, while BlackRock Inc. charges 0.25 percent.

You're talking about tens of thousands of dollars gone to good purpose," said Barbara Roper, director of investor protection for the Consumer Federation of America.

Someone who invests \$10,000 into Vanguard's S&P 500 today could end up with an average of 10 percent a year would have earned \$25,485 in 2014.

BlackRock is one of 17 fund companies that offer S&P 500 index funds with fees as low as 0.13 percent, according to an analysis by the fund research firm Lipper Inc., which says about a tenth of the \$7.2 billion invested in mutual funds is in index products.

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Man must break ties before starting relationship

DEAR ABBY: My sister set me up with a friend of hers named "Darryl," who turned out to be the nicest man I'd ever met.

We have dated for four months, and there is only one problem. He has been divorced for three years, but spends most of his spare time with his former in-laws.



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

Darryl can't take time to meet my son and daughter-in-law because he had to go to his

nephew's football game. He spends every holiday with them, provides for them financially and lets them use his car. When his ex-wife is going to be over, they tell him not to come over.

Is Darryl obsessed with her parents? Does he hope his ex will come back, even though she left him and remarried? My sister mentioned he was close to his former family, but isn't this carrying it too far? I'm confused. Please help me understand.

— CONFUSED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CONFUSED: Consider this. He was dumped by his wife but still gets emotional support by clinging to his former in-laws. If he were as interested in you as you are in him, he would spend less time with them and more with you.

I recommend you lower your expectations, because Darryl does not appear ready for a serious relationship with you or anyone right now.

DEAR ABBY: I left my husband after 20 years of marriage. He asked for a divorce and not it. My ex was very upset, but did not fight it.

Our two older children are in college. The youngest is 16 and a high school senior. She was very upset at the time we separated.

Although I was the one who wanted the divorce, I realized later that it had not been a wise decision, and I asked my ex to come back. He agreed.

The problem is our 16-year-old. She does not think it's a good idea. She doesn't say why, just that she "feels that way."

She had a good relationship with both of us, but she does not want us to get back together. She doesn't come to church with us, and she doesn't like to see us together. I don't know how to deal with this. Any advice?

— CONFUSED IN MARYLAND

DEAR CONFUSED: Please don't make your daughter's problem your own. You say she is a senior in high school.

That means she should be leaving for college in the fall. Why are you allowing her to dictate your future?

Family counseling for you, your daughter and your ex-husband might be helpful to improve the level of communication among you and would be a wise investment. Please don't wait.

No school! Multiple snow days keep superintendents up at night

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Eight years ago, in the middle of the night, John Yagielski watched his car burn outside his home and decided then and there to end his 30-year career in education.



Spencer Grayson, left, gets hit with a snowball thrown by his neighbor, John Yagielski, during a snowstorm Tuesday in Oneonta, N.Y.

No one was ever arrested, but police believe the fire was set because school superintendent Yagielski had extended the school day by 40 minutes for a few weeks to make up for a snow day.

Superintendents say calling a snow day is one of their most difficult decisions, usually a now-or-never proposition that results in hundreds of calls and e-mails from parents complaining when schools are closed or when it isn't.

"That kind of judgment is subject to everyone's second-guessing," said Yagielski, former superintendent of the suburban Shenendehow Central school system. "Nowadays that has real implications for families. It's very rarely clear."

This winter has been so snowy that school systems nationwide have already exhausted their allotted snow days and may have to hold classes on Saturdays, during spring break or at the end of the school year.

In New York, a storm last week forced the cancellation of required state exams, and nine snow days so far led the Oswego Central school system to cancel winter break.

The superintendent's best guess before dawn affects thousands of kids, staff members, teachers and parents, who can suddenly have big child-care problems if school is canceled.

"It's much tougher now than 20 or 30 years ago just because there are two working parents," said Bruce Hunter of the American Association of School Administrators.

Before pulling the plug on a school day, superintendents use a system that can include field operatives traversing hazardous streets, Internet forecasts and, increasingly, a school district's own Doppler radar.

Superintendents also juggle a growing array of considerations, including federal and state

requirements that specify the number of days school must be in session, and mounting pressure to improve student performance.

Failing to meet some of those requirements can mean a loss of funding.

They also must weigh a rising threat of lawsuits in case of weather-related accidents and a growing number of high school students who have cars but little or no experience driving in bad weather.

And the dilemma extends well beyond the snow belt. "When you think of snow days, you have to think as far south as North Carolina and Oklahoma," Hunter said. "Northern Arkansas school districts have snow days. It's freezing rain, but it's every bit as lethal — in fact, more lethal, because you can stop in snow."



John Yagielski

The Wauga County school system in North Carolina, about 75 miles southeast of Winston-Salem, has closed 13 times this year already; the average for the entire season is 15. It was closed on Tuesday by a quarter-inch of ice that encased much of the mountainous district. In the winter of 1977-78, school was closed 39 times by weather.

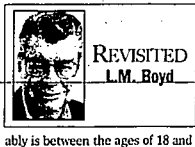
The district already has moved graduation back a week and may have to hold classes on Saturdays.

Early in Sam Martin's 19-year career in Ohio, snow days kept him awake at night. The year before he started as superintendent in a rural district, a teacher was killed as he tried to make his way in to work during a two-hour delay. The school was later closed in Martin's first year in the Buckeye Valley district, a school bus slid on an icy 80-foot ridge and was stopped only by a tree.

Martin, now superintendent of Ohio's Finneytown school district, would rather err on the side of caution and cancel school.

Women's smiles often attract attention at work

In a business office, women "smile better" than men do, says a corporation president. A man can get all day without attracting attention. But when a woman smiles, she's noticed. "We're all the offspring of mothers," he says, "and we're pleased with ourselves when a woman smiles her approval."



REVISITED L.M. BOYD

Only surviving reptile that can breathe underwater is the snapping turtle. That's what an expert says. It has gill-like lung surfaces to keep it alive, if it stays put on the bottom. When it starts to swim, though, it has to surface for air.

About a quarter of the blood your heart pumps in one minute goes to your kidneys.

In a wrestling match between a female and male beaver, the female wins.

Loneliest time of your life probably is between the ages of 18 and 25. That's what the psychological researchers conclude. They say loneliness declines steadily thereafter. Except when separation or death creates crisis. People of retirement age lead simpler lives with great self-sufficiency, it's claimed, and tend to be far less lonely than others suppose.

"The deepest principle in human nature," said the philosopher William James, "is the craving to be appreciated."

Libra: Plan some quiet time for relaxation and romance

IF FEBRUARY 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you like the best, but you prefer your own definition of what the best is.

Fitting it may be difficult for you, as you may have always felt a little different or removed from the crowd. Watch out for over-intelligence. Spending time near the water, or just taking a bath or shower, is a guaranteed stress-reducer for you.

Though you like people in an abstract way, you may find it difficult to become emotionally intimate; learn to let down your guard.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Restless feelings early will taper off. It's a great day to work on all those things you've put off. It's a powerful day for planning, writing, composing and other logical creative pursuits.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Generally, it should be a fun day, though for a few hours you may feel uncomfortable talking with adults about romantic matters, or talking with children in general.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are a bundle of charisma. Your thoughts move toward travel and other ways to expand your world. Don't arbitrarily limit those thoughts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you're tongue-tied or inordinately reserved for a short while today, don't worry — it will pass in a few hours. Otherwise, you're actually more chatty than usual. Extreme restlessness will also play a brief role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): As Mercury moves into your relationships sector, your thoughts move to serious partnerships. If uncommitted, you may begin to think of making the commitment. If you are already partnered, now is a good time to think rationally about your relationship.

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Jeraldine Saunders

out, though, that you don't nitpick others to death; few people can do things as perfectly as you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some quiet time will do you a world of good. Make sure to plan a romantic evening with your significant other; don't waste these hot planetary energies. Fun and romance is definitely on your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is a day to spend with friends if possible. Fun should come easily, especially later in the evening. Your home life engages your mind now, and you may have some great new ideas about it in the next month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today you'll want to get out of the humdrum and do something new and different. A little playful exploring would do you a world of good. Your bright conversation just keeps getting better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You desire to broaden your horizons now, so sign up to study something new or take a quick trip. Thoughts of money increase. It's always one of your favorite topics anyway, and you are usually successful with it.

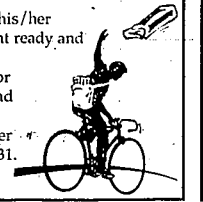
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Even if you feel at a loss for how to work your way out of a situation, your charm and irresistibility will come through for you. Mercury is entering Aquarius, so you're in for an especially chatty month or so.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Relationships move to the forefront today and tomorrow. A spat could mark the early part of the day, so avoid getting drawn in. Mercury is moving into your unconscious sector; thoughts may be more difficult to clarify for a month or so.

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Reagan gets pavilion for birthday

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Ronald Reagan turned 93 in seclusion Friday in his Los Angeles home while schoolchildren serenaded his wife, Nancy, at his presidential library and she dedicated the cornerstone for a new pavilion to house the former Air Force One.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed it Ronald Reagan Day in California and there were celebrations in Illinois, where he was born and went to college.

"Ronald Reagan's vision of 'peace through strength' impelled the decisive end to the Cold War and his commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of patriotism and pride in America," Schwarzenegger's proclamation read.

Bathed in sun at the hilltop Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, 126 youngsters sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Reagan. The construction crew building the pavilion presented her a birthday gift for the Gipper — a metal lunch pail.

She laughed when she found out it was fitted with all the bells and whistles but did not speak at the brief gathering.

The former Air Force One, already on site with its wings clipped and stored alongside the gleaming fuselage, will be displayed when the pavilion opens in spring 2005. The jet was used as Air Force One by Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Reagan, Bill Clinton and both Bushes before it was retired from service in 2001, according to Boeing Co.

While the ceremony was taking place, Reagan, who has lived longer than any other U.S. president, was at home 50 miles away. He's remained in seclusion since disclosing nearly a decade ago that he has the memory-sapping Alzheimer's disease.

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'BONA FIDE HERO'



Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, left, congratulates Pvt. Dwayne Turner after awarding him the Silver Star, the third highest award for actions in combat, Thursday at Fort Campbell, Ky. Turner, a combat medic in the 101st Airborne Division, treated 16 fellow soldiers, saving the lives of at least two, while suffering from multiple untreated bullet and grenade shrapnel wounds during an attack in Iraq. 'He is a bona fide hero,' said Helmick.

Iraqis want U.S. out - but maybe not yet

Some wonder if their own defense forces are ready for the job

By Hannah Allam
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The United States is planning to reduce its military presence in the heart of Baghdad beginning next month, an idea that has many Iraqis pleased but also worried that law and order in the city will be left largely to Iraqi security forces, many of them fresh from training and still without proper equipment.

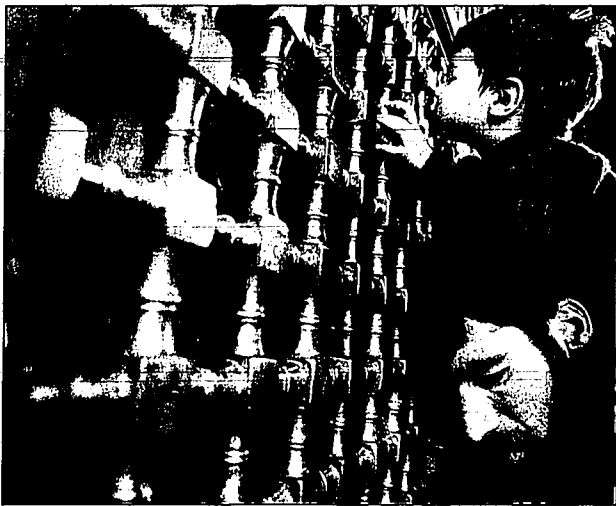
One of the goals is to make the U.S. presence in the city less burdensome for Iraqis - a goal that Iraqis, tired of armored vehicles that drown out conversations and kick gravel into pedestrians' faces, also praise.

"If we can open some streets and remove some of the barriers, we will help the city return to normal," Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the top U.S. commander in Baghdad, said this week.

Arafat Hikmet, a 22-year-old mother of two, agrees. She refuses to drive or walk near U.S. military vehicles for fear they'll be attacked by anti-U.S. insurgents. U.S. soldiers and the insurgents terrify her, she said. Military aircraft fly over her home late at night, scaring the children and waking up her husband.

"The Americans have nothing in common with our culture, religion or traditions," Hikmet said. The military already has halved the number of its operating bases in Baghdad and plans to have just eight of the original 60 remaining by May 1. Dempsey said six of the bases would ring the city, with the other two inside the heavily guarded "green zone" where the U.S.-led coalition keeps its headquarters.

"We're talking about an organization that will live on the



An Iraqi boy, riding on his father's shoulders, kisses the door of the Kadhimiya shrine Wednesday in Baghdad as they enter for noon-time prayers on the last day of the four-day Eid al-Adha, or Feast of Sacrifice. The feast commemorates the Quranic account of God allowing the patriarch Abraham to sacrifice a sheep instead of his son Ismail.

perimeter of the city, not out in the desert someplace," he said. "We're talking about the difference in getting someone in five minutes, in 15 minutes. But it's an important difference, and in my heart I think this is what the Iraqi people want and deserve because when we're in the middle of a city, we create a huge footprint that you have to maneuver around."

The "footprint" not only includes noisy armored vehicles, but also razor-sharp concertina wire that snags women's skirts and coalition checkpoints that

turn a 15-minute errand into one that takes hours because of traffic.

Dempsey said he doesn't expect to reduce the number of American patrols in the city. He conceded that the Iraqi police and Civil Defense Corps aren't ready for an outright handover, but he said they would be the main faces of the capital's security in the next few months. About 8,000 Iraqi police officers help protect Baghdad's 5.5 million residents. Security analysts have said 19,000 are needed.

Hikmet, shopping Tuesday with

relatives in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood that's been the scene of several recent attacks on U.S. convoys, said she's noticed fewer military patrols in the area. Each time she ventures outside without seeing U.S. troops, she said, life seems a little less surreal.

Still, she worries about leaving security to Iraqis. "Iraqi police know Iraqis, but will they be a strong, complete force able to protect us?" she said. "Or will they be a weak force that just leads to more problems we have to endure?"

Defense chief defends 'old Europe' remark

Rumsfeld says he did not mean to offend

MUNICH, Germany (AP) - Declaring himself "too old to have regrets," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday he wasn't sorry he called France and Germany "old Europe" - a comment that caused bad blood in the run-up to the Iraq war.

During a visit here for a NATO ministers' meeting, Rumsfeld sat down with European journalists and explained what he had meant by that remark a year ago, when European opposition to war in Iraq was at a fever pitch.

He said he did not intend to denigrate Germany and France but was simply trying to draw distinctions between "old NATO," with its membership of 19 countries, and "new NATO," which will include seven more, most of them in eastern Europe.

When asked whether he felt bad about what he said, Rumsfeld replied, "No I don't regret it."

"I'm too old to have regrets," Rumsfeld also said he doesn't believe more diplomacy is needed to soothe the offense taken - though just such an effort was being made by Secretary of State Colin Powell, who broke bread with the French at the United Nations on Friday.

Over lunch with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin and other senior French officials, Powell declared that the United States and France "were not on the same wavelength" last year when it came to Iraq. But this year, Powell said, he is confident the countries can work in concert on rebuilding Iraq.

"Rather than saying we have all these estrangements with our friends and allies around the world I would say it's quite the contrary," Powell said. "You know, disagreements come and disagreements go, and now we are all working together to press for peace and development and democracy around the world."

The positive words pleased U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who pointed out that one year and a day ago, Powell had been at the United Nations pleading for Security Council support on invading Iraq. Powell's appeal failed partly due to French opposition.

However, a year ago it was Rumsfeld, not Powell, who riled the French with an institution that newer NATO allies might prove more vital to European support for military intervention in Iraq than mainstays France and Germany, who along with Russia were mounting strong resistance to war.

In response to questioning during congressional testimony in January 2003, Rumsfeld said: "You're thinking of Europe as Germany and France. I don't. I think that's old Europe. If you look at the entire NATO Europe today, the center of gravity is shifting to the east and there are a lot of new members."

Those words added strain, which didn't seem to ease until June, when President Bush, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder buried the rift during a summit in Evian, France.



Donald Rumsfeld in Munich Friday

Confusion reigns over attack report

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) - From bodyguards to political allies, everyone in this Shiite holy city Friday seemed to be denying reports of an attempt on the life of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani - a move that would have grave implications for Iraq's stability.

Heightening the confusion over

what really happened was the elusiveness of Iraq's most powerful figure, a recluse who has not been seen in public in a year, refuses to meet U.S. officials and makes his positions known through brief and infrequent religious edicts.

The reports of an assassination attempt appeared as a U.N. team

was expected shortly in Iraq to study whether a legislature can be elected before July 1, as al-Sistani demands. July 1 is the date set by the U.S.-led coalition and the Governing Council for ending Iraq's occupation and for a sovereign but unselected Iraqi government to take office.

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Section C

Loving people doesn't mean you have to like them

He was egotistical and insouciant. I knew him from college, though we were only acquaintances, not friends. I didn't particularly like him.

Ten years later, he showed up on my doorstep. He had moved to Wichita, and wanted to get reacquainted. In less than a minute, I was sure of one thing: He was as egotistical as ever, and I still didn't like him.



TOM SCHAEFER

For the next year, he would stop by now and then and I would feel obliged. Then he moved away, and I haven't heard from him since.

For many people, it's easy to say to a person you don't like: "Get lost." I can't. Call it my upbringing. Call it not wanting to feel guilty for boorish manners. Call it a lack of courage. I keep my unfriendly feelings to myself.

Once was talking with a woman about our obligation as Christians to love others, even those who are our enemies. I told her that loving them doesn't mean we have to like them. "Of course we do!" she shot back. "You can't love them if you don't like them."

You mean, I have to like everyone I'm supposed to love? If that's the case, a lot of us are on our way to becoming recluses. There are so many factors that stoke feelings of dislike: class distinctions in our politics; hostile attitudes toward various ego-driven celebrities and wannabe celebrities; and impatience with people who behave in ways we think they shouldn't. (Boy, did the Janet Jackson/Justin Timberlake incident at the Super Bowl stir up such feelings.)

It's easy to expand the list of those we dislike. Check off your favorites: right-wing nuts, liberal extremists, movie-star egotists, red-neck bigots, raunchy rap singers, corrupt CEOs, despoilers of the environment, self-appointed do-gooders.

But can you love them? If one of them showed up on your doorstep in need, would you help?

The answer may not be simple. We Christians like to quote the Scripture that urges us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). But even that has complicating factors, wrote political scientist Glenn Tinder, because: "Hatred simplifies; it seeks a reduction of the human race to friends and enemies. Love, however, bears complexities."

While we may be reluctant to speak of hating people, our dislike lets us put them in a separate camp — managed from a distance. But facing up to complexities that love embraces can be an unexpected opportunity for personal growth. Shortly before my college acquaintance left town, he stopped by my immediate thought: How quickly can I get rid of him? But he was different this time, more subdued. A job he thought was going to be a sure money-maker had fallen through. Now he would have to relocate, and he was anxious about his uncertain future. I listened, but in a way I hadn't before when he wanted only to talk his game.

Am I relieved that he's gone? Yes, but I have a different perspective on him and new understanding about myself. While I think I helped him with his struggles, I realize he also helped me see him as a person who needed someone to care about him. I would never be a true friend to him; he would never be someone I like. But I learned that the absence of friendship doesn't absolve me from the responsibility to care. When he was willing to open up to me, I had to be ready to shut out distracting thoughts — and listen.

His vulnerability cut through the protective barrier I had erected around myself and enabled me to care — to help bear another's burdens. That is true love.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.



YEARS OF TRADITION in making MUSIC



Above, this is the First Presbyterian Church bell choir, ready to ring. In its first year of existence, 1955, Ann Peavey, from a well-known area family, is third from left. Photo courtesy MARY HESS

Left, Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church bell choir director Barbara Mix, right, loads, from left, Ann Vogt, Kelly Probasco and Jerry Green, along with the rest of the group during a recent practice. CORY HESS/The Times-News

First Presbyterian Church bell choir still chimes

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Soft and mellow, then bright and cheerful — like an angel's choir. That's how Mary Mead, describes the First Presbyterian Church bell choir.

Mead, who directed the choir in the 1970s, says everyone just loves the music.

Barbara Mix, the current bell choir director, said sheet music is followed for bells and chimes, much like any choir.

"It's very similar," said Mix, who's also church organist and pianist. "That's why it's called the handbell choir."

Bell choir member Marjic Atkins said the bells, with all their different sounds, are like no instrument she has ever heard before.

"It's very rich and you get some crescendos and it just swells up your heart kind of thing," she said.

Atkins, children, David and Becky, played in the bell

choir while they were in high school. David talked his mom into playing bells five years ago, even though she had never played a musical instrument before.

"I said, 'I'll do this, but you have to help me,'" she recalled. "So there was many a night when he was my own private tutor."

Atkins said the bell choir gives her a lot of pleasure, as she looks forward to practice time and playing for church services and special events, with the choir now available to play at weddings. David and Becky jump at the chance to come home from college and substitute for someone missing from the choir, Atkins said.

Several techniques besides just ringing are used to achieve varied effects. One is called a march, where the choir members slam the bells on the table. Sometimes they twirl the bells to make other sounds.

Mix said they also use mallets on their bells. They can play them suspended or on a table, as with a percussion instrument.

Directing handbells, Mix explained, is a lot like looking at a full score for piano or organ. It's not like a single line, but has all of the music's parts.

Mead said it can be a challenge, because one person might sometimes play four notes with two bells in each hand and must play them at the correct time. She said it's not like playing the piano, where you have control of the whole piece.

"You have to count very carefully and come in exactly when you need to," she said. "You have to pay attention." And of course, if anyone is absent, there is a problem, because those notes in the melody will be missing.

The Presbyterian church's adult bell choir does have two swing players who can substitute in any spot. There are 10 regular members. They play a three-octave set of handbells, as well as hand chimes. A special set of hand chimes is used by a children's bell choir.

"A musician learns quickly to be able to play bells," Please see BELL, Page C2

GIVING GUIDANCE

Bedtime prayers can teach religious beliefs, values

By Suzanne Perez Tobias
The Wichita Eagle

At our house, bedtime prayers begin with a game we call "Three Good Things." Fresh from their evening bath and dressed in pajamas, my children join me on the bedroom floor to reflect on the day's blessings. We think of three things we enjoyed, or three people we love, or three accomplishments that made us proud.

"We got to go to Spanish today," my 6-year-old, Hannah, might say. "Playing soccer," her younger brother, Jack, will often add. The list has ranged from good movies to tasty cookies to family members recovering from illness. Every night for a month, around the time Hannah first learned to use scissors, she thanked God for "cutting."

As with many families, our good-things ritual eventually evolved into evening prayers, complete with requests for help or healing, recitations of traditional prayers, and the never-ending "God bless ..." list of family, friends, neighbors and pets.

Most parents and clergy agree that bedtime prayers are a good way to pass on religious beliefs and traditions to children, helping them learn concepts such as gratitude and empathy while they settle down for the night.

"We teach children that this is special because it's their quiet time with the Lord," said Brenda Moffitt, director of children's ministry for Central Community Church in Wichita, Kan. "You're done playing. You're done eating. You're done doing chores or whatever. And now it's time to rest and reflect."

Here are some ideas from parents, ministers and others for establishing a bedtime prayer routine.

1. Lead by example. In the same way children are introduced to reading by hearing adults read to them, parents and caregivers set an example by praying in front of and alongside their children. Karen McIntyre, public affairs director for the Derby, Kan.,

Some bedtime prayers

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.
Over the years, those who find the last lines of this traditional prayer too dismal have come up with variations. They include:

"And in the morning when I awake,
Help me Lord, thy path to take.
... Guide me safely through the night,
And wake me with the morning light."

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
Bless this bed that I lay on.
Four corners to my bed,
Four angels 'round my head,
One to watch, one to pray,
And two to bear my soul away.
If any danger come to me,
Sweet Jesus Christ, deliver me.
Angels bless and angels keep
Angels guard me while I sleep
Bless my heart and bless my home
Bless my spirit as I roam
Guide and guard me through the night,
And wake me with the morning's light.

stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, says many families gather after dinner or before bedtime to pray and read Scripture together. "Just hearing adults in prayer can teach children what it's about," she said.

2. Teach children about prayer. To many adults, prayer comes naturally. But to children, it can be awkward, confusing or even scary. Take time to explain your family's view of God and prayer. In sim-

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Comics artists draw on a higher power

By Bill Broadway
The Washington Post

Ephraim the Rage perches atop a skyscraper, muscle-swollen torso crouched on the haunches of a Kamado dragon, razor-sharp claws poised to attack. SWOOOSIIII! He leaps into the night, flying at supernatural speed toward the city below and landing next to a stone bridge in the park.

"Come out, minion!" he screams into the darkened archway. "Ephraim the Rage is upon you!"

The response comes from a human, not one of the demons that Ephraim has been dispatched by God to destroy.

"Help! Someone there?" says the man, an assault victim.

"It is I, Ephraim," the monster says softly. "Be still. Do not be afraid."

So begins "Anointed," one of the comic books produced by a growing breed of Christian artists intent on taking wholesome, exciting and visually sophisticated

work to a young generation nurtured on MTV, computer games and the Internet. "It's an art form and we want to reclaim it, to produce content that is glorifying to God and edifying to children," said Sherwin Schwartzrock, 33, a Minnesota



With such books as "Anointed," illustrators are experimenting with comic books to spread a Christian message.

artist and co-creator of "Anointed."

This religious comic movement faces obstacles. Many church leaders view comic books as the work of the devil because of the violent, sexually explicit material often found in secular comic books. And many publishers and retailers

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RELIGION

Kentucky parish loses most of its members

VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP) — Only 60 people attended the three services at historic St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday, while some 180 departing members held the first formal service of their new conservative congregation, St. Andrew's.

The split occurred when Bishop Stacy Sauls and diocesan leaders ousted the parish's governing board and took control of the building and bank accounts worth \$1.87 million. The St. John's board opposed Sauls' support for the consecration of openly gay Bishop V. Gene Robinson, but the bishop said it removed the board for breaking rules in seeking a new minister. Sauls said the diocese feared that the parish, or vestry, might take the board, or vestry, off-line.

Religion in brief

Episcopal Church, vestry members denied this, but said they wanted oversight by a conservative bishop from outside the diocese, rather than Sauls.

In other matters:

- The 887-member St. John's Church in Melbourne, Fla., voted to leave the Episcopal Church and join the Anglican Mission in America, a 2000 breakaway of 63 conservative congregations sponsored by Anglican churches in Africa and Asia.

- The Diocese of Florida took no action on joining a conservative Protestant group, although it was among 12 dioceses with delegates at a convention where the

Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes was established on Jan. 20.

After listening to 22 resolutions, a Virginia Diocese convention directed Bishop Peter James Les, who voted for Robinson, to name a reconciliation committee to keep the two sides talking. The diocese reaffirmed "lifelong, heterosexual and monogamous marriages" as its norm.

Student who used 'God' signoff is back on TV

DUQU, Ill. (AP) — A high school senior who was suspended from his daily school TV newscast for saying "God bless" is back on screen.

Officials at Dupu High School

dropped James Lord, 17, from his anchor spot in December when he ignored warnings against that sign-off. Lord appealed, arguing that the school violated his First Amendment rights. School Board President Brian Thompson told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that "Lord has agreed to not make 'God bless' a staple, and the board has no problem with occasional use of the phrase.

The suspension, supposed to last until Feb. 1, was ended early after the school board met Lord in closed session.

"I'm satisfied," Lord said. "It shouldn't have been a big deal in the first place. I was kind of tired of dealing with all this, but I'm not doing it just for me. I'm doing it for everyone else."

Composer to perform at Agape Church

Church news

TWIN FALLS — Dick Williams will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at Agape Foursquare Church, 181 Morrison St. (across from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center). Williams is a composer, recording artist and Bible teacher. He has served in ministry for 24 years, making his message to seven different countries.

Church will hold interfaith luncheon Tuesday

GOODYEEN — The Agape Interfaith Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Basque Center on University Avenue. Lotte Phelps will present "Be My Valentine," and the

Cost for lunch is \$5.50. For reservations, call Carolyn at 934-5700 by this evening. Reservations are not needed for the program only. Everyone is welcome.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; or Treva Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mission. He is the son of Butch

SPREADING THE WORD



A Chinese woman prays at the government-approved Nanjing Catholic Cathedral in Beijing. Construction has begun on two new Christian churches in the Chinese capital, the first since the Communist Party took power in 1949.

Two new Christian Churches rise in Beijing

Emerging congregations mark the first in more than half a century

By Ted Anthony
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Two Christian churches are rising in the Chinese capital for the first time since the Communist Party took power, a striking development for a country whose government controls religious practices tightly and is often accused of persecuting underground worshippers.

The Beijing Religious Affairs Office confirmed reports of the new buildings on Wednesday, saying only that the churches in eastern and southwestern Beijing should be completed by Christmas. A staffer in the office said construction began in mid-December.

According to the official party newspaper People's Daily, no Christian churches have been built in Beijing since Mao Zedong's

Nationalists vanquished Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in a 1949 civil war and cracked down on religious expression.

"The city seriously lacks ritual places, and the current distribution of religious sites is unbalanced," People's Daily said, citing Na Cang, a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, an advisory group to the government.

The churches were described simply as "Christian," and it was unclear if they would be Protestant or Catholic. China's state-sanctioned churches have no official ties to organizations abroad, including the Vatican. The number of Christians has grown significantly since the end of Mao's Cultural Revolution in 1976, and many lack places where they can worship, Beijing's few churches are old and cramped; many are dilapidated.

China's government, officially atheist, says it protects religious practices, including Christianity. Rights and religious groups accuse authorities of harassing and arresting anyone who worships outside state-approved churches. The U.S. State Department has consistently criticized the government's treatment of Christians.

The church construction coincides with government attempts to court Chinese members of other religions. In Xinjiang, the government says it is trying to assure Muslims their faith is protected as long as no subversive activity is taking place. And Buddhist temples are being restored elsewhere.

Official figures put the number of Chinese Catholics at 10 million and Protestants at 15 million. But tens of millions more believers belong to unregistered churches.

There is no indication that the approval of two new churches in the capital signals any change in policy.

MISSIONARY



Justin C. Heatwole

Elder Justin C. Heatwole has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mission. He is the son of Butch

Heatwole and Evelyn and Cindy Warren, all of Twin Falls. He is in the Twin Falls 14th Ward. He plans to pursue a career in medicine.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries, published five. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; or Treva Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

LETTERS

Ten Commandments should liberate us to do right thing

In light of the recent controversy as to whether the Ten Commandments monument should remain in a Boise park, I would like to make two points:

1. I am convinced, yet if someone is an unbeliever, why should it bother them if the monument stays? The Phelps display is a totally ludicrous and hate-filled idea.
2. The Ten Commandments were given to us by God not to condemn us but to free us. When he gave them to us, it was to show us our inability to keep them and to point us to the Savior.

It was Jesus who fulfilled the law through his death on the cross, and who offers you the free gift of eternal life, if you will take him into your heart today.

KRISTEN KECK
Jerome

for all of them. The devil has all the people in the wrong their ears deafened and their eyes closed. That's why they don't understand why people don't like them or understand their wrong decision on living.

JACKIE ROSE
Twin Falls

Gays should have courage to live the 'right' way

Just to let the gays and lesbians know and the world, our creator gave this world to the devil to rule for a certain amount of time and he chose you to live the wrong way. You should tell him, you won't live the wrong way. When we all were born, our parents, teachers and police teach us wrong from right. Who all know what's right and what's wrong; we all do wrong. There's no one who doesn't. The gays and lesbians were in the closet for years because they knew they were wrong and now that the world is going to end soon, they are fighting for their rights. It's been said before, the only way to help the people in this world in the wrong is to cry

In the New Testament, there were two religions

In the New Testament, there were two religions — the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees believed the world would end and the dead would rise again. The Sadducees said there was no resurrection and there were no angels.

Jesus did not agree with the Pharisees and called them many names. Jesus told them God was not the God of the dead but of the living (Matthew 22:29). Jesus also said God was a spirit. He also said a spirit hath not flesh and bones (Luke 24:39).

And believed in the Resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6). He wrote many letters to the churches and said, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain" and "your faith is also vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7 that the time was short and it would be better not to marry any more. Legend has it that the Romans hung him upside down.

WILLIAM HAFFNER
Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less. Include sender's address and phone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Bell

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Mix said, "You usually are assigned an area that you play, so you only have to know basically those bells."

For the kids, she said, it's a great way to learn music. Eight to 10 third- to sixth-graders play the Suzuki chimne. The chimnes are made of extruded aluminum in various diameters and lengths and have an external clapper mechanism attached to the body of the instrument. Bells are more affordable, than chimne, which are about three times as expensive.

The three-octave set of Melmark hand-hinged bronze bells that the church uses were made in England, and cost about as much as a nice grand piano. The origin of the bells can be traced back to England's Whitechapel foundry and to the works of Queen Elizabeth Tudor. Today, bells from Whitechapel and from other foundries are rung at many places in Canada and the United States, including churches in southern Idaho.

Handbells originated with Presbyterians in 16th-century Scotland. And though they were

introduced into the United States in the middle of the last century, they didn't become really popular until the 1980s, when modern arrangements came about.

Two years ago, Mix was introduced to the bells when she was sent by the church to examine education meetings at the Presbyterian Association of Musician Conference in Memphis, N.C.

"The bells are big in the southeastern part of the United States and also back east in Pennsylvania, and down the mid-Atlantic coast. Everywhere but Atlantic," she said. "I've never seen so

many bells in my life, whereas out west of me, Mississippi out aren't as many."

In 1955, the Rev. Don Blackstone started the first bell choir with two octaves in the local church. The first choir director was Chic Hant. Others followed, and John Bonnet held the position before Barbara Mix.

"The bells are now played at services two or three times a month.

Their most performance is scheduled for the 10 a.m. service on Feb. 22.

Prayer

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ple terms. John Westerhoff II, a Christian educator, is credited with one popular way to teach children about prayer. Using the child's hand as a prompt, teach her that each finger represents one of the basic elements of prayer: The thumb is "I," our approach to prayer by saying "Dear God," "I love God," and so on. Pointer finger is "thanks" (what are you thankful for?). Middle finger is "confession" or confession of sin. Ring finger is "gimme," the time to express special needs. And pinky is "I remember," when children can ask blessings for loved ones or those in need.

3. "God bless." "One of the simplest and most enduring bedtime prayers is for a child to ask God to bless each person important to him or her, says Meg Cox, author of "The Book of New Family Traditions."

4. Use Scripture to pray. Moffitt says she encourages families to keep their children's

Bibles, as well as a good reference Bible, on hand. "If they're having a hard time in school, you can point to it can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), she said. Some families even choose a "Scripture of the week" to incorporate into evening prayers. Psalms can become prayers of praise, and a proverb can be used to ask for wisdom.

5. Memorize a prayer. Opinions vary on the value of recited prayers. Some faith groups maintain that prayers should be more specific and personal. Others stress the value of recited prayers as an enduring part of many children's bedtime routines. In any case, bedtime prayers can be a good forum for teaching The Lord's Prayer or various religious creeds, adding one line a night and discussing what it means.

6. Keep a prayer journal. Record your children's prayers and spiritual milestones in a notebook. Not only will it be fun to look back

on their perspectives and innocence, but you'll also have a record of their spiritual growth. A journal also can provide a tool for discussing how God answers prayers.

7. Keep a prayer list. If your children have a hard time thinking of blessings or requests at bedtime, make a point to write down things as they happen. Just keep a piece of paper in the "kitchen" or other convenient place, and record that A-plus in science, or the fact that your son's best friend is ill and could use prayers.

8. Give older children privacy. Young children often say prayers aloud and welcome input from their parents. But as they get older, they may prefer a more private prayer ritual. They may drop bedtime prayers in favor of morning devotionals. Honor that evolution. "The goal is to encourage them and educate them, so when they get older they can have their own quiet time with the Lord," Moffitt said.

Comics

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have not been persuaded of the marketability of religion-based comic books and graphic novels.

But there are signs.

"PowerMark," a comic book series created by Assemblies of God missionary Steve Benintendi, features cross-brand evangelism — Capt. Mark Chen, who battles the evil organization Leviathan while creating virtual-reality Bible stories for children on a Star Trek-style holodeck. Nearly 1 million copies have been distributed.

"Amazing True Life Stories" features inspirational tales of real-life figures, including Bill Coram, a hit man turned Christian. Kansas-based Crosswind Comics, has distributed 38,000 copies of the first two issues to prisons and juvenile detention centers.

"Anonymous," published last October and available online

through Community Comics, introduces Ephraim, an angel sent from God, and Luke Steward, a youth pastor who has visions of imminent acts taking place in the lives of people he knows.

One of the oldest offerings is "Spellz Back Christmas," a dark cartoon featuring three witches who travel back in time to play a practical joke on baby Jesus. On seeing the child in the manger, they are transformed and return home to do good in the world.

"Two developments in popular culture have made religion-based graphic works more acceptable. One is the renewed interest in superheroes and fantasy worlds, as depicted in "Spider-Man," "Hulk" and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The other is the rise in popularity of graphic novels, now featuring by such mainstream retailers as Barnes & Noble and Wal-Mart.

NEXT WEEK IN RELIGION:

Temple Square:
Check out this local teacher's exhibit



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls High School BPA

BPA members from Twin Falls High School participated in the Regional Conference Competition. They are, from left, back row: Wesley Morishita, Allison Lang, Danny Moreno, Luis Salvador, Adam Day, Jacob Mills, Sage Watkins, James Springer, Alyssa Draves and Kaylee Graybeal; middle row: Amber Dunford, Hulying Wu, Steven Gassert, Amanda Connors-Smith, Kristin Richter, Whitney Nail and Robyn Parks; front row: Nicole Bulcher, Brenley Box, Whitney Fjeld, Jenna Meeks and Scott Henschel.

TFHS BPA members earn honors

TWIN FALLS—Members of the Twin Falls High School Business Professionals of America chapter earned honors at the Regional Conference Competition Jan. 19 at the College of Southern Idaho. The results are as follows: Chris Arenz—first, Prepared Speech; Brenley Box—fifth, Computerized Accounting; and Erik Fundamental Accounting; Jennifer Brown—second, Keyboarding Productions; Nicole Bulcher—second, Administration Concepts; fifth, Payroll Accounting; and sixth, Fundamental Accounting; Amanda Connors-Smith—first, Administrative Support Team; Adam Day—first, Web Site Team; and third, Fundamentals of HTML; Alyssa Draves—seventh, Spreadsheet Analysis; Amber Dunford—first, Web Site Team; and second, CISCO Whistles; Whitney Fjeld—third,

Interview Skills; Steven Gassert—first, Administrative Support Team; Kaylee Graybeal—third, Fundamental Accounting; and third, Spreadsheet Applications; Scott Henschel—first, C Plus Programming; and first, Web Site Team; Allison Lang—sixth, Computerized Accounting; and sixth, Payroll Accounting; Jenna Meeks—first, Fundamental Accounting; and second, Interview Skills; Jacob Mills—first, Advanced Accounting; and first, Payroll Accounting; Danny Moreno—first, Spreadsheet Applications; fifth, Financial Math Analysis; and ninth, Banking and Finance; Wesley Morishita—first, Information Technology Concepts; and second, Graphics Design Promotion; Whitney Nail—second, Fundamental Word Processing Skills; and fifth, Keyboarding

Productions; Eric Nutsch—first, Web Site Team; Robyn Parks—10th, Fundamental Accounting; Kristin Richter—first, Administrative Support Team; and first, Fundamental Word Processing Skills; James Springer—first, CISCO; and second, Extemporaneous Speech; Sage Watkins) fifth, Interview Skills; Hulying Wu) ninth, Payroll Accounting. Many of the students who placed in the top three or four of their individual events and/or in the top two in a judged or team event will be going to Boise to compete at the BPA State Leadership Conference in March. If these students place in their respective events again at state they will compete at the National BPA Leadership Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, in April.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Visiting patients—Idaho—Home care—needed at—Idaho—Home Health and Hospice in the Twin Falls and Rupert areas to visit and relieve caregivers. Volunteers can run errands or just "be there" for families. Office help is also welcome. Call Susan or Grace at 734-4061 or stop by at 826 Eastland Drive.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the United Senior Volunteer Program (USVP), at 738-2122, Ext. 320. USVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

file folders for needs. This job is important—and needs someone with knowledge of complex paperwork. For more information call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

Hospice—Volunteers are needed for hospice families in need. For more information, call Lynn Shoemaker or Bev Williams at 732-3370.

Electric wheel chair—The Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of an electric wheel chair for a woman who is suffering from multiple sclerosis. The foundation is also in need of an electric range and refrigerator for a 61-year-old woman who is a shut-in. For more information, call 734-8041.

Clothing—The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs winter clothing for men, women and children, and blankets and couches in good condition. Donations may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the refugee center, 1525 Addison Ave. E. They close from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. For more information, call

Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Paperwork—Hospice Visions needs volunteers to copy and complete forms for new patient

A GIFT FOR OTHERS



Sierra Henry, daughter of David and Tracey Henry of Twin Falls, recently had her hair cut to donate to Wigs for Kids, a nonprofit organization that makes wigs of real hair for children going through chemotherapy. The 11-year-old girl lost her little brother, Tevin, to a rare metabolic disorder in 2001, said her mother, who along with Sierra, volunteers for the Withing Star Foundation, which grants wishes to ill children. For more information or to donate hair, visit wigsforkids.org. Sierra also collected pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Photo courtesy of TRACEY HENRY

A NEW MEMBER

Larry Mickelson, right, was inducted into the Burley Kiwanis Club as a new member. Mickelson is a resident of Oakley and the Cassia County clerk. He was welcomed into the club during its regular meeting. Left is Jay Whittle of the Burley Kiwanis.



Photo courtesy of CARR DISTRICT

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Plotts is named to honor roll at Western Wyoming

Rebecca Plotts of Declo has been named to the fall 2003 dean's honor roll at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Wyo. Students named to the dean's honor roll are full-time students who complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester with letter grades and who achieve a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.99.

Organization honors volunteer of the month

Barbara Rodgers was named the January volunteer of the month.



Barbara Rodgers

and is the recording/correspondence secretary. She works with the volunteers to provide hair curling and styling for the Extended Care Facility residents, participates in various fund-raisers, including Caring and Sharing Christmas, and assists with the local blood

drawings.

Dixon appears in theatrical production at her college

Monica Dixon of Twin Falls appeared in the Southern Theatre production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20-24 in the Bud Walton Theatre at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. This production will include newly-discovered material that will provide insight into the life of Anne Frank.

T.F. resident accepts Peace Corps assignment

Rebecca Stroebel of Twin Falls

has accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps to serve as a health education volunteer in the eastern Caribbean.

She is the daughter of Mike and Rosie Stroebel of Twin Falls.

Stroebel will work with host country nationals to promote HIV/AIDS education and prevention. She left the United States for training on Jan. 27. Stroebel attended the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and English from Albertson College in Caldwell, graduating in 2002. She has worked for the Twin Falls Public Library, Sawtooth Methodist Camp and Alliance Family Services.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MS Support Group will hear about assistive devices

MINIDOKA—The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the East Conference Room of the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Joyce Lindstrom will speak about assistive devices. Everyone is welcome.

TFHS band, orchestra present winter concert

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls High School band and orchestra present their 2003 Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the John W. Roper Auditorium. The cost is \$2 for adults. The orchestra will perform Arcangelo Corelli's "Sonata de Chiesa," Gustav Holst's "In the Bleak Midwinter" and Paul Jordany's "Sinfonietta." The symphony band selections include Mark Williams' "Scenes of Wonder," Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and David Holisinger's "The Gathering of the Hanks at Hebron." Kevin Howard directs the orchestra and Ted Hadley directs the band.

T.F. resident celebrates 75th birthday Sunday

TWIN FALLS—Betty Greenup will celebrate her 75th birthday on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday in the Recreation Meadows Apartments recreation room, 475 Casswell Ave. W. She was born Feb. 5, 1929. She married Clyde J. Greenup, and they lived in Twin Falls for more than 35 years. She is an active member in the Moose Lodge. Her children, June Erstad of Twin Falls, Ole (Marie) Greenup of Rupert, Roger (Sharon) Greenup of Twin Falls, Sue (Lee) Bliben of Dundee, Ore., Dean (Ella) Greenup of Ferndale, Wash., Carol (Leonard) Benson of Twin Falls, Cheryl (Dennis) Wiese of Riverside, Calif., Sherry (LaVaughn) Greenup-Smith of Lewiston, and Debbie (Brent) Bergen of Twin Falls are hosting the party. Greenup has five generations of family including numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and

Albion resident will celebrate 95th birthday

ALBION—The Albion Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will honor Rebecca her 95th birthday with an open house to celebrate her 95th birthday from 4-6 p.m. today in the Albion church building. Brigham Young University-Idaho will help sponsor the event in recognition of his contributions to the school. The public is invited.

Magic Valley Orchid Society will meet Monday

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Orchid Society will hear from Jim Huffman about the genus of orchids at 7 p.m. Monday in the Great Room at Bridgeview Estates. For more information, call Marion Kerr at 734-7272.

American Legion hosts Valentine's party Tuesday

TWIN FALLS—The American Legion Post 7 and Unit 7 will have a Valentine's party at 6:30 p.m.

Country dancers club will move to radio

TWIN FALLS—The Boot Scootin' Country Dancers Club will move permanently to the Radio Rendezvous in Twin Falls on Tuesday nights starting this week. The club will meet for the following schedule: 6-7 p.m. for beginners; 7-8:30 p.m. for all dancers; and 8:30-9:30 p.m. for review or karaoke. The club also will meet at 7 p.m. Fridays for an hour of review before the regular dance with live music, sponsored by the Radio Rendezvous. For more information, call Galen at 733-9045 or e-mail bsdc@msn.com.

Grand Orator of Masons in Idaho, Floyd McCracken, will speak to the Snake River Chapter DeMolay at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Hall in Jerome.

He will speak about patriotism and the history of the Masons. McCracken was asked to speak as the chapter of young men prepares to celebrate Patriot's Day. Patriotism is one of the founding principles of a DeMolay organization. The chapter, which includes boys ages 12-21, celebrate patriotism each year in February near the birthday of President George Washington, who was a Mason. The chapter invites all Masons, Eastern Star, Jobs Daughters and interested parents or young men to attend the meeting and learn more about Masonic and DeMolay history and the history of patriotism. For more information, call Dylan Boerchia at 324-1064.

College hosts cancer benefit for local singer

GOODING—Western States College is holding a benefit for local singer and songwriter Suzanne Jung.

Just is recovering after treatment for cancer, the college reported

The benefit will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Schubert Theater, 402 Main St. in Gooding. There will be a night of entertainment. Donations also can be sent to Western States College, 375 Ridgeway Dr., Twin Falls 83301. For more information, call 733-7695 or visit www.westernstatescollege.com.

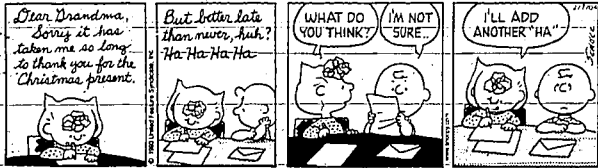


A musical tale. Sunday in Community

COMICS

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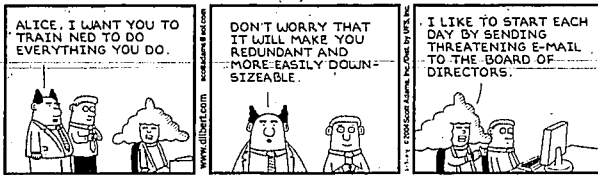
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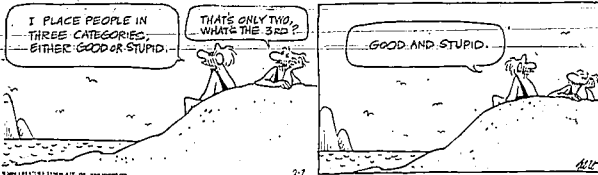
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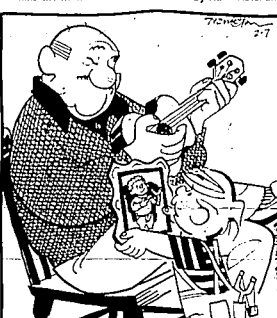
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Dennis the Menace

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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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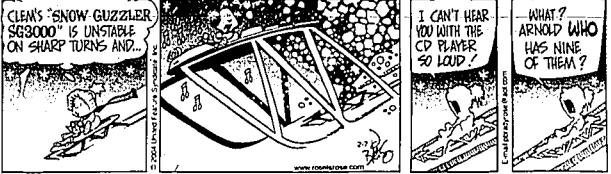
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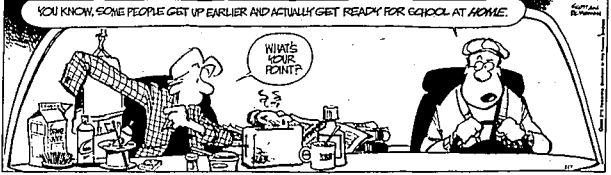
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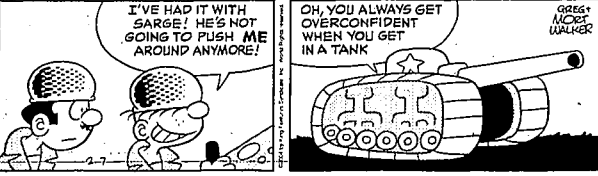
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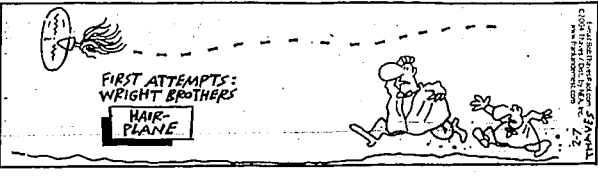
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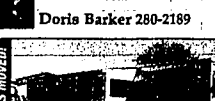
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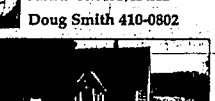
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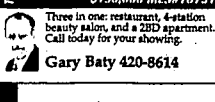
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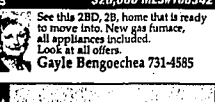
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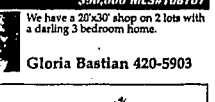
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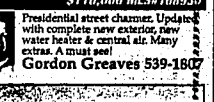
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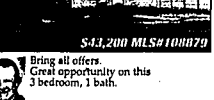
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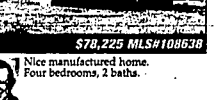
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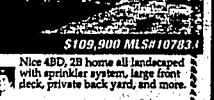
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Twin Falls, Idaho will sell to AUCTION SERVICE on February 17, 2004 the contents belonging to DAVID MONTEVERDE, UNIT 437, Address: 428 West 12th Avenue, #2 Twin Falls, ID. Contents: Clothes

PUBLISH: February 7 and 14, 2004
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On 08/10/2004 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the County of First American Title Company, 280 Third Avenue, Suite 210, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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TWIN FALLS New 3 bedroom on Cambridge Golf course.
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FOUND Smaller gray striped cat, white feet, green eyes. Near Goodridge Area 734-9382.

LOST 2 DOGS!
Golden Retriever 10 months old & Black. Spottie 1 yr. old. Bear 300 S. of Jerome. **REWARD offered.** 724-3431.

LOST Black, Hills Gold, large 3/4" links, rose gold leaf design. Lost between Walkart and The Times News office in Burley. Was a Christmas gift. **Reward offered** 208-870-2912.

LOST Call phone in a case. **Reward offered.** Please call 208-734-3755.

LOST Chihuahua female, on Jan. 31, no collar. She got out of the house and we haven't seen her since. Please call with information 208-212-2031.



LOST English Bulldog, male, red brindle and white, has discoloration of the right eye caused by surgery. Lost on Hansen Ave. in Burley. \$500 reward offered. 208-878-0003.

LOST Lab yellow, male, 9 yr. old, bald right front leg, red collar w/ID tags. \$100 **REWARD** for safe return. 731-2176 or 866-2176.

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LOST small 20 lb. white female dog near Minico High School has short wavy hair on body, long hair on face. Answers to Marsha. **Reward** 436-2657.

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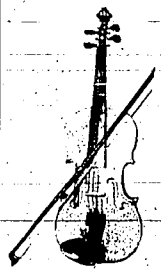
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The Computer Learning Center is looking for a part-time instructor (morning) for our application classes.

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