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A soldier returns



Pfc. Sarah Darrington, right, smiles with her mother, Pam, while talking about how nice it is to be home on a two-week leave. Darrington, an Army MP stationed in Iraq, heads back overseas today.

Declo native takes a break from Iraq duty

She'll go back today after two week's leave but maybe just to Kuwait

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

DECLO - There aren't any days off for American soldiers in Iraq. Home on leave for two weeks in snow-covered farm country treat-

ed Pfc. Sarah Darrington, 21, with the time to kick back amid normalcy.

It's a long way from the blowing sand and heat of the Middle East, where she served nearly a year with the 64th Military Police Company patrolling Iraqi streets in many cities and towns, guarding prisoners of war and training an Iraqi police force.

Today Darrington is headed back for duty in Kuwait and possibly Iraq once again, although it's

possible her company may nearly be done with its tour of duty.

The tall young woman with long hair and a matter-of-fact manner about her war experiences said Wednesday that the closer today came, the more she didn't want to go back to Iraq. At the same time, she said she had mixed feelings about being home while her company remained on duty.

"I feel bad, because it's like my family back there," she said.

"They've seen you at your worst."

That includes nearly a month without a shower other than baby wipes and enduring sand storms as the army pushed toward Baghdad. The 64th MP's have been attached to the 4th Infantry Division.

Nights were so hot, she said, that it was normal to wake up gritty with sand that stuck to drenching sweat.

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U.S. investigates attack on general as inside job

Top U.S. commander for entire Middle East escapes injury

By Hannah Alim Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD - Iraq - The U.S.-led coalition is trying to determine whether a security breach may have led to a grenade attack Thursday on a military convoy that was carrying Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of all American forces in the Middle East, and another top U.S. general.

Abizaid and Gen. Charles Swannack escaped unharmed after guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades and other weapons at their convoy from rooftops in Fallujah, about 30 miles west of Baghdad, military officials said. A spokesman said it was too early to tell whether the assailants attacked the convoy as a target of opportunity or whether they had been tipped off



Gen. John Abizaid, commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East, talks to Iraqi Civil Defense officials Thursday at a compound in Fallujah moments after an explosion nearby. Seconds later, two more explosions were heard near the rear of the compound and U.S. soldiers responded with rifle and machine gun fire.

that the two generals were in it. This attack to any foreknowledge that General Abizaid and

U.S.-sponsored TV station is not a hit with many Arabs - E6

General Swannack were going to be there is a leap that we are not going to make at this time," said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, spokesman for the U.S. military in Iraq.

Kimmitt said an investigation was under way to find out whether insurgents knew in advance of the general's afternoon visit to an Iraqi civil defense corps compound. He added that American troops returned fire and unsuccessfully pursued the attackers. Kimmitt said troops searched a mosque that was thought to be harboring the men, but made no arrests.

In the past, U.S. officials in Iraq and Washington have said that some Iraqis working for the American military and the civil-

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Reinstate Ramos, officer says

State board will decide fate of deaf, blind school superintendent

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

GOODING - A hearing officer recommended that Angel Ramos return to his position as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, but the road to reinstatement could still be long.

Ramos has been on paid administrative leave since July 30 after disagreements about his management style and school finances created divisions at the Gooding school.

The State Board of Education received the recommendation from hearing officer Charles McDevitt Wednesday and decided to release a statement Thursday after receiving many requests for information, board spokeswoman Luci Willis said.

Removing a sitting superintendent of a state agency is not something the State Board of Education undertakes lightly," said Gary Stivers, the board's executive director. "Mr. McDevitt's findings are a recommendation and will be forwarded to the board. State board members will ultimately make the decision to reinstate Dr. Ramos or to find new leadership for the school. If I choose not to ask for reconsideration or file exemptions, I expect that this issue will be on the agenda at an upcoming board meeting."

Both parties have two weeks to ask McDevitt, a former chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, to reconsider his recommendation

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Steroid case threatens to hit athletes

The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO - Four Bay Area men, including the personal trainer for San Francisco Giants baseball star Barry Bonds and a renowned track coach, conspired to distribute an exotic array of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs to dozens of athletes from Major League Baseball, the NFL and the world of track and field, the government charged Thursday.

The 42-count indictment did not name any of the athletes who allegedly received illegal steroids, but it portrayed the four men as operating a virtual clearinghouse for performance-enhancing drugs out of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, a nutritional supplement company. The government alleged the company

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Storms improve outlook, but concerns remain

More than one good year of moisture is needed to remedy drought's effects, water official says

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Winter storms have improved the water outlook for much of the state, although it will take several snow-packed winters to turn around four years of drought, experts said Thursday.

"It really needs a couple of wet winters to prime the system," said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It will take more than the mountain snowpack alone. Wet years would help to raise

the underground springs that feed American Falls Reservoir and other waterways, Abramovich told the Idaho Water Supply Committee in Boise. The springs at American Falls are key to the Twin Falls and Northside canal companies' water rights.

The water year that began Oct. 1 saw little snow until Christmas, and soils remain parched. The ground will absorb much of the snowmelt before it ever reaches the reservoirs, Abramovich said. And reservoirs were nearly drained going into winter. Too many variables exist to pre-

dict whether this year will be the one that breaks the drought, Abramovich said.

Irrigation shortages are possible in the Salmon Falls, Big Wood, Oakley, Big Lost and Little Lost rivers - along with parts of the Upper Snake River. Water users should be prepared for shortages in those areas, especially if future precipitation is skimpy. Reservoirs in south-central Idaho are nearly drained.

However, many snowpacks have been increasing and range from 95 Please see WATER, Page A2

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Aug.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	95%	86%
Henry Fork/Teton	105%	76%
Big Lost	95%	61%
Little Lost	84%	55%
Salmon	93%	64%
Big Wood	87%	62%
Little Wood	83%	64%
Salmon Falls	118%	83%
Oakley Basin	117%	85%

As of Feb. 12.

"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.



“ It really needs a couple of wet winters to prime the system. ”

- Ron Abramovich, Natural Resources Conservation Service

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny with thin clouds all increase throughout the day. High in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Lows in the lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Periods of clouds and breezy winds with isolated snow showers in the middle to upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and seasonal temperatures. High in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Evening mostly cloudy. Lows near 20°.

Tomorrow: Fine mix of clouds and breezy winds with isolated snow showers in the middle to upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.: Increasing clouds are expected today but the weather will remain dry. Clouds and periods of snow are expected this weekend. Fine sleet and snowmelt conditions are expected as a result.

Today Highs 25 to 35 Tonight's Lows 5 to 15
BOISE: Fine travel conditions are expected today. Clouds and occasional rain or snow showers will be possible this weekend. Wet and slick roads could result.

NORTHERN UTAH: Far and dry conditions are expected today. Clouds and snow showers are expected this weekend. Snow could turn icy and roads packed.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 47 at Low; Lows: -15 at Stanley. Weather key: s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, mc=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=snow showers, dr=snow, dr, snow, fl=flurries, w=wind, m=missing.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 39, Low 22).

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various locations: Boise, Burley, Challis, etc., with high/low temperatures and conditions.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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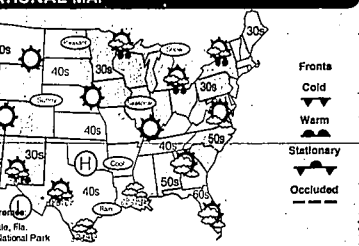
NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists international cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

Report: Halliburton wastes tax dollars

WASHINGTON - Halliburton has systematically wasted U.S. taxpayer dollars in its operations in Iraq and Kuwait, according to two of the company's former employees who have spoken to congressional investigators.

Steroids

Illegal steroid use calls into question not only the integrity of the athletes who use them but also the integrity of the sports that those athletes play, Ashcroft said.

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Ramos

Continued from A1. or look at more information. Willis said no decision had been made as of Thursday.

Iraq

Continued from A1. injured. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was at a Baghdad hotel in October that was hit by a rocket. A colonel was killed and 18 other coalition workers were wounded.

Human cloning report sparks call for ban

SEATTLE (AP) - In a clash of politics and science, the first successful cloning of a human embryo - and the extraction of stem cells from it - has ignited new calls for a ban on all forms of human cloning in the United States.

Water

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CORRECTION

Birthday party will be held in Jerome. Thursday's newspaper gave incorrect information on the location of an 80th birthday celebration for Leonard Huber of Jerome.

Find casts doubt on Iran's anti-nuke talk

The Washington Post

U.N. uncovers documents the country failed to list in 'full transparency' promise last year

U.N. inspectors have discovered blueprints for a previously unknown Iranian program to enrich uranium, a finding that casts doubt on Iran's promise three months ago to fully disclose its nuclear activities, diplomatic sources familiar with the investigation said Thursday.

The documents — designs for a highly sophisticated machine used in uranium enrichment — were not declared by Iran in October when it suspended enrichment and promised "full transparency" for its nuclear program in the face of threatened international sanctions, the sources said. Iran acknowledged the documents only when confronted with what one official

described as "unavailable" evidence by investigators of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

The blueprints contain instructions for building a type of gas centrifuge known as the P2, a super-efficient machine used in producing enriched uranium, the fuel used in nuclear power plants and a key ingredient in atomic bombs. Iran has acknowledged possessing hundreds of less efficient P1 machines at a formerly secret nuclear facility near the central town of Natanz.

Although some U.S. officials

suspect Iran of operating secret enrichment facilities elsewhere in the country, IAEA investigators have found no evidence that Iran currently is using the advanced machines to enrich uranium. Iran has consistently maintained that its nuclear program is intended only for energy production.

"This is not an indication of a significant new capability, but it is something that will cause people to question Iran's good faith," said one Europe-based diplomat, who, like the others, spoke on the condition that he not be identified by name.

The finding appeared to set the

stage for a new confrontation between Iran and the United States and its European allies. The Bush administration, which has long accused Iran of seeking nuclear weapons, has been pushing for international sanctions against the Islamic republic. Member nations of the IAEA's board of governors could consider referring Iran to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions at a meeting next month.

News of the IAEA's finding came within 24 hours of President Bush's announcement of an initiative aimed at tightening international laws governing the spread of nuclear technology.

Bush cited both Iran and North Korea as having exploited a "loophole" in the 1970 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Over veto threat, Senate passes major highway bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defying a presidential veto threat, the Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly approved a highway spending bill that would bring jobs and billions of dollars in new construction money to states across the country.

The Republican-controlled Senate voted 76-21 to pass a six-year, \$318 billion highway and mass transit spending bill, replacing the current six-year program that expires at the end of this month. The vote margin would be enough to override a possible presidential veto.

"Everybody agrees we need to put much more money into road, highways, bridges and mass transit," said Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., a chief sponsor. "This bill does that."

But the \$318 billion sought far

outstrips the \$218 billion approved for the current six-year plan and the \$256 billion the administration insists should be the ceiling at a time when the government faces record-high budget deficits. The House has yet to act on its bill. Some House members say the Senate total is too low to fix the nation's crumbling highways.

The administration says it would recommend that Bush use his veto authority for the first time in his presidency if the final bill is at the Senate spending level.

But Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said conservative estimates are that the bill will create 1.6 million jobs over its lifetime. It is politically important to many lawmakers eager to direct federal spending to their states and districts.

Barbie and Ken call it quits after 40+ years

By Lauren Weber Newday

Alert: There's trouble in Malibu. Barbie and Ken have gone the way of J. Lo and Ben. Following much public speculation about Ken's sexual orientation and Barbie's busy schedule (she does, after all, have 90 careers), the pair have decided to split.

"After 43 years of dating, Barbie and Ken have drifted apart," said Russell Arons, vice president of marketing at Barbie and Ken's parent company, Mattel.

"There are a lot of successful career women out there who don't want to get tied down," Arons added.

On the eve of the 101st annual American International Toy Fair in Manhattan, a major event when U.S. retailers try to identify the next toy trends and place orders for the Christmas season, Mattel says Barbie, born in 1959, will reclaim her identity as a "carefree and independent look."

"The Barbie got bored with Ken. Maybe she realized she didn't need a man in order to be happy. Maybe Ken came out of the closet. But perhaps, say marketing experts, Mattel wanted to shed a doll that may have been an unprofitable drag on the Barbie name.

"This pretend-boyfriend thing probably just wasn't helping sales anymore," suggested John Lister, chairman of Lister Butler Consulting, a Manhattan-based brand identity firm.

Arons disputed that version of the story. "The breakup of Barbie and Ken has nothing to do with Ken's sales. They've been strong all along," he said.

She added that Ken will remain on shelves. And hopefully he won't take it too personally when Barbie starts dating again. Arons hinted that by fall, Barbie will have her eye on a new Mattel character, an Australian beach boy named Blaine.

The shift gives Mattel some freedom to play around with Barbie's identity.

"This allows Mattel to offer more competitive versions of Barbie," Lister said.

Mattel may indeed be feeling pressure to freshen up the Barbie icon. With sales of \$3.6 billion in 2003, Barbie ranks as the top-selling doll brand in the world.

But competitors are catching up, and Mattel has been scrambling to develop its own alternatives to offerings including MGA Entertainment's Bratz line of hip-hop dolls targeted at girls ages 9 to 12, or "twins," as they are known to marketers.

Splitsville

The romance is over. Barbie and Ken, who met on the set of a TV commercial 43 years ago, have decided to spend "quality time" apart, according to manufacturer Mattel, which just so happens to be releasing a new Cali Barbie.



New single Cali (for California) Barbie — board shorts, bikini top, metal hoop earrings, and a deeper tan.



Ken, "still friends," will continue hanging out with Barbie.

SOURCE: Mattel Inc. AP

Someone leaks Microsoft code

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said late Thursday that parts of its Windows source code — the tightly guarded blueprints of its dominant operating system — had been leaked over the Internet.

Microsoft spokesman Tom Pilla said in an interview with The Associated Press that some incomplete portions of the Windows 2000 and Windows NT4 source code had been "illegally made available on the Internet."

Access to the source code could allow hackers to exploit the operating system and attack machines running Windows, which is used on hundreds of millions of computers worldwide.

The company was made aware of the leak Thursday.

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Soldier

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"You see sand for miles," she said. "It was kind of creepy."

At her cozy Declo home, a huge "Welcome Home Sarah" banner hangs on the living room wall. During two weeks with her parents, Pam and Steve, Darrington packed in visits with family and friends, dressed in civilian clothing, caught the latest films including "Return of the King," and relaxed.

"Not everything was bad in Iraq. They make pretty good ice cream. I kind of miss it," she said.

Darrington's ponytail — shows from underneath her helmet, and she said Iraqi reactions to her seemed different than the receptions received by her male colleagues. Some Iraqis just laughed at the sight of a woman holding a gun, she said. Others seemed to find her approachable even when armed.

Darrington has her share of war stories. In July, her company was ambushed three nights in a row. At midnight on July 12, she was at the tail end of the night patrol moving through town and manned the gun from the roof of a Humvee. A rocket-propelled grenade hit a forward truck, literally burning the pants off one soldier, leaving him with third-degree burns and temporarily rendering the other occupants deaf and blind.

"Her first reaction was to let out a cry of pain, but she didn't let the composed her and fired back into the tree line. The exchange lasted about 10 minutes, she said.

Darrington also remembers an 18-year-old Iraqi woman with children who risked her life to warn the Americans — about — mortar rounds she said her husband had planted along a road. She wore Darrington's uniform and led soldiers to the locations. The holes remained, but the explosives were gone. The woman was taken home. Later her body was found riddled with bullets to the head.

Darrington said she joined the military police because she was looking for a lead, she wanted a career to head. Investigations or

forensic science sounded appealing. But now she is learning more toward psychology, because she has been intrigued with why some soldiers suffer psychological trauma from the battlefield and others don't.

The 2000 Declo High School graduate said she feels pretty much the same, just more grown up and independent.

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EDITORIAL

New economic data may be tricky material

With unemployment in Idaho dropping to 4.8 percent in December, and 3.7 percent in the Twin Falls area, the news for workers has been predominantly good. But having a job doesn't always mean making a good living.

For that reason, some southern Idaho business leaders are pushing the Idaho Department of Labor to publish data that reflects underemployment as well as jobless numbers. They hope to use it to recruiting businesses that will create new Idaho jobs.

Underemployment refers to workers who have jobs but receive inadequate compensation, benefits or hours. Many of these workers are first in line when a new business advertises for help.

Collecting such underemployment data has merit if it helps local economic leaders identify work force needs and areas prime for new employment possibilities.

But the idea is hardly easy. A formula that accurately reports those figures may be elusive.

Underemployment is a flexible term. One worker's idea of a living wage and fair benefits can be lower or higher than the next worker's. Would such an elastic standard really provide meaningful economic

information to prospective employers? Another problem is that underemployment may not be a reliable indicator of economic vitality.

Unemployment often is directly related to productivity in traditional economic cycles. If labor growth outpaces profits, the resulting cutbacks may push unemployment upward again. In the cautious current economy, investment and spending are starting to climb back in

Our view: The state may have trouble gathering useful figures if it wants to measure underemployment. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

many sectors, but job growth is slower.

How underemployment fits into this relationship isn't clear. Determining whether a worker has a job is relatively simple, but whether a worker is compensated enough is a subjective judgment.

Furthermore, both liberals and conservatives will use underemployment data for political purposes. Liberals will decry low wages; conservatives will focus on the need for well-trained workers to attract higher salaries.

Perhaps state officials can find a viable way to gather figures and help regional economic leaders identify work force needs. If so, more power to them. But as long as underemployment is a loosely defined standard, measuring it may not have as much value as some experts think.

Facts take heat out of global warming

We live in an age where facts and logic have a hard time competing with rhetoric - especially when the rhetoric is political alarmism over global warming.

JAMES SCHLESINGER.

We continue to hear that "the science is settled" in the global warming debate, that we know enough to take significant action to counter it. Those who hold this view believe emissions of carbon dioxide are the primary cause of any change in global temperature and inevitably will lead to serious environmental harm in the decades ahead.

In 1997, for instance, Vice President Al Gore played a leading role in the negotiation of the Kyoto Protocol, the international agreement to deal with the fears about global warming. He was willing to embrace severe reductions in U.S. emissions, even though the Clinton administration's own Department of Energy estimated that Kyoto-like restrictions could cost \$300 billion annually. Then, when it became clear the Senate would not agree to a treaty that would harm the economy and exempt developing countries such as China and India, the Clinton administration did not forward it for ratification. Since then, the treaty's flaws have become more evident, and too few countries have ratified it to allow it to "enter into force."

The Bush administration, as an alternative to such energy-suppressing measures, has focused on filling gaps in our state of knowledge, promoting the development of new technology, encouraging voluntary programs and working with other nations on controlling the growth of greenhouse-gas emissions. Collectively, these actions involve spending more than \$4 billion annually, and the United States is doing more than any other nation to address the climate-change issue.



Of these efforts, filling the gaps in our knowledge may be the most important. What we know for sure is quite limited. For example, we know that since the early 1950s, the Earth's surface temperature has risen about 1 degree Fahrenheit. We also know that carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, has been increasing in the atmosphere. And we know that the theory that increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide will lead to further warming is at least an oversimplification. It is inconsistent with the fact that satellite measurements over 25 years show no significant warming in the lower atmosphere, which is an essential part of the global-warming theory.

Much of the warming in the 20th century happened from 1920 to 1940. That warming was followed by atmospheric cooling from 1940 to around 1975. During that period, forest damaged crops in the Midwest during summer

months, and glaciers in Europe advanced. This happened despite the rise in greenhouse gases. These facts, too, are not in dispute.

And that's just our recent past. Taking a longer view of climate history deepens our perspective. For example, during what's known as the Climatic Optimum of the early Middle Ages, the Earth's temperatures were 1 to 2 degrees warmer than they are today. That period was succeeded by the Little Ice Age, which lasted until the early 19th century. Neither of these climate periods had anything to do with man-made greenhouse gases.

The lessons of our recent history and of this longer history are clear. It is not possible to know now how much of the warming over the past 100 or so years was caused by human activities and how much was because of natural forces. Acknowledging that we know too little about a system as complicated as the planet's climate is not a

sign of neglect by policymakers or the scientific community. Indeed, admitting that there is much we do not know is the first step to greater understanding.

It is important that we not be unduly influenced by political rhetoric and scare tactics. Wise policy involves a continued emphasis on science, technology, engagement of the business community on voluntary programs and balancing actions with knowledge and economic priorities. As a nation, by focusing on these priorities, we show leadership and concern about the well-being of this generation and the one to follow.

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LETTER

Keep safety in mind with all snow activities

Kids just want to have fun, and it appeared the kids I passed today on snowy and ice-covered roads were doing just that. Looks like "mom" was having a blast as well, and probably had all good intentions while doing so. Unfortunately, their fun could have amounted to a very dangerous situation for all involved.

During my travels today, I approached a truck from the opposite direction and noticed three kids riding in the back. I came upon them again on my way back into town and, as we both approached the stop sign, I noticed the kids jump back into the pickup pulling their inner tube in with them. Appearances would indicate they were being pulled on the tube behind the pickup.

I immediately thought of all the tragic things that could have gone wrong with that picture and proceeded to yell out my window as I passed, "That doesn't appear to be too safe." Unfortunately, it seemed like they were headed to the next

road, as I noticed "mom" pointing as she spotted out her new targeted road.

The feeling of little or no control while driving on slick roads is bad enough; I can't imagine doing so while pulling children behind a vehicle. Not to mention all that could happen if the tube became entangled with the truck somehow.

So often, accidents happen that could have been avoided. I can't imagine what would have happened if I would have come upon them before "mom" had the opportunity to slow down, come to a stop, get kids and tube loaded back into the truck before I crossed paths with them, all while doing so on slick, snow-drifted roads.

I couldn't help but recall all the slide-offs, car accidents and other mishaps I saw this past weekend all because of ice, snow and snow drifts. Most country roads were a nightmare to travel on even today, and most are still down to one-lane roads because of the drifts - not necessarily appropriate conditions for sledding behind a truck.

CAROL MITCHELL
Kimberly

Checking out the controversial Patriot Act

Times are tense. Our politicians trade strident accusations about everything from budget deficits to intelligence failures. Our troops face daily dangers overseas. And always, we live with the threat posed by terrorists who want to kill as many Americans as quickly as they can.

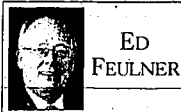
So let's not get out of our way to worry needlessly, the way so many misguided souls who are hyperventilating over the USA Patriot Act are.

On its Web site, the American Library Association warns, "Sections of the USA Patriot Act are a present danger to the constitutional rights and privacy rights of library users."

Michigan's state librarian, Christina Pearson, told the Detroit Free Press, "We worry about the FBI coming in and demanding to know who checked out what books and visited what sites on library computers."

And on Jan. 16, the Concord Monitor reported the following exchange between Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich and some elementary school students:

"If the FBI says, 'We want Jimmy Smith's library list,' then



the librarian has to give them that list without telling Jimmy Smith. 'No way' a student hollered. 'Yes, way,' Kucinich replied."

Well, not quite "way."

Kucinich should know the most important aspects of the USA Patriot Act only apply to terrorist investigations, which should put Jimmy Smith's mind at ease.

Of course, before the Patriot Act, the government would have needed both to obtain a warrant and to show probable cause that a crime had been committed before it could look at most financial records, library records, phone logs, etc. Now, under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, if the government is involved in an authorized investigation of international terrorism - and only under such circumstances - it needs simply a judge's warrant to see those records.

This makes sense. Before Sept.

11, there were too many restrictions on the FBI intelligence gathering. For example, federal agents wanted to search the laptop belonging to Zacarias Moussoui after his arrest in August 2001. But their warrant was denied; based on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that was then in effect.

If the agents had been able to search Moussoui's hard drive, they'd have found a flight simulator computer program, software describing the Boeing 747 and extensive information about crop dusters.

Today, under the Patriot Act, they'd be able to perform that search, and possibly save lives, without violating Moussoui's civil rights.

But while the Patriot Act gives the government important - and limited - new powers, it's actually being applied only rarely. For example, despite all the complaints from librarians, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced last fall that the federal government has never used Section 215 to search library records. Not once. It's difficult to understand how Section 215 could be considered abusive of rights when it's never

been used.

But instead of being glad that the law is being judiciously applied, the American Library Association's executive director said that the lack of warrants proves the law isn't needed. "They have demonstrated that there is no need to change the tradition of protecting library patrons' reading records," Emily Sheketoff sniffed.

Wrong. What the federal government has actually done is prove that it won't abuse Section 215. But the fact it's never been used doesn't prove it's not needed. As in the Moussoui case, there may well come a time when we need information, and we'll be glad we can get it with a judge's warrant.

We should keep a careful eye out to make sure the Patriot Act isn't abused, just as we should keep a careful eye on everything the federal government does. But many librarians are stressing out over nothing. Next time, they should do a little research before they get worked up over a sensible reform.

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LETTERS

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley





Kerry ushers in twilight of long-lived Kennedys' legend

The other day in Michigan, John Forbes Kerry finally got the initiation he's been waiting for all his life.

The ceremony was carried out by Teddy Kennedy in front of an audience made up of electrical workers. In full campaign below, Kennedy told them, "I was on the Labor Committee when I first went to the United States Senate. Yeah, the four years when my brother Bobby represented New York State. And John Kerry's been voting for labor for 18 years. That's 98 years of Kennedys and Kerrys voting for labor. Don't you think we deserve your help?"

How sweet that "we" must have included John F. Kennedys and Kerrys. Even before his prep school romance with Jackie's half sister Janet Auchincloss — who took him sailing with the original JFK — Kerry has dreamed of being a Kennedy.

Bill Clinton, too, had a youthful thing for the family, but he outgrew it. Kerry never has. He followed his idol into the Navy, fought to skipper his own version of PT-109 and came out, like Kennedy, a war hero.

He exhibits the sort of physical vigor John Kennedy celebrated, lives in the same grand style

ZEV CHAFETS

and, for most of his career, has passed himself off as an Irish Catholic aristocrat (he's actually Yankee patrician on his mother's side, the grandson of Jewish immigrants on his father's).

Despite these Camelot virtues — or more likely because of them — Kerry has never been warmly embraced by the senior senator from Massachusetts. That's not hard to understand. Kerry is lean, sober, cerebral and relentlessly ambitious — the man Teddy Kennedy should have been and isn't. Kerry is also a quipster. If he had been at Chappaquiddick, he wouldn't have left Mary Jo Kopechne in the car.

And yet Teddy has swallowed his resentment and jealousy, gone out on the hustings as a Kerry surrogate and put his family's political capital at the service of his junior colleague. It says a lot about Kerry's chances — Teddy would never humble himself like this for a loser — and even more about the current low state of the Kennedys.

Two years ago, one of Bobby's daughters, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, blew a race for governor in Democratic Maryland.

Another Kennedy nephew, Mark Shriver, lost in a congressional primary there. Andrew Cuomo, married to another one of Bobby's daughters, Kerry Kennedy, couldn't even get himself nominated for governor in New York against the hapless Carl McCall.

The only other Kennedy in Congress right now is Teddy's boy Patrick, and he is his father's son. Over his career in the House, he has displayed what the Congressional Quarterly calls "aberrant behavior." A few years ago, for example, the Coast Guard had to be called in to rescue one of his dates from an evening gone wrong aboard a chartered yacht. Not exactly presidential material.

Forty years after Dallas, 35 after Teddy became paterfamilias, the most successful boomer generation Kennedy is Maria Shriver Schwarzenegger, and she's married to a Republican.

A Kerry presidency is as close as the House of Kennedy can get to a restoration. All the family has to offer is faded glamour, and that's of no value to anyone. Except Kerry.

After all, if the new JFK wants a Camelot of his own, who better than authentic Kennedys to decorate the round table? There could be cabinet jobs for the aging children, presidential muscle behind the candidacies of their children, a distinguished elder statesman role for Teddy himself.

And so the senior senator from Massachusetts has opened his arms and adopted John F. Kerry. Ninety-eight years of Kennedys and Kerrys. The Massachusetts big time. Wonder if Kerry noticed that he was given second billing.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

LETTERS

Story misquoted state official on water rights

In a recent article, *The Times-News* directly misquoted comments made by Karl J. Dreher, senior director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, at a recent meeting of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation. In doing so, *The Times-News* has added an additional layer of public confusion and water use distrust to one of the most serious water management issues ever faced in the Magic Valley.

The most egregious of the misreporting was a statement attributed to Director Dreher that owners of senior water rights can't intervene (seek curtailment of junior priority water rights) if junior water users have brought about significant economic development through those rights.

Director Dreher did not make this statement or imply such a contention of Idaho's prior appropriation laws. What he did was read verbatim from Idaho law — Section 43-226, Idaho Code — the following statement: "The traditional policy of the state of Idaho, requiring the water resources of this state to be devoted to beneficial use in reasonable amounts through appropriation, is affirmed with respect to the growing water resources of this state as said term is hereinafter defined and, while the doctrine of 'first in time is first in right' is recognized, a reasonable exercise of this right shall not block full economic development of underground water resources."

Ironically, *The Times-News* then accurately quoted Director Dreher when he explained how the inherent tension between priority date and economic development, implied in that statute, can effectively be

resolved: "Mitigation bridges junior use and economic development."

Your mischaracterization is an error harmful enough that the actual truth is a point important enough to bear repeating. Director Dreher did not say economic development overrides the priority date of senior water rights. Idaho's entire process for administering water rights is founded on the principle of "first in time is first in right."

What he said is that in-kind mitigation can protect senior priority rights and also allow economic development of a resource. DICK LARSEN Boise

Find alternative views on homosexuality research

I am replying to comments made about my writings by Mr. Puder of Twin Falls and Mr. Hughen of Declo.

Mr. Puder has challenged some things I had written regarding how gender is determined in a mother's womb. I replied to his letter, and he replied to mine by saying that I have a "dilettantish" use of scientific references.

Mr. Puder has put himself in an impossible position by using the word "dilettantish" to describe my knowledge for the simple reason that he himself is claiming to know more about the subjects I chose to explore — philosophy, theology, church history, homosexuality, freedom and the plight of the mentally ill and the poor.

Why is this so? Two of the meanings of the word "dilettantish" are "superficial, amateurish."

I'm convinced that Mr. Puder

was trying to tell the readers that I have only a superficial knowledge of my subjects. How could he possibly and truthfully know such a thing unless he believes that he has a greater knowledge about the subjects than I have.

Well, folks, I don't believe that Mr. Puder has been in the trenches long enough to know what I know. However, I suggest that he call me. I could get together for a discussion on the subjects of coffee or Postum.

On the other hand, Mr. Hughen is correct that no scientist has claimed an absolute proof for the cause of sexuality. However, there are some eye-popping individual proofs from scientists, historians and researchers of the subject that, combined, gives an open-minded person something to pursue.

Here is a partial list: Antonio Damasio, Steven Pinker, Meri Riedley (highly recommended), Peter Brown, Bryan Sikes, Allan Bloom, John Costello, Richard Goddeer, John Boswell (a homosexual), Didi Herman and Robert Wintemute.

Others are Terry Castle, Anthony Gutlich, Stanley Rosen, Louis Crompton and the authors of "Human Sperm Competition," Robin Baker and Mark Bellis. If you buy or borrow the latter, be aware that it is the professional book of research (\$135) and not the consumer edition, Sperm Wars. I have all these books and several more.

I extend to Mr. Hughen the same offer I made to Mr. Puder: however, knowing that Mr. Hughen is a self-appointed man of the cloth, I don't expect a knowledgeable discussion — I don't expect one from Mr. Puder, either. So, wallow in our ignorance, guys.

JOHN WALSH Burley

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NATION



Ann Taylor Cook, poses at her Tampa, Fla., home with a lithograph of original drawing showing her as the Gerber baby, an image that is used on all Gerber baby food products.

'Gerber Baby' still enjoys fame

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - The urban legend about the famous Gerber Baby goes something like this: The cherubic image on the labels was actually a diaper-clad Humphrey Bogart, sketched lovingly by his artist mom.

Trouble is, the tough-guy actor was already a grown man when the first Gerber jars appeared on store shelves in 1928.

Ann Turner Cook - the real, honest-to-goodness Gerber baby - has heard the tale before. Her face as a happy infant is forever etched in time on every label of every Gerber product sold in 80 countries, one of the most famous and enduring trademarks in history. These days, Cook is an energetic 73-year-old fledgling novelist who's not above using her notoriety as America's most famous baby to drum up interest in her murder mysteries, featuring an erstwhile female reporter sniffing out intrigue in small Florida towns.

Once she sold 10 copies in an hour at a book-signing at a Barnes & Noble store with a framed copy of her Gerber Baby drawing on the table next to her. "In a way, I might be exploiting it a little," she said with a smile. "Being the Gerber Baby helps get people interested. I don't think it sells books, but it gets people interested in what I have to say."

Cook was about 4 months old in 1927 when family friend Dorothy Hope Smith sketched the image in charcoal. Using a neighbor's baby as a model wasn't so unusual in the artist enclave of Westport, Conn., and nobody thought much about it. Least of all Cook's dad, who for 27 years wrote and drew "Wash Tubby and Captain Easy," a daily comic strip that ran in 500 newspapers.

The next year, Gerber put out the call for images that could be used in ads for his new baby food products, and Smith submitted the drawing.

"She wrote me (later) that she had thought it was kind of unfinished, and if they liked it she could finish it properly," Cook said of the sketch. "But they were smart enough that they didn't want anything done to it."

Her likeness started appearing on the products in 1928 and became the official trademark in 1931.

Police accuse teen of tricking car dealership

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A teenage boy posing as a banker duped an Ohio car dealership into delivering a \$123,000 BMW to him at his high school, police said Thursday.

A "second order" was never shipped after the dealership became suspicious, and the teen was arrested. The first car was later found in Raleigh, N.C., police said.

"He apparently sold the car, and it ended up in a dealership in North Carolina," said Detective Scott Davis of the Dublin, Ohio, police.

The boy was 16 in early January when he ordered the 12-cylinder, 2004 BMW 760Li with "black, blue, and purple metallic" paint and a heated steering wheel and seats. He told Midwestern Auto Group that his bank would confirm the wire transfer, authorities said.

Billboards take aim at porn

DALLAS (AP) - Chocolates are always nice, and a diamond necklace would be delightful. But a Dallas-based ministry thinks it has a better idea for Valentine's Day.

"Her gift for Valentines? Stop looking at porn," proclaim billboards put up by NetAccountability, a nonprofit software company that aims to help Christians confront the "secret sin" of pornography.

If national surveys are any indication, it is a personal battle waged by millions of Christians.

Almost 18 percent of people who called themselves born-again Christians admitted visiting Internet porn sites according to a 2000 survey of 1,031 adults by the evangelical group Focus

on the Family. In a 2002 Pastors.com survey, more than 50 percent of responding pastors reported viewing pornography in the previous year.

"It's definitely the church's dirty little secret," said Mike Foster, co-founder of the anti-porn site XXXChurch.com, which hosts online support groups for Christians trying to kick the habit.

NetAccountability co-founders Brandon Cotter and Scott Covington, both in their early 30s, left jobs in the technology field to start the ministry 2.5 years ago.

Since then, NetAccountability has sold more than 5,000 copies of software the pair developed that lets a partner monitor the Web sites visited by the recovering porn user. The software sells for \$49 a year.



This billboard in Dallas is a campaign by Dallas-based nonprofit company by NetAccountability, that aims to help Christians confront the 'secret sin' of pornography.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Chamber will hold purchase discussion

TWIN FALLS - The public is invited to a brown bag lunch meeting today to discuss the county's plan to buy the old Anderson Lumber building.

The meeting will begin at noon at the Anderson building and should last about an hour. It has been arranged by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

County commissioners say county government is outgrowing office space at the courthouse, and they would like to move offices to the building at 960 Eastland Drive, which has been vacant since 2002.

County commissioners last month approved going forward with a \$3.1 million purchase of the 11.5-acre building and property. They're attempting to arrange financing.

Some downtown business people have criticized commissioners for pursuing a plan that would move offices out of the downtown area.

Monday's holiday will bring several closures

TWIN FALLS - A day set aside to honor past presidents may mean a postponing of some errands.

Here's a run-down of a few places that will be closed and open Monday:

- City Hall will be closed.
- County offices will be closed.
- State offices will be closed.
- The U.S. Post Office will be closed.
- The Social Security Administration office will be closed.
- The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- Most banks will be closed.
- The Twin Falls School District office and area schools will be closed.
- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Re-elected Hurley woman will lead Hispanic board

BURLEY - Gladys Esquivel of Burley was re-elected chairman of the two-member Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Esquivel's term on the commission expires July 1, 2006. She's been a commission member since 1999. She is retired from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The commission is a non-partisan state agency that provides services to the Hispanic community in Idaho and serves as a liaison between Hispanics and government entities.

Burley woman pleads innocent to sex charges

BURLEY - Doretha Lopez pleaded innocent to four counts of lewd conduct with children younger than 16 in Thursday arraignment in 5th District Court in Cassia County.

Lopez, 40, is accused of having sexual contact of various natures with three boys last November and December. The boys were 12, 14 and 15, according to court documents. Lopez is bound over to District Court after waiving her Jan. 15 preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court.

Ten Magic Valley art teachers show their work

TWIN FALLS - The works of 10 Magic Valley art teachers will comprise the Magic Valley Art Teachers Open Art Display in the Jean B. King Gallery of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Bill West, show curator, said area teachers were invited to display their works in the show, which will kick off with a reception for the artists at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Participating art teachers are Tami Aufderheide of Kimberly High School; Lori Cotte of Jerome Middle School; Brad Nebeker of Wendell High School; Connie Myers and Lynn Van Hoeser, both of Twin Falls High School; Randy Wood of Castledorf High School; Cathi Qualls of Gooding High School; Karen Fothergill of Filer High School; Linda Huley of O'Leary Junior High School; and Anna Workman of Minico High School.

The show includes paintings, prints, pottery, sculpture, photography, drawings and other art media. Admission to the Herrett Center art galleries is free. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 732-6635.

Compiled from staff reports

Powers throws his hat into race

Brockman will run for another term

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County Commissioner Bill Brockman has announced his bid for re-election as county commissioner.

Democrat Mike Ihler is looking for his party's nod to run for the seat held by Brockman, a Republican.

Democrat Bob Powers, meanwhile, also has declared his intent to run for a commissioner seat. He is seeking his party's nomination to run for the seat now held by Republican Tom



Bob Powers



Tom Mikesell

Mikesell. Mikesell could not be reached for comment Thursday.

A former City Council member, Mikesell was sworn-in to a two-year term as commissioner in January 2003, replacing Marvin Hempleman, who retired after more than two decades in the office.

Brockman was appointed by the Twin Falls Republican Party Central Committee and Governor Dirk Kempthorne in 1999. He was elected in 2000.

"I've learned so much about the county budget, the needs of the county and how you respond to constituents," Brockman said. "There are so



Bill Brockman



Mike Ihler

many issues that you need to deal with. I had no idea what a big business it is, and how many different segments there are."

One of the segments dearest to Brockman is children's issues. As a commissioner, he jump-started BILLS Place, a transitional home for

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MAKIN' MOVIES



Wes Malvini, a local filmmaker, and his wife, Cyd Higginbotham, who plays the leading role, sit in the Lamphouse Theatre. Malvini made a new dark romantic comedy with elements of horror called "The Fear in the Freezer." The film will be shown Saturday at 7:20 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight and will run through the week.

Twin Falls filmmaker's first movie debuts Saturday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley has produced another up-and-coming filmmaker.

Twin Falls High School graduate and former College of Southern Idaho theater student Wes Malvini will premiere his first movie, "The Fear in the Freezer," Saturday at the Lamphouse Theatre.

Recent New York University film school graduate Jaffe Zinn, who grew up in Buhl, directed the film, which has been accepted for screening at the New York International Film Festival and may be shown at other big-name filmfests as well.

"Fear in the Freezer," which was written by Malvini, is a realistic and at times absurd portrait of young love, anger, obsession and jealousy, described by Malvini as "a splicie of life and horror fantasy exploring the hypocrisies of love."

It follows a confused and insecure young man, Mark Starlee (played by Malvini), as he falls in

If you go ...

"Fear in the Freezer" debuts Saturday at 7:20 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls. Other screenings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and midnight on Saturday and Sunday through Thursday at 4:45 p.m., 7:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Lamphouse is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

love with a strange and beautiful girl named "Jenny" played by Malvini's real-life wife, Cyd Higginbotham. One day Mark finds a penguin living in his freezer, and the strange creature begins to control his emotions, inciting jealous fantasies of his girlfriend cheating on him with his best friend, Mickey (Aaron Powell). These feelings grow beyond the bounds

of sanity until Mark finds himself torn between wanting to believe his fears are warranted and realizing that the creature causes them.

The 80-minute movie was filmed in Twin Falls on a shoestring. Malvini - says - Jason Webley, Jeremy Parrish and Dustin Jones contributed to the musical score, and Nick McChillin was the editor.

It's the third film that Zinn has directed, including his own "A Life for M-80" and "Bliss."

"The Fear in the Freezer" is not rated, but it's not suitable for children because it contains adult language, sexuality, nudity and violence.

Homeschoolers worry education bill is dangerous

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

FILER - Lyle Johnstone pays close attention to pending legislation that could alter his ability to home school his three sons.

The bill he's interested in - and dismayed about - is Senate Bill 1233. He says it could open the door to the school system as well as law enforcement and the judiciary system forcing his kids back into public schools.

"The last thing I want is for my children to wind up with a poor education, and that is why they are not in the public school," Johnstone said Thursday.

Idaho has no statutes requiring any sort of tracking of home schoolers. But in addition, educators said at the Senate Education Committee hearing Thursday that Idaho's laws simply don't allow prosecutors the leverage they need to deal with parents who neglect their children's education.

Stegner added two words to his legislation he says would empower prosecutors. First, a parent would have to "knowingly" neglect a child's education. And second, a parent who does not have

his or her children enrolled in a public school or private school would have to provide a "comparable" education as what is provided in the public school system.

That word "comparable" got Johnstone fidgety.

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State approves Glanbia water transfer in Richfield

The Times-News

RICHFIELD - A water right transfer for Glanbia Foods Inc.'s cheese operation in Richfield has been approved by the Idaho Department of Water Resources, according to an order released Thursday by the department.

Hearing officer Glen Saxton approved a groundwater right transfer that will allow Glanbia to pump up to 8 cubic feet per second from a depth of 500 feet. The diversion will be used as a supplemental water source for the company's 400-acre wastewater land application site near Richfield.

Because of a moratorium on new wells developed across the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, another 400 irrigated acres about 29 miles south of Glanbia's farm will be dried up to transfer the rights to Glanbia.

Glanbia will be limited to pumping 1,600 acre feet of water annually for the first 18 years of the permit and then 1,488 acre feet beyond that.

ondary source to the company's Big Wood Canal water shans when the supply is unavailable or the company needs more water.

Last summer, canal water was shut down mid-July, said Jeff Williams, executive vice president of Glanbia Foods. The company was able to squeeze out two cuttings of hay out of its farm rather than four, he said. Growing more alfalfa allows for more absorption of nutrients from the cheese company's wastewater. The water right transfer does not represent a production expansion at the Richfield plant, Williams said.

The city of Richfield and others protested the transfer out of concern that it would result in a decline in the water table in neighboring wells. The department determined that at the rates specified, pumping would not adversely affect neighboring wells or aquifer discharges to the Snake River.

Glanbia also operates a wastewater treatment plant near Gooding that has been the subject of negotiations with neighbors for a couple of years.

Noh loses on CAFO hearing bill

Bill to open the public process dies in a 4-4 tie

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - The attempt of a local legislator to open up the hearing process for concentrated animal feeding operations failed Thursday in the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee.

It was an unusual situation. Normally when Sen. Laird Noh loses, the highly respected "elder statesman" introduces a bill, it is automatically printed in unspoken deference to his stature. But the bill went down in a tie vote of 4 to 4.

The committee will not even consider it.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, the committee member who would have broken the tie either way, was not in attendance. He said later he had a doctor's appointment.

Four of the three who voted for it, Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, Sen. Fred Kennedy, D-Mountain Home, and Noh have Magic Valley constituents - these most likely to be affected by CAFO.

The bill would have changed legislation passed last year that requires every county in the state to hold at least one public hearing for any CAFO proposal.

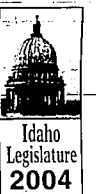
But lawmakers last year put the stipulation on the hearing requirement that county commissioners only have to let people who live within one mile to testify. However, at their own volition, commissioners can extend the one-mile stipulation.

Noh pointed out Thursday that a

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Sen. Laird Noh



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Eliza Cordelia Nye Shaw - Burley



Eliza Cordelia Nye Shaw, 98-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. She was born April 1, 1905, in Albion, the daughter of Frederick James and Hannah Loveland Nye. She attended school in Malta, Idaho, and Albion, graduating from the Albion State Normal with a teaching certificate. She taught school in Malta for two years. Cordelia married Samuel Holbrook Shaw on June 9, 1926, in the Logan LDS Temple. They moved to Alameda, Calif., and then back to Malta after the death of her father. In 1933, they moved to Burley, where she has since resided. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in many capacities. She especially loved teaching the youth of the church and enjoyed her association with them. Cordelia loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and her family. She leaves a legacy of love and care and above all a strong work ethic. She will be greatly missed. Survivors include seven children, Marjorie (Jay) Longhurst of Idaho Falls, Selma Morrill of

Tucson, Ariz., Virginia McCulloch of Idaho Falls, Garth (Loretta) Shaw of Heyburn, Betty (Keith) Kinghorn of Olongato, Philippines, Harry (Soni) Shaw of Burley and Jerry (Bevly) Shaw of Burley; two brothers, John (Bessie) Nye of Elba and Anton (Ann) Nye of Malta; a sister, Ruth (Aisie) Zollinger of Twin Falls; 36 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, four sisters; her husband, Sam; a grand-

daughter; and a great-granddaughter. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave. in Burley, with Bishop Brian Barlow officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Valley View Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Monday at the church.

Gilbert 'Gil' Humberger - Twin Falls



Gil Humberger, age 60, of Twin Falls, moved on to "bigger and better things" on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10, 2004, with his family by his side after a courageous battle with cancer. Gil was born April 24, 1943, in Fairbury, Neb., the youngest son of Robert and Fern Humberger. The family moved to Idaho Falls in 1945, where Gil resided until moving to Twin Falls in 1966. He graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1961. Gil married the love of his life and best friend, Diane, in 1963. Together they had three children, Tod, Shawn and Lori. His family meant everything to him. His children believe that all shirts, coffee mugs and key chains saying world's best husband, father or grandfather were made for their dad. Our father was a hardworking, talented craftsman. He could fix anything and was continually helping family, friends and neighbors with various projects. He started his electrical career in 1965, and in 1972 became a proud member of the IBEW Local #449. Gil was very respected in his trade. He supervised many jobs and taught and inspired numer-

ous IBEW apprentices. When Gil wasn't working he liked to hunt, fish, golf, enjoy the outdoors and he especially loved to support his children and grandchildren in whatever endeavors they pursued. Gil is survived by his wife, Diane; three children, Tod (Nancy) Humberger, their daughters, Brandee, Olivia and Allyson of Twin Falls; Shawn Humberger and his son Riley of Caldwell; Lori (Chris) Stenger, their daughters Jordan, Courtney and Kennedy of Twin Falls; his mother, Fern Chadwick of Idaho Falls; his brother, Jerry (Renae) Humberger of Idaho Falls; his cousin, Roger Humberger of Peasopah; his uncle, Charles Humberger of Sonoma, Calif., along with numerous nephews, nieces and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Humberger; uncles, Clyde Humberger and Tim (Vivian) Humberger; and father-in-law, Dale Dockstader. A funeral and Celebration of a Life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview N. in Twin Falls. Viewing will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. before the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Albertson College Baseball Fund in memory of Gil Humberger, 2112 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, Idaho 83605. Contributions may be given to funeral staff or mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. In a world so desperate for heroes, our family is so blessed to have had one of the very best. Papa, you will always be our hero!

Anna (Nana) Lee Toledo (Killinger) - Santa Cruz, Calif.



Anna (Nana) Lee Toledo (Killinger), born May 4, 1946, in Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away unexpectedly from an asthma attack on Feb. 7, 2004, in Santa Cruz, Calif. Anna graduated from high school in Montclair, Calif., and married Dane Prall; from that union one son, Steven, and one daughter, Rebecca, was born. They were later divorced. Anna married Jim Toledo, and from that union one daughter, Roxann, was born. They later divorced. Anna worked for UCSC - Physical Plant for 15 years where she made many friends. She is preceded in death by her mother, Melvina Killinger; and father, Noble Killinger. She is survived by her children, Steven (Sherry) Prall and Rebecca Prall of Citrus Heights, Calif., Roxann (Jason) Burdick;

Ehrenberg, Ariz., Marguerite (Jack) Evans of Twin Falls, Idaho; Roscoe (Karen) Killinger of Coonick, Ariz., and Roy (Nancy) Killinger of Twin Falls, Idaho; and many nephews, nieces and extended family and friends. Always a pleasure to be around, her sense of humor and love for her family was an inspiration to all who knew her. The loss of Anna will change the lives of everyone forever and she will be deeply missed. A service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," 136 4th Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho. As well as a celebration of life on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at the Burdick Residence, 306 Linden St., Santa Cruz, Calif. Memorials may be sent to American Lung Association, 1111 S. Orchard St., Ste. 245, Boise, Idaho, 833705.

stepdaughter, Penny Toledo of Santa Cruz, four grandchildren, Elizabeth Christie, Joshua and Nicholas Prall and Dylan Burdick; siblings, Mitchell (Mary) Killinger of Ontario, Calif., Emily - Gaunt of

Virginia Susan 'Gina' Weiss Bassard - Twin Falls



Virginia Susan "Gina" Weiss Bassard, 90, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Virginia was born on Sept. 6, 1913, at Meadow Grove, Neb., to Posey L. and Mary "Mae" Speicher Weiss. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Meadow Grove High School in 1931. She attended Wayne, Nebraska State Teacher's College and taught in Nebraska. Virginia married Edwin "Ed" Bassard on May 16, 1936. After living a short time in Kansas City, Miss., she moved to Filer, Idaho, in 1937. Virginia and Ed moved to Long Beach, Calif., living there from 1942 to 1947. They returned to Twin Falls in 1947. Virginia was employed at the C. C. Anderson Co., now The Bon Marche, for 14 years. She was a computer operator for the city of Twin Falls for 18

years until her retirement in January 1979. Virginia was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) of Twin Falls and a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of that church. She was a charter member of the Twin Falls Lionsess Club. Her hobbies were sewing, reading, crafts and music. Virginia is survived by her sister, Mrs. Vernon Richmond of Lone Bush, Calif., and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edd Bassard; her parents, Posey L. and Mae Weiss; one sister, Mrs. June Coulter; and a brother, Horton C. Weiss. A funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with Pastor Lawrence Vedder officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Fidler Ave. E., Twin Falls; the Idaho Eye Bank; or to the charity of donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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Bobby G. Whitlock - Twin Falls



Bobby G. Whitlock, 64, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Carlin, Nev., died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec. 1, 1939, in Salinas, Calif., the son of James and Vera Jones Whitlock. His parents moved extensively while he was young so he had lived in Idaho, California and Nevada, but completed his schooling in Twin Falls. He married Linda Clifford on Aug. 31, 1957, in Twin Falls, and they were later divorced. He married Patricia O'Connor Thompson on March 4, 1981, in New Orleans, La. Bobby worked for Haney Seed Co. in Twin Falls for many years and later was manager of the Haney Seed Plant in Glenns Ferry from 1974 to 1981. He later was manager of Redi Spuds in Glenns Ferry. He built starting gates for horse racing for a time in Phoenix, Ariz., worked at Avon Amnated Sugar Factory in Twin Falls, worked for the Nevada Mining Co. in Carlin, Nev., for 12 years until 2000. From 2000 until 2003 he worked in heavy construction in

Glenns Ferry. While residing in Glenns Ferry he served as a city councilman for 10 years. Bobby loved riding, motorcycles, snowmobiles, rebuilding old cars, racing cars, drag racing and anything to do with cars. He was an exceptional mechanic, capable of fixing anything. He was a member of the Catholic Church, the Twin Falls Lodge No. 1182, BPOF, the Moose Lodge and the Operating Engineers Local No. 7. Bobby is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Carlin, Nev., one sister, Frances Blackwell of Glenns

Ferry, Idaho; four children, Denise (Doug) King of King Hill, Idaho, Bobby G. "Butch" (Sherry) Whitlock Jr. of Twin Falls, Stephanie Nab of Gooding, Idaho, and Maureen (Steve) Miley of Boise; seven grandchildren, Jamie (Matt) Springer, Richard - King - II, Amanda King, Jennifer King, Connie Assel, Stephanie Whitlock, Bobbie Jean Whitlock; one great-grandchild, Taylor Morgan Springer; his best friends, Gary Nelson and Keith Huntley; and two dogs, Sandy and Chanel. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. A funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum. The family suggests memorials to Special Olympics, 8425 W. Fairview Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83707, Carlin, Nevada Humane Society, P.O. Box 969, Carlin, Nev., 89822; or city of Elko Animal Shelter, 1751 College Ave., Elko, Nev., 89801.

SERVICES

Merl C. Hartwell of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Fielding Memorial Park Cemetery in Idaho Falls. (Parke's Funeral Home) John Wendall Terry, formerly of Paul, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 324 E. Main. Friends may call one hour before the service. Ross M. Randle of Idaho Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the service Friday at White Mortuary. R. Douglas "Doug" Neville, rosary recited at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass celebrated at noon Saturday at St. Edward's Catholic Church. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until rosary today at Reynolds Chapel. William "Bill" Newcomb of Rupert, service at 11 a.m.

Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church. The family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel) Vernon Earldin Shaffer, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Fielding Utah Stake Center; viewing from 10:30-12:30 before funeral. (Rogers and Taylor Funeral Home, Tremonton, Utah.) Phyllis M. Burkhalter of Jerome, memorial service at 2

p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Presbyterian Church (Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome). C. H. Boss (Bud) of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Demary's Wendell Chapel. Edna McGown of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall in Challis, Idaho. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel.)

DEATH NOTICES

Lois M. Lennan JEROME - Lois M. Lennan, 73, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at her home in Jerome. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at the Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Hoyburn Ave. E., in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Daniel A. Riecke officiating.

Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Keith D. Henry RENO, Nev. - Keith D. Henry, of Reno, Nev., formerly of Kimberly, died Feb. 3, 2004. At his request no services are planned.

Castleford wants until 2013 to fix arsenic levels

By Sandra Wisecaver Times News correspondent CASTLEFORD - The City Council is scrambling to get its paperwork done to meet pending federal requirements on arsenic. An application has been filed with the Department of Environmental Quality, seeking funds for a capital facilities study of the city's water system. It could take up to three months before that can be approved, said Donald G. Acheson, the project engineer with Twin Falls-based Riedelssell & Associates. A second application has been sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, requesting an extension on the 2006 deadline for reducing arsenic levels. The new EPA standard goes into effect on Jan. 23, 2006. Castleford's arsenic levels have tested at slightly over 22 parts per billion, which will be out of compliance with the new 10 ppb standard. The city will be required to conduct a public hearing on the proposed extension. Based on comments at that hearing, Castleford could be granted an extension of seven years. Jerri Henry, Idaho's DEQ authority on the arsenic rule, has supported the city's request for an extension of the deadline to 2013, based on Castleford's budget limitations. The city's first proposal for a scaled-down study focusing on arsenic only did not meet with DEQ approval. A larger study of the system's facilities is being required. A proposal for the study

has been submitted by Acheson at an estimated cost of \$17,229. "Everything that ties into the Castleford water system will be evaluated in the capital facilities study," Acheson said. "The list of things that need to be fixed in the system will be prioritized with cost estimates." "With the capital facilities study, it may turn out arsenic is not the thing to do right now," Acheson said. "There may be something more pressing. The water tower is an issue. There are also some issues with the water lines." Projects will be determined, based on the priority list and funding sources will be sought. City Water Supervisor Brigg Vulgamore questioned whether the arsenic levels would be diluted if the aquifer was recharged during a non-drought year. Instruments 10 years ago, however, were not precise enough to measure lower arsenic levels. Anything below the current 50 parts per billion standard was probably not evaluated, Acheson said. Although Castleford has made arsenic a high priority for the city, it was not a topic of the recent "city officials day" at the Capital sponsored by the Association of Idaho Cities. Mayor Rita Ruffing, City Clerk Patsy Kinyon and City Attorney Mark Guery attended. "It was very educational and we learned a lot," Ruffing said. "There were 10 agenda items for the day and I was disappointed water was not one of them and arsenic was not mentioned."

Other City Council business included:

- Cleaning up - The annual city clean up day is set for Saturday, May 15. Due to the light budgeting this year, Mayor Rita Ruffing requested input from City Council members on whether it should be canceled. Last year's clean up, including trash bins and landfill charges, cost the city about \$1,000. "Because of our finances, I am just wondering if we can afford to have it," City Clerk Patsy Kinyon said. City Council members, however, supported it. "I don't see how we can afford not to have it," Councilman Herb Runyan said. • In the red - The city is currently going in the hole on sanitation costs each month. The city charges \$8 per month in pick up fees. A year ago the actual cost to the city was \$6 per month per household. This last month, the cost to the city was \$675 with revenue at 5672, putting the city \$3 in the red. Fees have not changed, but more trash is being hauled off. The higher tonnage numbers is costing the city more. "If the tonnage stays up, we will have to do something," Ruffing said. "We need to encourage people to recycle everything they can." • Health Fair - Janice Carter reported on research she has been doing on the possibility of starting a health clinic in Castleford. Carter is currently working on her master's degree in nursing. She plans to coordinate a health screening fair in Castleford some-

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Bookmobile expands service in rural Idaho

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

ALMO - For 20 years, Almo resident Janis Durfee drove 20 miles on a dirt road to visit a bookmobile in Utah. Then she drove 20 miles home on that dirt road.

About a year and a half ago, Durfee and other community members scraped together some money and secured a grant to bring the bookmobile into Almo, Malta and other rural parts of Cassia County.

Now the bookmobile has expanded its service in accord with a new contract between Cassia County, Utah, Library Board. The 2004 contract is for \$4,219, Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said. Last year's contract was for \$3,452. No county money is budgeted for the bookmobile service. It's all paid for with grants or private dollars. Cassia County administrators the contract on behalf of the volunteers because the Box Elder

Lend your support

Residents of Almo, Malta and other rural areas of Cassia County rely on a bookmobile from Box Elder County, Utah, for their library access. Community members pay for the service through private donations and grants. To donate to the bookmobile project, or for information, call organizer Janis Durfee at 824-5536.

County Library board members can't contract directly with a private group, McMurray said.

The price for 2004 service increased because the bookmobile is going to stay longer at some of its Cassia County stops, Durfee said. Some of the additional money is also needed to offset higher operating costs, such as fuel.

"The increase has caused us some hardship, but the grant helped soften the blow," Durfee

said. Again this year the group received a \$2,000 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation.

The bookmobile is needed because the sparse population doesn't have easy access to books and local schools either don't have libraries or have limited library materials.

"It's so important, it really makes a difference for the people in this area," Durfee said. The bookmobile, a semi-tractor and trailer, carries between 3,500 and 5,000 books, Durfee said. It comes once a month—every fourth Tuesday, she said.

More than 100 Idaho families regularly use the bookmobile, Durfee said. "Some people check out 30 or 40 books at a time," she said. "People take cardboard boxes and fill them up."

The bookmobile began serving southern Cassia County in September 2002 with a \$2,000 Idaho Community Foundation grant and nearly \$4,000 in donations from people who live in that

part of the county. That was enough money to ensure bookmobile service through the end of 2003.

Durfee and others have looked at different ways to pay for the bookmobile, including a bond issue to establish a library district. The inequities of property values and resulting taxes deterred that plan, she said. So for the foreseeable future, Durfee and other volunteers will continue to collect donations and apply for grants.

Durfee said people are willing to donate, but it's difficult collecting the money because residents are so spread out.

Box Elder County currently has two bookmobiles, Durfee said. Before Idaho residents signed a contract, many had simply driven into northern Utah to use the bookmobile, she said.

Utah officials didn't mind Idahoans using the service for free, Durfee said. But a new library director suggested Idaho residents raise money to pay for the bookmobile to visit their communities.

M.C. business groups join forces for banquet

The Times-News

BURLEY - Two Mini-Cassia business groups have joined forces for a banquet and an opportunity to welcome the new economic development director to the community.

The Burley Area Merchants Association and the Organization of Rupert Businesses have scheduled a banquet for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Burley Inn.

The cost of the dinner is \$20 a person and reservations are due to the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce by Monday. The chamber number is 679-4793.

Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, is the banquet speaker.

The reception is planned for a public reception dinner for Bob Shepard. Shepard began work earlier this month as the director of the Mini-Cassia Development Commission. The reception runs

from 6 to 7 p.m., also at the Burley Inn.

BAMA holds an annual banquet each winter, said Marianne Welch, immediate past president of BAMA. This is a new event for the Organization of Rupert Businesses, ORB President Wally Stouder said.

Welch is optimistic the two groups can make the combined banquet an annual event.

Shepard's arrival is part of the reason for both groups to meet jointly, Welch said. "We thought this would be a great opportunity to get a lot of local people together and meet the new director," she said. The reception is a chance for people to share information and concerns with Shepard.

The reception is hosted by the chamber and the development commission. People may stop by the reception to meet Shepard even if they don't plan to attend the banquet.

Commission plans Mexican Independence fiesta

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A fiesta to celebrate Mexican Independence, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 18, is starting to take shape.

Members of the City of Jerome Minority Commission met Wednesday evening and began working on details of the celebration. The commission wants to use it as a way to introduce the people of Jerome to the richness of traditions in the Hispanic community. City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said he hoped the commission would include some sort of "vehicle for getting the

Hispanics and Anglos of the community together long enough to begin to talk" and get acquainted with one another.

Tom Kuntz, the Jerome Recreation District's director, said the group needed a large facility for the celebration because he envisioned several thousand people attending.

Possible locations for the cele-

bration were identified and a wide variety of activities ranging from hip hop contests to soccer games were suggested.

The Minority Commission plans to invite people from the community to form a planning subcommittee to help with details, activities and logistics of the celebration.

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Farm Credit Services returns money to customers

The Times-News

BURLEY - About 460 customers of the Burley branch of Northwest Farm Credit Services recently received checks from the cooperative - but not the standard loan checks the lending institution typically gives out.

These checks are not loans, but rather returns through the business's interest reduction program. A total of \$715,000 was sent from the Burley office. The average check size was \$1,500, Burley branch manager Bob Blakeslee said.

Northwest Farm Credit Services has been returning money to its customers through this program for four years, Blakeslee said. Member-stockholders receive 50 basis points on

their average 2003 loan balance.

"The feedback we have received over the past four years on this program has been very positive," Blakeslee said. "One of the benefits of doing business with Farm Credit is our commitment to return value to our shareholders - our customers."

Northwest Farm Credit Services offices in Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Alaska returned \$17.7 million to 12,000 customers this year.

Northwest Farm Credit Services provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, timber producers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners in those five states.

Red Cross plays host to black-tie gala in The Ballroom

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho and honorary chairman Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, invite the public to the Black-Tie Red Cross Ball to be held March 6 at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. and lasts until midnight.

It features dinner, dessert and dancing to musical entertainment by Brian Farnon and the Twin Falls Centennial Orchestra. "A Salute to Celebrities," a national Red Cross traveling fund-raising gala as well as celebrating the Twin Falls centennial."

"I am honored to serve as the chair of the Red Cross Ball," Crapo said. "I look forward to

spending the evening with others who also value the work done by the American Red Cross.

It is always there to help those in need, and this is a worthwhile event, which assists in achieving funding goals as well as celebrating the Twin Falls centennial."

The cost is \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of 10. Tickets are available now at

the South Central District office of the American Red Cross, 1139 Falls Ave., Suite B.

All proceeds will go to support American Red Cross Disaster Services and Armed Forces Emergency Services in the Magic Valley.

For more information, call the Red Cross office at 733-6464.

Snowmobile opponents will appeal latest Yellowstone decision

The Times-News

WASHINGTON (AP) - A conservation group says it will appeal a Wyoming federal judge's decision to allow more snowmobiles into Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In papers filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition said it will ask Judge Clarence Brimmer of Wyoming to suspend his order until the appeal is decided.

On Tuesday, Brimmer ordered the National Park Service to stop implementing a plan that cut the number of snowmobiles allowed in the parks this winter, and that would have called for an all-out

ban on the machines next winter. That plan, written by the Clinton administration, was set aside by the Bush administration to settle a lawsuit before Brimmer.

The Bush administration wrote a new plan, which was to begin in December, that would have allowed snowmobiling to continue under daily limits on the number of machines allowed into the parks and with new requirements for the machines to run on cleaner and quieter engines.

But in a separate lawsuit filed by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan in Washington struck down the Bush plan in December. Sullivan said the Park Service was

Yellowstone offers \$500 reward for information that leads to conviction of illegal snowmobilers

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - A \$500 reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of five snowmobilers who drove around the park's west side illegally.

The five damaged numerous trees as they covered about 45 miles on Feb. 5, driving across pristine meadows, through avalanche-prone canyons and off steep cliffs, according to park officials.

They entered the park in Idaho within feet of a bright orange boundary marker and no-snowmobiling sign.

banned snowmobilers. The Bush administration said its restrictions on new emissions requirements would protect resources while allowing snowmobilers to continue to visit the parks in the winter.

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troubled teens. Brockman is a member of the Regional Council on Children's Mental Health, the Public Lands Committee, the Twin Falls County Jail Committee and the Health and Welfare Drug Awareness Committee.

"I'm right in the middle of a lot of projects that I'm really interested in," he said. "I want to see the transition home become operational. I want to continue with the drug awareness committee to educate the public and the young people on the dangers of drugs."

A possible opponent to Brockman is Ihler, a lifelong Twin Falls resident.

An encounter with county government several years ago prompted him to make a run for office.

Ihler made an unsuccessful bid for county commissioner in 2000 as a write-in candidate in a match-up against Brockman. Ihler ran for state office in 2002, losing to nine-term Republican Rep. Frances Field of Grand View.

Citizens, he said, are given a second seat to people who want to develop here.

"The way the public is treated by the county government is appalling," he said. "I figured I'd like to make a change."

His early impression that county commissioners cater to developers has lasted.

"I see that continuing haphazardly with the Anderson building and CAFOs," he said. "Commissioners have lost touch with who their constituents are. It

Schools

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ants, Peterson added.

Peterson insisted that prosecutors currently have every tool they need to go after truant children and negligent parents.

"An Emmet principal and the superintendent of the Lewiston School District, on the other hand, both endorsed the legislation. They said in these days of No Child Left Behind and schools being punished

for children who don't perform well, it's more important than ever to make sure all children are in school.

Sen. Tom Cannon, R-Buhl, said he's not interested in punishing home schoolers who are doing an adequate job.

"The state has recognized home school as a valid form of education," Gannon said. But he also wants to see in the

public school the children of a certain single mother from his area who only has an eighth-grade education. She is keeping them out of school but not doing an adequate job in teaching, Gannon said.

The Senate Education Committee continues the meeting today and will likely vote on the measure. If it passes, it will be sent to the Senate floor for consideration by the full Senate.

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CAFO could conceivably wind up closer than one mile to a school or to someone's business that would not be compatible with that kind of operation. In addition, he said some people have second homes closer than one mile to CAFOs, but because these are not a primary residence, they wouldn't count according to last year's legislation.

"We've struggled with this issue for a long time," Noh said. "We went through a considerable time without even being allowed hearings."

But Republican Sen. Jack Noble, a Kuna dairyman, said he didn't want people coming from 12 to 20 miles away to stir up emotions.

And Sen. Don Burtenshaw, an eastern-Idaho Republican who ranches, said it would be "opening a can of worms to let anyone from anywhere comment."

Burtenshaw also referred to last session's legislation to reduce

dairy protesters' liability to protest water transfers to dairymen based on the "local public interest" law in the state's water code. It was good for lawmakers to limit the protests, he said.

"I'll tell you one thing," Burtenshaw said. "Dairymen bring in \$2 billion worth of business to this state. They are an important part of our economy. They need to be away from the city, no doubt about that, but I still think people should have the right to go somewhere and build a dairy."

But Stennett said Noh was only asking for one public hearing.

"Any openness we can add to open up the process to the citizenry is good," Stennett said.

Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, added that he'd rather have people telling lawmakers face-to-face their concerns than complaining afterward about decisions.

"In government, we want them talking inside to us rather than

talking outside about us," Schroeder said.

Later in the meeting on a whim, Schroeder made a motion to attach the bill to another. He quickly proposed that it be included with another that he said he felt would easily pass the committee.

At first several committee members failed to notice his suggestion and seemed disoriented, but when they caught on, they laughed.

Gannon said in a phone interview later had he been in attendance he would have tried to convince the committee to amend the proposal so that anyone who had a direct vested interest in a proposed dairy would be able to testify.

A one-mile restriction was arbitrary, yet he didn't want people coming in from 20 miles away with anti-dairy agendas to testify, either, Gannon said.

seems to be that whatever the hidersup in the Republican party want, that's what they vote for, not the will of the people."

Ihler would like to see a more accessible government so people feel like they can be a part of the process.

"I want to be a people's candidate," he said.

Bob Powers, a Twin Falls County resident for nearly 30 years, works as a part-time reserve deputy for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. He made an unsuccessful run for commissioner in 2002, losing to Mikesell.

In that race, Mikesell received 10,756 votes - or 58.6 percent of the total vote - while Powers received 6,689, or 37 percent of the vote.

"Commissioners aren't allowing taxpayers of this county to vote on the issues," Powers said. "I don't think they're in touch with the voters or employees of the county."

Powers said the purchase of the Anderson Lumber building and the creation of an ambulance district is a good idea to voters.

"The jail and employee wages are more of a priority," he said. He said the commissioners have spent \$150,000 on jail expansion studies but have not acted on them.

He also said the county, rather than the state, should be changing some rules and regulations for CAFOs.

"The one-party system has to change," he said. "It's not representative of the county."

Up for election

• The county commission District 3 seat, now held by Republican Commissioner Bill Brockman, is up for a two-year term. Brockman says he's running again; Democrat Mike Ihler says he's seeking his party's nomination for the office.

• The county commissioner District 2 seat, now held by Republican Commissioner Tom Mikesell, is up for a four-year term; Democrat Bob Powers says he's seeking his party's nomination for the office.

• The county prosecutor position, now held by Republican John Loeb, is up for a four-year term.

• The county clerk seat, to which Republican Clerk Kristina Glascock was appointed in July after former County Clerk Bob Fort resigned, is up for a four-year term.

• The county sheriff's office, now held by Republican Sheriff Wayne Toussley, is up for a four-year term.

The candidate filing period is March 25. The primary election is May 25, and the general election is Nov. 2.

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Committee takes conservative approach in drafting budget

BOISE (AP) — Still uncertain about Idaho's economic future, legislative budget writers maintained caution on Thursday in putting together the first pieces of the state's \$2 billion general tax budget for 2004-2005.

Using lower profile agencies to test the policy sentiment of the 20 members on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, the panel followed the bare-bones spending recommendations from Gov. Kempthorne.

At the same time, the Republican-dominated House-Senate committee criticized the GOP governor's revenue projection as too optimistic. Still fresh in members' minds is the \$200 million they had to cut two years ago because of excessive revenue estimates.

Although Democrats defended the governor's forecast, based on complex computer modeling, the committee voted overwhelmingly to base its decisions on a forecast predicting \$28 million less in tax collections.

While not a significant amount in a \$2 billion budget, the difference could have a major impact, since the Legislature tends to



budget to the last dollar. This year, however, relying on a lower estimate only worsens the state's financial problems for the 2005-2006 budget.

Kempthorne's plan contemplates leaving about \$70 million unspent in the next budget to compensate for the expiration of the temporary penny increase in the sales tax the year after. That siphons about \$180 million out of the treasury, and no analysts are confident the recovery will be so robust that economic growth would fill the gap.

Legislative leaders believe that sticking to the governor's framework with only limited modifications gives them the best chance of getting through the following two years without having to face

another round of big budget cuts or politically unpalatable tax hikes.

"If you spend more than that, it creates more of a problem," said Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Tupero.

The real test of the committee's resolve will come next week when the budgets are set for public education, social programs, prisons, and the colleges. The four account for 65 percent of all general tax spending.

Advocates in each of those areas, including some conservatives, have argued that Kempthorne's budget blueprint is millions of dollars short. But the economic uncertainties have left the budget committee little maneuvering room to plug those gaps.

On Thursday, the committee endorsed Kempthorne's budget for the Parks and Recreation Department, which continues the shift away from general tax support to user fees. With the new spending plan, the department will have cut \$1.8 million in general tax support and replaced it with \$1 million in higher fee revenue and operating efficiencies.

State superintendent offers changes for charter schools

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The state's top education official offered her blueprint on Thursday for changing the way charter schools operate, and the State Board of Education officials say it has some glaring deficiencies.

The proposals by Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard would give charter schools additional autonomy from the local school districts, but would require closer fiscal accountability in return.

The package also spells out rules for giving preferential treatment to the children of founders and employees of the school.

Howard's proposals are expected to be first presented to the Senate Education Committee, which has typically been more receptive to the Democrat's leadership than the more conservative House panel.

Howard's recommendations are for policy issues only. Financial questions are being considered in legislative subcommittees.

Some of Howard's proposed changes would:

- Require that a charter school hold elections for its board of directors after two years of operations.
- Require that the charter board of directors include a representative of the local school board, or in the case of charter schools approved on appeal, from the State Board of Education.
- Clarify that the same laws that allow access to public records in school districts and require public hearings also apply to charter schools.
- Remove the limit on the number of charter schools allowed in a district or educational region of the state.

Idaho board stays mum on new UI chief

LEWISTON (AP) — The State Board of Education has chosen the new president of the University of Idaho, but members are not saying whether it will be Stephen Jones or Timothy White.

The panel has made their choice and contract negotiations are beginning, Pocatello board member Karen McGee said. The board expects to make their decision public by Feb. 20.

"We've told our executive director Gary Stivers that we've OK'd that he can enter into a contract with the person that we think would be very good," McGee said. Jones, 52, is vice chancellor for extension and outreach at North Carolina State University. He has degrees in resource management and forestry.

White, 54, is provost and executive vice president at Oregon State University, with degrees in exercise and sports science.

He served as the Corvallis school's interim president for eight months in 2002-2003.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Thursday Signed by Governor

- SB1213 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$81,200 allocation to the National Guard for the current budget year.
- SB1216 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$4 million appropriation for catastrophic disaster relief for the current budget year.
- SB1217 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$8,500 appropriation to the Board of Examiners for the current budget year.
- SB1218 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$4 million appropriation for catastrophic disaster relief for the poor during the current budget year.

Introduced in House

- HB664 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes the right to bring a lawsuit for persons injured by labor testimony or representations.
- HB665 (Judiciary and Rules) — Specifies procedures for claim settlements in private contracts.
- HB666 (Judiciary and Rules) — Expands definition of witness duty and allows for destruction of witness after their false violation if a court should order it.
- HB667 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes a felony the act of threatening to commit acts of violence on a school grounds by use of a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapons.
- HB668 (Judiciary and Rules) — Divides the crime of kidnapping into first and second degree categories, depending on circumstances.
- HB669 (Resources and Conservation) — Allows the State Board of Lands to appoint hearing officers to conduct contested cases.
- HB670 (Resources and Conservation) — Limits the state of the United Practices Advisory Committee to eight members.
- HB671 (Business) — Discusses revision of the Idaho Business Corporation Act.

- HB672 (Business) — Brings Idaho law into compliance with the National Electrical Code to reflect technical growth of the industry.
- HB673 (Business) — Creates a statute of limitations on medical malpractice in denied worker's compensation claims.
- HB674 (Business) — Clarifies that evaluation of permanent physical impairment must be performed by a qualified physician.
- HB675 (Business) — Sets requirements for insurers offering health care plans that do not meet the definition of managed health care plans.
- HR482 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a task force to study criminal sentencing and parole practices.
- HR483 (Judiciary and Rules) — Rejects pending rules of the Idaho Board of Regents of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- HR484 (State Affairs) — Allows the Department of Administration to finish the acquisition of the fourth Post Office in Boise.

Introduced in Senate

- SCR121 (State Affairs) — Recognizes the achievements of the DL Evans family and its century-old bank.
- SR182 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises procedures for appointing grand jurors in counties.
- SR183 (Judiciary and Rules) — Excludes from two to three years the time in which grand jurors can be held.
- SR184 (Judiciary and Rules) — Limits the liability of the licensed by doctors of the state.
- SR185 (State Affairs) — Modernizes the state Commission on the Arts.
- SR186 (State Affairs) — Changes the formula for allocating earnings from the state Endowment Fund to public schools and other beneficiaries.
- SR187 (Local Government and Taxation) — Requires updated fire analysis in comprehensive plans adopted by local planning commissions.

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New world music

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Broken-hearted

Chasers Sports Bar and Nightclub in Irwin Falls—the former Bar Bonz—will sponsor a Valentine's Broken Heart Bash Party and Dance on Saturday night.

Sweetheart dinner

A Valentine dance and prime rib dinner will be held at the Marsh Creek Event Center in Albion Saturday night.



King of the blues

B.B. King will perform in Salt Lake City's Abnavanel Hall Sunday night.

Swing time

Twin Falls' Radio Rondevo Event Center's Friday Night Dances continue, featuring Brian Fannon and the Twin Falls Centennial Orchestra.

Cajun slamgrass

All-country cult favorite Leftover Salmon will play a gig at Hailey's Mint Bar Sunday night.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C2, 4, 6-7

A touch of doggerel



Claudia McCain plays the frisky stray dog Sylvia, David Blampied plays Greg, the husband facing mid-life crisis, and Joyce-Elaine Greene, the wife with no desire to add a pet to her busy life, in the play 'Sylvia.'

New Theater Company reprises 'Sylvia'

By Karen Bossick
 The Wood River Journal

KETCHUM — They had such a doggone good time last time that they're doing it again.

"Sylvia," that is. New Theater Company is bringing back the play to celebrate its 10th anniversary—eight years after the company first staged the comic yet pointed study of relationships involving a triangle between a man, his dog and his wife.

"As before, veteran actress Claudia McCain will play the mum, lowering her red-haired head to snarl at 'the other woman' with the same fierce growl that a canine uses to warn others away from its bone.

"We've had more requests to do this play again than we've had for any play New Theater Company has done," said the company's co-founder David Blampied.

"Sylvia" takes the stage at the newStage Theater tonight and runs through Feb. 22, with the exception of Monday. Theatergoers will be given free champagne and chocolate dessert on Valentine's night.

All the original actors are reprising their roles, with the exception

of Joyce E. Greene, who has switched from director to play "the other woman" or the wife of Sylvia's master.

Robert Rais, who created hysterical roles in an improvisational retelling of "A Christmas Carol," "The Bible" and other plays, will be the director. It's a borderline absurdist play written by former MIT professor A.R. Gurney—best known for "Love Letters"—one of America's most prolific and produced playwrights. It was first produced by the Manhattan Theater Club in 1955.

It revolves around a stray dog that an out of work New Yorker played by Blampied finds in Central Park and brings home—much to his wife's dismay.

The mutt becomes a bone of contention with the wife who feels as if Sylvia is a rival for her husband's attention. Particularly when Greg tells her he needs Sylvia to supply something that's missing in his life. Even the family therapist, played by Steve D'Smith, can't seem to understand the bond between man and dog, much to Sylvia's dismay.

"Steve plays three characters in

If you go ...

• **What:** Ketchum's New Theater Company will present A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia."
 • **Where:** newStage Theater
 • **When:** Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Feb. 20-22, 8 p.m.
 • **How much:** Tickets, which are \$22, are available by phoning 726-4785 or the newStage box office between 4 and 6 p.m.

the play—two women and one man. He brought the house down last time and I'm sure he will again," Blampied said.

And, yes, the dog does talk so that both audience and actors can understand what she's saying.

All in character, of course, with what you've probably thought your dog was thinking all along.

"People say, 'Oh, this is so Neil Simon-like. Isn't this cute!' But Gurney is always working on a different level," Rais said.

"It's really a multi-level show in what you get from it. It's very funny and great for dog lovers," McCain said. "But it's also about relationships. About how people share

their lives together. About how we direct our lives in order to live together."

McCain worked out with a physical therapist for 1 1/2 months strengthening her thighs and glutes to prepare for her role as Sylvia. While she doesn't spend much time walking on all fours, the role is physically demanding, requiring her to jump on the couch, sit on her haunches and roll around on the floor.

"It was tough eight years ago when I did it so you can imagine what it's like for me now," said McCain, who dresses to the hilt in a dog collar and poodle skirt. "You have to get on your knees, get back up and down and that's hard. And then you have to roll over on the floor."

McCain credits her own two dogs, Sealia, a standard poodle, and Callie, a border collie cross, for teaching her what she needed to know. And, in her imitatively thorough way, she studied other dogs, as well.

"There's certainly no shortage of reference material in Ketchum, when you consider how much people love dogs here," McCain said. "I love dogs. I always had a close

relationship with my dogs—so much that I dreamed that my border collie was trying to get me to do something and all of a sudden I realized I was a dog, too, and we were wondering how we were going to get our owner to understand what we wanted."

What's really different this time around is that Blampied has joined the ranks of pood dog owners.

"It's totally changed the way he interacts with me," McCain said. "Rather than just petting me, like he did last time, he knows how to get down on floor and roll around. Having a dog lick him in the face doesn't bother him like it did back then."

"This version will have a slightly different flavor and a few surprise twists at the end, thanks to its change of directors.

"It's been quite interesting to come at it from the perspective of a male director," D'Smith said. "I'm just glad we're all young enough to keep doing this."

—Karen Bossick is arts and entertainment editor of The Wood River Journal in Hailey. She can be reached at 788-3444.

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There are 5,816 voting members of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, and they sometimes make goofy choices about who gets an Academy Award.

Here's your chance to show you're smarter than they are. Announcing the 11th annual Times-News Pick the Oscar Contest. The reader who correctly forecasts the winners in the six major categories—best picture, best actress, best actor, best supporting actress, best supporting actor, best director—wins the contest. In the event of a tie, there's a tie-breaker: best original screenplay.

You'll find the ballot on page C5 of today's WeekEnd section. The winner gets two tickets to the movie of his or her choice and popcorn to go with them.

Entry deadline is Feb. 24. You can mail your ballot to Pick the Oscar Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Irwin Falls.

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The Oscars will be handed out on Feb. 29. We're announcing the winners in the WeekEnd section on Friday, March 5.

Video watch

Intolerable Cruelty

An over-the-top comedy in the spirit of "Raising Arizona," the Coen brothers' film turns its dyspeptic eyes on the colorful and-mongoose-style relationship between a venal Los Angeles divorce lawyer named Miles Massey (George Clooney) and Marilyn Razzoth (Catherine Zeta-Jones), a serial divorcee with a knack for taking ex-

husbands to the cleaners. A word of warning: This is not a Tracy-Hepburn-type romantic romp; (Miles and Marilyn at one point hire the same hit man to kill each other.) It is, however, one wickedly, cruelly funny parody of marital discord. Contains comic violence, colorful language and sexual humor.

PG-13

In the Cut

Edgy but oddly muted, Jane Campion's movie is a failed attempt to infuse the thriller genre with character-driven moments, arty interludes and unabashed nude scenes. Meg Ryan, last seen being adorable and winning in romantic comedies, slides into darker, adult territory as enigmatic schoolteacher Frankie Avery, whose East Village neighborhood is beset by a mysterious assailant who kills and dismembers women. When the killer makes a failed grab at Frankie, she lurch-

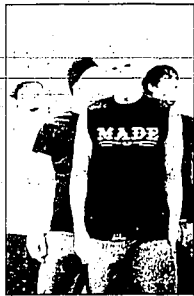
es, passionately, on to James McAvoy (Mark Ruffalo), the crude but apparently seductive detective assigned to the case. The movie's a disconcerting mixture of arty atmospherics and grisly murders. And Campion's frank depiction of intimacy between Frankie and James feels too self-consciously staged to be anything like screen liberation. Contains strong sexuality, including explicit dialogue and nudity; graphic crime scenes; and obscenity.

—Source: Washington Post

WEEKEND

M.E.S.T. will play in Salt Lake City tonight

ROCK 'N' ROLL



Tonight - Utah

M.E.S.T. will perform at In The Venue in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Tonight and Saturday

.38 Special will play two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices are \$25, \$30 and \$35. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Tuesday - Boise

John Mayer will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Atkinson's in Twin Falls. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garry Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

Feb. 20 - Boise

Skid Row will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Feb. 23 - Utah

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

Feb. 28 - Utah

Caroline Spine will perform at Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

Feb. 27-28

Banyan will perform at Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. nightly. No cover charge. Whiskey's is located at 251 N. Main St.

Feb. 29 - Boise

Banyan will play the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

March 2 - Utah

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

March 4 - Boise

Mary Lou Lord and Gingersol will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

March 6 - Utah

The Sounds, Kirk Hannah and Ima Robot will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-

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TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 7 - Boise

Liz Phair will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 9 - Utah

The Early November, Hey Mercedes and Spitalfield will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$11, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 10 - Utah

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

March 11 - Boise

The Temptations will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 13 - Boise

Henry Rollins will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.



March 13 - Utah

Allister, Hidden in Plain View and Over It will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

March 15 - Boise

Allister, Hidden in Plain View and Over It will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 18 - Utah

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

March 19 - Utah

Total Chaos will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.



March 20 - Boise

Metallica will perform at the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$57 and \$77, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

March 20 - Boise

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

March 22 - Utah

Death Cab for Cutie will play In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 24 - Utah

Liars and Young People will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

April 2 - Utah

The Get Up Kids will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or

online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

April 5 - Boise

A Perfect Circle will play the Bank of America Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

March 20 - Boise

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March 26 - Boise

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

March 30 - Boise

Keller Williams will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 31

Keller Williams will play the

neyStage Theater in Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

April 12 - Utah

Saves the Day Granddaddy, The Fire Theft and Hey Mercedes will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

COUNTRY

Tonight - Boise

Lefter Salomon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Tonight and Saturday

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

Tonight and Saturday

Country Classics will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

Saturday

Mixed Emotions will play from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's Eat Restaurant and Lounge. No

cover charge. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N. in Burley.

Saturday

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81 in Declo.

Sunday

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

Feb. 20-21

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

Feb. 24 - Utah

Lucinda Williams will sing at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Feb. 25 - Utah

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash will perform at Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

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Feb. 28 - Utah

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Whether you're an experienced rider or an urban cowboy, you'll want to register for a chance to win a 2004 Dodge Ram Quad Cab 4x4 and three-horse Monarch Gooseneck trailer at Fort Hall Casino on Friday, March 19. Receive one free entry to win when you register for the giveaway at the Player's Club booth. Earn additional entries when you play our gaming machines using your Player's Club card. The more you play, the more entries you earn, and the more chances you have to win. Ten entries will be picked daily and entered into a drawing barrel. Only those names in the barrel will be eligible to win the pick up and trailer at midnight on Friday, March 19. The winner may choose a cash payout instead of the pick up and trailer. You must be present to win. Visit the Player's Club booth to become a Player's Club member and for complete promotion details.

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WEEKEND

A modern 'Pride and Prejudice' hits theaters

New to the valley

'50 First Dates'
A romantic comedy in which veterinarian Adam Sandler is to repeatedly impress Drew Barrymore, whose memory is wiped clean at the end of each day. Directed by Peter Segal ('Anger Management'). With Bob Schneider, Sean Astin and Dan Aykroyd. (PG-13, on appeal for crude sexual humor and drug references.)

'Pride and Prejudice'
Director Andrew Black's updating of Jane Austen, with Elizabeth (Kim Hesklin) as a college student who is determined to ignore the dating scene. But when she meets Wickham (Henry Maguire), a charming rascal, and Darcy (Orlando Seale), a sensible businessman, her carefully constructed world files to pieces. G.

'The Triplets of Belleville'
While hand-drawn animation may be dying in the United States, it continues to flourish elsewhere—and not just in Japan. The way to keep it a viable art form appears simple: Let the visionaries draw whatever they want, and don't worry about targeting a specific audience. In other words, it doesn't have to be just for kids. Case in point: 'The Triplets of Belleville,' a wonderfully weird bit of French animation that amounts to little but a celebration of its creator's bountiful imagination, yet manages to enthrall because writer-director Sylvain Chomet is such a solid visual storyteller. PG-13.

Continuing

'Along Came Polly'
Jennifer Aniston and Ben Stiller star as a flaky free-spirit and a bit-toned-down-business guy in this satirical slapstick romantic comedy from the writer of 'Meet the Parents.' The best reason to see it: the hambone supporting performances by Philip Seymour Hoffman, Alec Baldwin and Hank Azaria. PG-13 (sex, nudity, toilet humor, language)

'Bad Santa'
Directed by Terry Zwigoff, who did such great work with the teen misfits of 2000's 'Ghost World,' this black comedy has moments of inspired impertinence, but the unpleasantness of its title character (Billy Bob Thornton) spills over to the film as a whole. R (persuasive language, strong sexual content, some violence)

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

'Brother Bear'
With top-notch (traditional) cartooning talent and a script laced

What's playing where

Twin Falls	Halley/Ketchum/Sun Valley
Twin Cinema 'Brother Bear' 'Calendar Girls' 'Catch That Kid' 'Cheaper by the Dozen' 'Cold Mountain' '50 First Dates' 'The Haunted Mansion' 'Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King' 'Miracle' 'Mystic River' 'Scary Movie 3' 'Something's Got to Give' 'The Texas Chainsaw Massacre' 'Win a Date with Tad Hamilton' 'You Got Served'	Magie Lantern 'Calendar Girls' '50 First Dates' 'House of Sand and Fog' 'In America' 'The Perfect Score' 'The Triplets of Belleville'
Odyssey Theater 'Along Came Polly' 'Bad Santa' 'Barbershop 2' 'Catch That Kid' 'Monster' 'The Perfect Score' 'Pride and Prejudice'	SkiTime Cinemas 'Miracle' 'Monster'
Lamphouse Theater 'The Fear in the Fleezer' 'Shattered Glass'	Sun Valley Opera House 'Chasing Liberty' 'Mystic River'
The Orpheum 'The Butterfly Effect'	Burley Century Cinema 'Calendar Girls' 'Catch That Kid' '50 First Dates' 'Miracle' 'Pride and Prejudice'
	Burley Theater 'Stuck on You'
	Jerome Jerome Cinema 'Along Came Polly' 'Catch That Kid' 'Cold Mountain' '50 First Dates' 'Miracle'

with jokes that parents and guardians can chuckle at, Disney's 'Brother Bear' is a solid entry in the family film fare category—a generally upbeat and engaging tale of friendship and understanding. G (mild violence)

worthy reasons and all in the name of good, clean, felonious family fun. It looks and moves like a low-end action movie, complete with thumping soundtrack, nanosecond-fast edits, stunts that probably look scary to anyone who doesn't know better and even a third-act police chase through downtown L.A. All of which suggests that it's never too early to spoon-feed the audience a diet of depravity, mindless violence and full-throttle schlock. Directed by Bart Freundlich and written by Michael Brandt and Derek Max. With Kristen Stewart, Max Thieriot, Corbin Bleu, Jennifer Beals and Sam Robards. (131. PG, for some language, thematic elements and rude humor.)

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Events

Continued from C2
Club Axis in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Six at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithsix.com>. Club Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

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Feb. 20-21 - Utah
Ibaly Bishi will perform at Club Axis in Salt Lake City at 10:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Six at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithsix.com>. Club Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

April 3 - Utah
N.E.R.D. and Black Eyed Peas will perform at The Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Six at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithsix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

F O L K M U S I C

March 10
Joan Baez will sing in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

B L U E S



Sunday - Utah
B.B. King will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

C L A S S I C A L

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

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

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

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

Feb. 27
The Magic Valley Symphony, under the direction of guest conductor Kevin Call, will perform Dvorak's "New World" symphony and Stravinsky's "Firebird" at 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for students and \$4 for seniors, are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Magic Valley Arts Council in Twin Falls, and at the door.

Feb. 27-28 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform music by Bernstein and Brahms at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 5-6 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform music by Berlioz, Ravel and Mahaud at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 11 - Utah
Utah Symphony will play violin music by Grieg, Sinding and Schubert at 7:30 p.m. in Libby Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 9-10 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform the music of Moran, Poulenc, Mozart and Barber at 8 p.m. on April 9 and at 2 p.m. on April 10 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

March 1 - Boise
The Wallers will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy

Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

C H R I S T I A N R O C K

Monday - Utah
Zoegri, Superchick and Joy Williams will perform at Austad Auditorium on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15.50 and \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Six at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithsix.com>.

March 25 - Boise
Switchfoot will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

Saturday
Former Idaho jazzman Paul Tillotson will perform at the annual Valentine's Day Dinner at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, 6:30 p.m. Sold out.

Feb. 20
Jazz pianist Chuck Smith will be featured as part of the College of Southern Idaho's Jazz Summit Seminar Series at Java at 7 p.m. Java is located at

March 13
Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio, the last act of the season in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Chamber Artist Series, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491.

April 2 - Boise
Ernie Martin will headline the

Gene Harris Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$22, \$44 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

April 3 - Boise
Dave Brubeck will headline the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$25, \$47 and \$85, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

O P E R A

Feb. 29
Sun Valley Opera will open its third season with "Merry Widow and More," 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for students under 18, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or can be reserved by calling 726-2220.

March 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 24 - Utah
Utah Opera will perform Giacomo Puccini's "The Girl of the Golden West" at 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 and at 2 p.m. on March 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$25 to \$65, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

G O S P E L

Feb. 28
The Blind Boys of Alabama

will perform in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, an Arts on Tour concert. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, The Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding. For season ticket information, call the Community Education Center at CSI at 732-6288.

March 16 - Utah
Bill Gaither will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.75 and \$34.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

K A R A O K E

Tonight
Karaoke by Kurt Kruger is scheduled for Club Bonzi in Shoshone. Cover charge is \$2.

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

Tonight
Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's in Buhl. No cover charge. Garibaldi's is located at 113 Broadway Ave. S.

Tonight
High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers in Declo. No cover

charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

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

Tonight and Saturday
Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room in Rupert. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club in Twin Falls. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Tonight through Thursday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge in Twin Falls. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Saturday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sagebrush Lounge in Hazelton. Singers can bring their own CD's for karaoke. No cover charge. The Sagebrush Lounge is located at 325 Main St.

Saturday and Thursday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club in Burley. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

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Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C6

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Arts council announces cast of 'Annie'

The Times-News

OAKLEY - Oakley Valley Arts Council has announced the cast for its spring production of "Annie."

"The cast will include Hayley Greenwell as Annie, Keith Ramsey as Daddy Warbucks, Trina Smith as Miss Hannigan, Gigi Henkel as Grace Farrell, Nick Greenwell as Rooster and Linda Barney as Lily. Orphans will include Britni Duncan, Elisabeth Rose, Carlie Morrison, Lacey Morrison, Gretz Haussel, Emily Bowers, Maria Arnell, Jessica Arnell and Hunter Miller.

"Annie" is directed by Harlo Clark. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. March 4-6, 8-9, 11-13, 15-16 and 18-20 at Howells Opera House in Oakley.

Tickets are \$8 per person, and cost is \$8 per person. To reserve tickets, call 677-ARTS.

CSI celebrates

Black History

Month with show

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Tickets are now available for the Blind Boys of Alabama, the Magic Valley Arts on Tour's upcoming show.

The performance will take place on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and children. There is no senior discount on individual Arts on Tour event tickets.

The College of Southern Idaho will be celebrating the performance in conjunction with Black History Month throughout February. Activities include "Africans in American History," a free presentation by Russ Tremayne, professor of history at CSI, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 in Rooms 117-118 of the Shields Building; "Spirituals and Minstrelsy," a free lecture/demonstration by Brent Jensen, CSI director of jazz studies, at 10 a.m. on Feb. 27 in Room 121 of the Fine Arts Center; and African American Poetry and movies highlighting black history on display in the all new Student Union Building.

Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Kurt's Old Time Soda Fountain and the Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Sav Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey, and Gooding.

For more information or for tickets, call 732-6288.

ANNIVERSARY



Emil and Earlene Ricondo

THE RICONDOS

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ricondo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Feb. 15. Friends and family are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth E. in Paul. The couple requests no gifts. Ricondo and Earlene Beeler were married Jan. 31, 1954, in Rupert.

He retired from J.R. Simplot in 1992. She retired from Idaho County School District in 1999.

The couple has one son, Mike (Tana) Ricondo of Rupert, and two grandchildren.

Times-News pick-the-Oscar ballot

Best picture (Choose one)	___ Samantha Morton, "In America"	Best director (Choose one)	___ Fernando Mierelles, "City of God"
___ "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"	___ Charlize Theron, "Monster"	___ Peter Jackson, "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"	
___ "Lost in Translation"	___ Naomi Watts, "21 Grams"	___ Sofia Coppola, "Lost in Translation"	
___ "Master and Commander"		___ Peter Weir, "Master and Commander"	
___ "Mystic River"		___ Clint Eastwood, "Mystic River"	
___ "Seabiscuit"			
Best actor (Choose one)	___ Benecia del Toro, "21 Grams"	Best original screenplay (tiebreaker) (Choose one)	___ Denys Arcand, "The Barbarian Invasions"
___ Johnny Depp, "Pirates of the Caribbean"	___ Djimon Hounsou, "In America"	___ Steven Knight, "Dirty Pretty Things"	
___ Tim Robbins, "Mystic River"	___ Ken Watanabe, "The Last Samurai"	___ Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds, "Finding Nemo"	
___ Ben Kingsley, "House of Sand and Fog"		___ Jim Sheridan, Naomi Sheridan, Kristen Sheridan, "In America"	
___ Jude Law, "Cold Mountain"		___ Sofia Coppola, "Lost in Translation"	
___ Bill Murray, "Lost in Translation"			
___ Sean Penn, "Mystic River"			
Best actress (Choose one)	___ Patricia Clarkson, "Pieces of April"		
___ Keisha Castle-Hughes, "Whale Rider"	___ Marcia Gay Harden, "Mystic River"		
___ Diane Keaton, "Something's Got to Give"	___ Holly Hunter, "Thirteen"		
	___ Renee Zellweger, "Cold Mountain"		

M.V. Symphony looks for soloists

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - If you have a song in your heart and want to share it with the world, then the Magic Valley-Symphony-Youth Soloist competition may be just for you.

Applications are now being accepted for the Youth Soloist competition to be held from 12 to 5 p.m. on June 12 at Roper Auditorium. There will be a \$500 prize awarded to each of the winners and competition finalists may be selected to perform at a Magic Valley Symphony concert.

Interested contestants should have some affiliation to the Magic Valley area and be not more than 21 years of age. Soloists previously selected to play with the symphony may not audition again on the same instrument.

For instrumentalists, any movement of a standard concerto or concert piece with orchestral accompaniment may be performed. For vocalists, any standard aria or songs with orchestral accompaniment may be performed. Audition pieces should not be longer than 10 or 12 minutes. Extended accompaniment sections may need to be cut to meet time requirements.

Contestants must provide their own piano accompanist and entrants are encouraged but not required to memorize their audition pieces.

Application forms are available from Georg Halsell, College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238, (208) 733-9554, ext. 25556.

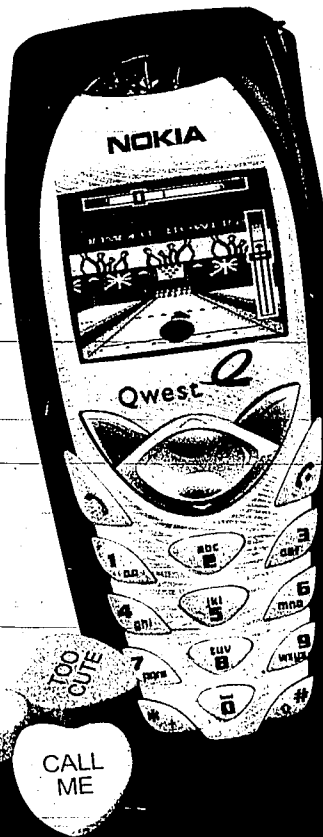
Applications and a \$5 application fee are due no later than May 14.

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WEEKEND

Spotlight

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

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

Tuesday
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

Wednesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge in Paul. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Wednesday and Thursday
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1825 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight - Utah
Linda Eder will sing with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 132 West South Temple.

Tonight - Utah
Bruce Cockburn will sing at the Rose Wagner Theater in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Jeanne Wagner Theater is located at 138 West 300 South.

Tonight and Saturday
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Tonight and Saturday
DJ Rage will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge. No cover charge. TJ's Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S. in Buhl.

Saturday - Elko, Nev.
Taylor Dayne will do two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. PST, at the Red Lion Inn & Casino. Tickets, which are \$28, can be

reserved by phoning (775) 753-0551. The Red Lion is located at 2065 Idaho St.

Wednesday
The Vuarnettes - Linda Badell, Callie Galpin, Cheri Kessler and Heidi Bates - will perform at 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show will continue every Wednesday night through the end of March.

Wednesday
DJ night with Forest and Chad will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Wednesday
Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Feb. 27 - Boise
Crystal Method will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, are available by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 3
The Rebirth Brass Band will perform at Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. Free.

March 9 - Utah
Sarah Brightman will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, \$50 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

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

March 10
The Glenn Miller Orchestra will play Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available at Welch Music, the Music Center, Dunkley Music, Everybody's Business, Kurt's-Hallmark and Debbie Lattin Insurance and Twin Falls High School in Twin Falls, or from any TFHS band member.

March 24 - Utah
Ryan Adams will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 858-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 26-27
Utah Symphony will present A

Celtic Celebration at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-TIXX. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

COMEDY

March 12 - Boise
Jerry Seinfeld will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$61.50 and \$77, can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208)

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

March 14 - Utah
Louie Anderson will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 858-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Wise Guys Comedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

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WEEKEND

Movies

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'Chasing Liberty'

As innocuous as it is ridiculous, 'Chasing Liberty' is a Disney Channel-esque fantasy that sets presidential daughter Anna Foster (Mandy Moore) loose in Europe, ditching her Secret Service entourage so she can party hard, free from the awkward intrusions of dudes, sporting car pieces and automatic weapons. PG-13 (profanity, boozing, skanky-dipping)

'Cheaper by the Dozen'

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

'Cold Mountain'

Atwag with mountain music and actors stretching their vowels in long, loping cadences, this romantic odyssey set during the Civil War is the equivalent of comfort food: old-fashioned, earthy (lots of root vegetables), satisfying. Jude Law and Nicole Kidman star as lovers separated by conflict, carnage and hundreds and hundreds of miles. R (violence, profanity, nudity, adult themes)

'The Haunted Mansion'

Edie Murphy stars in a diverting but formulaic film about a family trapped overnight in a spooky Southern chateau. Based on one of Disney's theme park rides, it's kid-approved. PG (giant scares)

'House of Sand and Fog'

Vudim Perelman's grisly, rickety portrait of exiles, one forced from his homeland and the other from

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

'In America'

Joyful, life-affirming, lovely. Jim Sheridan's film about Irish immigrants in the United States is proof that tortured people can go through hell and come out the other side to find heaven in Hell's Kitchen. With Samantha Morton and Djimon Hounsou. PG-13 (discreet sex, discreet violence, drugs, profanity)

'Lord of the Rings: Return of the King'

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

'Miracle'

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

'Monster'

Charlize Theron is scary as Aileen Wuornos, the Death Row inmate who worked as a prostitute, and then killed several of her johns. Christina Ricci plays the young lesbian who hooks up with Wuornos in this sad, impossible

love story. R (violence, sexual violence, nudity, profanity, adult themes)

'Mystic River'

Clint Eastwood's exceptional murder mystery swells with the twin themes of violence and vengeance that have long haunted the filmmaker. Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon costar as the South Boston ex-gangster, ne'er-do-well and cop, childhood friends who are still reeling from an act of violence 25 years earlier, when the cop is sent to investigate the murder of Penn's daughter. With Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney and Marcia Gay Harden. R (mature themes, violence, profanity)

'The Perfect Score'

It's about a plot to steal the SAT. Yes, the Scholastic Aptitude Test. And when the most entertaining thing about a film is the printed press material that mimics the look of the test, you know you're in trouble. It may sound like it was made for a high school audience, but in fact, the film is so tepid it will likely appeal most to middle- and even grade-school kids who dream of the challenges of high school the way the characters here dream of college. The protagonists fall neatly into classic teen pic categories: the Brain (Erika Christensen); the Athlete (Darius Miles); the Stoner (Leonardo Nam); the Rebel (Scarlett Johansson); and the Regular Guy (Chris Evans and Bryan Greenberg). Together, they put together an elaborate heist scheme that, not a major surprise, doesn't go quite as planned. Directed by Brian Robbins. (13, PG-13 for language, sexual content and some drug references.)

'Shattered Glass'

Stephen Glass, a wunderkind reporter/feature writer at the New

Republic in the late '90s, comes under scrutiny. Portrayed by Hayden Christensen ('Star Wars: Episode II') as an eager-beaver opportunist and con artist, Glass represents the best and brightest at a periodical that bills itself as 'the in-flight magazine of Air Force One.' He also is, if this account, based on a Vanity Fair article is to be believed, one very sick puppy, a clinically depressed pathological liar not that far removed from Leonardo DiCaprio's serial impostor in 'Catch Me If You Can' and Burt Lancaster's sad wreck of a man in 'The Swimmer.' PG-13.

'Something's Gotta Give'

Nancy Meyers' bedroom farce teams Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton as an unlikely twosome dealing with conflicting issues of commitment, vulnerability and attraction to much younger members of the opposite sex. With

Amanda Peet and Keanu Reeves. PG-13 (sex, nudity, profanity, adult themes)

'Stuck on You'

A movie about togetherness and separation, about partnership versus individuality, about best buddies and following one's dream, the Farrelly Brothers' 'Stuck on You,' despite its penchant for the crude and lewd, is goey in ways that have nothing to do with bodily fluids. PG-13 (crude humor, adult themes)

'Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!'

A sweet-natured romantic comedy that's easy-viewing but could have used a little more energy and a little less unalloyed niceness to put it over with more punch. It's not likely to have much appeal beyond romance-fantasizing teen-aged girls. Kate

Bosworth plays a lovely and level-headed supermarket cashier who wins a date with a Hollywood movie star, a hunky heartthrob; With Josh Duhamel and Tophir Grace. Directed by Roberto Luketic. (13, PG-13, for sexual content, some drug references, and language.)

'You Got Served'

Lively street dancing competitions form the background for a story of two friends (Marques Houston and Omari Grandberry) who see their dance crew as a way of bettering their lives, but they're sidetracked by their immaturity and involvement in drug deliveries. A slender, familiar plot is sustained by plenty of energy and writer-director Christopher B. Stokes' affectionate tone. With Jennifer Freeman, Steve Harvey and Meagan Good. (13, PG-13, for thematic elements and sexual references.)

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Unemployment figures

Unemployment insurance payments to individuals in the eight counties of Magic Valley:

Weeks paid	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003
111,234	101,506	74,472		
Dollars paid (in millions)				
FY2003	FY2002	FY2001		
\$22.72	\$20.55	\$14.65		

These 12-month totals reflect the state's fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Dell profits exceed experts' predictions

AUSTIN, Texas - Personal computer bellwether Dell Inc. reported a 24 percent increase in fourth-quarter earnings Thursday, citing record product shipments during the quarter.

Dell - a call-center employer in Austin, Texas - said it earned \$749 million, or 29 cents per share, compared with \$603 million, or 23 cents a share, the same quarter a year ago.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had expected earnings of 28 cents a share.

"Much of the industry's quarterly growth was at the low ends of the desktop and notebook categories, which offer little if any profitability," said Kevin Rollins, president and chief operating officer. "Dell met its operating targets by pursuing profitable growth."

Revenue was \$1.5 billion, up from \$9.7 billion in the same quarter last year.

For the year, the company's earnings were \$2.6 billion, up from nearly \$2.1 billion in fiscal 2003.

Rollins and CEO Michael Dell said they expect first-quarter fiscal 2005 product shipments to rise more than 20 percent, ahead of anticipated industry growth.

Report: Rite Aid offers \$4 billion for store chain

LARGO, Fla. - Rite Aid Corp. has offered to buy Eckerd Corp. from J.C. Penney Co. for \$4 billion, according to published reports.

Citing anonymous sources, Reuters news service reported that Rite Aid unexpectedly submitted a bid of cash and stock for the Largo-based drugstore chain.

Rite Aid, based in Camp Hill, Pa., joins two other bidders for Eckerd, including Canadian drugstore chain Jean Coutu Group and Woonsocket, R.I.-based CVS Corp., which has teamed with Kohlberg, Kravis Roberts & Co., Reuters said. A spokesman at Penney did not return calls.

Though Eckerd stores in the South have poor financial performers, CVS and Rite Aid are looking to expand here and see acquiring Eckerd as a way to do so. CVS is the No. 2 drugstore chain in sales and employment behind Walgreen, and Rite Aid is No. 3.

Walgreen, Rite Aid and Penney all have stores in Magic Valley. J.C. Penney paid \$3.2 billion for Eckerd in 1996. The drugstore chain boosted the ailing department store's earnings for a time, but about a year ago, Eckerd began to flounder and drag down the bottom line. Penney hired investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston to find a buyer.

Survey says love abounds in American workplaces

Many of us have dated a co-worker at some point in our careers, according to a poll taken ahead of Valentine's Day. Nearly three of four people said they had been out with a colleague, up from half in the 2003 survey by Yahoo! Hot Jobs.

Yet that doesn't mean anyone is eager to broadcast such romances. Most, 75 percent, said they'd hide the relationship from the rest of the office if they were dating a co-worker.

Still, while dating apparently works, more than half, 57 percent, said they wouldn't work for a spouse.

The results were tallied from 1,245 responses on the Web site. Compiled from wire reports

T.F. starts year with construction rise

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer



TWIN FALLS - An apartment house, a professional office building and two dozen new homes helped Twin Falls start 2004 with a promising year-over-year increase in construction values.

Twin Falls saw January values rise 20.7 percent from a year earlier. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$3.69 million for combined construction types. That's \$634,326 more than in January 2003.

If the city remains on that upward trend for the rest of 2004, it would be the fifth year of construction growth in a row. Twin Falls' construction values for combined types started their upward journey in 2000 and in 2003 posted a stunning 43 percent year-over-year increase.

There are plenty of pages left on the 2004 calendar, of course. But the city's monthly reports of building activity give economy watchers a good indication of local vigor. And an indication of what's to come in the market for construction labor.

Twin Falls issued 24 permits for new single-family homes inside the city limits last month, averaging \$109,277 each in estimated value. That's in line with 23 permits for new single-family homes a year ago and 25 in January 2002.

Last month's average new-home value was substantially higher than recent annual averages.

The average value of new single-family homes edged down from \$96,099 in all of 2002 to \$95,058 in full-year 2003.

Each month's permit list also provides a window into local business investment. Highlights from a January:

- A Utah-based residential developer started work on the first phase of Rivercrest Apartment Community late last year. But the phase's final piece - a 12-unit, 16,749-square-foot apartment building - wasn't permitted until early January, adding \$693,051 to last month's values.

The development, on eight or 10 acres, is roughly at the center of the Westpark area of Twin Falls.

Bach Corp. of West Jordan, Utah, will erect the Rivercrest units in two phases - the first with 132 apartments, and the second with 36 to 48, said Greg

The January report

Estimated values for construction that received permits in January from Twin Falls city:

Type	Jan. '04	Jan. '03	Jan. '02
New single-family homes:	\$2,622,649	\$2,190,973	\$2,487,306
New multifamily units:	\$693,051	0	\$710,269
New commercial projects:	\$183,593	\$581,954	0
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$71,841	\$30,991	\$247,010
Total (including such things as manufactured homes, residential alterations/additions and signals):	\$3,691,416	\$3,057,090	\$3,801,789

Source: City building department

Rindlbacher, senior vice president of Bach.

- Robert Sturgill, an investment representative for Edward Jones Investments, got a permit to build a 3,927-square-foot professional office building at 1081 Eastland Drive, estimated at

\$183,593 in construction value. Sturgill, who expects to partner with a builder on the project, said he has a verbal agreement with a prospective tenant to lease a third of the space. He didn't name the tenant. The remaining space is for office space. Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page E3

Bear deterrents prove profitable

The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. - More people are living and playing in bear country in the West, and some entrepreneurs are turning a profit by keeping the two safely apart.

"Bears. That's our livelihood," said Pride Johnson, president of Counter Assault, a Missoula, Mont.-based company that specializes in bear products. Its top product is an industrial-size canister that can shoot a very unpleasant but nonlethal pepper spray 30 feet, to discourage approaching bears - or stop charging ones.

It's a growing niche business, he and others say, spurred by the increasing number of people in bear country and tighter regulations for storing food in the backcountry.

"People are looking at stronger, lighter ways to store food and there's also new work on electric fences," said Jim Claar, carnivore program leader with the U.S. Forest Service's Northern Region in Missoula. "It's a good trend."

Though best known for its bear pepper spray, which sells for about \$38 a can, Johnson said Counter Assault has also branched out in response to other demands - recently, for example, with its Bear Keg.

The backpack-size food container - bright yellow and tailored to enthusiasts apt to spend days in the wild - weighs 3.1 pounds and has a lid with latches that can be opened using keys or coins. It is intended to keep human food away from bears, thus discouraging them from thinking of people as a food source.

Johnson expects Bear Keg, which sells for about \$80, to make up maybe 5 percent of his total business the first year and grow after that.

But getting a bear-resistant product to market takes time, and Johnson is among those to learn it firsthand.

Development of the Bear Keg, which took about 1.5 years, included testing at the Forest Service's Missoula Technology Development Center, where it was subject to tests meant to simulate a grizzly's efforts to open the container.

The testing program was authorized by a panel of government experts called the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee. If a product passes the rigorous testing, it meets Forest Service food storage requirements and can be certified bear-resistant for use in grizzly habitat in the lower 48 states, said Bob Summerfield, Forest Service national grizzly bear habitat coordinator in Missoula.

In December, the committee gave support to another testing program that, among other



A grizzly bear plays with her cubs in the snow in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. As interest in exploring and even settling down in wilder parts of the West grows, so the potential for conflicts between people and bears, leading to a boom in the business of bear deterrence.

things, uses captive bears from the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, Mont., to give products a real-life workout.

Unbearable Bins Inc., which has offices in Canada and Montana, had its 95-gallon, plastic trash bins tested at the center. Derek Reich, a partner in the business, said he was pleased with the results.

"You could see where there were weaknesses - but there were no holes - and where they ripped off wheels," he said. "But it was totally functional."

Reich said that if more people used bear-resistant products, many conflicts with bears could be avoided.

Wildlife managers agree. But they say education of outdoor enthusiasts and homeowners nested in wilder areas is also crucial in the overall effort of bear management. People leaving out trash or other food can end with bears being killed by wildlife authorities who consid-



A grizzly bear named Sam checks out a trash can in his pen at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, Mont., during a demonstration for visitors. Bears at the center are used to help test bear-resistant products.

er them a problem or danger.

"Everyone wants to own their share of the Big Sky. But there's an inherent responsibility that goes along with that," said Jim Williams, a regional wildlife manager for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Lee Enterprises appoints publisher in Elko

Zuraff will begin her duties in mid-March

The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. - Rhonda Zuraff, a nationally honored circulation and marketing manager for Lee Enterprises, was appointed publisher of the Elko Daily Free Press, the Lee newspaper chain announced Thursday.

The Elko paper last week became a sibling of The Times-News, as low-based Lee acquired daily newspapers in Elko and Burley and a handful of Magic Valley weekly newspapers in a trade with Liberty Group Publishing.

Stephen Hartgen, regional publisher for Lee, said Zuraff will begin her new duties in mid-March. She is currently circulation and production manager for the Missoulian and the Ravalli Republic, Lee newspapers in



Rhonda Zuraff

Missoula and Hamilton, Mont.

Zuraff has been a successful circulation, production and marketing manager at three Lee newspapers. Hartgen said in a statement.

"She's a natural leader, an excellent communicator, and a dedicated, focused newspaper manager with a proven track record. She's familiar with smaller Western communities, including northern Nevada, and will be an excellent publisher for both the Elko Daily Free Press and the Elko community."

The Elko Daily Free Press has Monday-Saturday circulation of 6,500.

"I look forward to becoming a part of the community and work-

ing with the management team and staff to meet our customer needs," Zuraff said. "I'm impressed with what I perceive is a growing feeling of optimism throughout the region."

She began her career with Lee in 1995 at the Missoulian, where she was a district team leader and circulation marketing manager before moving to The Montana Standard in Butte as circulation manager in 1998. She advanced a year later to circulation manager at The Southern Illinoisian in Carbondale. She was promoted to her current position in 2001.

The Newspaper Association of America honored her in 2001 as Circulation Sales Executive of the Year for her accomplishments in Carbondale.

Zuraff is a graduate of Northwest Business Schools in Phoenix. She and her husband, Ken, have a 7-year-old daughter, Hannah, and a 6-month-old daughter, Chloe.

Agri-Action will feature speakers, shows, seminars

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - KVM's Agri-Action 2004 opens next week for Magic Valley farmers, ranchers and anyone interested in the latest agricultural innovations and techniques.

Expo planners promise "a diverse showing of agricultural products and services," including educational seminars, implement displays and exhibits by irrigation, chemical and seed representatives, just to name a few.

The expo will be held Thursday through Feb. 21, and most events will be held at the College of Southern Idaho's Expo Center. The highlight of Feb. 20 events will be a breakfast with speaker Norm Semanok, executive director and general counsel of the Idaho Water Users Association.

A portion of admission proceeds will go to the CSI department of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Science.

Feb. 19 - Dairy Issues

Sessions held in Expo Center classroom

- 10 a.m. "Dairy Forage Analysis" with Mike Messersmith of the Cargill Innovation Center
- 11:30 a.m. "Calf Basics" with Lance Fox of Milk Products
- 1 p.m. "Water Quality in Cattle" with Connie Larson of Zimpro Corp.
- 2:30 p.m. "Transition Cows, Frequent Fresh Milking and Shortened Dry Periods" with Lee Van Kleef of Cargill Animal Nutrition
- 4 p.m. "Risk Management Through Milk Hedging" with Please see EXPO, Page E3

MONEY

Chairman: Make tax cuts permanent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that he would make permanent the tax cuts that have helped fuel the nation's economic recovery...

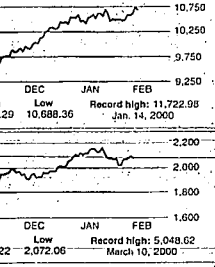
Greenspan said that the Senate Finance Committee's bill to make permanent the tax cuts would be a good deal of the benefit structure over the last quarter century...

Greenspan said that he would like to see the tax cuts made permanent, but he also noted that the government's ability to pay for them is a concern...

Investors lock in profits, sending stocks lower

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Mortgage rates ease after two weeks of increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mortgage rates — after rising for two consecutive weeks — slipped this week, offering a breather for people wanting to buy a home...

The average rate on 30-year mortgages fell to 5.66 percent, down from 5.72 percent last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates...

This week's decline in mortgage rates was influenced by Wall Street investors' belief that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues will be in a hurry to raise short-term interest rates this year...

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deficits. His outlook sent stocks sharply higher on Wednesday. Investors were also continuing to weigh Comcast Corp.'s hostile takeover bid for the Washington, D.C. Comcast was down \$1.17 at \$30.06, while Disney gained 40 cents to \$28.00.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Div, Last, Chg, NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Lists various stocks and their performance.

MARKET SUMMARY

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

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Cyclic, 16-87, 30, 15-84, 30, 1-82, 30, 1-80, 30. Lists various stocks and their performance.

INDEXES table showing 52-week low, high, and change for various indices like Dow Jones, S&P 500, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing local stocks and their performance.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE table listing American stocks and their performance.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Mon, Commodity, High, Low, Change, Close. Lists various commodities like Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, etc.

SOYBEANS

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FEEDER CATTLE

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FOSSIL FUELS

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HEATING OIL

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Expo

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WHEAT

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Bears

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POTATOES

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Construction

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Recent numbers at a glance

Table with columns: Jan, Dec, Nov, Oct. Lists recent statistics for various categories.

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Asset, and other details.

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

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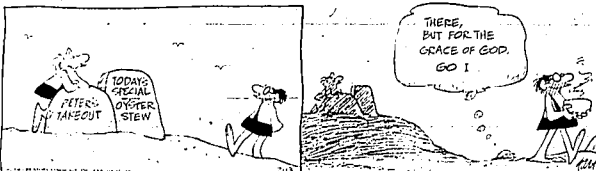
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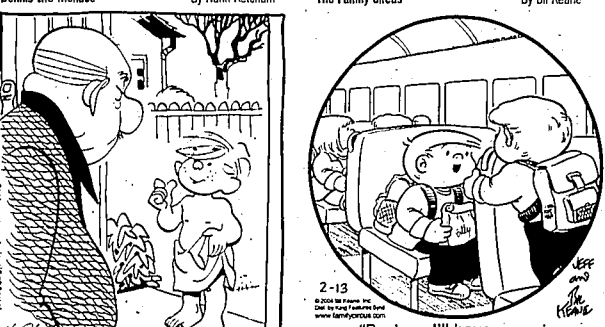


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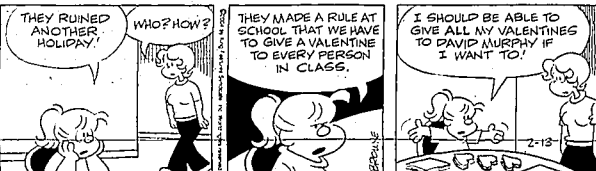
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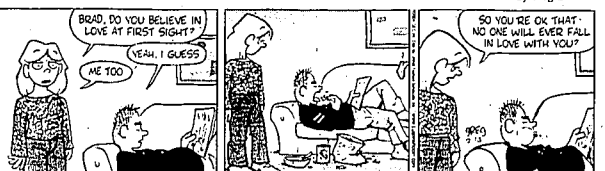
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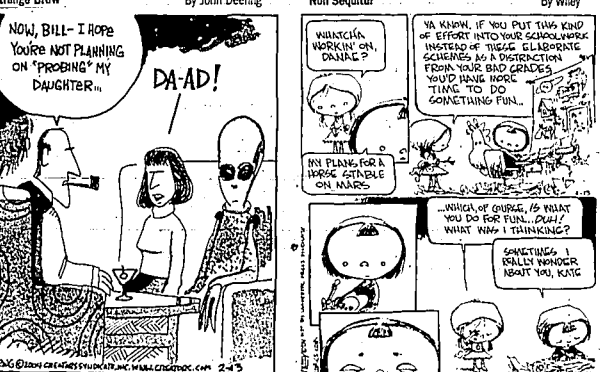


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Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansoni & Chip



NATION/WORLD

Lawmakers tackle issue of gay marriages

BOSTON (AP) - Legislative leaders met Thursday morning to try to find words that would ban gay marriage but legalize civil unions, expressing optimism as they reconvened their constitutional convention.

The leaders said they hoped to finally reach an agreement after two other versions of a proposed constitutional amendment narrowly defeated during the much-anticipated convention's opening day Wednesday.

"Things break down in this building by the minute, but it's going to be interesting," said Senate Minority Leader Brian Lee, a Republican.

Massachusetts was thrust into the epicenter of the contentious social, political, religious and legal debate over gay marriages in November when the state's Supreme Judicial Court ruled it was unconstitutional to ban gay couples from marrying, a decision that has rattled lawmakers.

"We're talking about a wide, wide variety of options and potential amendments," said House Speaker Thomas Finnan, an ardent opponent of gay marriage.

"Nobody's in a position, really, to insist on anything other than good faith efforts on all sides."

Any constitutional amendment would ultimately need the approval of voters in a ballot in November 2006.

The convention's frenzied first day unfolded before more than 4,000 spectators in the Statehouse and reflected a Legislature deeply divided about how to respond to the court's 4-3 ruling. The session resumed Thursday in a much more subdued setting, with fewer protesters and spectators showing up at the Statehouse. As legislators returned to the House chamber, gay rights advocates chanted "No discrimination!"

The constitutional convention adjourned Wednesday night after six hours of debate, but within moments House and Senate leaders met behind closed doors to craft a third compromise - very similar to one already rejected - that they hoped would be able to sway the few votes necessary to cobble together a majority against gay marriage.



Phyllis Lyon, left, 79, and Dell Martin, 82, both of San Francisco and a couple for 51 years, hold up their marriage certificate outside City Hall after they were married in a civil ceremony in San Francisco Thursday.

Officials outmaneuver conservative group in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In a bold political and legal challenge to California law, city authorities officiated at the marriage of a lesbian couple Thursday and said they will issue more gay marriage licenses.

The act of civil disobedience - coordinated by Mayor Gavin Newsom and top officials in the city considered the capital of gay America - was intended to outmaneuver a conservative group called Campaign for California Families. The group had planned to go to court Friday to get an injunction blocking a plan by Newsom to issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

Longtime lesbian activists Phyllis Lyon, 79, and Dell Martin, 83, were hurriedly issued a license and were married just before noon by City Assessor Mabel Teng in a closed-door civil ceremony at City Hall, mayor's spokesman Peter Ragono said. The two have been a couple for 51 years.

It remains unclear what practical value the marriage license will have, but the symbolism was clear on a day when lawmakers in Massachusetts were debating a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

Ragono said that beginning at noon, officials would begin issuing marriage licenses to any gay couples applying for one. One lesbian couple had already lined up outside City Hall, one of the women wearing a white wedding dress.

Lyon and Martin said after the brief ceremony that they were going home to rest and did not plan anything to celebrate. The couple seemed proud of what they had done.

Thursday's marriage runs counter to a ballot measure California voters approved in 2000 that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

State lawmakers later passed a domestic partner law that, when it goes into effect in 2005, will offer the most generous protections to gays outside Vermont.

Arabs blast launch of U.S.-sponsored TV station

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Even before its first broadcast, a satellite television station financed by the U.S. government and directed at Arab viewers is drawing fire in the Middle East as an American attempt to destroy Islamic values and brainwash the young.

Al-Hurra, or The Free One, is to start broadcasting Saturday. President Bush has promised the 24-hour news and entertainment station will "cut through the hateful propaganda that fills the airwaves in the Muslim world."

It is to debut with a one-on-one interview with Bush, White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan has said. The interview allows Bush to tell of "his commitment to spreading freedom and democracy in the Middle East."

Washington's hope is that a fashionably produced Arab-language station will help stem anti-Americanism fueled by the war on terrorism, the occupation of Iraq and U.S. support for Israel.

It promises a balanced approach - a possibility critics dismiss - but the station has a long way to go to capture some Arab hearts and minds.

"The main goal of launching such a channel are to create drastic changes in our principles and doctrines," said Jamil Abu-Bakar, a spokesman for Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood movement. "But the nature of Arab and Muslim societies and their rejection and

hatred of American policies... will ultimately limit the impact."

Arab journalists also have criticized al-Hurra as unwanted or even dangerous propaganda.

Al-Osba, a Cairo-based newspaper, criticized the Arab Broadcasting Union - and Egypt's Ministry of Information for providing al-Hurra with satellite channels to beam "its poison" throughout the Mideast.

The U.S. government has tried reaching out directly to Arabs in other ways, most recently through the Arabic-language Radio Sawa and a slick Arabic-English magazine, "hi," about American culture.

Radio Sawa - Sawa means Together in Arabic - began broadcasting shortly before Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was ousted in April. "hi" debuted in July in 14 Arab countries.

Neither are smash hits, though many young Arabs say they enjoy Radio Sawa's Arabic and Western pop music even if they look elsewhere for news.

Rami G. Khouri, executive editor of Lebanon's The Daily Star, expects Al-Hurra to "exacerbate the gap between Americans and Arabs, rather than close it."

"Al-Hurra, like the U.S. government's Radio Sawa and 'hi' magazine before it, will be an entertaining, expensive, and irrelevant hoop. Where do they get this stuff from? Why do they keep insulting us like this?" he wrote.

Authorities charge Guardsman with trying to help al-Qaida, official says

SEATTLE (AP) - A National Guardsman stationed at Fort Lewis was arrested Thursday and charged by the Army with trying to provide information to the al-Qaida terrorist network, a federal law enforcement official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Sgt. Ryan G. Anderson was charged with "aiding the enemy by wrongfully attempting to communicate and give intelligence to the al-Qaida terrorist network."

It was not immediately known what information Anderson

allegedly provided.

Anderson was being held at Fort Lewis, an Army base near Tacoma.

A message left with the Lt. Col. Stephen Barger at Fort Lewis was not immediately returned.

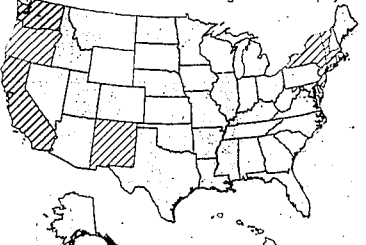
Thursday. Base spokesman Joe Hitt said he was not aware of the report, and messages left with Army officials at the Pentagon were not immediately returned.

Anderson, 26, is a tank crew member from the National Guard's 81st Airborne Brigade, a 4,000-member unit set to depart for Iraq for a one-year deployment.

Massachusetts OKs same-sex marriage

The Massachusetts high court ruled Wednesday that civil unions among gay couples aren't enough - that only full, equal marriage rights are constitutional. The state Senate had requested the court's opinion before next week's constitutional convention which will consider an amendment that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

- States with laws that prohibit recognition of marriage between same-sex couples
States where government employers offer domestic partner benefits
States that do not have laws prohibiting same-sex marriage and do not offer domestic partner benefits for government employees



NOTE: California, Hawaii and New Jersey recognize domestic partnerships. Vermont recognizes civil unions.

SOURCE: Lambda Legal

Government seeks abortion records

NEW YORK - Under fire from abortion-rights groups, Attorney General John Ashcroft insisted Thursday that disclosure of privacy data not threatened by a government attempt to subpoena medical records in a lawsuit over the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

At stake are records documenting certain late-term abortions performed by a doctor who has joined in a legal challenge of the disputed ban. President Bush signed the act into law last year.

Critics of the subpoenas accuse the Justice Department of trying to locate doctors and patients involved in the contested type of abortion.

At least six hospitals have been targeted by subpoenas, including facilities in New York and Michigan which said they are weighing how to respond. Last week, a federal judge in Chicago blocked release of records from Northwestern Memorial Hospital; another judge is considering a similar request from Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Ashcroft said the Justice Department will accept the records in edited form, after deleting or masking any information that would identify a patient. Abortion rights supporters nonetheless depicted the subpoenas as a dangerous intrusion into medical confidentiality.

The federal ban seeks to outlaw a procedure referred to by critics as partial-birth abortion and by medical organizations as "intact dilation and extraction" or D&X.

During D&X, a fetus's legs and torso are pulled from the uterus before its skull is punctured. An estimated 2,200 to 5,000 such abortions are performed annually in the United States, out of 1.3 million total abortions.

Trains roll again across Plains days after storm

Amtrak trains began crossing the far Northern Plains again Thursday, a day after winds gusting to over 70 mph and snow drifted up to 20 feet deep.

Nation/world in brief

The Plains weather fit perfectly with a fund-raiser at North Dakota State University, as a handful of students took turns sitting outside on snow-heaped couches for what they called a Freeze-a-Thon to benefit a child care center.

The blizzard conditions had stopped Amtrak's eastbound Empire Builder passenger train in Minot, N.D., while the westbound train got no farther than Minneapolis.

Bush proposes to revamp housing voucher program

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration wants to overhaul a federal voucher program that helps almost 2 million low-income families pay the rent, proposing to give local housing authorities more control over how the money is spent.

Critics contend the plan eliminates protections that mandate that most new vouchers go to the poorest families. They also say recipients may be forced to pay more than they can afford to make up the rent amount not covered by the voucher.

The proposal is estimated to cost \$13.4 billion. A liberal-leaning think tank, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, said that amount was \$1 billion short of adequately funding the program and could mean that 250,000 families lose vouchers.

Thailand reports three new human cases of bird flu

BANGKOK, Thailand - Thailand confirmed three new human bird flu cases Thursday as health officials warned it could take two years to conquer Asia's outbreak.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization said the latest tests show no sign of a killer hybrid virus that could easily pass between people.

Tests on a cluster of bird flu cases in a Vietnamese family showed there was no mixing of genes between the bird flu strain and human flu, according to WHO. In the United States, a strain of bird flu was found at four live chicken markets in northern New

Jersey, just days after outbreaks at two farms in Delaware led to the destruction of thousands of birds.

Huge funeral processions line streets of Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - Tens of thousands of Palestinians packed the streets in Gaza City for funeral processions Thursday, accompanied by the popping beat of gunfire and threats from militants to avenge 15 Palestinians killed in Israeli raids a day earlier.

In violence Thursday, an activist of the Islamic militant group Hamas was killed by army fire during an arrest raid in the West Bank. Also, Israeli soldiers found the body of a Palestinian shot dead in Rafah in southern Gaza, the military said, but did not know who killed him. His family said he was 12 years old and had gone out to play with relatives when soldiers opened fire.

Hamas, meanwhile, fired a rocket at the Israeli town of Sderot, just outside Gaza, causing no casualties or damage.

Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a Hamas leader, said Israelis would "weep blood rather than tears." Similar threats in the past have been followed within hours or days by suicide bombings in Israel.

General: He warned Milosevic of possible massacre

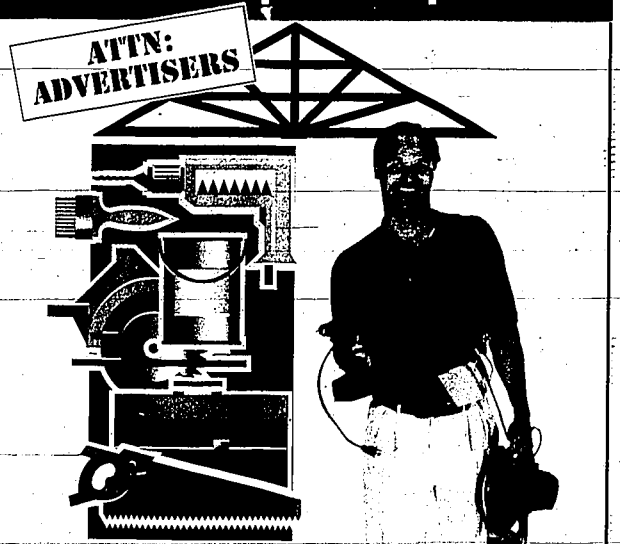
THE HAGUE, Netherlands - The French general who declared Srebrenica a UN safe area before thousands of Muslims were massacred there in 1995 testified Thursday that he asked Slobodan Milosevic two years earlier to pull back his troops to avoid "something terrible."

At Milosevic's war crimes trial, retired Gen. Philippe Morillon recalled urging Milosevic to stop advancing Bosnian Serb forces in 1993, two years before more than 7,000 men and boys were executed.

Speaking on the second anniversary of the start of Milosevic's trial, Morillon provided some of the most direct testimony so far linking the then-Serbian president to neighboring Bosnia. He claimed Milosevic had power over Bosnian Serb leaders until at least May 1993 and used it to prevent a massacre then.

Milosevic, who is defending himself against 66 counts of war crimes allegedly committed during the Balkan wars of the 1990s, says he is innocent.

Home Fix-Up Headquarters

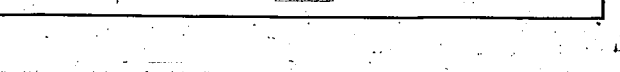


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MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball
Women, Eastern Utah at CSI, 6 p.m.
Men, Eastern Utah at CSI, 8 p.m.
High school boys basketball
Northdale Conference Tournament
See story on page D-2
Regular Season
Kimberly at Filer, 4:15 p.m.
Rigby at Minico, 6 p.m.
Pocatello at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Bonanza at Burley, 6 p.m.
High school wrestling
Wendell at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 7 p.m.
High school bowling
Girls district teams, Bowladrome, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Minico holds wrestling signups
RUPERT - The Minico freestyle wrestling program will hold registration at 5:30 tonight and 5:30 Tuesday in the high school wrestling room. Wrestlers ages 5 and up can compete. They must bring a copy of their birth certificate. The cost is \$30.

Kimberly club wrestlers meet tonight

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Pit Bulls freestyle Greco-Roman club will have a meeting Friday at 5 p.m. in the old high school gymnasium for signups. Call Dustin Kenney at 423-4767 for more information.

Legion parents meeting set for Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Meeting for parents of players who are planning to try out for a team will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Room G-6 at Twin Falls High School. All parents are urged to attend this meeting. New information about the upcoming season will be discussed.
For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721.

Youth hoops tournéy planned in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS - Idaho Premier Basketball is hosting an open-format youth basketball tournament in the Idaho Falls area March 12-13 for boys grades 4-7 and girls 3-7.
Proceeds will support The "V" Foundation for Cancer Research. Entry deadline is March 1. Call (208) 542-2320 for more information or visit www.IdahoPremier.com.

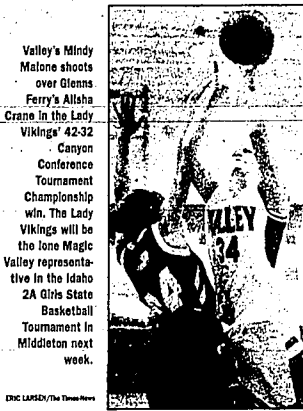
Idaho Youth ranch plans hoops tournaments

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Youth Ranch announced the dates for its 24th annual basketball tournaments-The girls grades 7-8 play Feb. 19-21. The boys grades 5-6 follow Feb. 26-28 while the 7-8 boys go March 4-13.
To enroll a team, call Bobby Lopez at 532-4117, ext. 1332.

Annual fly-fishing derby registration due Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Fourth Annual Fly-fishing Derby will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Clear Lakes Country Club. Register by calling 543-4849 before Sunday. The field is limited to the first 100 anglers.
The entry fee is \$25 and include an all-you-can-eat breakfast at 8 a.m., a fishing pass and a ticket for door prizes.
The grand prize is a 9-foot Jomies GL3 fly rod custom made by Tim Crist. Other prizes include golf and fishing passes.

Compiled from staff reports



ERIC LARSEN/The Times-News

CANYON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Valley beats Glenns Ferry

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

HAZELTON - The Valley Lady Vikings gave their fans a preview of what many hope will happen next Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

After defeating the Glenns Ferry Lady Pilots 42-32 in the Canyon Conference girls basketball tournament championship, coach Brian Hardy's Lady Vikings cut down the net in Viking Gymnasium.

"We didn't exactly execute a lot of stuff well, but we did a good job on the boards," Hardy said. "Sometimes it would be nice to not have to work so hard and just coast. But we got it done." The Lady Vikings earned a spot in the

2A Idaho State Girls Basketball Tournament on sheer will and some timely offensive rebounds. The Lady Viking trio of seniors Jessica Kovitz, Mindy Malone, and sophomore Lindsay Wood dominated the offensive glass, providing their team with a multitude of second-chance opportunities over Lady Pilots coach Kelli McLone's team.

"We weren't doing a very good job of blocking out," McLone said. "They started going on a run and we just couldn't keep up."

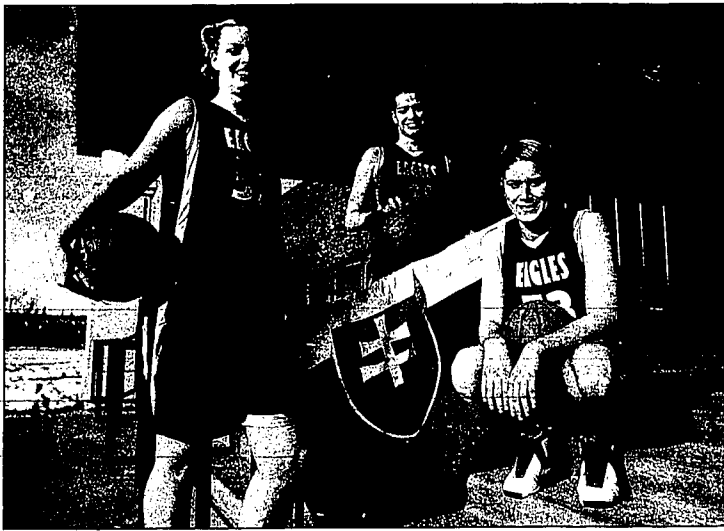
The sophomore Wood provided a huge spark in the second half with her team up 18-13 after the break. Wood finished with 11 second-half points, many of them off putbacks in the low post. Wood finished with a game-high 16 points, while Kovitz added 10 and Malone finished

with seven points.
Even 5-foot-2 guard Paige Wyatt scooped up offensive rebounds for her Lady Vikings.
"She's pretty scrappy," Hardy said. "Even our small guards ward in there and grabbed rebounds for us."

For fourth-year varsity player Malone, it will be the fourth consecutive trip to state. While the Lady Vikings are happy to be traveling to Middleton for Thursday's first-round action, Malone knows her team has unfinished business to attend to.

"My dad and my brother both have championships so I guess I better get mine this year," Malone said. "It feels pretty good. Every year it's been great, but this year there's something more. Please see VALLEY, Page D2

Slovakian scoring punch



Slovakian basketball players Lenka Zimova, left, Andrea Svakova and Denisa Svarova take in some sun recently outside the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

JANLEY SMITH/The Times-News

CSI frontline standouts help Eagles soar to big success

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While the fans and coaching staff of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team may appreciate the international flavor on this season's squad, some things in the United States taste downright foul to native Slovaks.

Andrea Svakova, Denisa Svarova and Lenka Zimova.

"You don't have bread here," Svakova said. "You don't normally have good bread every day. Like me, when I'm hungry, I eat bread. Here, it's like tissue."

Fortunately, the three hoops standouts have been able to soak up American culture, both on and off the basketball floor, better than any flimsy tissue. In fact, it's already to the

point where the opposition, and officials, must adjust to them.

"One game, the referee told me, 'Don't speak Portuguese because we'll have to give a technical foul,'" recalled Svarova, a freshman from Ruzomberok who shares Slovak, not Portuguese, as her native tongue with Svakova and Zimova. "He called me for a foul and we go over and encourage each other in Slovak. He thought I was talking Portuguese at him."

While officials and opponents may, at times, wish they had an interpreter, the Slovaks' games have translated quite nicely from their homeland to CSI.

Europe is known for producing finesse, perimeter-oriented players. Svakova, from Bratislava, Zimova (Partizanske) and Svarova are no different. The three have added a new element to the 23rd-ranked Golden Eagles, the 5-foot-11 Svakova with her outside shooting and aggressiveness, and the 6-6 Zimova and 6-5 Svarova with their outside touch and

size. It's size unmatched in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, and usually reserved for NCAA Division I teams.

"You do have to go overseas to get size, as far as I know," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers, who said he has been contacted by many mid-major Division I schools, as well as a few from the Big 10 and Big 12, about all three members of his Slovakian connection. "There's probably some size here in the United States, but they're also (non-)qualifiers. If you're 6-7 over here and can walk and chew gum, and you qualify, you're probably going to get a D-1 scholarship."

But Rogers needed a little help in landing his two freshman centers. It came from Svakova, a sophomore who played for Rogers last season.

"You think it was my recruiting?" Rogers said, chuckling. "Andie played a major, major role."

All three knew each other before Svakova's Please see SLOVAKIAN, Page D2

Flower Fans

The first 500 females through the door Saturday will receive a free carnation.



This is an undated file photo of Furman University's Frank Selvy whose record 100 points scored in a single game in 1954 still stands 50 years later.

ON A RAINY NIGHT 50 YEARS AGO, Selvy hit 100

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press writer

SIMPSONVILLE, S.C. - They came in two dozen cars that night, making the trip from Corbin, Ky., to see their hometown star play. Frank Selvy's mother would be watching her son play college ball for the first time. Selvy's father was there, too, as were two sisters and five younger brothers. In all, 65 people drove about seven hours down to Greenville.

"Since they came all that way to see me play, I didn't want to flop," Selvy said.

This was no flop. This was astonishing. On a chilly, rainy night 50 years ago, Selvy scored 100 points in a game, leading Furman past Newberry 149-95. He broke the record of 73 points, set by Temple's Bill Milkey in 1951. He is still the only Division I player recognized by the NCAA ever to hit the century mark.

"I've never really been proud of it," said Selvy, 71, sitting in his home by a golf course in suburban Greenville. "I don't go around bragging about it.

And sometimes, I am almost embarrassed by it."

A quick look around Selvy's house backs up his words. The only memorabilia commemorating the Feb. 13, 1954, game is a sign painted by his son-in-law. On this day, it is bordered with a green feathery bow, decorations for an upcoming lumber party for his granddaughter.

The basketball used in the game? Selvy gave it to his five younger brothers, who wore it out shooting baskets in his hometown.

Even before the opening tip, the game was notable - the first sports event broadcast live in South Carolina. And the 6-foot-2.5 Selvy was coming off a 51-point night against Georgia Tech and was closing in on several career scoring records.

But Division II Newberry had held the "Corbin Contract" to 23 points less than a month earlier, thanks mainly to tough defense by Bobby Bailey. Bailey fared less well in the second game, fouling out just 2:43 into the game trying to guard Selvy.

After that, they didn't have anyone to guard. Please see SELVY, Page D2

CSI BASKETBALL

CSI men face stern SWAC test

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team has battled through adversity all season and, for the most part, persevered.

The Golden Eagles (17-7 overall, 11-7 Scenic West Athletic Conference) find themselves in a four-way tie for first place in the conference going into tonight and Saturday night's

8 p.m. games against the College of Eastern Utah despite multiple injuries and various player dismissals throughout the season. And now, CSI is faced with perhaps its most challenging setback, as the Eagles must play the remainder of the season without sophomore forward Dante Sawyer, who was dismissed late last week for a violation of team rules. Sawyer was averaging 16.4 points and 31.2 minutes per game, both team highs. He was also one of the team's primary ball handlers in half-court offensive sets.

CSI men vs. College of Eastern Utah
Time: 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
Where: CSI Gymnasium
Radio: 1310 KLIX AM

Please see TEST, Page D2

Second year in a row

Lady Bruins head to state tournament

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Their ticket's punched.

The Twin Falls Lady Bruins earned a trip to the 5A state championship tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa Feb. 19-21 with their third-straight win over the Highland Lady Rams 56-46 at Bear Gymnasium Thursday.

It is the program's second, straight trip to state.

Amy Bratvold opened the scoring with a high-arcing 3-pointer from the baseline to spark a 16-3 run by Twin Falls. The Bruins led 22-12 after the first quarter and never trailed. Highland never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

"When she hit that 3-pointer it ignited things," Twin Falls coach Joe D. Shepard said. "Her rainmaker was on tonight. You sit there and wonder when it's gonna come down. She got it started."

Bratvold finished the game with a team-high 22 points and eight rebounds.

"Bratvold was just unconscious," Highland coach Scott Hansen said. "She shot well."

Bratvold came up big at the end with Highland threatening. Bratvold grabbed a rebound off her own missed free throw to Please see HIGHLAND, Page D2

SPORTS

Gooding girls advance to state

The Times-News

HAMILLY - The Lady Senators made history Thursday night, knocking off No. 2 seed Declo 40-31 to advance to the state Class 3A girls basketball tournament for the first time in the program's history...

Local sports

Community School 58, Bliss 49

SHOSHONE - John Hayes scored 16 and Jim Fairchild 15 as No. 2 seed The Community School defeated Bliss, Sam Bray scored 23 and Chase Erkins 15 in the loss.

We got some turnovers and steals and converted on those easy baskets," said Gooding coach Chris Constock. "The more we pressed, the more they threw the ball away."

Italy Jo James hit back-to-back 3-pointers with about three minutes left to put the Senators ahead by two. They'd never trail again.

Gooding 16-9 starts play at the state tournament at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise at 8 p.m. next Thursday.

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Boys basketball

Dietrich, Community School and Richfield advance

SHOSHONE - Two upsets highlighted the opening night of the Northside Conference boys basketball tournament with No. 6 Richfield knocking off Shoshone 31-29 on a last-second shot and No. 5 Dietrich defeating Camas County 48-41 Thursday.

In the other game, The Community School beat Bliss 58-49.

Tonight, Carey takes on Dietrich at 5 p.m. while Richfield faces The Community School at 6:30. Shoshone takes on Camas County at 8 p.m. in a loser-out game.

Dietrich 48, Camas County 41

SHOSHONE - Vance Dill scored 19 points to lead Dietrich past Camas County, despite 23 points from Myster-Mark Wilson.

Richfield 31, Shoshone 29

SHOSHONE - Defense was the name of the game as Shoshone's Tony Pereira and Richfield stand-out Victor Vasquez, both averaging well over double figures, scored eight apiece to lead their teams in this first-round game.

Raft River 80, Lighthouse Christian 31

RAFT RIVER - Shaun Harris scored 17 points to help propel Raft River to a 80-31 victory over Lighthouse Christian in their final regular season game.

Braden Barrett scored 13 points while C.J. Tuckett scored 10 of his 14 points in the first quarter to give Raft River a good start.

Filer 55, Gooding 47
GOODING - Filer held off Gooding 55-47 Thursday night behind 17 points from Jake Carroll and 13 from Paul Gerrish.

They hit some big free throws and offensive putbacks to keep ahead," said Senators coach Joe Messick.

Josh Morris scored 17 for Gooding (4-16, 1-9), which plays at Kimberly or Declo in the SCIC Tournament on Tuesday. The three highest seeds host the first-round games.

For 55-47 Gooding 17-11 Filer 12-18

Wood River 72, Kimberly 58

KIMBERLY - Brady Fleming hit all eight free throw attempts in the fourth quarter as Wood River held on for a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference road win Thursday over Kimberly, 62-58.

"We tried to deny him the basket ball in his hands," said Bulldogs coach Roger Keller. "He did a good job stepping up knocking those free throws down."

Fleming finished with 14 points while Riley Neff added 11. Ricky Zdrov scored 19 for the Bulldogs.

Kimberly (10-7, 7-2) travels to Filer Friday.

Wrestling

Valley 44, Filer 39

WENDALL 63, Valley 22
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Shaun Andrus scored four 3-pointers for Lighthouse and 18 points.

Raft River 14-0 conference, 18-0 overall heads to Murtaugh Saturday for the tournament.

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A young Walrus takes spotlight from Tiger

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Kevin Stadler can't waddle far without being reminded how much he loves his father.

The comparisons were more about golf than girl Thursday in the Buick Invitational, when the son of former Masters champion Craig Stadler struck an 8-ander-par 64 to steal the spotlight from Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh.

Stadler, who used to room across Torrey Pines as a kid and watched his father win here 10 years ago, finished with a birdie and an eagle on the North course for a one-shot lead over Jesper Parnevik and

Valley

Continued from D1 special there."

Senior spot Jessica Simons finished with 11 points before fouling out late in the fourth quarter. While Simons and fellow seniors Kyle Noble and Katie Shenk have played their last high school basketball game, McNeill will return 11 players with varsity experience for next year's campaign.

"We're losing some great seniors but we have a lot of youth coming up and it looks good for us," McNeill says.

Test

Continued from D1 "Obviously, Dante's one of the best players in this league," CSI head coach JB Arnold said. "He's the type of player that can score inside and out, and we're going to miss that."

It was a tough decision and something you didn't want to do," Arnold added. "He knew exactly what he needed to do as a student-athlete here. Unfortunately, he just didn't do it. As good as he was, we just weren't going to look the other way. I don't know if it's going to help us or not this year, but I guarantee in the long run that if that's the example we set, we will win many, many more games because of discipline."

Sawyer played the bulk of his minutes at small forward and he was the only true "3" on the team. Many of his minutes at the position will go to Justin McGriff, a natural power forward who has seen some time at small forward this season. Combination guard Dani Hazut, at 6-foot-3, also has enough size to move up to the position.

Eastern Utah, which normally plays about 12 men, is also hard to leave offensively. CEU is averaging a league-high 76.1 ppg but no player averages more than guard Tyrone Shepherd's 10.2 ppg. The two players who hurt CSI most in January, Chris Lang (17 points in the first game) and Leoneta Matthews (15 the second night), are averaging just 4.1 and 5.3 ppg respectively.

CEU enters the weekend on a bit of a slide, having won just three of its last nine games. Two of those wins came last weekend against the Snake River dwellers, Colorado Northwestern.

Bowling

Minico wins boys district team tourney

BURLEY - Minico recorded a 938 to win the boys district team high school bowling tournament at the Snake River Bowl Wednesday. Jerome took second with a 852, while Burley trailed with a 790.

The Minico junior varsity prevailed with a 819 over Jerome's 637 and Filer's 672. In the JV B ranks, Minico won with a 773 to 550 for Twin Falls High and 531 for Jerome.

The girls district team tournament is today at the Bowldrome in Twin Falls with state for boy and girls set for Wednesday starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Snake River Bowl in Burley.

Highland

The Lady Bruins will play Centennial at 8 p.m.

"You go to state and everybody's equal and everybody's equal," Shepard said. Highland plays Borah in a play-in game Saturday in Filer at 1 p.m.

"We've got to come out and play more than three quarters," Hansen said. "And what happens there, it happens."

With the win Twin Falls gets a week off before they head to Nampa for the state tournament.

Slovakian

Continued from D1 move to the U.S., and after she sent series of e-mails and made a phone call to Zimova in Slovakia, Rogers had his two posts after going through a 14-17 team with very little size on the team.

"Last year, that was unbelievable," Sivakova said of the lack of size on CSI last season. "I asked him if he wanted a 6-7 girl. I knew (Zimova wanted) to go somewhere."

One down, one to go. It didn't take long for conference Swarna, Zimova's roommate last year and teammate on a Slovakian club team, to make the trip to Idaho as well.

"(Swarna) didn't know if she (wanted) to go because she wanted to finish school," Sivakova explained. "She was in college in Slovakia. So I was like, 'The college in Slovakia is nothing. You should go here.' So I thought them both."

She is glad she did. Life in Twin Falls without any friends or family wasn't easy for Sivakova when she first arrived.

"That was very hard for me because I didn't speak any English at all," said Sivakova, who spent five hours a day in a Second Language class last season, something her compatriots have done

this year. "I studied English (in Slovakia), but when I came here it was different. I was just sitting in my room by myself and nobody talked to me. I just would go to school every day and go to practice. I didn't do anything else."

All three have been critical to the Eagles' 20-4 start this season. Sivakova, perhaps CSI's purest shooter, is averaging 9.2 points per game and has drilled 23 3-pointers, tied with Delicia Jerigan and Sidney Orrhoff for high honors on the team. Sivakova has also dished out 67 assists, second on the squad.

Swarna enters this weekend averaging 9.6 ppg and 6.0 rebounds. She's also shooting 45 percent (9-of-20) from 3-point range.

Zimova, who missed six games in January after breaking her foot over the holiday break, is averaging 40.0 ppg and 4.3 rpg. She is shooting 46 percent from the field and is also red-hot from outside the arc, connecting on five of her 12 attempts (42 percent).

Both Zimova and Swarna have an uncommon shooting touch for their size. So no one in their right mind would dare them to shoot, right?

"They don't expect you are going to shoot a 3-point (shot),"

The games at a glance:

Teams: No. 23 College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles (20-4 overall, 16-2 scenic West Athletic Conference), vs. College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles (23-4, 16-4), When: 6 p.m., Friday at the Sawtooth

Where: CSI Gymnasium Radio: KEZJ AM (1450)

About CEU: Eastern Utah enters the weekend having won its last five games and sits just one game behind CSI in the SWAC standings, two games back in the loss column. The Golden Eagles are led by sisters Chelsey and Cassie Waburton. Chelsey a freshman guard, is pacing the team at 14.1 points per game. Cassie, a sophomore guard, is averaging 13.3 ppg. Chelsey hit a 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds remaining to lift CEU to a

Zimova said. "Why? They say, 'You are going to shoot? Shoot. You are not going to make it.'"

But even with the new dimension the three Slovaks bring to the Eagles, they are still making some adjustments on the hardwood. "I came here and Coach told me I had the worst defensive stance

62-59 win over CSI in the teams' first meeting of the season in early January when Southern Idaho blew an 18-point second-half lead, CSI won the second meeting, 71-68.

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he had ever seen in his life," Sivakova said. "We never practiced defense at home. I'm definitely a better defensive player than I was last year. I'm faster, quicker. So (Rogers) made me better, definitely."

It's obvious all three are adjusting on the court. Now they just have to get used to American cuisine.

Kevin Stadler can't waddle far without being reminded how much he loves his father.

The comparisons were more about golf than girl Thursday in the Buick Invitational, when the son of former Masters champion Craig Stadler struck an 8-ander-par 64 to steal the spotlight from Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh.

Stadler, who used to room across Torrey Pines as a kid and watched his father win here 10 years ago, finished with a birdie and an eagle on the North course for a one-shot lead over Jesper Parnevik and

Continued from D1 special there."

Senior spot Jessica Simons finished with 11 points before fouling out late in the fourth quarter. While Simons and fellow seniors Kyle Noble and Katie Shenk have played their last high school basketball game, McNeill will return 11 players with varsity experience for next year's campaign.

"We're losing some great seniors but we have a lot of youth coming up and it looks good for us," McNeill says.

Continued from D1 "Obviously, Dante's one of the best players in this league," CSI head coach JB Arnold said. "He's the type of player that can score inside and out, and we're going to miss that."

It was a tough decision and something you didn't want to do," Arnold added. "He knew exactly what he needed to do as a student-athlete here. Unfortunately, he just didn't do it. As good as he was, we just weren't going to look the other way. I don't know if it's going to help us or not this year, but I guarantee in the long run that if that's the example we set, we will win many, many more games because of discipline."

Sawyer played the bulk of his minutes at small forward and he was the only true "3" on the team. Many of his minutes at the position will go to Justin McGriff, a natural power forward who has seen some time at small forward this season. Combination guard Dani Hazut, at 6-foot-3, also has enough size to move up to the position.

Eastern Utah, which normally plays about 12 men, is also hard to leave offensively. CEU is averaging a league-high 76.1 ppg but no player averages more than guard Tyrone Shepherd's 10.2 ppg. The two players who hurt CSI most in January, Chris Lang (17 points in the first game) and Leoneta Matthews (15 the second night), are averaging just 4.1 and 5.3 ppg respectively.

CEU enters the weekend on a bit of a slide, having won just three of its last nine games. Two of those wins came last weekend against the Snake River dwellers, Colorado Northwestern.

Bowling

Minico wins boys district team tourney

BURLEY - Minico recorded a 938 to win the boys district team high school bowling tournament at the Snake River Bowl Wednesday. Jerome took second with a 852, while Burley trailed with a 790.

The Minico junior varsity prevailed with a 819 over Jerome's 637 and Filer's 672. In the JV B ranks, Minico won with a 773 to 550 for Twin Falls High and 531 for Jerome.

The girls district team tournament is today at the Bowldrome in Twin Falls with state for boy and girls set for Wednesday starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Snake River Bowl in Burley.

Highland

The Lady Bruins will play Centennial at 8 p.m.

"You go to state and everybody's equal and everybody's equal," Shepard said. Highland plays Borah in a play-in game Saturday in Filer at 1 p.m.

"We've got to come out and play more than three quarters," Hansen said. "And what happens there, it happens."

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Hoops Standings

Bruin boys look for one more conference win

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It's crunch time. Things are real simple for the Twin Falls Bruins' boys basketball team. Beat Pocatello tonight and you're the top spot in the Region Four-Five-Six regular season standings. Lose, and risk falling to third heading into the conference tournament.

Tonight's home game is a rematch of the Bruins' earlier 45-44 road victory of the Indians on Jan. 15. For the outcome to stay the same this time, the Bruins will need to capitalize on the inside-out game that has served them well all year. Be it senior Luc Martin or sophomore Brett Vriesman, the Twin Falls posts will need to command the Indians' defensive attention.

Sucking the Pocatello defense into the key will provide open looks for Mitch Smith and Graham Stanley, two of the Magic Valley's top three-point threats. If either player gets hot, the Bruins have the potential to put up big numbers in a hurry.

"We don't know who's going to lead us in scoring, and neither does our opposition," Bruins coach Matt Harr said. "That's a big advantage for us. They can't box-and-one anybody and try to just shut down one guy."

However, all the scoring in the world will be for naught if the Bruin defense doesn't hold strong. Lapses in defensive intensity proved to be the Bruins' downfall earlier in the season, something Harr hopes has been remedied now that the Bruins are heading into postseason action.

"The last two weeks we've played our best basketball of the season," Harr said. "We played well against Burley and we should have beat Idaho Falls. We're playing well, but we still haven't peaked."

Martin and Vriesman are capable post defenders, so it will be important for the Twin Falls guards to limit Pocatello's outside looks. Seniors Cory Alberston and David DeLeon, along with juniors Todd Cook and Tanner Hazelbaker will likely all see action and will need to provide solid defense on the perimeter.

"We're going to focus on their big guys, but we don't want one of their other guys to score in double figures," Harr said. "We

have a few wrinkles we'll throw at them, we're not going to come out and do the same thing every time against them."

Senior post Greg Birch has been the standout for a Pocatello team that mirrors the Bruins' inside-out attack.

"We're pretty evenly matched," Harr said. "They have a couple guys that can shoot and the Birch kid on the inside is a solid scorer for them."

Birch and company draw so close a comparison to Luc Martin and the Bruin perimeter players that it's hard to say if either team will have an advantage in tonight's game.

"Whichever team is going to be hot will win," Harr said. "It's evenly matched it's hard to tell."

For the 11-6 Bruins, a victory tonight will solidify the contention that Twin Falls is the best team in their conference. The win will also give the Bruins home-court advantage until the state tournament.

"We feel like we're the best team in the conference and we hope to prove that," Harr said. "It would be huge to win home-court advantage because basically if you win that first game you have to lose three in a row not to make it to state."

Something the Bruins have no plans of doing.

Game of the Week



Pocatello at Twin Falls

Bowling State tournament
HEYBURN — Snake River Bowl will host the 2004 Idaho State Bowling Tournament Wednesday from 11 am to 5:30 p.m. Among the teams that will converge on the Heyburn facility will be perennial team state champions, the Minico Spartans.

Other local teams competing include Declo, Burley, Twin Falls, Filer, Jerome, Kimberly, Gooding, and Wendell. The first round will determine individual championships in both the boys and girls divisions, as all bowlers will bowl three games under regular scoring. There will be approximately \$2,000 in scholarships given to the state's top bowlers.

From there, the top six teams will advance to baker format games in a round-robin style tournament. The top three teams will enter the final playoff to determine the team state champions. Minico bowling



Twin Falls High School wing Graham Stanley shoots the ball while Jerome High School defender Chance Craig misses the block during their game in Jerome Wednesday.

coach Wally Studer has been the long-time organizer of the event, one that is helping many young bowlers with scholarship money.

"It's been a good deal, we've been doing it for about 14 years now," Studer said. "It's been good for the community and it's something that helps the kids."

Raft River's Nelson is Malta's humble, overlooked jewel

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

MALTA — High school basketball fans across Idaho have trokked down Interstate 86, turning off at Exit 15 hoping to find Raft River High School. Instead of a high school, they find two things — an ice-covered road and the grim realization that they're lost.

Meanwhile, 25 minutes to the southwest in Malta, there is a talent that has been lost in the shuffle of the 2004 Idaho boys basketball season. A 6-foot-1 senior guard has led a talented Trojan team toward the completion of a perfect season and a possible 1A

state tournament run. While confusing road signs and school names may hide his location, there is no mistaking Alex Nelson's talent when he sets foot on a basketball court.

Nelson's numbers speak for themselves. He averaged 22 points, seven rebounds, two assists, and three steals on the season and shot 54.9 percent from the field. He is an offensive talent on par with anyone in the Magic Valley, but is humble in the face of praise.

"I hate to give all the props to my teammates because without them none of this would be possible," Nelson said. "I feel that this is the best group of kids that

I've worked with." Which is saying a lot, knowing that Nelson has played 4A basketball in Logan, Utah before moving to Malta. But for Nelson, trust in his Trojan teammates has led to great success.

"We're united really well," Nelson said. "We've really been close and the kids just really like to work with each other."

While some high-scoring high schoolers earn nicknames like "the big hunk" for their unwell-temperedness to share the ball on offense, Nelson has an opposite mind set. The senior's four assist-per-game average is something Nelson is proud of.

"I hate it when people try to take over games all by themselves," Nelson said. "I love to get my team involved. That's what I always look forward to."

Nelson is a total team player, something he has worked on through high school. "I really want to win bad this

year," Nelson said. "Last year I didn't focus on it as much, but I really regret that because some of the seniors on that team are some of my best friends."

Make no mistake, Nelson is already going great lengths to make sure he doesn't let anyone down this year. After injuring his ankle in the first quarter of Tuesday night's game against Oakley, he has been making daily trips to Burley to rehabilitate his wounded, which in hopes of being ready to play in the second round of the Magic Valley Conference Tournament.

The senior is currently applying to Utah colleges in hopes of playing collegiate basketball and pursuing a degree in business management.

Nelson's hopes are high for himself and most importantly, his teammates.

"We just have so much capability and we're so united that I'd love to see us win the championship,"

Nelson said. "I really love these people."

Girls Basketball

Elsa Hope, Jerome
The 6-foot-1 senior post-led Jerome post Century in the Great Basin Conference girls basketball championship game, 64-57. Hope led the Lady Tigers with a 19-point effort and has been a big part of Jerome's success heading into their fourth-straight 4A state tournament trip.

Wrestling

Cody Carpenter, Jerome
Carpenter, one of the state's top 189-pound wrestlers picked up another victory by pinning Mountain Home's Anthony Johnson in 1:27 Tuesday. Carpenter is currently the second-ranked 189-pound wrestler in Idaho's 4A division.

Boys

Through Feb. 11

Class 5A			
Region Four-Five-Six			
Conf	All	W	L
Pocatello	6	1	9
Idaho Falls	6	4	11
Twin Falls	5	4	11
Skyline	5	5	8
Highland/Poc	4	6	15
Minico	4	7	12

Class 4A			
Great Basin			
Conf	All	W	L
Century	3	0	12
Burley	2	2	12
Jerome	0	3	16

Class 3A			
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference			
Conf	All	W	L
Declo	7	3	11
Gooding	6	4	13
Filer	4	6	10
Buhl	2	8	10
Kimberly	2	8	13

Class 2A			
Canyon Conference			
Conf	All	W	L
Valley	1	0	16
Glenns Ferry	2	2	7
Wendell	0	1	11

Class 1A			
Magic Valley Conference			
Conf	All	W	L
Oakley	13	1	14
Hansen	12	2	16
Higginman	11	4	9
Murtaugh	9	5	9
Raft River	5	9	11
Castledale	4	10	15
Magic Valley Christian	2	12	14
Lighthouse Christian	1	13	15

Northside Conference			
Conf	All	W	L
Shoshone	9	1	17
Deltrich	9	1	12
Richfield	6	4	12
Carey	4	6	10
Camas County	2	8	8
Community School	0	10	13

Independent			
Conf	All	W	L
Twin Falls Christian	4	4	8

Standings updates are always appreciated. Please e-mail elarsen@magvalley.com.

Athlete of the Week



Alex Nelson

Parry's Power Guide

Idaho Power Rankings for High School Boys Basketball

Rank	Team	Rank	Team	Rank	Team	Rank	Team	Rank	Team	
1	Borah	87.1	14	Salmon	59.4	23	Malba	52.7	31	Hagerman
2	Eagle	87.0	15	Kimberly	58.7	24	Butte County	50.0	32	Sho-Ban
3	Centennial	85.2	16	Timberlake	58.6	25	Kamiah	49.2	33	Council
4	Capital	85.1	17	Kellogg	56.2	26	Nampa Christian	48.8	34	Hansen
5	Mountain View	83.8	18	Filer	55.7	27	Glenns Ferry	46.5	35	Cascade
6	Skyview	80.5	19	Teton	55.6	28	Grace	45.2	36	Mullan
7	Lewiston	72.6	20	Wood River	55.5	29	West Jefferson	39.0	37	Maple Valley Christian
8	Idaho Falls	71.0	21	Soda Springs	53.5	30	Challis	37.7	38	Lakeside
9	Coeur d'Alene	70.9	22	Priest River	50.5	31	Aberdeen	37.5	39	Notus
10	Pocatello	69.8	23	Weiser	50.0	32	McCall/Donnelly	36.8	40	Shoshone
11	Timberline	67.5	24	Payette	46.6	33	Wallace	32.5	41	Shelburne
12	Nampa	66.7	25	Buhl	46.2	34	Parma	32.5	42	North Gem
13	Sylville	63.2	26	St. Maries	44.0	35	North Fremont	30.1	43	Rocklawn
14	Madison	62.8	27	Gooding	41.8	36	Marsing	24.6	44	Dietch
15	Rigby	62.8	28	Clearwater Valley	18.9	37	Orofino	23.5	45	Gem State
16	Twin Falls	62.8	29	Class 3A		38	Kootenai	27.1	46	Kootenai
17	Boise	62.8	30	Class 2A		39	Richfield	28.4	47	Leadore
18	Blaine	62.8	31	Wendell	75.1	40	Kendrick	27.1	48	Falls Christian
19	Lake City	74.8	32	Grangeville	65.8	41	Camas County	27.0	49	Lighthouse Christian
			33	Declo	65.5	42	Camas County	25.7	50	Wildor
			34	Malad	64.0	43	Shelburne	25.3	51	Salmon River
			35	Sugar-Salem	66.3	44	Genesee	47.6		
			36	Madison	65.8	45	Raft River	46.4		
			37	Shelley	64.7	46	Mackay	44.7		
			38	Fruitland	62.2	47	Oakley	24.3		
			39	Bonners Ferry	62.1	48	Highland	23.0		
			40	Post Falls	88.9	49	Logos	22.0		
			41	Moscow	88.2	50	Nezperce	20.0		
			42	Bear Lake	80.7	51	Horseshoe Bend	39.2		
			43	South Fremont	60.2	52	Cole Valley Christian	38.8		
						53	Rimrock	21.4		
						54	Idaho City	37.8		

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Friday, Feb. 13, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"For hope is but the dream of those that wake."
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When the situation looks bleak, you may have to work hard to find even the minuscule chance that will let you make or defeat a contract.

Playing in four spades, declarer took dummy's heart ace, then cashed the king of trumps and the heart king. After ruffing the heart seven, he drew the last trump with his queen and led a low diamond toward dummy's king.

West knew that declarer had the club king and saw that if he ducked, dummy would play the diamond king and then a diamond back to him. Whether South had three diamonds and two clubs or the other way around, declarer would be able to hold his minor-suit losers to three by leaving West on play. Similarly, if West rose with the diamond ace and exited with the queen, declarer might ruff the third diamond and lead a club toward dummy's 10, enplaying West when he won with the jack.

Accordingly, West decided to play his partner for the diamond jack, so he inserted the diamond queen. Declarer covered with dummy's king, then led a diamond back. However, East could win his diamond nine and push a club through to West's jack. A third top diamond led declarer ruff, but then he had to tackle clubs again for himself, losing two more club tricks to go down one.

Maybe declarer should have played a diamond at trick two. Now inserting the diamond queen would have been a far tougher play for West!

NORTH
♠ K 10 8 4
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ 10 6 3

WEST
♠ 7 3
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ A Q 2
♣ A Q J 2

EAST
♠ 2
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 6 5
♥ K 7 4
♦ 8 7
♣ K 7 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Dbl. 2 NT* Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass
*Limit-raise in spades or better

Opening lead: heart queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K J 10 8 4
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 4
♣ 10 6 3

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Jump to three diamonds, invitational, rather than repeating spades or looking for no-trump. The latter would be premature with only one stop in a short heart suit. Partner's auction promises 5-4 in the minors, so you should show your good diamond support and hope partner can move toward spades or no-trump if he has any extras at all.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobby@wvnet.com or call 208-734-5538.

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