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Place of rest: Reopening of Bliss rest area gives motorists a place to relax. Page B1

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Retailers report disappointing starcto holiday season

WEEKEND

Stand and deliver: CSI, the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra and a Jerome church super-choir present "The Messiah" this weekend.

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Season opener: The Twin Falls High boys opened their season against Burley Thursday

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New athletic stars: The rising Hispanic community should blend well in local high school athletics, today's editorial

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Water talks hit new snag Powerful lobby group comes out against Nez Perce

agreement

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soldiers

BOISE - Putting together a plan to reduce the water com-ing out of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer became

Students

Idaho Senate sees organizational shakeup.

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more complicated Thursday.

The Idaho Farm Bureau voted
48 to 19 during its annual convention in Moscow against supporting the Nez Perce agreement, which many have viewed
as a crucial piece to the water
stortage puzzle. And a northern
Idaho legislator was appointed
to replace recently winded &w. ldaho legislator was appointed to replace recently retired Sen.

Laird Nob, R-Kimberly, as chairman of the Senate Resources and lawfromment Committee. The vote of the Farm Bureau, which many consider the most powerful folby in the state, was not unexpected.

After three hours of debate. It guess what it came dolyn to was they inst fell like there was more risk in buying into the agreerable processed of winding up in court, said larm. Bureau staffer John Thompson. Farm Bureau staffer John Thompson. The Nez Perce agreement

gives the tribe annual rights to 50,000 acre-feet of water in the Clearwater River and 580 million in cash and fland in return for dropping claims to nearly all the water in the Staake River and its tributaries. The state and feed and governments also pledged tens of millions' of dollars for all power many and other environmental improvements. The bill was craded to protect irrigators in the Upper Staake River Basin and some loggers and landowners in the Clear Company of the Compan

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Boundary dispute gets closer to a vote

Ilmes-News writer

POCATELLO - Besidents of a
disputed area of the Twin Falls
School District are one step
closer to a local decision about
where the school district
boundary should be.
The State Board of Education
roted 5-0 Thursday to let residents vote and decide if they
want 40 be a part of the Twin
Falls of Ellier School Districts.
Unless there is an appeal, voters will head to the polls, said
Luci Willias, spokeswoman for
dictate board.
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legal options and he find no für-ther comment.

Lom Thacte, one of the peti-tioners win lives in part of the Twin Falls School District, but has sent his daughter to Filer schools, said he was pleased with the board's decision, but knows there's more work to do. "We still have to yote." Theet said, "It's not done yet by any means."

means."
Filer_Superintendent John
Graham said a boundary
change would ensure that peo-

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Last we knew: At its August meeting, the State Board of Education tabled a decision about whether or not residents of a disputed area should be allowed to vote to be in the Twin Falls or Filler School districts. A hearing officer had recommended that residents vote.

■.The.latest:.The board What's next: School

■ What's next: School districts could appeal the decision, or residents of the disputed orea could vote to decude if they should stay in the Twin Falls, district or move the boundary to put them in the Filer district. An election has yet to be scheduled.



on that.

Halley resident Kurt Nelson attended the ceremony with his wife and daughter. He said the event had very personal importance to him.

"My son's shipping out tomorriow," Nelson said. "I want him back here in one piece. And I don't want to have to gothrough a paent's worst nightmare."

Student Max Kessler controlled the Wood River High School seniors Matt Miller and Trista Ballou play Taps at a candielight vigil held t Wood River High School Thursday night. The vigil, which honored American soldiers who have didd in Irac, was put together by the Wood River High School international group, which consists of 22 students and three advisors.

More than 40 percent of Americans use at least one prescription drug

The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON – Americans are cramming their medicine chests ever fuller in the struggle to lower cholesterol; treat depression, reduce inflammation and ease other illnesses.

More than 40 percent of the population is taking at least one prescription drug and one person in every six lakes three or more, the government said Thursday, Both figures are up about 5 percentage points in recent years.

"The fact is that we have more drugs available that actually do help people," said- Dr. Ellsworth C. Seeley, who teaches-medicine at the University of Kentucky. He cited drugs to deal with high blood pressure, choese medicine at the University of Kentucky. He cited drugs to deal with high blood pressure. One heater of and, help diabetics, among others.

Dennis Shea, a professor at Pennsylvania State University's college of heath and human development, found mixed news in the report.

"Certainly in the 1990s there were lots of advances in being better able to target drugs to conditions," he said. "But there is that danger that people are overmedicating.... Taking so many medications that they can interact, make one ineffective or cause hard.

And, he added. "Americans seem to look for that magic pill, don't they?" In many cases the patients pressure physicians:

"Give me the pill. Lidon't want to exercise." It is an easy way out but in any not be as effective, he

Medicated America

A government report on Americans' health found that more than 40 percent take least one prescription drug.

Prescription drug use Percentage of Americans reporting prescription drug use in the past month, by age

1 or 2 drugs 3 or more

1999-2000 1988-1994



SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control AF and Prevention; National Center for fealth Statistics

said. The benefits of improved diet and exercise can extend beyond any single ailment, he added.
Seeley said the increase may result from some overmedication, but he believes that has sometimes been exaggerated. Muny elderly need several drugs to maintain their standard of living, both agreed.

"And there are drugs that are not lifesaying drugs in that sense – such as drugs for misense."

graine headaches – that have certainly improved the quality of life for migraine sufferers." Seeley adde.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the public clitterest group Public Clitter suggested the increasingly heavy advertising for prescription products is another reason for the growth in drug use.

The annual report on the nation's health found an average of just over 44 percent of all Americans had taken at least one prescription drug, and 16.5 percent took at least three, in 1999-2000, the most recent data available.

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available.

Those rates were up from an average use of 39 percent and 12-percent-hetween-1988 and 1994, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. Those were the most recept data available.

The report, "Health, United States 2004," presents the last data collected by CDC, the National Center for Health Satistics and dozens of other federal health agencies, academic and

health agencies, academic and professional health associa-tions, and international health organizations.

tions, and internationa meaning organizations. While the report is dated 2004, it uses the most recent data available, resulting in findings from several different years on different subjects. American's life expectancy increased to 77.3 years in 2002, a record, and deaths from heart disease, cancer and stroke, the chree Leading, killers, are, all, down 1 percent to 3 percent, the analysis sald.

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Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns milks Sliky the cow in Lincoln, Neb., in this file photo from June 1. President Bush on Thursday chose Jo hanns as secretary of agriculture to oversee the nation's farm and food programs, an administration official said.

Bush names new agriculture secretary

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Thursday selected Ne-braska Gov, Mike Johanns, a Re-publican attorney who grow up on an Iowa dairy farm, as secre-tary of Agriculture to oversee the nation's farm and food pro-grams.

the nations farm and food programs.

Bush said Johanns was "an experienced public servant from America's agricultural heartland" with a long record of being "a faithful friend to America's farmers and ranchers."

Johanns, 54, would succeed Ann, M. Veneman, who recently announced the resignation despite saying earlier that she

wanted to stay.

So far, seven of Bush's 15member Cabinet have announced they won't be part of
the second term. More are expected, and administration officials say Health and Human
Services Secretary Tommy
Thompson appears to be next.
Johann's appointment was
praised by Sen. Charles Grassiey, R-Iowa.

"During this process I have
said that the next agraculture
secretary must have a strong
background in international
-trade, Grassley said in a statement. "As governor, he has
demonstrated that he underPlease see JOHANNS, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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In July, Hearing Officer Pat Brown recommended that resi-dents of the area vote to choose what district they would like to ioin

The state board tabled the de-

The state board tabled the decision at its August meeting, cling the need to wait until transcripts of a two-day hearing on the subject were available.

At Thursday's meeting, Williss said board members were in favor of finding a lasting solution to the boundary issue, instead of temporary busing agreements.

It was a good honest open discussion. Williss said.

The board's Vice Presidentard Stone and Secretary Milford Terrell both abstained from the vote.

Medication

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Infant mortality in 2002 was
7.0 infant deaths per 1.000 live
births, up from 6.8 in 2001 and
the first increase since 1954. The
rise was attributed to an increase in deaths in the first 28
days of life, particularly infirst week. There has been an increase in low birthweight babies, the report moted.
The study found spending on
beath chimbed 9.3 percent in
2002 to \$1.6 trillion.
The prevalence of obesity in
people aged 20 to 74 increased
from 47 percent in 1976-80 to 65
percent in 1978-80 to 65

said.

Prescription drugs, which make up about one-tenth of the total medical bill, were the fastest growing expenditure. The price of drugs rose 5 percent, but wider use of medicines pushed total expenditures produced to the proposed for the prescription of the prescription of the prescription of the prescription of the prescription drug use in 1988, 1994 to the average for 1989, 1994 to the average for 1989 to 1989 to



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ple in the disputed area who
wanted to go to Filer Schools
would be able keep going there
even if the area grows in the future.

"It assures them that, yes,
they will be attending Filer."
Graham said.

The disputed area is a strip of
land that runs south from Pole
Line Road to 3400 North, Residents have requested the
boundary be extended a half
mile from 2500 East
to include about 60 houses in
the Filer district.

The exact number of students—
from the area arearding each
district is unclear because of inaccurate counts and families
moving. Some families have
sent their children to Filer for
decades, and Filer buses pass
through the area because there
is no other place to turn around.
A renewed busing agreement
has allowed students within the
part of the Twin Falls district to

Times-News writer Karin Kawalski can be reached at kkowalski@magicvalley.com or 735-3231.

Johanns.

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Vigil .

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Continued from A1 stands the importance of trade to the future of a prosperous agriculture community. Bush announced his intention to nominate the two-term governor in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. The nomination, which requires Senate confirmation, reflects the administration's desire to facus heavily on farm trade over the next four years. As his wife Stephanic looked on, Johanns thanked Bush for

number," he said.
Teacher foel Zellers first brought the idea of forming an Amnesty International chapter at the school in 2001. More than a dozen students were sufficiently to the sufficient to join. Nearly twice that many now earry the Al Card.
"It's been excellent," Parnes said, and we've Mr. Zellers to thank. It bought the candles at Kings and knowing him, he probably got adiscount. 'Hailey Nursery donated the sand.
Kessler said he admired the effort of Zellers and fellow

number," he said.

inviting him to serve, saying, "I have enormous respect for you,"
"I look forward to advancing your rural agenda for the 21st century, 'Iohanns said.
Born in towa and raised on a dairy farm, Iohanns became a lawyer and served in county and city government before becoming mayor of Lincoln, Neb., in 1991. It won the governor's office in 1998 and in 2002 became the first Republican count in re-election in more than

teachers Jean Bohl and Nancy Williams, who led the students in organizing the event.

"Their will and determination to get this done were well beyond my efforts. Kessler conceded as he looked over the glowing field. "And I have to say it's pretty impressive."

Despite the mid-20 degree temperatures, trumpeter Mart Miller's lips stayed warm enough to play Taps to conclude the music. Those in the grandstands them walked through the field and the lights of America's fallen in Iraq.

four decades.

"I'm very, very proud of my ag background. I do feel that those years on that dairy farm did much to define who I am as person," lolanns said.

As governor, Johanns led a delegation of Nebraska's farm and business leaders on a trade mission to Japan, Talwan, Chien obligapore and a half and the properties of the properti

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If we can respect

the rights of others. we're more likely

to be aware of and respect our own rights. – Max Kessier, student

cluding keeping taxes low and working to repeal the estate tax. Bush praised Veneman, say-lug she had done a good job in dealing with agricultural issues, including lighting hunger, im-provements in school nutrition provements in school nutrition programs, protecting forests and leading efforts "to prevent the spread of mad cow disease" when the nation's first case was reported a year ago. Vennan "carned the trust of farmers and ranchers across America." Bush said.

Water

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water and Salmon river basins
from endangered species
based lawsuits. The agreement,
which was announced last
lune, passed both the U.S. Senate and House during the closing days of the 2004 Congress, in
now has to be approved by the
Nez Perce Tribe and the IdahoLegislature.
Norm Semanko, director for
the Idaho Water.

Legislature.
Norm Semanko, director for,
the Idaho Water User's Association, took the news in stride,
saying he plans on meeting
with Farm Bureau members

with Farm Bureau memoers soon.
Nonetheless, "On the flip side, a number of other statewide associations have come out in lavor of the agreement." Semanko said. "The burden will be on the Farm Bureau to discuss what their contents are."
The danger for southern than the content are. The danger for southern than the content is that it lends more instability as to how much water they really

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have to come up with in order to reduce withdrawals from the aquifer by 600,000 to 900,000 acre feet each year.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Sentes senton member, SenDenton Darrington, R-Declo, said the appointment of Moscow Republican Sen. Gary Schreeder to the resource committee was an anomaly no one expected.

Schreeder, a moderate who has served in the Senate for 12 years, left the chalrmanship of the Iducation Committee to take Nolis position. Darrington said most of the Senate into the Reference, to slide into the Reference, so show the resource-committee. Schroeder represents a dryland farming region of Idaho.

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of Idaho.

Noh had held the position of chairman for 22 years.

"The question, of course, is how that will sit with southern Idaho water users," Darring-

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ton said.

He added, "That committee has generally been the strong-hold of southern Idaho legisla----

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Robert Geddes, R. Soda Springs,
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Vince Alberdi. Twin Falls
Canal Co. general manager, said
though he doesn't know
Schroeder, he expects Schroedre will have a steep learning
curve going into a session in
which both the Senate and
House natural resource committees will play major roles in
crafting legislation to help solve
Magic Valley and eastern Idaho
waterwoes.

Sen Chuck, Coiner, R-Twin

Magic valley and castern idano-valer-wees.

Sen. Chuck, Coiner, R-Takin Falls, who ran on a platform of being thoroughly knowledge-able about southern Idaho water, did not even make the re-source committee. Coiner was not available for comment Thursday, but Alberdi expressed

disappointment.
"He's our water guru from this area. He understands it very well," Alberdi sald.
Coiner will not sit on the Sen-

Coiner will not sit on the Senate resource committee during the 2005 Legislature because too many other senior senators yield for any available positions first, Darrington explained.

Magic Valley still has Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, on that committee. In light of the Senate shakeup on the resource committee, Alberdi said, "Its a fairly small group. You get to know all of them. But it will be a challenge, because Gary's from a part of the state where we don't have a lot of members."

lot of members."

Darrington said, "It appears this is going to be a very difficult water session."

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CORRECTIONS

Photo was provided by Linda Helms

An article in Thursday's newspaper regarding Virginla Ricketts receiving the Idaho State Historical Society's Esto Perpetua Award included a

photo with incorrect informa-tion. The photo and informa-tion was provided coursey of Linda Helms, a member of the Jerome County Historical Soci-ety.

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Mortar barrage rocks Baghdad

Attacks kill at least one civilian

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A barrage of mortar fire Thursday ended a brief period false Calm in Baghdad, killing at least one civilian and education and a dozen, whether the continued a rubbles by the continued a rubbles by the continued a rubbles by the forces and policiticans cooperating, with the U.S. mission in 1rig.

forces and politicians cooperating with the U.S. mission in Iraq.

Explosions from mortal rounds that arced into the city center from a stretch of farmiand to the south rattled windows for miles, burned buildings and sent Iraqis running for cover. The attacks marked the most intense insurgent activity in Baghdad since a wave of violence two weeks ago after U.S. and Iraqi troops raided the Abu Hanifa mosque, a revered Sunni shrine.

Mortar rounds struck the office of the fragna cell phone company, sending black smoke into a clear, winter-blue sky, and smashed into an electronics flaboratory, parking lot and courtyard at the University of Technology.

There are no military installations near the campus in the bustling middle-class neighborhood of Karada, leading some



iraqi firefighter sprays a vehicle damaged after a mortar landed on a parking lot in central Baghdad Thursday. At least five mortar rounds exploded in central Baghdad, including two in the Green Zone Thursday, At least five mortar rounds exploded in central Baghdad, including two in the Green Zone, the enclave that houses iraq's interim administration and several foreign embassies. Witnesses reported at

witnesses to suggest a link be-tween the attack and recent warnings that the school should not permit men and women to study logether. A nearby gits' high school-that-was-damaged-in-the-attack-serves as an information center to help langis register for the scheduled January elections. Some Iraqi Sunni leaders have

demanded the elections be de-layed until violence subsides.
"I had been worried ever since they chose this school to help the elections," said Stade Saleem, 28, a teacher at the girls -school.—Even-if-the-technical-college was the target, there are only students there. They just want the students to stop going to school."

U.S. officials have predicted an increase in insurgent activity in the weeks leading up to the lan. 30 election of a 275-member National Assembly — the first national vote since Saddam Hussein's fall. "The "Pentagon plans to increase the number of 15 seep seeks (15 cm.)." plans to increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq from 138,000 to 150,000 by mid-January in an effort to ensure safe voting.

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Small plane crashes in Tennessee

Five of six people aboard die

COLLEGEDALE, Tenn. (AP) — A small plane carrying Seventh-day Adventist Church officials crashed Thursday soon after taking off from an aliport in a rural, mountainous area, killing all but one of the six people on board.

The only survivor, co-pilot Jim Huff, walked away from the crash site and was taken to a Chatenooga hospital, Sheriff John Cupp said. No information on his condition was immediately available.

information on his condition was immediately available.

The twin-engine Cessna 421 Crashed, caught free and broke apart in a thicket of trees about 1.5 miles north of the Collegedale Municipal Airport. Airport manager Frank Zarski said the plane crashed because of engine failure.

The pilot, John Laswell, and four passengers were killed. To recover the bodies, officials

planned to cut some trees and build a bridge over a small creek near the crash site. Cupp said.

The group had been meeting at Southern Adventist University in Collegeddie, about 15 miles northeast of Chaitanooga, and was traveling to knoxville for meetings with Seventh-day Adventist pastors and other conference presidents. The plane was registered to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Church officials said the passengers killed were Dave Cress, the conference's president; Im Frost, its executive scentary, famile Arnall, director of communication; and Clay Farwell, assistant to the conference president.

"We would encourage all people of faith to join us in praying that the families and co-workers of the victims will find comfort," said Pastor Don Schneider, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.



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Methodist jury convicts lesbian minister

Voted to defrock reverend for violating church law

PUGITOWN, Pa. (AP) — The United Methodist Church defrocked a lesbian minister who lives with her partner/Thursday for violating the denominations ban on actively gay clergy — the first such decision by the church in 17 years.

A 13-member jury made up of Methodist clergy convicted the Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud on the second day of her church trial. Methodist law bars "self-awwed, practicing homosexuals" from ministry. Nine votes

were necessary for a coviction and the jury voted 12-1 to find Stroud guilty. It then voted 7-6 to defrock Stroud, the bare majority necessary in the penalty phase of the trial, though her supportive congrega-tion in Philadelphia has said Strond can con-tinue performing most of her duties. I did not go into this trial expecting to win, Stroud said. It went into it knowing it would be a painful moment in the life of the United Methodist Church.

Stroud hasn't decide whether to appeal the verdict, which she can do at any point in the

verdict, which she can do a any point at a next 30 days.

The last time the 8.3 million-member denomination convicted an openly gay eler-ic was in 1987, when a New Hampshire church court defrocked the Rev. Rose Mary

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Last March, a Methodist court in Washington state acquitted the Rev. Karen Danmann, who lives with a same-sex part-ner, clining an ambiguity in church law that the Methodist supreme court has since elim-

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Bush finished campaign with millions to spare

WASHINGTON (AP)

President Bush's record campaign fund raising left him with millions of dollars to spare, allowing him to donate \$11 million to the Republican Party and even send a few cheeks to the White House Historical Association.

Bush finished the Nov. 2 election with \$44 million left in his \$75 million, taxpayer-financed general election campaign fund lehad \$15 million in a legal compliance fund that he could have tapped in the event of a recount

fight, according to reports he filed Thursday with the Federal Election Commission.

Bush also detailed the money raised and spent in his record-breaking primary campaign fund. He ended his private fund raising with \$273 million, collected, close to triple the then-coord \$100 million he raised for his 2000 primary campaign. The cost, of television ads consumed much of Bush's money.

Bush was no longer allowed to use private contributions on

his campaign after he was nom-inated Sept. 2 at the Republican National Convention in New York. That account had \$2 mil-lion left as of late November. after Bush gave nearly \$11.3 million to the Republican National Committee and \$1,680 to the White House Historical Association. Bush's Democratic rival, Sen. John Kerry, was to file postelec-tion campaign finance reports with the FEC by midnight Thursday.

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Editorial ...

Athletic participation can be equalizer for Hispanics

are socce melds of San Diego athleties, play a unique role in helping immi-grants adopt their new country. While new

While newco America will be confronted by differences in lan-guage and culture, in sports they can often discover a more natural way to as-similate into socioty.

similate must society.

Thigh school athletic programs would appear to be a seamless way to cater to immigrants as they make a connection to their communities. But much like a three-goal hat trick, the feat is much harder than it sounds.

sounds. In a three-day series, 'His-panies in high school sports' that ran in last yeeks' Time-Nees, readers learned a few life stories from Hispanie student-athletes at Magic Valley schools. Their experi-ences serve as both an inspiration and an eye-

inspiration and coopener.

Many of these teenagers balance responsibilities that would stagger the average working a full day in the classroom followed by team practice or games, some of these students must rush off to their tobs which can last until early jobs which can last until early mornings. After a few hours of sleep, they wake up and do it again, and somehow they still have to find time to fit in extra

study hours.
Stories of student-athletes stories of student-atmetes who work jobs, earn stellar grades, and letter in three sports can seem commonplace. But in the case of these Hispanic students, the jobs represent something else—the survival of a family. As a

equalizer for Hispanics

Tom the baseball diamonds of New Young worker in a migrant family, earning every dollar counts. It's chough to make or lief to harder hear it and the family earning every dollar counts. It's chough to make worties about the cross-county rivalry game seem trivial in comparison. So why should today's Hispanic student-athlete every about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end worty about sports participations the cause, in the end or principal, and principal and the standard student about secretic and hard work. The commutation to their commutations as they make a call hartrick, the fail in last week's Times caded to the call the call that the call the call that the call the call that the call

taht.
When you consider those benefits, it's only natural for school administrators and coaches to seek greater par-ticipation among the booming Hispanic popula-

dicipation among the booming Hispanic population.

Ultimately, once studentathletes new to America dip
their too in the waters of exracturicular activity, they
and their parents are more
likely to dive into other elements of participation.
Iventually it will be these
same student-athletes who
will be coaches, principals
and athletic directors in our
schools years from now.

That's what citizenship is
all about — staking a claim
of ownership in our society.

If sports can serve as a
greater equalizer on the
playing field, it certainly can
help do the same in the
game of life.

Conquest over inflation lifts economy

The Age of Inflation is finished. Over the past four decades, the rise and fall of double-digit inflation has been the most significant force affecting the American economy. Inflation rose from a little less than 2 percent in 1970 and then gradually descended to a little less than 2 percent in 2003. Going up, inflation harmed the comony — causing hash recessions, a stagnant stock market and lackhaster gains living standards. Coming down, inflation helped the comony — leading to longer expansions, a stock market boom and stronger gains in living standards.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

That's the Age of Inflation in nutshell; but it's barely under a nusien, our its only inter-stood. One reason is simply the passage of time. Americans who were 20 in 1980, when double-digit inflation was at its passage of time. Americans who were 20 in 1980, when double-digit inflation was at its most destructive, were barely old enough to appreciate what was happening. Yet, those people (now 44) are older than two-thirds of the population. They have no memory of risting inflation. As for 'declining' inflation, its benefits have occurred in an almost-invisible manner. We haven't paid much attention. Our economic debates blame or credit high-profile presidential policies (Reagan's tax cuts. Clinton's budget surpluses or Bush's deficits) or focus on more dramatic upheavals: the Internet or globalization. Inflation mattered more than any of these. Consider recessions, including the two was highest, there were four recessions, including the two since work of the work of the company that the percent. Since 1982, the economy has suffered only two mild recessions (1990-91 and 2001). Put differently, the economy has expanded in all but 16 months of the past 22 years. The ecentral cause of this limprovement seems obvious: lower inflation, Prices moved less abruptly. Government policies and the supplement of the content of the past 22 years.



cies to suppress inflation (mainly tighter money from the Federal Reserve) were deployed

less often. Low interest rates also signal Low interest rates also sign the significance of declining flation. Rates on 10-year Treasury bonds now hover around 4 percent. By way of contrast, they were 12.4 percent in 1984, Com

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LETTERS -

8,6 percent in 1990 and 6 rates on home mortgages and corporate bonds have also declined sharply. This slow-motion slow-motion drop in bor-ling cost owing costs has silent pro

has silently IIVINg propelled the economy for-ward in the past two decades. And interest rates dropped mainly because inflation dropped. Here's why. Economists sub-divide interest rates into three

divide interest rates into three components an amount compensating for expected inflation, three stores of the compensation of

Inflation's fall also quietly
boosted the stock market. At
first, rising inflation killed
stocks. In jle85, the Dow Jones
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Jow had flou-bled; today's level (about 19,500) is 12 times its 1982 opening. People felt wealthier. They spent more. The economy advanced. Declining inflation probably also improved productivity. Productivity gains hew recent-ly averaged about 3 percent a year. These gains — essentially, improved efficiency — underlie increases in wages, profits and living standards. When infla-tion was highest, productivity gains were half their present level.

Computers and the Internet are typically credited for the re-

vival. But that's not the whole story-As companies found it. story-As companies found harder to raise prices, they turned to new technologie

story-as companies rusins in harder to raise prices, they turned to new technologies and other cost-cutting techniques to improve profits. The gains from purging double-digit inflation are a great untied story. The feederal Resource of the profits of the story in the feeders of the story in the feeders of the story of the feeders of the fee

vance without the alterburne of soaring stocks or rapidly— falling interest rates. These were the final chapters of the Age of Inflation, What comes next is anyone's guess.

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Letter -

Current residents should. also pony up for parks

I was very happy to read in The Times-News (Nov. 30) that the city is planning for open space for parks. However, there is the usual question of how the city would finance additional

Chy Would Hande Casandon.

Parks:
In researching Iwin Falls for my Centuryhook, I found that the citizens of Iwin Falls in its first century were clvic-minded and generous when it came to the recreational needs of their city. When the City Council created the Iwin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission in the '60s, that new commission had

ing park land? MARY J. INMAN

Consider the ills of Wal-Mart before it arrives

Wal-Mart would not be good r Twin Falls.

Wal-Mart would not be good for Twin Falls.

1. Many businesses in the community, in addition to a unique downtown location, would be casualties should wal-Mart locate here. Prices or people— what is important?

2. Wil-Mart is wages cannot support familles: \$6.25 per hour for 35 hours per week is normal wage for most idaho Wal-Mart cmployees. No health insurance either. Can a family of four really live on \$11.3757
This is 37 percent below the federal poverty level. Wal-Mart slogan should read: "We strive for growing pool of low-wage earners. Extraordinary":

3. Monthballing practices. With stores in Jerome and Burley, it is highly conceivable one of these Wal-Mart stores, if not both, would closs. This consolidation strategy only enhances its profitability and eliminates competition. Often, the former stores had clauses stating if Wal-Mart should close. This stores had clauses stating if Wal-Mart should close no other business can use the property for a number of years.

property for a number of years. Pity our neighbors in Jerome and Burley and businesses lo-cated near abandoned

storefronts.

4. Many Wal-Mart associates need subsidies in the form of housing assistance, medical as-

sistance and transportation to make up the difference between what they can afford to pay and their actual living costs. In fact, Wal-Mart relies on this assistance to spread its economic shadow by expecting taxpayers to subsidize its associates. In Bolse, Wal-Mart associates. In Bolse, Wal-Mart associates have been reported to affordable housing professionals to be sleeping in their vehicles, unable to pay for adequate housing, Will local government provide supportive services?

5. Wal-Mart seeks subsidies from state and local governments from many different forms: infrastructure assistance, tax increment inancing state corporate income to breaks, now exempt to coal economic development officials. Taxpayers should be outraged?

6. Predatory practices. Experience shows Wal-Mart guilty

officials. Tuxpayers snown or outraged?

6. Predatory practices. Experience shows Wal-Mart guilty of sweatshop suppliers, gender discrimination, exploiting undocumented workers, forcing suppliers to upgrade equipment and technology to stay competitive, then awarding sales or bids to lowest bidder. 7. Wal-Mart does not buld communities. It fractures communities. Local businesses create development by turning money in their community Wal-Mart sucks

money out of a community and sends it to Bentonville,

and senss it to be a distance of the Ark.
It is true — Wal-Mart wants your money and the hook is the low prices. However, it also wants your customers and your jobs.
BILL LEHMAN
Twin Falls

Socialist doctrine

Socialist doctrine
hatched estate tax idea
Roy Slotten's letter of Nov. 27
Jaments congressional efforts
to eliminate the federal estate
tax. Both the estate and the
gift taxes come directly from
the Karl Mars playbook. They
should never have been enacted
and need to be repeaded
immediately. Each constitutes
double taxation on capital.
Once the citizens has pald his
income tax on his earnings. he
faces a second hite from the
tax collector if he dies or wants
to make a gift of his assets, it is
double-disping; it is grossly
unfair. Such a tax on capital
constitutes attacks on capitalism and the economic
underpinnings of the nation.
Revenue raised by estate
and gift taxes is not needed to
fund legitimate, constitutional
functions of government. The
American taxpayer has a voraclous siphon tube which
drains his earnings into the
federal treasury to support a

bloated federal budget. The drafters of our Constitution would adamantly condemn the current budget as tuterly Inconsistent with the system of government which they cre-ated.

ated.
America is the most power-ful, most successful, most free nation on this earth, partly he-cause its economic base was built at a time when the gov-ernment ax collector (id not constantly have his hand in the entrepreneur's pocket, de-

built at a time when the government tax collector did not constantly have his hand in the entrepeneur's pocket, depriving him of what is rightfully his. When the taxing and the spending systems are based on Marxisi doctrine, initiative and investment risk-taking are smothered. The result is under productivity, under employment and a constant of the control of the

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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



Time to slash credit-card loansharking

Today's loan sharks are no longer lurking on street corners or hiding in alleys, breaking knee caps to collect their payments. They now white and dine with the president and other powerful political leaders, wear Armanisuits, make hundreds of millions in total compensation and head banks like Chigroup, MISNA and Capital One. The old-fashioned loan shark was a common criminal who brake the law. The modern loan shark was common criminal who brake the law. The modern loan shark was to make the law. The modern loan shark was to make the law. At a time when interest rates have been historically low, credit card Issuers made a record breaking \$30 hillion in profits last year by changing usurlous interest rates and sky-high fees. Millions of linancially starpped credit card holders are now being forced to pay 15 percent to 30 percent interest rates and shy-high fees. Millions of financially starpped credit card holders are now being forced to pay 15 percent to 30 percent interest rates and shy-high fees. Millions of floancially starpped credit card holders are now being forced to pay 15 percent to 30 percent interest rates and sky-high fees. Millions of financially starpped credit card companies lie, deceive and destroy lives in the process.

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and unfair tactics, the CEOs at laughing all the way to their banks: Over the last five years the CEO of Citigroup (Sanford Weill) made more than \$500 million in total compensation

REP. BERNIE **SANDERS**

and the CEO of Capital One (Richard Fairbank) made more than \$169 million in total com-

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credit card holders are paying interest as high as 25 percent to 30 percent. Most egregiously, interest rates are soaring for consumers even when they fulfill their end of the contract and make all their monthly payments on time. How does this happen? Maybe you were one day late paying a student loan three years before you obtained your credit card. Maybe you wou out an end of the card, Maybe you committed the crime of taking out a new home. Maybe you committed the crime of taking out a loan to pay for a medical emergency. Or maybe you did all or your hills on time, the credit card issuer can still raise your interest rates at any time for any reason. Unlike fixed mortgage rates, there is no such bing as a fixed rard line, and they are hilling as a fixed rard line as they have a such as they are they a

an any reason. Onlike fixed mortgage rates, there is no such thing as a fixed credit card in-terest rate that you can depend upon. Further, there have been

upon. Further, there have been outrageous hicroses in late fees that have cost consumers billions of dollars.
Last year, Congress had the opportunity to support a bill that would end this "bait and switch" scam once and for all. Unfortunately, the banks and credit card companies, with their millions in campaign contributions; constitute one of the most powerful lobbies on Capitol Hilland where able to preven tributions, constitute one most powerful lobbies on tol I till and were able to r any serious legislation on this

issue from being passed. But consumers and their represen-tatives in Washington must not

consumers and their representatives in Washington must not give up.

The simple truth is that in order to survive many families are forced to borrow. The result is that U.S. consumers are now? St rillion in debt and a record-breaking 1.6 million families went bankrupt last year, an increase of more than 125 percent since 1999.

Loan sharking is an odious practice whether it is performed by street corner thugo ractice whether it is performed by street corner thugo or the CEOs of large banks. Changing economically vulnerable Americans outrageous interest rates and fees is simply not acceptable and, amid all of the recent political discussion over "values," this certainly does not constitute "moral" behavior. The time is long overdue for Congress and the White House to stand up for American consumers, take on the modern-day loan sharks and end the credit card "bait and switch" scan.

Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. 18

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American judicial system needs quick remedy

We have numerous health crises in America, some dating lack to 1607. One of the sickest is American laws and justice. Most people really don't like to think, which explains why mental conveniences are the biggest and most profitable industry in the world.

Think!

American legal, judicial and

American legal, Judicial and penal systems are n very sick (dangerous) joke. Courts render actuate verdicts only about half of the time.
We can change that.
That's half of more than 3 million people in our prisons today. That makes us No. 1 in the world, tragically, in prison population.

That masses world, trajecally, in prison population.
That's a warning sign, especially since several countries are more populated than we are. Red China has more than 1 billion population.
California spends more than 5 billion a year on prison construction.

struction.
According to current studies, more than half of the U.S. population by the year 2010 will consist of people with prison

lation by the year even was consist of people with prison records!

Another study concluded five years ago covering a 15-year period revealed annual rates of increase amounting to 7 percent (men) and 300 percent (women) regarding penal incarceration in the United States.

How long do we have to be digorously whipped by this sadistically ill condition before we socially realize the magnitude of these unjust problems? Our systems are Ill-concived. They're not working. Solutions, changeably, are unnecessarily avoided due to human nature. The "impossibility" factor in some "ideallisms" can be overcome by just social desires.

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3. Realize, America, that law is for objective—not subjective—justice. It's not for social revenge and prejudices by "law-abiding citizens." This change can be accomplished. The guilty should pay, not just "somebody." Somebody, iomorrow, could be you or someone dear to you!
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Mall security undergoes anti-terror training

Guards learn to identify suicide bombers in shopping centers

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Suburbant shopping mall security guards — whose jobs
usually consist of watching for
shoplifters and shooting away
loitering teenagers — are receiving the type of training that
just a few years ago was reserved for the Israel police and
the U.S. military.

"If they'ce carrying a bag, look
for that white-knuckle grip.
"If they'ce varying that package and
they're holding onto it for dear
life." Patrick Chagnon, a Conrecticus State Police decective and
national counterterorism instructor, tells his class of 10
students as the Shoppes at Buckland "Ililis mall busdes with
holiday shoppers carrying bags
and boxes of all sizes.

Chagnon's students are also
told to watch for people wear-

ing oversized clothes, and are instructed to make eye contact with shoppers and look for ei-ther extremely focused people or those who won't return look. Another tip-off: Terroriss often ritualistically shave their bodies before carrying out a sti-cide bombing, he says. Around the country, enroll-ment in these suicide bombing classes has increased in the past

Around the country, enroll-ment in these suicide bombing classes has increased in the past year, and the students include not just elite SWAT team mem-bers, but also local pariot ollicers, and private security lorces.
"Fervone has an obligation to be a soldier in this war," Con-necticult Tomeland Security Director John Buturla says. In Israel, mail security guards, but drivers and hotel managers are added eyes and ears for the police. That, is what state and teleral officials are trying to build in the United States. In New York City, for example, sportment doormen and su-perior of the control of the policy of the publishing of ingers too long outside and for-new tenants who move in with little or no furniture.



Patrick Chagnon, a Connecticut State Police detective and national counterterrorism instructor speaks to security, rescue and police per-sonnel in Manchester, Conn. Nov. 23, during a training class in how to spot a suicide bomber at a mail.

The International Council of Shopping Centers held about 20 quiti-terrorism classes this year and plans dozens more next year, and plans dozens more next year, and at the FBI Academy in says Malachy Kavanagh, who

Soldiers charged with murder of Iraqi general face hearing

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP)—
Citing national security, the Army closed a hearing Thursday on whether three soldiers will be court-martialed for allegedly suffocating an Iraqi general during an interrogation last year.

Allowing the public and the media to observe "would eause serious damage to national security" and could jeopardize the defendants' safety, investigating officer Capt. Robert Ayers said.

The Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a preliminant of the public properties of the control of the c

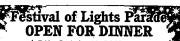
afterward. An attorney for The Denver Post had argued that the closing of the proceedings should be limited to testimony that could threaten national security. This is information the American people are profoundly and

legitimately interested in knowing." Steve Zunsberg said-Headso said many details in the death have alteady been publicized.
But Ayers said the entire hearing would be closed to the public.
The three defendants and one.

hearing would be closed to the public.

The three defendants and one other soldier are accused of smothering Maj. Gen. Abed Ilamed Mowhoush, 57, at Qaim, Iráq, in November 2003. The soldiers could get life in prison without parole if convicted. Chief Warrant Officers/differshmillams and Levis Welshofer Ir. Sg. 1st Class William Sommer and Spc. Jerry Loper are charged with murder and dendiction of duty. Welshofer's hearing will be held later.

Williams. Sommer and Welshofer are with military intelligence, All four soldiers were assigned to born Carsôn at the time of Mowhoushis death.



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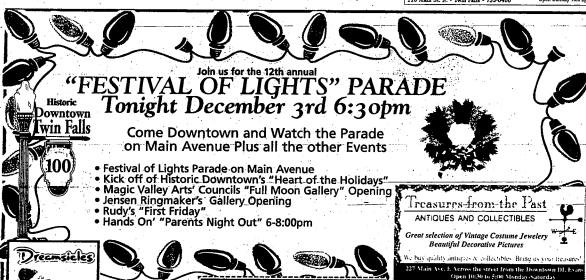
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Six families take part in home tour

TWIN FALLS — The Junior Club of Magic Valley is sponsor-ing its 15th annual Holiday Home Burt Sunday. The self-guided tori of six Magic Valley homes Jeatures live entertainment and refreshments. The participating families this year include: * Leslie and Darin Helln. 3575 N. 3400 E. Kimberly. * Carol and Chuck Brockway. 2591 Canyon Gare Place, Twin Falls.

- Tara and Lloyd Casperson.

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2831 Skyline Drive, Ilvin Falls.

* Cabriella Novotiny, 1566
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* Kim and Todd Ostrofm, 3413
Sage Springs, Ilvin Falls.

* Colleen and Larry Utley.
2519 Fourth Ave. E., Ilvin Falls.

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All proceeds from the tour benefit Camp Reinbow Gold, a summer camp for terminally-ill children and their parents founded by Twin Falls physician Dr. David McClusky.

Woman confesses

Woman confesses to stealing purse

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TVVIN FALLS — A local woman Thursday confessed to stealing another customer's purse at Winco Foods, according to a news release from the Tvvin Falls Folice Department.— Police interviewed 32-year-old Christine Ann Yorsky at a local motel. During the interview, Yorsky confessed to the thefi and was taken into custody without incident, the news release said. She was taken to the Tvvin Falls County full and the Tvvin Falls County full and rustinesses and the Tvvin Falls County full and rustinesses and the Tvvin Falls County full and rustinesses of the Tvvin Falls Folice Department.

The theft was cantured on

ment.
The theft was captured on videotape Monday afternoon and released to the media. The department received numerous tips from the community identifying Yorsky as the woman on the videotape, the news release said.

Bliss votes on \$2.5 million school bond

million school bond
HLISS — Voters in Bliss will
head to the polls today to decide on a \$2.5 million bond
issue for a new main building.
School officials say the approximately 75-year-old 12school building has outlived its
usefulness for the changing student population. There are
more younger students and increased needs for specialized
and, small-group instruction. and, small-group instruction, said Superintendent Kevin Lan-

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Plans for a new building in-clude 15 classrooms, handicapped access, about 8,500 more square feet, sepa-rate areas for the elementary and secondary students, a li-brary. offices and a multipurpose room. Voring will take place from noon to 8 pan. today in the cafecteria of the Bliss School at 601-E-Highway 30.

If the 20-year bond, issue passes, it would cost a taxpayer with a \$75,000 home and a homeowners.

homeowner's exemption \$141.60 per year. For a \$100,000 farm, it would be \$354 a year.

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Oakley	67%	12%
Salmon Falls	66%	17% :
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Ed Board recognizes local schools

Growth awards honor schools for narrowing achievement gaps

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

POCATELLO - A new set-ofawards related to test scores are like a breath of fresh air for many school administrators.

Several Magic Valley schools were honored by the State Board of Education Thursday for narrowing test score gaps among specific subgroups of students and improving test scores overall.

Paul Elementary School was homored as a Distinguished School in reading scores and Raft River Junior and Senior High School was named a Dis-tinguished School for its math

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These new Additional Yearly Growth and Distinguished School awards highlight schools that went beyond sim-ply meeting No Child Left Behind score benchmarks on

the Idaho Stahdards Admeve-ment Test.

The State Board of Education approved the awards in No-vember 2003, but this is the first time they've been given out.

Luci Willis, a spokeswoman for the board, said No Child Left Behind requires states to create awards for high performing schools. She said the new awards don't henor all of them, so the board is looking to create

other awards.
"It's real important that schools that are doing tremendous work are recognized." Willis said.
In Twin Falls, Lincoln and Sawtooth elementaries both received Additional Vearly Growth awards for gains in scores.
Superintendent Wiley Dobbs

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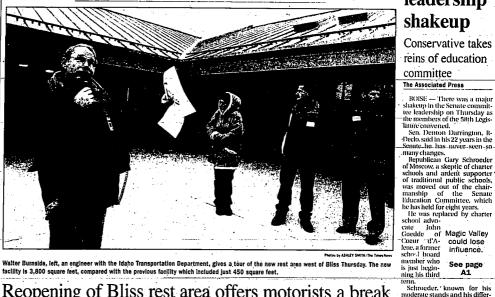
leadership

reins of education committee The Associated Press

BOISE — There was a major shakeup in the Senate commit-tee leadership on Thursday as the members of the 58th Legis-lantic confusion of

shakeup Conservative takes

EMERGENCY EXIT



Walter Burnside, left, an engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department, gives a tour of the new rest area west of Bliss Thursday. The new facility is 3,800 square feet, compared with the previous facility which included just 450 square feet.

Reopening of Bliss rest area offers motorists a break

By Mickey Walker Times-News correspondent

BLISS — The urge can hit a motorist at any time, but it al-ways seems to occur where vegetation is short and toilet fa-cilities are few and far between.

weight and the state of the contraction is short and toilet facilities are few and far between It could have been that second cup of coffee, mega-sized pop or just a small bladdler. And yet all that's required to remedy the situation is a place to pull over and answer nature's call. Truckers and motorists alike now can feel more secure. The idaho Itansportation Department unvelled Thursday Department unvelled the United State Thansportation Board, thanked and acknowledged the many engineers, businesses and contractors who came together to complete the \$6.2 million project.



Ted Lyster and his 10-week-old chocolate Lab named Hershey take a pit stop at the rest area on their way to Bend, Ore., Thursday morn-ing. The new facility also features a pet area.

"The board made a commit-ment to the restroom program of the state," Winder said, "We've of the state." Winder said. "We've set out an allocation of \$10 million a year to use for restrooms around the state, with this being one of the deluxe models. It was very expensive obviously, but it's worth it and I think it's great for the traveling public."

It also didn't hurt to have

a pet area.

Japet area.

Japet area.

Japet and Blackfoot traversing the interstate and moting the sparse vegetation. Winder said.

That's the advantage of having some of its older guys on the board, he added.

Walter Burnside, a resident engineer with the transportation department, said the project took nearly a year from

start to finish and was about seven years in the planning. The new facility replaces one built in the 1960s.

"This is a major upgrade from the rest area we had," Burnside

said.
"There were 37 big tracks in the parking lot this morning and before we only had room for ""

There is now room for 43 large trucks and an area set aside in case more parking is needed.

Burnside led a stable group on a brief four of the new rest area from the picnic tables and whothereaks to the restrooms handleap facility, phones and vending machines.

Nan Reedy, a member of the Northside Transportation Committee, said the project has had the full support from her group that consists of members from Camas. Gooding, Lincoln and Jerome counties.

Cannas, Gooding, Lincoln and Ferome counties.

Recedy agreed with Burnside that the rest area was indeed a jewel of the gent state.

"And until we can come up with a larger species of sage-brush this will have to work." Reedy said:

term.
Schroeder: known for his
moderate stands and his differences with his party's more
conservative majority, was
named chairman of the Resources and Environment
Committee.
The former chairman, the
Senate's senior member Laird
Nob of Kimberly, retired.
He declined to talk about the
shift, but he has expressed in-

He declined to talk about the shift, but he has expressed in-creasing frustration in recent years with legislative decisions on education that circumvent-ch is committee. Schroeder and House Educa-tion Chairman Jack Barraclough, another stounch supporter of charter schools, tangled throughout the 2004 session.

simple of throughout the 2004 session.

Barrachugh said he anticipates a much hetter working relationship with Goodle.

Twe watched him grow and Twe really been impressed. Barrachugh said.

Goodle, who has been a member of the Education Committee since entering the Senate, acknowledged the divisioness of last year's session.

Thopefully, it will be smoother, he said.

Conservative Republican Don Burtenshaw of Terreton became the new chairman of the State Affi.irs Committee, which laundles many of the most controversial social issues like abortion and gay marriage. It is succeeded to the said of the said softensen of Boise, a moderate who played a major role in blocking legislation onlocking legislation or both abortion and gay marriage list year.

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role in blocking legislation on both abortion and gay marriage last year.

The only change in the House involved Republican Sharon Block of Twin Falls taking over the Health and Welfare Committee from conservative Bill Sali of Kuna, who has come under increasing criticism for his sometimes questionable handling of major issues:

Top leadership did not change for the controlling Republican Party in either House. Rep. Bruce Newcomb of Burley was re-elected to an imprecedented fourth term as Speaker of the House, and Soda Springs Sen. Bob Geddes is entering his third term as President Pro Term.

Although no bills will be officially-considered-during-theory and the state of the state of the controlling this week, Inwinkers are already discussing two issues sure to come up in January.

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Sheriff-elect Halverson selects his chief deputy

HEYBURN — Although Sher-iff-elect Kevin Halverson won't take charge of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department until Jan. 10, he announced on Thursday who he's chosen as his right-hand man.

Detective Vic Watson, an 11-year veteran of the department, will serve as chief deputy.

will serve as chief deputy.
Halverson said he's had Watson in mind for the post since
he defeated incumbent Paul
Fries and challenger Dave
Pinther in the Nov. 2 election.
The two have worked closely
over the years beginning when
Halverson was an Idaho State
Police trooper and Watson was
a reserve officer for the sheriff's
department.

Police as a reserve officer for the sussent department.
"I've known Kevin my entire law enforcement career," Watson sald, "We respect each other professionally and have become close personal fiends." Halverson emphasized that he and Watson share similar values and qualities and have

Vic Watson



forcement certificate
Goal: "To ensure the Minidoka
County Sheriff's Department
puts the best trained and motivated people on the streets to
serve the people we work for."

street.

It is a same goals for moving law enforcement forward in Minidoka County.

Waisons familiarity with the department. coupled with Halversons, perspective. as an outsider are an ideal mix for a smooth transition of leadership and planned improvements.

Halverson said.

Both-men said their primary focus will be fostering a positive relationship with the public.

"We have mutual goals for the community and how law enforcement - can serve the community. Walson said." I really like what I do. I like serving the public."

community, "Watson sald," I recontinuity, "Watson sald," I republic."
Following high school, Watson went to work on his family's
Paul-area farm, As farming became less viable he looked to
law enforcement as a second
career and a way to put some
adventure in his life.
After two years as a reserve
officer, Watson was hooked and
became a full-time patrolman
in 1994 while studying at the
College of Southern Idaho for
his law enforcement certificate.
He graduated top of his class.
Watson has been a detective
since 2000, investigating financial, and, property, crimes, andchild abuse cases. He also is a
member, af the cight-countyCritical Incident Task Force,
which is called-in when a case
demands more resources than
an individual department

can provide.

As chief deputy, Watson will manage department personnel and serve as acting steriff when Halverson is unavailable. Watson said he has a good relationship with his coverkers in the department and wants it to continue.

Asked whether he'll miss detective work, Watson said he plans to continue working investigations and will maintain each of his current certifications.

each of his current certifica-tions.

"I want to be able to do any job any of my staff has to do." Watson said.

The detective position will become available in January and Halverson said he will con-sider promoting an officer already with the department but divor rule out bringing in a control of the property of the control of the property of the pro-teriors.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia bu-reau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at cthompson@magic-valleycom.

himself at resentencing hearing

BOISE (AP) — Condemned double murderer Timorly Alan Dunlap will represent himself at his resentencing hearing. In a releptione interview form prison with The Associated Press, Duilags said the plans to argue that he only inadvertently, shot bank feler Tonya Crane in 1991 and that he suffers from epilepsy and mental illnesses that may have affected his judg-ment.

that may nave ourcess or your ment.

"I'm going to be my own mayer at the resentencing, and I'm pretty sure the judge is going to allow that." Dunlap said. My lawyers werent trying og et me to a jail where I can have more access to tesslike a cut scifit. So isaid. Check this out! don't warm you represent-ing me anymore."

out I don't want you represent-ing me anymore.

After Crane's murder, Dunlap was quickly captured by police and confessed not only to that crine but to the murder of his sirlifend. Belinda. Bolanos, with a crossbow in Cincinnat. Ohio, 10 days earlier. Investigators said he made the same confession the follow-ing day and for a bird time to a messpaper in Indiana. The 36-year-old Sellersburg, Ind., man

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BOISE (AP) — Condemned double murderer Timothy Alan Durlap Mire Proposent hinself and Durlap Mire Proposent Prop

OBITUARIES

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Esther Christensen - Filer

Tamap claims no only made-vertently pulled the trigger when the silent alarm startled him.

"It, wasn't like I was going there to kill so and so, I'm not

there to kill so-and-so. I'm not trying to sound mean about it either because she's dead. But I'm not like (fellow death-row inmates) Eric Virgil Hall or that other guy, Azad Abdullah," he said.

other guy, Azad Abdullah. he said.
Hall was condemned filling an airline attendant, and Abdullah was ordered occured for killing his wide. a happens idaho. He gaardless of what happens idaho. Punlan said, his lagardless of bullan said, his lagardless of what happens in Ohio. The state of daho never executes any-body, but they want to keep giving the death sentence." he said.

Jonathan Bitter, Rebecca Bit-ter, Shasta Christensen, "Jonathan. Butter. Rebeeca. Bil-ter. Shasta Christensen, Heather Christensen, Sarah Christensen and Steven Chris-tensen: one great-grandchild, Celeste Morrow; and sister, Roberta Alexander, Renton, Wash

Death row inmate will represent | University imposes alcohol limits on fraternity following accident

MOSCOW (AP) — The Delta Pitman said.
Tests sho

MOSCIW (AP) — The Delta Signa Phi fraternity house at the University of Idaho will be restricted from having alcohol on its property until 2006 be-cause of the motorcycle deaths of two students earlier this year. Members of the chapter-must also-participate in alcohol education programs and spon-sor a campus-wide program on how alcohol abuse can influ-ence campus social culture. Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said.

said.

An alumni group will be charged with making sure the fraternity lives up to its obliga-

"There hasn't been much alumni supervision of this chapter in the last year or two."

Pitman said.
Tests showed that Jason
-Vaerout, 20., of Boise, had; a,
blood-alcohol content of 0.16,
in the early morning hours of
Sept. 49, when he ran his motorcycle into a low wall. The
-accident pitched both Vearout
and his passenger, lack Shannon, 19, also of Boise, off the
bike: Both sustained fatal injuries.
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juries.
Criminal or c'vil charges may still be brought against the fracturity or individual members for possible involvement in fostering undergoe drinking.
"I think that there are crainly other issues that are unresolved." Pinnan said. The persons that were directly involved with organizing and

hosting the social events off campus could be subject to prosectition and civil action."
Most of the alcohol was consumed at a party off campus that was not sponsored by the fraternity. Pitman said. But there was some fraternity involvement at another off-campus party where members had gathered to watch a pay-per-view boxing match. Some fraternity members apparently took at collection to huy alcohol. Pitman said.
A stitlent alcohol task force has been organized to discuss campus social culture and possible strategies to curb

sible strategies to curb irresponsible drinking. Pitman said the group has been meet-ing weekly.

SERVICES

David William Becker Sr., viewing from 9 to 11 am. Fri-day at Hove Robertson Mortuary in Jerome; funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Presbyterian Church.

Jose Fredrick "Fred" Chavez of-Hansen-funoral-Mass-cele-brated at 11 am. Friday at 8t. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of rosary today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Berniece Pauline Meiers of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 pant-friday at Reynolds Funer-al Chapel; friends may call one hour before the service Friday at Reynolds Chapel.

Freddie Joe "Fred" Clark of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl.

Kevin Ray Gaver of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday in the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. Jerome: visitation for family and friends from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. before the service at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Donald Patrick Daily of Iwin Falls, memorial service at 7

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and Technology page

every Tuesday in The Times-News

p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Charch, 630 Falls Ave. (Parke's Funeral Home).

Verletta Mendenhall Ander-son of the Kasota area, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Emer-son Ward: visitation from 9:30 to.10:20 a.m. before the service Graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Syracuse Cemterey in Syracuse, Utah (Parkes Funeral Home).

Rueben Daniel "Dan" Stein-metz of Everett, Wash., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Hey-burn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Ethlyn Gertrude Barneby of Twin Falls, celebration of file at 1-p.m. Saturday at the Palm Vai-ley View Cemetery in Las Vegas, New, (White Mortuary).

Edith Mae Lance Downing, memorial service at 1 p.m. Sat-urday at the English Funeral Chapel, Post Falls, Idaho.

Alec Daniel Murdock of Wendell; funeral at 1 p.m. Sat-urday at the Wendell LD.S. Church: visitation for family members and friends from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell LD.S. Church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Juan Guerry of Burley, vigil service at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, in Burley, funeral Mass cele-brated at 11 a.m. Monday at the Little Flower Catholic Church (Payne Mortuary).

Len E Marrs of Albion, cele-Len F. Marrs of Albion, cele-bration. of Jife. at. 11. a.m., Saturday at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Luncheon-will-follow-burial-at Sage Mountain Grill in Albion for family and friends. Viewing from G until 7:30 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one hour before the funeral on Sa-urday at the church.

-Death notices -

Thomas Edward Livingston

Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

TWIN FALLS — Thomas Ed-ward Livingston, 48, of Twin

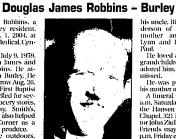
TWIN FALLS — Thomas Ed-by Farmer Funeral Chapel,
Buhl.

Esther Mae Butterfield. Christensen, 70, of Filer Itaho, passed away Nov. 28, 2004, at the Davis Hospital and Medcalcenter in Layton, Utahcomplications from a stroke. She was born Oct. 30, 1934, in Chamberlain, S.D., to Loyd Alfred and Verda Emma Peral Steckelberg Butterfield. Esther is survived by her spouse of 48 years, Jerry Westey Christensen, Filer, Edaho; three children. Cathleen (Mercdith) Bitter, Kayeville, Utah, Jerry Wesley (Teresa) Christensen Ir, Wesl Point, Utah, and Frederick Loyd (Shelley) Christensen, Bremer ton, Wash: and eight Wash. A funeral will be held at 2 pm. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Litidguist's Layton Morrusary, 1667 N. Fairfield Road Friends may call from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. prior to the service. Interment will be at Synacise, City, Cemetery, 12:90-S. 10:00 W. Syracuse, Utah. 25-mail condolences to the family at ... Ihmellindquistmortuary, com. helley) Christensen, Brem n. Wash.; and eig grandchildren, Tabitha Bitter, (Calvin) Morrow, Nicole Bitter,

Douglas James Robbins, a 45-year-old Burley resident, passed away Dec. 1, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Cen-ter.

passed away Dec. 1, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical, Cen-ter.

Doug was born July 9, 1959, in Burley to Keith James and Donna Rae Robbins. He at-tended schools in Burley, He Harried Terri Sumrow Aug. 26, 1977, at the Paul First Bapits Church: Doug worked for sev-eral of the local grocery stores, including. Safeway. Smiths, since 1986, and he also helped out at Farmers Corner as a meat cutter and in produce. He enjoyed, the outdoors, fishing, hunting, woodwork, ing. painting and drawing. He is survived by his wife. Terri Robbins of Burley, his two_children_Lacie_Robbins and Fire (Vacure) Robbins both of Burley eight siblings, Linda (Robbert) Long of Burley, Diane Matsen of Rupert, Raymond-Robbins of Tupert, Raymond-Robbins of Twin Falls. Anna



(Glem Kolber of North Dakota, Brentla (JeH) Christ of Burley, Kenneth Robbins of Burley, Pauline Barth Adams of Albion, and Harold (Kim) Robbins of Winnepmeera, New; a half-brother, Romald Robbins, Sal Lake City; a half-sister, Susan Kehm, Birmingham, Wash,

his uncle, Richard (Linda) An-derson of Oakley; and his mother and father-in-law, Lynn and Helen Haynes of Paul.

lynn and Helen Haynes of Paul.

He lowed and cherished his grandchildren and they adored him. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death his mother and father.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main, with Pastor John Ziulkowski officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Frieday evening at Hansen-Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Burlial will follow at the Paul

Burial was to be a Commerce.

Lemetery.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.



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who have died. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to ride in our horse drawn carriage.



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Violet 'Vi' Licille Bower - Buhl

Violet "Vi" Licille Bower, 77, of Buhl, died Dec. 1, 2004, at Country Living Care Center of Buhl, where she had resided for a short time.

Bulh, where she had resided for a short time.

Violet was born Nov. 17, 1927.—in-Vini-Falls, Idaha, 10–1927.—in-Vini-Falls and Holen (Mort) Hippe. The graduated from Filer High School in 1945. She worked in the kitchen at the Twin Falls Hospital- For three years, she also worked for the Filer Mutual Telephone Company, Wolet married Dale Bawer on July 27, 1947, at the First Baptist Church of Filer, Idaha, Dale and Vi farmed South of Siler from 1951 through 1960, then moved south of Bulh and farmed for another 33 years. During the 1970s they stared custom hay and corn chopping in the area, with Vi driving ruck and doing all the book keeping. She was a school bus driver for the Bulh School District, for many years, enjoying at the students sile met over r many years, enjoying students she met over

the years.

Violet was a very privateperson, but always enjoyed
her family, while tending to the
home, yard, flowers and gar-



den. She was a wonderful cook and never let anyone visiting go away hungry for a number of years after retiring from farming, they spent their winters in Arizona to be where it was warm.

Violet is survived by her husband of 57 years. Dale: two sons. Wayne (Lori) Bower and Brent (Hae Ann) Bower, both of the hungrends of the hungrends of the hungrends of the hungrends of Blackbott, a brother, Twin Falls and Dlane (Glenn)-Fries of Blackbott, a brother, Bob (Bea) Rippe of Hammett and, several nieces and

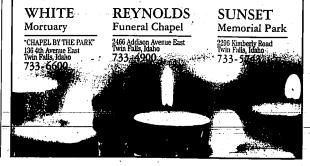


nephews.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents and a nice will be missed by all who knew het.

A funeral its scheduled for 11 am. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, with Pastor Mike Graybeal of-ficiating, Burial will follow at West End Cemetery.

A viewing will be held from 2 to 7 pm. today, Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at the funeral hone. Arrangements have been entrusted to Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.



Members convene



embers of the Idaho Staté House of Representatives raise their right hands as they are sworn in during n organizational session of the 58th Idaho legislature Thursday morning. The regular session starts Jan.

McMurray steps down as the head of Community of Christ

INDEPENDENCE: Mo. (AP)

— The leader of the Community
of Christ, a congregation with
250,000 members in 50 countries, has resigned and will leave
the church's priesthood, clithe
peath; family and undisclosed
personal reasons.
W. Grant McMurray, 57, told
about 300 church staffers
throughout the world about bis.

w. Grain NetWritery, 37. foot about 300 church staffers broughout the world about his decision to resign as church president by videoconference wednesday. The church, based known as the leto-med Church loown as the leto-med Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints until April 2001. McMurray was recently diag-nowed with Parkinson's disease, be said in his letter of resistan-

he said in his letter of resigna-tion. He described the disease as being in "an early stage and very treatable," but added that he

needs to devote more attention to his physical health.

But before mentioning the disease. McMurray cited a struggle over several years "with personal and family issues that have impacted my ability to function unreservedly in my office and calling."

Thave done my very best to fulfill my responsibilities—in-accordance with the needs of the church and believe that God has gracefully blessed me in dis effort. McMurray wrote. However, along the way! have made some inappropriate choices, and the circumstances of my life and now such that to effectively include the church. The resignation letter was addressed to the other two members of the church's included the church.

Presidency, Peter A. Judd and Kenneth N. Robinson. They praised him for "visionary lead-ership and dedicated service at a critical time in the life of the church."

a critical time in the life of the church.

Although church tradition provides a departing president the right to designate a successor, McMurray declined, Juddand Robinson-will-leud-the-church until a successor is chosen. The next Community of Christ World Conference is not scheduled until 2006, but church leaders said a conference might be called sooner because of the resignation.

In a statement posted on the church's Web site, Judd and Robinson said further details about the circumstances of McMurray's resignation would not be released.

Huntsman_will_move_into_mansion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov.—elect Jon Huntsman-Ir. and his family will move into the state's Governor's mansion, a spokesman said Thursday. "Jon and Mary Kay left the decision up to their kids," said spokesman Jason Chaffetz, who will serve as I luntsman's chief of staff.

"They we dearly

"They've decided that it would be an honor and a privilege and they would love to move in," he said.

Jon and Mary Kay Huntsman-were-having dinner with-Gov-Olene Walker and her husband Myron. the mansions current residents. Thursday evening, who were going to give them a tour, Chaffetz said. The Huntsmans have six chil-dren, one of whom is savay attending college at Utah State University. The family plans to move in in late January, Chaffetz said.

The mansion, formerly

known as the Keam's mansion,—was-built in 1902 by Utah Sen. Thomas Keams.
In 1937, Keams' widow, Jenie, donated the mansion to the state and it became the governor's residence.
In 1937, Gow J. Bracken Lee moved into a new governor's mansion in the Federal Heights area and the mansion was turned over to the Utah Ilistorial Society, which used the cal Society, which used the space for their offices.

Districts

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said the awards will give the district something to shoot for

sain the awnite win give the district something to shoot for in test scores.

"I like the idea of a positive recognition." Dobbs said. "So much of what has come down from No Child Left Behind lassen negative." In Cassia County, the district had a distinguished school and awards for Oakley Junior/Senior High and Declo Elementary.

"That's great," said Superintendent Mike Chesley. "They's got some good teachers in those schools."

The Additional Yearly Growth ward is for schools that in-

The Additional Yearly Crowth award is for schools that increased their percent of proficient or advanced students by at least 10 percent in either reading or math. The top 5 percent of schools that have significantly reduced a score gap between student groups receive the distinguished schools designation. This years award examined the gap between economically disadvantaged students and others.

others. Statewide there are 15 distin-guished schools and 74 being recognized for additional yearly

growth. The awards were based on spring 2003 and 2004 ISAT

on spring 2003 and 2004 ISAT scores.

"I am pleased we have an opportunity to recoghize some of the many success stories in our schools with these rewards." said State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard. "I hope in the future we can expand this program to honor more schools that are performing well."

Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at kkowalski@magicvalley.com or 735-3231.

New Awards

Distinguished Schools were in the top 5 percent of schools that closed score gaps (in percent proficient o above) between economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged students.

Distinguished Schools in Reading Paul Elementary School

Distinguished Schools in Math

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Additional Yearly Growth Schools are honored for increasing the percent of proficient or advanced students by at least 10 percent in either reading or math for at least one subgroup.

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Twin Falls Festival of Trees continues today with events

TWIN-FALLS — The Twin-Falls Festival of Trees, a "Cen-tennial Christmas Celebration," continues today at the former Anderson Lumber building at

Anderson Lumber building at 960 Eastland Drive. The exhibition features continuous entertainment and decorated trees — both miniature and full-size, wreaths, quilts and other hollday docor. This year's centential theme includes amlique displays and classic cars. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors age 60 and older, and \$1 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds from the event hemefit the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Magic Valley in brief

The exhibition continues arough Sunday.

Sun Valley slashes ski prices this weekend

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SUN VALLYF — Sun Valley is
practically giving away lift tickets this weekend.
The resort is offering skiers
and snowboarders a chance to
hit the slopes for \$29 on Saturday and Stunday,
Regular season rates, will
jump to \$67 on Dec. 20.
Skiing on Baldy is very good.

despite a dearth of natural snow during the month of November. After opening Baldy from too to bottom on Saturday, resort officials opened Carnyon, and Roundhouse Slope on Wednes-day and Lower College on Thursten.

day and Lower Couege of Thursday.

They were groiming Upper Warm Springs and the Hidge on Thursday in hopes that they can open those runs this weekend. Runs afready open include Lower Warm Springs, Upper and Lower Picabo, Mid and Lower River Run. Canyon and Roundhouse Slope.

— compiled from staff reports

Appeals court upholds search after drug suspect is moved

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a lower court decision throwing out evidence against an alleged drug dealer because it was acquired in an illegal search.

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The unanimous high court held that officers were wrong in waiting to search a backpack found in a Boise hotel room until after they had reinoved Benjamin LaMay and five other people to the hallway.

But the decision precluding LeMays prosecution on those charges from 2001 will not affect his current-imprisonment-les currently servine three to

feet-his-current-imprisonment-He is currently serving three to 10 years on a drug trafficking charge a year after the hotel in-cident.

Fourth District Judge Darla Williamson originally threw out

the evidence from the hotel search only to have the state Court of Appeals a year ago reverse that ruling.

But the Supreme Court sided with Williamson, holding that officers would only be justified in searching the backpack to protect themselves from weapons concealed in the bag or to prevent destruction of evidence contained in the bag.

"Lablay was arrested in the backpack." Third justice Geriald, before contained in the bag.

"Lablay was arrested in the backpack." Chief justice Geriald. Schroeder wrote for the court.

"In LaMay's case, the police themselves, testified they did not fear for their safety following their initial contact with LaMay." Officers bad rough to the Plaza.

LaMay."
Officers had gone to the Plaza
Suites Flotel in November 2001
to arrest LaMay on two misde-

meanor warrants.
When they entered the hotel room, he was sitting on the bed with-the-backpack-neur-him. There were six others in the room along with drug paraphernalia in plain sight.

Internant in plain sight.

To maintain control of the situation, the officers moved the people into the hall, where they continued questioning them and LaMay admitted his real identity. identity.

He was arrested at that point and within minutes the backpack 15 feet away was targeted

LaMay argued that searching the backpack without a warrant was illegal since it was not under his control and he could neither get a weapon out of it or destroy anything in it.

Feds consider management skill in hiring new Los Alamos manager

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stung by security lapses at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the government will consider-business and man-agement ability as much as scientific expertise when se-lecting a new manager for the facility.

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The Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration released a draft request for proposals Wednesday as it prepares for the first competition to run the New Mexico nuclear weapons lab. Los Alamos has been managed by the University of California since the lab's creation as a top-secret World War I project to develop the atomic bomb.

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But problems, including missing computer drives and

sloppy fiscal procedures, led the department for the first time each for an open bidding process, last our the department for the first time each for an open season of the first over when the university's current contract expires at the end of September. The school has not decided whether to bid to continue managing the lab. "The vision is we want world-class science, enabled by excellent operations, and really, really good business management, said Tyler Przybylek, Chairman of the board of National Nuclear Security Administration officials who will evaluate proposals. The agency will collect comments from prospective applicants, community members and others for 30 days before issuing a final request

for proposals.

Applicants will dien have 60 days to submit their proposals.

The agency plans to select a contractor-next-summer to begin work on Oct. 1.

The new contract will cover five years, with possible extensions for 15 years more.

Recent problems at the lab include the shudown of most operations in July following the disclosure that two disks believed to contain classified information were missing. Most lab activities have since resumed.

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Richardson has encouraged
the University of California to
seek to retain its contract.
Other possible bidders include
the University of Texas and
Texas A&M.

Renaissance Charter files for bankruptcy

MOSCOW (AP) — Itenais-sance Charter School, where two former officials were in-volved. In questionable spending earlier this year be-fore its charter was pulled, has filed for bankruptcy. The school, the first charter school to file for protection from creditors, declared \$40,000 in debts and just \$15,000 in assets.

\$15,000 in assets.

School attorney Gary Edson
said the school board had origiinally intended to dissolve the
'school but opted for hankruptor
y after a parent sued for \$4,000, claiming the school
had failed to give her son an
adequate education.

"This stops collection activity immediately" against the

school and its board members.

school and its ionar memors. Edson said. A creditors meeting is set for lan. 3. Edson acknowledged that many of the school's debts will not be able to be paid. Renaissance is only the second charter school or close in tidato. The Lost Rivers Charter School in Arco closed two years aco.

ago.
There are currently 16 tradi-

There are currently 16 trautional and two computer-based schoots in Idaho. A criminal investigation was initiated early this year after school Director Susan Seaman took her husband on a trip at school expense and the business manager path bushen busband to do some work at

the school, Both resigned, but Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson concluded there_was_no_justification_for, filing criminal charges against either woman.

either woman.

Edson said the Reinissance bankruptcy case has raised legal questions about whether the school became private when its charter was revoked by the Moscow School District last February.

If it did lose status as a public school, then it would not have been required to comply with open meetings laws.

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One of the allegations in the pending lawsuit is that the charter board failed to give proper notice of its meetings.

Shakeup_

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Queest Communications International Inc. was circulating its revised phone deregulation proposal.

It includes a provision intended to assure rural lawmakers their constituents will not be left paying significantly higher rates to support rate cuts in the big cities.

A deregulation bill failed by a single vote in the state Senate last March.

The Division of Human Resources is recommending a 6.7-percent pay raise to begin reducing the gap between state salaries and comparable jobs in the private sector.

If passed, it would cost an additional \$33 million and would be the largest percentage in

crease since 1982.

Budget writers are skeptical about the recommendation.

Tooking at the numbers for 06 and 07. In no public employees," said Rupert Republican Sen. Dean Cameron, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

"Whether or not we can af-

"Whether or not we can afford 1 percent or 2 percent ralses is in question, but we certainly can't afford a 6 percent adjustment.

—One-option-might be a-law-that allows a larger salary increase to be implemented automatically, if a certain level of revenue is collected during the year. But much will hinge on tax collections.

on tax collections. . November revenue figures

released Thursday came in nearly as expected, leaving the cash surplus at more than \$28 million, according to prelimi-nary estimates from the Division of Financial Manage-

ment.

Higher than expected sales and individual income tax recipts nearly offset substantially lower-than-expected corporate tax revenues. Even so, there aren't enough reserves built up to handle another economic downturn, so, the stakes are a little higher. Wheeler said.

Wheeler said.

"We'd love to give our public employees raises. We're really grateful for their efforts, but I have to set a budget within available revenue."

Officials want documents on security, safety of dam

Government releases only 'non-sensitive' information

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JACKSON, Wyo, (AP) — When
Teton County Commissioner Bill
Paddleford heard a researcher
discuss the possibility that part
of lackson Lake Dam could liqjusty in a large earthquake, he
was both worried and miffed.
For two years, Paddleford said,
he has been after the U.S. Bureau
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For two years, Paddleford said, he has been after the U.S. Bureau of Rechanation to give county of ficials information on the safety of the dam and any potential threats to the structure. Local officials wanted it as part of their emergency planning.

Agency officials maintained the dam, a short distance upstream from the resort community of Jackson, was safe, but Paddleford said they refused to release specifics. Hearing the speech mentioning the risk to the dam, given by a professor of seismology at the University of California at Santa, Barbara, convinced Paddleford that county officials weren't getting the whole story and that the Bureau of Reclamation was being unreasonable.

The dispute highlights a problem faced by some local governments and groups since the terrorist attacks of 2001: is 7th, just, finding it more difficult to get Information from state and federal governments about dams, electric utilities or other strucinformation from state and rec-eral governments about dams, electric utilities or other struc-tures in their areas — whether for safety, environmental or po-litical concerns.

While the Bureau of Reclama-

While the Bureau of Reclama-tion did release what it called a "nonsensitive" version of an en-gineering report, that still did not fully address Paddleford's concerns, he said, "Everyone knows a dam will fail, but at what point" said Paddleford, who was defeated in his bid for re-election as month, "When should we start lookine at evacuatine certain

month. "When should we start looking at evacuating certain areas? When, as a county, do we start looking at those issues?" The accusing no one of wrongdoing, but I want assurances it's safe, 'he added of his reasons for seeking more information about the dam and an independent review of the report. "The gotten." The dam is safe, 'but to what degree?"



RENO. Nev. (AP) — The U.S. prest Service says it appears

RENO. Nev. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service says it appears that more snowmobilers are illegally entering the wilderness and other closed areas west of Reno and it plans to crack down with stricute enforcement, including nighttime patrols. A 3-year-old decision that closed much of the popular faltoe Meadows near Mount Rose Summit to snowmobile the small portion of the popular shall be small portion the strict Ranger Gary Schiff Said Wednesday.

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But illegal forays into the backcountry continue and appear to increasingly be taking place at night. Schiff said, adding that the practice could prompt changes.

"That's where we need to

start patrolling focusing on night activity. Schiff said, we need to do what we can to write more tickets and send a mes-

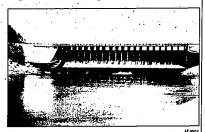
more tickets and send a message."
Citing increasing conflicts between snowmobile riders and cross-country skiers, snow-shoers and stedders, the Forest Service in 2001 banned snowmobiles from about three-quarters of the Tahoe Meadows. The four-squaremile area, also known as Sheep Flat, is off the Mount Rose Highway between Rend and Lake Tahoe and is a place of increasing popularity for people enjoying all kinds of winter sports.

sports.
But critics insist some snow-mobile riders continue to travel into closed areas, including the Mount Rose Wilderness and the Galend Creek-drainage,—where all motorized vehicles are pro-

hibited.

"We have some serious concerns about incursions into the wilderness." said Shaaron Netherton, oxecutive director of Friends of Nevada Wilderness.

"It's steadily been getting worse."



Birds glide across the water at Jackson Lake Dam, which is in Grand

Since the 2001 attacks, govsince the 2007 attacks, government agencies have changed the type of information available for the public and the manner in which it is shared. Some have taken documents of drawings off the Web, while others have changed the classification of some records—marking them as internal, rather than readily available. marking them as inter rather than readily available

marking them as internal, rather than readily available. In some instances, documents like the fall engineering report for the fackson dain may be reviewed by select officials, who then must sign a nondisclosure agreement.

The dain is an earthen structure with a concrete spillway on the Snake River within Grand Teton National Park. It backs up a lake that, when full, contains about 847,000 aere-feet of water. That about 275 billion gallons.

The dam is about seven miles cast of the Teton Fauli, which geologists say is overther for a quake. It could-produce a tember up to 7.5 magnitude, experts say, with ground shaking under the dam that would create forces equivalent to a magnitude 9 earthquake. Should the dam fall, officials say water would eventually inundate some small towns of lackson, population about 8,800, sits high

river_including_Moran_and_Wil_ son, The nesor town of lackson, population about 8,800, sits high enough above the river that offi-cials say it would not be flooded. Reclamation officials insist there is no significant danger posed by the fackson Lake Dam. They say they took the unusual step of posting online parts of

the highly technical engineer-ing report — also known as a seismic risk analysis — to quell what they see as unfounded fears about the dam's safety. They also allowed the county engineer to review the entire document, normally unavail-able for public consumption. Those who need to know the in-formation, including the state engineer, have been allowed to see it, agency officials said. The lackson dam report is not alone.

About two years ago, the Fedalocation and the control and th

months.
A 2002 Justice Department
memoriandum suggested to federal agencies that they consider
the need to safeguard information "that could be misused to
harm the security of our nation
or threaten public safety."



lease auction in Utah will offer 112,755 acres of land for drilling, including parcels within a stone's throw of Hovenweep. Archaeologists, conservation groups and a former park ranger are protesting, and the Bu-reau of Land Management says it may drop those parcels from the planned mid-December sale.

BLM may retreat from lease plans near prehistoric dwellings

SAIT LAKE CITY (AP) — The next federal oil and gas lease auction in Utah will offer more than 112,000 acres of land for infilling, including parcels with a stone's turou oil foremeets with a stone with a st

Alliance,
"The sale is especially unnec-

under lease, but that are not being developed," he said. Oil and gas drills will degrade the "unblemished" views and solitude at the monument, said Larry Van Slyke, the former chief park ranger for the South-east Utah Group of National Parks.

chief park ranger for the South-cast Utah Group of National Parks.
Slyke, a member of the Coali-tion of National Park Service Retirees, filed his comments with the Bureau of Land Man-agement.
Also weighting in was Sonia Hutmacher-Cunningham, a vice president for the Utah Pro-fessional Archaeological Council, who said oil-and-gas development was incompail-ble with the monuments natural beauty and prelistoric natural beauty and prehistoric

sites.
The Bureau of Land Manage-The Bureau of Land Management is describing the 112,756 acres as a "final sale list" of lands to be leased for energy extraction on Dec. 10, but BLM spokeswoman Laura Williams said Thursday the list wasn't final.

Williams said agency staffors will meet Tuesday or Wednesday "to decide which parcels will be offered and which parcels will be pulled." Bloch said that if critics hadnified pratests. "BLM would be moving right along and selling these lands, and that's a mistake."

ke."
The BLM list includes two parcels less than a quarter-mile from the monument, and a third parcel within view of mon-

hird parcel within view of mon-ument.

The "land man" who nomi-nated these parcels for leasing refused to return a message re-layed by BLM land-law examiner. Connie Searc, who said the man probably was act-ing for one or more energy companies. "He doesn't want you to throw questions at him that he's not prepared to an-swer," she said.

Lee Peacock, president of the

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Oregon landowners file claims Raley, top water

Residents seek compensation first morning after new law takes effect

Giantis Pass, Ore, (AP) —

"People who feel theywere unfairly blocked from developing their jund by government restrictions-began filling claims. Thursday under a new Oregon law that allows them to seek compensation or walvers of the restrictions.

Dorothy English, 92, of Portand, and Gene and Barbara. Prete of Sisters, who were part of the Cregonians in Action campaign that won voter approach of Acessive 37. Tast month, filed Measure, 37 claims with Multinomah County and Deschutes County, respectively.

"Were excited this day is finally coming." Gene Prete said from

Country respectively.

"We're excited this day is finally coming," Gene Prete said from Bend after filling a claim for waiver of state land-use laws that have prevented him and his wife from building a retirement home on 20 acres outside Sisters where they grow hay and keep three-horses, "Hey-have been-blocked by a state law requiring them to gross \$80,000 in agricultural earnings to qualify for a home on the property.

"We're really looking forward to having this behind us in the next-few-months-mud-hopfully height of the said." Supporters of the new law say it restores rights that have been defined to property owners acred the seate.

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it resiones rights that have been denied to property owners across the state.

But Measure 37 opponents say it threatens land-use policies that have controlled urban sprawl, preserved farm and forest land from residential development, protected fish and widdlife habitat on private timberlands; and limited industrial-commercial and residential development to specific areas. They agage that local governments will choose to waive the restrictions because they can't pay compensation.

Thursday was the first day of a two-year period during which property owners could file claims for relief, but no one had a good idea how many claims would be filed, by mid-after moon, two applications were reported filed in lackson County, and two in Lane County, Nineupplications were picked up intoscipline County.

David Hunniciut of Oregonians—in Action said he did not expect a flood of filings.
English wants to partition

Dorothy English, 92, is congratulated by her attorney, Joe Willis, right, in The Multnomah Building in Portland, Ore., Thursday after filing her Measure 37 property claim to be allowed to subdivide or sell part of her land.

lavid she has owned since 1953 in the scenic hills overlooking Portland so she can give some to her children and sell some to fire subdividing large blocks of forested land. "I couldn't sleep last night." English said in Portland, dressed in a blouse and raincoat in her favorite color, purple. "I got up earlier than I ever do. "Twe waited for over 30 years. That's a long time. In fact, I wish they could give me some of those years back."

Both the Pretes and English sought waivers of filing and other feess contending they are unfair obstacles to people seeking redress of wrongs. —English's application listed the value of her property at \$1.15 million if it could be partitioned. land she has owned since 1953

but she does not have the cash to pay the \$1,500 filing fee and other fees imposed by Mult-nomah—County—sald—her attorney loe Willis.

"monah" County sald her attorney, low Wills.
Reflecting a buldtup over the past 30 years of frustration with Oregan's first-in-the-nation com-prehensive had use laws. Measure 37 passed in every county but one. It allows people who owned a piece of property before some restriction was put into effect to claim compensation for the un-realized value of the property or a waiver of the restriction. Fami-ly members of original owners are also eligible. Even though Measure 37 has-taken-effect-legislative-netionable re-will be required to clarify fling procedures. That won't happen until sometime after the Legisla-ture convenes in January. Steven Kafoury, a lobblyst for

law takes effect

the Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association, said the expected one clarification the Legislature might be pressed to make by mortgage lenders is whether waivers can be passed on to new foreness of they cannot, lenders who foreclose or subsequent owners in they cannot, lenders who foreclose or subsequent owners may have to knock down the house built under a waiver.

Michael Suider, planning director of losephine Couing, said it was unclear whether the state or counties would have the last say on cases involving state regulations that are enforced by counties. That would be a problem if the state wants to pay compensation and the county wants to grant a waiver.

Counties and cides around the state have adopted their own procedures, with fling fees ranging from zero in losephine—Countyin-the-south-to-\$1,500 in-Multinomah County, Oregon's most populous. The city of Eugene plans to change up to \$7,500 for staff time to chase down information for incomplete claims.

Oregonians in Action main-ains-dia-high-filling-fees-will-just-les sidestepped by English and others as they move on to lavsuits after a 180-clay waiting period, as provided for in Messuars 37.

"Some of the local governments are throwing tantrums—and have adopted ordinance—weekshas that are so norrous!"

"Some of the local govern-ments are throwing tantrums and have adopted ordinance provisions that are so onerous' and unfair that no property owner in his or her right mind would ever try to follow them." said Humincutt. "What they do is just submit their claim, wait their 180 days and file at dawstit: "Unless Multmumth County has a claunge of heart ... that is

"Unless Multnomah County has a change of heart ... that is exactly what Dorothy (English) plans on doing. Developers and industrial timberland owners' who supported and helped finance' the Measure 37 campaign, were not expected to jump in before vague areas become more clear. "If there is a stampede on the city halls and county courhouses, it may put the whole ballot Measure 37 in jeoparty," said Kely Ross, follopist for the Home-Builders-Association-of-Mult-monah County. "The Legislature might be prompted to either declare some kind-of-moratorium on claims or some other measure of that type."

official, leaves post

By Seth Hettena Associated Press writer

Bennett Raley, the Bush administration's point man on Western water issues, announced he is leaving his Interior Department post.

Raley, who is returning to his native Colorado to practice law and spend time with his family.

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statement Thursday.

Raley, 48, said he doesn' do
The legacy thing and expressed graftitude for the
chance to make what he
termed a small contribution.

Norton promoted Tom
Weimer, Raley's deputy, as an
interim replacement.

As assistant interior sceretary
for water and science, Raley
oversaw both he IJ.S. Geologcal Survey and the Bureau of
Reclamation. Virtually unknown in the East, the Bureau
of Reclamation runs more than
floo dams and reservoirs in 17
states that generate power, irripate farmfields in the desert,
and deliver water to 30 million
people.

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Raley helped lead the Water 2025 initiative, which highlighted areas where clashes over water were likely in the future. He also worked out an agree ment with representatives of Arizona, Nevada and California to protect wildlife habitat on the Colorado River and ald native sneeties.

Federal judge grants stay of Hanford initiative site

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A judge on Thursday granted a court order that prevents a state initiative — barring out-of-state waste shipments to the Hanford nuclear site — from taking—effect.

Vaste Suppriest - from taking-effect.

Earlier in the day, federal government attorneys told U.S. District ladge Alan, McDonald in a telephone conference call that there were too many uncertainties about how the state would interpret the measure. Attorneys for the state argued the temporary restraining order was unnecessary and gave assurances that state officials were still reviewing the initiative, and would not begin to implement at in the next 60

days.____ But there is a probability the But there is a probability the federal government will succeed in establishing that the initiative is invalid and a possibility-the-federal-government would suffer irreparable injury-with-regard. to onsite cleanup activities at Hanford if the initiative immediately became law, McDonald ruked. "The court finds the public interest favors the issuance of a temporary restraining order be-emporary restraining order be-

interest favors the issuance of a temporary restraining order be-cause of the need to continue current onsite clean-up activi-ties at landord, unimpeded by an initiative, the scope and breadth of which is not fully as-certained at this juncture."

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Feds consider adding protection for lamprey

Government may list four species of fish on Endangered Species Act

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to review whether four species of lamprey found on the West Coast should be protected by the Endangered Species Ac.

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net of the Eindangered Species
Act to survive," said loseph Vaile
of the Klamath-Siskiyou Wild-lands Centure.
A coalition of 11 conservation,
groups petitioned in January
2003 to list the four species as
threatened or endangered. At
the time they said they hoped increase pressure to improve
fisheries habitat and the ecolog-ical health of yastersheds

fisheries habitat and the ecolog-ical health of watersheds harmed by dams, logging, agri-culture and development. Fish and Wildlife responded that the agency saw no reason to grant energency protection for any of the species, and would not have the time or money to begin formal consid-eration until a new budget year. As they have with many species.

Including the northern spotted

including the northern spotted ovel, environmentalists then sued to force consideration. Lamprey are lawless fish that resemble eels. Pacific lamprey, the most widespread of the four species, grow to 30 inches and were once an important source of food for American Indians, as well as seals and sea llons. Young salmon feed on young lamprey in fresh water.

The name comes from the Latin for rock-sucking, which refers to the lampreys habitat of attaching to rocks with its mouth while swimming upstream.

stream.

The young spend four to six years buried in silt or mud on river bottoms, filter feeding on microscopic vegetation, before

migrating to the ocean, where they fatten up for the spawning run—scavenging cating small-er fish and sometimes audebing themselves to salmon and ma-rice nammals. Pacific lamprey inhabit large to medi-um-sized rivers from Alaska to Mexico. The Western brook lamprey inhabits small tribu-taries from the Sacramento River to British Columbia. The Kern brook lamprey is found in California's Sar Josquin River Basin.

Californiàs San Joaquin River Basin. Indian tribes In the Columbia Basin have been working to re-store lumprey populations with funding help from the Bon-neville Power Administration, but tribal harvests at Willamette Falls in Oregon have declined steadily.



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in stabbing death of colleague

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Dr. Brian Stidham was still in his surgical scrubs when a pair of jamitors found him stabbed to death in the parking lot outside his practice, his Lexus gone. Was it robbery? A carjacking? Nothing that ordinary, investigations and

gators say.

Instead, they say, it was a hit set up by another doctor with whom. Stidham was once in

set up by anomer macon won whom Sudham was once in-practice. The alleged motiver professional leadousy. Stidham: and Dr. Bradley Schwartz had had a falling-out after Schwartz had had a falling-out after Schwartz had had a falling-out after Schwartz had had a falling-out in the stroked by drug drugses and Stidham went off to form his own practice. According to interviews, court papers and investigators' reports and investigators' reports and see the drug to mercives, and the patient schwartz, 39, and the patient be allegedly hired to carry out the October slaying, 39-year-old Ronald Brace Bigger, are jailed on murder charges and have-pleaded-innocent-libroscuttors-said they have not decided

said they have not decided whether to seek the death

penalty.
Around Tueson, where most ophthalmologists-know-one-another, members of the medical

other, members of the medical community are stumed.

"A lot of people understood that Brad Schwarz was unsta-ble to some degree," said Dr. Sewen 'Colben, a' bitson' oph-thalmologist and Stidham' friend. "but nobody thought he bad the ability or the instability or ake' it to that level — to take it to the level of murder." Schwarz and Stidham began working together in 2002, Both were in their 30s, married fa-thers and specialists in pediatric-ophthalmology, but otherwise they were an odd couple.

PLAVAS, N.M. (AP) — Expiosions, screams for help and hovering Black Hawk helicopters backe the stillness fluxeday as this nearly abandoned former copper mining community took on a new role as an anti-terorism trailing ener.

A wide-ranging mock terrorists scenario played out before hundreds of onlookers as the New Mescloo Institute of Mining and Technology officially began training here.

and Technology officially occasi-training here.

Playas has been virtually empty for mouths, since the min-ing company that built it packed up and moved out, taking most of the town's jobs. But New Mexico



Dr. Bradley Schwartz appears from the Pima County Jall. on Pima County Justice Court monitors, Nov. 4, for his arraignment, Schwartz, S9, Indicated on a charge of conspiracy to ms an angament, comment in the Oct. 5 stabbing death of one-time partner Dr. Brian Stidham, remained in the Pima County Jell on a \$2 million ball.

Schwartz came across as eucley He was 'quick and reaches' even school. A diagnosis was tricky said former pitfiffered Lourdes Lopez By 2002, he was the most successful pediatric ophthalmologist in town, "the king at the hill." Cohen said. In the was no longer interested in perform plastic surgery. So he intered an association—Stidlham was soft-poken and camitous: according to Lopez.

Sidhani was soft-spoken and eartitious. according to Lopez. He came to Tueson-from Housen from Housen-from the solver pace of life, and a place where he could enjoy the outdoors, Cohen said.

"He was one of the gentlest human beings you would encounter, so it was just a perfect match for him to be taking care of children." Cohen said.

University opens anti-terror training

center in empty New Mexico town

lust as Stidham was settling i. Schwartz's life began to

Inst as Sudaam was settingin. Schwartz Went into drugrehab and was indicted on federal charges of illegallyprescribing thousands of doses
of Ritalia and generic Vicodin
for his own use. Lopez, then a
county prosecutor, was also indicted. He was also used for
malpractice, accused of disfiguring patients while under the
influence.

Last December, he pleaded
guilty to conspiracy. He managed to-stay-out-of-prison-Buthe was humiliated, forced tocheck in with probation officers
and submit to drug testing. For
10 months before the charges
were resolved, he was unable topractice medicine at all, and
only recently had he gone back
to work.

Police charge Arizona doctor | Impeachment trial of Nevada controller Augustine continues

CARSON CITY, Nev. — For-mer top aides to Nevada Controller Kathy Augustine tes-tified Thursday at her Senate impeachment trial that she pressured staffers, into doing

impeachmont trial that she pressured staffers into doing campaign work on state time and threw tantrums if the work wasn't done promptly. Jeanine Coward, who served as assistant controller, said Augustine threw things at her and told her to handle various 2002 campaign jobs even-after Coward objected to the activity. "I was very cowardly and took the easy way out." Coward said adding it was casier to do the work than face Augustine's Coward allows and she saw another employee, lemnifer employee, lemnifer employee, lemnifer employee, lemnifer employee, lemnifer employee, lemnifer employee, bennifer employee, lemnifer employee, bennifer employee, lemnifer employee, bennifer employee, lemnifer employee, bennifer employee to make the compaign work. She said Augustine was so demanding that, Normington was "hardly allowed to go to the bathroom or get anything to eat."

Besides the work on fund-raisor invitations, candidate questimmatics and finance re-ports. Coward said Augustine husted a jewelp sales in her of-fice, with a percentage of the sales going to her campaign. The former assistant also said that anyone who got on Augus-tine's bad side was ignored, with the controller 'creating an at-mosphere so that people she



Nevada Controller Kathy Augustine looks on as her fo Jeannine Coward, testifies Thursday, during Augustine's impeachment trial at the Nevada State Legislative Building in Carson City.

did not like would leave on their own." Nobody was fired, how-

own. roundy was first Wells, Also testifying was Jim Wells, Augustine's former chief deputy who quit after refusing to do campaign work for her. Wells told senators that such work by others cut into office productiv-ity.

ity.

Wells also said that when Augustine asked him to do a campaign finance report, it was more of an "assignment" than a requested favor. He added he

wasn't asked to do the work on state time.

After he refused, ciding office and state policies, Wells said he was 'told Augustine wanted to was 'told Augustine wanted to let him and conversations between them were "all-bur-cut-off-except for minimal office-related discussions. The trial opened Wednesday with a special prosecutor saying her state cimployees, fearing for their jobs, turned the office jung an illegal "campaign central" for her 2002 re-election bid.

Utah man gets four years in prison in assault case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man charged in the May attack of another man police describe as his apprentice in the drug trade has been sentenced to nearly four years in price.

prison.
William Odell Ransom, 58, of
Row was sentenced Wednesday

prison.
William Odell Ransom. 58, of Roy, was sentenced Wednesday to prison for felony possession of a firearm. He is also awaiting trial for attempted murder.
Prosecutors say Parick, 46, was assaulted because he refused an order to administer a drug, overflose to a former member of the Soldiers of the Aryan Culture who was assisting in an investigation of the reacting tigg. The overflow of the action of the control of the

police later found a metham-phedamine lab — was skit and beafen in May. Richard Lamar Christensen; 34, pleaded gully to second-degree felony aggra-vated assault for hating Patrick over the head with a biscball bat in the attack and was sen-tenced in October to up to 15 vears in prison.

years in prison.

Bown, 47, is charged with one count of witness tampering. Her. case is pending in federal

court.

Her son, Mark Isaac Snarr, is one of 12 defendants accused of carrying out-violent crimes inside and outside of Utalis prisons to assert the racist group's power and allow the gang to traffic in drugs.

Authorities allege that at least two other threats against prose-

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inpand moved out, taking most of the towns jobs. But New Mexico Fech — the towns new owner — is bringing new life in the form of terrorish response. Telein—the towns new owner — is bringing new life in the form of the form of the towns of New Mexico Tech University Thus: The university is very excited," said Van Romero, Tech's vice president of research and economic development. Phelp's Dodge Corp, built Playas in 1972, but now it has pulled out. Plans to transformit into the National Emergency Response Training, Research and Development Center have been in the works for months. New Mexico Tech finalized the deal to buy the town for \$5, million in September after perting the go-ahead from the Homeland Security Department. sions set off during training to he a problem. "The fact is, it's gonna bring some jobs to this part of the world, so you can put up with some explosions," he said. Domenic recalled his first re-action to turning the town into a

uring an anti-terrorist training exercise, Dona Ana County Sheriff's officers tactical EMS load a bus bombing victim into an armored per-sonel carrier at the Playas Homeland Security Training Center run by

New Mexico Tech University Thursday.

action to turning the town into a training center.

"I couldn't believe it when they called me up and said they wanted to buy Playas." In said. The you crazy?"

But he said he soon realizest the town'ts advantages for training.

The 640-acry township includes a 25-unit apartment complex, community center, grocery store, medical clinical and air strip, as well as 1,200 surrounding acres. ment.
"It holds great promise for New Mexico and the rest of the New Mexico and the rest or me mation. Romero said.
Phelps Dodge employee Fommy Townsend, who lives in one of 13 homes still occupied among 259 in the town, said he welcomes the town new owner and was impressed by the first overcise.

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Ukrainian Supreme Court hears arguments in election dispute

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Tens of thousands of opposition sup-porters partied in Kiev's main square Thursday, erecting a Christmas-tree and waving orsquare Thursday, erecting a Christmas tree and waving orange flags, in a show of confidence as the Supreme Court heard final arguments on whether to overturn disputed election results. With Ukraine's political crisis nearing a decisive turning point. Russian President Vladimir Putin took the government's side in a deepening disputed over how to proceed once the judges issue a ruling. Putin denounced the oppositions demand for a repeat of the contentious Now 21 ma-off vote rulter than holding entirely new clearling and the side of the contentious Now 21 ma-off vote rulter than holding entirely new clearling for president, as the government wants. Putin said a new ma-off would yield nothing."

The revote could be conducted a third, a fourth, 25th time, until one side gets the results it needs, a grim-faced Putin said, standing alongside his longtime ally, outgoing Ukrainian President Loonid Kuchma.

The two held a hastily arranged meeting at Moscow's airport just before Putin left for India, Kuchma flew to Russia for support as

ma flew to Russia for support a his government appeared to be los

his goverment appeared to be los-ing momentum in the 11-day standoff with the opposition. Opposition leader Viktor Visited the opposition is a consistent of the con-traction of the control of the control of the rejecting an entirely new election in an address to his supporters fill-ing Kiev's Independence Square. "We won't take part in any tnegotiation) process if they talk about a new election," Yushchenko said, dressed in a



rally of opposi rtare tor Yushchenko at the Independence square in Ukraine's capital, Kiev, on Thursday. Many thousands of lan flags and wearing orange armbands gath-ered in the capital for the day Thursday.

A huge cross

rises above a

fur trimmed black coat and or-ange sweater and tie. Behind him, his top aides were lined up, also "decked" out "in "scarves," sweaters and ribbons in orange, the oppositions' campaign color.

The opposition wants a re-

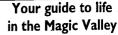
The opposition wants a re-peat of a run-off between

Yushchenko — a reformist who favors closer ties with the West — and Kuchma's ally. Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych. Kuchma seeks an entirely new election, possibly so he can replace Yanukovych with a stronger, more charismatic candidate.

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Sightings bolsters suspicions of Rwandan incursion in Congo

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U.N. air and ground patrols have photographed freshly made encampments and unidentified well-equipped troops in east Congo, U.N. officials said Thursday, bolstering suspicions — still unconfirmed — that Rwanda is making good on its threat to send troops into its larger, weaker neighbor... "We have more and more corroborating signs tending to establish the presence of Rwandan troops in Congo." He U.N. mission in Congo spokesman Marnadou Bali said. Thiose signs include aerial photographs of

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camps and of troops in new vehicles in east Congo.
The U.N. reports of suspi-cious activity, following U.N.
observers' encounter with what they believed to be 100 Rwan-han troops on Thesday at a town a few miles inside Congo, come after a week of Rwandan warn-ings it would send forces into

ursion in Congo

Congo in pursuit of Rwandan
Hutu rebels sheltering in
Congos lawless east.
U.N. officials say they have yet to
conclustedy determine a Rwandan troop presence in Congo.
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the international community the
cilificuli decision of how to react.
In the Rwandan capital, Kigail, Rwandan regional envy
Richard Sezibera denied that
Rwandan troops have entered
Congo.— but said Rwanda reserved the right to if U.N. and
Congo forces fall to disarm
Rwandan throus rebels there.
All reported sightings of
Rwandan troops in the Congo
are false, "Sezibera told a news
conference in Kigali. Rwandadoesnit want or enter the Congo,
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Sharon plans a broad coalition

Prime minister regroups to push through his Gaza withdrawal plan

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ing its plans to pull out of Gaza next year.
Sharon said he will court the opposition Labor Party and ultra-Orthodox parties.
"We are standing before late-lad decisions, and its important that there be alwayed and stable coalition." Sharon told a gather-ing of Israeli journalists.
He reiterated his intention to carry out his "disengagement" plan, under which Israel would withdraw from the Gaza Strip

and four small West Bank settle-

ments ment vent ments het vent ments nest vent.
Meanwhile, the Palestmian militant group Islamic filhad called a boycott of Palestmian elections set for lan. 9 - joining the Targest Islamic group. Tamas: in urging its followers not trivote.

ramas; in urging its foliators not to vote:

"The Palestinian people who are living under occupation want to have a real election, a free and fair election in a free, liberated, land, We cannot say the uffcoming presidential election is like this," Mohamimed, al.

Hindi, the Gaza leader of Islamic filad, told reporters.
Hamas has promised to abide by the election's result, but if many of it and filad's tens of thousands of followers boycott, it could undercut the vote's legitimacy.

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The candidates included Mahmoud Abbas — the interim leader who is considered the front-runner — jailed uprising leader Marvan Barghouti and damageney adversarie Mustafe.

leader Marvan Barghouit and demorracy advecate Mustafa Barghouit. The two Barghouits are distant relatives.

Sharon said Marwan Barghouit would remain in jall, where he is serving five life sentences on a series of murder convic-tions, despite his candidacy.

"He can (campaign according to the conditions in the prison in which he sits." Sharon said.

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Section C





Greek tragedy The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department's production of Jean Anouilh's "Antigone" continues tonight and Saturday night in Room 119 of the CSI-Fine-Ans Center in Twin Falls.

Be jealous

The Jerome and Twin Falls holiday home tours-Jerome's today and Twin's on Sunday - will offer a first-hand view of some serious holiday finery.



Happy holidays "Twas the Night Before Christmas," the Oakley Valley Arts Council's annual chord tribute to its patrons, happens Saturday and Sunday nights at Howells Open House in Oakley:

Music alfresco

The O'Leary Junior High School Jazz Band will provide the music for the second Christmas in City Park on Sunday in Twin Falls City Park, Hot refreshments are available.

Tchaikowsky, again The first local production of "The Nuteracker" - this one by the Sun Valley Ballet School - will be staged tonight, Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday afternoon in Ketchum's nexStage Theater.

Mall music

The Old-Time Fiddlers, the College of Southern Idaho Madrigals and the Magichords will entertain shoppers Saturday afternoon at Twin Falls' Magic Valley Mall.

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the Magic Val-ley Chamber Orchestra will

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coilege of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Cen-ter auditorium in Twin Falls. When:

When:
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p.rh. in Jerome
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ship Fund.

Director Carson Wong leads the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra during rehearsal for 'The Messiah'. The show will be performed 8 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome High School auditorium and 3 p.m. Sunday at the College of Southern Idaho auditorium.

Wong directs yet another 'Messiah'

By Steve Crump Times News writer

JEROME - Hallelujah.

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One porformance every two
enough for some folks, so CSI,
the Miggic Valley Chamber Ortestra and a Jerome church
super-choir have gotten togethchestra and a Jerome church
super-choir have gotten together to fill the gap dish becember.
The Twin Falls-based Magic
Maley Chorale, by long Iradition, has sung Georg Friedrich
Handel's Classic oratorio every
two years. It did so last in 2003.
But Carson Wong, who directed the Chorale for 19 years—
and ngarly a dozen "Messiahs"
– signed up for yet another opportanily.

"Weve got 120-125 voices,
which is a big group for a 'Messiah." Wong said. 'The size of
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Magic Valley Chamber Orches
raw will perform both Parts 1 and
2 of the 'Messiah.' on Saturday
in the Jerome Light School Audi-

torium and Sunday afternoon In the CSI Fine Arts Center audi-torium. Saturday night's soloist is so-prano Rebecca Prescott, a

Sanday inguis solosis is so-prano Robecca Prescutt. a lerome High and Boise State University alumnus who's now a second-year graduate student at Roossvelt Music Conservatory in Chicago. Sololists for the Sunday con-cert will be sopranos Shelli Inoxell, Collette Marie Clark, Emily Petersen and Leigh Heward and altos Dara Light Crozier, Courtney Price and Lisa Jaussen.

Jamsen. —Part-1 of the "The Messiah" deals with the nativity. Part 2 the redemption. It's longer than the traditional. segment — usually just Part 1 – performed this time of year, but rich and rewarding. Wong says.
"It's kind of different performing in two different days, but it's been fun," he said.

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

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Teners Linda Claris, Scott Chandler, Vicki Devena, Leon Fletcher, Joni Haddox and Rex Harr
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Sopranos Ronnie Austin, Collette Marie Clark, Kasey Derricott, Holly Fuller, Chnisty Goodman, Shannon Helsey, Leigh Heward, Rachel Headley, Jackie Howell, Shelli Howell, Danielle, Oster, Emily-Potroson, Mista-Roberts, Kall-Smith: and Chelsea-Wasden-Tenors Hagen Beckstead, Joshua Dalley, Benjamin Dekker, Chris Eberlein and Weston Weaht.

Altoa Sarah, Clark, Sharla Fenton, Holly, Fuellepbäch, Lisa Jensen, Candace Kilgrow, Alyss Kroboth, Pauliese Mangini, Allison Notand, Kari Rigs, Donna Sawyer, Laura Taylor, Hayley Twitchell, Robecca Wilkinson and Jaime Worthington.

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Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra Violinists Kaithleen Harris, Annette Barnum, Melanie Kerbs, Diane Petersen, Linda Sea-man, Rachel Vanderpool, Sue Miller, Angle Fillmore, Lisa Harris, Ken Patterson and Joanna

Seaman.
Violists Kevin Howard and Deb Touchette. collists Larry Goolsby, Sarah Eskelsen, Jessie
Jensen and Leslie Taylor, trumpoter Richard Speicher, saxophonist Brent Jensen, harpsi
chordist Donna Cox and timpanist John Priest.

Festival of Lights Parade rolls tonight

TAVIN FALLS - Thirty_three entries are lined up for the 12th annual downtown Twin Falls Festival of Lights Parade, which starts at 6.30 tonight. The procession starts near Krengel's True Value Hardware and travels northwest up Main Avenue, ending in the parking tot of Magic Valley High School. The weather forceast is, for party cloudy skies and below-freezing temperatures. Historic Downtown Twin Falls, Mix 103 and the Salvation Army are collecting canned food for their holiday baskets beginning today. The parade annually draws about 5.000 speciators downtown.

Businesses are asked to place collection boxes

parade annually draws about 5,000 speciators downtown.
Businesses are asked to place collection boxes in their place of business for customers to drop-off canned food. Each business will give away a litstoric Downtown Twin Falls Commenorative Wooden Nickel to each family that brings in canned food. Each wooden nickel will have a number on the back that will be used for a draw-ing on Dec. 18, with Santa Claus and musical groups from the community. Mix 103 will be present with a live remote broadcast. Historic Downtownwill have drawings for gilt certificates—one for \$500, two for \$100 and six for \$50. Other prizes from Mix 103 will be given away throughtout the remote broadcast. Participants must be present with their wooden and six for \$50. Other prizes from Mix 103 will be given away throughtout the remote broadcast. Participants must be present with their wooden nickels to win.

Tree festivals abound in Magic Valley this weekend

Three festivals of trees wrap up this eckend and two more are scheduled

Today and Saturday

Burley
Casis Regional Medical Center's annual Festival of Thees continues at the
Snake liber Mall
Trees can be reviewed from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

Today, Saturday, Sunday

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Festival of Thees condinues. A luncheon and style show will beldform 1300 m.m. to 1300 p.m. today, entertainment and children's workshop will be hold from 110 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saunday and entertainment will be featured from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Idaho School for the Deaf

Thursday and Dec. 10-11

Jerone
St. Benedicts Foundation will present its third annual Festival of Wreaths at 149 W. Main. The gala is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on Thursthy, Hours on Dec. 10 are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Edat ticks are \$15 the sto the festival are \$3 per day.

Refreshments, miste, crafts and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Thursday and Dec. 10-11

Retchum

The Blaine County Festival of Trees will be held at the nextsage Theater. The galar at which trees and decorations will be auctioned, is scheduled for Thursday, On Dec. 11, the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey, will host the children's gingerbread decorating party. The festivities begin with a

Winter Wonderland of kids, activities, with stations for children to decorate Christmas cookies, make a Christmas ornament, write letters to Santa and make a Christmas cards. A Teddy Bear Tea will also be a part of the festival. Call 788-3034 for more information.

Today, Saturday, Sunday

Total Talley Regional Medical Con-ter from Falley Regional Medical Con-ter Foundation "annual-Eastival. of Trees continues at the old Anderstan Lumber building on Eastland Drive. In the Content of the Content of the Idam. of Imm. roday, The cost is Si for adults. Si for sentions age 60 and older and \$1 for children age 12 and younger.

younger.

A children's day will be featured from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, with activities ending at 5 p.m. Adulis are \$47, \$en jors age 60 and older are \$3 and children age 12 and auder are free.

An Inspirational Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday fea-turing a variety of performers.

'After the Sunset' offers a 'Hollywood-forged waste of time'

'After the Sunset'

'After the Sunset'
Pierce Brussan and Salma
Hayek are a pair of retired
thieves whiling away the days
on a Bubana beach in this
chamiless saab ar "To Catch a
Thief' -trpe insourclance. The
gloss, Hollywood ronged waste
of time also stars Woody Harrel-son and Don Cheadle. I ha. 37
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known world by the lime be
died just shy of his 33rd birthday. When you throw in a
pan-sexual lifestyle and loads
of exotic locales, this could
have been a film worth remembering. What we get is an
indifferent epic that tells us
more about the inside of writerdirector Oliver Stones head
than we really want to know.
This is not a knock on star Colin
Farrell. who throws himself into
the part of the charismatic
leader and actually comes off assomeone men might follow
into battle. But Stone never
convinces us why we should
care. With Angelina loile, Val
Kilmer and Anthony Hopkins.
R for violence and some sexuality/mulity.

'Bridget Jones: The Edge

Of KeaSon;
Exactly-what-you'd-expect
sequel to the hit adaptation of
the Brit-chick-lit book about, a
wee-bit chubby, esteem-challenged single gal, her
calamitous love life and
wardrobe choices Plucky Yank
Renee Zellweger once again
stars as the plucky heroine. With
Colin Firth and Hugh Grant. 1
hr; 46 R (profamity, sex. adult
themes)

'Christmas With the Kranks¹

This flat parable about the virtues of home-spun conformity and the perils of defying family tradition stars

This follow-up to "Spider-Man" is as fine a repeat experience as our foolish, creativity-challen very ed tradition of sequels

Jamie Lee Curtis and Tim Allen star in Columbia Pictures' new holiday comedy 'Christmas with the Kranks.

Big box office

Last weekend's top-grossing movies:

- "National Treasure," Disney,
 "The Incredibles," Disney,
 "Christmas With the Kranks,
- "3," Christmas With the Kranks; Sony, 4, "The Polar Express," Warner Bros. 5, "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," Para

Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curis as an average, middle-aged suburban couple grinly facing their first empty-ness Christmas. On a whim, they decide to go on a luxury Caribbean cruise. The catch' In order to save money, they must adopt a scorched-Earth attitude toward the holiday — that means no cards, no charity donations, no Christmas eveparty. Sure enough, their plan raises the hackles of the neighborhood. All the old staples of comedic holiday hossility are here: Allen ices his walk to thwart the 'lingle Bells' onslaught, a cherished per becomes apopsicle, people fall off the roof. With Dan Aykroyd.

'The incredibles' is Pixar's latest effort.

'Garden State'

Garden State

The lyrical directorial debut of actor Zach Braff, who also wrote and stars, is an evocative seriocomedy of Baby Bust angst. Braff plays a struggling actor in Lithium limbo. Once he stops taking his meds, he has feelings and insights that he's long suppressed. With Natalie Portman as a cockeyed pixie and fount of fun. R (drugs, profanity, mature themes)

Written by Chris Columbus, based on the book "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham. Directed by Joe Roth. PG for brief language and suggestive content.

'Finding Neverland'

'Finding Neverland'
Johnny Depp stars as "Peter
Pan" author James M. Barrle in
this twee and fuzzy melodrama
about the inspiration the Scotsman got from four London lads,
and how he lid in a fantasy
world to escape his not-sohappy life. J. hr. 46 PG (adult
themes, language)

'Friday Night Lights'

Friday Night Lights'
Billy Bob Thornton stars as
the high school coach of a winning Texas footbalt team in this
smart, sharp, stirring adaptation of the nonfiction
best-seller. A great football
movie that examines the ferocious subculture of high school
adhletics and how a community

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between Spider-Man (Tobey Maguire) and Mary Jane Wason (Kirsten Dunst). I also reprises the charmingly hokey have been peter and his Aunt May (Rasemary Harris) and introduces a memorable villain: Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina), a scientist who is fused with the evil he has wrought, a man caught and forever connected to four intendalic pincered arms. The film's touching, fun and alert. Contains comite book violence:

Video watch Spider-Man 2

PG-13

tradition of sequels allows. You can't ask for more than that. The movie, directed with precision and an appreciation for (relatively) rich chanacter secture by Sam Raimi, remembers all the first elements of the original film (and the comic book story), including won-derfully choreographed, skyscraper-langing filphs, and that achy-breaky relationship

Zhang Yimou, the Chinese filmmaker who gave us such classics as . Tad to be classics and side and dice their opponent into a thousand slives and side and dice their opponent into a thousand slives with breathaking elegance. This wuxda@ (martial arts) film. in , which an unnamed warrior (Jet Li) remembers (or

misremembers, that's the intiguing mystery), his battles with the likes of Dro13 many strong strong with the likes of Dro14 many strong strong with the likes of Dro15 many strong strong with the likes of Dro16 many strong str

'The Grudge'
Takashi Shimizu's stylish but silly English-language remake of his 'Iu-On,' a horner picture in which the ghosts of murder victims in a Tokyo residence take revenge upon just about anyone who enters the premises. An overly convoluted, overly populated plor further undernines involvement and credibility. Sarah Michelle Gelar stats. (123: 126-13 for mature thematic material, disturbing images/teror/violence, some sensuality.)

The Incredibles

'The Incredibles'
Writer-director Brad Bird has created the unprecedented film that is not just a grand feature-length cartoon but a grand feature, period. And he's done it by working within the confines of one of the staples of cartoons and comic literature, the super-hero. Mr. Incredible (Craig. T. Nelson), a superhero driven to abandon his profession after a series of lawsuits, masquerades as an ordinary man with thinning hair and an expanding guit-he's married to the former Elastigiri (Holly Hunter) and works as a claims adjuster for the heartlessly corporate Insuri-care. When he gets a secret-communication hinting at the need for an old-school super-hero, it leads him to some of the funniest, most human' and most adventurous situations computer animation has yet put on the screen. Voices by Samuel L. Iackson, Wallace Shawn, Jason Lee, Saral Vowell, John Ratzenberg and Brad Bird. (201) PG for action violence. 'Ladder 49'

fighters falls as a drama but suc-ceeds as a "When bad things happen to good firemen" proce-dural. With Joaquin Phoenix and John Travolta. PG-13 (In-tense fire and rescue scenes, profanity)

'The Motorcycle Diaries'

The Motorcycle Diarles'
Though it links future charismatic revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, criminally detractive Medican actor Gael Garcia Bernal and a Norton 500 motorcycle, this might be the quetest, most meditative motorcycle movie "ever made. Brazil's Walter Salles directs from a script by Jose Rivera, based on books written by Guevara and his friend Alberto Granado, who were changed by the eight months they spent in 1952 going 8,000 South American miles, but not in the way they expected. Because Bernal has the sense and skill not to play Guevara like the great man in training, we get to see an individual learn and expand from experience, to tag along as purpose gradually reveals. Its inexorable hand to him. In Spanish with English subtides. (206. R for language.)

'National Treasure'

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"National Treasure" _stars, Nicolas Cage as Ben Gates, a cryptographer and civis geck who steals the Declaration of In-dependence in order to decode a treasure map encrypted on the back. A hot-buttered-popcorn movie that's family-friendly. "Treasure" may fall a notch below "Pirates of the Caribbean" on the pleasureometer, but to does give American history sex appeal and celebrates a guy who

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Holiday/Twin Falls

The 12th annual Festival of Lights Parade will be held in downtown Ivin Falls, 6:30 p.m.

ater/Twin Falls

Theater/Twin Falls

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present lean Anouillis 'Antigone,' at 8 p.m. in Room 119 of the CSI Fine Arts Center, Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and at the CSI Fine Arts hox office from 1-4 p.m. on weekdays, or by phoning 724 6788.

Holiday festival/Twin Falls
The Magic Valley Regional
Medical Center's Festival of
Trees continues at the old Anderson Lumber Building, House
are 10 a.m. o 9 p.m. General admission is 34 for a 10 cm. of 10 cm.
The Anderson Lumber Building is located at 960 Eastland Blvd.

Holiday/Burley

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cassia Health Care Foundation will present its 27th annual
Festival of Treesat the Snake
River Plaza. Hours are 10 a.m. to
9 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for adults,
50 cents for children. Live entertainment, a holiday kitchen,
and baked goods will be available.

Andrew Hollday/Gooding
The Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation will present its
2004 Festival-of Trees in the
Round Building on the campus
of the Idaho School for the Deal
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tickets are S101. Iliura are 3-7 nm. Tickets are 52; kids under 5get in free. Live entertainment
and refreshments.

SPOTLIGHT

Dance/Utah

Ballet West will dance
Tehalkowskys "The Nuteracker"
at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range
from \$10 to \$60, can be reserved
by phoning (801) 355-2787. The
Capitol Theater is located at 50
West 200 South:

Rock/Jerome
Milestone will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's No cover charge, Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

Country/Buhl

Pure Country will play at 8 p.m. for the annual Christmas Party at Trouts Saloon. No cover charge. Trouts Saloon is located

Variety/Twin Falis Swamp Cats will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is locat-ed at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Dance/Twin Falls

Dance/Iwin Falls

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. at the DAV Hall. The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers will provide the music. The DAV Hall is located at 459 Shoup Ave.

Country/Twin Falls
Country Classics will play from
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Mon-tana Steakhouse. No cover charge.
Montana Steakhouse is located at
1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Country/Declo

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

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Utah, announce the engagement
of their daughter. Ambor Lynn
Marrott, to Benjamin Ray Haney
son of George and Irene I laney of
Twin Falls.
Marrott is a graduate of Viewinon' High School and the
University of Utah in Salt Lake
City. Utah, She is employed at
Wells Farpo Bank and Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burkey.
Haney is a graduate of Twin
Ealls High School and still attend
the Collège of Southern Indaho in
January. He is employed at the
U.S. Fores Service in Burkey.
He served an LDS mission in
the England London South Missions.

sion. The wedding is planned for



Benjamin Haney and Amber Marrott Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Bountiful Temple in Bountiful, Utah: A re-ception will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, in Farmington, A recep-tion also will be held from 6 to 8

Tonight's centennial art show moves across street

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – After a broken water pipe closed down its own offices and galleries earlier this week, the Magic Valley Arts Council has arranged a new location for an art show opening scheduled for tonight.

"Twin Falls in Miniature," the arts council's last in a series of four centennial-themed shows will open with a public reception from 7-10 p.m. at 143 Main Ave. E. a vacant storefront across the street from the arts council's office.

Seven artists produced works for "Twin Falls in Miniature." Some pieces interpret "miniature" as small art. Others play on Twin Falls' small place on a big planet.

An example of the former is a snow globe enclosing thy Twin Falls photos with the water and flakes. One of the latter is a piece that uses a local historical photograph along with newspaper. Clippings, about, events, elsewhere in the world.

In addition, courtesy of the Twin Falls. County Historical Museum, the "Twin Falls in Miniature" exhibit will include a couple of miniature landscape paintings by early Twin Falls artists.

"Twin Falls in Miniature" will be on display until Jan. 29.

Tonlight's reception is open to divide the same and it's free. It's a casula-dress affair with light hors d'oeuvres. Admission to the gallery is always free, and the public is invited. An example of the former is a now globe enclosing tiny Twin

OVAC offers season passes

The Times-News

OAKLEY - The Oakley Valley Arts Council is offering its 2005-season passes in time for holi-day gift-giving. A season pass allows tickets to be ordered one week in ad-vance of the public for the 2005-season. The-productions will include

"Guys and Dolls," in March, di-rected by Kent Severe and Steve Tuft; "Grazy for You," in Jul, di-rected by Burton Auderson and-Connie Elison; and "The Secret Garden," in November, directed by Gail Gillette and Jana Thom-

Cost is \$23 per pass. For more information, call 677-ARTS (2787).

Magic Mud continues today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Mud portery show continues through Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Student Union Building.

The annual fund-raising event brings the works of student and professional porters together for a holiday show and sale: Coler Hanson, a CSI-student and this years each with the student and this years each deep and this years expenses. dent and this year's event organizer, said the show will be a combination of a festival and

a combination of a festival and pottery sale.

Moving the event from the art department on Falls Avenue to the Student Union is expected to increase customer traffic, he sald.

Pottery instructor Bill West

said artists will have decorative and functional liems, including platters, bowls, vases, casserole dishes, cups, teapots and unique objects. Raku pottery will be made beginning at 4 p.m. today and saturday. Raku is raw pottery that the customer decorates and is then immersed in a propane-fired kiln. When its red horther ports removed and plunged into a container of specially formulated combustilises that smoke and color the piece. The liem is then cooled and taken home by the customer.

customer.

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SEEKING THE SILLY

Shoshone looks for misfit trees

The Times-News

- SIIOSIIONE - Organizers of Shoshore's annual Christmas Celebration are hoping the area's silly, wacky and wild are looking for a creative outlet. Shoshore's annual Festival of Mispir Trees is set for Dec. 11. Businesses, churches, schools, and community groups are encouraged to submit an entry. "You can pretty much decorate anything except raditional Christmas tree; a veen planner Karna Frizgerild said. We encourage artists to us recycled and found objects are celebrate-their inner silliness."

and to customerates mores."

Fitzgerald said last year's event featured several decorated sagebrush, a crank shaft and atree made out an old fire hose. "We were really encouraged by the entries." Fitzgerald said. "In the rush of the holiday season, we think it's important to take time out to do something besides he serious and

You can pretty much decorate anything except a traditional

Christmas tree: ... We encourage artists ... to celebrate their inner silliness.

– Karma Fitzgerald, event planner

stressed."
Trees will be judged in several categories: Artists can keep their trees, sell them at event or donate them to be sold. A portion of each sale will go into the event fund.

The festival will also feature a variety of entertainers, food booths and craft booths. R's set for Dec. (I, from I p.m. to 8 p.m. at the old Shoshone light School gymnasium, located across U.S. Highway 93 from the Snack Bar on the south end of Shoshone. There will also be entertainment, food, and other festive activities. Community organizations are encouraged to sponsor fundraising tables that center around holiday food and drink, and activities such as Christmas cookie decorating, on the state of the sta

ornament making or photos with Santa. Local artists and crafters with holiday wares to sell are also welcomed.

To pre-register a MisFit tree, contact Fitzgerald at 306-3185 or goodkarma@welocitus.net. To sign up for a fundraising booth contact hule Oxanango horgam at 886-2465 or judielngram@welocitus.net.

Wind ensemble presents holiday concert at CSI

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS – A concert of holiday music, "Claristmas Near and Far," will be presented by the College of Southern Idaho Wind Einsemble at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The program offers a wide variety of seasonal music, including arrangements of post and the Christmas and "The Christmas Song," and more serious music by Franz Listz and John Zdechlik, including the Zdechliks. "Dialogues on in Dulei Jubilo" and new treatments of familiar holiday songs. The Einsemble will perform, an Irish version of the English tune Greensleeves in "Celtic Carol," an arrangement by Calvin Custer, "Coventry Carol/Jesu Joy of Maris Desiring," and an unusual version of Robert Browns "Christmas" and Sender Store of Sperior of the CSI Music Activities and Scholariship Fund. For infore Information, call 725-6767.



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Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge, The Klover Klub is locat-ed at 402 Main N.

Karaoke/Buhl

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibal-dis. No cover charge, Garibaldi's is located at 113 Broadway &ee, S.

Karaoke/Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-ured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody. The Melody is located at 502 Sixth St.

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Karaoke/Rupert

Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is lucated at 613 Fremont Ave.

Classical/Utah

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform
choral music by Vivaldi and Bach
at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Altravanel Hall. Tickets, which range
from \$12. to \$40, can be reserved
by phoning 8811 385-2877. Altravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

New age/Utah Munnheim Sicamroller will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburh of West Valley (fity at 7:20) pan. Tickets, which are \$25.50, \$42.50, \$52.50 and \$62.50, can be reserved by phoning Suiths Tax at 4000 1801-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The E Center is located at 3200 S, Deck-er Lake Dr.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

Planetarium/Twin Falls. The Faultaner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will a present The Cristmas Star 7 p.m. followed by "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" at 815 p.m. Tickets, which are \$4 for, adults, \$5 for sender citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available as the door. Children under 4 are not admitted.

SATURDAY

Holiday/Twin Falls

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The Old Time Fiddlers and the
College of Southern IdahoMadrigals will perform at 11 anether-food-Court-of-the-MigdeValley Mall, and the Maglichords
barbershop harmony group will
sing at 1 p.m. It's free.

Hollday/Jerome

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Handel's "Messlah," Paris I and 2 will be performed in Jerome and Twin Falls this yearly musicians from the College of Southern Idaho and Jerome Churches, CS Musics Professor Carson Wong will direct the CSI Chamber Chief, the Jerome All-Faiths Cholr, the Magle Valley Chamber Orchestra and soloists at 8 p.m. in the Jerome High School auditorium, Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to the CSI Music Artivity and Scholarship Fund.

Holidays/Jerome

Holidays/Jerome
The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club will
sponsor their Holiday Home
Tour from 1-5 p.m. Tickets, which
are \$5, are-available at Rosebud's
Florist, Simply Serendipity and
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mas" Annual Oakley Valley Arts Council Christmas Choir Con-cert will be held at 8 p.m. at Howells Opera House, Program's directed by Kent Severe and Janua Exon, I ree admission.

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The Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation will presents its
2004 Festival of Trees in the
Round Building on the campus of
the Idaho School for the Deaf and
the Blind. Hofts are 3-7 p.m.
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free. Live entertainment and refreshments.

Cassia Health Care Founda-tion will present its 27th annual Festival of Trees at the Stake River Plaza, Hours are 10 am, 109 p.m. Tickers are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children, Live entertain-ment, a holiday kitchen and baked goods will be available.

Country/Gooding

Pure Country-will play from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Toponis. No cover charge, Toponis is located at 413 Main.

Variety/Twin Falls

Variety/19/01-1405
Alternity function will play from 10 p.m. until closing at 'Woody's Sports Bar and Grill: Cover charge is \$2, Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

Variety/Twin Falls

Swamp Cats will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, No cover charge, The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd, N.

Country/Twin Falls

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Country Classies will play from
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Mon-tana Steakhouse. No cover charge, Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Country/Declo
The Fugitives will play from 9
p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No
cover charge. Shakers is located
at #264 liighway 81.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke/Win Falls
Karaoke with Lone Star Enter-tainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pio-neer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

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

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

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Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 Highway 30 W.

Karaoke/Declo

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Karaoke/Rupert

Morollght Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613/Fremont Ave.

Dance/Útah

Ballet West will dance Tchaiknysky's "The Nuteracker" at 2 and 7 pan, in Salf Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$10 to \$60, can be re-served by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater Is located at 50 West 200 South.

New age/Utah

Mannheim Steamroller will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25.50, \$42.50, \$52.50 and \$62.50. can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online http://www.smithstix.com. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Deck-

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http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

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Holiday/Twin Falls

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The Junior Club of Magic
Valley will host its 15th Annual
Holiday Home Tour from 1-6
p.m. Tickets cost \$7 and can be
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Club member or from Kelley
Garden Center, Kimberly Nurseries, Everybody's Business,
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Hollday/Twin Falls

Handel's "Messlah," Parts 1 and 2 will be performed in Jerome and Twin Falls this year by musicians from the College of Southern Idaho and Jerome churches, CSI music professor Carson Wong will direct the CSI Chamber Chofr, the Jerome All-Falls, Chofr, the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra and soloists at p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho, Fine Arts Central and Jerome All-Jerome All-J

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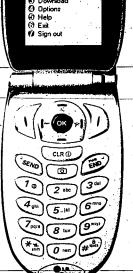
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Holiday/Oakley

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Holiday/Twin Falls

The Soroptimists' 21th annual Christmas in City Park continues with at concert at 5 p.m. in City Park, They're free.

Dance/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Sentor Citizens
Center will hold a dance from 2 to
5 p.m. at the senior center. The
Melody Masters will provide the
music. Cost is \$4 per person. The
Twin Falls Senior Center is located at \$30 Shoshone St. W.

Karaoke/Twin Falis

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is locat-ed at 402 Main N.

Country/Utah

Pete Anderson will perform at Ego's in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$7; can be re-served by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online, at http://www.smithstk.com. Ego's is located at 668 S. State St.

Rock/Utah

Drowning Pool and hed (pc) will play Egos in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by Phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 889-TDX or ordine at http://www.smithstix.com. Egos is located at 165 South West Tem-ple.

MONDAY

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

Rock/Utah

Dokken will play The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 8:30 pm. Tickets, which are \$14, can; be reserved by phoning Smith's It at (800) 880-ITXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

Rock/Utah

Gwar will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15 c.an be re-served by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithsitx.com. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

TUESDAY

Variety/Twin Falls

Sweatshop Band will play from 10 p.m. until closing at Woody's Sports Bar and Grill. Cover charge is \$2. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave.

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Káraoke will be fea-tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

Country/Utah
Keith Urban will perform at
the E Center in the Salt Lake City
suburb of West Valley City at 7:30
p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can
be reserved by phoning Smiths
Tix at (800) 886-TixX or ordine a
http://www.smithsiix.com. The E

Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Dr.

Rock/Boise

Dokken will perform at the Big Easy: Concert House: at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be, reserved by phoning (800) 965-4027, a online at http://www.dicketweb.com, or at Akinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is lo-cated at 416 S. Ninth St.

New age/Utah

Kurt Bestorvill play Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickers, which are \$17.50, \$29.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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and \$9 for families, are available
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WEDNESDAY

Variety/Twin Fails 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.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be fea-tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Hip-hop/Utah

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Tone Loe will play-The Standard Lounge in the Salt Lake City suburb of Holladay at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smiths Tix (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithsyttx.com. The Standard Lounge is located at 6121 S. Highland Dr.

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426-1494, online at
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at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Rock/Utah

Strung Out will play Club Sound in Salt-Lake Gity-at-7 p.m.-Fickets, which are \$12,50, 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-

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New age/Utah

Kurt Bestor will play Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which'are \$17.50, \$25.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abra-vanel Hall is located at 123 West

THURSDAY

Figure skating/Boise

Disney on Ice: Monsters Inc. will play Taco Bell Arena on the campus of Boise State University

at 7 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$8 to \$36, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Holiday/Jerome

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St. Benedicts Foundation will
present its third annual Festival
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Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
and on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4
p.m. Gala tickets are \$15; tickets
to the festival are \$3 per day Refreshments, music, crafts and an
appearance by Santa Claus.

Variety/Twin Falls

Open microphone night will be featured from 7 to 9 p.m. at lava. No cover charge, lava is located at 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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

Karaoke/Buriey Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

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

Dance/Utah

Ballet West will dance Tehaikowskys "The Nuteracker" at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City Capi-tol Thenter. Tickets, which range from \$10 to \$60, can be reserved by phonling (801), 355-2787. The Capitel Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Rock/Boise

Strang Out will perform at The Venue at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at http://www.ticketveb.com.r at Akinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at \$23 Broad St.

New age/Utah

Kurt Bestor will play Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which: are, \$17.50, \$25.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (801)—355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

NEXT WEEKEND

Comedy/Utah

Paula Poundstone will play Mo Diggity's in Salt Lake City at 8 and 10 p.m. on DEC. 10. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (600) 888-TEX. or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Diggity's is located at 3424 S State St.

Rock/Utah

The English Beat will play The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on DEC. 10. Tickes, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

Dance/Burley

Jennifer Sager's Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Perform-ing Arts will present Tchnikowsky's "The Nutracker" at 7:30 p.m. on DEC 10 and at 2 p.m. on DEC 11 at the King Fine

Arts Center, General scating is \$8 and reserved seats are \$10 and \$12. Tickets may be purchased by calling 678-4117 or from 330 to 6,30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays at Premier Dancewear in Burley, Tickets are also available at the door or from the cast members. The King Fline Arts Center is located at 2100 Parke Ave.

Theater/Buhl

Theater/Bull Buhl ligh School and Phantom Pig Productions will present "A tuna Christmas" in dinner theater, 7 p.m. on DEC 10-11 Clear Lake Country Club. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 per couple and \$15. per. person, can be reserved by phoning 4946-1992. Reservation deadline is Dec. 8.

Holidays/Rupert

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The Minico High School choirs
will present the fourth annual
Madrigal Dilnner from 6:30 to
9:30 pan. on DEC. 10-11 at the
school. 29:2 E. 100.5. Rupert. The
cost is \$15 per person and will include dinner and entertainment.
Tickets must be bought in advance. and-can-bo-purchased,
from any choir student or by calling Jeff Coilier at 436-5355 ext.
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Holidays/Rupert

The fourth annual communi-y Nativity Celebradon Is 5-9 p.m. on DEC 10 and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on DEC. 11 at the Rupert West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 25 S. 100 W. Rupert. A special showing for senior citzens and handicapped will be from 1-330 p.m. on Dec. 10 The event is free.

Dance/Utah

Ballet West will dance
Tchaikowsky's "The Nutcracker"
at 7 p.m. on DEC. 10-12 and a 1p.m. on DEE: 11-12 in Salt Lake
City's Capitol Theater. Tickets,
which range from 510 to 560, can
be reserved by phoning (801)
355-2787. The Capitol Theater is
located at 50 West 200 South.

New age/Utah

Kurt Bestor will play Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on DEC. 10-11 and at 2 p.m. on DEC 11. Tickets, which are \$17.50. \$25.50 and \$23.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

New age/Utah

New age/. Utan Jon Schimdt. will-play. Kings-bury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on DEC. 10-11 and at 2 p.m. on DEC. 11. Tickets, which are \$12, \$15 and \$18, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787.

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11. featuring a Kiwanis chili feed at the West End Senior Center form 5-8 p.m., the annual night light parade at 7 p.m. and a per-formance by Buhl Jazz and Select Choir at 8 p.m.

Holiday/Shoshone

Holiday/Shoshone

Shoshone's Festival of MisFit Trees will be held from 1-8 p.m. on DEC. 11 in the old Shoshone High Scholo gymnasium. Organizers are hoping for an assortment of unusual Christmas trees and other decorations. The festival will also feature a variety of entertainers, food booths and craft booths. It's free. The old Shoshone gym'is located on U.S. Highway 93 on Shoshone's south end.

Rock/Utah

Converge will play Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on DEC. 11. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smiths Tix at (800), 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

Country/Utah

Collin Raye and Thart Balley will perform at the Dee Evens Center on the campus of Webes State University in Ogden, Utah at 8 pm. on DEC 11. Tickets which are \$15. \$22.50.\$29.50. can be reserved by photning Smith!
Tix at (400) 888-TDX or online at

Holidays/Twin Falis

Holidays/Twin Falls
The Magic Valley Chorale will
present "The Many Moods of
Christmas," 320 pm. BCC. 11
and 4 pm. on DEC. 12. College of
Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center
auditorium. Tickets, which are 55
for adults and 35 for children andsenfor clitzens, are available at
the CSI Bookstore, Everybody's
Business and Welch Music in
Twin Falls, From Arlene's Rowers
In Jerome, or at the door.

Hollday/Twin Falis

The Soroptimists' 20th annual Christmas in City Park continues will concerts at 5 p.m. on DEC. 12



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Utah Symphony and Utah Opera will present Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Sold out.

Blues/Idaho

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The Neville Brothers will perform at the Big. Easy Concert House at 7 nm. on DEC L2 Telectes, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4027, online at Atlanson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Ballet West will dance
Tchaikowskys "The Nuteracker"
at 7 pm. on DEC 13-19, 21-23
and 26-39, at 2 pm. on DEC 1819, 23, 26 and 31, and at noon on
DEC 24 in Satt Lake City Scapitol
Theater. Tickets. which range
from \$10 to \$60, can be reserved
by phoning (801) 355-2787. The
Capitol Theater is located at 50
West 200 South.

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Shall we Dance?

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Movies

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relies on brainware rather than gadgets, FG (discreet violence, suspense)

'The Polar Express'

The Polar Express'
Director Robert Zemeckis'
adaptation of Chris Van Allsbergs modern classic is
something of a hipolar experience. There is wonder for us to
cherish, contress of as spectacular visual sense. But there are
also sequences of such exhausting, urbo charged jeopardy
that if seems like weve wandered into a ferry Brackheimer
movie tailored to toddlers. Tim Hanks stars in five roles, including the young boy who gets to
fake a magical Christmas for
take a magi

In this harrowing and hermet-ie-horror-film-two-men-are-chained in a room, the helpless victims of a sadistic fiend. Even the stout of heart may have trou-ble sitting through this nightmare. R (extreme violence, profamity)—

'Seed of Chucky'

"Seed of Chucky"

A chintzy-looking gore-hore in which lenmifer Tilly plays herself, voicing a new Chucky move, in which she again voices his wife Tilfany. A ventriloquist dummy that seems to have a life of its own concludes that it is the spawn of Chucky (voice of Brad Dourif) and Tilfany and windstop tringing alive the animatronic dolls his parents have become. A torent of slaughter and bloodshed swiftly follows but little else. With Redman John Waters (127 R for strong horror violence/gore, sexual content, and languaged.

'Shall We Dance?'

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What's playing

Twin Falls

Twin Cinema

- "Christmas at the Kranks" "Friday Night Lights" "The Incredibles"
- "The Incredibles"
 "Ladder 49"
 "National Treasure"
 "Polar Express"
 "Saw"
 "Seed of Chucky"
 "Shall We Dance?"

Odyssey Theater

"After the Sunset" "Alexander"

"The Grudge"
"The Motorcycle Diaries"
"The Spongebob quarepants Movie"

Lamphouse Theater

"Garden State"
"What the Bleep Do We
Know?"

Halley/Ketchum/ Sun Valley

Magic Lantern

"Alexander",
"Christmas with
Kranks"
"Finding Neverland"
"The Incredibles"

SkiTime Cinemas

"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" "National Treasure"

Sun Valley Opera House

"The Polar Express"

-Burley-

Century Cinemas

"Chrismas with the
Kranks"
"Friday Night Lights"
"National Treasure"
"The Polar Express"
"The Spongebob
Squarepants Movie"

Burley Theater

"Napolcon Dynamite"

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"Christmas with

"The Incredibles"
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Squarepants Movie"

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"The "The Spongebob Squarepants Movie" lapanese film-has been defuly transposed to Chicago, where an attorney (filchard Gere), be-ginning to chafe at his enviable yet routine existence, is lured into taking weekly ballroom dancing lessons when he no-tices an instructor (tennifer Lopez) staring pensively out a dance studio window. Despite a Hollywood-sleek surface. "Shall We Dance?" remains true to the originals romantic spirit. With Susan Sarandon, Stanley Tucci, Lisa Ann Walter.

(1:45, PG-13 for some sexual references and brief language.)

'Shark Tale'

"Shark Tale" the computer-animated comedy from the team that brought you "Shrek." bites. Where "Finding Nemo" suggested that under-the-waves adventure was limitless, "Shark Tale" suggests that this sea is over-fished. The krill is gone. PG (crude humor, double enten-dres)

'The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie'

SquarePants Movle!

The quirky residents of Bikini
button now have a mutton picture to call their own, and that is
pretty much a good thing,
spongelobs world is better suied to the comfy confines of TV
than the more demanding envitons of the big screen, but the
experience is a breath of playful
good humor anyway. The play
centers on Spongelobs dreams
of being named manager of Krab

2, a branch of the popular fast food restaurant, the Krusty Krab, and the schemes of Plankton, owner of the rival restaurant, the Chum Bucket. The film balances the TV show's voice talent (including Tom Kenny as Spongelbol) with celebrity names (Alec Baldwin plays a lnf man named Dennis), its instinctive, unstoppable cheerfulness can be something of a tonic I you're in the mood. Directed by Stephen i Illiahourg, (139) PG for some mild crude humor.

What the Bleen Do We Know?'

Do We Know?'

A filmic handbook on heightened consciousness and, in the
words of one of fits talking heads,
"the welrd, wacky world of
quantum possibility" this mix of
documentary and fiction explores the realms where science
and spiritualism meet, No
MPAA rating fadult themes, cosmic stuff)

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Section D

MORNING LINE **SPORTSQUOTE**

I never would have gone into the stands, mostly because most fans could beat me up.

Former NBA player Steve Kerr, now an analyst for TNT

What was the first NFL team to have some type of emblem on its helmets?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE **HS Boys Basketball**

HS Boys Basketball
American Falls at Kimberly,
6 jam.
Wood River at Filer, 6 p.m.
Valley at Malad, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Shoshone, 6 jam.
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The Community School at
Gleuns Ferry 6:30 p.m.
Twin Falls Christian Academy at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at
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5:30 p.m. Castleford vs. Bliss, 8:30 p.m. Carey Holiday Tournament Challis vs. Carey, 5 p.m. Hansen vs. Mackay, 8 p.m. HS Girls Basketball

Minico at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Jerome at Burley, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Valley, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Skyline, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls Christian Academy at Camas County, 6 p.m.
College Women's

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CSI at Colorado Northwest-ern 5:30 p.m. College Men's Basketball

CSI at Colorado Northwest-ern, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Irish begin courting Meyer

Courting Meyer

SAIT LAKE CITY - Notre
Dame began its pursuit of
Utalis Urban Meyer, arriving in
town Thursday to meet with
him about becoming the coach
of college fonbialls' most glamorous program.

A plane carrying athletic director Kevin White, and other
school officials landed in Salt
Lake City, but it yeas not immediately known when or where
Meyer would meet to discuss
the opening created by Tuesday's liring of Tyrone
Willingham.

Earlier in the day Meyer
would not directly comment on
reports that the Fighting trisk
were courting him, but players
said their coach acknowledged
Her practice at Rice-Eccles

After practice at Rice-Eccles

that Notre Dame and other schools were interested.— After practice at Rice-Eccles Stadium, Meyer said he plans to coach Utah in its bowl game even if he takes another job. The Utes are all but set to be-come the first team from a mid-main conference of a said.

come the lirst team from a mid-major conference to crack the Bowl Champlonship Series.

Unth athletic director Chris-rilll-itold-the-AP-the school would attempt to keep Meyer, who helped make the Utes a high-prollie team in just two seasons. This year, Utah is poised to become the first team from a mid-major conference to crack the Bowl Championship Series.

Olympic skater will have

Olympic skater will nave brain tumor treatment
LOS ANGELES – World champion figure skater Scott lamilton will undergo a high-tech radiation therapy for a list multickst said Thursday.
The treatment will take only a single visit but results usually are not known for at least a month.

Complied from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The 1948 Los Angeles Rams. Running back Fred Gehrke, an industrial design artist in the offseason, designed the yellow horns on the sides of the hel-mets.

Bruins best Burley in OT

BURLEY – It was pay for four puarters, get one free night at surley High School Thursday ight.

Burley High School Thursday night.

The Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team escaped Cassia County with a 70-62 overling-win in their season-opening nonconference road game gainst the Burley Bobeats.

Trailing 62-61. Bruins senior guard Mike Smith burled an uncontested three-pointer to push the Bruins ahead 64-62 with 1:14 left in overline. From there no out. Smith and brother Mitch snuck into the Bobeat passing Janes to preserve the passing lanes to preserve the victory. Six Bruins free throws helped them survive the scare and earn their first win of the young season.

and earn that first with of the young season.

"Burley played a great game," Bruins coach Matt Harr said." I thought they out-hustled us. But I told the kilds before the game. Lond care if we win by 20 or lose by 20 or if we win by 20 or lose by 20 or if we win by wo or lose by two - we just want to get better tomorrow." The Bobcats (0-1) took advantage of the Bruins' rusty outside shooting to jump out to a 18-15 first quarter lead. Senior Anthony Curiel led Burley with 15 points, but went cold in the game's latter stages. Senior wing kyle Benham added 14 for the Bobcats, while Brian Fletcher scored 10.

"Twin Falls is as great as ever." Burley head coach Jack Bagley said, "They're arguably the best 5A team in the state. For us to take them into overtime, I hope that we made a statement to onlight about the kind of team

SA team in the state. For us to take them into overtime, I hope that we made a statement tonight about the kind of team we are."

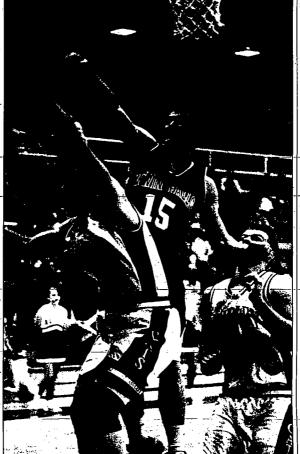
In a whirlwind of a fourth equarter, Toyin, Falls' Tanner, Hazelbaker darted in for a layup to the the game at 58 after Benham sank a mid-range jumper to give the Boheats the lead. While Butley performed admirably, turnovers and failed free-throw attempts held them to only four points in the overtime period.

We have our opportunities to with the game." Bagley said. "But we made a couple bad decisions and forced a few shots. It was good learning experience.

Flazzlbaker finished with 18 points for the Bruins, while brothers Mike and Mitch Smith hished with 15 and 14, Texpectively.

Harr's team will have to con-

finished with 15 and 14, respectively.
Harr's team will have to continue to shake off the early season rust, but he is encouraged about how his team gutted the win out in the end.
"I was just happy about our ability and our attitude to come back and win in overtime." Har-said: "We didn't shoot field goals-or free throws well, but we sank them in the fourth quarter and when it mattered."
Tivin Falls hosts Pocatello Saturday, while the Bobeats travel to face defending Class At state



riev senior guard Steve Elsensohn's layup attempt during nlor Tanner Hazelbaker blocks Bu the Bruins' 70-62 season-opening road victory in Burley Thursday night.

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CSI faces **Snow in** title game rematch

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Last season, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team knocked off Snow College in the champi-onship game of the Region 18 playoffs to advance to the na-tional tournament in Unrelinear Can

tional tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.
This season, the Golden Ea-gles hope to topple Snow in search of one tille they didn't hold last season: Scenic West Athletic Conference champi-

ons. No. 9 CSI will get the chance to get one leg up on the defend-ing league co-champions when it travels to Ephraim. Utah. to raim, Utah, to, take on the Badgers: at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The leagles open their SWAC campaign briday with a 7:30 p.m. game at Col. Northwestern

basketball

See page Friday with a 1739 p.m. game at Colorado Northwestern Community College. The games will be broadcast on 1270AM.KTFL.

"We've done a nice job in the preseason." CSI head coach Gib Arnold said. "But now, it's really time to get serious about the conference and we're looking forward to getting started."

But based on last year's results at Snow maybe the Eagles shouldn't be so anxious to make the trip south. Snow dominated CSI physically last season in Ephraim during 98-91 and 88-72 victories over the Eagles. Overall. CSI (8-0 overall) woninst two of the five meetings. "They've got a system down there that works for them, and they recruit to that system." Arnold said. "They get that play-or," and they've got 12 or 13 of them again this year. They're every bit as good as they were last year."

Snow (9-0) Jost several key contributors from last year."

last year."

Snow (9-0) lost several key contributors from last year's team, but appears well-requipped to make another run at the conference crown.

at the conference crown.

Sophomore wing Daniel
Henry leads the Badgers with
16.1 points per game while also-grabbing—7.4—rebounds—perPlease see CSI, Page D5

CSI men's hoops

CSI at Colorado Northwestern,

7:30 p.m. Saturday CSI at Snow College (Utah), 7:30 p.m.

Could Richfield sit atop up North?

RICHFELD - This could be be year of Garr Ward's Richfield

Tigers.
Coming off a 10-13 year and a gutsy performance in the Class IA state tournament, the Tigers return seven athletes with varsity experience.
Point guard Victor Vazquez

A state fournament, the Ligers return seven athletes with varsity experience.

Point guard (15-9) is a prime-time score with eability to drop 30 points on might. He is complementable basketball preview.

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Edlund (6-0) roune os setter.

"I'm a major believer in discipline" Ward said in a recent
interview. "I'm very demanding,
but at the same time, you have
to have fun. We play a lot uf little,
games in practice that keep the
kids going and lets them relieve
some pressure.

"The amphasized that

some pressure, Ward has emphasized that each individual is part of some-



dhig that is bigger than-them-selves and his players have bought in full.

What a season it was for the Carey Panthers in 2003-04. A 22-3 season was capped off by a strong showing at the state tournament for the sharp-shooting squad. While the contributions of Ty Simmons, KC, Blyem, and Blake Surents will be missed, Carey returns will be missed, Carey returns two starters that were key in last year's success. Juniors Tadd Green (6-3) and

Juniors Tadd Green (6-3) and Tyler Cook (5-8) give Carey one



of Idahos top Class IA inside-outside duos. Last year's sixth man Devin Simpson (5-9) re-turns as one of the leaders of a team that is without a senior. While technically in their first year of varsity play sophomores Cody Baird (5-7), Bradt Hunt (5-7), and Allem Peck (5-6) saw time in last year's state tourna-ment and will be looked upon to score this season. "Somehody of this team

to score this season.
"Somebody on this team
needs to get the mind set that
we're going to do it without exPlease see RICHFIELD, Page D6

Filer defense stifles Buhl

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt nes-News writer

Himes-News writer
BUIII. - The old cliche has it backwards. The best-offense is in fact a good defense, at least insofar as the Filer girls baskerball team is concerned.
Utilizing a deep bench and a stifling defense that allowed only 13 first half points, the Wildeats dropped Built 64-32 on the road Thursday night in SCIC accilon.

Boasting three players finishing with three-steads therebaynes, Index Jennes, and Kendra Koyle, Filer made it next impossible for the Indians offense to get in the game.

"We've been working a lot on defense," said Wildeats' coach

Joel Bate. "We created a lot of turnovers tonight." So tight was the Filer defense, that the Indians often had trou-ble putting the ball in play, committing three five-second violations in the first half. The game had actually start-ed off-slowly for the Wildeats, as the Indians jumped out to an early 4-0 lead after the first minute of plad

the Indians jumped out to an early 4-0 lead after the first minute of play.
Enter Heimkes. The Filer forward responded to Bulb's two field goals with six of her own in the-first-quarter,—scoring 15-points in the first eight minutes. The 5-8 junior finished with 19 points on the night as well as six rebounds.
We knew we had to get out Please see FILER, Page D6

Declo is the team to beat

By Eric Larsen Times-News write

TWIN FALIS - If a vote of confidence from all five Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference coaches means anything, it could be a banner year for head coach. Dennie Smyers, Declo Hornets boys basketball team. The defending SCIC champs look to remain atop the contence thanks to the return of five varsity athletes, Leading scorer blett Wardell and versalite for ward Nick Ramsey are gone, but junior guard Spencer Stoker (5-foot-10) and senior small florward Hjorn Christiansen (6-2) look to help Declo improve

on last year's 17-5 mark.
"Until the big guys wan the ball more inside, we'll probably be more of a perimeter team, drive and slash," Smyer said. "It might take a while to get our younger guys Tooking for ball, but when we can put everything together, we can be tough. We might be tougher than last year."

we might be tougher than last year."
Stoker, Christiansen, and senior guard Drew Jones (6-0) all averaged over seven points per game has season.
"Drew has made more im-provements - year in and year out - he's gotten a lot stronger and quicker." Smyer said. Tile!I Please sea BFCIO pase 14

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Basketball **Standings**

Through Dec. 1

Boys Class 5A

Region Four-rive-Six				
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Skyline	0.0	0.0		

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Idaho		
Declo	. 2.0	0.0
Filer	1.0	0.0
Gooding	0.0	0.0
Buhl	 0.0	0.0
Kimberly	0-0	0.0

Class 2	A.	
Canyon Confe	егепсе	
Wendell	-1.0	0.0
Glenns-Ferry	0-0-	-0.0

Class 1A

Southside Conf					
Magic Valley					
Shoshone	0.1	0.0			
Carey	0.1	0.0			
Bliss	0.1	0.0			
Camas County	0.0	0.0			
Richfield	0:0	0.0			
Dietrich	0.0	0.0			
Community School	1.1	0.0			

Hansen Oakley Raft River Murtaugh Hagerman 0-0 Castleford 0-0 Lighthouse Christian 0-0 Magic Valley Christian 0-1

Independe Twin Falls Christian

Girls

Class	5A .	
Region Four	-Five-Six	
lwin Falls	6.0	0.0
Highland	4.2	1.0

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference West					
Minico	5.1	0.0			
Jerome	4-1	0.0			
Burley .	2.3	0.0			
Wood River	0.4	0.0			
Great Basin Conference East					
Century	2.3	0.0			
Pocatello	1.5	0:0			
Preston	0-4	0.0			

Class 3A Sawtooth Central

Gooding	5.1	1.0
Filer	3-1	0.0
Buhl	0-3	0.1
Declo	0.4	0.0
Kimberly	0.5	0.0
	1.0	

Class 2A

Callyon Collisione							
Glenns Ferry	4.2	0.0					
Wendell	2.3	0.0					
Valley	2-4	0.0					

Class 1A

Magic vali	оy	
Northside Con	erence	3
Shoshone	.4.0	0.0
Carey	3.0	1.0
Richfield	3.1	0.0
Dietrich	4.2	1.0
Community School	1.1	0.1
Camas County	0.4	0.1
Magic Vali	ey	
Southside Con	lerence	3
Raft River	4.1	1.0

Oakley 2-1 Hagerman 4-2 Lighthouse Christian 3-2 Hansen 1-1

Independent Twin Falls Christlan

Carey hosts holiday tournament

CAREY – The Carey Panthers arent worried about casing into the basketball season.
With Friday and Saturday's Carey Holiday fournament, the Panthers are making sure they have plenty of early competition to Judy to the Hansen to Judy the Panthers and Carlis Vikings. All three Class and carly season fitters. Making the trip will be the Hansen Huskies, Mackay Miners, and Challis Vikings. All three Class I teams made it to the state tournament last year and Challis Vikings. All three Class I to the Sate tournament last year and Challis Will give the smaller schools good test.

"It's good competition for us." Panthers boys head coach Dick Simpson-said-"Calullis will liber 1900 feet and Hansen will be a supported to the Hansen and Hansen will be a supported to the Hansen will look to push the tempo against a like-minded Mackay team. Williams stands in a 6-foot-ind will be joined by standout athletes Kelvin Krosch (6-2) and Jared Gillish (5-10).

Tadd Green, Tyler Cook, and Irad Gillish (5-10).

Tadd Green, Tyler Cook, and Irad Gillish (5-10).

Tadd Green, Tyler Cook, and lis in the 8 p.m. game, They will look to rebound from Wednesday's 60-44 loss to Oakley. The Panthers Booked (6-have a bit of the first-game jit-ters, scoring only three points in the first quarter against the Hornets. As players like Cody Baird, Allen Peck, and Brad Hunt get more comfortable in their varsity roles, the Pan-

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – The high related sports seene has thankfully shifted indoors to 'the hardwood and the vesseling mat, just as nighttime terms, and the state of the hardwood and the vesseling mat, just as nighttime terms, and the state of the state of the high control of the state of the s

Pocatello.
The game was the good-bye to high school Tootball for brothers Mike and Mitch Smith, who both put up ourstanding performances, as did heady senior defensive back Zach Schaal, Junior tailback Brody, Miller was held to just 57 yards; but Miller was held to just 57 yards; but Miller dealt the linal blow to the Vikinas with a 2-ward touch-

the Vikings with a 2-yard touch-down burst, his 'second of

Game of the Week

Carey Holiday Tournament

At Carey School Friday's games Boys Hansen vs. Mackay, 6:30 p.m. Carey vs. Challis, 8 p.m.

thers aren't likely to put up many more low-scoring quar-ters.

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teave. What else do you do in Carey?"
The same teams will compete on the girls side as Jessica Royal and the Panthers host Challis in Friday's 5 p.m. game in the new gym. Jessica Thorpe. Charlotte Freestone. and Hansen-face Mackay at 8 p.m. in the Old Gym.
Play will resume Saturday with Je Hosys playing at 5 p.m. varsity girls at 6:30 p.m. and wastly boys tipping off at 8 p.m. "It's just a fun time." Simpson sild. "We run games in two gyms and it's a lot of basketball in two days."

gyms and its a or ... in two days." In total, 12 games will be

Twin Falls, Raft River make room in trophy cases

Athletes of the Week

Athletes of the Week
the game.
The other 23 players traveled
from Malta, all the way up the
panhandle to Moscow and the
University of Idaho's Kibbie
Dome to down Genesce 34:322
and give the Raft River Trojans
their Brst Class 1A eight-man
football championship.
Like Twin Falls, the Trojans
were led by a blazingly quick
hailback - C.J. Tuckett - and an
efficient quarterback. Landon
Hansen. Though known for
their offensive outbursts, the
Trojans relied on their excellent
defense to slow a powerful
Genesce attack.

Though a handful of stars received much of the credit for
the two teams success, it takes
more than the Smith twins or a
99-yard loe Edwards scamper
to win a state title. Here we
honor all the players and their
coaches for doing everything
they could to become champions.

Twin Falls Bruins



Carey's Tadd Green pulls Shoshone last season.

played at Carey School over the weekend, making it the place to be for Northside bas-

Pothier, Jesse Ivie, Rudy Houch-strausser, David Van Eps, Andrew Wilkin, Michael Taute, Lance Balley, Brandon Williams, Joey Martin.

Juniors - Tanner Simmons, Tyler Anderson, Brody Miller, Justin Turley, Brack Hang, John, Kinyon, Colby, Mitchel, Lody Gambrel, Kyle Smith, Alex Pettit, Brandon Duncan, Krish, Steiner, Clark, Iy Sanford, Erek Larson, Brandon Stokes, Kyle Bastian.

Irish, Stetsen Clark, IV Sanford, Erek Lirson, Brandon Stokes, Kyle Bastian:

- Sophomores — Nate Robertson, Ryan Simmons, Marcus Schaal, Zack Rupp-Smith.

- Coaches — Head coach Too Smith: Assistants Mark Schaal, Cortney Phelps, Toby Gleave, Matt Mikelson, Dave Slotten: Brett Semple:

Raft River Trojans

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• Seniors – C.J. Tuckett, Cody
Ward, Landon Hansen, Alan
Branch, Joe Edwards, Bill
Homas, Andy James, Ed Juarez,
Shaun Harris, Blake Wickel, Tray
Tutule, Braden Barrett.

• Junlogs – Paden Baker,
ason Streeter, Eric Loock, Zach
Hutchison, Ramiero DeLeon,
Paden Hensen.

• Sophomores – Reagan
Ward, Ace Jones, Brodee Boden,
Justin Teeter, Told Zollinger,

• Coaches – Head coach
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vy Quals, Greg Scott, Cassidy
Whitaker.

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Tourney time already?

TWIN IALLS - Tis the season for holiday tournaments.
Along with the boys and girls basketball ournament in Carey this weekend. The Bliss Bears will host their own boys tournament Friday and Saturday night. The Castleford Wolves, Rimrock Raiders, and Rockland Bulldags will join the Bears. Rimrock and Rockland will start versity blay at 5540 nm. With

Bulldogs will join the Bears. Rimrock and Rockland will start varsity play at 5:30 p.m., with Castleford and Bliss set to square off around 8:30 p.m., attention of the start
This week's sports picks

INIS WEEK'S SIONTS DICKS
(Blaskwiball start times
are for junior varsity)
FRIDAY
• Jerome at Burley girls basketball, 6 pm.
The Jerome, Tigers head to
Burley Friday for a Great Basin
Conference West clash. The,
thatter members of the conference are each looking for its top
spot. SATURDAY

SATURDAY

Pocatello at Twin Falls boys baskethall, 6 p.m.
Former Region Four-Five-Six foe Pocatello heads to town for the Twin Falls Bruins boys baskethall home opener. Pocatello will sorely miss graduate and the Twin rais month of the kethall home opener. Pocatello will sorely miss graduate and current College of Southern Idaho player Nick Hansen when facing Mike and Mitch Smith and the Bruins.

American Falls at Filer girls

and the Bruins.

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bakethall, 6 p.m.

The Wildcats look to avenge
their season-opening loss to
the American Fails Beavers
Saturday. As surrounding role
players become more confident, Jennica Mecham and
Lindsay Heimkes have be-

Magic Valley

SportsWeek come even more dangerous for Filer.

for Filer.

MONDAY

Hansen at Murtaugh boys basketball, 6 p.m.
The Hansen Huskies make the short trip to Murtaugh for an early-season Magic Valley Southside Conference game against Bridger Ward and the Red Devils.

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an early-season Magic Valley
Southside. Conference, game,
gainst Birdger Ward and the
Red Devils.

*Burley at Minico girls baskeiball, 6 p.m.
It's Mini-Cassia clash time in
girls basketball Tuesday in Rupert. This time, Amber Warih
and the Spartans are bauling
Kandace Palton and the Bobcats for Great Basin Conference
West supremacy.

* Jerome at Wood River
wrestling, 6 p.m.
The Jerome Tigers and Wood
River Wolverines — teams that
brought large contingents to
last year's Class "3A" state
wrestling, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome boys
basketball, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at

ous contenders-for a state-title come tournament time. THURSDAY

• Jerome at Wood River girls basketball, 6 p.m. Jeromes Tigers head up to Halley to take on Syringa Statts and Brett Carnduff's Wood River Wolverines Thursday Thanks in part to solid post play from Lindsay Williams, the Tigers have exceeded many people's early-season expectations.

COACHES

Seniors - Drew Bernhard,
Brandon Denney, Michael Mc-clurg, Branden Rankin, Todd
Cook, Jussin Aslett, Mike Smith,
Shuwa- Anthoney, Zach Schuad,
Cody Fangli, Guy Kim, Mich-Smith, Cord Galvan, Tim Dennis, Colby Pulsifer, Martin

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Twin Falls Bruins

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<u>Two area athletes garner</u> state Heisman Award. Saturday in Sports

Chargers seek to widen gap in AFC West

The San Diego Chargers didme supect to be leading the AFC
West at this point in the season.
And the Denver Broncos probably didn't expect to be trailing
the Chargers in the standings.
But that's where the Broncos
are, a game behind the NFIS
most positive suprise, as they
head to San Diego for Sundays
NFC West showdown.
The Chargers are Javored by
three points - the measure of
home-field advantage by oddsthen, San Diego has won seven
of eight, including its current
five-game winning streac,
Despite that, Denver could
effectively take the division lead
with a win, which would give
them a two-game sweep and
the tiebreaker over the Chargers.
The Chargers (8-3) were in
similar position in 2002.

"I-know-what-happened-twogears ago," quarterback Drew

similar position in 2002.

"I know what happened two years ago," quarterback Drew Brees says, "We were sitting here at 8-4, thinking, Well, if we just win half of our next four games.

NFL Picks

we're in the playoffs,' and we lose four straight. I don't think

lose four straight. I don't think that was the attitude to have."

The Broncos have been errat-ic, losing at home in the snow to Oakland last week, The Charg-ers have been consistent, especially on offense, where they are second in the NFL with 29 points per game. Brees is third in passer rating behind Peyton Manning and Daunte Calpepper.

Touch call.... CHARGERS. 32ilpepper, Tough call ... CHARGERS, 32-

Tough call ... CHARGERS, 32-28.

Green Bay (plus 6)
at Philadelphia
The Eagles are saying the right things about keeping the momentum going.
They'll do the right thing, too ...EXGLIS, 31-21.
Atlanta (plus 1) at Tampa Bay
The Falcons can become the second team to clinch a division. Kitker lay Taylor, who creplaces Martin Gramatica. keeps-thom-vatiling-one more. week. ... BUCS, 19-17.
Dallas (plus 7)
at Seattle (Monday night)
Mike Holmgen is comparing

his Seahawks to the 1988 49ers, who went from 6-5 to a Super Bowl victory. Wishful thinking ... SEA-HAWKS, 21-17.
Pittsburgh (minus 3) at Jacksonville.
The Steelers are due to lose ... JAGUARS, 16-14.
New England (minus 8) at Cleveland Bill Belichick was concerned this week that the Browns scored 48 points. He neglected to say they allowed 58. Maybe that's why offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie is interim coach instead of Dawe Campo, his defensive counterpart ... PATRICITS 58-3.
Tennessee (plus 10.5) at Indianapolis Peyton Manning needs eight TD passes to break Dan Marino's record ... COITS, 27-20.
Houston (plus 6.5) And Pennington may or may not return... PETS, 20-16.
Cincinnal (plus 6.5).
San Francisco (plus 10.5)

at St. Louis
The Rams get to the fast track
RAMS 45-17.
Minnesoto (m)

... RAMS 45-17.
Minnesota (minus 7)
at Chicago
Chad Hutchinson is the
Bears fourth QB this season ...
VIKINGS, 27-7.
Buffalo (minus 3.5) at Miami
Willis McGahee has made
Buffalo a lot better ... BH.LS, 2010.

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Carolina (plus 1.5)
at New Orleans
Carolina is too banged up to
win four straight ... SAINTS, 30-

27, New York Glants (plus 2) at Washington Eli Manning faces another tough defense. GlaNTS, 3-2. Artzona (plus 6) at Detroit John Navarre goes back to Michigan as the third QB to start for the Cardinals ... LIONS, 20-3.

20-3. Kansas City (OFF) at Oakland Kerry Collins is good when protected. He will be against this defense ... RAIDERS, 32-31.

LAST WEEK: 4-12 (spread). 11-5 (straight up) SEASON: 84-89-3 (spread), 116-60 (straight up)

SPORTS IN BRIEF-

Grizzlies hire Mike Fratello as head coach

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Mike Fratello was bired as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday as a replacement for Hubie Brown, who unexpect-edly retired last week for health

asons. Fratello coached the Atlanta

reasons.

Fratello coached the Adama
Hawks for eight seasons and
the Cleveland Cavaliers for sk.
He will be the Grizzles' seventh
head coach.

Brown, 71, was coach of the
year last season after leading
the team to its first playoff appearance. He cited unspecified
health reasons when he retired
last week.

"i am inheriting a team that
knows organization, that
knows discipline and plays unsglishly." Fratellos aid. "That is
a great head start."

Fratellos overall NBA record
is 592-499, including 20-34 in
the playoffs. He was an assistant under Brown for four
seasons in Adama (1978-81)and one season in New York
1982-83). He replaced Brown
as interim coach of the Hawks
for three games in 1981.

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Selig schedules vote to approve Expos' move

Approve Expos move
WASIIINTON – Baseball
commissioner Bud Seligscheduled a conference call for
Friday for owners to vote on the
proposed move of the Montreall Expos to Washington.
A notice to the major league
teams went out late Wednesday. The vote by owners is
expected to be conditioned on
the District of Columbia completing legislation to fund a
new ballpark for the team.
The D.C. Council voted earliert his week to approve
financing but must vote a second time for the measure to
become law. In addition, the
Council added'a \$630 million
cap to the project that was not
contained in the agreement
signed in September by the
Expos and Washington Mayor
Anthony A. Williams.
Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief
operating officer, so with Baltimore Oriones owner Peter
Angelos earlier this week in an
attempt to reach an agreement
that would profect the Orioles
franchise. Angelos says the
team in Washington will cut his
Luds's revenue.
Maryland Gov. Robert
Ehrlich said earlier this week
that the matter could wind up
in court. Selig, speaking to the
annual meeting of the Greater
washington Board of Trade,
said an agreement had not yet
been reached with Angelos
with could spoil Seligs hopes
for a unanimous vote by the

"Hike-Bo-Orions" so often I don't get
30-O votes."

Report: Giambl testified

Report: Glambi restined
he used steroids
SAN FRANCISCO - New York
Yankees slugger Jason Glambi
injected himself with human
growth hormone in 2003 and
used steroids for at least three
seasons according to his grand
vived the San Francisco
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Chronicle.
The testimony given in December-2003-to-the-federal grand jury investigating BALCO contradicts Glambi's public proclamations that he never used performance-enhancing dearer.

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Penalties for steroid use in basehall started in 2003, but testing with samples identified by player didin't start until 2004, making it unclear if Giambi could be retroactively disciplined for any admission. Human growth hormone, or NGTI: Story specifically banned by the major leagues.

"I've been saying for many months: I instituted a very very tough; program in the minor leagues on steroids in 2001. We need to have that program after major league even becaused on the major league even becaused to have that program after major league even becaused to have that program after major league even becaused to have that program after major league even becaused to have that program after major and the major league even becaused to have that program after major and the significant of the program of the major league even becaused to sprand arors how he injected held in his stomach, testosterone Into its buttocks, rubbed an undetectable steroid knows as "the cam" on his body and placed drops of another, called "the Chronicle reported Thursday.

Giambit destified that he obtained several different steroids from Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, one of four men indicted by the grand jury probing the Bay Area Lab-

oratory Co-Operative. He said he got the hGH from a gym in Las Vegas.

Wildcats prepare for Washington-Griz crowd

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Washington-Griz crowd
MISSOULA. Mont. - The
thought of playing at Montana's
Washington Grizzly Stadium
can spark awe in opposing
football teams. - The Griz averaged over
22,000 fans this season, and
they pride themselves on making it tough for opposing
offenses to hear - or even think
especially on third-sind-long.
Montana players on the field
who feel they need a boost
from the crowd just wave their
arms up and down and the
decibel level climbs on cue.
But New Hampshire coach
Sean McDonnell thinks his
team is ready for the challenge,
after winning its season-open
er at defending i-AA champion
belaware, early games at I-A
flugters at Dartmouth and an
ISSPN2 night gameat Villanova.
Right out of the gate, our
kids got an opportunity to play
in some real special places.
McDonnell said.
The Wildcats are 8-0 on the
road this season, including a
2-7-23-come-from-bellund-win-

The Wildcats are 8-0 on the road this season, including a -27-23-come-from-behind-win-over fourth-seeded Georgia Southern -ending the fagics' 14-game first-round home winning stream, and home probably from what I hear, is the best I-AA venue in the country. The said.

McDonnell said he's talked to the craches at II foffern and

McDonnell said hes talked to the coaches at 'Hofstra and Maine who told him: "You can't simulate the sound and you can't simulate the enthusiasm," you get when playing at Mon-tana.

you get when praying tana.

UM coach Bobby Hauck said he hopes Griz fans show up loud and in large numbers Saturday.

rday. New Hampshire "likes to use

New Hampshire "likes to use a no-huddle offense. Noise dis-rupts that," he said. New Hampshire will be com-ing into its NCAA Division I-AA football playoff game against Montana Saturday without its leading receiver. McDonnell said.

said.
David Ball, who had 86 catches for 1,504 yards and 17 touchdowns this season, fractured his ankle in a first-round game against Georgia Southern.

North Carolina misses Women's College Cup

Women's College Cup
CAIY, N.C. – Apparently, the
NCAA can hold the Women's
College Cup without North
Carolina.
For the first time since the
tournament started in 1982, the
Final Four doesn't include the
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and its not me ive inventors againe. These things are part of what we have to go through at times."

Dorrance still plans to attend the games this weekend, but only as a spectator. It is excited about what should be a wide-open fournament.

"I think every one of the four teams here feels like they have a better chance to win because they're not here." Santa Clara coach Jerry Smith said of the Tar Iteels. "No doubt about it." Smith and his team advanced to the national semifinals for the third time in four years, joining Notre Dame, UCLA and Princeton. The Tigers' appearance is the first ever for an Ivy League school.

But this College Gup Is-more about who's missing. North Carolina won the title in 2003 - moe of 17 under coach Dornance—and were the numer-up three other times, part of an incredible run of dominance.

Dorrance is 579-26-17 in his 25-year career with the Tar Heels.

Williams' NFL career appears over - really

appears over - really
MIAMI - This could be it for
Ricky Williams. He just doesn't
want to play footbar
in pla

on Thursday. Compiled from wire reports

Toledo-wins Mid-American Conference title

DETROIT (AP) - Bruce Grad-kowski threw three of his four touchidown passes to Lamo Moore, leading Toledo to a 35-27 vin over Miami (Ohio) in the Mid-American Conference championship game Thursday night.

night.
Toledo (9-3) will return to
Ford Field to face Connecticut
on Dec. 27 in the Motor City
Bowl. The RedHawks (8-4) will
play in either the Silicon Valley
Classic or the Independence
Bowl.

Classic or the interpendents Bowl.

For the fourth year in a row, a quarterback threw four TDs in the MAC title game, Ben Rooth-lisberger did it last year for the RedHawks, and Byron Leftwich

College football

did it for Marshall the two previ-

ous years.
Gradkowski, who left the game briefly with a hand injury was 18-of-24 for 251 yards with four TDs and one interception: Moore had five receptions for 118 yards and caught three touchdown passes for the third thme in his career.

es for the third time in his career.

The Rockets trailed 14-7 at halftime and rallied with three TDs in the third quarter. Toledo went ahead 35-20 early in the fourth on Moore's third score.

Miami puled within eight points when losh Betts followed up a 57-yard pass to Michael Larkin with al-3-yard TD pass to Josh Williams with 4:13 left. Toledo sealed the win with two third-down conversions on the final drive.

Toledo's Steve Odom made six catches for 78 yards and a score. Scooter McDougle provided balance for Toledo's Clifface with 167 yards rushing

state. Scooter McLouries score. Scooter McLouries vided balance for Toledo's offense with 167 yards rushing

on 35 carries.

Beits was 20-0f-33 for 304 yards with three TDs and two interceptions. Larkin had nine receptions for 131 yards and a

Skip Holtz will replace Thompson at Carolina

Thompson at Carolina
East Carolina hired former
South Carolina assistant Skip
Holtz to replace coach folin
Thompson. The Associated
Press learned Thursday night.
Holtz is the son of Lou Holtz,
who retired last week at South
Carolina, and was quarterbacks
coach on his father's staff. He
was offensive 'coordinator
through the 2003 season, when
Lout Holtz took on that role.
When Steve Spurrier was
hired as the Ganuccocks new
coach, he decided not to keep
Skip Holtz as an assistant.

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first round (tape), ESPN2, 10 p.m.

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nphis at Purdue, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m Pistons at Spurs, ESPN,

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6 p.m. Pacers at Kings: ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

Boxing

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Hong Kong Open, third round (tape), TGC, 11:30 a.m.

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SPORTS

Hansen and Raft River appear tough in Southside

By Eric Larsen Times-News write

SPORTS

HANSEN - How about a first

ever repeat?
The Hansen Huskies boys basketball team returns after last-year's 15-9 season and the first ever conference championship and state tournament trip in school history. Six graduates leave holes to fill, but a group of aggressive seniors return to lead Hansen.

Kyle King (5-10) is a three-year tarter and all-conference guard who could become one of the who could become one of the area's top scorers this year. As could be two-time all-confer-ence post Mark Pearson (6-2) or senior guard Mart Freestone (5-10). That trio will be relied upon heavily, while Ryan Leiser (5-10) and Jann Denny (6-1) look to storn in

"Kyle and Mark are two of the most unselfish kids you could have." Head coach Mike Pfeifer

gant I have them instead in someone else.

I.V. call-up Bryan Caressia (5-10) takes over at the point.

The fail filter Trojans eturn consistent of the cons

Trojans fook to be a major factor come tournament time. Seniors Braden Barrett (6-2) and C.J. Tuckett (6-9) are proven scorers from last year. The emer-gence of players like Landon Hansen (5-11), Paden Baker (5ers and Brent Kle (6-2) will go a long way in deter-mining just how successful Jeff Greenwoods team will be.

Greenwoods team will be.
Much like Raft River and
Hansen, Kovin Cato's Hagerman
Pirates has the ablicticism to run
teams off the Bloor. After a 14-6
season last year. Hagerman
returns three players with varsity
experience. Tim Jay (6-3). Kyle
Vader (5-10), and Lucas Mills (6-0) will look to lead a young
Hagerman team.

Hagerman team, "Chemistry will be our best attribute," Cato said, "we have a olid group of kids who like each other and all want what's best for Dusty Vader (5-9) and Ryan ester (5-10) are among the ath-etes that will look to step into a nore prominent role for the

The Magic Valley Christian Onquerors are glad to see the return of last year's leading scor-er, senior guard Cody Griffith (5-10) and physical posts James Jarvis (6-5) and Joll Sweet (6-2). Magic Valley Christian has a bit

scage, vaney Curssian has a bit of height in sophomore Branden Van Esch (6-2) and freshman lordan Javis (6-2). Castlefords Wolves return without last year's leading scorer Robert Comer, who graduated. However, junior post Drew Tverdy (6-2) looks to be a load inside for the Wolves. Seniors Sobi Bower (5-11) and Minud

Maya (5-5) also return for tyter Gaston's athletic team. The Oakley Hornets come off a 2-13 season, but mach like their football team, look to be much improyed. Senior Evan McBride (6-14 is the foundation) of the program. Bryce Adams (5-

Cummins (5-10) return for their senior seasons for first-year head coach Rex Romander and the Murraugh Red Devils Cummins and Ward lead a young team that includes 6-foot-3 junior Dylan Stallings and 6-foot-1 sophore Bryant Bishoff. The Lighthouse Christian lons enter their second season

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The Lighthouse Christian Lions enter their second season of high school basketball play. Leading the way will be return-ing seniors Powell Eaton (6-1), Chancey Calhoun (6-1), and Matt Wendland (6-0).

Ed Smith takes over the coaching duties at the Twin Falls Christian Academy and has three returning seniors to work with, Blake Roemer and Michael Harris both stand in at 6-foot-2.

Declo

Continued from D1

take care of most of our point guard duties, which will free Stoker to go harass people." Declo also returns, Aaron

Anderson (6-1), (raig Brackenbury (5-10) will all

Graig Brackenbury (5-10) will all look to make an impact.
Declo's top competition could come from a familiar face at a new school. After a year away from coaching basetball. Lloyd Garey, who led the Hornest so a state championship in 2003, returns to coach the athletic Filer Wildcats.
Garey inherits a solid team.
Garey inherits a solid team led by returning starters Dan

Garey inherits a solid team, led by returning starters Dan Ramseyer (6-3). David Ryan (6-1), and Paul Gerrish (6-4). Ramseyer has a wide array of nifty post moves, while Ryan provides a spark from the perimeter, Gerrish will likely be leaned upon to absorb some of the scoring burden left by the graduation of Cody Ehrmantraut and Kyle

Robinette.

"We-should be_well-rounded," Garey said. "We'll look at Gerrish and Ramseyer to get out on the wings for me so they can score off transition or into our offense. Ryan always gets his points by penetration and kickouts._Eles_an_aggressive_bidoon.

kickouts_He's_an_aggressive kid."
Cole Bitzenburg-(6-4); ScottOrthel (6-4), Brad Griff (6-1), and Jared Denton (6-0) all return with varsity experience for the Wildcats.
"Filer could be like Wood River and Fred Trenkle last year." Smyer said. "I wish we were playing then tomorrow instead of after the first of the year. They'll just keep getting better."
Buhl head main Ryan Bowman returns three starters for an Indians squad coming of a 4-14 year. Led by super sophomore forward will chivers (6-1), Buhl looks to be much improved.

nproved. Chivers looks to best his 12 ppg. 9 rpg effort from last year, and will be aided by senior guard/forward Perry Hamilton (6-3), and junior guard Mitch Bourner (5-11), both

Kobi Bower (5-11) and Migue

—11).—Blake—Bedke-(5-10).—and Elliott Thorn (6-2) will again be important fixtures in Scott Arnell's starting rotation. Bridger Ward (6-0) and Trent Cummins (5-10) return for their senior seasons for first-year head

while Dane Brown is 5-foot-10.
The Idaho School for the Deaf
and Blind Raptors have seven
players with varsity expeniers.
Senior Byron Jensen (6-3) gives
the Raptors height, while players
like John Coles (5-10), Jeremy
Castilleja (5-5), and Dustin
Leppert (5-9) look to add punch
to the Raptors attack.

Boys Basketball season previews Thursday: 5A Today: 1A, 3A

returning starters.

The addition of players like juniors Judd Spencer (6-4) and lames Osterkamp (6-0) will help Buhl's depth. However, Buhl only suits up three seniors. How their younger players step up and contribute will be big. "It's really going to be a dog fight. Bowman said. "I feel the gap is being narrowed between Declo and the other teams. I still believe they te the team to beat.

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and Gooding, it's really up for grabs.

No Zodrow, no problem? It might not quite be the case as the Kimbërly Bulldogs look to cope with life after Ricky Zodrow, but it might be close. Roger Keller's team comes off a 13-9 year and returns two hardnosed starters in 6-3 senior guard Darin Musser and 6-2 senior post 1,1 Shawver, Musser pumped in 13.4 ppg while spatching 9 rpg last year, while Shawver added 11 ppg and 9 ppg. "Darin and J.f. give us two

kids that did show they could score and rebound last year."
Keller said. "The big thing now is just to find out what role kids will play. Where we get our points and rebounds."
A pair of 5-foot-11 seniors – lordan Poulton and Jordan Crane – are Kimberly's other two varsity returners.
Goodling head coach Joe Messick returns three senior quarks with varsity experience

guards with varsity experience this year in Josh Morris (6-1), Brad Allison (5-11), and Matt Metcalf (6-1).

Metcalf (6-1).

The Senators struggled to find consistent scoring last season, something that will have to be remedied this campaign. Posts Alex Garcia (6-3) and relied upon to contribu will 6-foot junior guard Kylo Severance. Senior posts Nick Einfeldt (6-2) and Cory Gamei

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really fought shots of the Color.

CNCC (2-6, 0-0 SWAC) may not be much of a threat to hang a bunch of points on the Eagles. The Spartans are averaging a measly \$3.0 ppg while shooting just .323 from the floor.

After winning five games all of last season, the Spartans are

Weekend Road Trip

TWIN FALLS - It's safe to say the Collège of Southern Idaho women's basketball team is rolling. Sure, the Golden Eagles haven't played the United States Olympic team, but the foes CSI has taken on, it's drubbed. 5:30 p.m. Saturday CSI at Snow College (Utah), 5:30 p.m.

CSI leaders Points
Denisa Svarova, 12.2
Rebounds
Svarova, 7.6
Assists
Nakeya Isabeli, 5.8

ting rebounds."
The Eagles will look to carry
their dominance over to the

"They've won two straight games, that's all I know." Rogers said. "They've held their own against everyone else. This Scenic West Athletic
Conference when the league
season opens this weekend. CSI
travels to take on Colorado
Northwestern Community against everyone else Northwestern Community
College at 5:30 tonight and
Snow College (Utah) at 5:30
Saturday. The games will be
broadcast live on 1270AM KTFL.
People are taking notice of
CSI's tremendous start. The

CSI's tremendous start. The Eagles (12-0 overall) jumped to No. 2 in the national poll after in this game. Emily Kennington, a 5-foot tamly kennington, a 5-1001-11 transfer from Casper College (Wyo.), leads CNCC with 15.0 ppg and 7.9 rebounds per game. Snow College (4-4, 0-0) also struggles to score. The Badgers

No. 2 in the national poll affect smothering three teams at the Coca-Cola Classic in Twin Falls last week. But despite the accolades. CSI is staying focused, espe-cially on the defensive end of the floor. CSI is limiting teams to just 49.3 points per game while allowing just a: 297 field goal percentage, both SWAC bests. Snow Conege (4-4), 0-1) also struggles to score. The Badgers average 61.5 ppg, ahead only of CNCC in the SWAC. The Badgers have five players who stand at least 6 feet. Freshman Tori Lybbert (6-0)

bests.
"We're outscoring teams by about 35 points a game, which is almost untheard of after 12 games," Rogers said. "And we are, we're playing good defense and that's leading to easy baskets. It's causing teams to take really tough shots on the offensive end." Freshman Tori Lybbert (6-0) leads the charge up front, aver-aging a team-best 11.0 ppg while grabbing 4.1 pp. Sophomore Kristina Peterson, a 5-6 guard, averages 10.0 ppg while leading the team with 4.4 assists per game.
"That's a scary one," Rogers

said. "Snow has got some big kids. They've got shooters and ball handlers. They're solid. When they're at home you have

When they re at home won base to go out there and play your best basketball."

• Notes: Shay Tusow, a for-mer CSI volleyball player, has joined the Eagles. Tusow played in two games Thanksgiving weekend, scoring two points in when treal without.

Davis Cup

Fish will face Mova in Davis

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) – American Mardy Fish will play Spain's Carlos Moya on Friday in the opening singles match of the Davis Cup final.

Roddick, will face Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal in the second match of the best-of-five final on elay at Seville's Olympic Stadium.

"He has a lot of game." Roddick said. "He hits the ball a ton and he's very competitive and in ari atmosphere like this, he's going to get the crowd going."

Nadal. 18, was a late replacement for Juan Carlos Ferrero, a former No. 1 who has been struggling with illness and injuries this season.

"Personally I was expecting them to play Ferrero, Roddick said, but they have copable single players and has a son of their strengths."

Spanish; capitain Jordi Arrese said Nadal was picked for "tactical and technical reasons."

"han Carlos Ferrero isn't in

"Juan Carlos Ferrero isn't in perfect form and Rafa has been great and he's left-hand-ed which gives the Americans something different to deal with, he said. Fish, ranked No. 37, has a 2-1 record against No. 5 Moya.

record against No. 5 Moya, but none of his wins were on clay. Roddlek, the world's No. 2-ranked player, beat Nadal in straight sets at this year's U.S.

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game last season, and isn't expected to be much better this time around. CNCC recorded a two-point victory over Air Force Prep (Colo.) and a five-point win over Trinidad State Junior College (Colo.) in

November.
The Spartans, under first-year head coach Joel Taylor, prefer to launch the ball from the perimeter, but do bears solid install.

CSI leaders

native leads CNCC with 18.0 ppg to go along with 9.6 rpg. Sophomore Trent Dykster averages 14.8 ppg. connecting on 18-0f-50-3-pointers. Overall, the Spartage have launched 196

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Nadal said of Roddick. "He's No. 2 in the world and that's on any surface." Saturday's doubles will pit American twins Bob and Mike Congratulations BRUINS!

lryan—against—Nada ommy Robredo.

Bryan against Nadal—andfommy Robredo.

In Sunday's reverse singles,
Roddick will face Moya and
Fish will play Nadal.

The team captains can
change the lineup an hour
before the match.

The surprise of Thursday's
draw was the selection of
Nadal. Spain's lowest-ranked
player at No. 51. However, the
hard-hitting left-hander has
been clutch in the Davis Cup.
Nadal, the youngest Davis
Cup player in Spanish history,
won the deciding fifth match
against the Czech Republic in
February. As a, late replacement for Moya, he won the
clinching match in the semifinals against France.

Spain is considered the
favorite, playing on a slow, red
clay surface before an anticpated record crowd of 26,600.

Spain is appearing in its third.

Spain is appearing in its third final in five seasons. It won its first Davis Cup title in 2000 defeating Australia in

Barcelona:
The United States is trying to win its first title since 1995. The Americans have won the Davis Cup a record 31 times, but this is their first appearance in the final since 1997.

CSI

game. Kasey Winters, a 6-7 sophomore forward, adds 12.1 points and a team-high 8.3 rebounds per contest. Colorado Northwestern (2-6) failed to win a conference

Mohamed Kone, 9.5 Assists Brown, 10.0

Minico wins defensive battle against Wood River

RIPERF — Quian Williams and the Minico biench jump-started the Spartans in the second quarter and Minico went on to deteat Wood River and America and Minico went on to deteat Wood River Basin Conference West game Thursday night aged a great second quarter, said Minico coach Mike Graefe. — Minico (204). 1-0 conference hosts Skylme Saturday night.

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Valley 48, Gooding 36

GOODING - The host Good-ing Senators were deleated at home by Valley 48-36 Thursday

might
Valley (1-1) was led in scoring
by senior guard-loc Miller who
tossed in 10 points.

Josh Morris, finished with 11

points for Gooding (0-1) includ-ing a 3-pointer and senior ferency Booher chipped in 8. Gooding travels to Shoshone

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Dietrich 56, TFCA 39

DIFFRICH - Senior Hank Bingham had 17 points and 11 rebounds to lead Dietrich to a 56.39 win over visiting Twin Falls Christian Academy Thurs-day night.

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ISDB 42. Shoshone JV 40, 20T

Shoshone JV 40, 201 SHOSHONE - The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind improved to 2:0 on the season by deteating the Shoshone jun-ior varsity 42:40 in double overtune Thursday night. Byron Jensen scored 16 points and pulled down 13 re-bounds while John Coles scored fever this night points in the sec-

five of his nine points in the sec-ond overtime to lead the

Local sports

Raptors to the victory. Coles graphed 15 rebounds while le-reny Castilleja added 14 point. Luis Sant of Shoshone scored 21 points, including a technical free throw at the end of the first overtime to force another extra stanza.

section to fore anomer exita-isal Broach Roddy Cabbage and the Ruptors had charged onto the court after Castillea swished a 3-pointer at the buzzer during the first overtime, only to find out less than a sec-ond remained, drawing the technical foul. 18DB [2-0] next plays TFCA next Bresday.

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M.V. Christian 72, Lighthouse Christian 28

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian Academy used its press effectively early in the game in putting away Light-house Christian 72-28. MVC (1-1) led 30-4 after the

first quarter and outscored its opponent by 21 points in the cond quarter. Cody Griffith led MVC with 30

Cody Griffith led MVC with 30 points while fordan larvis had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds, Lighthouse Christian fell to 0-1. Magic Valley Christian travels to Cole Valley Christian today.

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Parma 50, Glenns Ferry 47

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GLENNS FERRY - Parma's
Graig Cole scored 11 of his 20
points during the fourth quarter
lo lead a rally past Glenns Ferry
50-47. Thursday night.
Chris Laib scored 13. Andy
Grane 11 and Tanner Shrum 10
for the Pilots, Glenns Ferry (0-1)
hosts the Community School
Friday.

Parma 50, Glenns Ferry 47

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Girls basketball Raft River 37.

Castleford 27 MALTA - Raft Rivers 3-point barrage in the second quarter proved to be the difference as the Trojans pulled away for a 37-27 win over visiting Castleford Thursday.

Richfield

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cuses." Carey coach Dick Simpson said. That's the kind of
leader I'y was. That'll he important for someone to take that
role this year."
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School Cutthroust have a number of holes to Bil- including all
five starting positions - after
graduating. Six, varsity players.
Looking to fill those holes will
be 6-foot-1 wing A.J. Beesky
and sophenore Christian
Caimeross (5-10).
The Dietrich Blue Devils will
look for a way to cope after the

The Dierrich Illue Deeils will look for a way to ope after the graduation of standouts Vance Dill and Shaven Divine. Head coach Wayne Dill has only one-returning starter in juning that Jabrician Oenogas (5-3). However, Bryant Pitman (5-9) and Hank Bingham (5-10) are tough players who will play hard. Larry Messick returns for his 33rd year of coaching the

Shoshone Indians. After the graduation of big-time scorer Tony Periera, Messick will look to Jone returning starter Brock Asile (6-0) to shoulder some of hecharden. Pedro Garcia (5-8) is Shoshones only other returning letterman, so the play, of Carly Chief (6-0) and transfer. Acres Shull (5-11) will be key. John Charles Lais Tarango (5-8), Carly Chief (6-0) and transfer. Head coach Nick Smith's Biss Bears are hoping to be the team that use their program and after a 1-17 season last year. Senior guards Cody Brown (5-8) and Bernardo Mendoza (5-9) return and will be aided by included the senior senior guards (6-0) and David Butter (6-0) and David Butter (6-0) and Carly Butter (6-0) and Carly Butter (6-0) and Carly Butter (6-0) and Carly Butter (6-0) are Carlos Control Mushers.

u) and David Butler (6-0).
The Camas County Mushers look for the height of Kyle Menck and Travis VanGelder to pull them through this season. Senior Tony Gonsales will also be a bruisling force for John Botz's team.

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carty," said Heirnkes.
With Heirnkes having done
her part, Jennica Mechain ensured that the Wildcats didn't
cool off-sinking-appai-of-lareesin the second half and finishing
with 17 points.
"We're improving, but we
don't do the fundamenuals well
enough yet," said Buhl coach
Mich Oparitco.
Filer (4-0, 1-0) hosts Ameri-

can Falls on Saturday. Buhl (0-4) hosts Wood River then.

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Trojans guard Hallic Ramsey hit her two 3-pointers en route to a team-high 10 points in the second quarter, lunior Melissa McCoy scored 12 and Feho Frey 10 to pace the Wolves. Raft River (3-1) next plays Hagerman next Ituesday. Richfield 52, Carey 48 Raft River 37, Castleford 27 Castelors
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Mage Valley Southside Conference victory over host
Murtaugh,
Jessica Thorpe led Tiansen
with 15 points while Retha
Stanger added 12 points and
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Stanger added 12 points and Robin-Rosa 10.

Hailie Roseborough paced Muraugh (0-4, 0-2 conference) with 11 points while Drue Tol-man paced the red Devils with six rebounds.

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Richfield 52, Carey 48

CAREY - Richfield got hot from 3-point range in the second half in rallying to a 52-48 victory over host Carey in Magic Valley Northside Conference play.

Northside Conference play: Carey (3-1, 1-1 conference) led by eight points at halftime and three going into the fourth quarter before Richfield (4-2 overall) took over. Moe Hub-

smith connected on four 3-pointers in the game for Richfield while Breanna McAlis-

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Shoshone 65. **Camas County 18**

SHOSHONE - Shoshone used a stilling defense and balanced offense to defeat Camas County 65-18 Thursday night to open Northside Conference play.

Shoshone (5-0, 1-0) next plays at home against Hager-man Saturday.

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Gooding 41, Kimberly 30

KIMBERLY - Gooding pulled away in the second-quarter to hold on for a 41-30 road win over Kimberly Thursday night in Sawtooth Central Idaho Con-ference ulay

frence play.
Ashly Abramowski and Teri
Lehr each scored 10 points for
the Senators, Sarah and Katie
Gunnell each scored seven for

Kimberly Kimberly (0-6) next hosts American Falls Tuesday.

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OAKLEY, - Jenna Peterson scored 13 and Jessica Cooper 12-to Jead Oakley past Hagerman 40-35 in Southside Conference play Hursday. Shannell Knight scored 17-and Sara Jackson 12 in the Joss:

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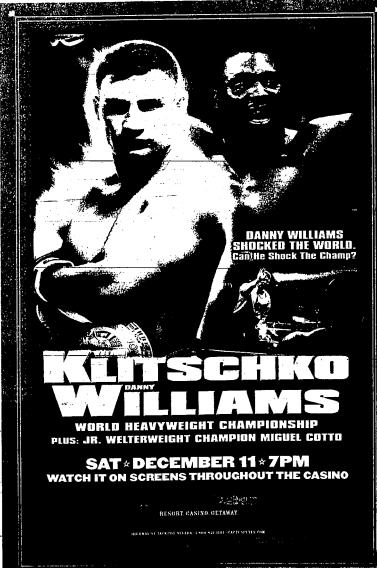
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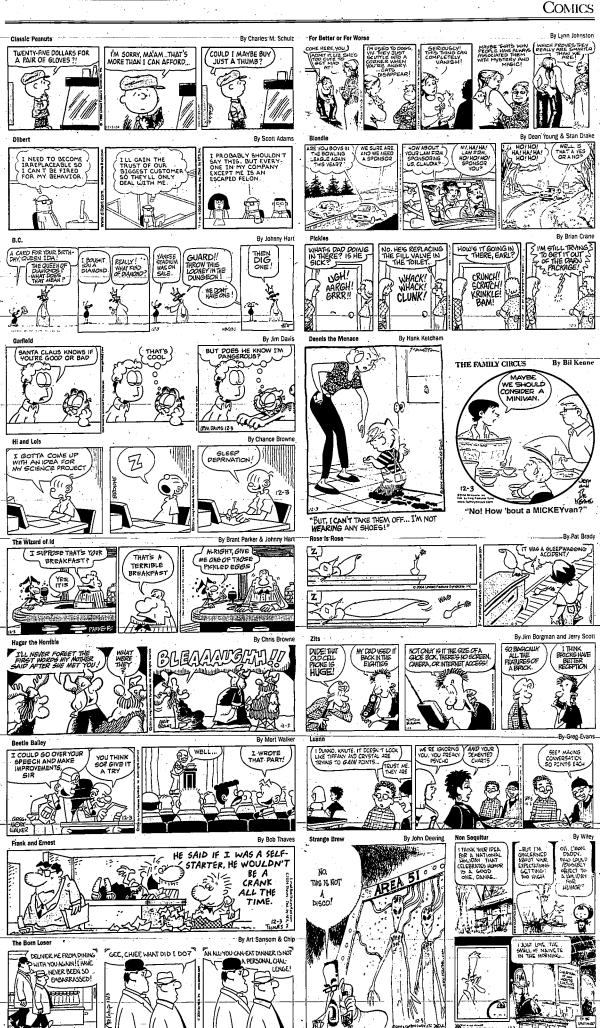
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Section E

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Best Buy says its revenue increases

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Tayin Palls — Minneapolis-based Best Buy Co. Inc. an electronics realiter with a Twin Falls store, on Thursday said revenue rose 10 percent to \$6.65 billion for its third quarter which ended Nov. 27.
The opening of 75 new stores in the past 12 months and a comparable-store sales gain of 3.2 percent drove the revenue increase.

Best Buy reported growing sales of digital relevisions, MP3, Jalyers, digital cameras, note-book computers, video games and appliances.

Also Thursday, Best Buy reintrated its forceast of third-quarter earnings from continuing operations of 41 to 47 cents per diluted share, compared with 37 cents for the same period a year ago. Analysts expect 13, receins per diluted share.

The company expects a comparable-store sales gain of 3 percent to 5 percent to 5 spercent for its fourth quarter, which ends jeb. 26, Best Buy will provide ain initial earnings forceast for the fourth quarter on Dec. 15, as it reports its third-quarter results.

Kraft Foods declares

Kraft Foods declares a quarterly dividend

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RUPERT — Illinois-based
Kraft Foods. Inc., which has a
cheese plant in Rupert, on
Thursday declared a regular
quarterly dividend of 20.5
cents per common share of
Class A and Class B stock,
payable Jan. 6 to stockholders
of record on Dec. 22.
Kraft also announced a new
share repurchase program of
up to \$1.5 billion to repurchuse
its Class A common stock.
The company expects to
complete its current repurchase authorization of \$700
million by the end of 2004. Purchases under the new program
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2006.
Kraft markets food brands including Kraft cheese. Maxwell flouse and Jacobs cof-fees. Nabisco cookies and crackers. Philadelphia cream cheese. Oscar Mayer meats. Post cereals and Milka choco-lute.

REX Stores sees a drop-in-its-income-

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TWN FALLS — Ohio-based
RIS Stores Corp, on Thursday,
said net income in its third
quarter, which ended Oct., 31,
declined to \$3.4 million, or 27
cents per diluted share, from
the year-carlier \$4.1 million, or
32 cents per diluted share.
RIX is a retailer of consumer
electronic products and appliances with a Iwin Falls store.
The quarter's net sales fell 1
percent to \$93.5 million, while
comparable-store sales rose percent.
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chased about 177,000 shares of its common stock in open mar-chased about 177,000 shares of its common stock in open mar-tet transactions. The company has about 522,000 shares re-maining to purchase under its stock buy-back authorization. Net income for the first nine months of BLX4 fiscal year rose 4 percent to 510.8 million, or 84 cents per diluted share. From the year-tago net income of 510.4 million, or 82 cents per diluted share. Sino-month-met-chiated share. Sino-month-met-sales dropped to \$267.6 million compared with \$277.1 million compared yith \$277.1 million a year earlier, while compara-ble-store sales fell 2 percent.

Propane firm adjusts previous earnings

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IEROME — Whippany, N:J-based Suburban Propane
Partners I.P. a propane gas marketer with centers in Jerome,
Rupert and Twin Falls, adjusted
is previously released earnings
for its fourth quarter and fiscal
year, which ended Sept. 25, to reflect 'a noneash pension
charge of \$5.5 million.

The adjustment reduces previously reported net income
for 2004 from \$5.9 fmillion, or
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\$54.3, million, or \$1.79 per
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Hurricanes dampen profits for grocer

BOISE — The four hurricanes that hit the Southerst this sum-mer dampened profits for Albertsons Inc., which reported only a fractional improvement in same-store sales during the distinguish.

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The nation's second largest food and drug realier — with Magic Valley stores in Burley, Hadey and Twin Falls — said profits for the August-October quarter were \$107 million, or 29 cents a share, on nearly \$10 bil-lion in sales.

That compared with earnings \$91 million, or 25 cents a

ued to put pressure on discretionary income." Chairman
Larry Johnston said.
Wall Street analysts surveyed
by Thomson First Call had anticipated 33 cents a share in
carnings. Johnston said the hurricanes cost the company three
cents a share and emphasized
that accounting for that charge
off the per-share performancewas within the range of 31 to 35;
cents a share projected for the
quarter.
He also reaffirmed the annual
earnings projection of between
\$1.40 and \$1.50 a share but conceded profit would be closer to
the lower end of the range.

The Boise-based company's new "Check the Price" initiative that has dropped prices on many of the highest volume terms in Albertsons'. Is 800 grocery stores nationwide will be a major force behind fuure improved performance, he said.

"This is a long-term commitment that we are making to win back customers with everyday to band to be a long
proving and lost customers returning to our stores."

The initial response to the company's seven new Extreme

Inc. discount stores has been good, he said, and the concept will be aggressively expanded through conversions and acqui-sitions.

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Aggressive marketing initiatives have also paid dividends in Southern California, where tolmston said sales during the quarter exceeded the year-ago period, the final full quarter before the company was hir by a costly 4.5-month abort dispute.

"We responded well to adversiy by winning back our customers in Southern California as well as recovering from the impacts of the major hurri-Please see PROFITS, Page E3

Federal judge dismisses

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DENVER — A federal judge has dismissed civil claims against a former president of Owest Communications and some allegations lodged against the telecommunica-tions company in a lawsuit filed by investors.

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Blackburn, ordered that other issues may go forward against owest director Phil Anschutz and some former key executives, including former chief executive loe Nacchio who has teniced wrongdoing.

The ruling mades public late wednesday came in a consolidated investors lawsuit filled.in—2009 accusing the company and its executives of misleading investors, and accounting and securities fraud.

The dismissed claims were included in an amended compaint aidded former President Alshim Mohebbi and former sales executive Gregory Casey. Both still could face civil charges filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Attorney Thomas Egler, who represents the plaintiffs, declined comment Thursday.

The Securities and Exchange Commission in 2002 accused Owest's former managers of massive accounting fraud. Owest has agreed to pay \$250 million to investors to settle the SEC claims without admitting or denying the allegations.

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Iralsoc has put \$5.750 million into reserve, including \$250 million to pay the \$182 fine, and has access to at least a portion of a \$200 million insurance pool. Other company officials also may file claims on the insurance.

The ruling came as Owest has begun negotiating settlements of shareholder lawsuits. Blackburn said the additions of Mohebbi and Gasey exceed-intucrase:

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Still pending are claims that Qwest failed to properly disclose \$222 million worth of asset depreciation and a change in its pension fate and improperly recognized revenue front some additional fiber-optic capacity deals in 1999. Hackburn also ruted that some claims against Arthur Andersen could proceed, including an allegation that Arthur Andersen's 2000 audit of Qwest's 1999 fiber-optic capacity deals was materially inaccurate.

ity deals was materially inaccurate. Arthur Andersen in part had argued that the allegations werent made in a timely fash-ion.

RETAIL LETDOWN



Shoppers gather around the sales items as the Wal-Mart's 'Biltz' sales begin at 6 a.m. on Nov. 26 at a Wal-Mart Superstore in Mobile, Ala., in this file photo. The nation's retailers had a disappointing start to the holiday season.

Wal-Mart, Federated, others report slow sales

The Times News and The Associated Press

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NEW YORK — The nation's retailers had a 'disappointing start to the holiday season; reporting sluggish November sales, as a much-hoped-for surge in Thanksgring weekend business failed to materialize. As merchants released their first solid results for the season on Thursday, retailers issuing downbeat reports included Wal-Mart, funited Brands and Federated. Even high-end stores like Nordstrom, which have enjoyed a sales surge over the past year had notelest gains. Among the exceptions were C. Penney and Sears, Rochuck, which stypassed Wall. Struct Forceasts, Business was boosted by strong sales over the Thanksgiving weekend, as these stores successfully woned cistomers.

nystrong sucsover ne thanks-giving weekend, as these stores successfully woode customers with big discounts and earlier store openings. But overall, the industry struggled through the month. "This can bode well for the holiday season," said Ken Perkins, an analyst at RetailMet-rics Inc., a research firm based in Swampscott, Mass.
—Consumers-purierularly-low-and middle-income Americans, have been forced to cut spend-ing, on_clothing and other.

non-necessities as gasoline prices and grocery-bills rise. They're also nervous about jobs — on Ruesday, the Conference Board reported that consumer confidence-was-down-in-November for a fourth consecutive month.

The International Council of Shopping Centers-UBS predients also mercased 1.7 percent for November, lower than the reduced forecast of a 2.5 percent to 3 percent may be consecutive for November, lower than the reduced forecast of a 2.5 percent to 3 percent may be consecuted for the consecutive for the consecuti

lorecast of a 2.5 percent to a percent range.

The tally is based on what the industry fealls same-store sales, or sales at stores opened at least a year. They are considered the best indicator of a retailer's performance.

Here's a roundup of November results 'from national retailers with Magic Valley stores;

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Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, reported a meager 0.7 percent increase insame-store sales, its total sales,
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First Call expected a 5.8 percent gain. Total sales rose 7 percent.

• ShopKo Stores Inc. said same-store sales fell 4.8 percent. Total sales decreased 4.9 per-cent to \$272.8 million from \$205.9 willing be beautiful.

same-store-sales (ell 4.8 percent, Total sales decreased 4.9 percent or \$2.728 million from \$2.86.3 million during the same period last year.

• Limited Brands, parent of Victorias Secret and Bath and BodyWorks, had a 5 percent decline in same-store sales, far worse than the 4.8 percent increase Wall Street expected. Total sales declined 2.9 percent, are sales far worse than the 4.8 percent journal sales declined 2.9 percent, a Federated, corporate parent of Bon-Macy's, reported same-store sales were down 1.4 percent, and analysts had forceast. Total sales declined 1.6 percent, well below the 1.2 percent just analysts had forceast. Total sales declined 1.6 percent. Total sales were up 13.4 percent.

• Buckle Inc. said same-store sales declined 1.6 percent. Total sales were up 13.4 percent.

• Buckle Inc. said same-store sales dropped 0.4 percent. Total sales rose 4.5 percent.

• Gap Inc. said same-store sales dropped 1.9 percent. Total sales for \$1.7 billion-billion and Ohl Navy stibution of the percent of \$1.7 billion-billion of Ohl Navy stibution—dentical to-the-same-period-ayear ago.

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Retail sales

Here is a look at the percent change in major retailers' sales from the same month last year.

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,	J.C. Penney stores	12.0%
	TJX Cos.	2.0%
•	Limited Brands Inc.	-5.0% 🐺
	Target Corp.	3.2%
	Gap Inc.	-4.0% #
	Dillard's Inc.	-3.0% 🐺
	Saks Inc.	-2.4% 🐺
	Federated Department Stores Inc.	-1.4% #
	May Department	-7.7% #

Sears, Roebuck and Co. NOTE: Salus include those from stores open at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

same-store sales fell 3 percent.
Total sales rose 12 percent to
542.5-million-from-\$48-million-lastycar.
• Sears, which has been languishing in a sales slump and is
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SEC files charges against former Kmart executives

The Associated Press

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WASHINGTION — Federal regulators on Thursday filed civil fraud charges against three former Kmart Corp. executives and five current and former managers of hig vendor companies, saying they engineered a \$24 million accounting fraud by the retailing giant.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which has been investigating Knarts decline into bankruptcy, said the retailer inflated earnings by improperly booking millions of a collars of payments from the vendors—Eastman-Kodak-Corp. Coca Cola Interprises her, and PepsiCo Inc. and its Frio-Lay division.

Five of the former Knart and vendor company executives

stages against.

settled the SECs charges Thursday by agreeing to pay civil
flues totaling \$160,000 and to
refrain from future violations of
securities have.

In one case, a former Kmart
vice president was prohibited
for live years from serving as an
officer or director of a public
company. They neither admit
ed nipr denied vrongdoing.

The cases are pending
against the other three executives: John Paul Orr, a former
vice president of Kmart's photo
division: David C. Kirkpatrick, a
former ngulonal sales director orwision; David C. Nirgharick, of former national sales director for Coca Cola; and David N. Bidder-n-former national sales director of PepsiCos Pepsi-Cola division and current vice president and general manager of PepsiCo. Their attorneys couldn't im-

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mediately be reached for comment.

Neither Kmart — whose chain includes a Twin Falls sore— nor the vendor companies have been charged by civil or criminal authorities.

Kmart spokesman, Stephen Egmani declined comment on the StCs action.

Federal prosecutors list year dropped their fraud case against two other former Kmart executives in the middle of their trial on charges they conspired to inflare the retailing igants carnings.

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In a civil lawsuit filed in fed-eral-court in 'Detroit,' the SEC-accused the eight, Kmart and wender executives of causing Kmart to issue false financial statements by improperly ac-counting for millions of dollars

worth of vendor "allowances" prior to the company's bank-naptcy in lanuary 2002.

The vendors paid Kmart the fees for promotional and marketing activities, according to the SEC.

The deceptive scheme caused Kmart to overstate by \$24 million, or 10 percent, its earnings for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2001, the SEC alleged.

The executives caused Kmart to primaturely book the vendor payments on the basis of false information provided to the company's accounting department, the agency said.

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Falling oil prices keep stocks mixed

NEW YORK (AP) — Disap-pointing retail sales figures and an unexpected jump in unem-ployment claims prompted investors to take profits Thurs-day, leaving stocks mixed-despite another big drop in oil prices.

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One day after crude oil fu-tures posted their biggest decline since September 2001.

Oil prices again fell sharply. A barrel of light crude for January delivery settled at \$43.25. down \$2.24. on the New York Mercan-tile Exchange. Crude prices fell as low as \$42.50 during the ses-sion.

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canes that hit the Southeast, The said.

Contract negotiations covering 24,000 employees in northern California, Las Vegas, Chicago and Denwer are under way following resolution earlier of contract revisions for 20,000 workers in Chicago, Seattle, Southern California and New England.

"We've been successful in working with our union partners to restructure these contracts to the reality of the future." Johnston said.

The company has over

The company has over 230,000 workers at 2,500 food and drug stores and fuel centers in 37 states.

Judge signs Jiffy Lube settlement

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — An Ok-lahoma judge approved a settlement this week between Jiffy Lube International Inc. and millions of plaintiffs who sued over small fees the com-pany charged on its oil changes.

pany charged on its oil changes.
The agreement signed by District ludge Mike Norman settles at least nine similar lawsuits from California to New Jersey over environmental surcharges Jiffy Lube charged oil change clients. A similar agreement has been reached in New York over the fees, which ranged from 80 cents to \$1.25 at 400 company-owned stores and were as much as \$2 at some stores owned by franchise holders. Under the deal, Jiffy Lube will provide more than 7 million customers of its company-owned stores with a coupon good for \$5 off an oil change.
The company also agreed

change.

The company also agreed not to charge the fees any-

more.
Also, Houston-based liffy
Lube. a division of Royal
Dutch/Shell Group, will tell
owners of its franchises to notify customers in advance of
the surcharge.
Customers of franchise-

owned stores do not get coupons. Not all the stores owned by franchise holders charged the fees.
All three liffy Lube locations in Twin Falls are owned by the same franchisee.
"I'm pleased that the court has taken the action that it did in approving the settlement, said plaintiffs' attorney Harry. Scoulus of Sallisaw. "We think it was fair tunder the circumstances. We think we have improved the condition of consumers with Ilify Lube."

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Iffy Lube has maintained it
did nothing wrong and said in
the agreement that it settled
the case to avoid the distraction and cost of long litigation.

The lawsuit was filed in June
2002 in Cherokee County, alleging the fees amounted to
hidden charges tacked on
after a deal was reached.

Ifffy Lube has maintained
that the charges are very common in the industry but
decided to stop charging them
because of the controversy.

This year, only about onechird of the nation's oil-change
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merging with Kmart Holdings
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better than the 0.3 percent decline Wall Street expected. Total
sales increased 1.9 percent increase in same-store sales for
the month, slightly beating Wall
Street projections for a 11 percent increase. Total sales
increased 9.2 percent.

- TIX Cos., corporate parent

cent increase. John Sales increased 2.2 percent.

• TIX Cos., corporate parent of TJ. Mox., said its same-store sales grew 2 percent. Total sales were \$1.4 billion. up from \$1.3 billion a year ago.

• Target Corp.-said. same-store sales rose 3.2 percent. Total sales for the month rose 9 percent to \$4.2 billion from \$3.86 billion a year ago.

• Claires Stores Inc. said same-store sales rose 3 percent. The accessories retailer said total sales increased 7 percent to \$97.3 million from \$91.4 million a year ago.

Deb Shops Inc., a juniors apparel and accessories retailer, said same-store sales fell 1.8

percent. Total sales fell 1.4 percent to \$23 million.

2 JoAnn Stores Inc. said same store sales rose 2.7 percent. The fabric and crafts retailer said total sales for the month rose 6.1 percent to \$190.9 million.

Pler I Imports Inc., a home furnishings retailer, said same store sales fell 9.1 percent. Total sales fell 2.2 percent to \$167.2 million.

"Millon."

* Michaels Stores Inc, reported November same-store sales decreased 3 percent. The arts and crafts retailer said total sales for the month rose to 582.6 million from \$375.4 mill. Ilon last year.

* Starbucks Corp. said same-store sales rose 13 percent. Revenue increased 26 percent to 5486 million.

* Payless ShoeScore.*

to \$486 million.

Payless ShoeSource Inc.
said same-store sales fell 2.3
percent. Total sales fell to \$206.4
million from \$208.5 million.

Times-News business reporter legan Hinds contributed to this

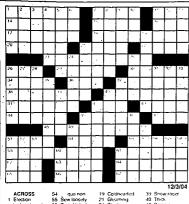
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Hopi tribe built oldest still-existing town in U.S.

This day in history: A notorious date in rock 'n roll. Ozzy Osbourne was born on Dec. 3, 1948. On the same day in 1971. a fan shooting a llare gun burned down Switzerland's Montreux Casino during a performance by Frank Zappa. inspiring Peep Purples' Sinoke on the Water. And on Dec. 3, 1979. 11 Who fans were trampled to death in a stampede at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum.

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The town of Oraibi, Ariz, is the oldest still-existing town in the USA, Founded by the Hopi Indian tribe more than a thou-sand years ago, people live there still today.

Limil-the-late-1800s when-British doctor, loseph Lister proved that good hygiene was the most important lifetor in-reliminating bacteria and infec-tions after surgery, doctors used cloth fibers, swept from the Boors of textile mills, to bandage surgery incisions. About half of all surgery pa-dients died after their operations, Lister's patients fared much better using sterile bandages.

Goats are easier to milk than

bandages.
Goats are easier to milk than cows for a few reasons. First, they re smaller. They also enjoy being around people a for more than cows. Finally, since a goat only has two teats instead of four, the workload is cut in half.

stead of four, the workload is cut in half.

Probably the longest sen-tence ever handed down in a U.S. court of law was given to convicted rapist Charles Robin-son of Oklahoma City: 30,000

years.
Some credit Catherine the Great of Russia with inventing the first roller coaster. When a



RANDAL KINDSOF EACINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

Russian showman dug out ice slides at a winter festival. Catherine enjoyed herself so much that she requested wheels on the sleds so she could ride in summer too.

The dog we call the lhasa apso is called something else in its native land. The Tibetans call it the abso seng tei, which means, "bark lion sentinel dog."

During the Franco-Prussian soldiers all received smallpox waccines. The French Army didn't. As a result, the French Army lost 23,400 soldiers to smallpox. The Frussian Army lost 23,400 soldiers to smallpox. The Prussian Army lost 1912 927. It proved the worth of the vaccine, and soon all the other armies wanted it.

all the other armies wanted it, too.

According to a U.N, study, the Tallban all but wiped out opium production in Alghanistan. Unfortunately, after America overthrew-the Tallban, was and drug lords carved up the country into fieldoms untouched by governmental interference. Now 47 percent of opium opines—come from there, accounting for roughly 60 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

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Wife pays price of foolish youth

DEAR ABBY: A person very war to my heart, TRuth, Thas always donated to her comment by blondered to her comment by blonder to her comment by blonder persons. Buth romarried a few months ago and asked her new husband. Tony, to attend the blond drive with her. His reply left her stunned and changed her fife lorever. Tony confided that in his youth, be had heen a needle-type drug user and now he can't give blood.

Mind you, Tony is a good, hardworking, straight-arrow man now, but he was foolish in his youth. When Ruth went to the blood drive, she was asked: In the past 12 months have you slept with anyone who has ever used a rifeedler. She explained that yes, as a trenager, her husband had done drugs. She was told that as long as she is with flony, she can't give blood anymore. Ruth is hard along at her husband for what he took from her feel lost as a friend about what to say to help her.



Dear ABBY Jeanne **Phillips**

Abby. Tony's drug use was more than 27 years ago, Is Ruth right that this will follow them forever and she can never give blood again?

—GIFT OF LIFE GONE IN MARYLAND DEAR GIFT: Your letter is a pertinent reminder that youthful experimentation can have lifelong consequences. Those rules were established for a good reason — to prouce our blood supply. In years past, some penple were infected with life threatening disenses because the supply of donated blood was no screened with lemans and service distinction of the control of

exceptional lengths to guarantee the safety of blood and blood products.

If might lift your friends spirite if you remind her that there are other things she can do to contribute to her community. She could wohnteer to work at the blood drive in some capacity other than a donor. She could also hold a bake sale to raise funds for "the cause." Rather than blanning her husband at this late date, she should respect the rules and explore her other options.

DEAR ABBY: My nephew, who is also my godson, has decided to marry my youngest stepdaughter. Which side of the church should I sit on — the bride's or the groom's side? My husband and children think I should sit on the groom's side. I am afraid someone will feel hurt no matter what I do.

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— BETWIXT AND
BETWEEN IN FLORIDA
DEAR BETWIXT: Ask your
ophow and stopdaughter where

they would like you to sit and abide by their decision. The alter-native would be to bring a folding chair and sit in the middle.

DEAR ABBY: With the holi-days approaching, I would like to share an alternative to the raditional office gift exchange. For the past few years, we have drawn names, but instead of buying gifts, we buy toys that in some way remind us of the per-son whose mame we have drawn. The toy can represent heir holby, their job, their per-sonality, etc.—After exchanging the gifts at our annual Christmas parry and seeing how greative our fellow workers have been, the toys are then domated to a toy drive. This madition is rewarding for who otherwise would not re-ceive gifts. DEAR ARBY: With the holi-

who otherwise would not re-ceive gifts.

— ELVES IN GLENDALE
DEAR ELVES: I love the idea.
The gifts don't have to be expen-sive, and more than one person
can enjoy them.

Cancer: Don't make major decisions today

IF DECEMBER 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... It could be that heavy responsibilities of this past year have been lifted but your self-assurance is still floundering, Improve your life and find Iresh motivations, in the coming year with complete confidence of success, Grah opportunities that appear in February, April. May, and July without hestaidon, as they are guaranteed to enrich your life. You will be blessed by a series of helpful chances to make permanent improvements and artain inactrial security in the year aloned.

attain 'material security in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Don't take others for granted or cast blame. Small, misunder-standings carr be straightened out by being perfectly forthright and talking things over. Let troubled waters calm before making amorous moves.

making amorous moves.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Confusion can fog the issues
and put relationships into a
stew. Clarity will return tomorrow — but in the meantime,
communication is your best
ally Talk your way out of tough

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

spins and expect others to give you the henelit of the doubt. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): With Mercury in retrograde, minor problems from the past could seem to be pilling up. Do one thing at a time and be pa-tient. The hectic atmosphere will relax tomorrow, so hold off on making important romantic or financial decisions.

or financial decisions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Things could seem to be working at cross purposes, so delay major decisions until tomorrow, would expensive purchases and don't waste time chasing the impossible dream. Concentration training the contraction of the contraction o trate on trimming expenses and

organizing your paperwork.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The real intentions of others could completely clude you. It is very easy to be missed by your intuitions so get things in writing before you spend any money. Tomorrow is a much better day

to sign contracts or forge important agreements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put matters involving both your money and your heart on the back hurner until today's brief period of reselses celestially briefly of the best of the contract reviewing old paperwisk and systematizing routine tasks to make them more efficient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you go not for the evening bester to carry just enough spending money to get by as pockets may develop holes and carelessness can cause losses. Tomorrow is a much better time to pursue the object of your affections.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Iwen if mistunderstandings develop you can overcome them by holding heart-to-heart discussions. Don't let problems fester behind closed drors or lock others out. Console your-self with the thought that the path of true love can't run smoothly all the time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Exercise good judgment and fulfill promises. People may

be doubtful and suspicious under these aspects, so it may be necessary to go out of your way to prove yout ment. You may be received to go out of your may the received place of past section of the provided that
AQUARIUS (Ian. 20-Feb. 18): People in general may be thin-skinned and susceptible to hidden mistrusts. Don't give anyone reason to doubt your good injentions and wait until late this evening to reflect upon the truth of situations that have find mergine.

the truth of situations than mac-find puzzling.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
You might not get your way where love or money is con-cerned because there is a tendency for others to misrep-resent their aims or for you to be unclear about yours. Don't be, overly sensitive or allow doubts to mar relationships.

ONE MAN'S MISSION

Puzzle-maker aims to improve Americans' geographic IQ

ATTANTA (AP) — Roger An-

dresen wants to make sure you know that Mount Everest is the world's tallest mountain and Minsk is the capital of Belarus. Disturbed by the United States' poor showing in an international geography competition. An-dresen quit his job as a fiber outless minimum and a sure and to the con-

geography competition. Andresen quit his job as a fiber opitics engineer two years ago to devote his file to improving the nation's geography IQ.

He now hawks his prize-winning geography puzzle in toy stores across the nation while promoting his online geography propetition. which has drawn more than 350,000 participants from 179 countries.

—Almost-every-developed-nation is better than us. Andresen said of the quiz.

"Maybe we just get too caught up in such a busy life." he said. "Most other countries have more vacations and travel more and when they are in school they get taught more about the rest of the world."

Even before his career change in 2002. Andresen already had an idea that resulted from a frustrating afternoon trying to

find his way around Atlanta's extensive suburbs.

Thought someone should make a puzzle, with eard piece shaped like a suburb', he said.

Then I thought i should make a bigger puzzle, with card piece shaped like a suburb', he said.

Then I thought i should make a bigger puzzle, with a bigger puzzle, with the said he couldn't find another that used like concept. Twent to an international toy fair in New York and pretended I was a bityer, 'he said. Twent to all the companies, and no one had anything like it."

Andresen found a manufacturer in Wisconsin and now about 1,000 retailers across the nation sell his puzzle. Childrenis-publisher Scholastic named Antesen's Global Puzzle as the top educational resource of 2004.

"It's a fun way to learn a fairly dry subject," said Kim Hoight of the Palm Beach (Fla.) Organization of Home Schoolers. The difference is just the fact that the puzzle pieces are the shape of the countries. They'd much rather learn't that way ban just reading and looking much rather learn that way than just reading and looking at a map.



Roger Andresen displays puzzle pieces of one of the countries de-picted in his 'The Global Puzzle. With his puzzles you could say Andresen is trying to put georgraphy awareness on everyone's map.

400-year-old skull fragment reveals early surgery and autopsy

Skull evidence of earliest surgery

A piece of skull found in a 400-year-old trash pit in Jamestown, Va., this summer contained evidence of the earliest known surgery in 17th century America. The patient-died, resulting in the earliest known autopsy, too.



Autopsy – Saw marks indicate an autopsy was done after the patient's death which probably occurred during the surgery Surgery – A surgeon attempted to drill holes to relieve pressure caused by a fracture made by a blunt instrument

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A skull fragment found in a 400-year-old trash pit at Jamestown contains evidence of the earliest

contains evidence of the earliest known surgery — and autopsy — in the English colonies in America, researchers say.

Circular cut marks indicate someone attempted to drill two holes in the skull or relieve pressure — on — the brain, the researchers said. The patient, a European man, died and was apparently autopsied.

Archaeologists found the inch-by-1 3/4-Inch fragment this summer while digging in a bulwark trench on the site of James Fort. Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement

james Fort, Jamestown, the first permanent English seutlement in North America, was founded in 1607 as a business venture. The skull piece was discarded with trash, such as pottery shards, from no later than about 1610, said Bly Straube, senior

the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

"It was just being treated, I guess, like medical waste," she said Wednesdy.

Douglas W. Owsley, forensic osteologist at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, and Ashley H. McKeown, forensic andropologist at the University of Montania, determined that the forensity was not add to compare the said of the compared to the said of the said

of Montana, determined that the fragment was part of the oc-cipital bone from the back of the skull.

Owsley thinks the man was hit in the back of the head with a sone ax and suffeed a fractured skull. That would suggest the blow came from an Indian, Straube said, But Straube said it salso pos-sible the man simply tripped and fell and hit his head on a rock.

Researchers know the frag-

Researchers know the frag-ment came from a European

man because of its shape and thickness and because it contained tracesoffead Straube said. Earling and drinking from lead-glazed pottery or proteir was a common practice in Burope. The identities of the man and of his surgeon are not known. The rest of the skeleton has not been found.

of his surgeon are not anomal. The rest of the skeleton has not been found.

The surgeon tried to drill two holes in the skull using a device known as a trepan tool that would remove a plug of home. Straube said, It looks like the surgeon made two attempts at one spot and then moved to a second spot, Straube said.

Such surgery was not unusual. Such surgery was not unusual. Such surgery was not unusual to the surgeon made and the moved to a second spot, Straube said.

In the lamentals talk about how tricky it is. Straube said.

In the lamestown case, the proceedure was 'not completed, probably because the patient

died. Saw marks on the top edge of the bone Indicate an autonsy of the bone indicate an amopsy was performed, the researchers said.

was performed, the researchers said.

The skull fragment and the medical objects corroborate historical documents indicating that surgeons, doctors and apothecaries were in Jamestown as early as 1507 to 1610.

Researchers are unaware of earlier surgeries or autopsies performed by Indians or by Spunish colonists, Straube said.

Archaeologists also have discovered medical tools and objects in other trash plis at the lames Fora site. The Spatula mundant, devised by 17th-centure surgeon John Woodall, was usually a surgeon John Woodall, was usually a surgeon John Woodall, was to the surgeon John Woodall, was to the surgeon John Woodall, was used to treat, severe constipation.

tion.
The tools were probably sent to Jamestown in a surgeon's chest Woodall outfitted for the expedition.

sea otter mystery

Scientists track clues to puzzling decline of female population... off coast of California

Los Angeles Times

MONTERRY Calif. — Born 11 or 12 years ago, the sea outer known as Pink-White is a senior citizen in Montercy Bay. She spends her days near Lovers Point, Giving for crabs, stapping and grooming her husurious fur. Her muzzle has turned grav, yet she is heathy and ferfile, and about to give birth to another pupe one of perhaps: as many as him she has monthered in her lifetime. She is a living landmark, adored by tourists and locals, her movements and eating habits tracked by biologists almost since she was born. Hoating in the kelp off Camery Row seems a stubiline file for a sea outer. But the waters of Montercy Bay are treacherous, even deadly, particularly for older females such as Pink-White, named for the colors of the identification tags attached to her flipper-like hind feet.

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For reasons that have cluded scientists for several decades. California's sea otters have been struggling while most otter populations elsewhere have threed. Now, however, scientists studying Pink-White and her kind befieve that they may be closing in on one of the most baffling in on one of the most baffling in on one of the most baffling in one of the most baffling in the providing endangered species in the United States. The latest clue is in the deaths among females, especially those in the reproductive prime

of their lives. Females more than 4 years old have a low survival rate in the heart of their range, between Santa Cruz and lig Str. while males are doing fine, their populations growing. Scientists say that female orters, which spead much of their energy raising pups, seem highly susceptible to stress, unable to cope with alterned conditions in the ocean off California's mid-yestion, including interior conditions in the ocean off California's mid-yestion, including interior seed to see the seed as chemical pollutants; and insufficient food. A creatme of the shorehier, otters like their lives right where the human impact on the sea is the greates. Yet progress in protecting them has been paintally slow since the days a century ago when they were hunted almost to oblivion for their prized fur. For the last decade, clead or ters have washed ashore at the rate of three or four a week. Recently they have been deing in alarming numbers. In one month last year, nearly 50 otter carcases were found.

All this comes despite extensive efforts by scientists to comprehend why.

On an overcast Monday morning in late September, four widdlife biologists from the U.S. Geological Survey motor past the Monterey Bay Apparainum and the ragrag buildings of Cannery Rowin a 20-lool Boston Whole.



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oners, 11-of them females-fitted, a year earlier with devices that record how often and how deep they dive, as well as their flacutating body temperatures. The flatter are used to calculate how much energy the animals experimental problems of the
quilizer. In minutes, she's out.

They measure her and take a blood sample to check for disease and contaminants. Initial blood work finds nothing unitsual, but more detailed results won't be known for montis. On the operating table. Murray makes an incision and retrieves the data-collection device, a 3-inch cylinder. He leaves the data-collection device, a 3-inch cylinder. He leaves the radio transmitter so she cai still—be-located-upon-her-return-to-the sea. Then he seews her up with careful stitches.

In eight hours fain day, the team captures and releases five otters.

Sea otters were abundant in

team captures and releases five otters.

Sen otters were abundant in California in the 1908s, numbering about 16,000, by 1900, they were thought to be extinct, but about 50 mantaged to survive in a remate cove off Big Sur. In 1977, they were declared a federally protected endangered species. Today, about 2,000 California otters exist—all descendants of those 50 survivors. Scientists say if California otters were thriving like their cottsias eskewhere, in Washington, British Columbia and southeast Alaska, their numbers should have rehounded by now to their original 16,000, Populations elsewhere have grown by 17 percent to 20 percent per year. But in California, the growth rate was just 5 percent until the mid-1990s. Then their numbers began to decline.

Monterey Bay. Once abundant in California, numbering about 16,000 in the 1800s, they were gered species in 1977. Today, there are about 2,800

An adult sea otter dines on shellfish in

In California, all scientists know for certain is that the problem "has something to do with a change in their environment," said him Istess a Geological Survey scientist in Sunta Cruz.

Perhaps California's 25-fold increase in human population lass made modern life "incompatible" with offers, Estes said.

I think its a whole bunch of suff nibbling away at the population, conflicts with fishermen and boaters.

Wildlife biologists, the Monercey Bay Aquarium and conservation groups have formed a federal recovery team to try to restore the health of California's otters, even though they acknowledge that they don't completely understand the threats.

Some conservationists insist that enough is already known to justify some action.

"While it is certainly true that

that enough is already known to justify some action.

"Willie it is certainly true that we need to learn more about sea outers, there is a tremendous amount that we already know and can act on," said Steve Shimek executive director of the Otter Project, lim Curland of the Defenders of Wildlife said steps that can be taken now include controlling urban and farm runoff that carries chemicals and bacteria into the ocean.

"If we chip away at the things we can control." Curland said, "maybe we can make a difference."



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CASE NO. CY.2004-5189
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HEARING
In the Matter of the Petition of.
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TERRY R. HAMPTON and JANET S. HAMPTON
also JANET GALLEGOS BOOTHE
TO Terminate the Parent-Child relationship between TALENA LYNN BOOTHE AND DONALD
RAY-BOOTHE

TANY BOOTHE.
TO Terminate the Parent-Child relationship between JOSEPH MANUEL BOOTHE AND DONALD RAY BOOTHE.
AND FOR TERRY R. HAMPTON TO ADOPT TALENA LYNN BOOTHE AND JOSEPH MANUEL BOOTHE.

LYNN BOOTHE.

Minor Children.
A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been fled by Terry R Hampton and Janet S. Hampton, ake Janet Callegos Boothe. The Section of the Children of the Childr

al the hearing: DONALD RAY BOOTHE-

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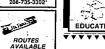
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showed two key cards and a club showed two key cards and a club void, with six hearts being a grand slam try?

In the other room the English declarer had also reached seven spades. He wan the diamond lead, drew trumps, and on finding the 4-1 diamond break, set up the suit with a ruff. He now had to resort to a rufning finesse in clubs to find a home for dummy. Sheart loser. So he ran the club king, and with the ace well placed, he was home. However, back to the featured action. Oliver Burgess as West had listened to the bidding and knew from his town hand that the diamonds would not run, knowledge to which declarer was not as yet privy. He therefore found the devious opening lead of the club jack! Not suspecting the underlead, declarer ruffed in dumny. Now declarer could draw trumps, but when the diamonds falled to split, he had no re-entry to dumny after ruffing the suit good, and thus had to go down two tricks.

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SOUTH A A 5 3 2 V A K 4 6 4 K Q 5 2

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The biddings

 West
 North
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 1 ◆
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 Pass
 6 ♣
 Pass

 Pass
 7 ♠
 All pass
 South

Opening lead: Club jack

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South holds:

A K Q 10 4

▼ 10 9 7

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South West North East

ANSWER: Bid one diamend. Doubling would not be seriously wrong — you do have excellent shape and opening values, after all. But because your hand is primarily alput diamonds, bid them first. Later. you can double clubs in necessary to show your extra shape and high cards.

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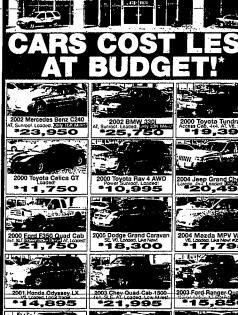
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