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# SIGNS, SEALED, DELIVERED



# T.F. crews prepare for name changes

TWIN FALLS - Call it a sign of the times.

of the times.

A metal "blank" lay on a table in the back shop of the Twin Falls streets department. Next to it was a roll of green, high-intensity stripping. Above it were letters spelling out DIERKES ST. N. Within two months, the sign, and 359 others like it, will take their places atop poles in downtown Twin Falls, marking new names for downtown streets. Installation could begin this month.

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The City Council approved street name changes in May after months of debate.

Officials decided that the move would make it easier to navigate the downtown area while recognizing the region around Twin Falls in conjunction with the city's 2004 centennial celebration.

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"It will probably take one or two months, weather permit-ting," said Val Smith, city eng-neering technician. "We're hop-ing to have them in place by April 1."

Downtown Twin Falls

Crews started last week and expect to take 30 to 40 working days to make the 360 signs. "We take the blanks and put green backing on them," said

Falls Department of Streets, demonstrating the process. "We make the letters right here." Lettering for city street signs has been die cut on-site for nine

Making signs is not a capri-ous affair. A federal manual dictates the

A federal manual dictates the spacing between letters and the size of the signs. Gillespie said 177 signs will be 9 inches with 6-inch letters, while 183 will have 6-inch blanks with 4-inch letters. Collector and arterial streets, those that post speed limits of 25 mph or more, must have larger signs, according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, issued by the Department of Transportation's Federal

Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. Experienced sign makers can eyeball where letters go and make them straight. The material for the sign will run about 54,000, Gillespie said. Another 700 to 1,000 hours in labor must be added into the total expense. The signs being taken down may find a new purpose. "We keep a lot of old signs," Gillespie said. Some signs are stored until they're needed and can be stripped and refusioned like new. Although the issue of new Flease see STRETS, Page A2

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# **Schools** tackle **English** proficiency

No Child law pushes districts to hike minority students' performance

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Students who don't know English well are falling behind in test scores across the state, but a new State Board of Education committee is hoping to find ways to close that gap. Committee members had their first meeting at the College of Southern Idaho Thursday to start what could become a long discussion.

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"This is going to be a real col-borative effort," said Blake Hall, esident of the State Board of

"This is going to be a real collaborative effort," said Biake Hall,
president of the State Board of
Education.

The pressure to improve the
performance of students with limited English is growing, Hall said.
Colleges are spending more time
remediating students, and the
federal No Child Left Behind Act
requires that all students improve
and pass standardized tests.
Idaho has spent about 530 million to help students learn
English since 1995, but students
with limited English still lig
behind in test scores, said Sam
Byrd, president of the Diversity
Works consulting firm in Boise
who sat in for committee member
Rep. Elmer Martinez, D-Pocatello.
Throwing money at the problem is not enough; instead, there
needs to be more training for
teachers, and money should be
spent on programs that work.
Byrd said.
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## House speaker pushes for cow ID system

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE - Admitting he had no input from beef or dairy producers, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R. International Production of the Production

input from beef or crs, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, Re Burley, introduced a bill Thursday calling for the tracking of all cattle coming from Canada into Idaho with microchips and brands.

brands.
A rancher himself, Newcomb pointed out that Mexican cattle required to have an "M" branded on their hips.
"This is a response to mad cow (disease)." Newcomb said.
In December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that a "downer" dairy cow from Washington state had tested

## Study tests artificial blood without patients' consent Substitute blood

The exterior of a rec blood cell has markers that indicate a person's blood type, inside, the cell contains oglobin.

Unlike human blood, it can be stored in an ambulance and used at the scene of an accident.

CHICAGO - Paramedics are testing an experimental blood substitute on severely injured patients without their consent in

patients without their consent in an unusual study under way or proposed at 20 hospitals around the country.

The study was launched last month in Deniver and follows similar research that was halted in 1998, when more than 20 patients died after getting a different experimental blood substitute.

Supporters say the current product, PolyHeme, made by Northfield Laboratories of Evanston, III., is safer and could

save many of the nearly 100,000 people who die of bleeding injuries each year nationwide. "It could revolutionize how we take care of resuscitation in the United States and across the world," said lead investigator Dr. Ernest Moore, chief of trauma surgery at Denver Health Medical Center.

The research is part of a race to find what doctors call the holy grall of emergency medicine: a product that works like human blood to save victims of car crash-ess; shootings or other trauma but

es shootings or other trauma but could be carried in ambulances and given to people of any blood

# U.S. abandons Iraq caucus plan

But sticks to June 30 date for transfer of political power to Iraqis

WASHINGTON – The Bush administration is abandoning the core idea of its plan to hold regional caucuses for an Iraqi provisional government, and will instead work with the United Nations and Iraqis to develop yet another plan for the transfer of political power by June 30, UN, and US, officials said Thursday. The US, decision, forced by rejection of the caucus system by a wide range of Iraqis, means that the Coalition Provisional Authority led

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by U.S. Ambassador L. Paul Bremer will instead hand over authority to some kind of caretaker government until direct elections can be held, officials said.

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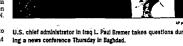
In a meeting at the United Nations
Thursday, Secretary General Kofi
Annan told a gathering of diplomats
with interests in Iraq that the Iraqis
themselves should determine the

participants and form of a caretaker government that will be credible to Iraq's disparate society, according to U.N. officials who attended.

O.N. officials who attended.
Annan is prepared to dispatch his special envoy, former Algerian Foreign Minister Lakhdar Brahimi, back to Baghdad in the coming weeks to help mediate a new formula if the Iraqis and the U.S.-led coalition do not come up with a new plan, U.N. diplomats and U.S. officials said.

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Shortly afterward, the USDA
hamned the slaughter of downer
cows, noting there were 81
Canadian cows shipped into the
United States with the one cow
dentified as having mad cow discase. Elevent were never found.
"The matter has been closed,
but it seems to me that what has
become evident is there needs to
be soine identification system for
animals coming into the country.
Newcomb said.

One reason he's after Canadian
cartle, is: that some dairy cartle
coming into the United States
and the disease first surfaced in
the late 1980s, he said. Mad cow
disease, or howine spongiform
encephalophathy, is a disease
ruminants-can get-from being fedthe remains of animals infected
with ISE.

The USDA reported the
Washington cow as a downer, but
this week the man who actually
kelled the cow said she was not a
downer, but that she was still walking and actually behaving like a
wild, crazy cow. He called for all
cows going to slaughter in the
United States to be tested for BSE.
But Newcomb said if there is the
kind of tracking system in place
he's proposing, an expensive, allencompassion userling program
"I think it would be safficient to
do random samples." Newcomb
said.

Newcomb's fellow legislator
from Cassia Countx Rep. Scott

said. Newcombs fellow legislator from Cassia County, Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, who is also a mether, landr seen Newcombs bill Thursday, But he said he was confident the measure would fit in with the USDA's proposed national ID program.

The USDA should have a volun-

# S.F. sues California

tary program in place by July, officials from the Idaho Department of A griculture have said. But no one can predict when a mandatory program is coming, though one is in the works.

Bedke, however, isn't willing just yet to discount any kind of testing program, whether random or all-SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - After sanctioning more than 2,800 gay marriages in the past week, the city sued the state of California on Thursday, challenging its ban on same-sex marriages on constitu-tional erounds.

same-sex marriages on constitu-tional grounds.

Two judges already are consid-ering challenges from conserva-tive groups seeking to halt the marriage spree that began last Thursday. The city's lawsuit asks that those cases be consolidated

## Streets -

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street names drew a lot of debate
about expense and opinions about
the frivolity of the project, some
idowntown business owners' welcome the change.

"It is a- pain in the short-term,
but in the long term it will settle a
lot of confusion," said Jason
Ritter, computer specialist at
Digital Phoenix. "In terms of
directing people to this location, it
will simplify things."

The graphic designmarketing
company, located at 125 Second
St. W. gets a lot of business from
out-of-towners, especially the

me grapin. Second St. W., gets a lot of business from out-of-cowners, especially the Wood River Valley. Those clients sometimes get lost on their way to the office. Staff members tell people the business is located on Second Street, but victors often out of the office. Staff members tell people the business is located on Second Street, but victors often of the office less than the off

## **English**

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Irene Chavolla, migrant coordinator for the state Department of Education, originally from Burley, said a major problem is that teachers of English are working without specific goals. A set of state standards for English language proficiency should go before the state board for approval in April. These standards would identify what students should know and be able to do as they progress through four levels of English proficiency. She said she liked the board's increased involvement in this issue.

"It's kind of exciting," Chavolla said.

"It's kind of exciting," Chavolia said.

About halfway through the meeting, Hall opened his laptop and - read -an -e-mail - about a change in No Child Left Behind that would allow schools more lexibility in low they test students with limited English. "So that means "Some Children Left Behind," Byrd said, causing the room to crupt in laughter. "If we didn't laugh, we'd cry."

laughter."If we didn't laugh, we'd cry,"

The committee is charged with finding best practices for schools to reduce and eliminate the gap between the performance of students with limited English and the rest, but Thursday's meeting was mostly devoted to fact finding. The gap between scores of students with limited English and the majority hovers between 30 percent and 40 percent.

"We recomize there will be a

and the majority novers between 30 percent and 40 percent.

"We recognize there will be a tremendous need for remedial assistance," Hall said. "It's unacceptable to have the current level of results we have."

Students with limited English in Idaho are a diverse group, speaking more than 82 Ianguages. The overwhelming majority, 17,102, or 91 percent, speak Spanish. About 790 speak várious American Indian Ianguages, making up about half of 1 percent. These are followed by Serbo-Croatian.

Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, then other languages.

# **English troubles**

Magic Valley students with limited English skills in 2003: "

District	Limited English count	Enrollment	Percent	Funding for Elmited English
Blaine County	470	3.194	15%	\$107,041
Bliss	53	192	28%	\$12,071
Buhi	283	1,342	21%	
Camas County	-0	161	0%	\$0
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Castleford	57	338	17%	\$12,982
Dietrich	18	195	9%	\$4,099
Filer	65	1.312	5%	\$14,804
Glenns Ferry	241	591	41%	\$54,887
Gooding	145	1,219	12%	\$33,023
Hagerman	60	404	15%	\$13,665
Hansen	47	396	12%	\$10,704
Jerome	578	3.039	19%	\$131,638
Kimberly	65	1.298	5%	\$14,804
Minidoka Count	v 767	4.277	18%	\$174,682
Murtaugh	66	224	29%	\$15,031
Richfield	9	202	4%	\$2,050
Shoshone	72	505	14%	\$16,398
Twin Falls	592	6,959	8.5%	\$134,826
Valley	166	646	26%	\$37,806
Wendell	293	1,107	26%	\$66,730

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The category of students whose schools receive funding because they have a limited knowledge of English includes students who know no English, students who know no English, students who tan students who have learned enough English to not need much help, said Linda Christensen, who works with students who have limited English in the Meridian School District.

Delia Valdez, principal of Mountain View Elementary School in Burley, said that school has tried all sorts of methods with variable success.

"I work in the trenches," Valdez said.

Another complicating factor is that migrant students stop and start their education, making: them difficult to track and assess because there is no single test used to measure proficiency in

them difficult to track and assess because there is no single test used to measure proficiency in English.

A major challenge is the lack of data tracking all English lan-guage learners over time. There

are data, but the state is only starting to follow individual groups of students as they go through school. Another challenge is that younger students learn it more quickly, but students come to Idaho as late as high school without knowing English.

The committee also discussed The committee asso uscussed long-term goals, cultural con-flicts, the validity of the Idaho. Standards Achievement Test and Title III programs that are meant to help English language learn-

ers.

Laird Stone of Twin Falls, a member of the state board but not the committee, sat in on the last half of the meeting. The difference he found between this committee and previous efforts, he said, was the desire for standards and accountability.

"I thought it was a very effective, good first step," Stone said.

The next meeting is tentatively planned for April 23, after the State Board of Education meeting in north Idaho.

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yet to discount any kind of testing program, whether random or all-encompassing. "I think we have to look at all the options," Bedke said. "We've certainly seen how costly the down side of this event has been." Cows going to slaughter are now selling as low as they have been in the past year, Bedke said. At the beginning of December a sellor was getting roughly 20 percent more per head than today. In addition, sellers today had to pay top price for these cattle because they probably bought them about Dec. 1, Bedke said.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairs

1, Bedke said.
Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairs the House Agricultural Affairs the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, where the bill will be considered. He said he probably won't see Newcomb's proposal until Monday but that it's a discussion worth having. People value knowing where animals come from and would even be willing to naw

and would even be willing to pay more for U.S. beef, Jones speculat

Newcomb said he wants to send a message to the 34 countries that have banned U.S. beef that Idaho puts a premium on producing safe, quality meat. Recently Newcomb and his wife, the former Rep, Celia Gould of Buhl, began producing a type of beef for which the Japanese pay top dollar. Japan is one of the countries banning U.S. beef. But Newcomb said it will be looking to market his beef to the Japanese.

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#### Basque dinner takes place March 27

CORRECTIONS

An article in Thursday's news-paper contained the incorrect date, time and name of the organ-ization associated with an upcom-

ization associated with an upcoming event.

The annual Basque, dinner, sonsored by St. Catherine's Catholic Church, will be held at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman between the hours of S and 8 p.m. March 27. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of St. Catherine's Parish and the

Senior-Community Hagerman Center.

#### Reach after-school program coordinator at 731-6836

In item in Thursday's newspa-per inadvertently left off part of the telephone number for the Manos De Amistad afterschool program at El Milagor migrant, housing complex in Twin Falls. Coordinator Noel Morfin can be reached at 731-6836.

The Times-News regrets the

On the issues Was the United States justified in going to war with Iraq?



Son. John Edwards: Tabliave that Saddam Hussein being gone is good for America's national security, the security of the Middle East, and the Iraqi people. But I have consistently argued that we had to do this with allies by our side, and with a mall plan to win the peace. We should immediately take the American Lace off this occupation by turning ever civilian control to the United Nations; give the Iraqi people more control over the distinction, and sook out allies — specifically, NATO — for a larger security force in Iraq.



a larger security force in Iraq.

Sen. John Korry: The Bush administration told the American people in 2002 that Saddam Hussein had weapens of mass destruction. It was on that basis that so snt America's sons and daughters marching off to war. Now Bush is changing his story and backing off the claim of imminent threat in Iraq. George Bush needs to set the record straight and toll America precisely what he knew when he launched the war and why he is saying something so different today. We should nover go to war on the basis of misused intelligence.

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intelligence.

Rep. Dennis Kuclnich: 'The war in Iraq was wrong.
It is a diplomatic and foreign policy faithire, and the
administration led Amorica flot it bosed on lates
protenses. There has never been credible evidence
that Iraq possessed WMDs – weapons that, according
to the administration, posed an immediate and imminent
threat to our nation and our allies, and could not be
eliminated through International weapons is spectors.

eliminated through international weapons inspectors. I am the only presidential candidate with an official exit plan to this occupation which has turned into a quagmire. My plan to get the U.N. into Iraq and the U.S. out will bring our troops home quickly and increase American

NOTE: President Bush and Al Sharpton did not respond.

# Science panel backs ethics of testing-pesticides-on-humans

It is ethical to test pesticides and pollutants on human volun-teers to determine whether envi-ronmental safety standards can be lowered, a top panel of scientists said Thursday in an opinion that is expected to strongly influence envernment policy.

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Many scientists and ethicists have argued that such research is never justified, and Thursday's unprecedented verdiet by the National Academy of Sciences took environmentalists by sur-

prise.
The pesticide industry has vehe-mently supported such tests for

years, arguing that current regula-tory limits on environmental expo-sure to toxic chemicals are overly cautious. Manufacturers of pesti-cides and companies that gene-rate pollutants say human studies will demonstrate that higher lev-els of toxins in the air and water are not harmful.

are not harmful.

While volunteers would derive
no benefit and some might incur
transient harm, the panel of
experts said this would be outweighed by societal benefits.

Thursday's decision by a panel
of the National Research Council
will allow the Environmental
Protection Agency to devise a final
rule over the next several month.

## Close friend's testimony hurts Stewart's case

NEW YORK (AP) - Three days ifter dumping her ImClone Sys-ems stock, Martha Stewart confid-

tems stock, Martha Stewart confided to a longtime friend that she knew ImClone CEO Sam Waksen had tried to sell his own shares, the friend testified Thursday.

The "testimony" by Mariana Pasternak was perhaps the most damaging yet against the homemaking mogul, who told investigators three months later she had no memory of being tipped about Waksal.

Waksal.
Pasternak, a friend of Stewart for more than 20 years, said she had the conversation with Stewart on Dec. 30, 2001, on a terrace at a Mexicah resort where they were vacationing. Pasternak said Stewart recalled Waksal "was selling or trying to sell his stock, that his daughter was selling or trying to sell his stock."



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# Administration modifies No Child law

#### Education Department relaxes standards for students with limited English

The Washington Post

WASHINCTON - The Bush administration moved Thursday to defuse mounting criticism of its No Child Left Behind law by announcing a significant relaxation of testing requirements for students with limited knowledge of Enrills! of Faolish

of English.

The new regulations will make it easier for schools to meet the annual targets set by the Department of Education and aimed at bringing the performance of all U.S. students up to grade-level in math and reading

aimed at bringing the perform-ance of all U.S. students up to grade-level in math and reading by 2014. According to an independent study, about 28 percent of schools nationwide failed to meet the tar-gets last year, triggering a manda-tory set of costly remedial meas-



ures, such as supplemental tuition servic-es and offers to move chil-dren to differ-ent schools if space is avail-able.

able:
At a news conference, Roderick Paige and he's Conference, Roderick Paige said he's planning more changes over the coming weeks, including a new, more flexible interpretation of the requirement that all students be assigned a "fully qualified teacher."

He previously agreed to changes in the way students with disabilities are treated under the

law, allowing the most seriously disabled to be tested separately from other students. No Child Left Behind enjoyed wide bipartisan support when it was signed into law by President Bush in January. 2002 in the broadest shake-up of American education since President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society, reforms of the 1960s. Over the past few months, however, the law has come under sharp attack from Democratic presidential candidates and state and local officials who say it is underfunded and an unwarranted extension of federal authority.

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Paige, who spent much of this week fending off criticism of No Child Left Behind during appear-ances in Ohio and Minnesota schools, said he remains opposed

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to a congressional rewriting of controversial provisions in the law. He said there is already "sufficient flexibility built into the law" to permit list department to iron out any imperfections through revised regulations.

"We want the law to make common sense," he said, adding that he will listen carefully to further suggestions from states and local school districts.

The law requires the testing of students in grades three through eight and at least once in high school, and it requires schools to demonstrate that they are making progress each year. If the schools fail, the law calls for increasingly ough remedies, including the possibility of replacing a school's entire staff.

#### **Democrats gets boost from primaries**

WASHINGTON (AP) – The presidential primary season has been good for Democrats and tough or President Bush, according to a national poll released Thursday. The survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that the public's impression of the Democratic field has been improving as the candidates have battled for their parry's nomina-

ton—with 45 percent now viewing the field positively compared to 31 percent a month earlier. Bush overall favorability rating, meanwhile, still is positive at 53 percent, but that compares with 72 percent last April, shortly after the fall of Baghdad, and is the low point of his presidency. Bush's job-approval rating has dropped to 48 percent.





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# **Explosion** claims two soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq JAP) — An, explision killed two US, infantive most in an insurgent centure set of Bigdhad on Bursalay as trougs prior 16st Frier All-American were intestigating an earlier article in 20S, convoy near Khaldivalt, a Sumi Triangle from about 50 miles west of Baghdad.

about 50 miles west of Baghdad, witnesses said.

One Iraqi was killed and another U.S. souland and witnesses said.

"About 20 U.S. soldiers was wounded, the U.S. command and witnesses said.

"About 20 U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi policemen—were -on-foot inspecting, the area, after the first blast," witness Bilal Hardan said. "Then the second explosion came. I think they hit a land mine."

U.S. troops rounded up dozens of Iraqi suspects after the second attack, the witnesses said. The U.S. command confirmed the American casualties but offered no further details.

The latest deaths brought to 53 the number of American service members who have died since President Basil haunched the Iraq war on March 20. Most of the deaths have occurred after Bush declared an end to active combat May I.

WHERE TO LIVE?



Iranis demor strate Thursday in central Baghdad, demanding that they be allowed to stay In former government houses and military camps where they have been squatting since their homes were during the war.

# Troops happily head home as massive rotation begins

Associated Press writer

ON A C-130 OVER IRAQ —
The throb of, the engines of the C-130 Hercules is deafening, but the soldiers laugh and jake. A few map, One soldier totes her unit's banner, a sure sign this is more than a temporary jaunt.

After almost a year in Iraq, these members of the Army's 22nd Signal Battalion are going home. More than 100,000 other weary Americans and their battered equipment are doing the same, being replaced by fresh forces in a massive rotation—the biggest since World War II—playing out until May.

"I'm Iloating on cloud nine," said Z-sycarold Staff Sgt. Joe Luna of Visalia, Calif.
The moment a U.S. soldier

alif. The moment a U.S. soldier The moment a U.S. soldier pines for is saying goodbye to Iraq, where a brutal insupency has confounded troops who thought they'd be hailed as liberators. On bases across Iraq, stores cater to that longing by selling coffee mugs emblazoned with the words "Happiness is seeing Iraq in my rearview mirror."

- 66 I want to get

drunk.

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- Spc. Yvette Inocencio, Miami

Inocencio, Miami

The units trickling out of the country are many of those who joined the March invasion. Some have seen combat and lost members. All faced tough living conditions.

The Darmstadt, Germany-based 32nd Signal Battalion tit the ground in Kuwait on March 5, setting up commications networks as the invasion force rolled into fire, Liuna said. The group was sent south when mortar fire killed a soldier.

"It was rough. It seemed like a race to get to Baghdad, then we ended up going backward." Luna said as his unit piled green duffel bags near a tent at the Army's Camp Anaconda near Balad, Iraq.

It's been a long wait.

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Soldiers spoke of the frustration of counting the days to an expected departure only to be told they would have to stay on. All said they wanted to hug parents and children, sleep without being wiken by very soldiers, or stroll without a rifle.

"I want to get drunk," blurted out 26/gearold Spervette Inocencio of Miami, waiting with friends from her unit, the 864th Engineer Battalion, for their flight. The weeks before departure are rife with fears, especially about being killed.

Camp Anaconda is regularly pounded by rebol mortars. Since June, dozens of U.S. soldiers on the base have been wounded and a few have been killed by the shrapnel-spewing blasts.

Overall in Iraq, 545 U.S. troops have been killed by the shrapnel-spewing blasts.

Overall in Iraq, 545 U.S. troops have been killed and 2,700 injured since combat began March 20.

Another soldier, Spe, Charles Guess, 21, of Springdale, Ark, said he was driving a bulldozer last month when a mortar blast sent him six feet into the air, dislocating his shoulder and tearing a rotator cuff.

# Iraq

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Create a caretaker government and a help prepare the elections Later," Annan rold reporters after briefing U.S. members who belong to the world body's 46 mason, Friends of Iraq group. As expected, Annan told the group that the United Nations does not believe elections can be held before June 30, the date the U.S.-bed condition has declared it will end the occupation. In a report to Annan, U.N. officials say, Brahimi clies broad agreement in Iraq that elections should be held in late 2004 or early 2005.

The United States repeated its diermination Thursday not to extend the June 30 deadline for ending the occupation.

"There are 133 days before sovereignty returns to an Iraqi government." Bremer said at a Baghdad news conference. "Changes in the mechanism (for forming) an intering government are possible, but the date holds. And hold it should."

are possible, but the date holds. And hold it should."
With just over four months remaining, the United States effectively finds itself back at square one on how to create a previsional government to assume sovereignty. Because Iraqis have rejected other ideas, the challenge for the United States, the, U.N. and Iraqi leaders will be to come up with a formula, quickly, that will provide the needed political stability and be embraced by the majority of Iraqis as legitimate.

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The Bush administration has now essentially given up on the dea of further refining its troub most essentially given up on the dea of further refining its troub the control of the control of

is. Annan told a private hi**ncheo**n Annan four a privace for the 15-nation Security Council that he's considering a range of ideas, according to senior diplomats who attended.

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# NASA plans shuttle for rescue

CAPE CANAVERAL Fla. (AP)

NASA said Thursday that the shuttle will remain grounded until darly next year, and once launches do resume, a second spaceship will be on standby to rescue the astronauts if their craft is damaged in flight.

Because of the Columbia disaster one year ago, NASA decided last month that all shuttles from now on will be devoted to completing the international space station. That way, the astronauts can inspect and repair their ships at the orbiting outpost and await

rescue there if the damage is too grave.

The rescue shuttle will not necessarily be on the launch pad, but will be ready to fly to the space station within 45 to 90 days, shuttle program manager Bill Parsons said. That is how long seven additional astronauts could remain abourd the space station before food, oxygen and other supplies.

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ran out.

NASA had been aiming for its first post-Columbia launch as early as next fall, but Administrator Sean O'Keefe said

it would now be no earlier than January 2005. Because of a new safety requirement for daylight launches in order to photograph the liftoff from multiple angles, the space agency is limited in the number of days it can send a shuttle to the station.

O'Keefe said five or six potential launch dates are available in January. "If that looks like it's forcing anybody to do anything in a way that pressures that schedule at all, we'll defer it to March in need be," he said during a visit to Orlando, Fla.

# Mars images intrigue scientists

#### Threadlike shapes could be from rover's air bags

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Some microscopic images of martian soil taken by NASAN Opportunity rover show puzzling threadlike features, but the shapes could be terri fabric from the air bags that cushioned the spacecraft during is rough landing, the mission's top scientist said Thursday. The threads range from a few millimeters to a few centimeters

long and are extremely thin.

"Before I would get too excited about something like this, I would recall that this vehicle landed using an awful lot of fabric, and that fabric took quite a beating in the process of going through it," Steve Squyres said at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"I don't know that these things are martian," he said:

Opportunity's panoramic camera has shown clear evidence of what is probably air-bag fabric torn off as the lander bounced and rolled, so it would not be a

surprise to see fabric in the microscopic images, Squyres said.

The best way to identify the shapes would be to drive the rover a long distance from where air bags bounced or were torn up and see if any more threads appear, he said:

said.

The \$820 million double mission — which includes Opportunity (win rover, Spirit, at work on the other side of the planet — is looking for geologic evidence that cold, dry Mars was once wetter and more hospitable—

#### Stretched to the breaking point

Two observatories have proof of a star being stretched apart by a black hole. The star – about the size of our sun – probably came too close to another star, throwing it into the path of a black hole 100 million times its mass.



Multimillion-degree gases from the tearing create an X-ray blas picked up by observatories

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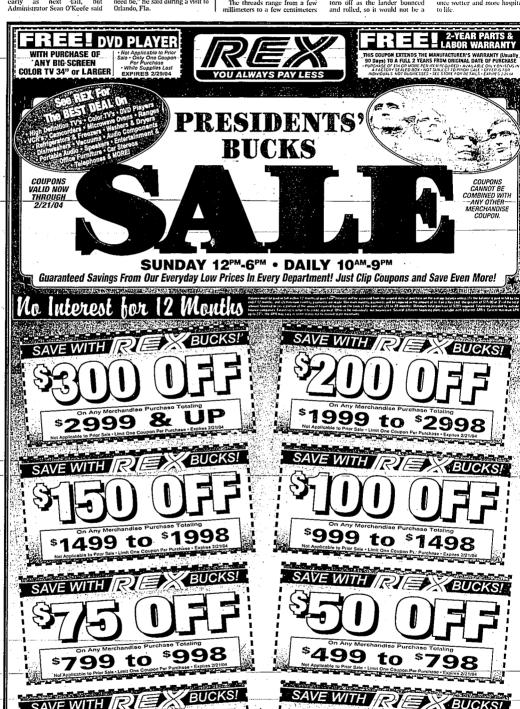
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#### EDITORIAL

# Stegner's bill won't put home schoolers at risk

s long as there is a public school system, there will be a lawys be some parents who prefer to keep their kids out of it.
For philosophical reasons or family circumstances, these parents take it upon themselves to teach their kids at home. With proper curriculum and an earnest effort, these parents have shown that home school that home school the target in a new

schooling parents aren't that home school the target in a new ing works. And they don't want education bill that aims the state to infringe on their to prosecute negligent parents.

infringe on their success.
Contrary to what some of what some of these parents may think, an education bill proposed by Sen. Joe Stegner: Not the kibosh on home schooling. Stegner's bill, SB 1233, has little to do with those households. The legislation aims at a different group of parents What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

different group of parents -those who don't put their kids in school and couldn't care less if they receive instruction at

home.
State education officials, along with criminal-justice officials, have argued that existing state laws are inadequate to go after negligent parents. To address those needs, Stegner's legislation would authorize prosecutors to go after parents who "knowingly" neglect their children's educa-

neglect their children's action.
Controversy arose because
Stegner's bill says a home edu-cation must be "comparable"
to the public school system.

That wording cracked open a horners' nest for many home schoolers. They wondered: Would a strict definition of "comparable" require home schoolers to duplicate the public schools' approach to education?—The answer is no. Home sex education or evolution just because the local schools choose to. A "comparable" education would be approach to the comparable of the school schools choose to. A "comparable deducation would be not school schools chooled to the school school

A "comparable" education would reasonably be those fundamental subjects - reading, writing, math, science - that go into most kids' learning experience.

kids' learning experience. Home school-ers and their attorney say the law—could—be

IeS. attorney say the law could be used as a tool to force their kids back into public schools. But that seems a bit of a stretch. Stegner has wisely noted that no prosecutor in the state would go after a legitimate home-schooling house-hold.

mate home-schooling house-hold.

Home schooling is a proven success in Idaho, thanks to dedicated parents who want their kids to have individual focus. The results can be rewarding. Many home-schooled kids eventually rejoin their classmates in-public schools (or in college) with sharper learning skills and higher achievements.

Those kids aren't the subject of this law Stegner's proposal should be passed for the sake of another group of kids—those educated neither in public schools nor at home.

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# Bush, Kerry slug it out with attack ads

The Bush and Kerry camps are already exchanging attack ads, and it is only going to get worse

and it is only going to get water of better:
Kerry attack ad: While John Kerry was on active duty in Vietnam, George Bush was MIA Allissing in Alabama, Kerry has medals to prove what he did in the war. George Bush is using dental records. War medals vs. dental records? You decide.

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Bush counterattack ad: When the going got tough during the Vetraam War, John Kerry left the country. President Bush stayed larer and protected his homeland as a fighter plot with the leg-endary Tesns Air National Guard. Bush attack ad; John Kerry is rying to sell himself as a Washington outsider, but the truth is he has taken more money from special interests than any other United States senator. Ever wonder what the special interests are buying with all that cash? John Kerry: He's not for you, he's for sale.

John Kerry: He's not for you, he's for sale.

Kerry counterattack ad:

President Bush has produced dental records he says prove he was not AWOL for a year. But how do we know what we are seeing are his teeth? Remember, this is the man who said Saddam Husselin had weapons of mass destruction. If a man won't cell the truth adult point to war, why should anyone believe his teeth aren't false?

Bush attack ad: Women marrying women, men marrying men?







Someone has to draw the line, and that man is George W. Bush, who supports a constitutional amendment banning same-sex-marriage. President Bush is not only deeply committed to amending the Constitution, but he is also willing to back up his stance. He bombed Afghanistan. He invaded Iraq. And he will not hesitate to attack San Francisco. Kerry counterattack ax George W. Bush's dental records, if they are his records, show that he had nine cavities. If a man can't even take care of his own teeth, how can he be expected to take care

of you? John Kerry: honor, integrity, brushes after every meal, always has. Kerry attack ad: Hi, I'm John Kerry, Some people have been portraying President Bush as a deserter, a slacker, and even a yellowbellied sapsaucker. I refuse to engage in the politics of personal destruction, so I am going to leave it to othurs to decide if President Bush was a deserter, a slacker, and even a yellowbellied sapsaucker. It is irrelevant whether you fought in the jumgies of Vietnam or in the aight-clubs around Houston, or

whether you were a decorated war hero, or even a yellow-bellied sap-sucker. Bush counterattack ad: Did John Kerry have an affair with an interm? I'm not going to engage in gutter politics. This campaign isn't about the number of young women John Kerry may have defiled. Mor is it about the number of Kerry-Bill Clinton similarities, or the fact that Kerry may once have been engaged to marry Hanoi Jane. God Bless America.

Jim Shea is a columnist for The Hartford Courant.

# Considering an apology? Try some sincerity

Bill Clinton did it. Janet and Justin did it. Paie Rose did In, sort of, but far too late.
Disgraced Pakistani nuclear scientist A.Q. Klana did it, too late.
The spanding of the state of the state of Khan, the Pakistani In. Strangelove caught selling nuclear scerets, beg for mercy.
Trouble is, few sounded like they meant it. If these luminaries have the chutzpah to flaunt their actions in the public realm, they can drain well issue a read applogy in public, too.
British author G.K. Chestenton lad it right: "A stiff apology is a second insult." Pseudo-contrieness emerged from these miscreans mouths. But the wording of their apologies was simpering, disingen usus and downright weasely.
They sure didn't sound remorseful for betting on baseball, selling nukes to Moanmar Gadhafi or exposing the word! to inply jewelry.
They're just sorry for the possible repurcussions: expulsion from office, feeble record sales, exclu-

ble repercussions: expulsion from office, feeble record sales, exclu-sion from the Baseball Hall of Fame, or, in Khan's case, a death sentence.
To err is human, but to forgive

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is out of the question when the reprobate refuses to come clean. Note to applogists: If the words. If regret that, aren't followed by the word "I regret that," aren't followed by the word "I," it's not a real apology. Also, an "If" anywhere in the applogy means it and ton. Ditto for any expression of sorrow in the passive voice, such as "marker" and the Reads were made. Reads effect that the such as the best passive vice and the reads and the reads and the resident passive vice and the reads and the

who introduced the term "wardrobe malfunction" into the national lexicon, there's this crudite gem: 'It know it's been a rough week on everybody, and, un, what occurred was unintentional, completely regretable and I apologize if you guys were offended."

Then there's the non-apology Then there's the non-apology applogy and masterpiece of bureaucratic responsibility-shirking from Sen. John Kerry, who caught flask for saying Sikhs in India were terrorists:
"It has been brought to my attention that remarks I made and have been misunderstood to imply that adherents of the Sikh faith condone termings. Nothing could

that adherents of the Sikh faith condone terrorism. Nothing could be further from the truth, and I regret that the imprecision of my statement led to this misunder-standing."

How about this in-your face apology from former South

apology from former South Dakota congressman and serial-speeder Bill Janklow, who flat-tened and killed a motorcydis: Janklow channeled Frank Sinara when he wrote in a letter to lix-constituents, "there are regrets, but they are either too few or too painful to mention." Guess Janklow did it his way, all right;

he's now serving time for manslaughter.
But the kicker, according to the Black Hills Pioneer, is that taxpayers footed the bill for Janklow's blubbery form letter.
At least Clinton finally, after multiple tries and with the help of speech writers, got if right.
Speaking of his affair with Monica Lewinsky, Clinton said he'd had "a lapse of judgment for which I am solely and completely responsible." Of course, this was after the Horndog-in-Chief declared, "I did not have see with that woman,"

Horndoy, in-Chief declared, "I did not have sex with that vonan," then paused, as if to remember which one, and continued, "Mis-lewinsty." Because we've been fed so many of these lame apologies, we no longer can take them at face value. We're reduced to parsing them, picking apart every word, a nation trying to figure out the meaning of "is." Whatever happened to "I was wrong."?

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## - LETTERS -

#### Don't license Illegals

Don't license Illegals
I tread a article in The Times-News that
Rep Elmer Martinez, D-Pocatello, says
Idaho should give driver's licenses to illegal numigrants. The implication is that
Idaho would receive a great financial
windfall and that the roads would suddealy become a much safer place. It is
also implied that if it were not for the
illegals, our economy would fold up
overnight.

overnight.

Now let's rejoin the real world.

The key word here is "illegal." If we have the 15,000 to 30,000 illegal workers that be claim, then we would have that many more jobs for tax-paying Idahoans, if we simply followed the law and sent them back.

Martinez argues that they "pay sales

tax and in some cases income tax." In a few cases, that,s true, However, that they pay sales tax only because it, s collected at the time of sale. And the only ones paying income tax are the ones for whom the employer holds it out of their wages. The vast majority of them pay no income tax and they send millions every year to Mexico, every cent of which is a drain on Idaho's economy. If we figure they make \$5.15 per hour for 40 hours a week, \$2 weeks a year, that, \$10,000 plus a year. That,s somewhere between \$150 and \$300 million a year of which probably 90 percent is untaxed. This totals somewhere between \$150 million in \$300 million in \$400 mi

eral taxes that are going uncollected at a minimum. The actual figures will be much higher.

As to the safer highways: Why think that they are saddenly going to learn the rules and get a license? They obviously have such a high regard for proper procedures; that's why they came here illegally. The only reason to get a driver's license is because it makes it much easier to collect welfare.

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welfare.
And in response to the liberals who are now screaming acial discrimination, I am of English and Danish extraction, married to a woman who is of three-quarters the same, the other one-quarter being Cherokee Indian, And all of my ancestors and the three-quarters of hers who immigrated here came legally through Ellis Island. And they have been paying taxes ever since.

ever since.
That's all that I ask of anyone. If they want to come here, let them do it right.

Those who don't, toss them out.
A. WAYNE FRANDSEN
Twin Falls

#### Ban protects non-smokers' rights

Ban protects non-smokers' rights
I am currendy a senior at Twin Falls
High School, and I would like to express
my opinion on the current bill in the
state Senate outlawing smoking in public
buildings.
I think that this is a very good idea. I
know that by getting rid of smoke in public buildings, it will make going to restaurants and buildings more pleasant. It
would be nice to not have to deal withthe smell of smoke in those areas.
I know that many people believe that
smoking is a right, but what about the
rights of those who do not smoke? In the

state of Idaho, 79 percent of the people do not smoke. It is hard for me to understand why we should give more rights to the minority of the people. Scientific facts have proven that secondinand smoke kills. As an older brother, I know that I do not want any of my siblings to be around people that are smoking. By allowing people to smoke in public buildings, it is taking away the rights of those people who do not smoke and do not want to be around it.

do not smoke and do not want to be around it.

Smoking is a choice, and if people want to smoke, it is their choice. All I would ask is that they choose to smoke some place other than in public buildings so that those of tos who make the choice not to smoke do not have to deal with it.

DANIEL M. KING
Twin Falls.

By Bruce Tinsley

#### Doonesbury









By Garry Trudeau

#### **Mallard Fillmore**

Dear Mallaro In baseball, Why does every fight turn into a bench-clearing. brawl"? Sincevely, Perplexed

Dear Perplexed, This 15 done so fans can have the break a sweat,

vare opportunity to see baseball players

# Edwards and Kerry: Opponents on the trail; neighbors in D.C.

on paper, a John KerryJohn Edwards ticket
would be a standard exercise in geographic diversity,
matching Kerry's dour
Missachusetts lock jaw with
Edwards' sugary North Carolina
draw! in Georgetown, however,
there's a different map of presidential polities: The two senators
nav topping the Democratic race
live but one block apart.
On the campaign stump, Kerry
and Edwards make much of the
plight of Americans who have
been left out, who have lost Jobs
or jack proper health cause to
present the standard of the
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in the most expensive and impressive abodes on their respective
blocks.

Kerry's bouse on O Street NW

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Kery's house on O Street NW.
is a stately brick Colonial, a conservative-looking home valued at \$43 million. Built in 1900, it has 521 rooms on four stories, with 10 bedrooms, six baths and seven fireplaces.

Edwards' house just a block over on P Street NW is a clapbard affair, a freshly painted showase that the senator bought 14 months ago for \$3.8 million. Built in 1820, it has 13 rooms on four stories, with six bodrooms, six baths and one fireplace.

Ban would stop destructive path of tobacco use

#### MARC FISHER

Kerry does not actually own his house; it, like all but one of the properties he shares with his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, remains listed in property records under the name of her previous husband, the late Sen. John Heinz III, their to the ketchup fortune.

Sorth Teatrs II, their of the keet-dup fortune. Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, have been busy in the Washington D.C. real estate market since they arrived in Washington in 1999. They bought wheir first house, a more formal mansion just across Massachusetts Avenue from the Bill and Hillary Clinton place, for 52.2 million in 2000, then Hipped it a couple of years later, selling to Fast million to the Hungarian government for use as an embassy. The Edwardses spent some months in reuted quarters more months in reuted quarters in Spring Valley while their Georgetown place was being renovated.

On the campaign, questions about privilege face both sena-tors – Kerry is a millionaire in his own right and many times more so through his wife, whose fortune is estimated at \$550 million;

LETTER

Edwards was born to working-class parents but made millions-suing doctors in malpractice

class parents but made millions suing doctors in malpractice cases,
Kerry parries questions about his wealth by noting that the Roosevelts' and Kennedys' money hardly prevented them from connecting with the pains of average Americans.

And Edwards emphasizes his parents' struggles working in the textile mills, raising three children in a small town in rural North Carolina.

Both candidates can argue that even if they live in ultimate luxury, they remain frugal with other people's money:
A survey by Fundrace.org of presidential candidates' spending on hotels as they crisscrossed the nation found that: while Al Sharpton spent an eye-opening \$3.598 per night, Norry Spent \$3.598 per night, Norry Spent \$202 per night on lodging and President Bush paid an average of \$607 per night, Norry Spent \$202 per night on lodging and Edwards \$238.

With politicians of modest means an increasingly rare commodity in the upper reaches of the profession, there doesn't seem to be much public resentment of wealthy pols.

Still, in Georgetown, some eighbors wory that their narrow streets could attract tourists

another Sept-11! Why are we allowing the tobacco industry to do such a horrific deed? Passing Senate Bill 1283 is the only responsible thing Idaho could do to ensure the health of its citizens!

could do to ensure the health of its citizens!

Not only would it relleve non-smokers from enduring second-hand smoke, but it would also reduce the number of smokers in daho. Thus, we can reduce the number tobacce kills in our state by outdawing smoking in our public places!

Pass Sprate Bill 1283 Lighted.

eager to see how the would-be presidents live. There isn't much to see, the neighbors warn. Neighbors of the two senators say neither family has much contact with others on the blook. (A third Democratic senator, Max Baucus of Montana, lives down the street from Edwards.) But then gagin, in that part of Georgetown; people don't tend to

hang out with one another.
"They are very busy, were ever before he became a candidate," said Mary Raiser, a Kerry neigh-bor, "We" call kind of private. The neighborhood doesn't have an association or anything like that. The only neighborhood activity is, if they're raising money for Volta Park, we'll make a contribution."

But neighbors reject the idea But neighbors reject the taca that Kerry or Edwards might be detached from the realities of-ordinary American life. "We see John on Nantucket, and he's one of the guys, one of us," Raiser said of Kerry. "We've never felt him to be patrician."

Marc Fisher writes for the



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# cause of death and disease? Looking at statistics, I am appalled by the fact that smokers are allowed to inflict their habits and addictions on us in our public lives. Did you know that only 21 percent of Idahoans smoke? Why does the other 79 percent of Idahoans have to endure the awful stench of smoke while in public places? We as non-smokers are the majority. And yet we are allowing the minority's habits and addictions to be continually thrown in our face! Americans thought Sept. 11 was a catastrophic event. And yet, every six days tobacco afflicts path of tobacco use I am writing in support of the Senate Bill 1283. This bill, which bans smoking in most public places, allows individuals to enjoy a healthy lifestyle without smoke or of stench permeating their dothing. Why are we, as Americans and yes, even Idahoans, putting up with smoking in our public facilities? Isn't the No. 1 cause of death and disease in the United States smoking? And doesn't second-hand smoke rank as the third y dutawing shoking in our pe places! Pass Senate Bill 1283, Idaho! CHANTELLE MEYERS Twin Falls 734-6780, Fax 734-3905 In Washington: 520 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-2752 town Rep. Mike Simpson

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Singer-songwriter King will appear in Jerome

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JEROME - Magic Valley voters
can show their support for
Democratic president candidate
John Kerry and meet a legendary
singer-songwriter Sunday.
Team Kerry Idaho will host "An
Afternoon with Carole King" at
230 p.m. Sunday at El Sombrero
Restaurant in Jerome.
King, whose career began in the
1960s, co-wrote such hits as "Up On
The Roof," "Crying in the Rain"
and "Will You Still Love Me
Tomorrow" with partner Gerry
Goffin.

Goffin.

A four-time Grammy winner, King is best known for her album, "Tapestry," which has sold more than 22 million copies worldwide since its release in 1971.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Patty Nance at 544-2480.

#### Police will hold class on herbal remedy awareness

herbal remedy awareness
TWIN FALLS - The use of herbal
remedies and over-the-counter
medications will be the topic for
this month's community drug
awareness class offered by the Twin
Balls Police Department.
The sessions are held monthly on
the third Tuesday of each month.
This month's meeting, however, will
taker place on the fourth Thesday,
Feb. 24.
The class will run from 7 p.m. to 9
p.m. in the City Hall conference
roon, 321 Second Ave. E. The public
is invited to attend.
For more information, contact
Detective Scott Smith at 735-7216
or Sgt. Dan McAtee at 735-7223.

#### A.F. releases resources plan for hombing range

TWIN FALLS - An environmental management plan has been finalized for the small arms range and Saylor Creek and Juniper Butte bombing ranges used by the Mountain Home Air Force Base in

Mountain Home Air Force Base in Osyhee County. The plan outlines wildlife and other natural resources monitoring and management strategies intended to mitigate for the air base's use of the desert training range. Contact 1st Lt. Joe Campbell of the base's public affairs office to obtain a copy of the plan or for more information. He can be reached at 208-828-6800 or by mail a 366 FWPA, 366 Gunfighter Ave., Suite 331, Mountain Home Air Force Base, 83648-544. The plan also is available at the Mountain Force Base, 83648-542. The plan also is available at the Mountain Home Air Mountain Home, and at the Bruneau Valley District Library in Bruneau.

#### **BLM finishes Jarbidge** grazing assessments

Fideling assessments
TWIN FALLS – The Jarbidge
Field Office of the Bureau of Land
Management has finished assessments of 18 grazing allotments in
western Twin Falls County and
owyhee County.
The assessments will be used to
determine whether allotments

The assessments will be used to determine whether allotments meet rangeland health standards and may suggest changes to grazing management. Public comments will be incorporated into decisions regarding changes in grazing management, which also will require convironmental assessments.

Copies of the allotment assessments are available offline at www.id.blm.gov/offices/jarbidge or all Artite Pike or Jeff Steele by Wednesday at 736-2563 for a copy.

Compiled from staff reports

# Snowpack

Watershed	% of Avg*	1. season peak **
Upper Snake Basis	n 96%	70%
Salmon Falls	112%	85%
Salmon	98%	71%
Oakley	115%	89%
Blg Wood .	96%	71%
Little Wood	108%	60%
Hanrys Fork/Toton	111%	82%
Big Lost	109%	69%
Little Lost	94%	64%
	As of	Feb. 19



# **CAFO** hearing bill comes back

## Sponsor says ditching the restrictions is an

issue of free speech

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE – A bill to open up the concentrated animal feeding operation hearing process came to life again Thursday when Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, re-introduced it.

Last week it had died in the enate Agricultural Affairs



ur years ago. Jaquet's bill, which has the

same components as one that Sen. Laird Noh, R.Kimberly, tried, to introduce in the Senate, simply asks that anyone who wants to speak be allowed to during the one required public learing for proposed CAFOs. Currently Idaho law requires that every county has to allow one public learing for CAFOs. But only people living within one mile can testify – that is, unless county commissioners open it up to a longer distance.

"It's a free speech issue," Jaquet said.

said.

But also, the one-mile limit is tough to define, Jaquet said.



"One mile from the edge of property? One mile from the ence, or the barn, or the house? It loesn't say," she said. Last session the Legislature had

passed a law setting the one-mile limit in an effort to keep activists

from coming to meetings and stir-ring up emotions. At the same time lawmakers also put the requirement on every county. Previously Jerome County had avoided public hearings for CAFOs through a different per-

CAPOS through a different per-mitting process.

Jaquet pointed out that on vir-tually all other planning and zon-ing issues in the state there is no restriction on who may testify. It is only CAFO hearings that have the arbitrary distance requirement, she said.

ie said. Bob Naerebout, director of the Please see TRAINING, Page 83

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_



Rait River Elementary Schoel students look at fossilized bones from a wooly mammoth during a Thursday program. Minidoka County Historical Society President Ario Lloyd shaired information about the bones and some history of the region with the students. These particular bones belong to the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum: People may view these and other historical artifacts at that museum in Rupert.

# Bliss City Council puts brakes on speed limit

By Elisabeth A. Devena Times-News correspondent

BLISS - Drivers heading through Bliss on Highway 30 might want to consider reducing their speed.
The City Council voted unani-

mously to pass an ordinance Wednesday that reduces the speed limit to 40 mph on an outer portion of the city as the highway heads toward Gooding. Councilman Dennis Read, who

lives right off of that stretch of Highway 30, said has had prob-lems with the traffic on the road. "There's been two or three

times that my wife and I have been almost hit," Read said. "It's just been too many people almost getting hit, and people passing."

almost getting hit, and people
passing."
As a member of the City
Council, Read has been eager to
get the speed limit reduced as it
comes into town.
"It's 60 miles per hour right
now, but it's in the city limits,"
Read said.
"The portion of the road that is
in question was annexed by the
city within the past two years
Mayor Jimmie J. Pruett said.
Bruce Christensen, a traffic
engineer with the Idaho
Transportation Department, said

that the state has been working with the city of Bliss to solve the

"We want to address their con-cerns in a positive manner and do everything we can for them that makes good traffic sense," he said.

e said.

The ordinance extends the 40 ph zone 550 feet to the edge of ity limits and preparations for he change already have been said.

"The wooden posts where we will hang the signs are already out there." Christensen said. "The speed break would move so Please see BUSS, Page B3

#### **Other City Council** business included:

 Water bills – The City Council Water bills – The City Council
also passed an ordinance
Wednesday to charge linterest on
wednesday to charge linterest on
overdue water bills. The ordinance
amends the city's municipal code
and states that charges that are
not paid by the first of the month
will be assessed 1.5 percent interest per month or 18 percent interest per month or 18 percent interest per month or 18 percent interest per year from the date that
charges were made. The payment
of the bill and the localized linteres!

unarges were made. The payment of the bill and the incurred interest will be required to restore water service.

## back boost in tech. training The Associated Press

Republicans

BOISE - Republicans strayed from their leadership's target budget for the first time on Thursday, boosting support for vocational-technical training above the level recommended in the 2004-05 spending plan. "As we move down the road with testing and in other directions, professional-technical programs are going to play a vital role in the education of our chidren," Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said. In clu ding Cameron, 11 of the 16 Republicans on

Republicans on

the Joint Fin and ce-Appropriations Committee backed the proposal from the four Democrats to increase some

to increase general tax support Sen. Dean Cameron for technical education nearly \$320,000 more than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne rec-

than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended in his hold-the-line budget. The GOP had planned to add only \$181,000 to the governor necessary.

budget: Ine GOP had planned to add only \$181,000 to the gover-nor's proposal.

While it's only a modest amount in a budget of more that \$50 million, it marked one of only a handful of changes to the \$2 billion general tax budget submitted by Kempthome, and those were done by redirecting existing cash to new priorities.

In addition to increasing cash for public school residence of the properties of the pr

and two more presentence investigators.

A series of financing problems has left the extension program that serves rural Idaho with 40 fewer employees today than it had 13 years ago, GOP Rep. Darrell Bolz of Caldwell said, and they've been asked to do a lot more with a lot less.

The drive to hold the line on prison growth has dramatically properly and the server of the server

Please see BILL, Page B3

#### Judge denies murder suspect street clothes The Wood River Journal

HAILEY - A judge has denied Sarah Johnson's request to appear at court hearings wearing civilian clothes.

appear at court hearings wearing civilian clothes.

Judge James May rejected the motion filed by Johnson's attorney, Bob Pangburn, during a recent pretrail hearing. Deputy Prosecutor Justin Whatcott opposed the motion, and May said he could find no support for allowing Johnson to wear street clothes in the judicial record.

Johnson, 16, is being held in the Blaine County Jail and faces two counts of first-degree murder in connection-with the Sept. 2 shooting deaths of her parents in their Bellewue home.

She sat quiedy through the recent hearing, sharing soft words with her attorney.

Pangburn filed three motions, including two that Judge May has scheduled a Feb. 23 hearing

has scheduled a Feb. 23 hearing to revisit.

Pangburn defended his motion to allow Johnson to appear for



pretrial hear-ings in civilian clothing, citing the biases pos-sibly created among poten-tial jurors when her photos clothung, the biases possibly created among potential jurors when her photos appear in the new spapers with her doning a jailissued orange jumpsuit. The mielt be grounds

attorney said it might be grounds for an eventual change of venue for an eventual change of venue for the trial.

The second two motions were for

discovery. Pangburn told the judge he was concerned that there was a lack of information on Bruno Santos and Malinda Gonzales com-Santos and Malinda Gonzales coming out of the prosecutor's office.

The two are likely witnesses in the coming trial. Santos is Johnson's former fiance and Gonzales was her one-time cellmate in the Blaine County Jail. Gonzales is still in prison, and has a colorful history, including charges of battery and trafficking

charges of battery and traincking cocaine and methamphetamine.

"We are within 45 days of the deadline to file pretrial motions," Pangburn said. "We're simply with-out information regarding Bruno Santos and Malinda Gonzales."

County Prosecutor Jim Thomas Blaine County Sheriff's Department have worked to develop a system to process the expect-ed 5,000 pages of material dealing

ed 5,000 pages av. with the case.
"They will have everything that we have," Thomas said, "I don't want to get out of a sequence we've work with for five months."
The Feb. 23 hearing has been scheduled to give Thomas a chance to determine more precise dates for turning over materials.

The Wood River Journal is a week-ly newspaper based in Hailey that works in collaboration with The Times-News. For more Journal sto-ries, visit the papers Web site at www.woodriverjournal.com.

## Filer delays drug testing decision

School board: Several questions on random drug testing still have

not been answered By John E. Swayze Times-News correspondent

FILER - Implementing a new drug-testing policy at the Filer School District may take a little longer than proponents expect-ed.

The School Board The School Board voted Wednesday to postpone the first reading of a proposed random drug-testing policy until additional questions have been answered. "If we do this, I would like to, see some specifics on, the cost, and who's going to administer the test," said board member Dave Ramseyer.

Ramseyer.

A committee began exploring the issue five months ago after Filer Athletic Director Loyd

Garey brought the results of a student drug survey to the board and suggested testing students who participate in extracurricular activities.

School Board member Andrea Hoffland "oxiced" more concern about students' use of alcohol than drugs.

-Ilofland voiced more concernabout students' use of alcohol
than drugs.
"From the beginning, I was
kind of against (the proposed policy) because it doesn't address
the use of alcohol, which the survey showed was a bigger problem, she said.

Data showed that 73 percent of
last year's 10th-grade students
and 74 percent of 12th graders
felt there was a drug and alcohol.

The district has had what's
called a reasonable suspicion.
Jung policy in place since 1990,
-but drug' tests will. Toot reveal
alcohol use unless the student is
tested within 24 hours.

Copies of the proposed random
drug-testing policy have been
available for viewing since
Please see TESTING, Page 83

# Tribe: Increased Indian health funding fails to meet rising costs

LEWISTON (AP) - The \$45 mil-lion increase for the Indian Health Service proposed in President Bush's 2005 budget fails to meet rising health care costs, Nez Perce Tribe officials said.

said.

The budget proposal is 1.5 percent higher than last year's allocation of 5.6.67 billion. But \$36 million will pay federal and trib-al-employee-salary\_increases, leaving just a 59 million increase for other costs.

"As the funding falls behind and the costs of medical care con-tinue to increase, it's difficult to provide all necessary care," said Authony D. Johnson, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. Johnson said health clinics in Lapwai and Kamiah serve more patients every year.

Lapseid and Kumiah serve more patients every year.
Mationsvide, the Indian Health Service population has increased 11.5 percent over the past five years, according to the National Congress of American Indians. As a result, per-patient spending has fallen.
"Real spending per American Indian has fallen over time – and now stands at less than 50 per-

president.
The tribe's NiMiiPuu Health

The tribe's NiMiiPuu Health Board attempted to cut costs last fall with a proposal to limit some services to enrolled Nez Perce but the decision was rescinded. NiMiiPuu Health typically receives no money from the tribe and relies on funding from Indian Health Services in Portland, Ore. When the tribe's health clinics run short of money, patients needing services are relegated to a waiting list.

# Crapo announces run for second term

BOISE (AP) — Saying poor budgeting choices and the high price of lighting terrorism plunged the national budget into a deficit, U.S., Sen. Michael Crapo n Thursday asked Idaho voters to send him back to Washington to help put the country back in the black.

"Women's now face how we deal."

help but the Coulty yasks in the "Wemust now face how we deal with these problems," the \$2 year-old Republican said Thursday when announcing his bid for a sec-ond term. "There's a struggle in his nation." "just three, four years ago, we got into such a good posture with our economic situation at the government lead that we were gov-

ernment level that we were pro-tecting \$4 to \$5 trillion of sur-

plus," he said.
"But then the stock marker to the bubble popped, the economy went into a slump, 9-11 cocurred," he said. "Then, Congress start-

occurred, ne said. "Then, Congress started spending money very rapidly on our national defense and home-

What was a huge surplus in the next 10 years could reach a \$1.2 trillion to \$2 trillion deficit - a \$7

trillion swing, he said.

If Idaho does not believe the

nation is at war with terrorism, innly has to see the armod soldiers, missile batteries and jet patrols in Washington D.C., he said.
"Those who are attacking us are doing so on our own native soil," Crapo aid.
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## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday, Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publica-tion. The small address for objuvaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obluvaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

#### Doris Hobdey - Gooding

Doris Hobdey, 90, a resident of Gooding, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at the Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living center in Wendell.

Wendell.

Duris was burn on Nev. 10, 1913, in Pullman, Wash., to Edward and Elizabeth Reagan. At the age of 5 the family moved to Manard. She attended grade school at Manard and graduated from Fairfield High School.

On Feb. 2, 1934, Doris married—Willie—Hobdey. They operated—Willie—Hobdey. They operated—Willie—Hobdey.

the original Corral Stope before moving to the ranch on Corral Creek. Years latter they purchased the Depot Building, where they moved the store. In 1955 they moved to Pairfield where they owned and operated the Club Cigar In 1972 Dor's retired from the rural mail route at Corral after 32 years of service. In 1974 they moved to Gooding. Gooding.

Doris is survived by her

daughter, Sheila Carson; her son, Casey (Valeria) Hobdey; four grandchildren; one step-grandson; three great-grandchil-dren; and two step-great grand-children.

children.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one grand-daughter.

At Doris' request no public funeral service will be held. Arrangements and cremation services are under the direction-of-Demaray's Gooding-Chapel-

## Idaho sets restriction on Wyoming cattle ranch bison

BOISE (AP) - Idaho has instituted some new restrictions on Wyoming cattle entering the state after two herds there tested posi-tive for brucellosis. The restrictions includes test-

ing, vaccinations and securing permits from Idaho veterinarians. It also extends to ranch bison from

It also extends to ranch bison from Wyoming. Idaho's actions follow voluntary sanctions that Wyoming ranchers already have established on their own 'operations, said Clarence Siroky, the Idaho Department of Agriculture's head of animal industries. "The industry in the state of Wyoming thought they had to be more practive to see that the disease doesn't spread. That precipiated our actions," he said. Brucellosis causes cows to abort their calves and can cause chronic fluilike symptoms in people who

work with infected animals or conproducts.
Western states have battled

Western states have battled over the years to maintain their brucellosi-free status, which allows local stockmen to freely market their cattle in other states. Six cowst esteed positive recently at a feedlot in Worland in north-central Wyoming. Then, 31 head did so about 200 miles southwest of there.

Wyoming has asked the federal

did so about 200 miles southwest of there.
Wyoming has asked the federal government to reconsider revolcing the brucellosis-free status. Wyoming contends there is a link between the two herds, with the six cows originating in the other herd.
Under federal regulations, however, they are considered separate herds, and the federal rules call for confirmation of the disease in more than one herd for revocation

Skier whose feet, ankles were amputated goes home

of a state's brucellosis-free status:

According to the Idaho order, permits must be obtained from an attending veterinarian before entry into Idaho on all cattle-except for those destined for immediate slaughter.

All test-eligible female cattle, and bison, as well as all male cat: the and bison over 18 months of age, must test negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into Idaho.

Non-vaccinated female cattle, and bison will not be allowed into the state. Any cattle or bison

the state. Any cattle or bison diverted from feeding or slaughtering purposes to breeding in Wyoming must test negative for the disease.

the disease.

Any cattle or bison headed directly from Wyoming to an Idaho slaughtering house are exempt from the new order but must be individually identified.

### Alonzo 'Blackie' Maldonado - Hazelton/Murtaugh

Alonzo "Blackie" Maldonado, 74, of Hazelton and Murtaugh, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a lengthy battle

Center after a lengthy batter with lung cancer.
Blackie was born Jan. 3, 1930, at Wood Border, Texas, to Vincente and Rumalda Maldonado. At an early age, he left home to make a life of his own, traveling and working in the cotton fields throughout the

own, traveling, and working in the cotton fields throughout the sonthwest.

He later came to Twin Falls with friends and met the love of his life, Georgia Galindo, at a Spanish dance. They began a 42-year marriage on Aug. 18, 1962.

Blackie worked for Simplot and for Lamb Weston. He also worked for several formers including, John Hohnhorst, George Mendenhall and Gene Stalley Blackie was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church, the Legion of San Jose, and was a Cursillista.

He enjoyed pool, playing cards, going to Jackpot, gardening, dancing and spending time with his granuchildren whom he loved very much fer work at the bepot Grill for coffee and to reminisce with his Iriends. He

grandchildren, Victor Hernandez Jr. of McAllen, Texas, Nick Hernandez of Boise, Idaho, Becky (Jose) Martinez of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Erik Cano of Clearfield, Utalt, three greatgrandchildren, Alx, Adrianna and Avian, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Sylvester and Aurello; and a sister, Maria Pequero.
Blackie was also survived by his per "Lady" dog and numerous cats.
A prayer vigil with rosary will

nss pet "Lady" dog and numerous cats.
A prayer vigil with rosary will
lake place at 7 km. Sunday, Feb.
22, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral
Chapel. The funeral Mass will
take place at 11 a.m. Monday,
Feb. 23, 2004, at St. Edward the
Confessor, St. Edwards Chapel,
with Father Juan Garatea celebrant. Burial will follow at the
Hazelton Cemetery. Priends may
call from 3 p.m. until the time of
the rosary on Sunday at
Reynolds Chapel.
Donations in Blackie's memory
can be made to the St. Edwards

Reynolds Chapel.
Donations in Blackie's memory can be made to the St. Edwards Catholic School. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho, 833013-1142.

# atter doctors removed his feet and lower legs. "I want to be able to walk again as soon as possible," Dan Witkowski said shortly after wheeling himself into the lobby of Harborview Medical Center's research and training building. He already has his sights set on

SEATTLE (AP) - An extreme skier who survived several days lost in the bitter cold of the Cascade Mountains left the hospital Thursday, auxious to begin his rehabilitation less than a week after doctors removed his feet and

- Death notices -

getting back to the slopes. "Yeah," he said, "that's something I definitely want to do. I expect I'll be able to ski again next season." Both feet were amputated Feb. 3 during a five-hour surgery. Doctors removed his lower legs about 6 inches below each knee. Witkowski, 25, of Ellensburg, said he initially struggled with the decision to have doctors remove his feet but later decided the surgery would improve his chances for a quicker recovery and, a return to his normally active lifestyle.

Ferne Ware

"By keeping my feet I would have been a lot less mobile," Witkowski said, accompanied by his father, Richard Witkowski, and Dr. Matthew Klein, a Harborview burn specialist who first treated the young man when. he arrived after his ordeal in the backcountry. Witkowski got lost New Year's Eve, when he went skiing alone and tumbled down an out-of-bounds chute at Alpental Ski Area, about 40 miles east of Seattle.

# Our dad will be greatly missed. He loved his family and his grand-hidren were a very special gift to him. Blackie is survived by his wife, Georgia (Golla) Maldonado of Murtaugh; his son, Alouzo Jr. his daughters, Elsie (Bruno) Cano of Clearfield, Utah, and Letti (Victor) Hernandez of Twin Falls, his brother, Pedro (Rachel) Maldonado of Odessa, Texas; sisters, Josie Gonzalez of Odessa, Texas, and Lupita (Felix) Estrada of Las Vegas, Nev; his Louis Sliman - Twin Falls

always seemed to have "no money" for the coffee. Our dad will be greatly missed. He loved his family and his grandchildren were a very

Louie Sliman, 73, formerly of Gooding, Las Vegas and recently of Twin Falls, passed assay on Feb. 19, 2004, due to complica-tions of pneumonia while bat-ling Alzheimer's disease. Louie was surrounded by his loving wife Mary, adoring daughter, Phomia and wonder-ful son-in-law, Brooke.

Louie was preceded in death

Sorenson, and they were married on April 11, 1947, in the Salt Lake

Temple.

He spent his life raising a beautiful family and serving his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in many callings including scouting

by his parents, Dave and Phomia Sliman; two brothers, Lester and Joseph; two sisters, Sophia and Rosi; and a sister-in-law, Adele all of Gooding. Ilis survivors include his wife, Mary of Twin Falls; and daugher, Phomia and son-in-law, Brouke of Colifornia; a brother, Mike; two sisters, Martha and Annie all of Gooding; two

Foster Drew Rappleye - Orem, Utah

nephews, David and Michael Sliman of Gooding; and six nicces, Rose of Hansen, Barbara of Spain, and Marie, Janie, Judy and JoAnn, all of the Boise area. In keeping with the wishes of the deceased there will be no services.

Cremation is under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

### Idaho Power seeks approval for new irrigation program

irrigation program

BOISE (AP) – Idaho Power Co. is seeking regulatory approval for a pilot program, that would allow irrigators to shut off water pumps during high-demand hours in exchange for credit.

The company hopes to get up to 200 irrigation customers from each of four geographic areas across southern-Idaho-to-participate. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission must approve the one-year pilot project.

During the months of June, July and August, the company would be able to shut off the pumps for up to four hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In exchange, customers would reduction.

Idaho Power that is based on the number of kilowatts of lond reduction.

Idaho Forgam will come from a surchange on residential, triging from 30 cents to \$15 dollars per meetr per month.

# SERVICES

Herman Alfred Frey of Castleford, service at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Arlene Louise Brown of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park. (White Mortuary.)

Arden "Danny" Parrott of Kimberly, service at 1 p.m. today at the Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 3200 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls. (White Mortuary.)

Joe LeRoy Frazier of Jerome, neral at 11 a.m. today in the ove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

"Andy" Rex Anderson Gallimore Jr. of Priest River, memorial gathering from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday at the 'am-ily home, 3390 Hiway 2, Priest River (Sherman-Knapp Funeral

Shirley Mac Robinson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

# Rehab. A graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Florence M. Nielson

TWIN FALLS - Ferne Ware, 92, of Twin Falls died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Sunbridge Care and Rehab.

- FIGPECE-MI- Wielson
BOISE - Florence M. Nielson,
82, of Boise, formerly of Wendell,
died on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004,
in a Boise care center:
Service will be held at 3 p.m.
next Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the
Wendelt United Methodist
Church in Wendell, Idaho.
Arrangements are under the
direction of the Alden-Waggoner
Funeral Chapel, Boise.

Dorothy Helen Nelson
BURLEY - Dorothy Helen
Nelson, 91, of Burley, died
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at
Parke View Care & Rehabilitation
Center in Burley.
A graveside service will be hele
at 1 pm. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at
Mountain View Cemetery in
Pocatello. Officiating will be the
Reverend Darcey Gritzmacher of
the Burley United Methodist
Church.
The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Burley
United Methodist Church

The family suggests that mem rials be directed to the Burl United Methodist Chur Foundation or to a charity choice. Arrangements are in the care of Rasmussen Funeral Hom 1350: East—16th Street; Burley-complete obtituary will appear Sunday's edition.

#### Datil Leo Ehrmantraut

BELLEVUE - Paul Leo Ehrmantraut, 65, of Bellevue, Idaho, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at his home in Bellevue. A funeral will be at 1 p.m.

Monday, Fob. 23, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church followed by burial at the Bellevue Cemetery A candle light vigil and rieving will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church, Hailey, Arrangements are in the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

#### Patricia Pauls

KIMBERLY —Patricia Pauls, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral, Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

#### Victor K. Bloch

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BURLEY - Victor Kurt Bloch,
30, of Burley, died Wednesday,
Feb. 18, 2004, at his home.
A funeral will be held at 11 am:
Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the
Burley United Methodist Church,
450 E. 27th St., with the ReverendDarcey Gritzmacher officiating,
Burial will be at LakewoodMemorial Park in Hughson, Calik,
The family will receive friends
one hour before the service on the
Monday at the church,
Arrangements are in the care of
Arrangements are in the care
Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350
E. 16th St., Burley. A completeobituary will appear in Sunday's
edition.

#### Nina Sorensen

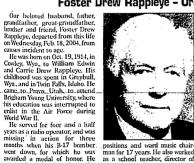
SHOSHONE - Nina Sorensen, 79, of Shoshone, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Shoshone Rehab. Living Center in Shoshone

Idaho.

A funeral will be held at 2 pm., Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the Shoshone LDS Church. Viewing will be held from 5-7 pm. on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Demarny's Shoshone Chapel. Interment will be at the Shoshone Cemetery. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

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enist in the AIF FUEL COLLING.
World War II.
He served for four and a half years as a radio operator, and was missing in action for three months when his B-17 bomber, went down, for which he was awarded a medal of honor. He returned to BYU where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree and did additional graduate work.
While attending BYU he met his eternal companion, Avoncil positions and ward music chair-man for 17 years. He also worked as a school teacher, director of education at the prison, and for

education at the prison, and tor the Postal Service.

He loved music and sang with the Utah Valley Skyline Chorus for 28 years. All who knew him loved him for his great sense of humor, his artistic and musical talents, his dedication and sup-port, and his strong and unique

character.

Foster is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Avonell Rappleye; and by his seven children, Lloyd (Kathy) Rappleye of

Mesa, Ariz., John (Denice)
Mesa, Ariz., John (Denice)
Rappleye of Fort Neches, Texas;
Charles (Cathy) Rappleye of
South Jordan, Utah, Betty Ann
(Steve) Curtis of Naperville, Ill.,
Patricia (Mike) Terry of Orem,
Utah, Kathy Sue (Alan) Barrett
of Cedar Hills, Utah, and Jeanie
(Rick) Davis of Gilbert, Ariz., 53
grandchildren; and 19 greatgrandchildren; and 19 greatgrandchildren; He is also survived
by two brothers, Bill (Maureen).
Rappleye and John (Marjoric)
Rappleye; and by two sisters,
Brenna Sims and Donna (Lloyd)
Graybill.

Rappleye; and by two sisters, Brenna Sims and Donna (Lloyd) Graybill. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie Christine. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday Feb. 23, 2004, in the Cherry Hill 4th Ward Chapel, 1650 S. 200 E., Orem. Friends are invited to visit from 6 pm. to 8 p.m. Sunday evening at the sundberg-0pin Mortuary, 495 S. State, Orem, and from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the Cherry Hill 4th Ward Chapel.

Interment will be at Veterans Memorial Park, Camp Williams, following the funeral service Military Rites will be provided by VFW, District 44.

Condolences can be sent to the

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.sundbergolpin-mortuary.com.

# **Utah Senate passes firing squad bill**

Utah Senate on Thursday passed a bill that would eliminate firing squad executions unless lethal injection executions are found unconstitutional.

The bill passed 16-9 and now returns to the House for approval of some minor Senate amendments.

of some minor Senate amend-ments.
Sen. Ron Allen, D-Stansbury Park, carried the bill in the Senate for sponsor Rep, Sheryl Allen, R-Bountiful. He said allow-ing murderers to choose firing sogoads so they can "go out in a blaze of glory" perversely made heroes of criminals and caused viztims' families more pain. Bill opponent Sen. Dave Thomas, R-South Weber, believes so-called media circuses that

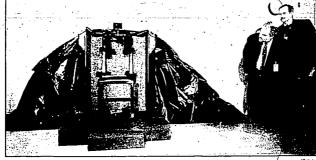
Thomas, RSouth Weber, believes so-called media circuses that accompany firing squad executions are helpful because they send a message that Utah is a tough place where murdeers receive severe punishment. With Thursday's vote, he said, "we have walskened the death penalty in Utah."

Since the U.S. Supreme Court

Vinh."
Since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976, two people in the United States have died by firing squad, both in Utah: Gary Gilmore in 1977 and John Albert Taylor in 1996. Taylor's execution drew more than 150 television crews from around the world.
Jedaho and Oklahoma retain the firing squad on their books as an option if other methods are not viable, but haven't used it in modern history.

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The squads employ five rifle-men, one of whom shoots a blank



Reporters look at the chair where John Albert Taylor was later strapped into and executed in by a firing squad during a media tour of the execution chamber in Utah State Prison at Point of the Meuntain, Utah, in January of 1996. The Utah Senate approved a bill Thursday that would eliminate firing squad executions, unless lethal injection executions are found unconstitutional

so none will know who fired the fatal shots.

Preparations for back-to-back firing squads last June drew widespread media interest, but both executions were delayed. One of the men, Roberto Arguelles, has since died of poisoning from an intestinal perforation.

The bill would allow firing squads only if a court struck down lethal injections as unconstitutional. The House carlier strutional. The House carlier strutional.

squads only if a court struck down lethal injections as uncon-stitutional. The House earlier amended it so the bill would not be retroactive. Three of the nine

men now on death row already have said they wanted to die by firing squad. The Senate gave its first approval of the bill Wednesday

The Senate gave its first approval of the bill Wednesday amid debates about the death penalty and what form of civilization Utah aspired to be.

Arguing against the bill, Thomas said media circuses are exactly what we want."

"We don't want these sentences to be carried out in the dead of night so no one knows," he said, adding that lethal injection was painless and "the easy way out."

# Burley seeks another \$2M for sewer plant

BURLEY – City officials might be able to tap into another \$2 mil-lion in federal money for the planned new sewer plant, City Administrator Mark Mitton told council members Tuesday. The Army Corp's of Engineers has \$2 million the city could secure. The city would have to match 25 percent of any grant funds it receives through this pro-gram.

funds it receives unough an gram.

If the grant application is successful, Mitton said the money would be used to buy equipment for the new plant, to extend an industrial sewer line farther west, actually get the new plant on-line and to build a new discharge line into the Snake River. That new discharge line wouldn't need to be you to immediate use, he said, but put to immediate use, he said, but could be built and used when it's

needed.

All of those projects would be finished in the next five years, he

said.

It's important to apply for the grants soon, Mitton said, because the funds have a limited life. The money will be available for a specific length of time, then it's age.

gone."

If the city was awarded a grant and couldn't come up with the matching money, the grant could be declined with no negative ram-

be declined with no negative ramifications, he said.

This particular grant program has been used so far only in Nevada and Montana, Rudd Conover of Forsgren Associates said. Nevada communities have already obtained \$50 million in grant funds from the Corps of

Engineers for various projects. Forsgren Associates is the city's engineering company for the sewer project. Burley would be the first Idaho

Burley would be the first Idaho community to get a grant, Mitton said. Final word on whether the city's application was successful won't come for about four months. Plans call for building a \$25 million sewer plant with the capacity to process 5 million gallons of waste per day next to the current sewer plant in Burley. The plant is being paid for through a \$7 million bond issue being repaid through higher property taxes and an \$158 million loan from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, being paid for through user fees, The

paid for through user fees. The city has 20 years to pay back the DEQ loan.

DEQ loan.

Voters approved the bond issue last May, which is providing money to build a larger sewer plant than currently exists in Burley. At that time, city officials and community leaders said without a bigger plant the city couldn't accommodate any future growth.

Advantage:

Advertising for bids for the Advertising for bids for the project is supposed to begin in July, with bids opened in September. Work could begin in the fall of 2004 or spring of 2005, depending on the weather and the contractors, Mitton said. It should take somewhere between a year and a year and a half to build the plant.

Shelley Ridenour is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-577-4042, Ext. 642, or by omail at sride-nour@magicvalley.com.

# Lease of protested BLM land brings in \$6.3M

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) –
Despite the opposition of efvironmental groups, all but two of 6p parcels of federal land offered by Bureau of Land Management for lease to oil and gas drillers were claimed Wednesday, the first day they became available.

The controversial leases

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"The controversial leases brought in \$6.3 million for the agency. The BLM did not immediately release the list of those who claimed the leases, and an agency spokesman did not return a call seeking comment.

The purchased parcels include

37 protested by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. The group says 29 of the parcels were areas proposed for wilderness designation, and the rest were adjacent or close to Dinosaur National Monument in adjacent

National Monument in adjacem Colorado.

The BLM owns land on the southern and western fringes of the monument. More than 126,000 acres of federal land in Utah and Colorado were offered for leases this month.

The Utah sale is not final, said Steve Bloch, staff attorney for

the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Bloch's group, and others, filed protests against the leases earli-er this month. The BLM has yet

er this month. The BLM has yet to respond – a condition necessary before the sales are final, according to BLM rules.
"I don't know if I'm surprised, but I think we're disappointed that the BLM went ahead with the sale, and that it has not either responded to the protest or modified the parcels being offered," Bloch said. "Still, I expect we'll be successful in fed-

eral court."

Before that happens, the Interior Board of Land Appeals would try to mediate a settlement between the groups.

Bloch's group and others filed a court challenge to last November's leasing of about 17,000 acrees in Utah's Books Cliffs area, but the case has not yet been decided. yet been decided.

Bloch said proceedings are tied up over whether the case would be heard in Washington, D.C., or Salt Lake City.

# Slaughterhouse owners deny mad cow Holstein was lame

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP) ANOSES LARL, Wash. (Ar.) – Standing in front of their family business, the owners of a small slaughterhouse that killed a Holstein with the nations first case of mad cow challenged the government's assertion the animal couldn't walk

couldn't walk.

The cow walked off a truck at
Vern's Moses Lake Meat Co. and
exhibited no signs of the central
nervous disorder, said Tom
Fillestad, -who-co-manages-the

-Filestad, -who-co-manages-the-plant.

The issue is important because Agriculture Department officials who monitor meat plants target "downer" cattle - animals that en-injured or eshibit symptoms of disease - for testing of mad cow. Critics have argued that the agency also needs to test healthy animals as a safeguard against the brain-wasting illness, which can inguitate for four or five years. Ellestad said Wednesday there is a strong possibility the illness

Their premise for testing is false. The whole industry has been injured, and not just the meat industry - the livestock industry - because of the shortcomings in the USDA's policy.

- Tom Ellestad, co-manager of plant where mad cow was discovered

never would have been detected had his company not tested it as part of a voluntary program to check healthy animals for the dis-

ease.
"No one would have ever known," he said while flanked by his wife, sons, brother and par-ents. "Their premise for testing is false. The whole industry has been injured, and not just the meat

industry - the livestock industry

industry - the livestock industry -because of shortcomings in USDA's policy." Ed Loyd, a USDA spokesman, denied Ellestad's claims. The department has said a veterinari-an at the plant tagged the cow as

Our records clearly indicate that this animal was not able to walk," Loyd said.

Loyd said the department's inspector general is investigating how the case was handled.

The announcement came a day after a U.S. House committee challenged the Agriculture Department's claims that the cow was lame.

was lame.
Ellestad earlier provided an affidavit of his claims to the watchdog group Government Accountability Projecf. That group provided the information to group provided the mormation to the House Government Reform Committee, which challenged the department's claims in a letter sent Tuesday to Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

meat from animals with mad cow has been linked to a rare but fatal condition in people, vari-ant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, although no cases have been traced to U.S. beef. More than 35 countries have banned imports of U.S. beef products.

#### Magic Valley in brief

Routine business will be con-ducted. The public is encouraged to

# GOODING – A "Coffee and 'Conversation" (also known as "Pizza and Politics") event will be held at 9 a.m. March 6 at Coyote Joe's on Main Street. Sen. Clint Stennet, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, will discuss this year's legislative session. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Renee Orth at 934- 5375. Military support group will

Military support group will meet at Jerone library
JEROME - The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 am. Feb. 28 at the Jerome Public Library.
Anyone who has family or friends in the military, serving in Iraq or other areas, and would like to meet and talk with others who understand what it's like to have loved ones in the military is welcome.
For more information, call Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 336-6111.

- compiled from staff reports

# Grants will finance business park

Democratic legislators play host to

'Coffee and Conversation' in T. F.

EMMETT (AP) — A business park that promises new jobs for a community that lost a major employer when the Boise Cascade mill closed down several years ago will be financed with state and federal grants, officials announced on Thursday. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo said the \$500,000 grant through Idaho's rural initiative and \$2 million from the federal Economic

Watershed group will meet

Watershed group will need Tuesday for routine business FAIRFIELD - The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will hold Technical Advisory Committee, general and executive board meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Sawtooth National Forest Service Office, 102 First St. E.

Development Administration will finance business park planned by the Shadow Butte Development Corp. Acting state Commerce

ncting state Commerce Director Roger Madsen said eight businesses have already expressed interest in locating in the new park.

expressed interest in locating in the new park.

If all eight follow through in the community of 4,600, they would create 35 jobs paying around \$12 an hour plus benefits, he said.

#### Bill\_

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Continue or most as increased the caseload for parole and proba-tion officers, and the Legislature and gover-rior continue pressure for rehabilitation and treatment programs that will check future inmate growth even as the overall population

inmate growth even as the overall population escalates.

To cover those extras, the committee cut \$200,000 from Kempthorne's proposed Commerce Department budget, leaving \$5.8 million for rural economic development grants. Budget writers also squeezed another \$100,000 out of the prison budget because the inmate count has been relatively stable; and they cut the State Board of Education staff budget by nearly \$400,000, reflecting budgets the board said it could make.

While Thursday's decisions siphoned off money targeted for economic development in stranging rural Idaho, it diverted it to technical education that can provide the kind of qualified work force needed to keep the economy expanding in the future, advocates argued.

In the last decade, enrollment in profes-

argued.

In the last decade, enrollment in professional-technical programs in high schools has been deared more than 50 percent, and the enrollment in the 11 special professional-technical light schools around the state has jumped from under 3,900 last year to an estimate of feetly 5,600 next year. —

We have a class of students in our high schools who are not academically oriented and who need to go into a technical background. Republican Don Burtenshaw of Cerreton said. —We can't wait until they get qut of school to give them that."

### FBI looks into Utah Capitol bomb threat

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -authorities won't say if they're

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —
Authorities won't say if they're
making headway in their investigation of the bomb threat made
against the Utah Capitol.
FBI agent George Dougherty
refused comment Thursday on his
agency's efforts to trace the anonymous phone call, saying it wouldn't help the investigation.
Neither-the-FBI-nor-the-UtahDepartment of Public Safety
would release the recording made
of a man who called 911 carly.
Wednesday to warn a bomb wouldgo off at the Capitol.
The building was evacuated for
two hours but was reopened after
a room-by-room search using four
bomb-sniffing dogs turned up
nothing suspicious.
On Wednesday, Utah Highway

Confused from B1
Idaho Dairymen's Association, said
his organization isn't necessarily
against establishing a new benchmark for who can testify at such
hearings. He adenowledged that a
one-mile limit is arbitrary. The
board would be willing to discuss
some sort of definition whereby
people could testify if they can
prove they have a vested interest
in whether or, not a CAFO is
approved, he said.

Capitol bomb threat
Patrol L. Bruce Riches told The
Associated Press that the caller's
identity or address didn't come up
on dispatcher's computers, but
that the FBI was working to trace
the call. Richies said it was only a
matter of time before investigators
zeroed in on a suspect, even if he
used a cell phone.

"We're not going to discuss the
specifies at this point. When we do
have information we'll give it to
everybody. Right now there's nothing to release," Riches said.

It's still unclear why
Department of Public Safety
authorities deemed the bomb
hoax "credible," but legislative
leaders, and Gow. Olene Walker
said they were taking no chances
after the 2001 terror attacks.

## Training .

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, is on the House Ways and Means Committee that approved Jaquet's bill for a hearing. He said he voted for Jaquet's bill as a courtesy, but he also said he will oppose the legislation when it comes to the Ag Committeeron which he also sits. "It's only been a year. I want to give it time to see how it's working." Stevenson said. "But also, county commissioners can open-it up if they want."

## **Bliss**

Continued from B1 it would be 40 mph for both directions

A wooden post, which is beyond city limits, will hold a new "Reduce Speed Ahead"

sign. The new speed limit sign will be located on the same post as the Bliss city limits sign, Christensen said. "What we need to make the speed limit enforceable is

an official city action," Christensen said. The ordinance will become effective upon its publication and a violation of the speed limit will be an infraction.

# **Testing**

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November, but the board is, still waiting to hear public comments.

"We've either created a perfect policy of they just haven't heard about it," said board Chairman Gerald Orthel,
Also Wednesday the

board Chairman Gerald Orthel.

Also Wednesday, the board listened to a number of suggestions from a Hollister parents committee regarding how to increase student enrollment and improve academic performance at follister Elementary School.

The committee's recommendations included:

Don't mové Hollister fifthgraders, to Filer Elementary. Committee spokesman Heber Loughmiller pointed out that continuing to move students to Filer would reduce the average daily attendance

funding Hollister receives for each of its 65 students.

Last September, the School Board planned to move the school's nine liftle graders and one teacher to Filer Elementary School. But parent opposition caused that decision to be overturned with the stipulation that enrollment would be re-examined in the spring. The school's sixth graders were moved to Filer Middle School in 1995.

Increase enrollment by

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Increase enrollment by expanding kindergaren from a half day to a full day to save money on busing students in the afternoon.
Spread out the time students spend in the Title I program from two days two four afternoons cach week. Tide I programs assist students who

are working below grade "As it is now, with a day at

the beginning and end of the week, students forget what they've learned and you have to start over," Loughmiller

• Change the enrollment Change the enrollment requirements so that moving students between elementary schools would require parents to bring their request to the School Board. Currently, par-ents only need to fill out a

No action was taken on the Hollister parents committee suggestions. The School Board will wait until the financial numbers for average daily attendance funding and the savings on bus expenses are

#### Committee backs pay-raise plan

BOISE, - The House Human Resources - Committee - on Thursday, endorsed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to pro-vide 549 million in merit pay increases for the state's 25,000 workers beginning in July. The resolution, which must still

Legislature in bilding in July.

Legislature in brief in pay raise we in two years.

#### Advocates want licenses for undocumented workers

for undocumented workers'
BOISE - Several dozen protesters picketed the Statchouse on
Thursday, demanding that undocunented workers be able to get driver's licenses.
The Idaho Community Action
Network organized the rally and
condemned the House
Transportation Department for
refusing to even consider legislation drafted by Democrar Elmer
Martinez of Pocatello.
The group set up a mock hear-

Martinez of Pocatello.

The group set up a mock hearing room in front of the Capitol.

"Having a driver's license is a
life or death issue for us," said
protester Letticia Vargas. "I ask
everyone who has never had to
think twice about this – how
would you feel if your children
were sick and you didn't know
how you would get them to a doctor?"

#### Committee endorses new contractor regulations

contractor regulations
BOISE - The Senate Commerce
Committee endorsed another
attempt to regulate building contractors Thursday.
"The industry as a whole benefits, and the consumer benefits,"
Jeremy Pisca, representing the
Idaho Building Contractors
Association, told the panel.
The new bill requires contractors to register with the state,
showing proof of worker's compensation insurance and at least

pensation insurance and at least \$300,000 in general liability

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protected.

- compiled from wire reports

### Youth symphony winter concert will be Saturday

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# Schools may not have to cut technology programs

COEUR dALENE (AP) — Legislative budget writers have ignored Gov. Dirk Kempthornes proposal to slash state technology support by 55 million for the next school year. It came as welcome news to Don Kotschewar, technology thire for the Mullan School-District, whose potential solution to possi-ble cuts in technology funding, statewide was to eliminate his own job.

own job.

The district of 150 students is one that relies solely on state aid to finance technology needs. Funding cuts would have slashed budget from

Funding cuts would have slashed Kotschevar's budget from \$23,000 to \$8,000.
"I didn't know where else we could\_cut\_the\_money," said. Kotschevar, who also works as a teacher, bus driver and basket-ball coach.
But educators are awarded in

teacher, bus driver and basket-ball coach.

But educators are guarded in their optimism. In a tight economy, some are concerned that sparing the technology budget may have ramifications in other equally vital areas.

"I'm a realist, said Steve Knox, the technology coordinator for Kellogg's schools. "I've been around the system long enough to know you don't pull rabbits out of hats."

Kempthorne's proposed cut would have cost Kellogg schools \$32,000. The district has been chosen to pilot the state-mandated Idaho Student Information

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Management System.

But the district's computers are cupipped to handle the soft-ware needed for the statewide student information database. Knox said Kellogg still needs to update its Internet service for the program even after squeezing an already tight budget to finance upgrades.

"Not lossing funding just means."

an afready tight budget to finance-upgrades. "Not losing funding just means we don't fall back as far," Knox said. "It's a much better picture, but it's still not rosy."

If Mullan had been forced to tit is Internet service, which had been a cost-cutting measure proposed by Kotshcheva, the district would not have been able to administer. The communerbased trict would not have been able to administer the computer-based and state-required Idaho Standards Achievement lest for high school students, Stoschevar said. Mullan Superintendent Robin Stanley said the schools are the primary source of Internet for students and free classes on how to use the Internet are also

to use the Internet are also offered to Mullan's senior citizens.

#### Utah gov.: Bill banning gay marriage might be overkill, but popular sentiment

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – Many Utah residents believe traditional marriage is threatened, and fear the issue of same-sex marriage will ultimately end up in the federal arena, Go. Olene Walker said Thursday.

arena, Gov. Olene Walker said Thursday. In her mothy KUED news conference, Walker suggested that the gay marriage ban approved by the Cubal House Wednesday might be "overkell," but said that some people feel a strong legislative statement on traditional marriage is necessary. The Marriage Recognition Policy sanctions unions only between a man and a woman." "Some feel that we've got to do everything possible in the state of Utah to make a statement that we believe in the traditional marriage," Walker said. The Legislature has refused to recognize same-sex

The governor did not say whether she planned to sign or veto the bill, only commenting, "I strongly believe in the traditional marriage."

marriage."

Before the House vote
Wednesday that sent the bill to
Walker's desk, Rep. Jackie
Biskupski, DSalt Lake City, pleaded with Republicans to reconsider.
"I'm not the only lesbian you
know.Gay.people.are in every com-

munity in this state. We are your friends family and co-workers, 'she said. 'Samessave couples live in every county in this said, some void that the said of the said of the said of the said of the said payed the said payed to the said payed the said payed to the s relocating to the state, as some Democratic leaders have suggest-

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the sate of state lands, and the life in House HB729 (State Affairs) – Requires an autopsy under specified conditions of unexplained infant deaths. HB730 (State Affairs) – Allows broader access to county public hearings on siting of large animal feeding farms. HB731 (State Affairs) – Sets new

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## Arts council seeks artists for centennial show

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Arts Council will mark Twin Falls' 100th birthday with a

Twin Falls' 100th inrichday with a year of centennial art.

The council is seeking artists who will explore the things that make Twin Falls unique and create art from their impressions.

Throughout the year there will be four themes of local interest and artists through the Magic Valley art encouraged to participate in each of the shows, hosted in the council's Galeria Pequena.

The first show, entitled "The

Magic of Water," will be held in April and May. Artists are encouraged to create artwork that illustrates their impression of why water is important to this high-deser community. To participate, artists must RSVP to the arts council office by March 5. The opening reception is scheduled for April 2. A second centennial-themed show, in June and July, will be "Potatoes Are Our Life." Artists will be asked to create works based on a potato theme.

based on a potato theme. Registration deadline is May 7. The third centennial show will

take place in August and September with the theme "Centennial in a Box." Artists are "Centennial in a Box." Artists are encouraged to create a mixed-media work that can be con-tained in a box and illustrates fife in Twin Falls. Sign-up deadline is July 2.

The final centennial-themed

The final centennial-themical show will happen in Docember and in January 2005. Titled "Twin Falls in Miniature," it will feather small artwork that expresses the centennial. Registration dead-line is Dec. 3.

For more information, call the arts council office at 734-ARTS.



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# Democratic leaders have as suggested. The bills include a ban on "partial-birth" abortion, a parental-rights bill and a resolution urging Congress to withdraw from the United Wations, which died in the Senate after passing the House. Some legislators consider that "getting the message out was worth the cost," Walker said. "Overall, I think the message bills may have an effect on our image," she said. "There may be some that say, "Hey they have strong values, let's consider Utah." But businesses are ultimately more interested in Utah's business-friendly environment and the skills of its workers, she said. **Home Fix-Up Headquarters** ATTN: ADVERTISERS



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firefighting firm

PORTLAND. Ore. (AP) – Prosecutors dropped charges Wednesday against a Roseburg inferigibing company for the deaths of eight firefighters in a van crash last summer as they returned from a wildfire in Idaho. Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris had filed charges holding First Strike Environmental responsible for drunken driving reckless driving and 18 counts of reckless endan-germent.

germent.
The charges came after eight of

# Panel-chief-echoes concern over-Yucca leaks

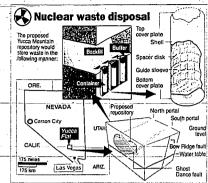
Review board backs comments from.

scientist who resigned

"RENO, Nev. (AP) - New data 'tlie past year substantiates decade-old concerns an independ-etil' US. panel of scientists has 'faised about potential for leaks at a proposed nuclear waste reposi-tory at Yucca Mountain, the board's top administrator\_said Thursday.

Thursday.
The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board documented the prew evidence of potential dangers.

new evidence of potential dangers in a report to the Energy Department in November and is still waiting for DOE's formal response, said-William-Barnard, the board's executive director. His comments come in support of criticisms leveled Wednesday by Paul Craig, a University of California-Davis scientist who said he quit the panel last month so, he could speak more freely about problems with DOE's design for Yucca Mountain, espe-



Source: Duke Power Co

cially the potential for high-tem-perature waste to corrode steel waste canisters. "The board always has had con-

cerns about the uncertainty at these high temperatures and now that the data is coming it, it looks like them is a problem." Removed

told The Associated Press.
"Those concerns date all the
way back to the early 1990s,"
Barnard said.

Barnard said."
"What is different now, what has come to light in the last year is there is now corrosion data that indicates there is a good possibility of localized corrosion on most of the caniste corrosion on most of the caniste corrosion of the majulse" – the fixt 2,000 or 3,000 years where temperatures are up in the 160 to 180 degree Centigrade range," he said.

Centigrade range," he said.

Yucca Mountain, about 90 miles
northwest of Las Vegas, is planned
to begin receiving waste in 2010,
including some from the Idaho
National Engineering and
Environmental Laboratory. Some
77,000 tons of highly radioactive
waste at commercial and military
sites in 39 states would be stored
in metal canisters underground in
tunnels.

tunnels.

The DOE is required by a set-tlement agreement with Idaho to remove all spent nuclear fuel from the state by 2035. But the country doesn't have a perma-nent repository for spent nuclear

fuel, and Yucca-Mountain-is-theonly site on tap to take it.
Craig: told the AP on
Wednesday, that the November
report "says in ordinary English
that under the conditions proposed by the Department of
Energy, the canisters will leak."
Later, he 'told about 100 people
at a Sierra Club, forum in Reno
Wednesday night that the 11member board Congress created
in 1987 to independently monitor
the science used at Yucca
Mountain "is an institution that
turns out to know more about
Yucca Mountain that the
Department of Energy does."
The November report said "Hey
guys, the metal canisters you guy

guys, the metal canisters you guys are proposing to use to sequester the waste, they're going to rust, they're going to rust, they're going to leak! 'Craig said. The Energy Department is still preparing a response to the board's report in November DOE spokesman. Allen Benson said from Las' Vergas on Wednesday that the agency stands by its design but had no further comment.

germent.

The charges came after eight of the company's crew members were killed on Aug. 24 when their van slammed into a semi-truck near Vale in eastern 'Cregon as they were returning from a fire in west-central Idaho.

Blood tests showed that the level of alcohol in his blood has been disputed, with attorneys for First Strike arguing that his body was too badly burned to produce reliable evidence.

Prosecutors "have come to agree that, because the toxicology and other evidence was so comy of the creation of the control of t

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# **Negotiators changed standoff** tactics due to hostage condition

PHOENIX (AP) – The medical condition of the female prison guard held hostage by two immates prompted negotiators to change their tactics, members are successful and the successful and could face other serious medical problems, said Lt. Col. Norm Beasley of the state Department of Public Safety.

Beasley and other members of the tactical team that negotiated the and the successful and the su

crisis.
The female officer, who was tken hostage with a male officer a Jan. 18, was scheduled to testi-yf-thusday afternoon.
The male officer, Jason Auch, was released Jan. 24. The female, who was aflegedly raped by one of the immates, was released on Feb. 1.

The tactical changes made by





hygiene," Beasley said.

As the pressure increased, Wassenaar became more hostile but eventually showed willingness to set surrender terms, Beasley said. He demanded a steak meal, two beers, clean clothes, eigarettes and the restoration of electricity. Coy wanted to see his uncle, who was helping with negotiations, near a federal Bureau of Prisons whiche.

federal Bureau of Prisons vehicle.
One of the major surrender terms was an agreement to transfer the inmates out of the state prison system – something the Department of Corrections' Jeff Hood said would have been done anyway to protect the security of the prison.

Wassenaar and Coy surrendered when they released the female officer.

temale officer.

The inmates face multiple felony charges including kidnapping and assault. Coy is also charged with raping the female correctional officer and a female kitchen worker.

They have been moved to the Maricopa County Jail to await trial

# Texaco star leaves Boise vallev

BOISE (AP) – By the first part of April, 65 area Texaco stations will sport a new bright yellow Shell banner. Shell 0il Products U.S. started converting Texaco stations in 2002 after ownership transfers from the 2001 merger of Chevron and Texaco. Texaco had to sell assets to gain federal approval for the merger, so shell purchased several refineries and 13,000 Texaco stations nationwide from the company.

Shell is investing \$530 million to convert the Texaco star to the Shell banner in more than 75 mar-

kets.

John Jackson, CEO of Jackson's
Food Stores, said Texaco has been his company's brand since his father started the business in

father started the business in 1951. "We're sorry to lose our Texaco heritage," Jackson said. "It's been-kind of emotional, but we're opti-mistic and excited about moving on."



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# standoff included illuminating the guard tower where inmates Ricky Wassenaar and Steven Coy were holding the female officer to put psychological pressure on the prisoners, Beasley said.

prisoners, Beasley said.

They also shut off power to the tower and opened the side gates. With the power off, the inmates couldn't get to the first floor, where the bathroom and running water were located.

water were located.

Based on what negotiators had learned during the first 13 days of the standoff, they believed the move would pressure Wassenaar, who took the lead in negotiating with law enforcement.

"Wassenaar was very concerned about his personal



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# Girls who fled polygamous community disappear again

PHOENIX (AP)—Two girls who fled the polygamous community of Colorado City and were subsequently placed in state foster care have run away again. Police have been notified, and law enforcement officials statewide have orders to hold the girls if they find them, said Child Protective Services spokeswoman Liz Barker.

Barker said CPS had no plans

Liz Barker.

Barker said CPS had no plans
to return the teenagers to their
parents.

Flora Jessop of Phoenix, a former Colorado City resident who
left as a teenager in 1986, said the
16-year-olds left Sunday while on
a weekend camping trip in west
Phoenix.

a weekend camping trip in med-Phoenix.

She said the girls were scared they would be returned to their parents. In letters they left behind, Jessop said, the girls

wrote that they feared being joked up or forced to marry much older men if they were sent home.

The father of one of the running tens said Wednesday that his daughter and her friend were not going to be sent back to their parents as antipolygamy activists have claim. Manufactured to the married with the said that he abused his daughter or was forcing her to be married "totally nonesnee."

It is said the girl fan away because she did not want to abide by family rules. The said the girl fan away because he did not want to abide by family rules. The said the girl fan away because placed in state protective custod. Typically, the children have been treated like any other home.

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# Boyfriend must take a stand and cut mom's apron strings

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating this really great guy, "Josh," for about two months. I really like him, but I don't like his mother Josh and I are both 20 and live

with our parents.
Josh's mother is super-control-ling. Whenever we go out, she has to know where we are going and what time he will be home. And what time he will be home. And she calls my cell phone during the-date-to-check-up-on-him-She's always calling me to try to find out where he is. I really like Josh, but I'nt tired of dating his mother, too. How should I handle this without hurting anyone? —TIRED OF

- TIRED OF -DOUBLE-DATING

DEAR TIRED: Turn off your cell phone, or leave it at home when you go out with Josh. His mother is liaving trouble accept-ing the fact that her son is no longer a child – but that should-the your problem. Josh is over-due for a talk with his mother about boundaries

If her behavior bothers Josh as well, perhaps it's time that he became financially independent and moved into his own place.

As long as he lives under his arents' roof, he is still their child" and will be treated

DEAR Ó ABBY Philling

DEAR ABBY: I have been liv-DEAR ABBY: I have been mig with "Neal" for three years. Neal works from home for only a few hours a day. He pays all the bills, so I don't have a problem with his choice of work.

What bothers me is I have no the to myself because he's always there.

always there.

Neal-demands so much attention from me that I can't even read a recipe without him interrupting. I am not a wimp, to Neal has the more dominant personality and controls what we do with our time. At least if feels that way to me, But according to Neal, I don't give him enough time.

time.

Since I moved in, I have not achieved any personal goals or even given as much love and attention to others as I used to. I rarely pursue interests of my own and almost never spend time doing things I want to do.

I feel like I'm losing my individuality.

I love Neal, and I'm not even sure he is the problem. I think I need to be more assertive about where my life is going. Is, there a book or support group for someone like me? Am I just depressed? Obviously I don't have the drive to pursue my own interests: I will appreciate any advice you can give.

DEAR LOST: You ask if you are depressed because you don't have enough drive to pursue your

I think it may be the other way around - you don't pursue your own interests because you're

own interests because you're depressed. You say you "don't mind" Neal being home all the time because he pays the bills. Why is it that you aren't working? It would give you a degree of independence and self-determination that seems to be lacking. Assertiveness classes could help you, and books on co-dependency could also give you some insight.

insight.

Since you are not married to Neal, you might also consider moving out until you can establish where he ends and you begin before he smothers you completely.

Owl and the Pussycat left out that

Owl and the Pussycat left out that part.

By weight, it's said, about half of all animal life is earthworms.

Don't call them liver spots, says a skin specialist. The liver has nothing to do with them. Don't call them age spots. Age has nothing to do with them. They're caused by the sun. Unfortunately, sun spots already means something else.

People for Pets - MVHS, Inc. is eagerly anticipating the construction of a new animal shelter! The success of a shelter (large or small) is dependent upon adoptions and the prevention

of unwanted litters. February is National Spay/Neuter Month;

make sure you do your part to curtail the birth of unwanted pups and kittens! If you feed a stray, take the next important



lennifer Aniston

## Aniston looks forward to life after 'Friends'

LONDON (AP) – Jennifer Aniston says she's looking forward to leaving "Friends" character Rachiel Green behind after; a decade on the hit NBG sitcom. 'Aniston, in London Wednesday to promote her new romantic com-edy, "Along Came Polly," said she'll always be grateful for the character that made her famous, but she wants to focus on big-sereen roles.

but she wants to focus on big-screen roles.

"Hoved 'Friends' so much, and I down that sac (on television),' she said.
"No one can say, I would never yo hack to that, ever.' But for now, I feel like I've done it."

facts to that, even but for how, feel like I've done it."

The final episode of "Friends" is due to be aired in May. Aniston; 35, said she'd like to donore films such as 2002.8 "The Good Girl," in which she played against type as a frumpy and miscrable small-town store clerk.

"It's so easy to be boxed into one part and one part only," she said ay a news conference. But, she added; 1 think there are opportunities for women in comedy."

"This part Pee done for 10 years."

"This part I've done for 10 years is going to be hard to get out of people's minds," she said. "I'm just going to try to do my job as good as I can and hope it goes away."

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## Prepare for breakthrough, Capricorn

IF FERRUARY 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have a passion for the very old or the very new, you can be equally enthralled by the mechanics of the latest com-puter toy or a classic painting, If it is unique, your interest will be

aroused.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): The new moon should light up your desire to make changes and seek new friends. If a new special someone has entered your life,

new friends. If a new special someone has entered your life, the relationship itself might not last.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20); you have been cheeving on some ideas for quite a while, and now's the time to move forward. You know that to implement innovation, one must pay homage to the estab-lished social mores.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The light bulb that went off in your mind may be the start of some thing bright and beautiful. You know that any project you start that wires you into the world at hrge has a good chance of success. CANCER (June 21-July 22): The new moon this weekend marks a time when a crisp new point of view will help pull you out of ruts and head you off into exciting directions.

directions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This new phase could mark the beginning of experimentation behind closed doors with private matters. You may feel that you need to keep secrets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

There is an important new cycle at hand that may challenge your ability to maintain the status quo in relationships but will enrich your life with brilliant ideas and appealing attitudes.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The focus shifts to your work and money this weekend, and if you wish to succeed, you need to have an open mind and keep on top of the latest technical advances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The new moon brings a subtle change to the status quo, and you have the insight to balance old knowledge with the latest tools.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have the urge to make some changes and may abruptly do a turnaround with friends. This new cycle could affect home and family, or just your philosophy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today marks the beginning of the

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today marks the beginning of the end for an impasse within the relationship sector. You may attract friends who can help you climb out of the proverbial hole you find yourself in. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New starts mean success where

AQUARTUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). New starts mean success where finances are concerned. You are at your peak in terms of being able to utilize original methods. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The new moon and start of a new cycle in your sign can light up your life permanently if you remember that "change can be good."

# Coyote hunters look up before they look down

Coyote hunters watch the sky for wheeling vultures.
Farmers hereabouts owned tractors aplenty in the '30s and '40s. But it wasn't until 1955 that tractors actually outnumbered horse teams. Most farmers kept their horses long after they really needed them. Was it insurance against tractor breakdowns? Or did those farmers just flatout love their horses?

Q. An Army veteran home from

Q. An Army veteran home from the Middle East talked about



"quat." What is it?

A. A mildly narcotic leaf chewed by many in that part of the world. Boys start as early as

age 10, correspondents say. They say further that countless men on the Arabian Peninsula put them-selves into "quar" trances every afternoon.

aftermon.

Q. Who invented lawns?

A. English castle lords. They cut
down trees so they could see
attackers. Then planted grass, and
let the sheep crop away. If your
home is your castle, your fawn
mower is a latterday sheep.

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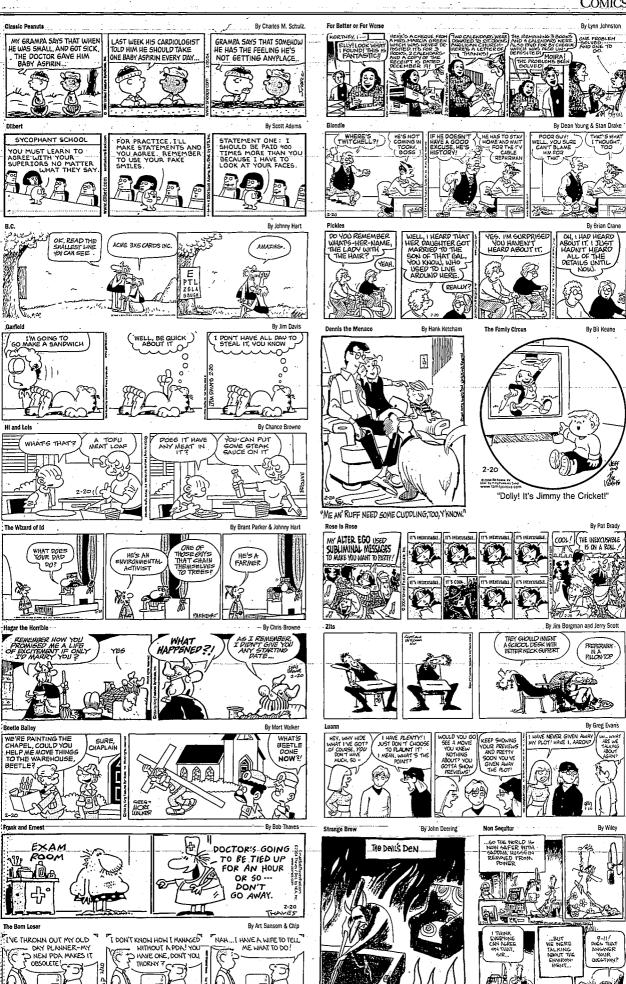
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woman walks past a biliboard reminding citizens to vote in Tehran, Iran, Thursday, a day before national parliamentary elections. Mostly conservative Iranians are expected to go to the polls for today's elections

## Hard-liners seek win in Iran elections

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) – Hard-lin-ers appear almost 'certain to retake control of Iran's legislature in parliamentary elections today after hundreds of reformist candiatter fundreds of reformist candi-dates were disqualified. In the latest sign of the conservatives' boldness, they padlocked shut the capital's last major pro-reform

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The silencing of the two dailies – Yase-inou and Sharq – on Thursday was part of relentless pressure on media critical of the Islamic establishment. But it carried an added blow just before the elections, which most reformist politicians and supporters plan to hoycott. Judiciary agents also searched and closed an election monitoring office of the main reformist party, the Islamic Participation Front, said a member of the group, speaking on condition of anonymity. The group's headquarters continued to operate.

Many liberals saw the closures as a show of force and confidence by conservatives despite wide-spread accusations they have hijacked the vote.

The ruling theocracy has barred more than 2.400 candidates who sought greater political and social openness – effectively sending the 290-sear parliament back under the wing of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Islamenei and the powerful clerical ranks he commands.

All the parliament seats are up for election, but the only real

All the parliament seats are up for election, but the only real drama is how many people will

drama is how many people will write.

Liberals have called for a mass no-show to embarrass the Islamic leadership and weaken the credibility of the new parliament. They have also broken a major political aboo and directly criticized Knamenei, whose backers believe he is answerable only to God.

The powerful judiciary – consolted by Khamenei - closed the two newspapers after they published portions of a statement from pro-reform lawmakers that attacked the supreme leader and said freedom was being "trampled in the name of Islam."

#### Iranian villagers bury their dead after explosion kills 320 people

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DEHNOW, Iran (AP) —
Bulldozers digging graves in this
timy Iranian village Thursday
drowned out the walls of mounters waiting to bury loved ones
killed when a runaway train
derailed at more than 90 mph
and exploded, killing 320 people
and injuring hundreds more.

The provincial governor said
medigence or brake failure protably caused 51 train cars to roll
down the tracks before dawn
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ferailed, cought fire and exploded several hours later.

Many of the dead were firefighters who had nearly extinguished the blaze when gasoline,
fertilizer and industrial chemicals in the freight cars detonated.

Other victims were villagers
whose clay homes collapsed from
the force of the blast. About 460
people were injured.

In this village near the train
tracks, women clutched their
black, all-covering chadors and
walled near the bodies of eight
victims. Men sat in the dirt nearhy, holding their beads in grief.
An old man prayed, bending
down and, touching his forehead
to the ground.

# Russia boasts future weapons will penetrate defenses

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia has suc-cessfully tested, a hypersonic anti-Star Wars weapon capable of pene-trating any prospective missilo-shield, at senior general said Thursday.

Thursday.

The prototype weapon proved it could maneuver so quickly as to make "any missile defense useless," Col. Gen. Yuri Bahiyevsky, the first deputy chief of the General Staff of the Russian armed forces.

He said that the prototype of a new hypersonic wehicle had proved its ability to, maneuver while in obbit, thereby making it able to to dodge an enemy's missile shield. "The flying wehicle changed both the altitude and direction of its flight." Baluyeesky said. "During the experiment conducted yester-day, we proved that it's possible to develop weapons that would make any missile defense useless."

a statement by President Vladimir Putin, who said Wednesday after attending rocket launches from the Plesetsk launch pad in northern Russia that experiments conducted during the military maneuvers had proven that Russia could build new

during the minitary manetwers nau-proven that Russia could build new-stratejic weapons that would be unrivaled in the world.

Putin said that the development of new weapons was not directed against the United States, and Baluyevsky reaffirmed the state-

ment, saying that the experiment shouldn't be seen as Russia's response to U.S. missile defense plans and the second of the second "The experiment conducted by as must not be interpreted as a varning to the Americans not to build their missile defense because designed this thing." Baltyevsky told The Associated Press. In Washington, Gen. Richard Mycr. Chairpan of the faire thing.

In Washington, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff, was asked by reporters about the Putin statement.
"If you're in that business- inter-continental ballistic missiles and warheads - you want them to be survivable, and maneuverability is one way to increase their survivability against any potential defenses," he said.

Putin said that Russia had no intention of immediately deploying new weapons based on the experimental vehicle.



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# VEEKEND

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Section C





Almost like a song Ronnie Milsap will do two shows both tonight and Saturday night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in

Jazz tonight

Pianist Chuck Smith will be featured as part of the College of Southern Idaho's Jazz Summit Seminar Series tonight at Java in Twin Falls.

Good times Chasers Sports Bar and Night Club in Twin Falls host a Mardi Gras Party Saturday night, with music by Split

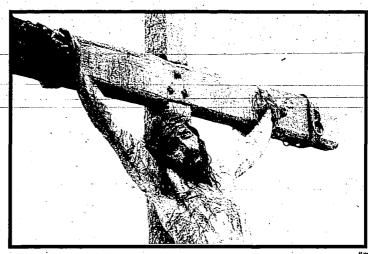
# Sylvia

Doggone Ketchum's New Theater Company will present A.R. Gurney's dark comedy "Sylvia" tonight, Saturday and Sunday in the nexStage Theater.

Winter concert The Magic Valley Youth Symphony will perform the music of Mozart and Tchaikowsky Saturday afternoon in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls.

Whole new world Hailey's Company of Fools will wrap up its production of Jason Robert Brown's musical revue "Songs for a World" tonight, Saturday and Sunday in the Liberty Theater.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spodight on Page



Jim Caviezel, portraying Jesus Christ, is nelled to the cross on the set of 'The Passion of the Christ' in this publicity photo.

# Mel Gibson's much-anticipated movie opens Wednesday

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - It's a clash of power, religion and history more fit for the apocalyptic Book of Revelation than the pages of showbiz journal

Book of Revelation than the pages of showbiz journal pages of showbiz journal Laries, and the pages of showbiz journal But this is a fight over a movie — a conflict that has allowed Mel Gibson to transform "The Passion of the Christ" from an obscure "career-killer" film into an international event that is already one of the most divisive movies of recent times.

"The Passion," which depicts in gruesome detail the film hours of Christ's life, premieres in the United States on Wednesday — Ash Wednesday on the Roman Catholic calerodar. That's just one of the ways that Gibson, while preparing to

If you go ...

release this intensely personal project, has built an audience on both faith and fury. The Catholic movie star has restricted most early screenings to thousands of pastors, ministers and Christian leaders; urged use of "The Passion" for proselytizing, distributed movie tie-in sermons for Sunday morning services; encouraged grass-roots Internet promotional campaigns by Christian groups; written the foreword to a book of photos from the flim, which was No. 33 Wednesday on the

Amazon best-seller list; and even sought the endorsement of the pope—although whether or not he received it remains in

or not he received it remains in doubt.

But piety attracts less attention that controversy, in this case whether "The Passion" for series and Semidism by unfairly blaming Jews for Christ's death. The end result: A movie rejected by all the major studios, with subtitles to translate the Latin and Aramaic dialogue, is poised to be a hit.

"This is one of the biggest stories of the year, simply because of how unprecedented it is," said Brandon Gray, proprietur of the box office tracker boxOfficeMoje.com. "It's hard to fathom that a movie in two ancient languages, that is so religious and so focused on suff-Please see PASSION, Page C7

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Jim Caviezel, right, portraying Jesus Christ, is comforted by an unidentified actress on the set of 'The Passion of the Christ' in this publicity photo. Director Mei Gibson has insisted that the controversial film does not mailign Jews.

# **S** peaking frankly 'Monologues'

R.A.T. Players present controversial

TWIN FALLS — It's not the type of drama that usually plays small-town Idaho.

"Its purpose is not to shock," said Aubree Woods, who said Aubree Woods, who streeting the R.A.T. Players' production of "The Vagina Monologues" tonight and Saturday at the Lamphouse Theater. "It's townenen talking about their bodies".

ies"

And talking very candidy.
Playwright Eve Ensler's sixyear-old play is both lighthearted and sobering, Woods says. Its
language and content are controversial, but it's been performed on hundreds of college
campuses nationwide, including
both Boise, State and Idaho
State principies, and used to State universities, and used to ignite the V-Day Initiative, a national feminist movement aimed at ending violence To learn more ...

What: The R.A.T. Players will esent Eve Ensier's 'The Vagina

e: Lamphouse Theater.

Twin Falls. • When: Tonight and Saturday, 8

How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door.

toward women.

"It's not meant to offend anyone," Woods said. "It's a frank
play about the ways that women
erreive themselves,"

"The Monologues" is the first
effort of the newly renamed
RA.T. (for "random acts of the
art") Players, formerly the
Friends of the College of Southern
Idaho Players.

"We informally called ourselves the RA.T. Players from
the beginning," Woods said. "So

Like their predecessor company, the R.A.T. Players have no direct link to CSI. Players was started, with some financial support from the CSI Players was started, with some financial support from the CSI Foundation, two years ago as a touring troupe to expose audiences in southern Idaho and northern Newada to CSI theater. The R.A.T. Players make their artistic decisions independently, Woods said. "This is a play I've wanted to do for a long time," she said. "And when I mentioned it to some other women, they were enthusiastic about it." Woods, like cast members Jennifer Miller and Chelsea Reichel, has been involved in CSI theater productions in the past. The other cast member, Twin Falls High School alumnus. Molly Brock, studied at Lewis-Clark State College.

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background, and Cheisea Reichel are in the R.A.T. Players' pro-duction of Eve Ensier's 'The Vagina Monologues' tonight and rday at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls' Old

Molly Brock, left, Aubree

Woods, center.

## Video watch

w whom to root for - or Even Hoffman's idealis-mey considers buying the verdict at one point. Still, it is the film's delicious moral ambi-guity, and the exarily real-seeming ability of consultants to manipu-stice, that make this a 8. escapist thriller.

In a contemporary take on the medical morality play, the characters in "Masked and Anonymous" do not so much behave like real human being as act as symbols, shuffling around the set – a demanged cross between a banana republic and an America gone horribly to seed—utering gnomic pronouncements about the futility of life. Co-written by and starring Bob Dylan as a washed-up singer who has been sprung from prison to perform in some kind of unspecific benefit concert, "M&A" is meant to be

Masked and Anonymous

terribly, terribly profound or a terrible, ble indictment of U.S. imperialism an unal serdiry, but it just en-being terribly, terribly a ing. The spectracle of

# Ryan stars in role based on boxing manager's career

Left, a game of Rock/Paper/Scissors decides who goes first in a crucial debate

between Cole (Gene

Hackman, left) and Handy (Ray Romano), as town elder Morris

Guttman (Wayne Robson) officiates in

Below, when New Yorker (Lindsay Lohan, right) is removed from the Big Apple to the Jersey burbs, she goes

Pill. left) in hilarious

comedy 'Confessions of a Teenage Drama

Welcome to

#### New to the valley

'Against the Ropes'

Against the Ropes

Meg Ryan stars in this fictionalized take on the career of boxing
manager Jackie Kallen. With
Omar Epps, Charles S. Dutton
directs and costars, PG-13.

#### Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen'

Landsay. Lohan. CFreaky Friday": faces a major transition from her Manhattan life to a sen-tence in New Jersey. Directed by Sara Sugarman ("Very Annie Mary")

#### 'Eurotrip'

curoury

—A-reenager-and-his-buddies-ratse Cain on the Continent as they ravel to Berlin in search of his canail pal. With Scott Mechlowicz, Jacob Pirts, Michelle Trachtenberg and Travis Wester. Directed by Jeff Schaffer.

#### The Passion"

Mel Gibson's graphic, controver-sial retelling of a last hours of Jesus Christ, filmed in Aramaic and Latin (with subtitles). With Jim Cavaziel, Rated R.

#### Welcome to Mooseport'

Welcome to Mooseport'
Ray Romano runs for mayor
against former U.S. president
Gene Hackman, while they compete for the affections of Maura
Tierney Directed by Donald
Perrie ("Miss Congeniality").
With Marcia Gay Harden,
Christine Baranski, and Rip Torn.
PG-13.

#### <u>Continuing</u> Barbershop 2: Back in Business'

Business'

A worthy sequel to the uprearious original. By the end of last year's runaway hit, Ice Cube had decided that it was his destiny to carry on his father's business. This time his shop and neighborhood are threatened by a developer. Cedric the Intertainer and crew are back, and Queen Lattfah has opened a beauty shop next door. A warm mixture of sentiment, humor and serious social commentary. (138. PG-13, for 'language, sexual material and brief drug references.)

### 'Big Fish'

'Big Fish'
Tim Burton's fabilist 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 Ewan
McCiregor and Jessica Lange, PG13 (brief mudity, mild violence)

#### 'The Butterfly Effect'

Astion Kutcher, the Chaos Theory, time-traveling supernatu-ral gothic horor – it's all here, in this overwrought and underwrit-en scarefest, intertwined with a love story, and a dark and seamy one it is. R (violence, sex, drugs, profamity)

#### 'Calendar Girls'

Inspired by the true-life British matrous who bared talmost all for a charity calen-dar, this convivial movie star-ring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters is more involving than its glib premise suggests. PG-13

Classifieds



(discreet nudity, brief profanity)

#### 'Catch That Kid'

'Catch That Kid'

An exercise in rank exploitation, this remake of a recent Danish hit tracks how three eighth graders rob bank, professedly for worthy reasons and all in the name of good, clean, felonious family fun, It looks and moves like a lowend 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 and full-throttle schlock. Directed up Bart Freundlich and written by Michael Brandt and Derek Haas. With Kristen Stewart, Max Thieriot, Corbin Bleu, Jennifer Beals and Sam Robards, [131-PC, for some language, thematic elements and rude humon.' for some language, thematic el-ments and rude humor.)

#### 'Cheaper by the Dozen'

'Cheaper by the Dozen'
A family slapstick that young kids will love for the food fights, older kids will like for TV stars, and adults will endure for Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt, "Cheaper by the Dozen" purports to be based on the memorir 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'

"Cold Mountain"
Atwang with mountain music and actors stretching their vowels in long, loping cadences, this romantic odyssey set during the Civil War is the equivalent of confert food: old-fashioned, earthy (lots of root vegetables), satisfying, Jude Law and Nicole Kidman star as lovers separated by conflict, carriage and hundreds and hundreds of miles. R (violence, profamity, nudity, adult, themes) = Steven Rea

#### 'The Cooler'

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This winning little movie about a preternatural loser is set in an old-school Vegas casino, where William H. Macy plays a guy who radiates bad luck – and is on the payroll to make sure that it rubs

off on high-rollers. Alec Baldwin and Mario Bello costar, R (profan-ity, violence, sex, nudity, adult

#### '50 First Dates

450 First Dates'
Alternately treacly and crass, this is a disastrous reteaming of the charming "Wedding Singers".
Adam Sandler, as a marine animal veterinarian at a Sea World-type park in Hawaii and relendless Lothario, and Drew Barrymore, as the victim of short-term memory loss. When the abysmal film isn't being googy over Sandler and Barrymore's impediment to romance, it's indulging in unfunny humor of jaw-dropping awfulness. (131. PG-13, for crude sexual humor and drug references)

#### 'In America'

'In America'
Lyrical, life-affirming, lovely, Jim
Sheridan's film about Irish illegals
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
Hounson. PG-13 (disferet sex, discreet violence, drugs, profanity)

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

The final installment in Peter

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

#### 'Lost in Translation'

'Lost in Translation'

Tart and sweet, unmistakably funny and exceptionally well observed, this film marks the arrival of 32-year-old writer-director Sofia Coppola as a mature talent with a distinctive sensibility and the means to express it. Perhaps only Bill Murray has the persona and the skills to capture the exquisite balance between funny and forlorn called for by the part of Bob Harris, an American movie star chagrined to find himself in Tokyo getting paid \$2 million to film a whiskey ad and killing time in the hotel bar or watching TV in his room. Until he meets Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson), (1:45. R, for some sexual content)

#### 'Miracle'

A spellbinding saga of how America's mighty pucks shot

### What's playing where

Twin Cinema Twin Cinoma

'Calendar Girls'

'Catch That Kid'

'Cheaper by the Dozen'

'Cold Mountain'

'Confessions of a Teenage Drama

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'50 First Dates'
'Lord of the Rings: The Return of
the King'
'Miscale'
'Mystic River'
The Passion' (starts Wednesday)
'Something's Gotta Give'
'You Got Served'

Odyssey Theater

'Barbershop 2' 'Big Fish' 'Butterfly Effect' Pride and Prejudice Welcome to Mooseport

Lamphouse Theater

The Orpheum 'Against the Ropes'

past the Soviet hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics – an event Sports Illustrated called the 20th century's defining moment in sport – "Miracle" is David and Goliath on ice. PG (coarse language and rough ath-letic action).

Mona Lisa Smile'
Julia Roberts as an art-history
professor who brings 2003 feminist consciousness to Wellesley
College, circa 1953. Strictly
apairely-aumhers affair Excellent
performances by Magien
Cyllenhaal, Marcia Gay Hagden,
Juliet Stevenson and Julia Stiles.
PG-13 (sexual candor, mature
themes)

'Monster'
Charlize Theron is scary as
Alleen Wuornos, the Death Row
inmate who worked as a prostitute, and then killed several of her
johns. Christina Ricci plays the
goung 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 wengeance that have long haunted the fillmmaker. Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon costar as the South Boston exgangster, ne'erdo-well and cop, childhood friends who are still recling from an cot o'violence 25 years earlier, when the cop is sent to investigate the murder of Penn's daughter. With Laurence Fishburne, Laurlaney and Marcia Gay Harden, R (mature themes, violence, profanity)

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'Welcome to Mooseport'

#### Jerome

Jerome Cinema
'Confessions of a Teenage
Drama Queen'
'50 First Dates'
'Miracle' "Miracle" "Welcome to Mooseport"

#### 'Pride and Prejudice'

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

#### '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 mem-bers of the opposite sex. With Amanda Peet and Keanu Reeves. PG-13 (sex, nudity, profanity, adult themes)

#### '21 Grams'

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

### 'You Got Served'

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SSKECHERS:

Teen R&B idols Omarion and Marques Houston star in this trite tidbit about street dance crews It's a music video stretched beyond the yawning point. PG-13 (drug and sexual references, mild violence)



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# Skid Row will rock concert house in Boise tonight



#### Tonight – Boise

Skid Row will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are S15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.icketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### Tonight and Saturday

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.

#### Monday - Utah

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

#### Tuesday – Boise

Iuesaay – Boise
The Young bubliners will perform at the Big Easy Concert
House at 10 p.m. Tickets, while
are \$13.50, can be reserved by
phoning (800) 955-4827, on a
http://www.ticketweb.com, or at
Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.
The Big Easy Concert House is
located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### 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-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 Fast.

#### 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.

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—Brasler has said she wrote to play because she heard women talking about their bodies and that what they said surprised her.

—They had no context or place where they could do that," she told the Mero Times of Detroit in a robent interview. "And that by talking about them, they made themselves more real, more present and more legitimate."

The 50-year-old writer says he was excutally abused as a child and was an alcoholic by the time she graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont. After a couple of dissolute years, she met and married a bartender named Richard McDermott, who per-

suaded her to stop drinking

matcii LU – Utali The Casulties will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith Tix at (800) – 888-TIXX. or online. at. http://www.smithstix.com. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

sunded her to stop drinking (McDermott, now divorced from Ensler, is the father of actor Dylan McDermott). Writing kept her from going back on the bottle, she told CDN in an interview two years ago. "By writing I created an alternet persona that I could pretend I was," she said, "and she could hold all this info and feelings and thoughts for the future that I couldn't hold in me. Had to write." The show contains adult language and contest. No one under 12 will be admitted.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com

March 11 - Boise

SPOTLIGHT Feb. 29 - Boise

Banyan will play the Neurolux Lounge at 9 pm. Tickets, which are 512, can be reserved by phon-ing (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Aklinson's Market in Ketchum. The Neurolux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

Dillinger Escape Plan will per-form at Salt Lake City's Albee Square at 7 pm. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smiths Tix at (800) 88E-TIXX or ' online at http://www.smithstix.com. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

March 4 - Bolse
Mary Lou Lord and Gingersol
will perform at the Neurolux
Lounge at 9 pm. tickets, which are
\$5, can be reserved by phoning
(800) 955-4827, online at
http://www.ticketweb.com, or at
Aktinson's Market in Ketchum.
The Neurolux Lounge is located
at 111 N. 11th St.

March 6 - Utan
The Sounds, Kill 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) 888TEXX or online at http://www.smith-

stix.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
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teserved by phoning (800) 9654827, 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 Labe
City at 6:30 p.m. Tickes, which are
\$11, can be reserved by phoning
Smith's Tax 4 (800) 888-TIXX or
online at http://www.smithstix.com.
In the Venue is located at 600 West
219 South.

March 2 - Utah

March 4 - Boise

March 6 - Utah

March 7 - Boise

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March 10 - Utah

MAIGH 11 - Boise

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

#### March 13 - Boise

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Henry Rollins will play the Big

Easy Concert House at 7:30 pm.

Tickets, which are 520, can be
reserved by phoning (800) 9654827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's
Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy
Concert House is located at 416 S.

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March 13 – Utah
Allister, Hidden in Plain View
and Over It will play Albee
Square in Sal'i Jake City at 7:30
pm. Tickets, which are \$13, can be
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#### March 15 - Boise

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#### 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 pm Tickers, which are \$28.50, can be neserved by phoning (800) 888-BIX/07 online at http://www.smith-six.com/Tile E Center is located at 290 South Decker Lake Drive.

#### March 19 - Utah

marcii 19 - Utali Itali Chaos will play Albee square in Sali Falke City at 7-20 pm Tickers, which are \$8, can be (secreed by phoning Smith VII) at (secreed by phoning Smith VIII) at (secreed by

#### March 20 - Utah

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Barenaked Ladies will perform
at the F Center in the Salt Lake
Cus sabarb of West Valley City at
20 pm. Tickets, which are \$34, can
be reserved by phoning Smiths Tix
at 8000 888-TIXX or online at
http://www.smithstix.com. The E
Center is located at 3200 South
Decker Lake Drive.

#### March 21 - Boise

moron 2.1 – Boise ...
Death Cab for Cutie will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Trekets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com

#### March 22 - Utah

mucut 42 – Utali Death Calo for Catie will play In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 pm. Tickets, which are \$13, can 10 seserved by phoning Smith's Tix at \$800). 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

#### March 24 - Utah

Marcin 24 – Utan Tesla will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City sub-urb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXN or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

#### . March 24 – Utah

niarch 24 — Utah
Liars and Young People will play
Also Square in Salt Lake City at
73:00 pm. Tickets, which are \$10, can
be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix
at (800) 888/TIXN or online at
http://www.smithstix.com. Albee
Square is located at 165 South West
Temple.

#### April 2 - Utah

April 2 – Utan

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) \$884\*TIXX or online at
http://www.smithstix.com. Albee
Square is located at 165 South
West Hamshe West Temple.

#### April 5 – Boise

April 5 – Boise
A Porfect Circle will play the
Bank of America Center at 8 p.m.
Tukets, which are \$2.55, c.m-be
reserved by phoning Select A Seat
at (208) 426-1494, online at
http://www.idahoutickets.com, or at
Albertson's in Twin Falls. The
Bank of America Center is located
at 234 S. Capitol Blvd.

#### 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 12081 426-1494, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

#### March 26 - Boise.

Marcin 26 - Boise.

Big. Head Todd and the
Monsters will play the Big. Easy
Concert Homes at 8:30 pm. Tickets,
which are \$25, can be reserved by
planaing (800) 965-8827, online at
http://www.widahorickets.com, or at
Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.
The Big. Easy Concert House is
located at 416.8, Ninth 8t.

### March 30 - Boise

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) 955-827, online at http://www.fick-etweb.com.or at Atkinson's Market in Kerchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Match 31 Keller Williams will play the nesStage Theater in Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.tick-etweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

#### April 12 - Utah

Saves the Day, Grandaddy, The Fire Theft and Hey Mercedes will perform at In the Venue in Salt

Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are 520, can be reserved by phon-ing Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smith-stix.com. In the Venue is located at 600 West, 219 South.

#### Anril 19 - Litah

April 19 – Utah The Strokes will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets; which at \$22,50 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX and online at http://www.smithstix.com

#### COUNTRY

#### Tonight and Saturday

Ronnie Milsap will do two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets prices are \$25, \$30 and \$35. For reservations, call (800) 821-1103...

#### Tonight and Saturday

Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJS Lounge. No cover charge. TJS Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S. in Böhl.

#### Tonight and Saturday

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

#### Saturday

Mixed Emotions will play from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge. No cover charge, George K's is locat-ed 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.

#### Tuesday - 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.

#### Wednesday - Utah

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash will perform at Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 10 pm. Tickets, which are S5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

#### March 5-6

Sammy Kershaw will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phon-ing (800) 821-1103.

#### ELECTRONIC

#### Feb. 27 - Boise

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Crystal Method will play the Big
Easy Concert House at 8 p.m.
Tickets, which are \$20, are available
by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at
http://www.ticketweb.com, or at
Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The
Big Easy Concert House is located
at 416 S. Nirth St.

#### Feb. 28 - Utah

Bad Boy Bill will perform at Club Axis in Salt Lake City at 9:30 pm. Tickets, which are Slo, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Club Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

#### HIP HOP

#### Tonight and Saturday -Iltah

Utah

Baby Bash will-perform-at-Club
Axis in Salt Lake City at 10:30 p.m.
inghly. Tickets, which are \$10, can
be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix
at (800) 888-TDX or online at
http://www.smithstix.com. Club
Axis is located at 500 West 100
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#### April 2 - Boise

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Pess will play the Big Easy
Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets,
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#### April 3 - Utah

April 5 - Otali
N.E.R.D., and Black Eyed Peas will perform at In the Venue in Salt-Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phonning Smith5 Tix at (800) 888-TIXN or online at http://www.smitlEtix.com. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

#### FOLK MUSIC

#### March 10

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

#### C L A S, S t C A L

#### Tonight and Saturday -Utah

Utah Symphory will perform Rachmanioff's Piano Concert No. 2 at 8 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. on Saturday in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range front Si6 to S47, can be reserved by phoning ArTEn at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Saturday

The Magic Valley Youth
Symphony will perform its annual
winter concert at 3 p.m. in the
College of Southern Idaho Fine
Arts Center auditorium; Twin
Falls, Free.

#### Feb. 27

Feb. 27

The Magic Valley Symphony, under the direction of guest conductor Kedvin Call, will perform broraks "New World" symphony and Stravinsky's "Firebird" at 8 pm. in the College of Southern Inductor Fine Arts Center auditorim in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are 57 for general admission, 56 for seniors and 54 for students, are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Magic Valley Arts Council in Twin Falls, and at the door.

#### Feb. 27-28 - Utah

ren, ZI-ZB - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform
music by Bernstein and Brahms
at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake
City's Abrawanel Hall. Tickets,
which range from 516 to 540, can
be reserved by phoning ArTix at
(801) 355-2787. Abrawanel Hall is
located at 123 West South
Temple.

#### March 5-6 - Utah

March 5-6 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform
music by Berlioz, Ravel and
Milhaud at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt
Lake City's Abravanel Hall:
Tickets, range from 516 to 547,
can be reserved by phoning
ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.
Abravanel Hall is located at 123
West South Temple:

#### March 11 - Utah

March 11 - Utah

'Utah Symphony will play violin
missic by Grieg, Sindling and
Schubert at 7:30 pm. 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 (80) 355-2787.
Abravanel Hall is located at 123
West South Temple.

#### April 9-10 - Utah

April 9-10 – Utah
Utah Symphony will perform
the music of Moran, Poulen,
Mozart and Barber at 8 p.m. on
April 9 and at 2 p.m. on April 10 in
Sait Lake Cirys Abravanel Hall.
Tickets, which range from \$16 to
\$47, can be reserved by phony
art Tix at (801) 355-2787.
Abravanel Hall is located at 123
West South Temple.

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#### March 1 - Roise

March 1 - Boise

The Wailers will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-827, online at http://www.tick-etweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

#### CHRISTIAN

#### March 25 - Roise

Watch 25 - Boise
Switchfloot will play the Big
Easy Concert House at 8 p.m.
Tickets, which are \$13, can be
reserved by phoning (800) 9654827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's
Market in Ketchum.

#### JAZZ MUSTC

#### Tonight

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 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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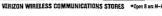


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#### **Events**

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

#### April 2 - Boise

April 2 – Bolse Ernie Martin will heodline the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, 7 na. Bänk of America Center Heises, which are S22, S44 and S75, can be reserved by phoning Select Scat at (208) 426-1494, online at http://www.ida.bricket.scom/ara/ http://www.ida.bricket.scom/ara/ Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

#### April 3 - Boise

April 3 - Boise
Dave Brubeck will headline the
Gene Ihrris Jazz Festival, 7 pm.
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which are S25, 547 and 585, can ber
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Albertson's in Twin Falls. The
Bank of America Center is located
in 233 S, Capitol Blvd.

#### O P E R A

#### Feb. 29

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

# March 13, 15, 17, 19, 21

March 13, 15, 17, 19, 21
and 24 – Utah
Utah Opera will perform Giacommo Puccinis "The Girl of the Golden West" at 7:30 pm. on March 13, 15, 17, 19 and 24 and at 2 pm. on March 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$25 to \$55, can be reserved by phoning ArTik at (800) 355;2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

#### GOSPEL

#### Feb. 28

Feb. 28

The Blind Boys of Ahabama will perform in' the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, an Arts on Tour concert. Tickets, which are on Blar for adults and \$15 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soria Founcial office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Community Education Centers in Burley, Halley, 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 The Delta Center is located at 301
-West South Temple.

#### KARAOKE

#### Tonight

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

#### Tonight

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

#### Tonight

High Mountain Koraoke 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 fea-tured 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 Kuraoke 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-pm. 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 CDs 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.

#### Saturday

Saturday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside in Burley and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahima 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

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge in Burley. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

Tuesday
P & D Karanke 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. S7

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

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# Wednesday and Thursday

P & D Karioke will be featured from 9 pm. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

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

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Tonight

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

#### Tonight and Saturday

Tonight and Saturday
aphi Second will play from 9
pm to 1 a.m. at Chasers Sports
bar and Night Culn. A Mardi Grass
Barry also will be held Saturday
might at Chasers with music by
Split Second. Cover charge is \$5.
Chasers is located at 1539
Fillmore St. in Twin Falls.

#### Tonight and Saturday

DJ night with Kurt Kruzer will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Oakhurst will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Woody's Sports Bar. Cover charge is \$2. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

#### Wednesday

The Vuarnettes - Linda Badell,

Callie Galpin, Cheri Kessler and Callie Galpin, Cherr Kessler and Heidi Bates – will perform at 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at the San Valley Resort. There's an \$15 cover charge, The show will con-tinue every Wednesday right 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 charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls

#### Wednesday

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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.

March 2
The Mount Harrison Heritage
Foundation will present its sixth
annual King Center Anniversary
Gala at 730 pm. in the King Center
in Burley, features the Burley High
School Jazz Band, the Minico High
School Pacterions, Mac Miller, One
Accord, Emily Gomez, cellist Jacobi
Harper, Jolen Hobson, Colcen
McCall, Marilon 'Whiting, pianist
Mark Neiwirth, the Magic
Philharmonic Orchestra and selections from the Oakley Valley Arts
Council production of "Annie" and
the Mount Harrison production of
"South Pacific" Tickets, which are
St, are available at The Book Plaza
and Welch Music in Burley and the
Book Store in Rupert, or at the
door.

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

#### March 6

First Choice Home Care and Hospice Assistance will present is third annual Variety Show, 7 p.m. nightly, in the College of Southern

Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, Jeaturing Johanny U, clown aer Little Pat & Tool, Burt Hirish, Sheri Maudin Dance Studio, John and Forroline Jessen. Laura Almand, Mike Seward and Tiacy Armstrong, Mike and San Sites, pianist Mark Mehi, the Give Wake Barbershop Quarret and Heather Fully. Tickets, which are S8 for adults, S0 for senior citizens and So for children, are awalable at Everybody's Business, Clos Office Supply, Crowley's Soda Foundation, the Christian Bookstore and Home Headth. Professionals and First Choice Hospital in Twin Falls, or at the door. Proceeds will go to providing financial help for those with terminal illnesses.

#### 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) 325-8EAT or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com. 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

March 10
The Glenn Miller Orchestra will play Roper Auditorium in Boin Edika nr 2:00 pm. Tleckes, which are \$12, are avoilable at Welch Music, the Mask Centre, Dunkley Music, Everybody's Business, Curt's Hallmark and Double Lattin Insurance and Twin Falls High School in Twin Falls, or from any FFHS band member.

Guitarist David Santistevan will

perform-at-the-Schubert-Theater in Gooding at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are S5, are available at the door.

ntaren 24 – Utan Ryan Adams will play in the Venue in Sult Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are S1650, can be reserved by phoning Smith'sTra ta (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com\_ in the Venue is becated at 600 West 219 South.

#### March 26 - Utah

March 26 - Utah
Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken
will sing in the Delta Center in
Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets,
shich are \$35 and \$45, can be
reserved by phoning (801) 325SEAT or online at http://www.tic.
temaster.com. The Delta Center is
located at 301 South West Temple.

#### March 26-27

Heldil 20-21
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-TDX.
Abravanel Hall is located at 123
West South Temple.

#### COMEDY

#### Feb.27-28

Danny Marona will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phon-ing (800) 821-1103.

#### March 12 - Boise

March 12 – Boise Jerry Seinfeld will perform at the Morrison Center on the cam-pus of Boise State University at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$61.50 and \$77, can be reserved by phoning Select-ASeat at (208) 426-1494, online at http://www.ida-hotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

#### March 14 - Illah

March 14 – Utah Ludie Anderson will perform at the Wisse Guyse Cornedy Club in the Salt Lake City subarb of West Walley City at 7 and 9 pm. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tis at (800) 888\*TIXX or online at http://www.mithstix.com. The Wisse Guyse Cornedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

#### DANCE

#### Tonight

The Echos will play for a dance at 8 p.m. at the Snake River Elks Lodge. A S5 donation is suggest-ed. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. For more informa-tion, call 324-0200. The Snake River Elks Lodge is located at 412 F. 200 S. in Jerome.

#### Tonight and Saturday -Utah

Utan
Ballet West will dance
Tchaikowsky's "Steeping Beauty"
at 7:30 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake
City's Capitol Theater. For ticket
information, call ArtTix at (801)
355-TIXX. The Capitol Theater is
located at 50 West 200 South.

Rupert's Renaissance Arts Center will hosts its second annual Banquet and Ball, at the Burley Inn. No-host and Bath, at the Burley Inn. No-host cockails begin at 6 pm, with dinner to follow at 7 and the auction at 8. Music will be provided by Skip N-Skool. Tickets, which are \$40, can be reserved by phoning 436-2787. Proceeds will go toward the restora-tion of Rupert's Wilson Theater.

#### March 6

Marcia of The Red Cross Ball will be held at The Ballroom in Twin Falls, with music by Brian Farnon and the Twin Falls Centennial Orchestra, 7:30 pm. Tickets, which are S50, are available at the Twin Falls Red Cross office or by phoning 733-

6467. Proceeds go to American Red Cross disaster relief services.

#### March 19-21 - Bolse

March 19-21 – Bolse
Riverdance will play the Morrison
Center on the campus of Boise State
University at 8 p.m. on March 19-20,
at 2 p.m. on March 20-21 and at 7
p.m. on March 21. Tickets, which are
\$25,50,545 and \$55, can be reserved
by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208)
\$26-1494, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in
Teien Tables Twin Falls.

#### March 23-28 - Utah

March 23-28 – Utah
Riverdance will perform at Salt
Lake City's Capitol Theater at
7:30 p.m. on March 23-25, at 8 p.m.
on March 26-27, and at 2 and 7
p.m. on March 28. Tickets, which
range from \$24 to \$57-50, can bo
reserved by phoning Art. Tix at
(801) - 355-2787. The Capitol
Theater is located at 50 West 200
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#### Anril 9-10, 14-17 - Utah

April 9-10, 14-17 – Utah
Ballet West will dance "40
Years of Jubilation," featuring
George Balanchine's "Concerto
Barocco" and "Tchalkowsky Pas
de Deux," Stravinsky's "Rite of
Spring" and Vaughan Williams'
"Lark Ascending," 7 p.m. in Salt
Lake City's Capitol Theater. For
ticket information, call Art Tix at
(801) 355-2787. The Capitol
Theater is located at 50 West 200
South.

#### THEATER

#### Tonight and Saturday

The R.A.T. Players, formerly the Friends of CSI Players, will present Eve Ensler's "Vagina" Monologues," 8 p.m. night, Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

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e-mail it to scrump@magicval-ley.com.

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

#### **Oscar Ballot**

#### Best picture -

Dest prevail

(Choose one)

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King\*

"Lost in Translation"

"Master and Commander"

"Mystle Ring\*

"Seabiscuit"

#### **Best actor**

- (Choose one)

  Johnny Depp, "Pirates of the Caribbean
  Ben Kingsley, "House of Sand and Fog"
  Jude Law, "Cod Mountain"
  Bill Murray, "Lost in Translation"
  Sean Penn, "Mystic River"

#### Best actress

- BOST BUTUOS (Choose one) Keisha Castle Hughes, "Whale Rider" Diane Keaton, "Something's Got to Give" Samantha Morton, "In America" Charlize Theron, "Monster" Noomi Watts, "21 Grams"

## Best supporting actor

(Choose one)

Alec Baldwin, "The Cooler"

Benecia del Toro, "21 Grams"

# \_\_\_ Djimon Hounsou; "In America" \_\_\_ Tim Robbins, "Mystic River" \_\_ Ken Watanabe, "The Last Samurai"

#### Best supporting actress

- Choose one)
  Shohen Aghdasloo, "House of Sand and Fog"
  Patrica Clarkson, "Pleces of April"
  Marcia Gry Harden, "Mystic River"
  Holly Hunter, Thitteen"
  Rence Zellweger, "Cold Mountain"

#### Best director

- (Choose one)

  Fernando Micrelles, "City of God"

  Peter Jackson, "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the
- King Sofia Coppola, "Lost in Translation"
  Peter Weir, "Master and Commande Clint Eastwood, "Mystic River"
  Best original screenplay (tiebreaker)
- loose one)

  Denys Arcand, "The Barbarian Invasions"
  Steven Knight, "Dirty Pretty Things"
  Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds,
- America\*
  \_\_\_ Sofa Coppola, \*Lost in Translation\*

# **Events**

#### Continued from C6

#### Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

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

#### Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

Ketchum's New Theater Company will present A.R. Gurneys "Sylvia," 8 p.m. night, nexStage Theater Tickets, which are \$2.2, are available by phoning 2524TKS or the nexStage box office between 4 and 6 p.m.

#### Sunday

Sunday
The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Ross "Forever Platd" foaturing Wally Huffman, Gordon Flade, Eric J. Larson and Paul Stoops, will play the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort at 730 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, cap be reserved by phoning 622-2185. The show continues every Sunday through the end of March.

# Tuesday through Feb. 29 -

Utah
The touring Broadway production of Richard Rodgers and Oscar
Hammersteins "Hikhahoma" will
play Salt Lake City's Capitol
Theater at 730 pm. on Thesday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Feb. 2728-and at 2 pm. on Feb. 28-29 and
at 7 pm. on Feb. 29. Tickets, which
cauge from 830 to SS-50, can be
reserved by phoning ArtTix at
(80)1 355-2787. The Capitol Theater
is focated at 50 West 200 South

#### Fáb 29

Feb. 29
Actor Chris Sullivan will star in
Ryb Becker's "Defending the
Coryeman," 7 p.m. Limelight
Room, Sun Valley Inn at the Sun
Valley Resont. Tickets, which are
Spi and \$150, are available at
Chapter One Bookstone, Johnny
Sy Subshack and River Ranch
Clothing in Ketchum and at Folo's
in Liailey.

#### March 3-6, 10-13

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The College of Southern Hahlo
Theater Department will present
Afigophanes "Dysistrain," 8 pronighty in Room 119 of the Fine
Aris Center Tickets, which are 5 for general admission and \$4 for
students and senior citizens, may
be purchased between 1 and 4
p.in. Monday through Friday at the
Fine Arts box office (use west
entrance of building) and between
8 p.m. and 4:30 pm. at the CSI
Bookstore or by calling 732-6788.

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

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

#### PLANETARIUM

#### Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday and Wednesday

The Faulkner Planeturium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present a new charmagning the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present a new charmagning the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present a new charmagning the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present a new show, "Ring World," at 7 p.m. today, Saturday and Tuesday along with a matince at 2 p.m. Saturday. Other shows are "More Than Meets the shows are "More Than Meets the Eye" on Saturdays at 4 pm. and "Led Zeppellin Moximum Volume I" at 8:15 pm. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

#### Through Saturday

"Idaho Paints Idaho," the work of Idaho artists' paintings of the state's parks, will be on display at the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls. The arts council office is located at 132 Main Ave. S. Admission is free.

#### Through Sunday - Boise

Through Sunday – Bolse
The Bolse Art Museum will
present 'A Certain Likeness: The
Paintings of Till Freiwald,' a collection of work by the Belgian
artist, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays
and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8
p.m. on Thursdays and from noon5 p.m. on Sundays, Tickets, which
are S5 for general admission, S3
for senior citizens and full-time
college students, and S1 for children, are available at the door,
BAM is located in Julia Davis
Park in downtown Bolse.

#### Through Sunday – Boise

The Boise 'Art Museum will present "Pat Steir: Waterfall Paintings," a collection of work by the New York artist, from 10 a.m.







5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays, Tickets, which are S5 for general admission, S3 for senior citizens and full-time college students and \$1 for children, are available at the door. B4M is located in Julia Davis Park in downtown Boise.

#### Through Feb. 27

Gay Odmarks "The Value of Inheritance" will be on display at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Free admission. The Eighth Street Center is locat-ed at 200 N. Eighth St.

### Through Feb. 29 - Bolse

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The Boise Art Museum will
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Tickets, which are S5 for general admission, S3 for senior citizens and full-time college students, and S1 for children, are
available at the door. BAM is
located in Julia Davis Park in
downtown Boise.

#### Through March 27

Magic Valley Art Teachers
Open, an exhibition of the artwork of the area's art teaches, will
be on display at the Jean B. King
Gallery in the Herrett Center for
Arts and Science on the campus
of the College of Southern Idaho
in Twin Falls. It's free.

#### March 5

The South-Central Idaho Folklife Exhibit, the first in a serious of exhibits designed to reflect the life of the Buhl community, will open at the Eighth Street Center at Buhl Skills such as saddle-making, ouilting, needlework. de-making, quilting, needlework and woodworking will be fea-tured. Free. An opening reception is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

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## **'Damn** Yankees'

# tickets go on sale

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Tickets will go on sale March 12- for the Dilettantes of the Magic Valley's upcoming production of "Damn Yankees."

Yankees."

Performances are scheduled March 19-21 and 25-27 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, with an opening-night gala at the Elks Lodge in Jerôme. The evening will feature dinner and tickets to the control of the co

will feature dinner and tickets to the show. For reservations, call Michele McFarlane at 536-6213 or Craig Nebeker at 736-8831. The Dilettantes' box office in the Magic Valley Mall will be open starting March 12 from noon to 6 p.m. every day but Sunday. The phone number is 735-8850.

Tickets will also be on sale at

the door.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens, CSI students and children 12 and under. All seats for the March 21 performance - a matinee - and the March 25 show are \$7. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. nightly.

# Jazz pianist plays Java tonight

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

of the College of Southern Idaho's "Jazz Summit Seminar" today.

Smith will work individually with pianists from the Chamber Jazz classes at CSI during the afternoon of today and then perform tonight starting at 7 p.m. with CSI instructors Brent Jensen and Steve Cox and CSI music major Aaron Millet a Java, 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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

Tonight's performance is free and open to the public.





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### **Passion**

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Gibson produced, directed and cowrote "The Passion," and spent \$25 million of his own money making it. Throughout the process, the Oscar-winning "Bravehear" director also has defended himself, his family and his film against ugly anti-Semitism accusations, insisting that the film is designed to "inspire not offend."

These same accusations should ultimately boost the film's prospects.

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No al campaign could have received such attention. Besides the many evangelicals and believers who support the movie, now may skeptical and secular moviegoers are likely to buy tickers - no matter what the reviews.

—Abralam'r Ebmann, head of the "Jewish civil rights group the Anti-Defametion League and now of the movie's most vociferous critics, is one of them.

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one of them.
"I will probably see it again, to see
if he changes anything. I'll buy a ticket and go see it," said Forman, who
previously sneaked into a Florida
theater during a screening for

theater during a screening for Christian clergy.
"Maybe we helped promote it," he acknowledged. "Even if we did, I don't think the Jewish community has the luxury to ignore anti-Semitism."

Forman has asked Gibson to put a postscript on the movie to clarify that the story of Christ's death does

not excuse anti-Semitism. Without that, the public debate serves as a kind of prescript, Foxman said, even if the side effect is drawing audi-ences to the film.

"The Passion' didn't always have

ences to the tunn.

"The Passion" didn't always have such promise.

During filming in early '2003, Gibson joked publicly that it might be his "career-killer." He had wanted to make the film since a spiritual crisis about 13 years ago, Gibson wrote in a December e-mail message to The Associated Press.

"I came to a difficult point in my life and mediating on Christ's sufferings, on his passion, got. me. through it," wrote Gibson, who declined to be interviewed for this story. "Once I started mediating on the passion, really going deep into it in my own mind and heart, then I began to understand it, to believe: That's the version I put on—film."

The filmmaker has denied the

The filmmaker has denied the anti-Semitism claims, but – in what is either irony or shrewdness – he was the first to raise them. Despite such colorful responses to critics, Gibson has manipulated their concerns with a bait-and-tease

their concerns with a baix-and-tease routine—on one hand complaining that they shouldn't attack a movie without seeing it, and on the other banning them from screenings while sympathetic viewers see the picture by the thousands. "They think I'm instance," Gibson said at a Sept. 2002 press confer-ence to announce the film. "Maybe I am, or maybe I'm a gentius.

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Section D

#### MORNING LINE **S**PORTSQUOTE

I think I'm going to keep my mouth shut at this level.

Mauria Clarett, who skipped a scouting combin after winning a lawsuit to becomine eligible for the NFL draft

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Girls** basketball

Wrestling

4A District IV tournament Jerome, Burley at Century HS, ocatello, 1 p.m.

#### IN BRIEF

#### M.V. club offers boxing training

boxing training

TWIN FALLS - The Boys and
firls Clubs of Magic Valley and the
Southern Idaho Boxing Club have
feamed up to provide boxing training and competition. We are now
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also call Ron Carnell of Britt-Cam
Boxing club at (208) 321-9496 or
grown Ruiz at the Boys and Girls
Club at (208) 736-7011.

#### Special Olympics needs focal volunteers

McCALL - Volunteers are needed to work at the 2004 State Special Olympies Winter Games to be held in McCall March 12-14. For more information, call Shaana Endow at (208) 323-0482 ext. 14.

#### **Útah State AD on leave** following DUI arrest

Call State AD on leave following DUI arrest 1.10GAN, Utah – Utah State athletic director Rance Pugmire has been placed on administrative leave following his arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, such a superior of decided of the duity of t

#### **CSI** offers spring vouth tennis classes

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TWIN FATLS - The
Community Education Center at
the College of Southern Idaho
College of Southern Idaho
will be offering youth tennis clinics on Mondays and Wednesdays,
March 8 - April 7, at the CSI tennis courts. Cost is \$55.

Students of all ages will work
chrough United States Professional
Tennis Association (USPTA) exercises and games designed to hone
heir tennis skills. Instructor Doug
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College students who have had
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dess is limited to eight students,
to carly registration is encouraged.
For more information or to regsteer, call 732 6290 or 732-6288.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### OPENING ROUND: STATE SLASS 4A GIRLS BASKETBALL JEROME 44 SANDPOINT 29



Vanessa West, center, struggles with three Sundpoint defenders for a loose ball during the second quarter of the Tigers' win over the Buildogs in the first round of the 4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament at Mountain View High School in Melidian

# **Tigers topple Sandpoint**

MERIDIAN - Defense was the

MERIDIAN - Defense was the key to victory.
With an offense that struggled much of the first half, Jerome used constant defensive pressure to advance to the semifinals of the 4A Girk State Basketball tournament for the second struight year.
The Tigers topped Sandpoint 44-29 in the first round Thursday afternoon at Mountain View High School in Meridian.
Jerome will now battle Hillerest, who escaped with a 49-46 victory over Bishop Kelly at 1515 tonight. Sandpoint will take on Bishop Kelly at 1516 tonight. Sandpoint will take on Bishop Kelly at 1516 tonight. Sandpoint will take on Bishop Kelly at 1516 in an elimination contest.
"You have to get rid of some of those jitters and get back to the way we play baskerball," said Jerome coach \_Michelle\_Skyles. "Our

Twin Falls iunlor Heidi Reltsma (34) has her shot hiocked by

Centennial's

Emily Williams (40) during the third quar-ter of the

Bruins' loss in the first round of the 5A Girls Real Dairy Shootout girls basketball

state tourna ment at the Idaho Center

defense in the first half was great."
The Tigers topped the Bulldogs 61-57 in overtime last year on their way to a second-place finish while Sandpoint took home the consolation trophy. In 2002, the Bulldogs sent Jerome home on in an elimination game, 45-31.

The Bulldogs came in confident and scored the first points of the game on a long 3-pointer by sophomore Ashleigh Mire, the only returning starter for Sandpoint. The usually potent Tiger offense took most of the first quarter off, they made up for it on the defensive end, forcing 16 first-half turnovers and limiting Sandpoint to just 12 shot attempts before the break.

Four of those turnovers were steals by 5-foot-4 guard Malloy Meservy.

"We worked on staying down and

playing good defense in practice. The key was we got back quickly and stopped their fast breaks," said Meserry, who finished with five steals and chipped in four points. Jerome got its first points at the 3:51 mark with a pair of free throws by Whitney Clark, Nearly two minutes later the Tiger took the lead with a bucket inside by Elisa Hope for the 4:3 advantage with two minutes left in the quarter. Krista Kulnehipped in a put back and Jerome led by two after the opening period. Hope was the offense for Jerome in the first half, scoring eight before the break and finishing with a game-high 14 points.

"I felt like I had to step up and take over when things werent going the way we wanted them to," said I lope, who added six rebounds. Hope scored the first two baskets

#### **4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout**

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of a slow second period then chipped in an assist to Vanessa West and the Tigers led 17-7 at the half. The Tigers kept the pressure up after the break, going on an 8-3 run for the double-digit advantage.

# Valley pops Soda **Springs**

By Eric Larsen — Times-News writer

MIDDLETON - Hazelton's Valley Lady Vikings won in typical fashion Thurnday opening an early lead over the Soda Springs Cardinals and holding it with great rebounding and solid defense. Valley out-rebounded Soda Springs 42-23 in their 39-32 Idaho Ladid Springs 42-23 in their 39-32 Idaho and Middleton High School, 39-32.

#### Idaho 2A Girls Real **Dairy Shootout**

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Valley stretched an early lead to 199 by holding the Cardinals scoreless in the second quarter until senor guard Amanda Martismes sunk a three-pointer at the buzzer. closing the score to 1911 at the half. Both teams came out tight for their opening-round game and struggled from the field early. "You expect that in the first-round game." Valley coach Brian Hardy said. "I watched warm-ups and not a lot was going in for either team." Playing in her fourth state tournament, Valley senior Mindy Malone was the difference in the game. The 500-10 guard held of the watchild free thouse, on her way to a team-high 13 points. The senior was also a difference maker on the defensive end, grabbing 19 total rebounds to complete her double-double.

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CSI BASKETBALL -- -- PREVIEW

# Women gear up for postseason

By Kevin Colbert

Times-Nows writer

TWIN FALLS - Most coaches across the country save two-a-day practices for the preseason. Not College of Southern Idaho women's basketball head coach women's basketball head coach Lake CC Lake CC Women's 6 p.m. Mont's 6 p.m. Mont's 6 p.m. Mont's 9 p.m. Mont's 6 p.

hold two-a-days this late in the season, but Rogers' reason of run-

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is the same as
why coaches
do it before games even begin.
"Conditioning has been a problem for us," Rogers said. "A lot of
kids have been out for various reasons, and with Chrismas break, I
just thought that we never got back
to that conditioning level we were
at before break."
The 22nd-ranked Eagles (22-4
overall, 18-2 Scenic West Athletic
Conference) square off with Salt
Lake Community College (18-8,
14-6), the last team to defeat
them, today and Saturday at 7:30
p.m. CSI has already clinched at
least a share of the SWAC tite,
and a win this weekend against
SLCC would bring the regional
dournament to the CSI gymnasium March 3-6. The Eagles need
Please see CSI, Page D4

# Coming up short

## Lady Bruins fall 43-35 to Centennial

By Eric Larsen

NAMPA – A few more free throws, a couple more good bounces, and the Twin Falls Lady Bruins would have passed the Centennial Lady Patriots in their opening-round game of the Idaho SA Girls Real Dairy Shootout at the Idaho Center in Nampa. But it want't to be as Twin Falls fell 43-35 in a game where the Bruins were always close, but just a breath away from victory.

"We had plenty good chances," Bruins coach Joe D. Shepard said. "But we missed some shots that we usually make."

make."

Bad bounces and a 6-of-15 effortfrom the free throw line proved to be
the Lady Bruins' undoing. Faced with
the challenge of defending the tall
Centennial front-line of junior
Jennifer Williams and senior Emily

#### Idaho 5A Real Dairy **Shootout**

Thursday's games Timberline 51, Skyline 36 Lake City 52, Borah 48 Boise 53, Mountain View 37 Centennial 43, Twin Falls 35

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Mountain View vs. Twin Falls. 3 p.m.
Timberline vs. Lake City, 6:15 p.m.
Boise vs. Centennial, 8 p.m.

Williams, Hannah Heidenreich and the Lady Bruin posts delivered a com-mendable effort.

"On defense I thought we did what we wanted to," Shepard said. "But (Emily) Williams is a very good player." Piease see BRUINS, Page D2

# Another rape case surfaces in Colorado scandal

DENVER Police said
Thursday they are investigating
whether a woman was raped by a
University of Colorado football
player after leaving a bar in 2002
- the seventh allegation of its kind
to surface since 1997.
"This was a particularly brutal
case," Boulder Police Chief Mark
Beckner said. The alleged victin
said she was sodomized.
The university football program
is at the center of a scandal concerning accusations that recruits
were lured to Boulder with sex



and alcohol, and which may end up costing coach Gary Barnett his job. Three women have sued the school in feder-al court, saying they were raped by foot-ball athletes in versity did noth-

2001 and the university did noth-ing after a high school student accused a player of rape in 1997. In the past few weeks, three more cases have been disclosed.

Former Colorado player Katie Hnida, a placekicker, says she was raped by a teammate in 2000 and a one-time athletic department worker says she was assaulted by a player in 2001. player in 2001. In the latest case, the woman told

In the latest case, the woman told police she met two men at a bar the night of Aug. 23, 2002, but had truble remembering what happened afterward. She told police "she may have been drugged."

The woman reported a bump on her forehead and bleeding from what she told police was a sexual week.

One witness interviewed by

police, a bartender, refused to dis-close the names of two men in the

close the names of two men in the bar that night.

"He said he would not risk getting them into trouble because, They're on scholar-ships, I can't do that to them," police said.

Beckner said the victim had difficulty identifying a suspect, but authorities eventually focused on two football players. DNA tests ruled out one as a suspect, while tests on the second player's sample, haven't been completed, he said.

Beckner as SAMINI Press DA

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# Gooding beats Middleton

### Wolverines fall in final seconds

BOISE - Gooding keeps surpris-

BOBS: Cooding keeps surprising people.
The Senators werent supposed to carn a berth to state and they weren't supposed to win their opening round game. Now they are one win away from the state championship game.

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Sophomore Britanie Toone
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Sord 29 points to lead Gooding
past Mjddleton 53-19 and into the
semifinals of the 3a State Girk.
Basketball tournament. Wood River
almost joined them. The Wolverines
led much of the game only to see
Marsh Valley score in the final seconds to pull out the 55-53 victory. In
other action Priest, River upended
defending champion Shelley 50-47
while Lakeland defeated Salmon
48-14. Wood River will take on
game while the Senators will buttle
Priest River at 8.

#### Gooding 53, Middleton 49

Gooding 53, Middleton 49
BOISE - There were no first trip; jitters for the Senators, as they held their own against the District III champions. It was two good teams battling for 32 minutes.
The deciding factors in the end - Toone, free throws and turnovers.
Toone knocked down three shots from beyond the are and went 12 of 14 from the free throw line – most coming in the final quarter – to lead Gooding.

"You have got to step up when you can I relied on my teammates, it took the whole team to win," said Toone, who also led the team with eight rebounds while playing the entire 32 minutes.

After the break, the Senators

eight rebothits while paying the uniter 32 minutes.

After the break, the Senators pushed the lead to double digits. Toone tallied her second three pointer while Lehr, who chipped in seven points, hit back-to-back jumpers.

The well would go dry for the Senators for the rest of the period while Middleton would go on a 50 run cutting the lead to a single point heading into the final period. The game was tied with fite min-

IDAHO FALLS - Twin Falls sho an impressive 10 of 16 from 3-point range to hold off Idaho Falls for a 71-66 road win Thursday night in District 4-5-6 playoffs

action.

"We shot the ball well," said
Bruins assistant Shawn Walker.
"They made a run late and we
held up David Deleon took a
huge charge with two minutes to
go whet he game was tight. It was
probably the play of the game."

Local sports

## 3A Girls Real Dairy

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Semifinals Marsh Valley vs. Lakeland, 6:15

p.m. Gooding vs. Priest River, 8 p.m

utes left on the clock. The teams traded points for the next two minutes until Toone lit her third short from downtown. She added two free throws and Gooding was back up by Gout, 47-13, with two minutes left.

Down the stretch, free throws would decide it. Toone went 5 of 6 in the final minutes to seal the victors.

in the final minutes to seal the vic-tory.
Gooding coach Chris Comstock felt that his team was in better shape down the stretch.
"We put pressure on them for four quarters and wore them down. Our half court rap was effective and gave us a lead. We made good decisions down the stretch," added Comstock.

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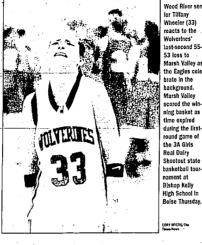
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#### Marsh Valley 55, Wood River 53

T.F. basketball head to conference

title game against Highland

Wood River 53
BOISE - The Marsh Valley High
girls basketball team may not have
gotten the play it wanted, but the
Eagles got the win they needed
Thursday in the first round of the
A Real Dairy Shootout girls basketball state tournament.
Elysha Shipp drove and banked
in a layup as time expired to cap
Marsh Valley's see-saw excursion to
a 55-53 first-round victory over
Wood River.



Marsh Valley (20-2) meets Lakeland from Rathdrum in a semifinal at 6:15 tonight back inside the Bishop Kelly High School gymnasium. Wood River (15-7) falls

semifinal at 6:15 tonight back inside the Bishop Kelly High School gynnasium. Wood River (15-7) falls into the losers bracket to face 17-8 Salmon at 1:15. Lakeland (17-5) defeated Salmon 48-44. Wood River tied the game at 5 when Emily Smith hit one of two free throws after getting hammered while driving to the basket. But, despite the Wolverines' defense spoiling a set play, Marsh Valley was able to get the final say on. Shipp's layup. Wood River denied point guard Leena Andrus the ball, but the Wolverines defense failed to front Shipp and force her to pass. Instead she dribbled to the basket untouched. The Eagles opened a nine-point lead, 20-11, when Ashley Thompson and Dannielle Larsen hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the first 45 seconds of the second quarter. But the Wolverines remained

composed, committed just one turnover in the final eight minutes of the first half and proceeded take control with a 226 streak that ended with Natalie Green's turnound jump shot down low with 535 left in the third quarter. Green's jumper gave Wood Rus a 33-26 lead. Green led all scorers with 24 points. "What an interestible."

a 33-26 tead, creen led all scorers with 24 points.

"What an incredibly tough loss," said Wolverines coach Brent Carnduff. "Marsh Valley is probably favored to win the whole thing and we knew we could play with them." Now it comes down to pride. "Sometimes teams fold and go home in two," Carnduff said. "We want to show everyone it wasn't a fluke that we lost to Marsh Valley to one. I'm hoping we'll bounce back and win the consolation side."

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Boxscore 101 Here's how to read the Times News basketball boxscores.

m totals combine all players,

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# Shoshone, Dietrich advance to semifinals

NAMPA - Shoshone and Dietrich both put up big second halves to carn spots on the Class 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout semifinals. The top seeds from the Southside Conference, Hansen and Oakley both fell in the quarterfinals Thursday night.

#### Shoshone 32, Mackay 23

Shoshone 32, Mackay 23

NAMPA – It looked scary at the end of the second quarter for Shoshone, as the Indians were manhandled by the Mackay Miners. However, the Indians soon realized that they control their own destiny, and their destiny, perhaps, is the 1A. State Champinoship.

Shoshone used a huge 20-10 second half run to defeat Mackay 32-23 Thursday night at Nampa High School in Nampa.

"We were aggressive in the first quarter and we controlled the tempo well," said Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman. "They definitely gave us a scare in the second quarter though."

Mackay outscored the Indians 10-2 in that quarter.

Mackay outscored the Indians 10-in that quarter
Miners guard Erin McKelvey led her team back in the game after falling behind 10-3 after one quar-ter. Mackay led 13-12 at halltime. Shoshone sophomore guard Halley Harris scored nine Shoshone plays Troy at 8 tonight at Skyview High School in Nampa.

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#### Rimrock 49, Hansen 43

Rimrock 49, Hansen 43

NAMPA – It was the dream matchup for the 1A State basketball tournament. Rimrock, the defending state champions, against the Hansen Huskies who have proved thus far this season to be able to beat anyone.

However, the Huskies fell short Thursday, losing in the final minutes 94-3 to the Raiders.

Rimrock guard Adrea Thomas led the Raiders with 14 points and teammate Annalise Field chipped in 13 points to lead the offensive attack for Rimrock.

"Those we girls killed us tonight," said Hansen head coach forry Dowd, "I can see why this team fins gone unbeatten for so long."

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Hansen will play Lakeside at 1:15
p.m. Friday at Skyview High School.
Rimrock will play Dietrich at 6:15
p.m. in one semifinal. No boxscore
was available.

#### Trov 44, Oaklev 39

Troy 44, Oakley 39
With stitches in her nose, caused from an elbow to the face the night before, shiley Pickent, and the rest of the Oakley girk, battled Troy Thursday evening in a centest to see who would advance in the State 1A girls basketball tournament.
With a first-round win over District II, No. 1 seed Kootenai, the No. 4 Homets had begun to dream of a tournament upset. Costly turnovers, however, resulted in an 8-2 run with just over two minutes left

#### 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout

Championship brac Shoshone 32, Mackay 23 Troy 44, Oakley 39

Filday's games at Skyvlew High School Consolation bracket Kendrick vs. Richfield, 10 a.m. Cambridge vs. Kootenal, 11:45 a.m.

a.m.
Championship bracket
Lokeside vs. Hansen, 1:15 p.m.
Mackay vs. Oakley, 3 p.m.
Dietrich vs. Rimrock, 6:15 p.m.
Troy vs. Shoshone, 8 p.m.

in the game, capping the Trojans' 44-39 come-from-behind victory.

"You know, we played well for three quarters, but when it came to crunch time, they got the tumorers and the points they needed," said Oakley coach Brett Graham. "In proud of how we played, These sign played their hearts out, really gave everything they had. We can hold un heads high."

Leading the Hornets in scoring was sophomore Jenna Peterson with 16, followed by Mindy Burdwith eight. Ali Cranney, Sara Archibald and Valeric Bedde each scored four points each.

Archibald and Valeric Bedke each scored four points each.
Although their state championship aspirations are over, Oakley isn't through, not yet. The Trojans fight for third place today at 3 pm. against Mackay at Skyview High School in Nampa. No boxscore was available.

#### Dietrich 66, Lakeside 35

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NAMPA - Senior guard Ayleen
Sorensen scored 18 while junior
Lindscy Shaw added 15 as Dietrich
rolled in the second half for a 66-35
win over Lakeside to advance to the
1A girls state tournament semifinals Friday night. No boxscore available.

#### Consolation play Richfield 64, Meadows Valley 26

Valley 26

NAMPA – Richfield poured in 44 points in the second half to whip Meadows Valley 64-26 Thursday to advance in the consolation brades at the 1A sate fournament.

"We had just a fabulous second half, Easily the best we've had all year," said Tigers coach Steve Kent, "It was important for a first-time team at state to win one and we did it in outstanding fashion."

Brooke Norman scored all her 14 points in the second half on 7 of 7 shooting, Janet Ellis drove the lane for eight points while Angela Kent added 11 points. Senior Michelle Schmidt added 12 inside. Amber Ward was 4 for 6 in the second half en route to 14 points.

# rolled a two-game Baker score of 341 to defeat Iwin Falls High for the state girls team title Wednesday at the Snake River Bowl in Burley. Twin Falls managed a 261 after downing Declo 297-230 in the lone semifinal. In the boys competition, Meridian defeated Mountain View 374-350 in the semifinal. The first-place teams won \$250 scholarships while second got \$200 and third \$100. Area bowlers dominated the girls individual competition, led by Stephanie Metts of Minico with a 537. Mandi Adema of Twin Falls took second with a 531. Mountain Views Jereny Raybourn-carded a 691 to edge. Minico's Justin Studer (605) and Bob Banner (603). Twelve boys and girls teams competed. More than \$2,000 worth of schoolarships were awarded. Scandal

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The case has not yet been pre sented to the district attorney's office for review. Beckner said the

office for review Beckner said the woman wants the case prosecuted. The police chief said he was not surprised that more women have been coming forward to report sexual assaults since the dedral lawsuits were filed against the university. Rape counselors say publicizing reports gives victims the courage to come forward.

Meanwhile, a half-dozen former

university football players defended Barnett Thursday, saying he has provided discipline and morality despite the snowballing

morality despite the snowauma accusations.

"We believe coach Barnett is a man of high moral integrity," former quarterback Charles Johnson said, standing with the other former players before a crowd of reporters. "We believe he is doing the right things. A balanced story is nor being told."

Barnett was put on paid Jeafe late Wednesday.

### Bruins

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Williams had an outstanding game, scoring 20 points to lead all scorers, grabbing six rebounds, and blocking six shots. While Heidenreich was held to eight points and four rebounds, she drew praise from Centennia defensive reform Centennia (Language of the strong defensive reform control of the strong of the st

represented Twin Falls well tonight." The Lady Bruins will play in a

The Lady Bruins will play in a consolation game against Mountain View, Friday at 3 p.m., again at the Idaho Center. For Roy and his Lady Patrints, a chance to move on in the tournament and face Boise is a blessing after the hard-fought game. "I'm glad we don't have to play them again," Roy said.

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Graham Stanley stroked five 3 Granam Stanley stroked fire 3-pointers en route to a game-high 19 points while Mitch Smith added 16, 11 coming in the fourth quarter. Luc Martin added eight points and team-high eight rebounds.

rebounds.
Twin Falls (14-7) hosts Highland
for the conference title at 7:30
p.m. Tuesday. The winner
advances to state.

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Skyline 71, Minico 63

# Century 49. Burley 43

CENTURY - Andy Stucki's 3-ointer in the final three minutes

points. Burley (6-14) plays Jerome

**Bruins boys shoot past Idaho Falls** 

Skyline to victory over Minico, scoring 18 points in the Region 4-56 boys backball loser-out game; Thursday, Minico's players put up a dazling resistance with 'Charlie Coust leading by scoring 22 points, including five 3-pointers. Kody Bingham contributed 16 points and Travis Noble added 13. Minico was clopes six points in Minico was clopes six points in

Kody Bingham contributed 16 points and Travis Noble added 13. Minico was down six points in the last minute of play. They missed a three pointer, then were defeated by Styline free throws aid Minico coach Lynn Nielson. "They're a great group to work with this year," Nielson said "We really appreciated the seniors and all their effort." Minico finished with a record of 10-12. Styline will play Idaho Falls Saturday in a loser-out game.

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pointer in the final three minutes led Century to victorly over in 4A District IV boys basketball tour-nament play Thursday night. Scott Randklev put up strong resistance for Burley, scoring 11

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#### 3A District IV playoffs Buhl 48, Gooding 39

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BUHL - Will Chivers took over Thursday night's loser-out game between Buhl and Gooding, scoring 30 points and pulling down 20 rebounds, both career highs, in a 48-39 win over the Senators.

"Most of his points came off offensive boards," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "He dominated the game."

The team's effort on defense made Chivers' performance pivotal against Gooding.
"My kids tonight played excellent defense," Bowman said. "Our kids played hard and well on defense."

defense."

Buhl takes on Filer at CSI gym at 6 p.m. Monday in the District IV boys basketball tournament.

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Falls for state bowling title BURLEY - The Minico girls

# **Tigers**

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Again it was Hope that led the way with a pair of buckets in the paint. Mire, who finished with 11 points.

Mire, who Intisted with 11 points, kept Sandpoint close connecting on two shots from beyond the arc. Jerome's offense slowed down again and the Bulldogs turned up the pressure, going on a 7-2 run. Elle Carne hit three jumpers and added a free throw to score all seven

of the Bulldog,s points.

Jerome led 30-23 heading into

the final period.

Clark, who struggled most of the game, found her range in the fourth quarter, hitting two from behind the arc and adding a drive as they lead grew to 15

"I hadn,t been able to hit, but they were leaving me open and I got

my confidence back," said Clark, who finished with 13 points Jerome didn,t allow another run

the Bulldogs. West had a well-rounded game for the Tigers, scoring nine points, and recording game-highs with eight rebounds and four assists. Sandpoint coach Scott Salesky

"Offensively we were stuck in ud most of the first half. I felt we mud most of the first half. I felt we could of won. We just didn,t do it,"

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# CSI hopes to keep bats hot in SLC

Times-News writer

"TWIN FALLS - It took a few weeks to get in the swing of things, but the College of Southern Idaho baseball team has finally awakened its bats after they were dormant for the winter and most of this season to date. Of at least that is what head coach Jim "Skip" Walker hopes.

"The Golden Eagles (6-3-1 overall) will attempt to keep their offense in high gear when they travel to Salt Lake City today and Satt Lake City today and Satt Lake Community College today and CEU again Saturday. After scoring just 14 runs in their first six games, the Eagles surpassed that total in two of their four games this past weekend in Henderson, New, where they left with two wins each against Prairie Baseball Academy (Ontario,

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CSI's weekend games
Friday
CSI vs. Eastern Utah, 11:30 a.m.
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CSI vs. Eastern Utah, 11:30 a.m.

Canada) and Moraine Valley Community College (III.). In total, CSI scored 47 runs on its most recent swing to the Las Vegas area.

ea. But while Walker is pleased with But while Walker is pleased with his team's output, he is reserving jubilation for a later date. The run production may be a little deceiving, considering the quality of competition. The Eagles faced relative ly poor pitching in three of their games and failed to scored against a quality left-hander on the Prairie BA, a pitcher who earned a win against CSI last season.

"The quality of pitching was a

couple of steps down," Walker said. "Actually, Prairie's pitching was pretty good. Moraine..., Valley's pitching was terrible. Prairie threw a lefty at us that we couldn't touch for six innings. I don't know what it is about left-handed pitching. It's always trou-ble for us."

ity pitching before he puts much stock in the late-game heroics.

"Before I can even comment, we need to prove we can hit good pitching," Walker said. "It can't be a situation where you're always hitting No.5 in the rotation."

"The point I tried to make (Monday) was that we're probably not going to get back-to-back hits against good pitching. We have to move that first runner over somehow and, then hope we get that base hit to get him in."

One Eagle who has had little rouble at the plate this season is sophomore catcher/infielder Zach Aakhus, Aakhus had eight hits on the weekend, ruising his season batting average to .452 (14 of 31) to go along with outstanding play in the field.

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"He's-probably-the-most-versa-tile kid we have on our club,"
Walker said. "You could put-him anywhere and he could play that nosition."

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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pistons acquire Wallace

in three-team deal DETROIT - Rasheed Wallace moved to the Detroit Pistons in a three-team trade Thursday after playing only one game for the Atlanta Hawks.

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Atlanta acquired Wallace from Portland last week. In a deal put together shortly before Thursday's NBA trading deadline, the Pistons sent center Zeljko Rebraca, guard Bob Sura and a first-round draft pick to the Hawks. That pick will come from Mikwalkee this year if the Bucks make the playoffs. Detroit also sent guards Lindsey. Hunter and Chucky Atkins and its first round pick this year to Boston, while the Celtics shipped Chris Mills to the Hawks.

The Pistons—received—guard-Mike James from the Celtics. Portland sent Wallace and reserve Wesley Person to Atlanta on Feb. 9 for Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Theo Ratliff and Dan Dickel. Ceretical contents of the Celtics.

#### Pujols, Cardinals expects to announce deal Friday

to announce deal Friday
NEW YORK - Albert Pujos
and the St. Louis Cardinals were
expected to announce their 510
million, seven-year contract on
Friday, when the sides had been
of Friday, when the sides had been
scheduled to go to salary arbitration in Arizona.
Pujols and the Cardinals
agreed to the deal Wednesday,
according to a source familiar
with the negotiations who spoke
on the condition of anonymity.
The Cardinals called an 11 a.m.
EST news conference for Friday
at their spring training complex
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At 24, Pujols led the major
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with 51 doubles, and he made
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option for an eighth year that
could make the contract worth
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#### Dodgers' pitcher Gagne loses arbitration case

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VERO BEACH, Fla. - Cy
Young Award winner Eric Gagne
lost his salary arbitration case
Ibursday and will receive S5
million from the Los Angeles
Dedgers instead of S8 million.
Gagne was 2-3 with a 1.20
ERA and S5 saves in as may
chances last season and made
S550,000.
Arbitrators Stephen Goldberg,
Dan Brent and Elliot Shriftman
heard the case Wednesday in
Phoenix.
Gagne, 28, enters the season

Phoenix.
Gagne, 28, enters the season with a major league-record 63 consecutive saves dating to Aug. 28, 2002. He had 52 saves in 56 chances that season, his first as a closur.

chances that season, his first as a closer. Owners beat players 4-3 in the cases that went to hearings, the eighth straight year manage-ment has won a majority of the cases. Owners hold a 263-197 advantage since arbitration began in 1974.

#### Pacers' Artest has surgery on torn ligament

Surgery on torn ligament
INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana
Pacers forward Ron Artest will
be out indefinitely after having
surgery Thursday to repair torn
ligaments in his left thumb.
The Pacers had no immediate
immetable for his return, but
seemed to be bracing for an
extended stint without their best
perimeter defender and secondleading score.
The AllStar first injured the
lumb when it got caught in the
jersey of New Jersey forward
thirthy lefferson during a game
against the Netzon Jan. 17. He
aggravated it Tuesday night
against the
Antest flew to New York on
Thursday to have the surgery
performed by the same doctor
who operated on his hand while
he was in college.

All Harrington will start in
Artest's place.

#### Coach: Carter out two to four weeks with sprain

TORONTO - All-Star guard Vince Carter will be sidelined for two to four weeks with a sprained left ankle, Raptors coach Kevin O'Neill said

sprained left ankle, Raptors coach Kevin O'Neill said Thursday.

Carter was hurt in the fourth quarter of Toronto's 86-82 loss to mydnear an Antonio on Wednesday night and had to use crutches after the game.

An MRI exam Thursday showed he had a moderate ankle sprain.

The Raptors are already missing Jalen Rose, who has four broken bones in his left hand, and rookie center Chris Bosh, who resprainted his left ankle Wednesday, the Raptors (25-28) were clinging to a playoff position heading into Friday night 8 game against the New Jersey Nets, the winners of a franchise-recordiging 11 straight games.

# St. Bonaventure gets

St. Bonaventure gets
three years' probation
OLEAN. N.Y. St.
Bonaventure's men's basketball
team was put on three years' probation 'Thursday and barred
from the 2004 possesson for a
put of the claim by sendad.
Out to be such that the sendad control, the NCAA aboc cut two
of the claim scholarships for
-2004 and one for 2005. In addition, recruiting visits by caches
and players were reduced.
Last year, the Bonnies were
stripped of six victories and
barred from the possesson by
the Atlantic 10 after Jamil
Terrell was realed ineligible for
violating junior college transfer
guidelines. Terrell earned a cre
tiffeate in welding at a commumity college before going to St.
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nity college before going to St. Bonaventure.
School president Robert Wickenheiser resigned and coach Jan van Breda Kolff was dismissed. A school investigation found a program lacking institutional control.
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tional control.

In July, the school submitted a report to the NCAA. A month later, William Swan, chairman of the school's trustees, committed suicide, in part because of a bellef he had let down his alma

mater.
This season, St. Bonaventure is 6-16 under first-year coach Anthony Solomon.

#### Utah Jazz send Clark, Handlogten to Suns

Utah Jazz send Clark,
Handlogten to Suns
ORLANDO, Fa. - The Utah
Jazz sent injured players Keon
Clark and Ben Handlogten to
the Phoenix Suns for forward
Tom Gugliotta, cash and draft
picks before the NBA trading
eardline Thursday.
The Jazz, who traded guard
DeShawn Stevenson to Orlando
for guard Gordon Grincek in a
separate deal, get two conditional
first-round draft picks, a 2005
second-round draft picks, a 2005
second-round draft picks, and an
undisclosed sum of cash.
Utah will receive the least
favorable of its two first-round
picks in the 2004 NBA draft, with
its own or New York's selection,
which was acquired from the
Knicks in a trade Jan. 5-The second conditional first-round pick
also was acquired from New
York and is protected through
2010.
Clark played in just two games
this season before having right
andle surgery in November.
Handlogten played only 17
games this season before tearing
left knee
| ligaments in
| December.
| Gugliotta, a 12-year veteran,
| Gugliotta

earns \$11.7 million under a con-tract that expires at the end of the season. He has been playing little the last few weeks, averag-ing 2.3 points and 1.9 rebounds over the season.

# **Timberwolves rout Kings**

Timberwolves rout Kings in top-team matchup
MINNEAPOLIS. (AP) – Kevin
Garnett had 22 points and 24 rebounds for the Minnesota Imberwolves in a 9275 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Thursday right in a matchup of the Western Conference's top teams. Sam Cassell added 18 points for Minnesota (39-15), which used a whopping 60-34 rebound advantage to beat Sacramento (38-14) in a surprisingly Eastern Conference-style game. Peja Stojakovic had 15 points for the Kings, whose 75 points were a season low – 30 under their average and just the third time they were under 90.

"This budding rivalry has been, recently, one of the tightest matchups in the league. The last four meetings went to overtime, an NBA record, including a 112 or and win by Minnesota 110 proad win by Minnesota 110 proad win by Minnesota 11 necember.

Brad Miller had 35 points in

four meetings went to overtime, an NBA record, including a 112-109 road win by Minnesota in December.

Brad Miller had 35 points in that one for Sacramento, which is missing the center because of a sprained foot and Chris Webber because of an NBA suspension. That left rookie Darius Songaila, making just his second career start, and Jabari Smith to guard Garnett.

Garnett didn't have a great shooting night (the was 8-for-19), but he was a magnet to the backet as usual – grabbing 12 rebounds in the first quarter alone.

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# SCORES AND STATS

# WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing ASCAR, Busch Series, pole qualifying for Goody's Headache Powder 200, SPEED, 11:30 a.m. NASCAR, Nextel Cup, pole qualify ing for Subway 400, SPEED, 1 p.m.

**Basketball** 

· Timberwolves at Pistons, ESPN, 6

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- Sixers at Lakers, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

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Still, CSI rallied. Sophomore
Sean VanElderen drove sophomore Charlie Strandlund home
with a two-out inside-the-park
home run on an Oz count in the
ninth inning to cap the win.
VanElderen hit the ball so hard
that Walker through he might not
have time to make it home on the
play, but assistant coach Boomer
Walker knew otherwise.

"I was thinking maybe a triple,"
Skip Walker said. "But then the
adventurous-Boomer waiwed-him
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close."
But Walker is still waiting for his team to perform well against qual-

Boxing
Friday Night at the Fights, ESPN2,

7 p.m. Nationwide Tour, Jacob's Creek Open Championship, second round, 1GC, 9 a.m.
Champions Tour, Outback

Steakhouse Pro-Am, first round, Steakhouse riosan, .... TGC, 11:30 a.m. PGA Tour, Nissan Open, second

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# BRAVE **NEW WORLD**

# Atlanta faces all sorts of questions this spring

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) – Mark DeRosa remembers going to spring training with the Adanta Braves and Knowing he had little chance to make the team.

—The -roster-was--basically-set. There might have been room for an extra outfielder or another reliever, but that was about it.

"When I was coming up from the minors, there was like one spot available," DeRosa said.
"This year, there's plenty of spots to be won."

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Indeed, spring should be interesting for the Braves, who went through a major transformation while cutting salaries.

Gone are Gary Sheffield, Greg Maddux, Javy Lopez and Vinny Maddux, Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla. Not to mention several lesser-known but valuable members of a team that won Atlanta's, 12th straight division title.

There are all sorts of holes to fill, all sorts of questions to answer.

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Can rookie Adam LaRoche take over at first base?

Can Johny Estrada come anywhere close to putting up numbers like Lopez's?

Can John Smoltz bounce back from elbow surgery?

And, most important, can the Braves possibly win another tide in the muchimproved NL East?

General manager John Schuerholz said.

"There's always some wonderment about what the roster's going to be," Schuerholz said.
"But clearly, it's more so this year."

DeRosa is set to replace Castilla

year."
DeRosa is set to replace Castilla at third. Last year's starter had 22 homers and 76 RBIs, while his successor has only 14 homers and 68

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Maurice Clarett was more prepared to handle questions Thursday than he was to perform for PKL Scouts. The running back who won a challenge to the NFLIS draft system amounced be would skip today's work outs - ar - the scouting combine because he wanted more wanted more more continued to the control of the control of

Maurice Clarett Scouts must now wait until April to see Clarett's audition, a decision that angered some of the NFLS top evaluators. "That's a farce," Butfalo general manager from Donahoe said. "That was expected but that's ridicu-lous."

bine because he wanted more time to train after missing all of last season due to of a sus-pension. Scouts must now wait until

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Maurice

RBIs in his career.
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never played more than 103
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DeRosa bulked up nearly 10
pounds. His biceps, especially, are
much bigger than the end of last
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"I haven't played a whole season in a while," DeRosa said. "The begin thing is maintaining my strength. The body breaks down when you play all those games."

The Braves appear to be taking a major gamble at the corriers, going with two players who don't have big power potential. LaRuche, the son of former major league pitcher Dave LaRuche, averaged nine homers a year in the minors.

In any case, Chipper Jones knows it will be innossible in

the minors.

In any case, Chipper Jones knows it will be impossible to match the Braves' 2003 offensive output. They set franchise records for runs, home runs, hits, doubles, total bases and slugging percentage.

age.
"That's a lot of offense we've got to replace. Did we replace it?
No," Jones said. "But John's hands

"That's a lot of offense we've got to replace. Did we replace it? No," Jones said "But John's hands are tied. He's got to operate under certain guidelines. He did as good as he could."

Take catcher, where the Braves couldn't afford to keep Lopez. So a guy who batted 328 with 43 homers and 109 RBIs was replaced by Estrada, who spent most of last season at Triple A.

LaRoche has never played above Double A, but the Braves are pushing him into the lineup after a 45 game stint at Greenville in 2003.

his playing weight at Ohio State, and he acknowledged he wasn't in top condition despite training the past couple weeks.

Scouts wondered why Clarett didn't arrive for the weeklong combine in better shape after missing an entire college season and then challenging the NFLs rule requiring underclassmen to complete three years of school before declaring for the draft. Clarett said simply that he needed to train at a higher level and promised to be ready when he holds his personal workout in Columbus/Ohio, the first week of April.

Clarett's decision to skip workouts raises questions



Atlanta Braves' Mark DeRosa hits a solo home run against the New York Mets during the fifth inning at Shea Stadlum in New York, June 1, 2003. "When I was coming up from the minors, there was like one spot available, DeRosa said. 'This year, there's plenty of spots to be won,' Indeed, spring should be interesting for the Braves, who went through a major transformation while cutting salaries.

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"Last year, I was still kind of iffy. I was like, 'Maybe I don't belong here,'" LaRoche said, 'Now Ym libe, 'Yeah, I can do it. I do belong here."

Smolz, who has 100 saves the last two years, is throwing again without pain after surgery to remove sear tissue in his troubled right elbow. He floated the idea of moving back into the starting rotation, but that was quickly shot down.

"Did it cross my mind? Sure, he was a great starter," Schuerholz said. "But now he's a great closer."

Besides, the Braves signed Jon Thomson, who pitched well in the second half of last season with Texas. He takes Maddux's place in a rotation that also includes Russ ortiz, Mike Hampton and Horacio Ramirez.

One cause for concern: Who'll

like," Detroit Lions president Matt Millen said, "We've got to do our homework and he's got to do his." Clarett was grilled by reporters for about 15 minutes in a preview of what he likely faced later Thursday night when teams begin interviewing players one-on-one. The NFL limits-teams to 60 interviews and Clarett said he expected to talk to all 32 teams. He was assked repeatedly about his character, medical history, durability and whether he was prepared physically and mentally to jump to the NFL Clarett even dodged a question about his agent, saying he hadn't yet made a decision even though he is believed to have chosen Jimmy Sexton.

And Clarett promised to show a

Marlins closer Antonio Alfonseca, coming off a poor season with the Cubs (34,5.83 ERA). Then there's right, where Sheffield (330,39 Hist, 132 RBIs) will be replaced by Drew, and finite of the replaced by Drew, and the replaced with the Cardinals. The Brawes hope the Georgia native will have a breakout season in the final year of his contract. "Td like to see what he can do with 150 games and 600 at bats. He's never done that," Jones said. He's never done that," Jones said. He's never done that," Jones said. He's never done that, "Jones said the said of the said of

year and wound up missing three games and parts of two others because of the injuries although he still set ran for a school freshman record with 1,237 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Clarett explasined the injuries by saying he played hard and was working on his feet to avoid taking big hits.

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As Clarett spoke, he smiled frequently as he tried to deflect the criticisms.

"I think you can trust me," he said. "When I sit down with the coaches and GMs, I think they'll have a good idea of where I'm coming from."

Now Clarett must find a place to fit in.

= A-PAIŔ-BEHIND-HOME PLATE:-



Henry Rustrian, left, sells Houston Astros tickets to New York Yankees and Astros fan Jim Zucconi, right, at the Astros ticket office Feb. 6, in Houston The Astros addition of former New York Yankees pitchers Andy Petlitte and Roger Clemens have helped to increase ticket sales.

## CENTER OF ATTENTION

# Fans, critics eye star-studded Houston Astros spring training

HOUSTON (AP) – The Houston Astros' biggest problem might be figuring out who gets to start on opening day.

Does six-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens get the honor? Or will it be fellow new-comer Andy Petitice? And what about holdovers Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt?

Only one can throw the season's first pitch against Barry Bonds' San

Roy Oswalt?

Only one can throw the season's first pitch against Barry Bonds' San Francisco Giants on April 5.

Manager Jimy Williams didn't want to think about it before the team starts spring running Sunday. "Id like to get all of our starters in the same ZIP code in Kissimmee, then I'll get them all together and we'll talk about it," he said. "I think that's the best way to do it, rather than having to make five phone calls."

Clemens would be the obvious hoice, especially because he came out of retirement to play for his hometown team after leaving the New York Yankees.

Pettitte, who won four World Series with the Yankees, is Clemen's buddy, and his decision to sign with the Astros is the main reason the Rocket agreed to play for them.

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Oswall, a budding young star, is coming off a season shortened by climoic groin problems. Miller has been the Astros' salwart, pitching at least 160 innings in each of the past three seasons.

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Williams wants to set his rotation before exhibition play starts March 5. The pitching strength has given Astros. Ians hope that the team, which started play in 1962, can get to the World Series for the first time.
When you've got a guy that has 20 years in the big leagues, I believe he deserves the spot," said

Oswalt, who was 6 when Clemens debuted with the Boston Red Sdx in 1984. "He's been here a Tpt longer than I have, and he sure has done a lot more."

done a lot more."

One thing is for sure: Tim Rodding will be the fitth starter. He was 10-14 with a 3.86 ERA last sebson.

"I'm starting to get excited because it's getting close." Petritte said. "It seems like I signed a year ago. The fans, the town, everybody is so excited, and I'm extremely excited myself.

Jeriome Robertson, who led the team with 15 wins last year despite a 5.10 ERA, is headed to the bullpen. Carlos Hernandez, Rodrigo Rosario and Brandon Duckworth will be either middle relievers or wind up at Triple-A2-Setup man Octavio Detel becomes the closer after the trade of fully Wagner to the Philadelphia Phillies, and Brad Lidge takes over as the setup man.

The other bullpen slots yre uncertain, with Robertson, Hernandez, Rosario, Duckworth, Ricky Stone, Dave Veres, Ban Miceli, Brandon Backe, Extendid, Brandon Backe, Millians, whose team is coming off two second-place finishes that failed to earn it a playoff berth.

Outfielder Richard Hidalgo is cager for the chance to hit and support the Astros 'rotation. Hidalgo, who makes \$12 million, has been the subject of frude rumors.

"T'm just happy to still be here," he said. 'I really want to be here, so I just thank God I've gotten to stay here. 'Pro still waiting for whatever nothing I can do about it."

# holds his personal workout in Columbus, Chio, the first week of April. "If it was just normal training, lifting weights and conditioning," if we said. "If wasn't like I was getting ready to jump right into the league. That level is a whole different level. The intensity of the training has to increase. I'm going to take these next four weeks and training right and try to take my training the work of the trying trying trying trying the trying tr Now Clarett must find a place to fit in. Donahoe thinks that could be difficult. He didn't mince words when asked to compare Clarett's when asked to compare Clarett's uncertain future to that of Willis McGahee, who the Bills drafted in the first round last year despite a knee injury that kept him out of all 16 games last year. "Let's not put Clarett in the same category as McGahee," Donahoe said. "That's not fair to Willis. Willis attitude-wise and character-wise, that's a big difference." Sexton. And Clarett promised to show a different side in the NFL. "I think I'm going to keep my mouth shut at this level," he said. While teams hope to start getting more answers Huusday night, the bigger issues may require more examination. Doctors checked Clarett's left shoulder, which he hurt during his record-setting freshman season with the Buckleyes. He also had knee surgery that lous." Clarett, 20, will become the first true sophomore in the NFL draft but said his mother advised him not to work out at the combine. There was another reason, too. Clarett weighed in at a porky 237 pounds, seven pounds higher than CSI .

Continued from D1 just one win in their final four games or any Bruin loss to clinch home-court advantage. "It means a lot," Rogers said of

iome-court advantage.

"It means a lor," Rogers said of his team's opportunity to win the conference tile outright. "Nobody knew what this league was going to be like when we have to play back-to-back games against teams on their home floor. If you would of told me at 0-0 that we'd be 18-2 in conference play, I would've took it." Salt Lake will provide a stiff test, especially on its home court. The Bruins boast 5-foot-8 sophonore guard Jenn Cook, who's averaging 11-8 points per game. Cook scored 28 points in SLCC's 73-64 win in Twin Falls Jan. 9. The Eagles then employed a diamond-and-1 defense on her the next inglit in limiting her to eight points in 60-36 CSI viceory.

Timn Cooks is wary of Cook and Tooks Supposed to the Bruins' most potent weapon."

potent weapon.
"Jenn Cook is still one of the

top two players in this league, I believe," Rogers said. "You have to stop Jenn before you stop Salt Lake. They're probably expecting that we'll play the diamond-and-I on her, but we'll probably change things up again."

SLCC may be as close to a non-rick pony as there is in the league, but CSI has been anything but, especially since multiple players have returned from injury. The Eagles are especially deep in the frontcourt, where five players are averaging 11.8 minutes or more. "We're almost too deep," Rogers said with a laugh, "Tve got kids on the bench that could be starters at most the programs in this league. Jen Pond, we're trying to find her more minutes. (Meliame Halaufia), we're trying to find her more minutes. (Meliame Halaufia), we're trying to find her more minutes. (Meliame Halaufia), we're trying to find her more minutes. (Meliame Halaufia), we're trying to find her more minutes. (Meliame Palaufia), we're trying to find her more minutes. (Meliame Palaufia), we're trying to find her mare minutes. Twe got Brandi (Moore), who didn't get in the games much (against CEU), but I'd love to get her more minutes. Kystin Patterson played very well (last) weekend in the limited

time she had. It's a tough situation for a coach, but it's better than the alternative."

Men

While the CSI women have all but locked up a No. 1 seed in the regional tournament, the men still have plenty of work to do.

But the Eagles (19-7 overall, 13-7 SWAC) still hold their destiny in their own hands, finishing the season with two games each against fellow conference coleaders SLCC (19-7, 13-7) ronight and Saturday and Snow College (18-8, 13-7) in Twin Falls next weekend.

weekend.

-CSI has the toughest remaining schedule of the three teams. Snow hosts Colorado Northwestern Community College, winless in the SWAC, this weekend. Salt Lake finishes the regular season at CEU (10-12 SWAC).

with-us,"-ESI-head-coach-Gib Arnold said. "We understand that

with us," CSI-head-coach-GibArmold said. "We understand that
we've still got a ways to go.
Although its two weeks, it's a
whole season upon us."
CSI needs to take care of business against SLCC this weekend,
a team it split with earlier this season. The Eagles blasted Salt Lake
82-60 one night after the Bruins
scored 15 unanswered points at
the end of regulation before winning in overtine, 92-85.
One obvious key to limiting the
SLCC offensive attack is to keep 6f forward Rekalm Sims in check.
Sims is weenging 18.5 prg, best in
the SWAC. In charge of putting the
wrap on Sims is CSIs Jason
McGriff. McGriff drow the assignment in the Eagles' win over SLCC,
holding Sims to nine points and two
rebounds. McGriff scored six points
and grabbed 10 rebounds in that
same game. The night before, Sims
went for 17 points and 14 boards
while McGriff scored a one-game
suspension.

# **Valley**

"They were putting—smaller-girls on her and playing a box and-one, but they couldn't stop her one-on-one," Hardy said. "She's so important to our team regardless of how many points she scores." The win sends Valley into the semifinals at 6:15 p.m. against Lapwai (20-5). The Wildcats downed Aberdeen 62-58 behind 21 points from junior guard Althea Walker and 12 from Jade Spencer.

Spencer.
Sophomore forward Lindsy Wood played her usual second fiddle to Malone, scoring seven points and grabbing eight rebounds, making life tough for Cardinal coach Wade Schwaneveldt; posts.
"Valley crashed the boards well, but we just didn't get the job done today." Schwaneveldt said.
The Cardinals also had trouble with Valley S 23 zone, often settling for long jumpers under pressure. Without an aggressive post game, Soda Springs was held to

just seven free-throw attempts, while Valley-hit-23 of 33 tries from

while varies in the line.

"We just weren't aggressive enough on offense." Schvaneveldt said. "They got to the line and we didn't. That made a real difference."

didn't. That made a real difference."
Martinsen was the only Cardinal in double figures, burfut for 18, partially on the strength of four three-pointers.
Lapwai's run-and-gun offense, led by its talented guards, will be challenge for Valley.

"We'll have to score more tomorrow," Hardy said. "I hope-we saved some."

# how good he really is

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP)
Daytona 500 champion Dale
Earnhardt Jr. is close to unbeatable in restrictor-plate races.
He'll get a chance to show
whether he's truly a
contender to win the
Nextel Cup title as
NASCAR shifts to
North Carofina
Speedway, a difficult
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was 13th, in November Land 13th, in November His Dale Earnhard Inc. team. has spent a considerable amount of time testing in preparation for the Subway 400, hoping the extra work will propel him to another victory. "In the past, it was a track we struggled at," he said. "It may be the only place we haven't really canquered yet." — Junior has proven to be a massive at Daytona and Talladega Superspeedway — the two tracks on the require horespowersapping systrictor plates — partly because at the time and energy DEI devotes to those facilities. He won all three races he entered at Daytona last week and his nine career victories there. But if Junior wants to be taken seriously as a championship contender, he needs to improve at the tracks he has never masked his disdain for. "That includes Rockingham, where the rough surface eats away at tires and puts driver ability and handling at a premium.

"Even though we devote a tor or effort and time to restrictorplate tracks, Rockingham is a track we've emphasized as a place where we need to improve if we're going to win a championship," he said. "I used to come here with a bad attitude, and it seemed to set the tone for the whole team.

team.
"I think it's differ-"I think it's different now. If anything, winning the Daytona wind Ir. the nor confidence than we lacked heading into Rockingham in the past."

in the past."

The entire complexion of Sunday's race should be different from past years because of new, NASCAR-implemented aerody-

NASCAR-implemented aerody-namic rules that revolve around smaller rear spoilers and less downforce. Goodyear has also produced a softer tire, and combined with the new rules, the cars should be more difficult to drive beginning with bridark qualifying session.

more difficult to drive beginning with Friday's qualifying session. The new tweaks are expected to favor the veteran drivers, who have years of experience with different setups.

Either way, an emphasis on driving and less importance on pit strategy is what Nextel Cup series director John Darby was hoping for with the changes.

"It is quite obvious that the drivers are going to have to finesse and take care of their thes a little bit this year." Darby said.



Colorado Avalanche goalle David Aebischer, of Switzerland, skates out of the ctoses during the team's skate in this file photograph taken on Nov. 22, 2003, in Denvor. Aebischer, who spent three years as the understudy to hock-

sy legend Patrick Roy, has stepped up to the challenge of filling Roy's skates. It is season in the wake of Roy's retirement from the game.

# Aebischer fills Roy's huge skates with Avs

By David Ramsey
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DENVER – The task was not
impossible, just improbable.
David Achischer only had to
"Diparid Avalanche goaltender.
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"We know how these stories go.
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"Brian Grises, who tried – und
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the leader of the Brances.
Yet Achischer; serenting an
entirely different story,
Achischer, who turned 26 last
week, has soared beyond what
seemed possible. Roy is not forgotten, No one will forget his flair,
itis-unger, his sprawling sawes.
Here's the sumprise Rey is not
missed much Achischer and the
Avalanche play Edmonton
Wednesday night at Popis Center.
"David has been phenomenal,"
says Avalanche right wing Teemu
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heresy, "Abbischer is allowing 202 goals per game and gains confidence and strength as the season ages. In the past 33 games, he has allowed an average of 1.82 goals.

Roy delivered only one Avalanche season, 2001.2002, in which he allowed less than two coals per game:

goals per game.'
Aebischer grabbed the atten-tion of his teammates and sever-al million hockey fans - on Saturday when he twice robbed

the Red Wings' Brett Hull of sure goals in the Avalanche's 5-2 victory at Detroit.

Selanne admires the way Aebischer refuses to give up on a save. All might look lost, as it did against Hull, but Aebischer still dives after the puck.

The saves against Hull impressed left wing Alex Tanguay. "Toouldn't believe it. He was robbing one of the deadliest snipers in hockey."

Of course, the season remains young and the playoffs, with mind-cracking pressure, await Aebischer.

mino-tracking pressure, awan Aebischer. He could falter. He could toss away his remarkable season. Expect the opposite. Aebischer was spectacular against the Red Wings in the worst of conditions. He defeated howling fans in a hostile arena. He defeated some of lockey's best shooters. He played, as usual, with sense of calin and confidence. His teammates believe. They've seen enough unlikely saves, seen how Aebischer is not bothered by pressure.

now Acoustics

"What's great is David's never
nervous," Selanne says. "He's
always calm, just out there doing
his job."

netwoos, always calm, just out there using his job."
His job once seemed one of the worst in hockey. Following a leg-end is never easy.
Before the season, Aebischer talked about Griese's struggles. He watched the sad show, watched how Griese wilted under the elare.

the giare.

He promised his saga would be
"different." He used the word
three times, perhaps trying to convince himself.

Against the odds, he has created a different story.

Completely different.

# Now Junior will show | Micheel, Maruyama share Nissan lead

LOS ANGELES (AP) – PGA champion Shaun Micheel dosard feel like, a star, not with Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh in the Nissan Open, and certainly not in star-cruzed Los Angeles.

As long as he plays like one, that's fine with him.

Micheel put some putting practice to good use Thursday, holing a 30-foot eagle putt and a couple of other long birdies for a 7-under 64 at Riviera and a share of the first-round lead with Shigeki Maruyama.

"I don't know what it takes to be a star," Micheel said. "I don't know if I have that quality. I would like to become top 10 in the world at some point, be a more consistent player."

—Micheel-and-Maruyama, while the group at 66 included defending champion Mike Weir and former Nissan Open winners Fred Couples and Robert Allenby.

Woods, meantime, continued to struggle a Riviera.

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struggle at Riviera.

This is the only course on the PGA Tour he has played at least five times without winning, and Woods put himself in a hole with a lower 72, the first time he has been over par in the first round of a regular PGA Tour event since last year at Riviera.

Woods will start the second round below the cut line, needing a good score to extend his record streak of 116 consecutive cuts on the PGA Tour.

"My iron play was the most disappointing," Woods said. "I hit some really nice drives, but I couldn't hit my irons close enough to make any birdies."

Singh, whose streak of 12 top 10s ended last week at Torrey Pines when he missed the cut, didn't fare much better. Despite hit high 15 greens, he took 33 puts in a round of even-par 71.

It wasn't just Woods and Singh grabbing all the attention.

The loudest roars of a cool, overcast day belonged to John Daly, a winner last week for the first time on U.S. soil in 10 years. Daly was 2 over at the turn, but birdied the next three holes and the last two of his round for a 68.

His only complaint came at the end, when players have to walk up a 50-foot hill to the clubhouse to sign their cards.

"I just wish theyd put an escalter from the 18th green to the clubhouse," Daly said, "I'm too fat to walk up this damn hill."

Micheel breezed his way around Riviera, and wound up in the lead for the first time since his



Shaun Michoel of Memphis, Tenn., and playing partner Shigeki Maruyama of Japan, watch Michoel's drive on the fourth hole in the first round of the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles' Pacific Palisades area Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004. Both golfers posted a 7-under par 64 for the round.

7-iron into 2 inches on the final hole at Oak Hill gave him a two-shot victory in the PGA Championship. Painter sinks eagle for

Jacob's Creek Open lead

ADELAIDE, Australia — Australia's Anthony Painter made a 50-foot eagle putt on No. 9 – his final hole — to take the lead at 6-under 65 after the first round of

the Jacob's Creek Open.
Americans Jeff Klauk and
Vance Veazey and Australians
Euan Walters, Nick O'Hern and
Adam Groom opened with 66s in
the tournament co-sanctioned by
the second-tier Nationwide and
Australasian tours.

Three share top position at Malaysian Open tourney SHAH ALAM, Malaysia - Sout

Africa's Martin Maritz, England's Jamie Elson and Australia's Terry Price shot Gunder 66s to share the first round lead in the Malaysian Open. Malaysia's Rizman Zahari, who had a hole-in-one on the 172-yard second hole, was a stroke back. Iroland's Paul McGinley opened with a 68, countryman Padraig Harrington shot a 69, and Scotland's Colin Montgomerie had five bogeys in a 73.

# Kolzig stops 43, helps lift Capitals past Devils

WASHINGTON (AP)
Washington goalie Olaf
Kolzig continued his
recent strong play with 43
saves, and Mike Grier,
Matt Pettinger and Robert
Lang each scored as the
Capitals defeated the New
Jersey Devils 3-1 Thursday
night.
Kolzig is 42-2 in his last eight
sturts despite the fact Washington
has allowed at least 30 shots in
each of its last 10 games — and 40
shots in five of the last eight. New
Jersey held a 44-26 advantage in
shots in this game, keeping Kolzig
busy after he made 47 saves in
Tuesday's 1-1 tie with Ottawa.
It was Washington's first game
after Wednesday's trade of longtime Capital Peter Bondra to
Ottawa. Several fans began chanting, "We want Peter" when the

Maple Leafs 2 Hurricanes 1, OT

Toronto.

Bryan McCabe scored a powerplay goal in the first period for
Toronto, and Mikael Tellqvist
made 34 saves. Scan Hill scored
midway through the third period
for the Hurricanes.

Rangers 6, Islanders 2

NEW YORK - Jaromir Jagr had a goal and an assist in his return

from a groin injury, and Mike Dunham made 30 saves in a fight-filled game. The Rangers won their fifth straight over the Islanders.

Islanders.
The Rangers are 5-0 against the Islanders.
The Rangers are 5-0 against the Islanders this season, but-trail their local rival by 11 points in the race for the playoffs. The Rangers (22:27-44) are 7-02 in their last nine against the Islanders, games all started by Dunham.
Eric Cairns and Dale Purinton fought with 3:54 left as a major scrum involving Islanders gading Garth Snow broke out. Only Dunham stayed out of the fray.

Purinton and Snow were ejected.

Canadiens 4, Flames 1 Canadions 4, Hames 1
MONTRAL – Pierro Dagenais
scored twice and backup goalie
Mathieu Garon made 19 saves
hiel flourgame losing streak.
Patrice Brisebois and Niklas
Sundstrom also scored for
Montreal, which ended Calgary
third four-game winning streak
this season.

this season.

Jarome Iginla scored his 30th
goal for the Flames, who fell short
of their first five-game winning
streak in seven years.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### CSI offers computer accounting classes

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho plans several Quick Books Pro 2003 class-

several Quick Books Fro and Classes, e.s. Quick Books is an accounting and inventory tracking software program that helps small business operators set up a company, handle accounts receivable and payable rack and age merchandise, and do payrolf, reconciling and reporting. Students need to be computer literate and familiar with accounting orinciales.

ate and familiar with accounting principles.

The first session will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 and 20.

The second session is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 and 24.

Dennis filley and Doug Lincoln, certified public accountants, will teach the classes, Cost is \$100 per person; lunch is not included. Participants can choose either session. Preregistration and prepayment are required.

For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust, ISBDC training coordinator, at 732-6455 or stud@esizedu.

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For information, call the office at 436-7151 or send e-mail to internet\_ed@pmt.org.

# Farmers meet about efficiency

Farmers meet about efficiency in Idaho Power workshop

ABERDEEN - As the costs of power and other expenses in running a farm have risen, so has the need for efficiency, Idaho Power irrigation expert Dennis Elison said.

Elison was among speakers at an irrigation expert Dennis Elison said.

Elison was among speakers at an irrigation efficiency workshop organized by Idaho Power and University of Idaho Power and University of Idaho in Aberdeen.

Idaho Power recently asked for power-rate hikes that could mean a possible 25 percent increase for irrigation customers. Company officials say they did not host the workshop because of their proposal.

"The company is interested in making sure all our customers are using power efficiently," said another Idaho Power irrigation expert, Quinton Nesbirt.

Elison said farmers can reduce commod changes by running smaller commod changes of the proposed of the proposed of the proposed are a fixed cost paid to the proposed of the proposed o

Irrigators also learned about com-puter software that can graph water availability for their crops, and it provides a way for farmers to study how growing different crop mix-tures will affect water needs. — University—of-Idaho—irrigation expert Howard Neibling said the software is a good way for farmers to look at basic needs.

#### U.S. economy and job market continue to strengthen

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MEWYORK. Evidence continues
to build that the U.S. economy is
strengthening — including on the
jobs front.
The Conference Board said
Thursday that its Composite Index
of Leading Economic Indicators
rose 0.5 percent in December to
115.0 following gains of 0.2 percent
in December and 0.3 percent in
November.
In Washington, meanwhile, the
Labor Department reported that
the number of people filing new
claims for unemployment benefits
fell sharply last week.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# M.C. business group brings in trainer

BURLEY - When J.R. Simplot BURLEY – when J.G. sunpor Co. announced its Heyburn plant closure and Wal-Mart its Birley store expansion, community lead-ers wondered what would happen to other businesses in Mini-Cassia

Cassia. Joan Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, wondered how the chamber could help.

She was scanning the Internet, looking for a motivational speaker, when she ran across the name

Dan Surface and made note of it. But before she could contact him.

he contacted her.

Assun talked to Surface about the Mini-Cassiar situation, and Surface said he, thought a customer service seminar could help. Service is the key to husinesses retaining customers, he told her. "Small businesses rely on customer service," she said.

The arrival of big businesses like Wal-Mart recutes a competitive spirit, Asson suid, adding that service at Wal-Mart is excellent.

"That competitive spirit is key to keeping smaller businesses vibrant," she said.

"Wal-Mart points a target on the back of every customer," Surface said. "We need to ask,

Jilow are we going to keep that customer and keep them coming back time?

Surface is a speaker and consultant to some of the nation's leading associations and corporations. He works to get bottom-time results within organizations, his Web Site says.

Achieve The Yest? is a customized talk than he will present during a March 17 seminar

in Burley.

Surface was recently named Indiana Speaker of the Year by the National Speaker Association and is its current president, his Web site says.

"With a lifetime of experience in business he has formed several successful corporations including a 24-year-old printing company and has met over 1,600 continuous weekly payrolls," the site says.

ous weesiy payrons, the site says. He has served as president of the Entrepreneur Alliance, and he is author of "The One Business Book You Absolutely Must Own!" and "22 Powerful Strategies to Build Your Self Confidence." His

latest soon-to-be released book is "The Customer Is Not My Enemy!"
"You can overcome any obscriging the left you can overcome any obscriging to the right proper at the right proper at the right proper with passion was one hing that impressed Asson when she saw the video presentation Surface, sent her.

sent her. She also noted that he address-

es not only how employees should treat customers, but internal cus-tomer service – the way employ-ees treat each other.

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# TAKING ACTION

# Green Team helps both environment. bottom line

The Associated Press

BOISE - Trophies mean little to this team of employees. They don't wear uniforms emblazemed with a company logo, and they may or may not have any athletic ability. Helping the environment while

saving the company money – not scoring points – is the ultimate goal of the Green Team.

scoring points – is the goal of the Green Team.

The concept of green teams is growing across the country. They're now a part of big companies like Starbucks, but the roots of green teams started at smaller companies like Boise's CHZM Hill.

CHZM Hill started its Green Team in 1999, It was the fifth Team in 1999, It was the fifth CHZM Hill office to form a team, and now the company has green

CIZM Hill office to form a team, and now the company has green teams in more than 30 offices across the United States.

The Boise team is completely voluntary and encompasses employees from different departments and job titles, but with a common goal to help the environment by suggesting and office implementing changes at their companies.

imperimenting enough to the companies. Some of the Boise Green team's accomplishments include eliminating the use of paper and Styroloam cups and changing the company's copying policy so that employees now do double-sided company save naner.

company's copyong poury so unat employees now do double-sided copyoing to save paper. Just eliminating the cups, and giving everyone a mug or glass, is saving the company \$500 a year. The team also onganizes events for other employees to talk about things like water and energy conservation, organic gardening, carpooling and local open space. Brandy Wilson, a technical writer and one of the founding members of the team, said the best way to have a successful team is to implement things first that save the company money. "We find we have to continuous the company money the context things to the bottom line and be read analytical about it



rs of the 'Green Team' at CH2M Hill, fro Memous of the 'dreen roam at Charm hill, from outlem left clockwise, Brandy Wilson, Sherrill Doran, Lena Hall, Josh Butter, Betty Bufford, Jennifer Knight and Betsy Roberts, don't woar uniforms or strive for trophies. Helping the environment while saving the company money is their ultimate goal.

to get management support and to have things happen." Wilson said. Starting with things that cansave a company money helps make it easier to gain approval for things that might cost a little extra like switching to recycled paper or paging to have cardboard recycled. Wilson and other team members say changing attitudes and cultures at a company isn't always easy.

easy.
"We're upsetting their lives a lit-tle bit, and some of them get upset with you," said Betsy Roberts, a civil engineer and co-founder of

the team.

The team has often felt the wrath of disgrunded co-workers, whether it's been because they took away paper cups or encouraged double-sided copying.

"We got a bad rap at the beginning when we were getting this

any money is their ultimate goal.

together," said Jennifer Knight, a
proposal manager with the company, "They would walk on the other
side of the half from us."

Wilson said the team doesni',
like to force employees to do something, Instead they opt for education to help domonstrate why it's
important to make changes. The
team also tries to sponsor fun
events for employees outside the
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edifice like volunteering to plant
bitterbrush in the footbills or clean
up the Boise River.

Still, not every employee will do
it just because it's right, and
Wilson and the other team menbers have learned to accept that.

"You're not going to change
everybody," said Josh Butler, a
team member and engineer with
C12M Hill. "You try and show people what's logical and good and
they'll make their own choices."

# **Qwest posts loss of \$307** million in fourth quarter

DENVER - Qwest ommunications International

Communications International Inc. reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$307 million Thursday, blaming competition from wine-less and local phone service providers.

The loss, which amounts to 17 cents per share, compares with a \$2.7 billion in profit, or \$1.61 per share, recorded in the fourth quarter 2002, when the sale of Qwest's phone directory unit boosted results.

Revenue, was \$3.5 billion in the 2003 fourth quarter, down 5.6 percent from \$3.7 billion in the same quarter the year hefore.

Analysts surgewed by Thompson.

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Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had expected losses of 8 cents per share. Qwest - the major local-phone service provider in Magic Valley - did not indicate whether its fourth-quarter results included special charges.

Sales of high-speed DSI, Internet access and long-distance within Qwest's 14-state region are growing, and Qwest has momentum, CEO Richard Notebaert said.

The company plans to spend

Notebaert said.
The company plans to spend \$200 million in 2004 to make DSL available to more than 60 percent of its total access lines, or roughly 6 million homes, Notebaert said, it is available on 45 percent of lines now. On Feb. 28, Qwest will begin offering DSL to customers even if they don't have a land line for phone service from Qwest.

# Wal-Mart posts 8.4 percent

Wal-Mart posts 8.4 percent profit in fourth quarter
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Wal-Mart Stores Inc. overcame a tough pre-Christmas retailing environment to post an 8.4 percent gain in its fourth quarter profit, while rival Target Corp. reported a 21 percent jump in earnings on robust business at its flagship discount chain. Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, said Thursday its earnings rose to \$5.272 billion, or 63 cents a share, for the three months ended Jan. 31, up from \$2.51 billion, or 57 cents a share, a year ago. Its revenue rose more than 12 percent to \$75.2 billion from \$66.9 billion a year ago. Wal-Mart's Magic Valley stores are in Burley and Jerome.
Minneapolis-based Target, with a store in Twin Falls, said

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Thursday it earned \$832 million; or 91 cents ner share, for the Thursday it earned \$832 milljoin, or 91 cents per share, for fife, three months ended Jan, 31, ip from \$568 million, or 75 cents, per share, in the same quarter, a year earlier. The latest results beat the consensus estimate of \$75 cents have been abare by analysts sugaveyed by Thomson First Call.

#### Nextel Communications earnings fall 56 percent

RESTON, Va. – Fourth-quarter parnings at wireless phono-provider Nexter

RESTON, Va. - Fourth-quare provider at wireless phen provider and the comparison of the year-ago quarter when a 51.7 billion one-time gain sharply, inflated profits.

Quarterly profits of \$637 million, or \$5 cents a share, compared with earnings of \$1.46 billion, or \$1.38 a share, in 2002.

Excluding one-time items, the company reported operating carnings of \$530 million, or \$48 cents per share, more than during earnings of \$530 million, or \$48 cents per share, more than during the the \$2.00 million, or \$1.25 cents per share, in the previous year, the results beat the estimate of Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call, who predicted carnings of 41 cents a share. Nexted, currently the nation's sixth-largest cellular phone series to provide, increased quarterly-revenue 29 percent, from \$2.33 billion to \$3.01 billion. The company also continued to add subscribers at a healthy pace; tallying a subscriber base of \$1.29 million at years end.

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For the year, Nextel earned. \$1.74 billion, or \$1.36 a share; company and provided to \$2.74 billion, or \$2.74 billion, compared with \$1.66 billion, or \$2.74 billion, compared to \$8.74. billion in 2002.

#### Debt refinancing hits Jack in the Box chain

SAN DIEGO - San Diego-based restaurant chain Jack from the Box said net income for the quarter through Jan. 18 fell 26/4 percent to \$15.6 million, or 43/2 cents a diluted share, including costs related to debt refinancing

## Kmart stays at bottom of list rating satisfaction Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT – When it comes to customer satisfaction, Kmart Holding Corp. still sits, at the bottom of the barrel among department and discount stores, according to a University of Michigan study released this week. However, Kmart officials say they are improving customer service and they expect the company to move up in the rankings this year.

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For the second year in a row, Kmart – which has a Twin, Falls store – scored 70 out of 100 on the American Customer Satisfaction Index. The index is compiled by University of Michigan, the American Society for Quality of Milwaukee and CFI Group of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The score – calculated from more than 70,000 consumer surveys nationwide – was the lowest in the category for department

and discount stores. Kohla-Corpled with a score of 79; J.C. Penner Corp. was the most improved, scoring 78, up 6.8 percent from the year before, and Target Corp.'s Target and Mervyn's stores and WaisMart Stores Inc. scored 77.

The discount and department store sector's average score was 76. The average for all industries was 74. The average for all industries was 74, the lightest since 1995.

While only 9 points separate Kmart's score from Kohl's, Claes Fornell, a professor and director of the National Quality Research Center at University of Michigan, called the performance a disappointment.

"If you want to put a positive spin on it. Kmart didn't drop any turther this year, but that's not good enough," he said.
Customer satisfaction has been a top. priority at Kmart since the Troy, Mich-based

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Knight Ridder Nows Service

CHICAGO - Amanda Curry is a big reason shoe stores are getting socked these days.

Last week, the Palos Hills, Ill., resident bught a pair of navy blue winter boots for her G-year-old son at a Wal-Mart in Bridgeview, Ill.

The mall has them for an arm and the service of the ser

The-shoes-were

\$15 at Wal-Mart. marked down from \$17. At the mall. they were \$30.

sales at stores open at least a year. Payless and Famous Footwear both have Magic Valley stores, Toes are pointing in several directions.

directions.

In general, new shoe styles have generated little buzz, with the exception of products like to go be so that the lugg boot.

Also, consumers are waiting longer before replacing shoes. And, as casual dress habits have become accepted at work, people are getting by with one all-purpose pair when two or three used to be necessary.

With those savings, shoppers are spending more on every-

Specialty shoe stores lose footing thing from DVD players to

thing from DVD players to lattes.

Eurthermore, in, a less than robust economy, shoe retailers are stocking less expensive foot out, making tougher for the play of the play o

# Ex-Enron chief executive pleads innocent

HOUSTON (AP) – Jeffrey Skilling, the former Enron chief executiv who resigned months before the .ompany shattered in scandal, surrendered Thursday and pleaded innocent to more than three dozen federal charges in the company's collapse.

The indictment unscaled Thursday accused Skilling and Richard Causey, Erron Corp.'s former chief accounting officer, of participating in widespread schemes to mislead government regulators and investors about the company's earnings. Causey was indicated a month ago and is free on \$500,000 bond.

"I plead not guilty to all counts," Skilling told U.S. Magistrate Judge Prances Stacy, who set his bond at \$5 million.

Skilling posted the bond with a Skilling posted the bond with a

Prances Stacy, who see his bond at Smillion.

Skilling posted the bond with a cishier's check and emerged from the courthouse at midmorning.

Prosecutors said the could face up to 325 years in prison and over 580 million in fines if convicted of all 40 counts that name him. Another court appearance for Skilling was set for March 1.

Defense attorney Dan Perrocelli said prosecutors "were making a grave mistake" and that Skilling vas set for March in the said prosecutors "were making a grave mistake" and that Skilling has incommented fully with investigators and government panels looking.

"Jeff Skilling has nothing to hide." Petrocelli said. "He did not steal. He did not lie. He did not steal. He did not lie. He did not was a supplied to the said of the said of the said of the said with the said of t

Deputy Attorney General James Chemey, who heads the Justice Department's corporate fruid task force, said in a statement from Washington that Skilling and other Enron executives were responsible for a "massive, complex scheme to give shareholders and the investing public the false appearance of financial strength and security at a

time when Enron was, in fact, fail-ing."
"The indictment of Enron's CEO shows that we will follow the evi-

"The indictment of Enrots CEO, shows that we will follow the evidence wherever it leads - even to the top of the corporate ladder," Assistant Attorney General Christopher Wrys said.
Flanked by a pair of lawyers, Skilling turned himself in at the Houston FM offices just before day-break. About 15 minutes later, his hands behind him in cuffs, he was placed in a car for the trip to the federal courthouse in downtown Houston.

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Skilling, 50, becomes the highest profile former Enron executive to date to face criminal charges. He is the 28th individual to be charged, and his case is 6th of the most anticipated in the Justice Department's methodical investigation, which passed its two-year mark last month. Ten counts in the 42count superseding indictment specifically accuse Skilling of insider trading that generated 562.6 million from sack sold from April 2000 through Scale and the second profile of the se

tile.
Lay, though his lawyer, has denied any wrongdoing related to Enron's failure.
The indictment said that from



A handcuffed Jeffrey Skilling, right, former Enton Corp. chief executive, is escort-ed from the FBI headquarters in Houston by an unidentified agent Thursday, after surrendering to face criminal charges related to the company's collapse.

ed from the FBI headquarters in neusus unrendering to face criminal charges are 1999 through late 2001, Skilling, Causey and their coconspirators "engaged in a wide-ranging scheme to deceive the investing public, the (Securities and Exchange Commission), credit rating agencies and others, about the run performance of Enron's businesses" by manipulating Enron's finances, making false and misleading public statements about Enron's financial performance.

The government was seeking to seize more than SSO million from Skilling's accounts, plus an 8,000-square-foot Houston mansion valued at \$4.7 million.

Causey, who was fired in February 2002 after an internal probe concluded he failed in his duty to adequately look out for Enron's interests when the energy giant did deals with Fastow's partnerships, initially had been charged with six counts.

In the indictment unscaled Thursday, he was named with Skilling in 30 counts, and was named alone in two additional counts accusing him of insider trading. The document alleges he sold shares of stock generating \$10.3

million from January 2000 to September 2000. The government is seeking forfeiture of Causey's suburban Houston home plus three accounts worth more than 35 million that the seeking forfeiture of Causey's suburban Houston home plus three accounts worth more than 35 million but men are accused of wire frantly securities fraud, securities fraud securities fraud securities fraud securities fraud sea, and said securities fraud fraud false statements to auditors. Almost exactly two years ago, Skilling bucked the rend of former Ernon executives invoking their Fifth Amendment rights before Congress, telling two panels he knew nothing about serious problems at the energy trader before he quit after serving as CEO for only six months. He said he stepped down for personal reasons; which he has not explained.

Fastow, one of Skilling's first hires after Skilling joined Ernon in 1990, admitted that he and others manipulated Enron's books so the company would appear successful while using various partnerships to enrich himself, his family and chosen colleagues.

# Tech stocks lead late-day-sell off Feb. 19. 2004 Dow Jones Industrials

10,664,73

Nasdaq composite -30.51

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NEW YORK
(AP) - A late
(AP) - Pct change from previous: +0:07 lower Thursday, wiping out gains fueled by solid earnings and economics news.

The Dow Jones industrial

Pct change from previous: -1,47

conomics news.

The Dow Jones industrial average and standard Peor's 500 index were flirting with 2 1/2-year highs before heavy selling in the last hour of trading sent prices skidding.

"It could be programmed trades executing when stocks have for the drop other than that."

The Dow closed down 7.26, or The Proceeding of the drop other than that."

The Dow closed down 7.26, or 1, percent, at 10,664.73. The blue chips had risen more than 70 points earlier, surprissing their 2 1/2-year high of 10,737.70, reached Feb. 11.

Broader stock indicators also investors moved to more defensive positions. The tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index dropped, with smaller stocks and technology shares slumping as investors moved to more defensive positions. The tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index dropped 30.51, or 1.5 percent, to 20.55.95. The SQP 500 was down 4.75.00 or 10 percent, at 1,147.06.

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"This is definitely a welcome sign," Caron said. "It's just one week and one data point, but the overall trend is deceleration in jobless claims and a rise in new jobs, and this fits in with that."

Investors were also cheered by a larger-than-expected rise in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, the closely watched forecasting gauge. The index rose 0.5 percent in January, 0.2 percentage point higher than Wall Street estimates.

"I think the theme for the market in February is resiliency," said Brian Belski, market strategist at Piper Jaffray. "Considering the carnings we had in January and the strong performance we had at the end of the year, more than anything it's surprising people on the upside."

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company expects earnings of 28 cents a share, below analyst pro-jections of 32 cents. But Jack in

the Box executives increased their guidance for the full year. The company said it expects carnings of \$1.74\$ per diluted share in fiscal 2004, up from a previous forecast of \$1.68\$ per share.

"We think we can get higher operating margins and better returns on capital from a business with more franchised units," chief financial officer John Hoffner said.

The company expects to open 65 Jack in the Box restaurants in fiscal 2004, which would bring the total number of company-operated restaurants and franchises to more than 2,000, including existing ones in Burley and Twin Falls.

## **Kmart**

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working toward improving the store experience," said Jack Ferry, a Kmart spokesman.

Ferry also noted that between 2002 and 2003 Kmart closed 600 stores, which could have nega-tively affected the survey results. "In 2004 we're going to be a much more stable company," he said. "It will be interesting to see what this survey says a year from

## Seminar

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"A friendly hello in the morning goes a long way," Asson said. "Bosses don't realize they can make or break the attitude."

Mike Searle, owner of Hudson Shoos in Burley and a chamber director, said the seminar will be good for the business community.

"Knowing what your business is about is important," he said. "Any product we have you can get anywhere or any time with access to the Internet."

But business people who know their products and offer good customer service can make sales Searle said.

"People still like to try oncuch and feel," he said. "You should know your product."

Gary Bartlome, second vice president of the chamber and manager at Donnelley Sports in Burley, said he is glad the seminar is being offered.

"The first impression is our most important," Bartlome said. "For new businesses coming in its important to make a good first impression. You only get one chance. We are failing at that."

Diane Newman, director of sales at Best Western Burley Inn

### If you go

What: Excellence in Customer

Service seminar
• Speaker: Dan Surface, customer service trainer from illinois When: 8 a.m. to noon March 17

Where: Century Cinemas in

Costr for Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce members - \$10 each, or \$5 each for two or more employees. For nonmembers - \$25 each, or \$20 each for three or more employees. Rogistration fees include seminar materials and continental breakfast.

Also planned: A reception will be held for Surface the night before the seminar with employers. "Encouraging Excellence in Customer Service" will be the topic of the reception: the location has not yet been decided. • Cost: For Mini-Cassia Chamb

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and first vice president of the chamber, said: "A customer is the most important visitor on our premises. They are not dependent on us. We are dependent on them. So we need to treat them as such."

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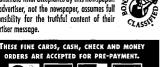
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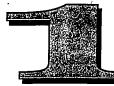


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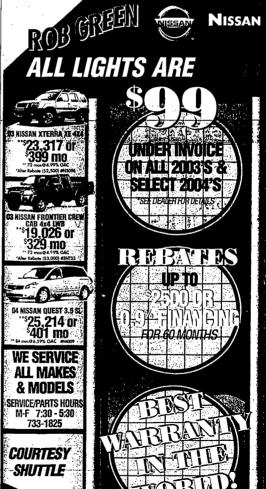
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