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Storm helps drought in West

Idaho, however, isn't seeing as much precipitation

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — While farmers and ranchers across the Sierra Nevada rejoice at what may become the snowstorm of a century, Idahoans can only sit and wait. Residents of southern California and the Southwest are shaking their heads in wonder at the torrential rains drenching the region. Meanwhile,

Idahoans are merely hoping that Mother Nature will bless the state with the same generous precipitation. Members of the Idaho Water Supply Committee searched to find some silver lining in an area where there hasn't been enough gray clouds this winter when they met Thursday afternoon at the Idaho Water Center. Idaho's sixth straight year of drought may become reality,

but water levels in reservoirs in the eastern part of the state should be somewhat better than last year, the committee concluded. Although the weather front impacting southern California and the Sierra Nevada hasn't been as kind to Idaho, the Palisades reservoir in the eastern part of the state caught some storm's moisture, said Mike

“What is going on down there in California and Nevada is just missing us.”

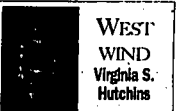
— Ted Day, water engineer based in Boise



PICK A POLKA, STRUM A WALTZ

Old tunes afford fresh fun

JEROME — Two or three quick strokes of Dolly Daniels' fiddle bow silence the chatter, marshaling her fellow players' stray picking and plucking into a polka or a waltz. The white-haired grande dame of Magic Valley fiddlers is the hostess of this Sunday afternoon jam session. Chairs circled in the front rooms of her Jerome house hold 14 musicians from around the valley. Fingers on the frets and boots on the beat, they need no other urging from Dolly.



WEST WIND Virginia S. Hutchins

Five fiddles, three acoustic guitars, two electrics, a pair of banjos, a keyboard and a mandolin make fine fun. The crock pot in the kitchen can wait. So can everything else. These old-time fiddlers and other like-minded musicians play a regular monthly circuit of appearances at retirement homes and senior centers throughout the valley. But at least once a month, they gather in someone's home to strum and pick for their own pleasure. The players have no audience on this winter afternoon but a couple of their relatives and me, and some seats in the circle are empty, few probably kept the Mini-Cassini musicians home this time, I'm told.

Gary Kelley of Wendell, playing one of the electric guitars, keeps the session humming — urging each player in turn to name the next tune. He whistles along now and then as they play, and winks at his wife, and cooks up some clever comment to follow each song's final flourish.

At the keyboard, Betty Page of Jerome sings softly to herself. Kathy Trenkle of Twin Falls, who has fiddled only since May, records on cassette the songs she doesn't yet know. The banjo players appear thoughtful.

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Above, banjo players Tim Klaas, left, and Fred Tate talk between songs during a jam session at the home of Dolly Daniels in Jerome Sunday. This group of friends gets together periodically to play music and enjoy each other's company. Top, Dolly Daniels plays her fiddle during the afternoon session. Daniels also makes and repairs fiddles.

Vending association will join obesity fight

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The vending machine industry, taking heavy criticism as kids and other Americans get fatter, is launching an anti-obesity marketing campaign to improve its image and fend off efforts to remove machines from schools. A big part of the effort: Color-coded stickers on vending machines to separate healthier items from those that hungry snackers should, in the industry's words, "choose rarely." The National Automatic Merchandising Association's effort, "Balanced for Life," includes computer software available to schools for \$100 that was developed by a hospital to rate food by color codes.

The move comes a day after the government issued guidelines urging Americans to exercise 30 to 60 minutes a day, eat less and choose whole grains, fruits and vegetables. "People are going to eat what they want to eat," said Richard M. Geerdes, the association's president and chief executive. He said that when some schools in Los Angeles removed vending machines, consumption of snack food "shifted to a different source."

"A solution like that doesn't work," Geerdes said. The industry is promoting the "Snackwise Nutrition Rating System," developed by Columbus Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. The software evaluates the nutrition content of food based on calories, fat, sugar, protein, fiber, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C.

A snack is assigned a point value, which is then translated into a color. Green is "best choice," yellow is "choose occasionally" and red is "choose rarely." For example, a 1.25-ounce package of cinnamon-flavored Teddy Grahams is a "green" snack, while a package of Grandma's Chocolate Chip Big Cookies is a "red" snack.

Critics of the food industry say marketing to children is a major cause of obesity. Thursday's event featured pro football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann, who urged parents and their children to exercise, even if it was just doing sit-ups and push-ups during commercials while watching TV. Two watchdog groups questioned Swann's paid role in the industry program because he also serves as chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

Swann's "ability to speak out on the need for children to limit their junk food intake will be severely compromised by his role as spokesman for the vending machine trade association," said Melanie Sizem, executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington in a joint statement with the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Swann is being paid, but a spokeswoman for the association said she did not know how much. Jackie Clark said the questions raised about his role.

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Probe will attempt to land on Saturn moon

Night Rider News Service

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — One of the most daunting missions in the history of space exploration will unfold Friday morning in the hazy orange skies above an alien world 750 million miles from Earth.

The European Space Agency's Huygens probe departed last Christmas Eve from NASA's Cassini spacecraft on a one-way trip toward Saturn's giant moon Titan. Huygens will hit the outer edge of Titan's atmosphere about 6:13 a.m. and parachute down toward a landing on the moon's smog-shrouded surface more than two hours later.

Titan remains one of our solar system's more mysterious places, despite a pair of flyby surveys by Cassini, a \$3.3 billion spacecraft orbiting Saturn on a four-year mission to study the

ringed planet and its moons. Bigger than the planets Mercury and Pluto, Titan is the largest of Saturn's moons and the only one in the solar system known to have a thick atmosphere.

Scientists have theorized that Titan's chemistry is similar to that of the ancient Earth before the appearance of plant and animal life. Taking a peek beneath Titan's clouds could help unlock its secrets and shed light on our own planet's evolution.

"The scenes we've seen from the (Cassini) orbiter have been really tantalizing," said Martin Tomasko, a mission scientist and astronomer at the University of Arizona. "They've given us the feeling that we're looking at Titan through an extreme veil of haze that has made it extremely difficult to interpret these images."

Researchers such as Tomasko hope the information collected

by Huygens will help answer fundamental questions on Titan's makeup, including whether the frigid moon is covered with lakes of methane or other hydrocarbons. Before answering any questions, however, the probe first must survive its descent through the atmosphere to Titan's largely unknown terrain.

Huygens will slam into the atmosphere about 800 miles high at more than 12,000 mph. About four minutes later, after the speed has dropped to less than 1,000 mph, some 100 miles above the surface, Huygens will jettison its protective heat shields and deploy a series of parachutes. The probe will begin transmitting observations to the orbiting Cassini spacecraft moments later that will be stored and later relayed back to Earth.



In an undated image released by the European Space Agency ESA, an artist's impression shows the Huygens lander shortly after touching down on Titan. The Huygens landing device, part of the Cassini-Huygens space mission, is expected to enter the atmosphere of planet Saturn's largest moon and land on the surface of Titan on Friday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A mostly dry, yet blustery winter day. Highs from 24 to 30.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows from 10 to 19.
Tomorrow: Not as cold despite increasing clouds and inbound snow chances. Highs from 32 to 38.

BURLEY-REPERT FORECAST

Today: Mainly dry, partly cloudy and brisk. Highs from 22 to 28.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows from 10 to 16.
Tomorrow: Warmer with increasing clouds and developing afternoon rain and snow showers. Highs from 28 to 34.

IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mainly dry and cold today. Unstable upper level conditions will allow clouds and snow showers to appear to the outlook this weekend. Despite some moisture, temperatures will rise.

BOISE

Boise with patchy morning fog possible, then partly cloudy today. Warming temperatures expected this weekend with increasing clouds and possible rain and snow showers.

NORTHERN UTAH Mainly dry with little change in temperature expected today and Saturday. Mixed showers likely to return on Sunday.

Weather by State Extreme: 44 at Pocatello, ID; 3 at Ketchikan weather; 30 at Sunny, ID; mostly cloudy, c.d. cloudy. In Thurston, WA, showers; 1st, 4th snow, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th snow.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, U.V. INDEX, National Forecast, World Forecast.

Temperature & Precipitation trend through 6 pm yesterday. Record High 88 in 1960. Today's Maximum 67%. Today's Minimum 40%.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases: Jan 11 First, Jan 17 Full, Jan 23 Last, Feb 8 New.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like Bonanza, Chula, Elgin, etc.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like Albuquerque, Bakersfield, etc.

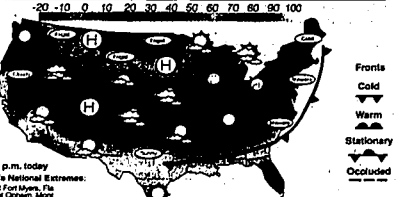
U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like London, Moscow, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like Vancouver, Toronto, etc.

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Students fall in escalator mishap

NEW YORK — School children on a field trip to a Manhattan movie theater Thursday were knocked to the bottom of an escalator in a terrifying pile-up after a teacher pressed the emergency stop button because a student's pants snagged on a loose screw, officials said.

Most of the injuries were minor scrapes and bruises. One person suffered a fracture and another needed stitches. Linda Mustafa, 12, a student from the Bronx, ended up beneath other children on a landing at the bottom of the escalator.

grader at St. Jerome's School in Brooklyn, said he was on the landing separating the two sections of the up escalator when he saw the children jumped at the top. "All of the sudden it got too big," he said.

West

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When it's her turn Dolly picks "Turkey in the Straw," a staple of the fiddling repertoire, and the musicians deliver startling while Letocmer Mix Harkness of Twin Falls lays his fiddle case in a back room.

"The Wahbash Cannonball," a ballad celebrating "the jingle, the rumble and the roar" of a mythological locomotive. But they call the song something else.

her craftsmanship elsewhere in her house. In her retirement years, Dolly fashioned three of the fiddles in use at today's session, as well as more than 30 others.

CLARIFICATION

Total cost will increase over next 26 years
A story in Thursday's newspaper about Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal for selling bonds to pay for a third bridge over the Snake River Canyon should have stated that he is suggesting the state bond for \$1.6 billion for several road projects that will cost roughly \$3 billion when the interest is factored in over 26 years.

CORRECTIONS

Hanks: Most businesses support airport proposal
An article in the Dec. 30 newspaper incorrectly paraphrased the comments of Fairfield Mayor David Hanks concerning a proposal to move Halley's Friedman Memorial Airport to a location in Camas County. Hanks said the people he has spoken to in the business community in Fairfield seem predominantly to support the proposal.

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Drought

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Beus, a hydrologist for the Burley Bureau of Reclamation. "There is more precipitation up there than in other parts of the state," he said.

Years of drought

Drought has gripped the Western United States for five to seven years in most places, and up to a decade in some spots. Scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey say it could be the worst drought in 500 years.

Back in Idaho

In Idaho, spirits remain low. The most severe drought conditions fall in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. "No optimism here yet," said Ted Day, water engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Region in Boise.

Snowpack levels

Table with columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % snowpack. Lists watersheds like Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, etc.

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with its historical average.

cluded Thursday. The main difference involves soil moisture gaining into the winter season, which is at its highest levels in four years. "That helps capture more runoff that might otherwise soak into dry ground."

Vending

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The association event also featured a Colorado Springs high school principal representing the National Association of Secondary School Principals, who said that vending machines provide crucial funding for extracurricular activities.

Bush looks back on first term

President expresses regret over comments on bin Laden, insurgents

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — In a rare, reflective look back on his first term, President Bush said Thursday that he learned a lesson about "the unintended consequences of my words," recalling two famous expressions: "bring 'em on" and getting Osama bin Laden "dead or alive."

After he made the bin Laden remark at the Pentagon six days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Bush said: "I got back to the White House, and Laura said, 'What did you say that for?' Well, it was just an expression that came out. I didn't release it."

Bush said his "bring 'em on" comment, directed at Iraq insurgents who were attacking U.S. forces in July 2003, was meant "to rally the troops ... some interpreted it to be defiance in the face of danger, but that definitely was not the case."

Bush's comments came during a wide-ranging White House interview with 15 reporters one week before his inauguration for a second term.

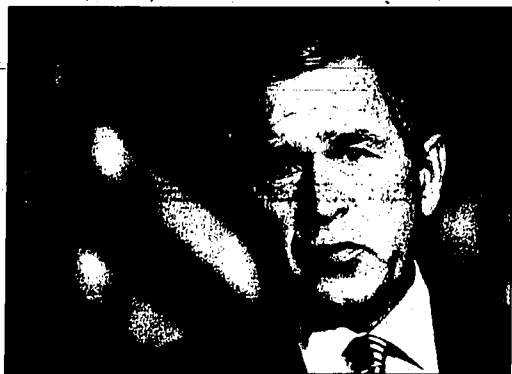
When Bush was asked about his biggest regret during his first term and his greatest hope for his second, he said peace was his most fervent hope, citing Iraq and the Middle East. But he deflected the first part of the question.

"I'm not a regretful person," he said. "It's a look-forward, getting things done type of person."

At the end of the interview, Bush was asked again about any regrets.

"One of the things I've learned is that sometimes words have consequences you don't intend to mean," he responded, leaning back in his chair in the Roosevelt Room. "The classic example was 'bring 'em on.'"

Some former military leaders had criticized the president's remark, saying it might goad Iraqis and put troops at risk. Bush's opponents often used the "dead or



President Bush talks to the press Thursday, following a briefing at the Pentagon on the war on terrorism and an update from commanders on the ground dealing with the tsunami crisis. AP photo

alive" comment against him, pointing out that bin Laden was still on the loose.

"I don't know if it's a regret, but certainly a lesson, to be mindful of what you say, to be mindful of the consequences of your words," he said. "What would you call that? Confession? Regret? A something."

Asked about many issues, Bush was most animated in defending his campaign to overhaul Social Security by allowing younger workers to set up private investment accounts using part of their payroll taxes.

"I'm only going to be here four more years," Bush said. "You can mark time or take the responsibility for making life better for the next generation."

He pledged to lay out a detailed plan in coming weeks for Social Security changes, with ways to pay for the transition costs.

Bush was upbeat and relaxed through much of the interview

as he discussed an ambitious second-term agenda, but he didn't expand much on comments he made before.

He called for making tax cuts permanent, limiting medical malpractice awards, and revamping immigration laws to help some undocumented aliens stay and work in the country.

"They would have a legal means to go back and forth to their home country and not sneak back and forth," said Bush, adding that the changes would help the Border Patrol deal with the real threat of smugglers and terrorists.

Bush defended his policy on the treatment and interrogation of prisoners in the war on terrorism, saying he was "concerned about reports of abuses" that will be investigated. "He said he was 'adamant' in opposing any use of torture."

But he didn't say if he agreed with his White House counsel,

Alberto Gonzales, who said at his congressional hearing last week to become attorney general that the president, as commander in chief, had the wartime power to override laws and order harsh interrogation, possibly even torture, in the name of national security.

"I'll have to talk to Al about that and make sure there's some form," Bush said.

Asked if he'd ever authorized the transfer of "rendition" of prisoners to countries that practice torture, Bush said he wouldn't answer. "This administration will not talk about intelligence-gathering matters."

On another issue, Bush said it was wrong for the Department of Education to pay conservative commentator Armstrong Williams \$240,000 to promote the No Child Left Behind program.

"That was a mistake. We'll have to make sure that doesn't happen again," he said.

In 2020: Analysts see new global powers

LANGLEY, Va. (AP) — And now, a look into the future: al-Qaida, out; murky and scattered new terror cells, in. Hollywood, out; India's "Bollywood" in. America as dominant superpower; out; China and India as world players, in.

At least, that's what U.S. intelligence future-gazers predicted Thursday.

"How we mentally map the world of 2020 will change radically," said the National Intelligence Council Chairman Robert Hutchings at the release of his panel's new report, Project 2020. Newly arriving powers "have the potential to render obsolete the old categories of East and West, North and South."

The unclassified forecasts offer a range of scenarios about the world 15 years out. Officials caution they do not mean to be predictions certain to come true but rather long-term outlooks designed to stimulate debate at the start of a new administration. In the weeks months before President Bush won.

"The council predicts the emergence of new global players, almost certainly China and India — but whether these new players fit into the world cooperatively or competitively remains an important uncertainty for the United States."

Council Vice Chairman David Gordon said the changes ahead could be "a very bumpy ride." Among them, he said, the inte-

gration of 1 billion low-paid workers will cause global shifts in rich and poor countries alike. Changes will be experienced politically, economically and even culturally, as Korean pop singers gain international popularity and India's Bollywood movie industry outshines Hollywood.

"Of course, the United States is in good shape to participate in this world, but it will be a world that will be much more competitive for us," Gordon said. Hutchings said this new order will raise the stakes for Arab countries, which may join in globalization trends or experience further alienation and humiliation. Terror threats, too, will change.

While radical extremism will continue to grow, the report says al-Qaida is expected to be superseded by similarly inspired, decentralized groups. Hutchings also expects the innovation in terror attacks to come from new elements of surprise, rather than uncomprehending weapons.

The groups' members will be tapping technology that provides instant connections for communications and training, posing a significant intelligence challenge to organizations, including the CIA.

"Our greatest concern is that terrorists might acquire biological agents, less likely, a nuclear device, either of which could cause mass casualties," the report said.

Education secretary orders probe of contract with media commentator

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Rod Paige directed his agency Thursday to begin a speedy investigation into its public relations contract with a prominent Bush White House commentator after leaders of a Senate committee asked for records of the department's publicity deals.

At the same time, a Federal Communications Commission member asked that his agency investigate whether the commentator, Armstrong Williams, broke the law by failing to disclose that the Bush administration paid him \$240,000 to plug its education policies to minority audiences.

Williams has apologized for a mistake in judgment but says he has broken no law. Paige, commenting about the flap for the first time, said he has ordered an inspector general investigation to "clear up any remaining aspects of this issue as soon as possible, so that it does not burden my successor or sully the fine people and good name of this department."

Paige is leaving his post shortly, likely to be replaced by Margaret Spellings.

Contract with the public relations firm Ketchum, hired Williams to produce ads that featured Paige and promoted Bush's No Child Left Behind law. The contract also called for Williams to provide media access for Paige and to persuade other black journalists to talk about the law.

Federal law bans the use of public money on propaganda. Given our jurisdiction over the funds involved, we would appreciate your careful review of the contract with Ketchum and the payment made to Mr. Williams," said Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, in a letter to Paige.

The letter, dated Wednesday, was obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday. The lawmakers are the chairman and the ranking member of the panel that oversees education spending.

They asked Paige for a list of any grant, contract or arrangement of public money being used "for public relations or anything similar to the purpose of the Ketchum contract" from the 2002, 2003 and 2004 budget years.

Harkin also plans to intro-

duce a bill requiring federal agencies to report their entire advertising budgets to Congress, and to make clear in their ads that public money was used.

As part of a more than \$1 million contract with Ketchum, the Education Department paid for a video that appeared as a news story without making clear the reporter was hired to promote No Child Left Behind. The agency also paid for ratings of news reporters, with points for stories that make the law, the Bush administration and the Republican Party look good.

Meanwhile, at an FCC meeting Thursday, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein said the agency had received about a dozen complaints concerning the Williams arrangement. "I certainly hope the FCC will take action and fully investigate whether any laws have been broken," Adelstein said.

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Preventing a malaria epidemic

The tsunami devastation and heavy rains are creating conditions for the largest area of mosquito breeding sites Indonesia has ever seen according to health officials.

Malaria is a life threatening parasitic disease caused by mosquitoes.

The parasite is transmitted from person to person through a mosquito bite.

Infection can progress rapidly to become life threatening.

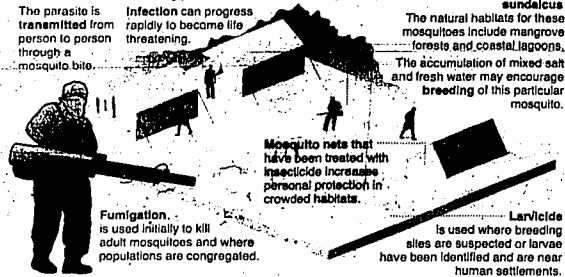
The natural habitats for these mosquitoes include mangrove forests and coastal lagoons.

The accumulation of mixed salt and fresh water may once a regular breeding of this particular mosquito.

Mosquito nets that have been treated with insecticide increase personal protection in crowded habitats.

Fumigation is used initially to kill adult mosquitoes and where populations are congregate.

Larvicide is used where breeding sites are suspected or larvae have been identified and are near human settlements.



SOURCE: World Health Organization

Malaria threat flies in on wings of mosquitoes

Rains soak region of Indonesia

Bandung, Indonesia (AP) Health officials plan to go door to door and tent to tent with mosquito-killing sprays beginning Friday to head off a looming threat that one expert says could kill 100,000 more people around the tsunami disaster zone.

minishing by the day because clean water is increasingly getting to tsunami survivors, the danger of malaria and dengue fever epidemics is increasing.

The death toll from the earthquake and tsunami has topped 157,000 — across 11 countries after Indonesia added nearly 4,000 more to its tally.

Alan warned that an outbreak of malaria could take an additional 100,000 lives around the Indian Ocean if authorities don't act quickly.

The combination of the tsunami and the rains are creating the largest single set of (mosquito) breeding sites that Indonesia has ever seen in its history.

Asked about World Health Organization warnings that disease could double the tsunami death toll across affected areas, Allan said: "If

anything, I think they are being conservative. Three-quarters of those deaths could be from malaria."

The World Health Organization said Thursday that seven cases of malaria have been confirmed in Aceh province. They are popping up now both because malaria season is just beginning and because a reporting system has been put in place over the last few days.

Relief workers in Aceh province on Sumatra Island, meanwhile, warned that new rules requiring them to travel with armed escorts could cause bottlenecks in delivering aid and compromise their arm-length status from Indonesia's military.

"We discourage such actions because it blurs the distinction between humanitarian and military efforts here," said Eileen Burke of Save the Children.

Burke said her group has so far had no escorts — or problems — with their work in Sigi, about 60 miles from the provincial capital, Banda Aceh.

Aide to Shiite cleric assassinated in Iraq

Knight Ridder News Service

Baghdad, Iraq — While Iraqi authorities took another procedural step Thursday toward national elections Jan. 30, insurgents seeking to derail the vote struck again.

An aide to Iraq's leading Shiite Muslim cleric was shot to death south of Baghdad, becoming the latest casualty in a guerrilla war that mixes assassinations of political, religious and security figures with deadly attempts to ignite ethnic and sectarian conflict.

In Baghdad, men reportedly carrying weapons with silencers and displaying speed and precision kidnapped a Turkish businessman from his hotel and killed at least six Iraqi Kurds in his employ.

The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq issued a list of crimes it hoped to squelch so the country can have a safe and fair vote for a new national assembly on Jan. 30, a spokesman said Thursday. The crimes include bribing electoral workers, forcing people to vote a certain way and bringing a weapon within 100 yards of a polling station.

But many Iraqis say they are afraid to go within 100 yards of a polling station. The violence has terrified particular Sunni Muslims, who dominate the areas hit hardest by the insurgency and by the U.S.-led response to it. Many say they will stay home from the polls for their safety.

The bloodshed, intimidation and predictions of low Sunni turnout have not stopped the Iraqi interim government or its American and British backers from turning aside all Sunni appeals for a postponement.

The debate on the delay is over, a senior British official said Thursday. "Most of the people who count say 'We've got to just go for these elections and try to ensure that the best possible result comes out of it.'"

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John Batiste, who commands the 1st Infantry Division based in Tikrit, said most of the towns and cities in the four provinces of his area of operation are secure enough for elections. But Samarra and Beiji remain unstable.

"We're working with the Iraqi security forces to develop plans for election security," said Batiste, who has control over Salahuddin province, one of the four most troublesome of Iraq's 18 provinces. "You'll see Iraqi security forces in the polling stations and around the polling stations, securing every one of them. The 1st Infantry Division soldiers will support... from a distance."

Defense rests in prison abuse case

The Dallas Morning News

FORT HOOD, Texas — In the end, jurors never got to hear from Spc. Charles Graner Jr., the man accused of being the ringleader of abuses at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The defense unexpectedly rested its case Thursday with out calling Graner to the stand.

In his court-martial, the first contested one in the scandal, Graner was just following orders to soften up detainees for interrogation.

Friday, the panel of military members hears closing arguments and begins deliberating the charges of aggravated assault, indecent acts, conspiracy, mistreatment of detainees and dereliction of duty.

Graner's civilian attorney, "We presented all the evidence we wanted."

Graner was the grinning military policeman in the glasses posing with a thumbs up behind a pyramid of naked detainees. He was the one cackling his fist in a frozen punch.

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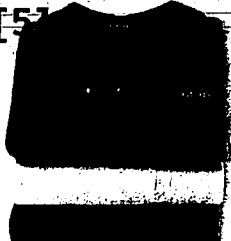
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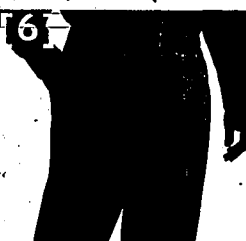
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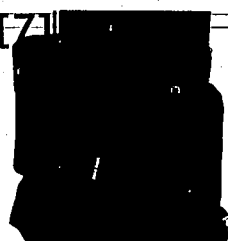
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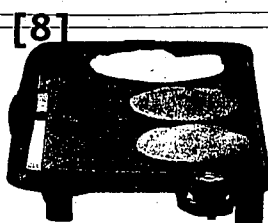
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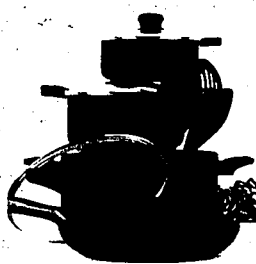
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EDITORIAL

Don't let water call drain chances of a real solution

If you never learned to play the game of chess you could learn a lot observing water issues along the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The standoff between groundwater pumpers and surface water users saw another bold move Tuesday, when canal companies...

groundwater pumpers' rights took shape by issuing \$100 million of bonds, which then are used to bail out pumpers...

But legislators outside southern Idaho quickly balked at the idea of paying for a regional program. Now it appears all water users in the conflict will have to pay something.

Our view: The water call made by surface irrigators should add urgency to water negotiations.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

As a response, IDWR Director Karl Dreher announced a new plan under which the state would help pay for some conservation reserve programs that would help pay for some storage water that helps meet endangered salmon requirements.

take groundwater pumper acres out of commission. The state could also pay for some natural flows, which would then be exchanged for storage water that helps meet endangered salmon requirements.

Dreher also proposed a "what-if" payment schedule that charges all water users in financing the buyout bonds. Groundwater pumpers would pay \$5 per irrigated acre, while surface users pay \$1 per acre.

Whether surface water users are willing to pay that much for a settlement, or pay their lawyers to defend their case, is yet to be determined. But Tuesday's call makes the incentives for discussion more emotional, and possibly more difficult.

Much like chess, many matches that end in checkmate see the whole board wiped out. Should water discussions break down and lead to widespread curtailment or the courts, all of southern Idaho risks economic losses.

Tuesday's call doesn't have to end a possible solution to water users' needs. By continuing water negotiation that balances the priority doctrine and the greater good, the standoff can still end in a draw.

Gonzales hearing bruises the Dems

If the collective display of mass stupidity had happened in March, apologists could have chalked it up to Spring Break madness. But there was no excuse for the sorry performance of leading Democrats in Congress last week.

MICHAEL GOODWIN

The shenanigans included a lecture on morality by Sen. Ted Chappaquiddick Kennedy and Sen. Joseph Biden's offensive attempt to speak in ghetto jargon with the next attorney general, Alberto Gonzales.

When Kennedy chundered that "I wouldn't have" engaged in talk about torturing terror suspects, I was hoping Gonzales would stand up and say he wouldn't have driven off a bridge and let a woman drown.

Biden, the Delaware loud-mouth gunning for a top spot in a John Kerry administration, called Gonzales "o' buddy," said "I love you," then accused him of being a liar.

By the time the sun set Thursday and the TV screens were black, Democrats showed they learned nothing from the last election. In a few disastrous hours, they torped their pledge to work in a bipartisan way with President Bush.

And they threw out the window all talk about moving to the center with their shrill judgment of Gonzales and the pandering challenge to Bush's Electoral College win, they inadvertently proved the wisdom of voters in giving the GOP control of Congress and the



White House. How bad were the damn Dems? Did it show it in the midterm elections were held today, the Senate debate would be moot. Democrats wouldn't win the 40 seats needed to be obstructionists. That's how bad they were.

Surprisingly, New York's senators were part of the problem. Chuck Schumer took a cheap shot at Gonzales, warning him that getting confirmed for attorney general did not mean he'd be confirmed for the Supreme Court if Bush nominated him.

Hillary Clinton was worse, showing she's back to playing footsie with the viceroy king, Stubby, she rose during the joint congressional session held to decry "many legitimate questions about the accuracy and integrity" of the election. But her concerns were only for

show, for she put them aside by voting to certify the results. Reminiscent of Kerry's defining comment about a war bill "I actually voted for the \$87 billion before I voted against it" — Clinton's move stands as the first flip-flop of the 2008 presidential campaign.

But hardly the last. But your bottom dollar that, for all the harsh attacks on Gonzales, most will vote to give him the job. Sec. It's a mark of the Dems' sophistication and nuanced thinking that they can talk one way and act the other. It's only stupid little people who insist on leaders who say and do the same thing.

Al, but what talkers they are, those Dems. They, along with two Republicans, spent virtually all day going over memos from or to Gonzales that seemed to authorize torture of enemy combatants. Never mind that Gonzales began by

saying he condemns torture and was sickened by the abuses at Abu Ghraib prison.

His interrogators were intent on torturing him with mind-numbing repetition and insults. Given 10 minutes per round, some spoke for the full time without asking a question! In their zeal to punch another first Hispanic attorney general, the one thought about the other 99 percent of the job of being the nation's top law officer. There was no room for questions about how Gonzales would keep us safe from terror and crime or anything else most people care about.

That would be too mainstream, too ordinary for the coaled likes of Kennedy, Biden, et al. Give them fringe or give them death.

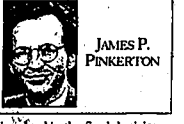
Michael Goodwin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the New York Daily

Rather and the boss should be fired

Blog 1, CBS 0. On, to put it another way, CBS is down four employees — although it should be down a few more.

Indeed, the combined efforts of hundreds of independent Web site proprietors generated a "blogstorm," burying CBS under questions it couldn't answer. On two occasions, all but Kool-Aid drinkers conceded that the memos were fakes.

Now, a report by two outside examiners, former Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh and former Assistant Pres. Chief Lou Baccard, finds that CBS employees showed "myopic zeal" in their pursuit of the story. (And we can translate that as "Darn the fact stereotypes, full Bush-bashing ahead!") So three employees have been "asked to resign" and one has been "terminated" — a sign that lots of lawyers and spin doctors were



involved in the final decisions. This turn of events marks a historic shift in media power relationships. A bunch of bloggers, working mostly at home — the so-called pajama gang — finally nailed the "Tiffany Network." Now, everyone in the journalistic establishment, including this writer, is on notice: The people are not only paying attention, but also providing powerful feedback, whether we like it or not.

But some questions for CBS remain. First, why does Dan Rather still have a job? Yes, he has announced that he will step down from "CBS Evening News" effective March 9, but he will stay on "60 Minutes" — and it was on "60 Minutes" that he misreported the memo story. Some have said, in Rather's defense, that he was just reading somebody else's copy on the air last September. But, in polite language, the Thornburgh-Boc-

cardi report says otherwise. It cites "the great deference given to ..." the network's news anchor — that anchor being Rather. And Rather is also, by the way, the managing editor of CBS News, not an insignificant title in journalistic hierarchies. So no housecleaning at CBS News is complete without cleaning out Rather.

Second, on the subject of cleanup, why does CBS News president Andrew Heyward get to keep his job? On Sept. 23, as the blogstorm pelted down on his head, Rather sought to "share" responsibility with his boss, Heyward. The anchorman recalled a conversation with Heyward prior to the "memo" broadcast: "I said, 'Andrew, if true, it's break-through stuff. But I need to do something unusual. It may even be unique. I have to ask you to oversee. In a hands-on way, the handling of this story.' And how did Heyward respond?" He got it. He immediately agreed. "It's possible, of course, that Rather is 'Rathering' the record here, but Heyward should answer up. Moreover, Heyward should still be held responsible for the airing of an obviously partisan bit piece less than two months

before a presidential election. But, in keeping with the rich tradition of corporate fat cats escaping without a scratch while scapegoating lower-downs, the top dog seems to have survived.

Indeed, Heyward recently visited the White House, apparently to make amends. That visit has all the sincerity of Marie Antoinette working in a soup kitchen. And so the Bushes shouldn't fall for Heyward's his-and-make-up shuck, and neither should CBS viewers, nor the American people.

Third, Thornburgh and Baccard should face questions. Why did it take four months to produce this report, which reeks of lawyer-negotiated compromise, even cover-up? And do they really think that CBS has changed? Happily, CBS will not get the last word. Those days are over, thanks to blogs. It's not that the blogs are always right, but that the media market is now enlivened by their active, interactive presence. More participation, and more scrutiny, is healthy — not only for news, but also for democracy.

James Pinkerton is a Neusday columnist.

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Hunter's perspective was compelling in wolf series

Congratulations to Michelle Dunbar and The Times-News for their comprehensive reporting on the wolf series. It was excellent from start to finish. The various agencies and special interest groups positions were explored and reported in depth. The hunter's perspective on wolves was somehow overlooked. Many Idaho families depend on harvesting a deer or elk to feed their families. For them, it's the only affordable

meat available. Wolves are competing for that food.

The bottom line for serious hunters is "we don't eat wolves. We eat deer and elk. If there are more deer and elk that are available to harvest, the better the opportunity to feed their families.

The economics of "do-it-yourself hunting" is also a large part of the overall equation. Think about the acquisitions made by hunters of trucks, camping trailers, rifles and scopes, horses, horse trailers, all-terrain vehicles, licenses

and tags, gas, motels, miscellaneous hunting and camping equipment, etc.

Hunters have to be successful from time to time, or the trickle down and residual benefits flowing to businesses and to rural towns that support the hunting effort. That hunters are not successful, whether resident or nonresident, fewer hunters will be in the field exercising their passion. The social aspect of hunting becomes diminished. The hunting camps, the campfires, the camaraderie, the

exchange of story-telling and hunting tales are in the process of being eroded by increasing wolf populations. What happens in this Idaho? What is passed from generation to generation?

Back in 1995 when we attended public wolf hearings expressing our concerns. It was not largely disputed that one wolf on the average will kill one deer or one elk per week. With 52 weeks in a thousand wolves, there could potentially be 52,000 fewer deer and elk feeding Idaho families each

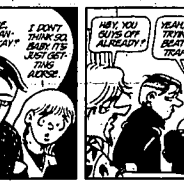
year. If it's half that, so be it. Add to this the mortality incurred by them from hunters, mountain lions, coyotes, automobiles, etc.

There is another part of the wolf equation that has not been explored. Nobody speaks for the deer and elk. They are just expected to be out there feeding for themselves and surviving. It's as if, as the prey base, they have no rights to life. They are the silent victims of the killing fields. The exploding elk population of a few years back has been

taken care of by the exploding wolf population of today. GARY BUSCH Haulley

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By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS

Idahoans should stand against coal-fired plants

Reference the article in the Jan. 8 Twin Falls paper regarding Sempra Energy's plans to build Idaho's first coal-fired power plant — either near Bliss or Jerome. Sempra spokesperson, Art Larson, asserted that "it's unclear in the process" and "no definitive decisions have been made" and that Sempra doesn't want any "bad information" presented to the public. Perhaps Mr. Larson is deliberately lulling us to sleep with platitudes while Sempra works behind the scenes with politicians and power brokers to make this a done deal before it does something as overt as tell the public about it. Let's face it, Sempra is not going to go forward in a public approval process with a billion-dollar investment until it already knows the outcome.

Though Sempra has greatly limited what it wishes to tell the public about this proposal, "the public" should have a great deal to tell it. A \$50 megawatt coal-fired power plant presents the potential for impacts over the entire Snake River Plain. A coal-fired power plant in southern Idaho issues issues regarding human health, environmental degradation, economic education and social problems that will affect people, farms and businesses from Boise to Burley. Discharges from coal-fired power plants are well documented — from pollutants like CO2, NOx, sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid, ash and particulate matter, to deadly toxins like mercury which accumulates in animals (particularly fish) and moves up the food chain to humans. While we will hear a great deal of expounding about improved pollution controls and new technologies, the incontrovertible fact is that this plant will discharge these pollutants in relatively large amounts into the air, water and ground environment of the Snake River Plain.

Coal-fired power plants are the single largest source of mercury in the environment, and the smallest amounts can be toxic to humans, fish and animals. This in an area with a \$1 billion dairy industry and the largest commercial fish-growing operations in North America. All for what purpose? To send electrical power to southern California.

This is not an issue to be decided by three county commissioners looking at tax base and a few permanent jobs. The issue should galvanize the entire population of southern Idaho — dairymen and fish producers, Republicans and

Democrats, city dwellers, farmers and townspeople alike. If all of us raise our voices in opposition, we can't be ignored.

PETER REMMEN
Hagerman

Leave the wolf editorializing out of news

After reading the majority of Michelle Dunlop's recent articles on the wolf recovery issue, justice demands this reader's commentary. Does the following Dunlop quote fall into the objective news or editorial category? "The failure of the state, to engage early on only further polarized opponents and advocates and delayed steps toward delisting. Perhaps today, more Idaho residents would hold a moderate, tolerant view of wolves if the state had set that example 10 years ago."

Please, if I wanted to read left-wing environmental claptrap, I'd subscribe to the Sierra Club. Whatever happened to "just the facts, ma'am"? I'd even be relatively OK with Dunlop's puff piece for wolf population explosion if it were on the editorial page, but not on a news page. Her terms, "moderate and tolerant," literally beg for editorial classification. The article also includes a map of Idaho purporting to show the extent of wolves by the end of 2003 that limits picks to central Idaho. If Dunlop would take the time to climb out of the Net Perce airplane (and mindset, frankly) and actually investigate the areas of impact on the

ground, she would find the wolf to be sadly ubiquitous to most areas of the state — a far different objective reality than portrayed in the article. (Hint: Radio collars don't spawn at the same rate wolves do.)

I applaud the Idaho political leadership who publicly criticized the return of these overgrown dogs with an attitude 10 years ago.

The attitude that pervades in many of Dunlop's articles is the following: "The wolves are here to stay. Grow up and get used to it." I find this to be quite insulting to the thousands of Idaho ranchers and hunters who are just asking for a fair shake.

We have to stand up to this left-wing ideology that shouts: "People are second-class citizens of the planet. Now shut up and get used to it." Is it "polarizing" to confront the left? Just ask George Bush. History and the ultimate survival of our nation will thank him for doing so.

Unless this nonsense is confronted now, today's left-wing agenda will always evolve into tomorrow's "moderation and tolerance." When reporters are not called on the carpet for inaccurate and sloppy journalism, it will only embolden

them to more of the same. Idaho deserves fewer wolves and better news journalism.

KELLY WALTON
Burley

Businesses have reason to place commerce rules

Mr. Frandsen, there is only one thing that you and I will agree on — that is your statement about the police.

Yes, they say that they have better things to do and that they are understaffed and a drive-off is considered as petty theft and is classified as a misdemeanor. If a convenience store clerk gets the license plate number and a description of the vehicle, they have to positively identify the person who was driving. Just because the vehicle is registered to someone, that does not mean they were the one who was driving.

Yes, we do pay to house murderers, drunk drivers and thieves. Go to the county courthouse and investigate what your tax dollars pay for. Yes, insurance companies prosecute — at the expense of their insureds.

You said that the other states you've been to prepay as a rarity. Then you haven't traveled very far.

You said that retailers want prepay because "they don't trust us." Have you ever heard of preventative measures? You do every day by locking your doors when you leave your home or before you go to bed at night. You even lock your car door at your home and in parking lots.


So does that mean you don't trust the people in your neighborhood or the other people in the same lot you parked in? Have you gone into a clothing store and wanted to try on a nice leather jacket and you could not because it's chained to the rack? Electronic stores and jewelry stores keep their merchandise in locked display cases. Even

Kmart, Target, Shopko and others have security to stop shoplifters. So does that mean they don't trust you either? Obviously you have never been in need of whatever job you could find in order to make a living. The Department of Commerce and Labor won't help. Idaho is a right-to-work state, meaning retailers could do what they want.

As for going elsewhere to pay for gas: I live in Twin Falls. I do my shopping in Twin Falls. It would be foolish for me to go out of town for fuel just to drive back into town to do my business, costing me an extra 3 cents a gallon.

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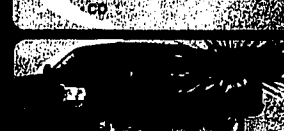
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AROUND THE VALLEY

More flu shots are now available

TWIN FALLS — More at-risk Idahoans can get a flu shot now that the state Department of Health and Welfare has 9,000 more doses of the flu vaccine. The vaccine will be available to a broader group of Idahoans, including people over age 50 and people who have close contact with at-risk individuals. "We are starting to see increased flu activity in Idaho and around the country and urge those at risk to get a shot," said Christine Hahn, the state epidemiologist.

Those considered at risk for complications from the flu include people 50 years of age and older, residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, children 6 months to 23 months of age, pregnant women, children in day care or on chronic aspirin therapy, health care workers involved in direct patient care and out-of-home caregivers working with children under 2 or others in high-risk groups. For more information on how to get a flu shot, call the district health office in your area: Twin Falls, 734-5900; Rupert, 686-7185; Jerome, 324-4838; Gooding, 934-4477; Burley, 678-8221; Shoshone, 886-7663; or Bellevue, 788-4335.

Monday's holiday brings some closures

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Here's a rundown of what's closed and open.

- Most city offices will be closed.
 - County offices will be closed.
 - State and federal offices will be closed.
 - Social Security Administration will be closed.
 - U.S. Post Offices will be closed.
 - Local banks will be closed.
 - Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
 - College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
 - Some public schools will be closed.
 - YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open during regular hours.
 - Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Kempthorne taps locals for state board

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has appointed two university presidents to the Science and Technology Advisory Council and several locals to various boards and commissions.

Boise State President Robert Kustra and Idaho President Dr. Timothy White will join Idaho State President Richard Bowen on the 14-person Science and Technology Advisory Council. "Creating synergy between scientific research and economic development is the central focus of our Science and Technology Advisory Council," Kempthorne said in a prepared statement. "The addition of Dr. White and Dr. Kustra to this panel brings an expertise that cannot be found anywhere else."

- Locals appointed to state positions include:
- Board of Architectural Examiners: Nicholas Jon Latham, Sun Valley
- Idaho Aquaculture Commission: Phil Goss, Hagerman; Harold Johnson, Buhl; Kim Lemmon, Hagerman; Leo Ray, Hagerman; Stan Spandal, Bliss.
- Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Board: Shaun Gough, Gooding.
- Pesticide Management Commission: Paul Knapp, Twin Falls.

Workforce Development Council: Con Paulos, Jerome.

Blowing snow closes schools on Thursday

RUPERT — Schools in Blaine and Richfield closed Thursday due to blowing snow. It didn't have to be snowing for wind to make roads impassable. Minidoka was also closed Wednesday. Schools in the Cassia County, Murtaugh and Valley school districts' Murtaugh had one school but get stuck Thursday, but it was closed Wednesday. "The snow went on as usual, but officials said..."

— compiled from staff reports

Son faces charges in stabbing

By Rebecca Meaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A domestic altercation turned bloody when a son stabbed his father in the back with a pocket knife, according to police.

Just after 5 p.m. Wednesday, officers with the Twin Falls Police Department were called to

1316 58th Ave. E. for a report of a domestic fight, said Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks.

According to dispatchers' reports, the alleged victim, Burt Davis, 52, called police and told them he had been injured.

He was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was listed in stable condition Thursday night.

"Officers arrived and found Burt Davis with a stab wound to his back," Hicks said.

"He told officers he and his son had been in a verbal altercation that turned physical."

Police believe a small, folding knife had punctured Davis' lung.

Colin K. Davis, 22, was apprehended a few blocks away as he was trying to leave the

scene, Hicks said.

He was transported to Twin Falls County Jail Wednesday evening.

Hicks said Colin Davis cooperated with their investigation and admitted to the stabbing.

Hicks added that police had not been called to that residence for domestic fights prior to Wednesday.

Colin Davis made an initial

appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Thursday on felony aggravated battery charge.

His preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 21. Bond was set at \$50,000.

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New shelter, but same issues



Twin Falls Animal Shelter supervisor Kathleen Olmstead leads a pit bull puppy Thursday. The facility has seen an increase in the number of animals it houses, while the adoption rate has stayed basically the same.

Adoptions rates haven't kept pace with arrivals

By Candace Baltz-Smylle
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Having spent nearly three months now in their new digs at 420 Victory Ave., Twin Falls Animal Shelter staff have enjoyed the changes. The animals they house have a lot more room in their kennels, some outdoor space to boot and generally healthier conditions.

But some things don't change. "Even though the new facility is roughly double the size of the old shelter, it was full the first day it opened last November and has had no trouble staying near capacity ever since."

"We adopted out a lot of cats and kittens in December," said Kathleen Olmstead, the shelter's supervisor. "For Christmas, the kitty seemed to be the hot item. But we got a lot of new animals, too."

Adoption rates have not increased along the same curve as the number of new animals being taken to the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

The shelter took in 107 cats in December, for example, compared with 34 cats in the

same month the year before. Since the new \$682,000 shelter opened, Olmstead said she's noticed some people with unfixed pets are dumping animals by the litter.

"People act like, 'Oh! We're going to bring you some puppies!' as if we're a pet store and they're keeping us in business," she said.

But there aren't homes for all the animals that arrive at the shelter. Olmstead said the number of euthanizations has stayed the same as it was in the old facility, but she declined to comment on what that number was.

She did say, though, that 55 percent of all animals brought into city-run shelters end up being put down, according to national averages.

But she was quick to point out that the number could be significantly reduced if pet owners spayed their animals.

"As long as there are pets who are not spayed, or neutered, we have no way of telling how many animals we'll get at the shelter," she said.

Another factor crowding the shelter is the number of

Shelter Information

■ Twin Falls Animal Shelter

• Location: 420 Victory Ave., Twin Falls
• Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; closed on Sundays and holidays.
• Contact: 736-2299.

■ Pet licenses

City pet licenses expire Jan. 31 and can be renewed through most veterinarians and at the shelter. Licenses for spayed and neutered animals cost \$10, unneutered animals are \$25.

■ Multiplying pets

According to the Humane Society of the United States, one female cat and her offspring can theoretically reproduce 420,000 cats in seven years. A female dog and her offspring could reproduce 67,000 dogs in six years.

"That means everyone in the U.S., even people in tiny studio apartments, would have to own 6.5 dogs and 9.5 cats to keep them all out of shelters," said Kathleen Olmstead, the Twin Falls Animal Shelter's supervisor.

"And, they'd have to replace them immediately after one died."

Olmstead also said that many of the animals with behavior problems could be made good pets if they were worked with and given a chance.

But, she said, most of the animal shelter's customers are first-time pet owners with a child under the age of 9.

So the dogs aren't given much of a chance, and often end up back at the shelter.

"People who want to adopt an animal need to know what they're getting into," she said.

The shelter's move to Victory Avenue has resulted in at least one unforeseen consequence. Some people are still dumping their animals at the old shelter on Sixth Avenue, where there's no one to care for them.

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Castleford gets more federal dollars

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The city of Castleford has been approved for nearly \$645,000 in allocations from Congress to put toward its aging water infrastructure.

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, last year introduced federal legislation to fund several water-related projects across Idaho. Among that legislation was a \$450,000 appropriation for Castleford to address the amount of arsenic in its drinking water and modernize its water and sewer systems.

City Council members learned Wednesday that Simpson's allocation has now grown to \$644,600.

"The good news is it's passed and approved," said Carleen Herring, a consultant with Region IV Development who works with the city.

Officials hope the city will now have to match the allocated dollars.

The Environmental Protection Agency has given the city nearly \$25,000 to reduce the level of arsenic in its drinking water. The level has been measured at 22 parts per billion and must be lowered below 10 ppb.

But the city also needs to upgrade its water system and rectify a fire flow deficiency for fire protection of Castleford School because it's not equipped with sprinklers.

Castleford School Superintendent Kelly Murphy is currently getting cost estimates on sprinklers. He also is seeking legal advice on the international fire code requirement of 4,500 gallons per minute for fire protection.

That flow requirement must be sustainable for four hours.

"The next step in Castleford's quest to come into compliance with the EPA is to hire an engineering design project that identifies a process for removing arsenic from the city's drinking water."

Additional funding sources to do that must still be identified.

Eventually, a bond election will be put before Castleford residents, who will have the opportunity to ask questions and give input at town hall meetings before the issue goes to a vote.

"The question is if we can build it — can you afford to run it?" Herring said. "Until we get the engineering done with some hard numbers, we won't know."

"I need engineering to determine what the treatment is going to be and fine tune cost estimates. But the picture is a whole lot better than it was two months ago."

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Victim's wife pushes for records of fatal accident

Attorneys demand Twin Falls sheriff release some documents

By Rebecca Meaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sheriff Whyne Toubey, Sr. wrongfully withholding documents pertaining to a fatal accident, the wife of a man killed in a recent car accident claims.

Attorneys for Melanyia Dudzicki, the wife of a man killed in a fatal accident, filed in 5th District Court an order to show cause to gain access to documents relating to the November

17, 2004 pedestrian vs. vehicle incident that killed Victor Melhing.

But Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebbs, whose offices are legal counsel to the county, said law enforcement agencies do not have to hand over documents on cases that are still open.

"Records involving a criminal case that's currently under investigation are not subject to public record requirements,"

Loebbs said. Victor Melhing, 63, of Moses Lake, Wash., was killed as he was walking across Orchard Drive

Due to fog in the area, driver Hank Halffinger, of Pler, was unable to see Melhing crossing the road, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Melanyia's filing is considered civil action against Halffinger.

"They're seeking the documents and photos for a civil case and want to see with the investigator of the criminal case," Toubey said. "We have evidence that's

being processed still." When the sheriff's department closes a case, Toubey said, it usually releases records concerning the incident.

"A person is entitled to the documents we compile, but they may not be entitled to them right away," he said.

Attorneys for the victim's widow say they need the documents to determine whether to file a civil wrongful death action.

In a letter to the sheriff dated Dec. 5, 2004, Melhing's attorney, Robert Lesinski, wrote that providing the information would not interfere with enforcement proceedings nor have an effect

on the defendant receiving a fair trial.

Toubey was served with papers Wednesday and ordered to appear in District Court.

"It's not a lawsuit," Toubey said. "It's a process the law describes for people to go through if they think they're not getting what they want."

"I'm sure that Thursday that he would comment after the order to show cause hearing, which was set for Jan. 27.

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Burley mulls park upgrades

City goes after several grants to upgrade restrooms in three parks

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — New restrooms could spring up soon at three Burley city parks.

Brian Tibbets, the city's community development director, has applied for a string of grants to fund a variety of improvements to several city parks.

If the money comes through, new restroom facilities would be built at Storybook, East and North Freedom parks.

Four waterways grants could provide about \$183,000 for improvements at parks along the Snake River, Tibbets said. A \$45,000 grant has been sought to place destination docks at the newly acquired waterfront park off Bedke Boulevard.

"It's really just a beginning for what we want to do there," Tibbets said.

"I won't have a boat ramp, but people will be able to access it from the river."

Paving at North Freedom Park would be completed if a second waterways grant is awarded to the city.

The \$33,000 grant would lay

asphalt on the approach to the park and the extended parking area of the city constructed there.

"For many years, the area near what was once Tom's Marina had almost no area to park trailers," Tibbets said. "But we went in there and enlarged the parking area and it has resulted in many more boats being attracted there."

Tibbets said he has applied for a third waterways grant to construct a new bathroom at the North Freedom Park facility.

"We'd like to get it improved because we are getting many more people coming to our river in the summer months," Tibbets said.

The final waterways grant is being sought to place an asphalt overlay on the approach to the Riverfront Marina, next to the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

The four grants require no matching funds from the city, but Tibbets said the city's chances improve with matches, so he has included a labor match in each of the applications.

"The labor is work our city

crews would be doing anyway, so we use the labor and equipment as our match and seek the funding for the materials," Tibbets said.

Two other grants, both Land and Water Conservation Fund Act grants, are being sought to provide restroom facilities at the city's Storybook and Skate parks.

"The bathroom facility at Storybook Park is sadly inadequate," said Brent Winn, Burley's parks and recreation director.

"A new facility would provide handicapped accessible restroom facilities, plus a secured area where vending machines could be placed for the public's use."

Winn said the vending area would be like those at state rest areas, with cages placed around the machines to keep vandalism at a minimum.

"We want to improve these facilities, then we plan to work on doing the same thing at North Park next year and just keeping pecking away until we get good facilities throughout the city," Winn said.

Each of the two Land and Water Conservation Fund Act grants are for \$74,000, and would provide the funds to build the restroom facilities. They require a 50 percent match.

Lawyers ask judge to rule on new standard of proof of illness

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A federal judge has been asked to apply new rules for compensating sick nuclear workers to people who claim they were harmed by releases from the Hanford nuclear reservation.

Lawyers for the so-called "Hanford Downwinders" asked U.S. District Judge William E. Nielsen to determine which standard of proof to use at a trial scheduled to start April 11.

Nielsen did not say Wednesday when he would rule on the standard in the lawsuit filed in 1991 by thousands of people who claim they developed thyroid cancer and other diseases after being exposed to radiation from Hanford's plutonium factories.

The Energy Department formerly barred sick workers from

qualifying for a \$150,000 compensation payment "unless they could prove that they wouldn't have gotten cancer, except for their on-the-job exposure."

The Labor Department, which is taking over the workers' compensation program, will use a less stringent compensation standard: that radiation the workers were exposed to was a "significant factor" in increasing their cancer risk.

Downwinders lawyers argued Wednesday that Nielsen should use the new standard of proof at trial.

Lawyers representing the contractors argued that a strict burden of proof should still be used to determine who is eligible to sue in the case.

Downwinders are entitled

to the same standard. How can you have one standard for workers and a stricter one for the general public? lead plaintiff attorney Dick Eymann asked.

This whole field has evolved," attorney Tom Foulds of Seattle told Nielsen. "Any radiation will create some risk to human cells."

The burden of proof should focus on epidemiological studies and statistics to determine which plaintiffs "more likely than not" were harmed by Hanford emissions, said Kevin Van Wart of Kirkland & Ellis of Chicago, lead attorney for the Hanford contractors.

"This case turns on epidemiology," Van Wart said. "A slight increase in risk doesn't prove Hanford more likely than not caused their problem."

Two buoys break in warning system

SEATTLE (AP) — A network of expensive tsunami detection buoys off the West Coast could offer better protection against devastating waves like the one that struck in the Indian Ocean

— if they all worked.

Of the six buoys placed throughout the Pacific Ocean, two near Alaska have been broken for 14 months, said Greg Romano, spokesman for the National Weather Service, the branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that maintains the network.

One off the coast of Washington broke in November and is now being repaired.

Scientists offer assurances that despite the breakdown they can rely on information gathered by earthquake sensors and tide gauges.

"We are still a fully functional warning system, even without the buoys," said the Whitehouse chief scientist for the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Alaska, told The Seattle Times. "The impact of those buoys being out is that

we have less data upon which to cancel or expand warnings."

"The malfunction makes it difficult to see where a wave is headed or how big it will be when it reaches the coast, Whitmore said, which could result in false alarms and canceled warnings."

Before the buoys were developed, the nation's 40-year-old tsunami-warning system relied on seismographs to detect and measure earthquakes.

A network of 125 tide gauges scattered from Alaska to California also helped in early detection, but they are widely spaced and aren't an accurate indicator of a wave's size.

"The old system is crude," said Eddie Bernard, director of NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory in Seattle. "You detect a big earthquake, and everybody evacuates."

The newer buoys were added to help reduce the number of costly false alarms, Bernard said. They have sensors that hang near the ocean floor to detect slight ripples signaling the start of a tsunami. The buoys then

transmit warnings via satellite.

In 2003, a magnitude-7.8 earthquake in Alaska triggered a localized tsunami. When the wave reached a nearby buoy, forecasters saw it was too small to be dangerous and canceled the warning.

When the network was developed, scientists said six buoys would be the minimum necessary to cover the Pacific Ocean. An ideal system throughout the Pacific would include about 21 buoys, each costing about \$250,000 to build and thousands of dollars to maintain.

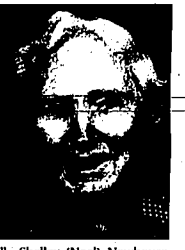
The current warning system is also limited in that it wouldn't help if a massive earthquake hit directly off the Pacific Coast, which could send waves crashing ashore in as little as 30 minutes.

U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., said he'll co-sponsor bipartisan legislation for \$30 million to fund a new system with 50 new buoys and other instruments. A dozen or more of the buoys would be deployed in the Pacific.

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Kenneth F. James



TWIN FALLS — Kenneth F. James, 83, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at his home.

He was born Dec. 12, 1921, at Hannibal, Mo. the son of Clarence Shelley, and Kezlie Lois Ferguson James. Kenneth was raised and attended schools in Hannibal. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corp during World War II. He married Dorothy Long on July 3, 1946, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Mr. James was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Chess Club, was interested in gardening, chess and camping with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Twin Falls; six children, Leslie (Keith) Meyerhoff of Carmel Valley, Calif., Claudia (Thomas) Pautz of Joliet,

Jeremy (Susan) Pautz, Jamie Meyerhoff, Christopher James, Jessamyn Meyerhoff, Adam Pautz, Stephanie James, Seth James, Kezlie James, John James and Eli James.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Veldor officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church. The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho, or Inspire Visions, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, Idaho. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Kristina A. Dayley

Charles and Scott all of Shoshone; grandnephews, Cliff and Alty Dayley of Twin Falls; Harold Werner of Kansas, Chase and Phyllis Moore of Boise and Georgia Blakley of Payette.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone. A viewing for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 14, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel and from 1 p.m. until service time at the church.

James H. Spooner



TWIN FALLS — James H. Spooner, 64, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, in Yuma, Ariz., of a heart attack.

James was born Aug. 5, 1940, to Wynona and Ronald E. Spooner in Seattle, Wash. Jim attended the University of Washington and graduated from San Francisco State College in 1964 with a degree in chemistry.

Jim served in the U.S. Army and in the Army reserves. He was very proud of serving his country.

He married Eva Stanek in 1964. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Oakland Temple. They had two daughters and two sons.

He worked for Sandoz pharmaceuticals and was a securities salesman for Foster/Marshall Inc.

He found his niche in life when he became a vocal rehabilitation expert working for the State of Idaho and later for himself in private practice. Jim was full of life and loved sports. You could often find him cheering on the Washington Huskies. Later in life he became an avid racquetball player. He had a very competitive spirit. Jim also had a great love of the outdoors. He en-



joyed hiking, hunting, fishing and shooting trap. He also enjoyed wintering in Arizona since his retirement.

In July 1989, he married Judy May and became father to seven more children.

Jim was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a High Priest in the Twin Falls 13th Ward. He served in the Sunday school, as a Stake Missionary and a counselor in the Bishopric. He presently was serving as a temple ordinance worker in the Boise, Idaho, Temple.

He and his wife, Judy, served

a mission in Lethbridge, Canada, working with the natives. Jim was a believer in getting things done. He was very pragmatic and conscientious in doing a first rate job at whatever he did. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and was often found helping his neighbors.

His father, Ronald Spooner; his stepfather, Don "Prece" and a sister, Devienne Davis, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother, Wynona "Prece"; his wife, Judy; two sons, John Spooner and Jason (Len) Spooner; two daughters, Michelle (John) King and Renee Spooner; seven stepchildren, Jeffere (Brian) Childre, Jerri (Deno) May, Jason (Erin) May, Jodi (Dion) Jones, Jerrod May, Iory May and Jamen May; 18 grandchildren and one sister, Marlon Ingram.

A funeral for Jim will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at the Twin Falls Stake Center, 421 N. Maurice St. Friends may call between 6 and 8 p.m. today, Friday, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road and from 11:45 to 12:45 at the Stake Center prior to the funeral service.

SERVICES

Rick A. Marlon of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Melba J. McClain of Pocatello and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at the North Pocatello Stake Center, 4890 Whittaker Road (Manning-Wheatley Funeral Chapel).

Eta Viola Jones Taylor of Alma, funeral at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Alma Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Joyce L. Wageman of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS Stake Center. A private family viewing will be held before the service (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Elнора Hunt Blackburn of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wendell LDS Church. Viewing from 5 to

p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel and also one hour before the service at the church.

Ronald DeWayne Smith of Halley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Halley LDS Church. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church. (Wood River

DEATH NOTICES

Ralph W. Bennett
BURLEY — Ralph Wayne Bennett, a 53-year-old resident of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Don Merlin Christensen
RUPERT — Don Merlin Christensen, 58, of Rupert, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at his home. A gathering for friends will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Hansen

Chapel, Halley.

Lola C. Marlin of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Unity First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 275 S. 250 E., Burley. Friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Norma J. Blevins
JEROME — Norma J. Blevins, 80, of Jerome, died Jan. 13, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral will be held at noon, Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln. Jerome. Family and friends may call one hour before the service. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

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Tribes review declaration of rights

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz. (AP) — Carlos Chex knows well the struggle of indigenous tribes to control their land, resources and destiny.

His fellow Mayans in Guatemala have fought for years for such rights.

Unfortunately, up to now, there have been few advances, the young lawyer said in Spanish.

Chex is among tribal representatives from across the Western Hemisphere who gathered on the Navajo Nation this week.

Their discussions about some of the most fundamental issues in Indian country are aimed at helping guide governments in their dealings with indigenous peoples.

The road that led to this week's meeting began years ago with the Organization of American States' draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people.

Next month in Washington, the OAS will hold the latest round of negotiations on the declaration. This week's gathering was a chance for Chex and fellow indigenous leaders to agree on proposals they'll bring to the table.

"I'm trying to get countries to change the way they treat Indian people and other indigenous people," said Robert Coulter, executive director of the Indian Law Resource Center in El Paso, Mont., and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

"We're trying to make this new international law so that it will push countries to do better," Coulter said.

Indigenous representatives have worked for years to incorporate their perspectives into the declaration, which was first released for public comment in 1995.

They hope for adoption by the 34 member countries of the OAS within the next two to three years.

"Tribes are also participating in the United Nations' ongoing effort to draft a global declaration. The discussions strike at the heart of indigenous concerns — from the recognition of the individual rights of indigenous people to their collective rights to land and resources."



Hector Huertas of Panama, left, speaks next to Navajo Nation Council member and speaker Lawrence Morgan during a meeting to discuss the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on Tuesday in St. Michaels, Ariz.

and said he has seen change in his South American region over the last decade.

"There's been a certain evolution in the role of states with indigenous people. There has been constitutional reforms, which have changed and really have created a new relationship between states and indigenous people," he said in Spanish.

But much work remains in what Lottie Cunningham calls a complicated process.

"The Miskito Indians are an attorney for the Center for Justice and Human Rights of the Atlantic Coast in Nicaragua."

"Speaking in Spanish, she said the process is a difficult one because states have historically lacked understanding of indigenous rights and the internal mechanisms to honor them."

Putting into "one voice" the various indigenous perspectives on core issues such as

self-determination also is a challenge, said Navajo Nation Council delegate Rex Lee Jim of Rock Point, Ariz.

For South American tribes, self-determination can mean guaranteeing the right to participate in national systems.

"We already have that, so for us it means having our own government," Jim said.

Self-determination among Navajos and other North American tribes often involves questions of jurisdictional control over tribal issues and those who travel across tribal lands, he said.

"And 'the umbilical cord' among those perspectives at the table this week is one of the main agenda items — land, said Costa Rican indigenous leader Jose Carlos Morales.

"A community without land dies; it disappears," he said in Spanish. "This is the heart of it."

information to marketers.

The National Research Center for Colleges and University Admissions, based in Lees Summit, Mo., misled students, said state Attorney General Lawrence Wasden. Students thought the information would only be given to colleges, universities and other education institutions.

The states joining the settlement say the company shared the information with marketing and sales related businesses.

The company collected information from more than two million high school students in 2001.

In the settlement, it did not admit to any violations, but agreed to change its practices.

The company admitted that in 2002 it stopped sharing student data for marketing purposes.

The settlement requires the company to divulge how personally identifiable information will be collected, used or disclosed.

Wasden said parents and students should be aware they have the right to not take these surveys.

By law, parents can ask schools not to give certain surveys to their children, he said.

— compiled from wire reports

Foundation passes the \$1 million mark

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation raised \$1.17 million in 2003-04, according to a news release from the organization. It was the first year the foundation had surpassed the \$1 million mark.

A total of \$590,927 was distributed to health care programs and services in the Magic Valley that included seminars, youth and continuing education for health care workers. Dollars also went to health care equipment purchases, personal assistance programs and community wellness projects, the news release said.

The foundation's total assets increased 6 percent from the prior year to \$2,267,009, according to the news release.

CSI will offer class on renewable energy

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's first college-level class to teach the various aspects of renewable energy will be offered for the spring semester at the College of Southern Idaho.

Instructor Ross Spackman pioneered the course several years ago after determining which oilseed crops could be grown in southern Idaho. Last spring, he and his students successfully raised safflower, canola and mustard on 2.5 acres of CSI's agriculture lab located just north of the college. Students converted the oil from each of the crops into biodiesel fuel.

Besides biofuels, the three-credit spring semester class, "Renewable Energy" will explore the conversion of cow manure into methane fuel, geothermal and wind energy.

The class will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays with a lab from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 19.

For more information, contact Spackman at 732-6405 or at rspackman@csi.edu.

— compiled from staff reports

Wolves attack hunting dogs in recent weeks

LEWISTON (AP) — Mountain lion hunters who use dogs to chase their prey have been losing some of the hounds to wolves this winter.

Steve Nadeau, the wolf coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, said there has been a flurry of hounds killed by wolves in recent weeks.

Wolves do not tolerate other canines in their area and will attack the domestic animals.

Nadeau said one dog was killed recently near Salmon and he has heard of two others in the Clearwater region.

Kevin Stamper of Grangeville lost Katie, a 2-year-old blue tick/walker hound mix, to a wolf pack in the Service Flats area near White Bird and Grangeville on Jan. 2.

Stamper said he shot his pistol into the air to ward off the wolves and one of his dogs escaped. He found Katie dead with a bite through her neck and back.

"It was after dark and there were wolves howling all around and this was only three miles from my house. I've never seen wolves this low," Stamper said.

Snow and winter conditions can concentrate both elk and wolves at lower elevations.

wolves can be a problem. Since being reintroduced to Idaho 10 years ago, the wolf population has increased greatly.

"It's the chances you take. Everybody knows they are out there. Like it or not it's something you have to put up with," Stamper said.

Idaho's snow will get more leeway to manage wolves when it rains, recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service kick in early next month.

The rules allow livestock owners to shoot wolves that are about to attack sheep or cattle, or dogs that guard or herd livestock where they hold a grazing lease.

They do not allow hunters or anyone else to protect their pets or sporting dogs unless it is on private land, owned by the pet owner.

Nadeau said any killing of wolves will be investigated to make sure the killing was justified.

If hunters see recent wolf tracks where they are hunting, they should think twice about releasing their dogs, Nadeau said.

"Basically be aware of the potential of wolves in the area and keep hounds on a short leash if possible," Nadeau said.

Native Idahoan dies in Utah flash flood

BOISE — Native Idahoan and noted author Gerald Caldwell was killed in a flash flood in Utah.

He was swept away after jumping from his vehicle Monday. His body has not been recovered.

He and his wife were living in a home at a Bureau of Land Management campground near St. George, Utah, where he worked.

Crimmet, 62, graduated from Idaho State University. He wrote three collections of poetry and a novel, "The Fairy Woman."

He moved to Utah from Idaho in 1995.

Study recommends transportation upgrades

BOISE — A \$690,000 study of the capital city's downtown transportation recommends more than \$100 million worth of improvements including two transit centers to prepare for the next 20 years.

Seven agencies funded the Downtown-Boise Mobility Study.

It calls for a street crosswalk with buses or transit cars, two transit hubs to accommodate several transportation uses and an upgrade for the I-184 connector going in and out of

Idaho in brief

down town. The I-184 upgrade would make it more bikers- and pedestrian-friendly. It also recommends developing downtown more densely to accommodate mixed use.

The study identifies potential state and federal programs to fund the project.

After input gathered from an open house Wednesday and Thursday, officials will revise their draft plan.

The final recommendations are expected to go to local agencies for their review and approval as late as this summer, said Pamela Sheldon, planning and development for the Capital City — Development Corporation, an urban renewal agency.

Senator pushes his migrant farmworker bill

CALDWELL — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig appeared in Caldwell to push his migrant farmworker bill — legislation he said will benefit both the state and undocumented agriculture workers.

The Agriculture Job, Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act (AgJOBIS) would allow a half

a million illegal immigrants remain and work in agriculture if they can prove they have been in the United States before September 2003. Undocumented workers would be granted temporary residency.

The Republican Senator said at most there are 1.5 million undocumented agricultural workers in the nation and more than 30,000 in Idaho.

He said deporting them now would be impossible and would kill agriculture — a sector which depends heavily on manual labor.

"If you take 30,000 workers out of Idaho overnight the crops would rot in the fields," Craig said.

Those who do not register for the program would remain subject to deportation.

More than 60 bipartisan Senators support the bill. A Senate vote is expected by March.

He said if AgJOBIS is successful, it might be applied to the 6 to 8 million undocumented workers in other occupations.

State joins settlement with research company

BOISE — Idaho was among 41 other states who joined a settlement with a research company that sold student in-

Official says comic warrants disaster area status

NAMPA (AP) — Commissioner Vasquez wants Canyon County to be declared a disaster area, all because of a comic book that depicts ways to enter the United States illegally into the state.

Vasquez asked his fellow commissioners this week to seek an official disaster area designation because he fears the pamphlet, published by the

Mexican government, will bring a flood of undocumented workers to the region.

"I am asking the board to vote in a declaration of an emergency that carries with it the dangers of illegal aliens crossing into the United States of America without medical inspections, bringing any number of contagious diseases, illegal drugs or other criminal intent,"

Vasquez said.

The commission took no immediate action on the request. Commission Chairman Matt Buebe said he doubted a comic book warranted official emergency action.

"I'm not sure that it meets the state definition for a disaster," he said.

Vasquez, himself of Mexican, Spanish and French descent, has

been known for his outspoken stance against illegal immigrants. He said by declaring an emergency, the county can prepare for any budget contingencies that may develop.

Lawyer Vasquez tried to bill the Mexican government \$2 million for reimbursement of jail and medical treatment costs he claimed the county provided to Mexican citizens.

Boise standoff ends when the suspect shoots himself

BOISE (AP) — An armed robbery that turned into a standoff in Boise ended when the suspect suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Police responded to an early morning call from a northwest Boise resident claiming the suspect entered and fired two shots inside the home. The witness reported shots fired outside as well.

During a confrontation with police, an officer reported the suspect aimed a handgun at him; Police said: "The officer fired a shot toward the suspect. Police said the suspect was hit."

More than two hours after the initial confrontation, the suspect turned the gun on himself. He was taken to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. No other information was available.

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Officials end search in mudslide

Hillside continues to pose a risk of collapsing

LA CONCHITA, Calif. (AP) — Rescue workers on Thursday stopped searching the site of a deadly mudslide and tried to find a way for evacuated residents to return to the area, authorities said. The area is a "geologically hazardous" area. "We are now moving this operation from a rescue operation to a re-establishment of the community here," Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Roper said at a news conference.

"It is with deep remorse that all of us, law enforcement and the rescue workers, express our sympathy to those who have perished in this incident," he said.

The death toll stood at 10 in the beach community devastated by Monday's mudslide. Thirteen homes were destroyed and 18 others were damaged.

Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks said it would be dangerous for people to return to the town, that has about 160 homes and 260 residents.

"We believe that the La Conchita community is a geologically hazardous area," he said.

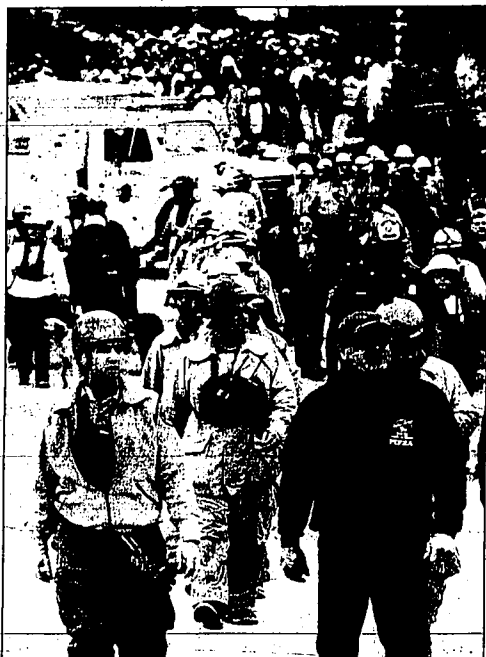
"It has been historically, it is today, and it will remain so. We do not recommend that people return to this area until the people who stay here remain here."

It was the second time the cliffs behind La Conchita had smashed into the community. In March 1997, nine homes were destroyed when some 600,000 tons of earth fell onto the town after a powerful storm.

Brooks conceded that officials do not have the authority to prevent people from going back if their homes have been determined to be safe. Authorities planned to meet with residents Friday to discuss a safety plan for their return.

Brooks said the remaining pile of mud and debris might never be moved, even though some home remains buried. Authorities estimated that 400,000 tons of mud fell on the community and another 1.3 million tons remained on the unstable hillside.

Geologists have warned that



Hundreds of rescue workers stream out of La Conchita after holding a memorial service for the victims of a massive mudslide, after the announcement the rescue phase of the relief operation was ending, in La Conchita, Calif., Thursday.

moving the mud could bring more mudslides because it is acting as a support for the rest of the hillside.

"You could lose the rest of the community," Brooks said.

The search was ended after radar searches found no open pockets in the mud where people might have found shelter.

"The last person brought out alive was 56 hours ago," Roper said.

Late Wednesday, authorities said everyone on a list of missing people had been located and was alive.

Rescuers kept searching that night for anyone else who might have been in the area.

Thursday morning, however, officials stopped the effort after workers said a muddy area at the base of the towering bluff

had shifted 6 feet since 2 a.m. Rescuers were pulled back about 150 yards and heavy equipment was stopped as geologists inspected the area to determine any possible danger.

"We're not allowing people to go into La Conchita," sheriff's Chief Deputy Geoff Dean told dozens of people who turned out for a community meeting. "When are we going back to our houses? We just don't know yet."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visited La Conchita on Wednesday and declared a state of emergency in Ventura County that will make it eligible for government aid.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said President Bush and federal officials were also trying to help.

"We are saddened by the loss of life in California because of these mudslides and these storms," McClellan said.

"And the president wants to make sure we're doing what we need to be doing from a federal level to support officials and authorities in California."

From his hospital bed, survivor Greg Ray recalled seeing a mountain come down toward him when the slide hit. "I lost people that I love, and the only reason that I'm alive ... I don't know," Ray said.

Ray, 61, dove into a space between two parked cars seconds before a trailer and mud overtook him, crushing the cars "down to the wheels," he said.

Rescuers found Ray within minutes, but it took three hours to dig him out.

Groups complain about goat plan

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore. (AP) — They say goats will eat darned near anything. And it's that appetite that has some conservationists worried about a plan to reintroduce mountain goats into the Columbia Gorge this summer.

"They're afraid that as the goats multiply they will endanger rare and threatened plants, including some that grow nowhere else. And they say the state Department of Fish and Wildlife is doing too little to assess the risk."

"The results could be horrific," said Russ Jolley, an expert on the gorge's native wildflowers and a member of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. "They point to Washington and other states, Olympic National Park, where a population of nonnative goats swelled to about 1,500 and caused extensive plant losses."

Department of Fish and Wildlife officials say that's unlikely since goats were once native to the gorge.

The journals of Lewis and Clark mention them, and Sgt. Patrick Gass noted in his own journal in September 1805 that "There appears to be a kind of sheep in this country ... which have wool on."

What he described was almost certainly a mountain goat. But by the 1800s the goats apparently were gone.

"The No. 1 thing we're looking at is putting a native animal back in its native habitat," said Keith

Kohl, a Department of Fish and Wildlife district biologist in The Dalles.

"The plan, which still needs approval of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, is to bring 15-20 goats from Baker County and release them near Cascade Locks."

Since 1950, wildlife biologists in Oregon have carried out more than a dozen releases of mountain goats from Alaska, Washington and Nevada.

Three attempts in the Columbia River Gorge during the 1970s failed. But herds have prospered in the northeast corner of the state, in the Wallawa and Elkhorn mountains and Hell's Canyon, with an estimated population of 450.

Oregon allows a limited hunt. Officials last year issued five tags, only to Oregon residents, who are allowed one per lifetime.

Opponents such as Charlotte Corkan, a wildlife consultant in Portland, question whether the goats can readily become a beneficial part of the ecosystem after two centuries of absence.

"Ecological conditions in the gorge are quite different now than they were in the past," Corkan said.

Robin Dolson, a botanist-ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service, said the Forest Service, working with Oregon wildlife biologists, will survey for rare and sensitive plants and monitor the condition of the plants.

Feds deal setback to proposed settlement

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A proposed settlement in a nearly 40-year-old northern New Mexico water rights lawsuit suffered a setback when the federal government said it was too expensive.

"It's just amazing to me at this late in the game someone who's the U.S. government decides they're not happy with the deal," U.S. District Judge Martha Vazquez said Wednesday during a status conference on the case.

The cost of settling the case had been pegged at about \$200 million. Attorneys had said the federal government would contribute more than \$200 million.

The money would be used to help build a regional water system for the Pajarito-Nambé area. But Bradley Bridgegawter, an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department, said the Interior Department and the Office of Management and Budget would not back the proposed settlement because it is too costly.

"I'm having trouble figuring out what the government's position is," said Vazquez, who has threatened to force a trial in

the case if no settlement is reached by March 31. "I thought they had agreed to the settlement."

The federal contribution could be as little as \$11 million, said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

"The \$11 million figure from the Justice Department is a little less than I anticipated," he said.

"But frankly, at no point did I think the federal government would in the end be liable for some of the very large amounts that have been suggested. That is why I asked the Department of Justice to look at this."

Reaching a settlement will be harder, Domenici said.

"I am awaiting a decision by Judge Vazquez in March to assess if it is appropriate for Congress to move forward on the matter," he said in a prepared statement.

Vazquez said she could not "imagine it going to Congress and having a prayer without government support."

"The case involves federal and local governments," the Pajarito-Nambé, Tesuque and San Ildefonso pueblos; and non-Indian residents from Tesuque to Jaena.

Arizona park wants more leeway to kill exotic plants

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Saguaro National Park managers are trying to eliminate exotic plants that are threatening to crowd out native vegetation in the Sonoran Desert.

"We have drafted a plan that would combine mechanical, chemical, cultural, biological and low-risk methods as new ways to control exotic plants."

"Exotic plants are the skunk at night's party. They can displace what should be there. They can weaken the health of natural lands and provide a less desirable habitat for everyone," said Dave Simon, director of state parks in New Mexico.

One of the target species in the Southwest is buffelgrass, which is drier than most native grasses and reproduces quickly after fires, said Danielle Foster, a restoration ecologist with Saguaro National Park who drafted the plan.

An estimated 600 acres of the park's 91,000 acres are invaded by exotic plants, much of which is covered by buffelgrass, said Foster. Eliminating these exotic plants can be tricky, especially in the areas where they are overtaking the native plants, she said.

Foster pulls invasive weeds by hand — the only method allowed now under federal guidelines. She sees buffelgrass springing up everywhere and says it spreads too quickly for her to keep up.

"The plan would allow other methods to tackle this intruder and others like it."

Foster's proposed methods include using herbicides, revegetating native plants, and in some cases covering exotic plants with black plastic sheeting to block out light and air.

English proposal upsets Hispanics

PHOENIX (AP) — A plan by some state lawmakers to make English the official language of Arizona is angering Hispanics, who comprise one-quarter of the state's 5 million residents.

The House measure would allow voters to require that most government business be conducted in English. State, cities and counties could not print documents such as water bills in Spanish or any other foreign language. If approved by the Legislature, the measure would be on the 2006 ballot.

"It's insulting to Hispanics and Native Americans and anyone else who speak a different language," said Rep. Steve Galardo, D-Phoenix.

The proposal offered by Rep. Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, is co-sponsored by five other legislators.

"We're an English-only nation and our records should reflect that," Pearce said. "If you come to America, you should speak English."

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Man's gender confusion triggers wife's self-doubt

DEAR ABBY: I am ashamed to admit this, but after 20 years of marriage, my husband told me that he was meant to have a woman's body. My self-confidence is destroyed. Our children are suffering in every aspect of their lives. I cannot grasp my husband's revelation, as I love him still. I also accept that this is something I cannot change, but ever since we separated, the men I have dated have all turned out to be gay.

DEAR DEVASTATED: This has nothing to do with you, and there are no curses involved. Your husband was born with a different gender, and it's nobody's "fault."

Counseling can help you come to grips with this issue. Since your husband is considering gender reassignment, it follows that he is seeing a therapist. You need help, too. I recommend that you ask his children to refer to a psychologist or psychiatrist who is knowledgeable about transgender issues.

DEAR ABBY: I am in college, and four out of five of my roommates smoke. About two-thirds of my friends are smokers, too. They all know it's bad for them, but it is hard to quit.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I see cigarette packs and lighters lying around and I am very tempted to start smoking. I don't know why, because I know it's unhealthy. I have never smoked, but I'm afraid that I'll start soon. How can I make the right decision?

—NAIL-BITING IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.
DEAR NAIL-BITING: Making "the right decision" will be easier if you remove yourself from temptation. Request a change of living quarters to accommodations that are strictly nonsmoking, because research has proven that secondhand smoke can make you sick.

"A slick in time saves nine," and the sagest advice I can offer is not to start smoking in the first place. Tobacco is a nasty addiction to kick—witness your friends and acquaintances who would quit if they could. When the urge is strong, picture your self attached to an oxygen tank trying desperately to inhale oxygen into tobacco-damaged

lungs. Not a pretty picture. Be smart; don't start.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and the mother of a beautiful little boy. His father is no longer in the picture. There is a man in my life who loves my son and me very much. I'll call him Joe. Joe and I have been together for eight incredible months, and he recently proposed to me. One week later, I caught him cheating on me. I was heartbroken and didn't know what to do. Joe told me how sorry he was and begged me to give him another chance. I agreed.

But, Abby, things don't seem the same anymore. It feels like I'm the only one trying in this relationship. I realize I also have to consider my son. Was I wrong to give him a second chance?

—CONFUSED IN REMO, NEV.
DEAR CONFUSED: Yes. A man who is sincerely in love and mature enough for marriage and fatherhood, does not cheat a week after he proposes. You are only 16. It's time to step back and consider how you plan to raise your son. It is vital that you complete your education so you are able to support yourself and your child. Only when you are financially independent should you consider marriage to anyone.

Accentuate the positive, Taurus

IF JANUARY 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... Learning to take care of things you care about means you must shoulder a full share of responsibility. Take pride in your managerial skills, as you juggle more than one important issue in 2005. Your conscientious attention to duty will build character and give you the edge where ambitions close to your heart are concerned. In August and September you can let your hair down and take some time out to reward your self — because at this time, you can expect to receive assistance that permanently relieves you of tiresome routines or an ongoing burden.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Count on having the ability to rise to a challenge and organize wisely when a lot must be done in a short amount of time. You may be burning the midnight oil, but you will breathe a sigh of relief when you have completed your mission.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Positive thoughts and faith in the future will do more good than unconstructive criticism. A stalemate may mar a relationship if you dwell on the negatives. The best motto for the day is "Let bygones be bygones."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Intense pressure can cause some angst where a significant relationship is concerned. Use intelligence rather than emotion.

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Jeraldine Saunders

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may need to think through recently illuminated situations while they are fresh in your mind. Use your mate or trusted partner as a sounding board to get a fresh perspective. Plan on taking time out to rest over the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It is easy for you to shed the cares and concerns of the work week and relax with true-blue companions. Be careful to avoid revealing confidences or breaching confidential information — no matter how tempting it is to share.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Plotting and planning might be on your mind. Your analytical powers are in full swing and you have a passion for all the little details that revolve around your ambitions. Maybe a great idea will blossom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may not want to part with the coins jingling in your pockets. Or maybe you just fear they will slip through your fingers. The best things in life are free, so use your imagination and find something to do that satisfies this desire for thrill.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Satisfy your need for amusement by digging out games of skill. A chessboard will light up a smile on the face of your favorite nerd. You don't always get what you want, but you can be sure to get what you need.

Take care of loose ends.

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After too many 'Underdog' reruns

FLORENCE, Ala. — Gary Gallen is a house painter. But earlier this week he became a dog catcher — literally.

Working with a crew at an apartment complex in Florence, Gallen caught a small dog as it fell from a fifth-floor balcony.

Gallen said he had stepped outside the building Tuesday afternoon to hear the "woof" scream and saw a white, furry object falling toward him.

"Somebody hollered and I looked up and just stuck out my arms and heard it," he said. "It was flying like a football. I was fighting to run for a touchdown with it."

Gallen said he did not know who the dog came from, but he took it back to the fifth floor and turned it loose in the hall.

"That's like the 'Funniest Home Videos' on TV," Gallen said. "I wish we had been filming it, so I could have sent it in. It would have won first place."

Mental health advocates mad about 'crazy' Teddy

MONTPELIER, Vt. — A company that sells cuddly Teddy bears through the mail has angered mental health advocates with a special item for Valentine's Day. The Vermont Teddy Bear Co. is featuring a 15-inch bear in a straitjacket. The \$68.95 stuffed animal is called the "Crazy for You Bear" and comes with its own commitment papers.

"This bear was created in the spirit of Valentine's Day and as with all of our bears, it is designed to be a lighthearted depiction of the sentiment of love," the company said in a statement.

Mental health advocates believe the bear is "a tasteless use of marketing that stigmatizes persons with mental illness," said Jerry Goessel, executive director of the Vermont chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The company said it would discontinue the bear, but not before Feb. 14.

"We recognize that this is a sensitive, human issue and sincerely apologize if we have offended anyone," the firm said.

Odds and Ends

People eating at the restaurant at the time of a police raid on Wednesday were asked to leave, and their food sat on the tables as agents inventoried items seized from the cafe.

Arkansas' naked jogger has been zapped

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — For months, officers have been getting reports about a man making late-night runs in the buff. On Monday, police said they think they got their mystery jogger.

Fate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis, was arrested after he ran past a police car and failed to stop when he was ordered to do so by officers. Police chased him and were able to rein him in by using a Taser.

Patterson was charged with indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest.

Mike Allen, assistant chief of the West Memphis police department, said that it did not initially appear that the man was mentally ill. He did not disclose his reasons for running without his clothes.

"You know, this one has just got me kind of speechless," said Allen.

— compiled from wire reports

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The country with the highest population density is Monaco, with 44,040 people per square mile. The one with the lowest density is Greenland, with one-tenth of a person per square mile.

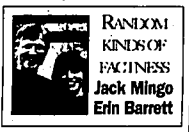
This day in history: On Jan. 14, 1890, German instrument maker Johann Nepomuk Diner invented the clarinet. Its name means "little trumpet" in French, so named because its range and volume are similar to those of the brass instrument.

A reader asks: Are the Waldorf hotel, the Waldorf salad and Waldorf school connected? Well, sort of. The school was named after Waldorf Clumet, its German manufacturer had commissioned the then-progressive education system for his workers' children. The cigarettes had been named after New York City's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which is where the Waldorf salad was invented. The hotel in turn had been named after its founder, William Waldorf Astor.

William, in turn, got his middle name from Waldorf, Germany, birthplace of his super-wealthy grandfather, John Jacob Astor.

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The Roman numeral for 1009 is one of the few that actually spells a word (MD). Any others?

Androcity is the word for a government ruled by men; a gynarchy is a government ruled by women.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at www.bathroomcompanion.com

WGA nominates independents

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — For the second year in a row, character-driven independent films dominated the Writers Guild of America award nominations announced Thursday morning.

Commercial aspirations aside, there's not a blockbuster among the bunch. "The Aviator," "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "Garden State," "Hotel Rwanda" and "Kinsey" are the original screenplay nominees, and "Before Sunset," "Mean Girls," "Million Dollar Baby," "The Motorcycle Diaries" and "Sideways" are the nominees for adapted screenplay. The high-

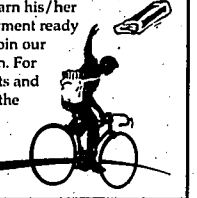
est-grossing film among them, at least at this point, is "Mean Girls," with \$86 million.

Only two major studios, Paramount and Warner Bros., were represented in the nominations for the 57th annual awards, although the other nominations went to films distributed by specialized divisions of major studios. Fox Searchlight Pictures, a division of Fox Filmed Entertainment, received three nominations: "Focus Features" (whose parent is Universal) scored two. Miramax (Disney) Warner Independent Pictures (Warner Bros.) and United Artists (MGM) each garnered one nomination.

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Prince's Nazi costume stirs outcry

LONDON (AP) — Being the son of Princess Diana buys some sympathy, but not enough to get away with wearing a Nazi uniform.

So Prince Harry is learning, to immense royal embarrassment, after his party costume provoked outrage from Jewish groups and politicians.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center urged the wayward 20-year-old to go to Auschwitz to atone the leader of the opposition Conservative Party demanded a public apology, and another lawmaker wanted Harry barred from the army.

"What Harry did was both stupid and evil," said Lord Janner, a senior figure in Britain's Jewish community. "The time has come for him to make a public apology."

Harry made his first apology Wednesday night, just as The Sun newspaper's first edition was hitting the streets with a big headline — HARRY THE NAZI — and a picture of the young royal wearing a swastika armband.

The picture was snapped by a guest at a costume party on Saturday, and apparently sold to The Sun. "It was a poor choice of costume and I apologize," Harry said in a statement issued through the office of his father, Prince Charles.

Prince William reportedly was costumed as a leopard and lion for the "native and colonial" theme party at the home of Richard Meade, who won three gold medals in equestrian events at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. "One unidentified woman in the photo was dressed as an American Indian, while another was attired as a German peasant. A man wore what appeared to be an Arab headdress."

"I think a lot of people will be disappointed to see that photograph and it will cause a lot of offense," said Michael Howard, leader of Britain's main opposition Conservative Party.

"I think it might be appropriate for him to tell us himself just how contrite he now is," added Howard, who is Jewish.

Prime Minister Tony Blair sidestepped the furor. "Prince Harry has made it clear that he is very sorry about it. The rest of it is best to leave Buckingham



News agent Roy Ottoway reads a copy of tabloid 'The Sun', whose front page shows a picture of Britain's Prince Harry wearing a Nazi soldier's uniform to a fancy dress party, early Thursday morning at King's Cross station in London.

Palace to comment on," he told *the Independent*. "Basically we felt that the prince's apology last evening was very comprehensive and extensive," said a spokesman.

“ Prince Harry has made it clear that he is very sorry about it. The rest of it is best to leave Buckingham Palace to comment on. ”

— Tony Blair, British prime minister.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles expressed outrage.

"We strongly urge Prince Harry to accept a public apology," the British delegation on Jan. 27 to the Auschwitz death camp to commemorate 60 years since liberation," said Rabbi Marvin Tiller, dean and founder of the center. "There he will see the results of the hatred symbol he so foolishly and brazenly chose to wear."

However, a spokesman at Clarence House, Prince Charles' London residence, said sending Harry to the ceremonies at Auschwitz "is not something we have like that."

The action also upset many Israelis. Vice Premier Shimon Peres called it "very bizarre." "Well, the next time he will

Palestinian militants attack Gaza crossing

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian militants set off a large bomb as gunmen stormed an Israeli base at a vital Gaza crossing Thursday, killing at least four Israelis and two Palestinians in an attack that defied peace efforts by new Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

The attack was by far the biggest since Abbas, who has called violence against Israelis a mistake, won an election Sunday to succeed Yasser Arafat as head of the Palestinian Authority. The bombing also came just hours after a West Bank Hamas leader said the Islamic group might consider an end to attacks against Israel.

A statement to The Associated Press from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, affiliated with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah faction, said two fighters were killed "in a martyrdom operation" near the Karni crossing in southern Gaza.

Such language usually indicates a suicide attack against an Israeli target. A spokesman for another group, the Popular Resistance Committees, said militants filmed the attack. Hamas also claimed responsibility in the joint operation.

Ex-prime minister's son pleads guilty in coup plot

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher pleaded guilty Thursday to un-



Sir Mark Thatcher

witholding a plot in oil-rich Equatorial Guinea, and in exchange he received a fine, a suspended jail sentence and the right to rejoin his family in the United States. Within hours of agreeing to the \$506,000 fine, Sir Mark Thatcher checked in for a flight out of South Africa. "There is no price too high for

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me pay to be reunited with my family, and I am sure all of you who are husbands and fathers will understand that," Thatcher told journalists outside court.

The bizarre coup plot drew mercenaries from elite British schools into an attempt to take over Africa's third-largest oil producer, which is led by a dictator with reported cannibalistic tendencies.

Black Hawk helicopter crashes in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia — A U.S.-donated military helicopter crashed Thursday while flying in thick fog during a nighttime counterterrorism mission in southwest Colombia, killing all 20 soldiers aboard, the army said.

The Black Hawk helicopter, used in the U.S.-funded anti-drug effort called Plan Colombia, went down just after midnight near the village of Mangupuyuan, 340 miles southwest of the capital, Bogota.

Early investigations indicate the crash was caused by bad weather, the army said in a statement. An army official said the problem was "thick fog."

A U.S. official in Bogota, speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. personnel were aiding in efforts to recover bodies of the victims and the wreckage of the chopper.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the Black Hawk was one of 16 purchased by the United States to support Plan Colombia and according to his information, all those aboard were Colombian nationals.

The United States also will send an accident investigation team to the site, he said. — compiled from wire reports

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best bets in entertainment

Pixie dust

The Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts production of J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" continues tonight and Saturday night at the Twin Falls Reformed Church; Saturday's show is dinner theater (other performances are planned for Thursday and Friday Jan. 21-22.)



The chair-stack is one of the more eye-popping feats of the New Shanghai Circus.

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TWIN FALLS—They're just a bunch of Chinese acrobats from Missouri. But the New Shanghai Circus, which calls the Ozark Mountain showtown of Branson home for seven months of the year, isn't the big-top carnival that you take your kids to see.

It's more like a Broadway show interwoven with amazing stunts.

Those stunts range from group contortion to jar-juggling to hoop-diving to nose-balancing to plate-spinning. Hoop-diving uses five interlocking hoops that are stacked vertically; the acrobats dive through the hoops, which stack to more than six feet high.

The incredible Acrobats of Ghine, formed in 1984 and began touring the world. They have appeared at Walt Disney World, EPCOT Center, Disneyland, Six Flags, Busch Gardens and dozens of other theme parks. The acrobats recently finished a run on Broadway and are ensconced at the MGH Performing Arts Center in Branson, which bills itself as the largest Chinese acrobat production outside China.

The performers, aged 13 to 45, are mostly from the Shanghai area; some audition as early as age 5. They're practicing a very old and highly complex art, dating from China's Han Dynasty, almost three millennia ago.

Acrobatics, Chinese-style, developed out of annual village harvest celebrations—sort of a Thanksgiving celebration for the poorest of China's rural poor. Farmers and artisans—idle over the winter months—worked on their gymnastics in hopes of becoming acrobats and thus improving their social position in a socially stratified society.

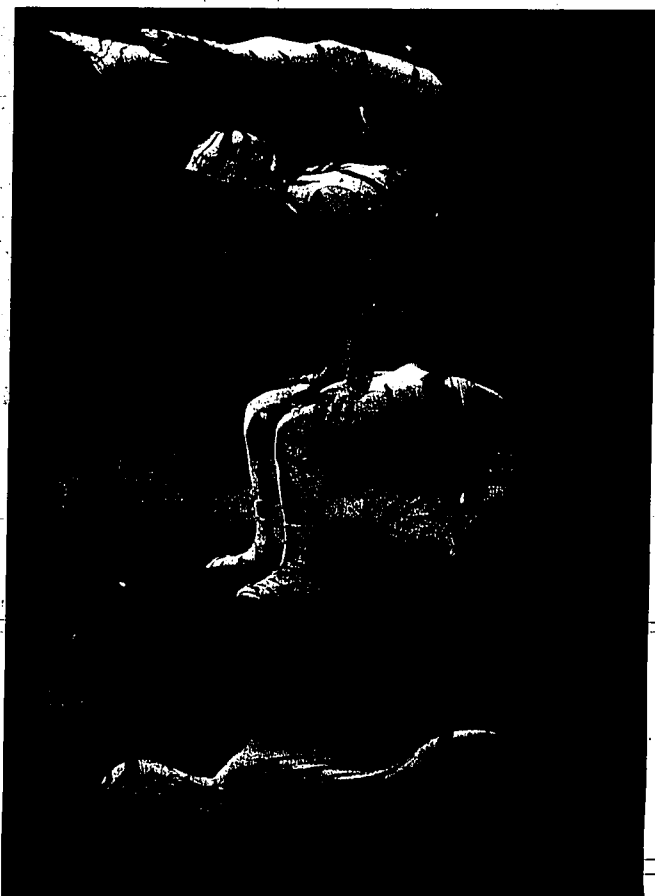
For props, they used ordinary household objects—tables, chairs, saucers, cups, plates—and each other, forming human pyramids. In 2,800 years, they've gotten pretty good at it.

It's hard to overstate the sophistication of Chinese acrobatics. Central to it is a skill called Qi Dong, or "spirits from the air," a semi-religious study of the form of breathing and movement that aims to make body and mind work together.

It's an oral tradition, passed down through families. The most famous acrobatic families were the rock stars of their age.

The Chinese Revolution of 1949-49 brought that to an end. Kids who showed promise in gymnastics were sent to academies, and today China produces the most polished acrobatic entertainers and, often, the best Olympic gymnasts.

The New Shanghai Circus acrobats practice three to four hours a day, 365 days a year, including strength training and specialized work. The female gymnasts, for example, practice plate-spinning for an hour a day, which is good for hand-eye coordination and learning to concentrate.



Group-contortion acts are a stock-in-trade of the acrobats.

Songs to remember

The Lettermen—you remember "Hurt So Bad" and "When I Fall in Love"?—will do two shows tonight and two shows Saturday night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, featuring original member Tony Butala and newcomers Donovan Tea and Darren Dowler.

Money for movies

Twin Falls' Lamphouse Theater will host a gala fundraiser Wednesday night to help local filmmaker Wes Malvini finish his film, "The Muffin Man." There will be live music by Seattle accordion player Jason Webley, clips from "The Muffin Man" and Malvini's previous film, "The Fear in the Freezer," as well as wine, dessert and a raffle.



Skates of gold

Smucker's Stars on Ice, featuring Olympic gold medalists Sarah Hughes, Alexei Yagudin, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze and Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, as well as Todd Eldredge and Ekaterina Gordeeva, will skate the Bank of America Center in Boise Monday.

Swing/jazz/folk

Eclectic slide-guitar and banjo picker Tony Furacdo will play Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum Wednesday.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C4, 6

Flexible bodies

HOW DO THEY DO THAT?

If you go

- **What:** Magic Valley Arts on Tour will present The New Shanghai Circus.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children and students, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, the CSI Community Education Center and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls, at Save-Mor Drug in Buhl, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, and at CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Halley and Gooding.

Cowboy Poetry Gathering returns to snow-bound Elko

Tickets to this year's gathering are available by calling the Western Folklife Center ticket office at (775) 738-7508 or (888) 880-5855.

Most daytime events are open seating and require a day pass or three-day guest pass. An advance guest pass costs \$35. Single-day passes are \$15 (program book must be purchased separately).

For more information, go online to www.westernfolklife.org for an in-depth look at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering and this year's participants.

For more information

- **Jan. 25:** G Three Bar Theater at the Western Folklife Center at 7 p.m., with "Stories from the Fire," featuring poetry by Teresa Jordan, Jim Brooks and Chris Jackson. Tickets are \$15.
- **Jan. 26:** Elko Convention Center with "I'd Like to Be in Texas," featuring Don Edwards, the Gillette Brothers and the Quebe Sisters. Tickets are \$25. The Elko Convention Center is located at 700 Main Way.
- **Jan. 27:** G Three Bar Theater at the Western Folklife Center with shows at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., featuring Stephanie Davis Band, Dan Roberts and Waddie Mitchell. Sold out. Across town at the Elko Convention Center at 3 p.m. Wally McFate, Linda Hasselstrom and the Bill Heame Trio will be featured in a Western Folklife Center members' show. Tickets are \$25. And at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., Cabarelerios Sin Fronteras, Grupo Cimarron, Tom Russell and Andrew Hardin and Vess Quinlan will perform. Tickets are \$25 and \$30.
- **Jan. 28:** Five shows will mark the seventh day, including sold-out performances by Tom Russell and Andrew Hardin and Corb Lund at the G Three Bar Theater at the Western Folklife Center at 1 p.m. and a humor

- show at the Elko Convention Center at 3 p.m. At the convention center at noon, Michael Martin Murphy and Friends will perform (tickets are \$15) and at 6:30 and 8:30 there's "That's Entertainment," featuring Wylie & the Wild West, Paul Zarzycki and Sourdough Slim (tickets are \$25). At the folklife center at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., there's "Cowboy Favorites," featuring R.W. Hampton, the Bill Heame Trio, Joe Nelson and Dick Gibford (tickets are \$25).
- **Jan. 29:** Five shows, including Ian Tyson and Cord Lund performing at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Elko Convention Center (tickets are \$30 and \$35); the Ranch Family featuring Chuck Miller, Quebe Sisters, Oscar Auker and Burson Family at 3:30 p.m. at the convention center (tickets are \$25); and Jesse Ballantyne, Gail Steiger, Henry Real Bird and Grupo Cimarron at the convention center at 11 a.m. (tickets are \$15). There are also sold-out performances by Don Edwards and the Gillette Brothers at 1 p.m. in the G Three Bar Theater at the Western Folklife Center and "Laughter Is the Best Medicine," at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the folklife center, featuring Pat Richardson, Glenn Ohlren and Rodney Nelson.

ELKO, Nev.—It was 6-below here Thursday with several feet of snow on the ground. You sure ain't gonna ride the range in this weather. So you'd just as well sit indoors talk about it. That's pretty much the purpose of the 21st annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, which starts its eight-day run here on Jan. 21.

Typically, about 8,000 visitors hearken to western musicians and cowboy poets and view exhibits and workshops on the real Old West at the Western Folklife Museum.

"This year, those exhibits will include "Buckaroo from Bend to Elko," a multi-disciplinary look at Hispanic culture in the Great Basin, along with workshops on horsehair hitching, wool saddle blankets, Italian ranch cooking, saddle songs, and more.

"Most folks show up to listen to the bunkhouse bands, though, and you can hear them every night and most days at the Western Folklife Center and the Elko Convention Center.

"Nineteen eighty five was ripe for ranching culture to claim its own story, to find the touchstones of its culture," said WFC founding director Hal Cannon. "Always before cowboys had allowed their story to be told publicly by others—songwriters, scriptwriters, novelists—but increasingly that story, told in popular culture, became a monolithic Arthurian myth, far from the breadth of the real life. It was the first gathering that let the working cowboy share his poetic voice and musical song, and it was those first cowboy poets who stood on the Elko Convention Center stage who helped start the grassroots movement of cowboy poetry events across the nation."

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Samuel L. Jackson stars in 'Coach Carter'

New to the valley 'Coach Carter'

Samuel L. Jackson stars as a real-life high school basketball coach who benches his entire undefeated squad for under-achieving academically. With Robert Iler, Rob Brown, Ashanti and Debbi Morgan. Directed by Thomas Carter. PG-13 for violence, sexual content, language, teen partying and some drug material.

'Elektra'

Jennifer Garner reprises her role from "Daredevil" as a martial arts-trained assassin. With Goran Visnjic, Will Yun Lee, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa and Terence Stamp. Directed by Rob Bowman. PG-13 for action violence.

'In Good Company'

This comedy about the consequences of corporate takeovers, romance and inter-generational conflicts handles it all pretty well thanks to smart acting and expert writing and directing. Much of the credit should go to writer-director Paul Weitz, whose gentle touch gives this film the kind of seductive spirit that wants to surprise us into smiling instead of bludgeoning us into submission. Through the cast, especially co-stars Dennis Quaid and Scarlett Johansson as father and daughter, are all in on the joke, the performance that is essential to the film's success is "Iphigeneia" who displays what looks to be one of the most persuasive comic touches of his generation as a hot young executive who falls for the daughter of the man whose job he's just taken. (1:50) PG-13 for some sexual content and drug references.

'Racing Stripes'

A zebra raised on a farm amid a menagerie of animals thinks he's a horse and aspires

Now playing

Twin Falls

Twin Cinema
"Assault on Precinct 13" (starts Wednesday)
"Coach Carter"
"Elektra"
"Fat Albert"
"The Flight of the Phoenix"
"The Incredibles"
"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events"
"Meet the Fockers"
"National Treasure"
"Ocean's Twelve"
"The Polar Express"
"Racing Stripes"
"Ray"

Odyssey Theater

"Blade: Trinity"
"Finding Neverland"
"In Good Company"
"The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou"
"Spirited"
"White Noise"

Lampshouse Theater

"Kinsey"
"Mean Creek"
"The Orphan"
"The Aviator"

Burley

Century Cinema
"Elektra"

"Finding Neverland"
"Meet the Fockers"
"National Treasure"
"Racing Stripes"

Burley Theater

"The Grudge"

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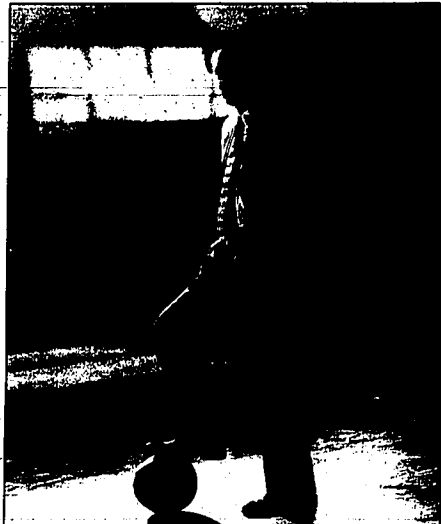
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"Coach Carter"
"Racing Stripes"

Sun Valley Opera House

"The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou"



In this photo provided by Paramount Pictures, Samuel L. Jackson as coach Ken Carter in 'Coach Carter,' a film based on a true story of a controversial high-school basketball coach who received both high praise and staunch criticism for benching his entire undefeated basketball team for poor academic performance.

to run in the prestigious Kentucky Open. Directed by Derek Chiou. With Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere, and the voices of Frankie Muniz, Mandy Moore and Dustin Hoffman. PG for mild crude humor and some language.

Continuing

'The Aviator'

Martin Scorsese's look at a pivotal 20 years of Howard Hughes' life is a traditional wide screen epic of the old school, the kind of meticulously executed extravaganza, complete with an all-star cast, that the di-

rector has admired for years. With Leonardo DiCaprio in the title role and lots of cameos (hey, isn't that Jude Law as Errol Flynn), it's not without noticeable problems -- few films at this length are -- but it's both impressive in a movie-movie way and avoids Scorsese's tendency to show-off. Here he's put all his technique, energy and style at the service of a story we can't look away from, at least initially. (2:49) PG-13 for thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a crash sequence.

'Blade: Trinity'

In the third film of the horror

franchise, vampire hunter Wesley Snipes gets unstaged by a fanged Pomranian and sitcom second banana Ryan Reynolds, turning this earnest affair into a campy comedy. With Parker Posey. R for strong violence, profanity, sexual content.

'Fat Albert'

The feature film revival of the animated character based on Bill Cosby's comedy routines and a staple of 1970s and '80s Saturday morning television aims to be contemporary but fails to transcend its origins. Cosby co-wrote, co-produced and makes a

cameo as himself in the film, in which the corpulent problem-solver from North Philly and six of his buddies, collectively known as the Cosby kids, squeeze out of the tube and into real life on the strength of a magic teardrop shed onto a TV remote control. Despite the tired premise, Ken Thompson is actually very persuasive as Fat Albert. His wild grin and googly eyes infuse the character with precisely the right level of optimism for the role. With Kyla Pratt, Bill Cosby, Omar Goodenberry and Raven-Symone. Directed by Joel Zwick. (1:33) PG for momentary language.

'Finding Neverland'

Johnny Depp stars as "Peter Pan" author James M. Barrie in this twee and fuzzy melodrama about the inspiration the Scotsman got from four London lads, and how he hid in a fantasy world to escape his not-so-happy life. 1 hr. 46 PG. (adult themes, language)

'The Flight of the Phoenix'

A worthy remake of Robert Aldrich's terrific 1965 original film. Director John Moore and writers Scott Frank and Edward Burns have done an excellent Please see MOVIES, Page C8

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Films focus on art in martial arts

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Creating fantasies of limitless human prowess, the dramatic action movies that first captured mainstream international attention four years ago with Ang Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" put the art into martial art. Going way beyond the kung fu melodramas that have long been a staple of the Chinese movie world, they emphasized a sense of physical metaphor exactly like what Western choreographers have been pursuing since the dawn of the Romantic Age.

Combat in milder may be the most widely recognized and imitated, having led to a host of Chinese films, but the physical impossibilities only start there. In Zhang Yimou's remarkable historical epics "Hero" and "House of Flying Daggers" (both released in the United States in 2004), you'll find a swordsman who can run you through with such precision that he misses every vital organ and the wound seals itself. There's also an archer who can shoot at men from a long distance — even while running — and pierce only their garments (another feat), and such perfectly controlled fusillades of arrows, spears and knives that the destruction they cause achieves a formal patterning akin to a classical Asian garden.

The formality is no accident. Zhang and his action director/choreographer on both films, Tony Ching Siu-Tung, make the heightened ideal of combat they create inseparable from the techniques of ancient Chinese classical music and calligraphy ("Hero") and Chinese classical dance ("House of Flying Daggers").

Early in the latter film, Zhi Zhang performs a traditional sleeve dance, manipulating the long skeins of fabric at the end of her arms into living, breathing swells. A few moments later, her sleeve becomes percussive, and her dancing as boldly fantasized as the film's combat sequences, when costar Gong Li throws pellets of beans against a wall of drums, challenging her to match their trajectories and rhythmic patterns.

She whirls through the air, flinging sleeves against drums, this dazzling "Echo Game" sequence offers a vision of what a dance musical might be in the hands of Zhang Yimou



Zhang Yimou's films include 'Hero' and 'House of Flying Daggers,' which were both released in the United States in 2004.

and Tony Ching Siu-Tung. And even when the film evolves into an extended chase — or when "Hero" juxtaposes conflicting versions of the same events — the stylized combat scenes punctuate the narratives like dance numbers in a vintage MGM musical.

Both films explore the conflicts between conscience and duty, depend on elaborate deceptions involving the fate of the Chinese nation and incorporate love stories (unexpectedly in "Hero") predictably in "House of Flying Daggers"). Each also provides a climactic renunciation of violence.

The large-scale "Hero" is the more visually poetic of the two — partly due to its haunting use of color — though essentially masculine in its narrative focus and conditioned by a justification of what we might call Chinese manifest destiny.

In contrast, "House of Flying Daggers" sets up but never resolves a final confrontation between rebels and government forces, remains comparatively feminine and intimate but ultimately makes as powerful a case as "Hero" for linking human conflict with turbulence in the natural world.

When autumn changes to winter in the midst of a fight between comrades who have turned into rivals, nature itself becomes a kind of pitiless referee. And mere mildard combat no longer seems the most extreme statement of Chinese martial arts fantasy.

Indeed, these films take us back to a Shakespearean world in which every component of the social fabric and natural order is intricately connected. In such a world, an extraordinary man or woman can be literally a force of nature, and it may take a thousand arrows — or a flying dagger that magically splits in two — to end that exceptional life.

That's a major key to these films' hold on our imaginations: seeing incomparably powerful individuals define their destinies and even deliberately throw away their lives at a time when our own futures have become compromised by an ailing economy, reduced employment benefits, growing gridlock and all the other mundane realities that no flying Chinese warrior ever has to face.

Moreover, as they skip across the surface of lakes, or spiral into the sky, the exhilarating physical feats executed by those warriors establish new standards and expectations for others to match.

In October, martial arts

champion Matt Mullins titled a male sextet presented "Sideshow" at the American Choreography Awards, adding lots of vertical gymnastic buoyancy to the chop-and-kick virtuosity standard in this kind of showpiece. Mullins didn't use vines, so his cast couldn't actually fly, but his debt to Chinese martial arts spectacles proved unmistakable.

Films and television have long conditioned our sense of human possibilities, starting with the illusion that human beings can dance full-out indefinitely. A show like "Twyla Tharp's 'Movin' On'" bought into that illusion, just as Mullins' sextet bought into the one popularized by Ang Lee and Zhang Yimou, along with the "Matrix" and "Kill Bill" films.

As our lives contract, our fantasies expand — and human physicality evolves to meet those fantasies. In the 19th-century ballet toe-dancing developed in Europe as a technique to express a belief in a parallel, supernatural plane of existence. And that technique has become the symbol of the art. It's likely that, right now, somebody somewhere is inventing a way of moving that looks like flight to confirm our belief that we're greater than our lives allow and have capabilities that we only dream about.

'Halo 2' meets lofty expectations online

By Aaron Sanderford
Lincoln Journal Star

Forget what you've heard about what twist, a brief about the Master Chief and the shorter-than-expected Campaign mode.

Long after the luster of friends who is great, you'll return to "Halo 2" to beat your new friends.

Bungie's second installment, the most-hyped, fastest-selling game ever published for Microsoft's Xbox, is the finest multiplayer experience available on video consoles.

If you haven't bought a broadband-only Xbox Live subscription, this is the game that will make you part with the \$55 to \$70 starter pack and an annual fee.

"Halo 2" at \$49.95 is a rewarding sequel in every way. Like "The Empire Strikes Back" and "The Godfather 2," it offers the complication of story the original missed.

The graphics have richer textures, more detail. The musical score resembles "Star Wars" in epic tone. And the dialogue is funnier, wittier and more involved. You'll actually want to pay attention.

The Campaign mode offers far more compelling reasons to fight for earth as the Master Chief against the invading Covenant's alien troops, and it even successfully generates sympathy for the invaders.

Redesigned weapons and the chance to carry two smaller guns at once adds new strategy to the way you'll fight in this fast-paced first-person shooter.

Grade: A. If you have Xbox Live, be if you don't.

The single-player and cooperative Campaign mode is as fun as the original, albeit disturbingly brief at the default difficulty setting.

It does, however, lack the wow

factor the first game had. But the first time you play "Capture the Flag" online with 15 other players across the country, and heur a 12-year-old talk smack as you tear down, you'll know.

You'll know that online gaming just got this good since Valve's "Counter-Strike" on PC, which also stressed team-oriented play against the forces of friendship.

And you'll know that there might not be a better multi-player experience on a video game console. "Halo 2," despite its detractors, competes well with PC shooters.

The reason it works is Xbox Live allows for nearly hiccup-free Internet connections and skill-matching play. A newbie won't be forced to play with devoted freak, nor will an experienced player be forced to drag along a novice.

First-time players might wonder what's wrong when they request a matched online game and the screen seems to churn but give Live a chance to find the right game.

Because when it suddenly starts, and you look with bloodshot eyes at the night that could have been, you'll feel regret.

Regret that you couldn't have found this game earlier, when you could sleep 16 hours and play whenever you want.

It's inappropriate for children and bloodier than the original, but still self-fake enough for discerning parents to select for suitable teens.

Grade: A. If you have Xbox Live, be if you don't.

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Teen-oriented TV dramas offer big breaks to emerging artists

NEW YORK (AP) — When Casey Stratton was a struggling singer-songwriter a few years ago, he had ideas for movies about integrity. High on his list of what would jeopardize licensing his music to television.

"When I was younger, I used to be really weird about that. Like, 'I will not cheapen my work by putting it on TELEVISION,'" he recalls with a chuckle.

That was before the producers of the teen-oriented drama "One Tree Hill" called and asked to use the blittersweet ballad "Hollow," from his debut album, on the WB show. Stratton gave the go-ahead, and while the exposure from the show (which was canceled last year) didn't catapult him to stardom, it drew enough attention to help generate some buzz for his self-titled album (released January 2003).

And it helped Stratton change his views on using his melodic tunes on TV.

"It doesn't really matter now. It doesn't hurt anyone and it was good for the scene," Stratton says. "And it was a good steppingstone."

Other artists are finding out the same, as more TV shows — especially those heavy on melodramatic teen plotlines — rely on musicians to intensify the emotion of a heart-wrenching breakup, intense makeout scene or tearful ending.

"Our challenge is always to make the show contemporary and to make it resonate somehow with kids," says Mark Schwahn, creator, executive producer and writer of the WB drama "One Tree Hill," centered around two half-brothers who grew up on opposite ends of the world, but find that comes between them and the soap opera surrounding their lives.

"I think all kids have a soundtrack to their own lives, and it's such a huge part of their lives that using songs that mean something to them, or songs that will mean something to them in the future, is the way to go, as opposed to just using standard score."

flowed on a drama, the only music that accompanied it was some variation of the show's instrumental theme music.

While songs by artists have been featured on shows in the past and have even become hits (remember the Billy Vera ballad "At This Moment," which came a hit during Alex Keaton's courtship of Ellen on "Family Ties")? It wasn't a regular thing.

"People have been licensing their songs to movies longer, but for some reason, the TV licensing thing was sort of a cheesy thing to do," says musician Howie Day, whose songs have been featured in a few TV dramas.

"The WB drama 'Dawson's Creek' (1998-2003) may have been among the early shows to change that, from the use of Paula Cole's "I Don't Want to Wait" as its theme song to the reliance on emotive tunes from Fiona Apple, Sarah McLachlan and others to accentuate the drama of a scene.

Now, it's become standard practice for genre-drama dramas such as "Beverly Hills, The Gilmore Girls" and others — so

much so that many have their own soundtracks. "One Tree Hill's" is coming out Jan. 25, while "The O.C." has already released three — including a holiday album.

John Schwartz, creator, executive producer and one of the writers for "The O.C." — which follows the wild, reckless and beautiful kids of the pampers set in Orange County — says the trend speaks to the way a new generation of TV producers has been influenced by film.

"I know for me, I'm a huge Cameron Crowe fan, and I love the way he uses music in his movies," says Schwartz. "You always remember John Hughes movies and how well the music was used there, so that's built into my sensibility when I sit down to write."

"And Day is ready for the opportunity — no matter what the show."

"Even now, if a soap opera wants to use my song, I'm kind of like, 'OK,'" says Day. "I just see it as a great promotion, and it's an easy way for me to make money — just send me a check."

Performing Arts school presents 'Peter Pan'

TODAY

Water/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley School for Performing Arts will present "Peter Pan" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults...

Jackpot

The Entertainment will do two shows at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Krower Klub Lounge...

Country/Twin Falls

Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Country/Twin Falls

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's...

Country/Twin Falls

Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Country/Paul

Country Classics will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Country/Declo

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Country/Buhl

Country Classics will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Country/Rupert

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's...

EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Karaoke/Burley

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's...

Karaoke/Rupert

Midnight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room...

R&B/Utah

It will play covers for R&B and Funk at 8:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Club...

Planetarium/Platinum Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

POP/JACKPOT

The Entertainment will do two shows at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Krower Klub Lounge...

Theater/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley School for Performing Arts will present "Peter Pan" at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Reformed Church...

Country/Kimberly

Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Variety/Paul

It will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Rock/Twin Falls

Rockin' House will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Oasis...

Country/Twin Falls

Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse...

Variety/Twin Falls

Kurt Kraker will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's...

Country/Declo

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Slakers...

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke with Live Star Entertainment will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club...

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Krower Klub Lounge...

Karaoke/Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club...

Karaoke/Burley

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside...

Karaoke/Declo

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna...

Karaoke/Rupert

Midnight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room...

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

DANCE/TWIN FALLS

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 7 to 9 p.m. at the senior center...

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Krower Klub Lounge...

Karaoke/Burley

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge...

Figure Skating/Boise

Sauncker's Stars on Ice, featuring Sarah Hughes, Alexei Yagudin, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze...

Variety/Twin Falls

Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Oasis...

Variety/Twin Falls

DI Night will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's...

Karaoke/Twin Falls

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Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

College of Southern Idaho will present "Middle Vision" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults...

WEDNESDAY

Country/Ketchum

Tony Fortado will play Whiskey Jacques at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Gala/Utah Falls

The Lamphouse Theater will host a gala fundraiser at 7 p.m. to help local filmmaker Wes Malvin finish his film "The Mollin Man"...

Variety/Twin Falls

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Theater/Utah

The touring Broadway production of Vicki Ibañez and Marjani Durrant's "Late Afternoon"...

Dance/Boise

Michael Hudby's Lord of the Dance will perform at the Mori... Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$10 for children, can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1991...

THURSDAY

Circus/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Arts and Drama will present the New Shanghai Circus at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center...

Theater/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley School for Performing Arts will present "Peter Pan" at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Reformed Church...

Variety/Twin Falls

Open microphone night will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's...

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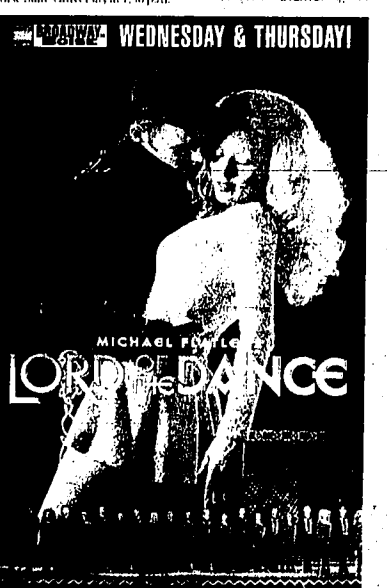
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How do you translate 'Ogre'?

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — At first Chuck Mitchell did not think it was such a great idea to insert a slaughterhouse joke in the middle of "Shrek."

"I said, wait a minute, I don't think so. I mean it's one thing to have Shrek say he's going to kick Donkey's butt, it's another to have him dragging him off to the meat house."

But then Mitchell saw Polish. Apparently, in Poland, there is a very funny folk tale involving a donkey and a slaughterhouse. And according to the translator working on the Polish version of the wildly successful DreamWorks film, they would be loath to refer to it as the slaughterhouse.

"We had a great translator," he says with a shrug. "I tried to tell them: There were lots of things that had to be changed because a lot of the fairy tales, they use in Shrek are not known in Poland. So we used dialogue to add some Polish language."

Mitchell is president of Voices in the Arts, an audio production company that does, among other things, foreign dubbing for theatrical and nontheatrical film projects. As foreign sales have become increasingly important to the entertainment industry, making up 30 percent of total revenue, dubbing industry has grown in scope and expertise. Where once it consisted of literal voice-over translation, it now, and particularly well-synchronized, now entire casts and crews assembled to create the dialogue in a way that replicates the spirit of the original movie but also provides for a more-to-be-a-physicist-in-the-various foreign territories.

Throughout Western Europe, English-speaking film and television has been regularly dubbed for years. In France, Italy, Germany and Spain the PRS, as they are called in the industry, there is a huge standing dubbing industry with studios and talent that can handle their careers in dubbing alone. But as Hollywood has ventured into Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, dubbing is now being by the American studios that will hire local actors and directors, also provide a production supervisor such as Mitchell to be on set.

Mitchell signs off on every thing from the script to the performance, where a cultural translation is as important as linguistic.

For "Shrek," Mitchell oversaw the Polish, Catalan and Castilian versions; for "Titan A.E.," he worked on its Hong Kong, Spain, Ireland and Greece; and for "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace," he supervised dubbing in Hong Kong and Russia.

"Shrek is part of a very select group who not only understand the creative process, but also know how to do all the audio post production," says Debra Chinn, executive director of international theatrical dubbing for Fox Film Corp., who has worked with Mitchell many times over the years. "Because it's not a question of understanding the language so much as it is understanding the original project."

"I mean, I am a professional American," Mitchell says. "A lot of the foreign directors may or may not have worked in the U.S., so they may not understand some of the references or nuance. Sometimes I have to explain that this is supposed to be funny or this isn't."

That's one drawback, Mitchell remembers asking a Russian director why the actors on one film sounded so stern and angry. "I said, 'You know, the Chinese aren't supposed to be angry here.' And he said, 'Oh they aren't angry; that's just the way we talk.' I hear it's even worse in Turkey, in Turkey they've got a real vocabulary."

And with the increase in foreign sales, he says, a greater concern about "protecting the brand." "I think studios are making sure that what audiences are hearing in Ireland and Hong Kong and Africa is essentially, if not specifically, the same dialogue heard in the United States. Which means the studios need more control and more resources."

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It cost cutting at every level, however, has reduced the number of jobs Mitchell has gotten abroad. It has been suggested to him by several studios executives that he make the move to a large city which would make him competitive for projects without the budget to fly in and put up a U.S. based operation. So far, he and his wife have resisted, and a new job at a dubbing market is being in some of the gaps.



Chuck Mitchell is president of Voices in the Arts, which dubs American films.

been in the newer territories, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa still tend toward subtitles, but that is changing, especially for these films aimed at a kid audience. "Kids can't read subtitles," Mitchell says. "So they dub the animation features, and some live-action. 'Star Wars' is a natural example."

"When I got into dubbing in 1992," says Chinn, who has worked with Mitchell many times over the years. "Because it's not a question of understanding the language so much as it is understanding the original project."

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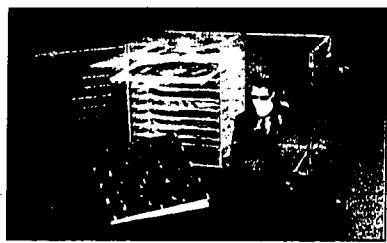
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DVD 'double-dipping' is an industry term for releasing multiple versions of the same film. Here, a 'Matrix' DVD collector's set includes a Kenan Reeves figurine.

Repackaged DVDs offer extra exposure for films

The Washington Post

All your brother wants for his birthday is "The Matrix" on DVD. No prob. You type the words "The Matrix" into Amazon.com's search box...and all home entertainment hell breaks loose.

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You tried to buy "The Matrix." Instead you entered "The Matrix."

That's because, like many shoppers this year, you've stumbled into the world of DVD "double dipping," an industry term for releasing multiple versions of the same movie on disc. Through the trend last found new, it has picked up steam in recent years as America's consumers spend more on DVDs: \$6.6 billion in the first half of 2004, an 80 percent increase over the same period on the medium's popularity.

Take the two-disc special edition of "Hellboy," which is now on DVD. Last year's two-disc "Pirates of the Caribbean" made more than a few weeks ago but a three-disc special edition of the same blockbuster. A third anniversary edition of "Marty Poppins," the third DVD rendition of the Walt Disney classic, will help the medicine go down even better when it comes to Tuesday with never before seen footage. And that same day, "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" Platinum Series Special Limited Edition arrives in stores; it follows the release in May of the "regal" DVD version of the same film.

The DVD business isn't the only industry re-releasing and repackaging its products. Record companies often put out multiple versions of a CD, including some that come packaged with music DVDs. The publishing industry does the same thing, unveiling say, a special illustrated edition of the bestselling novel "The Da Vinci Code" just in time for the holiday season. Even that long forgotten relic, the VHS tape, often yielded multiple incarnations of the same film.

Studios point to some practical reasons for DVD duplication. Sometimes the bonus features for certain films, such as directors' commentary or "making-of" documentaries, aren't completed in time to make the initial DVD release date. But the biggest motivator is, of course, money.

"The studios describe it more diplomatically: 'We are giving people something that's new and better and, at the same time, creating a business opportunity for us,'" says Lori MacPherson, vice president of brand marketing and product management for Buena Vista Home Entertainment, which distributes Walt Disney Touchstone and Miramax releases.

Some examples of DVD duplication are less ingenious than others. For example, New Line, the studio behind the Academy Award-winning "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, publicly announced its double dipping plans before any of those films appeared on DVD. That way you could buy the two-disc version (essentially a DVD of what you saw in the theater with some bonus features) or wait a few months and spend about

\$10 more for the four-disc extended edition (a longer version of the movie with a whole new set of extras).

"We would have followed that plan regardless of whether we thought people would buy one, the other or both," says Matt Lasorsa, executive vice president of marketing for New Line Home Entertainment. "We're highly sensitive to being criticized for trying to double-dip the consumer."

Most studios collect more revenue from initial DVD releases of newer films rather than extended versions of director cuts, says Scott Hietrick, editor in chief of DVD Executive magazine, a sister publication of Variety. Hietrick says the initial version of "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" sold about 11.7 million units, and the extended edition about 4.3 million. Lasorsa says it's usually

"A majority of people just want to get the movie and get it as fast as they can," says Hietrick. "After that, you're just appealing to the real hard core fans, and that's a smaller percentage of the original base that already bought the first DVD."

Those hard core fans include Mike Carter, a 33-year-old freelance writer from Arlington, Va. He bought both the theatrical and extended editions of all of the "Lord of the Rings" films on the day each DVD was released.

"Since the company and the filmmakers were upfront about the two different versions, he knew either was released, I had no problem with paying twice," he said in a recent e-mail. But Carter stopped short of the gift set editions, which come with such supposedly enticing toys as a statuette of the creepy Gollum.

"I really didn't want to spend an extra 20 or 30 bucks, so a graded, tear-through little creature cutting a raw fish, unwise, could glare at me indefinitely from my bookshelves? I don't think so," Carter wrote.

Still, he says he might go the gift set route with "The Return of the King" because he likes the miniature sculpture of Minas Tirith, Middle-earth's White City, which he calls "a great enough to display without geek alarms flashing and wishing anytime I have friends and for new people over."

So the buying and re-buying continues. And it's never too soon to start wooing future DVD collectors with new editions. In March, Disney will debut its "Bambi Platinum Edition," a DVD that will likely spawn other "Bambi" box sets in future. No word on if it includes a miniature mounted head of Bambi's mother.

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The bridegroom is the son of Kent and Julie Pincock of Burley.

The bride is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho.

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Duelling divas

Some female comic book heroes from the big screen, and how well they've fared.

Film: Elektra (2005)
The starlet: Jennifer Garner continues her role from "Daredevil" and incorporates her kicks learned for "Alias."

What happened? She didn't do interviews to promote the movie, and Fox didn't do any early sneak peeks — that's usually a bad sign.
Box office?

Film: Catwoman (2004)
The starlet: Halle Berry won an Oscar, then wanted some action. She wasn't enough for her in a Bond film, so she picked this female, because her "X-Men" role didn't create much of a storm.
What happened? Critics pummeled it on their worst-of-the-year lists and over-the-top Sharon Stone stole the movie. Halle won't do Storm again unless she gets more to do.

Box office: It made \$40.1 million and cost more than \$100 million to make.

Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001)
The starlet: Angelina Jolie teamed with her estranged dad John Voight on a quest to save Pandora's Box in this film based on a video game and comic book.

What happened? The first one did so well, two years later, "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" came out and made less than half, ending the series for her.
Box office: \$131 million for the first, \$65 million for the second, both around \$100 to make.

Films: X-Men (2000), The Punisher (2004)
The starlet: Rebecca Romijn-Stamos is the most intriguing, and so, of the X-Men characters, even if she's covered in blue scales.

What happened? Fans reacted well to Mystique, so they expanded her role in "X2," then she co-starred with Tom Jins in "The Punisher."
Box office: "X-Men" made \$157 million, "X2" made \$215 million, but "Punisher" barely made its money back at \$33.7 million.

Film: X-Men (2000)
The starlet: Anna Paquin, the second youngest Oscar winner in history, for "The Piano," plays Rogue, who tames Wolverine. What happened? Her powers are a bit more nebulous — she sucks them away from others — and so, she's not the most exciting of the X crowd.
Box office: "X-Men" made \$157 million, "X2: X-Men United" made \$215 million, domestically.

Napster founder goes legit with Snocap

Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — At 19, Napster founder Shawn Fanning graced the cover of Time magazine as the velvet-haired poster boy for the online piracy of digital music.

Now, at 24, he's ready for his second set: Legitimizing the revolution Napster started. Fanning's new company, Snocap Inc., aims to transform the music-swapping free-for-all Napster sparked into a vast online marketplace where people can buy authorized tracks from each other without incurring the legal wrath of the record labels.

Napster launched the online file-sharing craze and attracted tens of millions of users before the company collapsed in 2002 under a legal assault by the major record labels. Napster's successors — even more popular online services including Kazaa, Morpheus and Grokster — have proved harder for the labels to drive out of business.

Five years after starting the fight, Fanning, who sports close-cropped hair under a baseball cap, believes he can end it. It's a personal mission that began shortly after he left Napster.

"I do have something to prove at some level," Fanning said this week in one of his first interviews in more than two years. "In terms of creating something lasting — that we can go and create something that is a representation of what we believe, that is a representation of the ideals we had at Napster."

Fanning and his fellow programmers, many of them Napster alumni, set out to create a database that would keep information about recordings and their owners and leverage the power of peer-to-peer networks, which link hordes of



Snocap is hoping to link file-sharing networks with music rights holders. Co-founder Jordan Mendelson, left, Chief Operating Officer Ali Aydar and co-founder Shawn Fanning.

small computers. The idea is to marry the mass reach and vast catalog of the untamed networks with the reliability, quality — and legality — of the sales approved by the record labels, publishers and others with rights to the music.

Beginning sometime next year, peer-to-peer networks that want to sell songs will be able to use the database. Song files whose owners have been identified can be transmitted as long as payments go through Snocap to the various rights holders.

If a song hasn't been registered with Snocap beforehand, it can still change hands, but the act of checking it against the database will allow Snocap to take a digital fingerprint of the new file. Then the copyright owners can lay claim to it.

Song owners can set the price and attach almost any conditions they want to the material, including whether and when it expires and how many times it can be copied. They can even name countries where they don't want the songs to be made available. The songs are marked with an audio fingerprinting system licensed from Philips.

Universal Music Group and SonyBMG have been enthusiastic about the project, and EMI Music Chairman Alain Levy said last month that his firm would reach a deal as well. "We're hoping that peer-to-peer becomes another way for people to discover and purchase music," said Larry Kenswil, president of Universal's Elabs. The trick will be getting es-

tablished peer-to-peer companies to participate when users could defect to free alternatives.

And Michael Weiss, the chief executive of the company that makes the free Morpheus file-sharing software, said the Snocap system would be less reliable than Morpheus.

That's because Snocap depends on a central gateway, and if it goes down, so does the network.

Central gateways are something many file-sharing companies are keen to avoid, but not solely out of concern about reliability. Some of them have won legal victories against the record labels by arguing that the decentralized nature of peer-to-peer networks doesn't allow them to control what their users do online.

Comic book women make a comeback

Zap2it.com

Jennifer Garner met her new main squeeze, Ben Affleck, on the set of "Daredevil" two years ago. He played a blind comic book superhero, and the film disappeared into Ben's resume of really bad movies. She, however, became "Elektra."

The craze of bringing comic books to the big screen has translated well for some franchises, such as "Spider-Man," "X-Men," "Batman" and "Superman," but it hasn't done very well for women (anyone remember Helen Slater as "Supergirl" or Lori Petty as "Tank Girl"?)

It's not bad acting that makes female comic book characters translate so poorly to the big screen. After all, Academy Award winners Halle Berry, Angelina Jolie and Anna Paquin took their comic book roles

after they won their Oscars (in "Catalonia," "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" and "Rogue in 'X-Men,'" respectively). And Garner is a Golden Globe-winning, multi-E Emmy-nominated actress.

Garner's publicity people say the "Alias" star didn't do interviews at the time because of a virus — making some of us suspect that it was the same virus that kept Halle Berry from doing interviews at the last minute after seeing the reactions to "Catwoman." But Jen showed up at the Las Vegas premiere and said it was a nerve injury in her knee, and all was well — the nerve of her!

"She's taking the inevitability of her own humanity," says Garner about her character (who seemed rather dead when we left her in "Daredevil"). "It's a hard story to play one that I think people can relate to."

Companies charge fees for do-it-yourself ticket purchases

By Mark Caro
Chicago Tribune

You've presumably paid the face value of this newspaper for the privilege of reading these words, but you haven't actually paid for the convenience of reading this. So how about it? Instead of a new personal service charge, if you wish to continue reading my words, please e-mail your credit card information so I can deduct, say, an additional 20 percent of what you've already paid.

I learned this trick from the live-entertainment industry, which has conditioned people to pay large chunks of money for the privilege of spending larger chunks of money for the actual product. See, in order to enjoy a concert — or a theatrical spectacle or a sporting event — you need a ticket. So it follows that in addition to paying for the experience itself, you also should have to pay for the ability to buy a ticket for said experience.

Hence, we have the "convenience charge" or "service fee." Mind you, these fees are nothing new — and neither are

complaints about them. But 10 years ago the griping might have sounded like this: No way should I have to spend an additional 3 bucks because some store clerk or phone operator sold me a ticket.

That is to say, back then some person actually was providing the service, whether or not you believed Ticketmaster's claims that the labor and technological infrastructure justified the fees. Now buying tickets has become a do-it-yourself game, with the dominant Ticketmaster selling an estimated half or more of its tickets online.

Even on the phone you don't deal with a human being.

Ticketmaster prods callers through a series of robotic-voiced prompts that, in several calls I made, led to dead air rather than completed ticket transactions.

Ticketmaster, like much of the corporate world, has figured out how to use automation to cut down on labor costs. Yet service fees are as high as ever.

In other words printing and distributing tickets used to cost money. Now they're a cash cow.

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WEEKEND

Movies

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job of retaining the key elements of the original plot and creating an entirely new set of characters that give the film a crisp contemporary feel. Dennis Quaid's surly captain has down to Margella to evacuate a crew of unsuccessful oil riggers only to run afoul of an epic sandstorm — over the "Gobi Desert" on the return flight. It becomes quickly clear that if the passengers are to have a hope of survival after a crash landing they will have to rebuild their damaged plane. Just as lively and suspenseful as the original. With Giovanni Ribisi, Tyrese Gibson, Miranda Otto, Hugh Laurie. (1:52) PG-13 for some language, action and violence.

'The Grudge'

Sarah Michelle Gellar stars as an exchange student in Tokyo, where people — smart, dying, thanks to a creepy ghost in a curse-plagued house. Not scary at all. (1:35) R for profanity, violence.

'The Incredibles'

A movie with the sweet soul of "Toy Story" and the bolshoi-spirit of "Spy Kids," Brad Bird's eye-popping cartoon boasts a pro-family, pro-reform agenda and a witty, atomic-modern style. It resembles the way the future looked circa 1963, if pop artist Roy Lichtenstein had designed rocketships for NASA and ranchers for suburban developers. PG (animated violence, suspense, suitable for children 4 and older)

'Kinsey'

Liam Neeson stars as the celebrated (and condemned) researcher in this entertaining and enlightening biopic. Laura

Linnay is the grad-student-turned-epicure who was Kinsey's intellectual and emotional anchor — and his partner, up to a point, in sexual discovery. Flawed but satisfying, and smartly put together by filmmaker Bill Condon. 1 hr. 58 R (language, nudity, sex, adult themes)

'Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events'

Based on the children's book series of the same name, this is a tale of unmitigated disaster related in a high Wilden style. Abruptly orphaned when a fire burns their parents to a crisp, the clever Baudelaire children (Emily Browning, Liam Aiken, Kara and Shelby Hoffman) are ignored, mistreated or worse by their evil uncle, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey), the plan, insidious and impetuous fancy pants, who plans to kill the children and take their money. If anyone knows his way around the part of scary actor, it's Carrey. But what the movie lacks is anything that might infuse it with the sense of true dread that keeps kids coming back for the willies. With Meryl Streep. Directed by Brad Silberling. (1:48) PG for thematic elements, scary situations and brief language.

'The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou'

On the face of it, Wes Anderson's movie is an adventure tale about a Jacques Cousteau-on-the-kids-type (Bill Murray) who decides to pull a shark on the shark that ate his buddy. But mostly, like all of Anderson's movies, it's about the way nostalgia works on people. Co-written with Noah Baumbach, this is an exquisitely evocative movie that elevates recufil

melancholia to its apex. It does that thing movies used to think they were supposed to do — paint with light, sculpt in time, drive you nuts with longing for something hard to pinpoint that you probably never had, deliver an emotional experience from which you won't recover. With, Cate Blanchett, Anjelica Huston, Willem Dafoe, Jeff Goldblum and Michael Gambon. (1:58) R for language, some drug use, violence and partial nudity.

'Mean Creek'

Director Jacob Estes' feature film debut is a coming-of-age drama about death and consequences. When overweight, emotionally troubled George (Josh Peck) beats up a smaller kid named Sam (Rory Culkin) one time too many, his older brother Rocky (Trevor Morgan) and Rocky's wrong-side-of-the-tracks pal (Scott Mechlowicz) decide to teach George a lesson. Along with their friend Clyde (Ryan Kelley) — who was once the brunt of George's violence himself — they bring George on a boat trip with a cruel prank in mind. Sam brings his love interest, Milly (Carly Schroeder), who tries to stop the plan when she decides George is a nice guy after all. Tragic things happen nonetheless with the slow, languid rhythm of life in a small Oregon town. R

'Meet the Fockers'

The sequel to the 2000 hit "Meet the Parents" brings back Ben Stiller as Greg (ne Gaylord) Focker, the mild-mannered nurse who suffered humiliation at the hands of his girlfriend's (Teri Polo) father, Jack (Robert De Niro) — a former CIA operative, surveillance enthusiast and psycho-prig. Two years later, Greg is ready to

introduce her family to his own parents, Béatrice (Dustin Hoffman) and Roz (Barbra Streisand) Focker. This is one of those relatively rare comedies that's at once puerile, charming and very funny throughout. Stiller dutifully reprises his nervous routine, and Polo does what she can in a criminally bland part. Hoffman and Streisand have a blast as Bernie and Roz, the unself-conscious free spirits who made their son into the cringing milkson he is today. Directed by Jay Roach. (1:55) PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug reference.

'National Treasure'

"National Treasure" stars Nicolas Cage as Ben Gates, a cryptographer and civics geek who steals the Declaration of Independence in order to decode a treasure map encrypted on the back. A hot-butted-popcorn movie that's family-friendly, "Treasure" may fall a notch below "Pirates of the Caribbean" on the pleasure-meter, but it does give American history sex appeal and celebrates a guy who relies on brainware rather than gadgets. PG (discrete violence, suspense)

'Ocean's Twelve'

Danny Ocean's gang is back, along with newcomers and old faces in this loose, goosey follow-up to Steven Soderbergh's all-star Vegas heist hit. This time, Clooney, Damon, Pitt, Roberts and company (and Zeta-Jones) hop around Amsterdam, Paris and Rome, striking poses and sending up caper pics — and themselves. It's glamorous, riffy, immensely enjoyable and almost instantly forgettable. PG-13 (sex, profanity, violence, adult themes)

'The Polar Express'

Tom Hanks provides the voice and movements for five characters, including the boy hero. In this visually lavish computer animated adaptation of the Chris Van Allsburg picture book, it's about a boy in the throes of a Santa credibility crisis, who takes a magical train ride on Christmas Eve. And it feels like a wee bit padded. G (vertiginous train ride)

'Ray'

The story of Ray Charles, who was born dirt poor, went blind from glaucoma at age 7, then went on to a musical career that included 12 Grammys, 76 singles on the best-seller charts and more than 75 albums is presented as a proudly conventional film that combines irresistible music and a charismatic performance in a way that makes us not only forgetful, but actually almost relish how standard it is. Jamie Foxx does an uncanny job duplicating the singer's physical mannerisms, but his performance goes well beyond impersonation. Foxx takes this role and runs with it, emerging as a full-blown dramatic star. Director Taylor Hackford believes passionately in the value of the well-worn conventions of the script, which makes the film wholly entertaining despite its shortcomings. (2:32) PG-13 for depiction of drug addiction, sexuality and some thematic elements.

'White Noise'

In this techle ghost story Michael Keaton plays an architect whose perfect life is disrupted when his wife (Chandra West) disappears. Such is their love and reliance on each other that Keaton into a huff, eventually teaming him with a bookstore owner (Deborah Kara Unger), who has also loved, lost and communicated with the dead. With its haunted television sets, waltzing cameras and fancy digs, "White Noise" suggests nothing so much as a soulless remake of "The Graduate" — but one that wouldn't really be scary at all with the sound turned off. (1:41) PG-13 for violence, disturbing images and language. Sources: Los Angeles Times, Knight Ridder News Service

on, moments to laugh at and performances to admire, but, like so many current lives, it is also somewhat in disarray, not always equal to its admirable intentions and the grace of its most successful aspects. Flor (Spanish star Paz Vega), seeking a better life for her daughter, illegally crosses the border into the U.S. and is hired as a housekeeper for an affluent family. Te Leoni makes the most indelible impression as wife and mother Deborah, an immensely complicated character, endlessly exasperating but completely believable. Adam Sandler and Chris Leachman also star. (2:08) PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language.

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TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which pair of actors played Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland Alexander in the movie, “The Winning Team,” which was about the major league pitching great?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School

Boys Basketball
Shoshone at Carey, 4:30 p.m.
Valley at Filer, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Declo, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls Christian Academy at Hagerman, 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Twin Falls at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 6 p.m.
Hagerman at Castleford, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Carey, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Raft River/Oakley, Filer, Declo, Kimberly at MVC/Wendell, 3 p.m.
Minico at Elko (New) Invitational

Gooding, Jerome at American Falls tournament, 6 p.m.
Burley, Pocatello at Highland, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Madison Invitational (Reznburg), 3 p.m.
Filer at Spring Creek (New) Invitational, 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jerome Rec offers basketball clinic

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will be holding a kindergarten basketball clinic on Tuesdays from Jan. 18-Feb. 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost will be \$15. For more information, contact the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

Local free throw competition is soon

TWIN FALLS — The Knights of Columbus will be holding a local level of competition for all boys and girls ages 10-14 in the Knights of Columbus 2005 Free Throw Championships. The competition will be held in the St. Edwards Catholic Church parish hall gym on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Parking will be available in the church lot and to be held at 6th and Hansen with the parish entrance off Hansen. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written consent of guardian.
Entry forms will be available at the gym and there is no fee to participate. For additional information, call Dave Ellingsen at 734-3705.

Minico offers 'Red and Gold Night' drawings

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will be sponsoring a “Minico Spartan Red and Gold Night” on Jan. 15 prior to the Jerome-at-Minico boys basketball game. Anyone wearing red or gold shirts or a shirt with the Minico Spartan on it will receive a ticket for a drawing to be held during halftime of both the junior varsity and varsity basketball games.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Ronald Reagan and Doris Day in the 1952 film “The Winning Team” (Alexander once worked for a telephone company, but his hobby was pitching baseball games. He played for the Phillies, Cubs and Cardinals from 1911 to 1930. The rest, as they say, is history.)

M.V.V. Christian conquers Wolves

Early lead, hot hands put Conquerors ahead

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors left little doubt with Thursday's 68-49 victory over the visiting Castleford Wolves — this team is real. “I knew they were good, but I didn't know they were this good,” Castleford head coach Tyler Gaston said.

With a lightning-quick transition game, the 8-3 Conquerors jumped out to a 28-11 lead by the end of the first quarter.

With standout senior guard Cody Griffith wearing Miguel May's shirt on the offensive end due to May's defensive pressure, the Conquerors had to find other scoring options. Junior guard Jon Fulcher came out with the hot hand early, hitting three effective, and scoring 11 of his 13 points in the first quarter.

“Coming in, we knew we couldn't become one-dimensional,” Conquerors head coach Kevin Bickel said. “Everybody knows Cody and they started with a box-and-one on him, so we just played some four-on-four. That's almost always going to happen, but Cody can be a role player and he's fine with that.”

That role player did end up breaking loose for 21 points in three quarters. Griffith also snagged four steals, four rebounds, and dished out two assists.

“We just didn't have an answer for him,” Gaston said. “We threw a box-and-one, a two-three zone, a three-two, a diamond-and-one. Nothing worked.”

Conquerors' win was never in doubt after the first quarter, thanks largely to the play of 6-foot-5 Conquerors post James Jarvis. The senior dominated the post, scoring 20 points to go along with 15 rebounds, three blocks, and three assists. Cory Paulson added eight for the Conquerors (5-1 Magic Valley Southside Conference).

Senior guard Kobi Bower led 6-4 Castleford with 21 points and eight rebounds while junior guard Lance Bickel added 14 points. Sophomore post Nathan Pryor was held to five points, but grabbed five rebounds and dished out five assists.

“I wasn't disappointed with the effort,” Gaston said.

The Wolves (5-2 conference) received a major shove four weeks into the junior post Drew Tverdy will be out for much of the remaining season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

“The kids came in knowing Drew was going to meet us here,” Gaston said. “It was tough because they were a little down, but we were just outmatched.”

For first-year Conquerors coach Bickel, the win is part of the progression of a steadily improving team.

These kids have had to learn my style and a new system, but they're really bought



Magic Valley Conquerors guard Cody Griffith, right, collides with Castleford defender Kobi Bower during the second quarter of their game in Twin Falls Thursday. The Conquerors won 68-49.

into it,” Bickel said. “The main thing is win or lose, we just need to keep getting better every game.”

The Wolves host Murtaugh Tuesday while the Conquerors are back in action Saturday at Hagerman.

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Magic Valley Christian: 24 14 11 - 68

CASTLEFORD (H) Kobi Bower 23/21, Justin Moore 0/1/2, Miguel Hernandez 20/5, Lance Bick 6/0/4, Nathan Pryor 2/0/5, Cory Paulson 8/1/2, Drew Tverdy 11/2/2, Tyson Jones 14/7/4
MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (W) Jordan Jarvis 20/3, Cody Griffith 21/12/21, James Jarvis 15/20/2, Cory Paulson 8/2/8, Kobi Bower 21/14/11, Jon Fulcher 11/11/11, Kobi Bower 21/14/11
3-point shot goes — Castleford 1 (Bower), 2 (May), 2 (Pryor); Magic Valley Christian 3 (Paulson), 2 (Fulcher), 2 (Bower) — Castleford 4; Magic Valley Christian 2 Times — one technical foul — none

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Ready for some frozen football?

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — On the coldest day the NFL ever played, Packers guard Larry Krummer took one look at Green Bay's fabled frozen tundra, began shivering and never stopped until he was draped across the most famous yard of deflated turf in football history.

During the riveting 1967 NFL championship game known as the Ice Bowl, the Idaho native almost fell sympathetically watching the number Dallas Cowboys struggle with the minus-13 temperature — and minus-48 wind chill of wintry Wisconsin. “Almost.”

“We were freezing,” Krummer said. “They were dying.”

More than any other sport, weather — bad weather, mostly — has helped create some of football's greatest moments.

Now that the NFL playoffs don't start until January, are you ready for some frozen football?

Second-round games will be played this weekend in no-name Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Foxboro.

Still, it won't be anything like what Dan Fouts and Hank Bauer faced.

On the second-coldest day — the NFL ever played — Fouts — the California-raised quarterback for the Chargers — knew he was out of his element in Cincinnati when he saw icicles hanging from his beard.

As a steamy fog shimmered surreally above the Ohio River during the “Freezer Bowl” AFC championship game in January 1962, San Diego's Air Coryell offense was no match for Cincinnati's cold air — minus-9 temperature and minus-59 wind chill.

Please see FROZEN, Page D6

Wizards 'doing everything right'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rub your eyes and look again at the NBA standings. Only Miami and Cleveland have better records in the East, and the nation's capital is no longer in the gimme column when Western Conference teams come to town.

“Washington has Larry Hughes, Gilbert Arenas; Antawn Jamison,” Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said before Wednesday's loss to the Wizards. “Nothing easy about that.”

The Big Three — for lack of a better nickname — are on pace to become the NBA's first trio of teammates to average 20 points each since 1991. Heck, another stat, one that requires a deep breath: Hughes is the only player in the league averaging at least 20 points (21.1), five re-

bounds (6.0), five assists (5.3) and 2.5 steals (2.84).

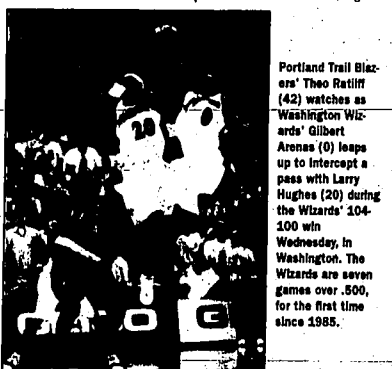
In fact, Hughes is the runaway leader in total steals with 91, although Allen Iverson — fourth with 73 — vowed to make up ground when the two spoke Tuesday night.

“He said he was going to get it — he was going to catch me,” Hughes said. “With him out there, there's always a chance.”

And there's always a chance, too, that the Wizards will stumble and miss the playoffs for the eighth straight year and the 16th time in 17 years. After all, Washington was 26-21 with Michael Jordan going into the All-Star break after beating Sacramento three years ago — and went 11-24 the rest of the way.

The true realist is coach Eddie Jordan, who is the first to admit

“Please see WIZARDS, Page D4



Portland Trail Blazers' Theo Ratiff (42) watches as Washington Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (20) leaps up to intercept a pass with Larry Hughes (20) during the Wizards' 104-100 win Wednesday in Washington. The Wizards are seven games over .500, for the first time since 1985.

Major League Baseball forges new steroid agreement

Players, owners adopt tougher penalties

Baseball pumps up the penalties

Major League Baseball announced a stricter steroid-testing program Thursday to deal with the health and integrity issues. The agreement runs until December 2009.

Penalties for positive tests for steroid use in various sports

	FIRST OFFENSE	SECOND OFFENSE	THIRD OFFENSE	FOURTH OFFENSE	FIFTH OFFENSE
Old	Counseling	15 days	25 days	50 days	1 year
New	10 days	30 days	60 days	1 year	League decision
Other sports	15 games	30 games	60 games	1 year	Lifetime
INFL	4 game	6 game	1 year	1 year	1 year
NBA	5 games	10 games	25 games	25 games	25 games
OCS	2 years	Lifetime			

New policy just another bunt

Baseball players and owners will high-five themselves and think they're quieting critics by agreeing to a slightly tougher steroid-testing program. Don't be fooled.



STEVE WILSTEIN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

The agreement was hailed by baseball management and its union Thursday as a huge step forward but was criticized by some as not going far enough because the penalties are less harsh than those in Olympic sports and amphetamines were not banned.

“I'm not saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero tolerance regarding steroids,” commissioner Bud Selig said.

A first positive test would result in a penalty of 10 days, a second positive test in a 30-day

AP
The new policy is progress but it's still just a bunt, not a home run in the effort to rid baseball of performance-enhancing drugs.

If it's only a watered-down version of the minor league anti-doping program that com-

SPORTS

Wie struggles with golf's best at Sony Open

HONOLULU (AP) — After scrambling to salvage a 5-over 75, Michelle Wie plopped down on a chair and playfully stuck her foot bottom lip as if she had just been scolded.

The 15-year-old quickly found one positive note from a rough time Thursday in the Sony Open. "At least I'm not in last place," she said. "We finished better than 10 men among early starters on a blustery day at Waialae Country Club, but she was nine shots behind co-leaders Stewart Cink and Brett Quigley and facing an uphill climb for their dream of

golf her, too." We opened with a 72 last week at the Sony Open, then followed that with a 68 — the lowest score ever — from competing on a men's tour — to miss the cut by one shot. Given the conditions, her 75 wasn't that bad. And she hit several shots she didn't have last year, such as a knockdown driver to keep the ball low into a wind that caused palm trees to sway. "I was very impressed, all the different shots she was playing," said Matt Davidson, a Q-school grad who unwittingly made his PGA Tour debut playing in front

of some 3,000 people, enough to line every fairway from tee-to-green, standing six-deep behind the ninth green when they finished the round. "I didn't feel like I was playing with a 15-year-old girl," Davidson said. "She's very polished. She has all the tools to be out here." Great Wetterich also played with Wie and had a 70. Quigley and Cink each shot 66, and hardly anyone noticed. Almost everyone at Waialae came to watch the 10th-grader from Punalou, Hawaii, try to prove she can play with the boys.

Buhl club volleyball registration is Tuesday

BUIL — Buhl Club Volleyball will hold registration for girls in grades 5-12 on Tuesday, Jan. 18 and Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 6-8 p.m. in the Buhl High School commons area. Registration forms can be picked up at each of the school offices or at the registration.

Dulko, Zheng will play for Hobart title

HOBART, Australia — Second-seeded Gisela Dulko of Argentina beat third-seeded Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-2 Thursday to advance to the championship of the Moorilla International. The 19-year-old Dulko will face Zheng, who rallied for a 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over Li Na in an all-Chinese semifinal.

There's still room in Bruin hoops camp

TWIN FALLS — There's still space available for the Bruins Little Dribblers-Camp starting Saturday. You can register from 7:30-8 a.m. for boys and girls in grades 4-6 and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for girls in grades K-3. For more information, contact Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

Southern California hiring Tim Floyd

LOS ANGELES — Tim Floyd is being hired as Southern California basketball coach, replacing the job Rick Majerus accepted then abruptly quit last week. USC spokesman Tim Tessa-lone said Thursday that a news conference will be held Friday afternoon on campus to introduce the coach.

Twin Falls High offers Twin-Falls camp

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Mini-Chief Camp will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Twin Falls High School gym. All children in grades K-6 are encouraged to attend. Cost for the camp is \$23 per child, which includes lunch as well as T-shirts, point pins, and a sticker for the participant and a guest for the Mini-Chief Twin Falls boys basketball game scheduled for 7:30 that night.

Source: Harlan eyes Seattle's Thompson

MILWAUKEE — Packers president Bob Harlan plans to strip coach Mike Sherman of his general manager duties and is targeting the Seahawks' Ted Thompson as a replacement. A source told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Davenport pulls out of Sydney International

SYDNEY, Australia — Lindsay Davenport pulled out of the Sydney International tennis tournament Thursday due to bronchitis, but thinks she can still play in the Australian-Open next week.

Lehnart delays announcing decision

LOS ANGELES — Helmsman Trophy winner Matt Lehnart has delayed announcing whether he will return to Southern California for his senior season, saying he will reveal his plans Friday.

Boxing Fight Schedule

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

• Mavericks at Spurs, ESPN2, 6 p.m.
• Timberwolves at Nuggets, ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.

Golf

• PGA Tour Sony Open in Hawaii, second round, ESPN, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Area ski report

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Baseball plans a news conference to unveil the details of the revised program for the majors, which, unlike the current system, will include penalties for first-time offenders.

The penalties still appear paltry — up to 10 days suspension for a first positive test, increasing to one year for a fourth positive, a high-ranking team official said, on condition of anonymity.

Under the previous agreement, a first positive test resulted only in treatment, and a second positive test could lead to a 15-day suspension. It would have taken five positive tests for a player to be banned for a year under the old plan.

Contrast that with the World Anti-Doping Agency's code, under the previous agreement, a first positive test resulted only in treatment, and a second positive test could lead to a 15-day suspension. It would have taken five positive tests for a player to be banned for a year under the old plan.

Baseball's new plan can't work if it doesn't adequately address all those issues.

New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, a senior member of the players' union, said he thinks the new deal calls for some out-of-season testing and more in-season tests. Under last year's program in the majors, players were tested twice during the season. That was the "standard" called for up to four unannounced tests per year.

Increasing the number of tests over a little fine line but goes too far, in reality, would there must be total unpredictability in testing — anytime, anywhere.

"That's the key if you're going to deal with drugs like amphetamine or human growth hormone," said Dr. Gary Wadler, a steroid expert and member of WADA's medical research committee.

The problem of performance-enhancing drugs is not limited to steroids and growth hor-

mons. Amphetamines and other stimulants have been banned in the minors, but not in the majors, where there is a long history of players popping "greenies" to rev them up during the season.

It took public and political pressure to get baseball to rework the drug-testing program put into place in 2006. Since then, Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield have been embroiled in the BALCO steroids investigation. Selig and attorney Ross Perot have been called to testify in Congress about drug-testing, and some legislators have threatened to take action unless baseball stepped up its anti-doping policy.

Baseball has needed help to have squandered an opportunity to do more before it revisits the issue at the end of the current collective bargaining agreement on Dec. 18, 2008. The way it appears now, moderately clever steroid abusers can slip past detection and punishment for two more seasons while the players and owners negotiate each other for "solving" the problem.

Rather than tweaking its testing and penalties, baseball should get out the white anti-doping effort to the extent at WADA who have studied the complex issue for years and have the resources to deal with it.

Stopping or at least limiting, doping is a tricky business. It takes medical and scientific experts. It takes trained testers and specialized labs around the world, capable of analyzing samples of players during the off-season in Central America, Japan, Korea or wherever they "may go."

WADA has all that and a \$20 million a year budget. Baseball has been trying to do it on a shoestring, its whole program overseen by two doctors and two lawyers.

Earlier this year, baseball made the smart move of sending urine samples to the IOC-sanctioned lab in Montreal. Now baseball ought to put the whole anti-doping shebang in WADA's hands.

"The blueprint has been signed off around the world, including by the United States, in the World Anti-Doping Code," Wadler said. "If you read the textbook, then look at WADA."

"If the baseball owners and players don't do the right way, they're sending a terrible message to everybody who watches baseball to live with this."

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Bruin boys slam Skyline, 76-50

The Times-News

IDAHO FALLS — The 12-0 Twin Falls Bruin boys basketball team jumped out to a 27-17 first-quarter lead en route to a 76-50 rout of Region Four-Five Skyline Thursday night in Idaho Falls.

Mike Smith led all scorers with 17 points while Brandon Stokes added 13. Skyline was led by Gerran Jones' 13-point effort.

The Bruins improved to 3-0 in the region by holding Skyline to 14 points through the second and third quarters. Tanner Hozelbauer added 10 points to Twin Falls' cause while Brett Vriesman scored eight.

The Bruins host nonconference opponent Jerome Tuesday.

Local sports

IDAHO FALLS
Twin Falls 76, Skyline 50
Twin Falls 12-0
Skyline 1-12

Camas County 56, Bliss 19

BAIRFIELD — Mark Wilson controlled the paint for 21 points and 11 rebounds to lead Camas County past Bliss 56-19 Thursday night.

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Wendell 42, Valley 36

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Junior guard Hailey Kelsey led the 4-B Trojans with 16 points, while Whitney Glens added 11 and Rylee Scott scored eight.

Lindsay Wood led the Vikings with 18 points while Candice Callen added 10. The Trojans win gives all three Canyon Conference teams a 1-1 conference record.

Wendell hosts Richfield Monday.

Gooding 54, Declo 30

GOODING — A Gooding had three players in double figures as the Senators defeated Declo 54-30 Thursday night and moved to 6-0 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



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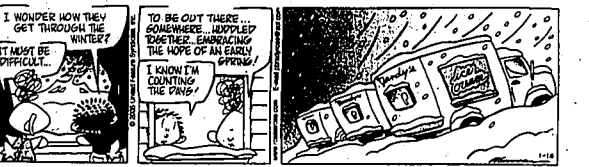
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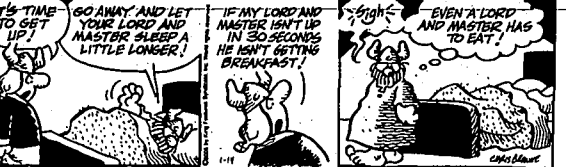
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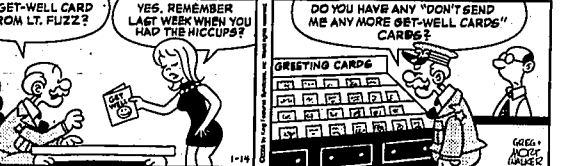
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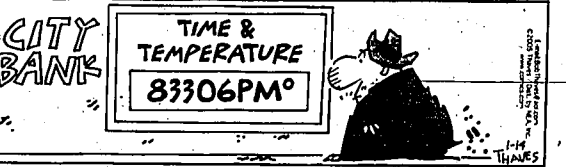
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The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



SPORTS

Young NFL QBs come of age

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Michael Vick sat on his couch around this time last year, trying to pick a playoff quarterback to root for.

Vick had a tough choice. There was Donovan McNabb, Peyton Manning, Tom Brady. "I was pulling for Donovan," Vick recalled this week. "It's my hometown, but at the same time I was pulling for Peyton, pulling for Brady because those are all guys I'm cool with."

Perhaps there is a reason for that. Vick, McNabb, Manning and Brady are part of the new generation of quarterbacks, rising stars in the league that have yet to hit 30. This year, Vick is a part of the playoff bunch with his three friends, and they have helped make history.

From MVP Manning to rookie Ben Roethlisberger, none of the eight QBs in the Super Bowl quarterfinals is older than 28. It is the first time since the AFL-NFL merger that all the passers

are so young, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"That's a good thing," said coach Herman Edwards, who has 28-year-old Chad Pennington leading the Jets. "A couple years prior to this we were always talking about, 'Where are the young quarterbacks coming from?' Now, all of a sudden you have them in the playoffs, and that's good for football."

There are first-rounders and sixth-rounders, record-setters and jet-setters among the group. Their backgrounds are diverse, but there are a few reasons why they have come this far. Many franchises have decided to build their team around a young player, while hoping he becomes a future superstar.

The theory of having rookie quarterbacks sit on the bench for several years while learning behind a veteran has all but disappeared. Of the 32 starters on opening day, 18 were 28 or younger. Because of injuries or

the need for a change, that number jumped to 21 when the regular-season ended.

Manning started immediately as a rookie in 1998, when he was the No. 1 overall pick. He struggled early but has led the Colts to five playoff appearances in his seven seasons in the league, including three straight. Daunte Culpepper, McNabb and Vick became full-time starters in their second seasons.

Brady, Pennington and Marc Bulger sat behind veteran quarterbacks before getting their shot to play. Pennington, in his fifth season, took his first snap as a starter in 2002 to relieve an ineffective Vinny Testaverde. Brady came in for an injured Drew Bledsoe in 2001 and the results are self-evident: two Super Bowl MVPs.

There are several other reasons why young players are having greater success. They come into the NFL equipped to handle the rigors of starting, be-

Young quarterbacks dominate the playoffs

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'NFL record' 28	22	27	24	27	26	26	27
ATT 370	295	485	321	548	469	497	474
COMP 242	196	321	181	379	300	398	288
PCT 65.4	66.4	66.2	56.4	69.2	64.0	67.6	60.8
YDS 2,673	2,621	3,964	2,313	4,717	3,875	4,557	3,692
TD 16	17	21	14	39	31	49	28
INT 9	11	14	12	11	8	10	14
RATE 91.0	96.1	93.7	78.1	110.9	104.7	121.1*	92.6

SOURCE: National Football League

cause college programs are getting better. Plus, six of the eight quarterbacks used up all their college eligibility.

Many teams are not asking their young stars to do it all. Take Roethlisberger, an unprecedented 13-0 as a starter this season.

The Steelers have a solid defense, terrific running game, great receivers and an excellent offensive line, taking a lot of pressure off the rookie.

CBS analyst Pat Simms, the 1987 Super Bowl MVP also has noticed teams are trying to run

more wide-open offenses, like the Colts.

Some expect the trend to continue. Others think it may not. But one thing is clear: these quarterbacks are here to stay and each wants to win as many championships as possible.

NFL raises \$4M for tsunami relief

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and its teams, players and fans have raised and committed more than \$4 million for tsunami relief efforts, the league said Thursday.

That amount includes \$1 million coming directly from the NFL, and \$1.5 million from Seattle Seahawks owner Paul Allen's charitable foundation, the league said in a news release.

New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft and the team's charitable foundation have raised \$500,000 for the disaster relief. The Atlanta Falcons and owner Arthur Blank have raised \$370,000.

San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos made a personal

contribution of \$150,000 to the relief efforts in Asia.

The NFL said it is encouraging league employees to donate money and is offering to match their donations up to \$1,000.

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is donating his playoff paycheck, worth \$18,000, to the tsunami victims relief effort.

Pro Bowl quarterbacks Donovan McNabb and Peyton Manning filmed a public service announcement for the United Nations World Food Program.

More than 150,000 people in 11 countries were killed by the Dec. 26 tsunami in the Indian Ocean.



Mark Henderson, 24, a convict on work release from the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Norfolk, Mass., clears snow Dec. 1982, at Schaefer Stadium, Foxboro, Mass. Referee Bob Frederic looks on during a third quarter break in action between the New England Patriots and Miami Dolphins. Henderson was involved in a controversial play in the fourth quarter when he plowed an area where Patriots John Smith kicked the winning field goal.

Frozen

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The Chargers' receivers couldn't connect passes from Fouts that felt like leather-wrapped parcels of icy barbed wire, and many counted nothing more than to end the 27-7 loss and get back to sunny SoCal.

"The ball is frozen, the faces are razor-sharp — the passes are cutting the receivers' hands, but they're not bleeding because it's so cold," said Bauer, then a Chargers special teams star and now a team broadcaster. "It was just too cold to play football."

With temperatures in the low 20s predicted for Pittsburgh's Heinz Field on Saturday, the jets must worry not just about cover-2 defenses, but covering up to stay warm. The current era player's Under Armour gear is warmer and drier than the thin cotton Kramer wear in clearing the path for Bart Starr's iconic 1-yard quarterback sneak in the ice bowl, but nothing can fully protect against the cold, snow and sleet that can disrupt game plans and alter outcomes.

"I don't like cold weather," Steelers rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said. "It's not like it's going to help us."

Fouts might dispute that, seeing how Colts passing machine Peyton Manning broke down in the snow and cold of Foxboro, throwing four interceptions in last season's AFC title game. Manning returns Sunday, and he's certain to not like this: Gillette Stadium's resodded turf was left uncovered during showers this week.

Were the Patriots — midge, midge, wink, wink — possibly creating a slow-field advantage? Patriots coach Bill Belichick has said, "We have to be sure the field will be the same condition for both teams. My job is not to pull weeds." But he also warned: "When you are in New England and you are playing at this time of year in January, you better be ready for

just about anything." Such as Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's disputed "muck rule" no-fumble incompletion in the snow during an overtime playoff win over Oakland in January 2002.

Or the Patriots' 3-0 "Snow Plow Game" victory over Miami on Dec. 12, 1982. With neither team able to score during a raging snowstorm, tractor driver Mark Henderson — a convicted burglar on a work-release program — allegedly cleared a path with his snow brush for John Smith's 33-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter.

Not surprisingly, the NFL quickly banned grounds crews from doing anything to create a physical advantage, but two heroes were born. The Patriots still use that John Deere tractor, and Henderson received a loud ovation when he drove it onto the field during a 2001 reenactment.

And maybe the Chargers wouldn't have played so poorly 23 years ago in Cincinnati if they had only heeded Bengals coach Forrest Gregg's pregame advice: "Look at this game like you're going to the dentist. It's going to hurt."

The Chargers were depleted after playing the NFL's most-remembered team-weather game only the week before, a 41-38 overtime win in Miami. San Diego's tight end Kellen Winslow was helped off the field several times in the high-80s heat and humidity, yet caught 13 passes and blocked a field goal try.

"I've never felt so close to death before," Winslow said. "Imagine what he went through in Cincinnati a week later."

"You just struggled through that," he said. "We had just played what people said was the greatest game of the 20th century, traveled across the country, traveled back across it later that week with a nearly 100-degree swing in temperature. It was a wild ride."

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Earnings rise 12 percent for bank

JEROME — Seattle-based Washington Federal Inc. — parent of Washington Federal Savings — on Thursday announced earnings of \$36.3 million, or 46 cents per diluted share, for the quarter that ended Dec. 31.

That compares with the year-ago \$32.8 million, or 41 cents per diluted share, a 12.2 percent per-share increase.

Since Sept. 30, Washington Federal's total assets increased 5.2 percent to \$7.5 billion as of Dec. 31.

The first fiscal quarter produced a return on assets of 1.96 percent, while return on equity amounted to 12.84 percent.

"Earnings benefited from an increase in our net interest spread to 2.85 percent at Dec. 31, 2004, from a 2.43 percent at Dec. 31, 2003, as a result of a shift in our asset mix from short-term assets to longer-term higher yielding assets," Chief Executive Officer Roy M. Whitehead said in a written statement. "Additionally, we borrowed \$300 million in long-term debt during the quarter to protect against rising rates."

"Today, Washington Federal will pay a cash dividend of 21 cents per share to common stockholders of record on Dec. 31.

The company will hold its annual meeting of stockholders Wednesday in Seattle.

Washington Federal Savings has 120 offices in eight western states, including branches in Twin Falls and Jerome.

Hagerman chamber will hold banquet

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Saturday at the Hagerman American Legion Hall.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and officer installation will take place at 7 p.m. A no-host bar will be available during the event.

The featured event, a Texas Holdem Tournament, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$20 for dinner and \$30 for tournament buy-in. Seating is limited. Those planning to attend must pre-register and prepay. For information, call Connie Herbert at 837-6153.

Former AOL executive pleads guilty to fraud

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The former chief of human resources at America Online pleaded guilty to fraud Thursday for a scheme in which he allowed himself to profit from a sham consulting contract.

Court records indicate that Gregory S. Horton, 38, of West-on, Fla., also defrauded two former employers — Florida-based AutoNation and Denver-based Qwest Communications, the major provider of local-phone service in Magic Valley.

Horton faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced April 22.

He also faces a fine of up to \$250,000 and could be required to pay restitution.

Prosecutors estimate that he defrauded AutoNation out of \$1.8 million, Qwest of \$333,000 and AOL of \$100,000.

Retail sales jump 1.2 percent in December

WASHINGTON — Retail sales — helped by sizzling activity in auto showrooms — jumped by 1.2 percent in December, providing a solid finish to a year in which sales climbed at the fastest pace since 1999.

The December increase in retail sales pushed total spending for the month to a seasonally adjusted \$349.4 billion, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The December gain followed a much smaller 0.1 percent rise in November and reflected the fact that consumers were spending heavily on new cars in response to the return of attractive incentive programs.

Spending on car purchases shot up 4.3 percent last month after having fallen by 1 percent in November.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

The Associated Press

BOISE — A bill that would increase unemployment taxes paid by businesses while reducing benefits to those who are unemployed was introduced in the House Commerce and Human Resources Committee Thursday, with strong support from both business and labor groups.

Under the bill, business taxes would increase by about 12.5 percent starting in July, raising about \$10.5 million. Mean-

while, unemployment benefits would drop by roughly 5 percent.

The measure is necessary to save the state's unemployment trust fund from insolvency, Idaho Commerce and Labor Department spokesman Dwight Johnson said.

A two-year freeze on unemployment insurance taxes ended in January. Under current law taxes are slated to climb an average of 113 percent this year, raising more than \$100 million for the fund, Johnson

said. The bill would reduce that increase by lowering the amount of money considered "adequate" for the unemployment insurance trust fund by nearly half.

Under the bill, the state would agree that a balance of \$200 million would maintain the trust's solvency instead of the current \$390 million required.

The trust now hovers around \$190 million and the additional money would be raised by upping taxes and cutting benefits.

Over the next six years, officials estimate businesses will pay \$72 million more in taxes and unemployed workers will receive about \$72 million less in benefits.

After two years of negotiation, both the business and labor communities have signed onto the proposal. It was difficult to convince them to raise taxes and lower benefits during tough economic times, said Roger Madsen, director of Idaho Commerce and Labor.

"The business community

was prepared to absorb some tax increase," said Teresa Muller with the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. "We think this package is the definition of fairness."

David Whaley, president of the AFL-CIO, said maintaining solvency of the unemployment insurance fund was critical to Idaho workers.

"It was important for the group to come up with something that would spread the burden," he said.

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T.F. chamber gives annual awards

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Through its work to serve the community for almost a century, one Twin Falls nursery, greenhouse and landscaping company is a prime example of the business excellence exemplified by Curtis T. Eaton, according to Magic Valley's major business organization.

In memory of the late bank executive, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday night gave its annual Curtis T. Eaton Award for business excellence to Kimberly Nurseries.

The chamber's 85th Annual Banquet was a cocktails-and-dinner affair spotlighting good deeds done for Twin Falls and its business community. The evening's top award commemorates the standard for business and community leadership set by the late Eaton of Twin Falls Bank & Trust.

Criteria include business practices, support for unique community activities, encouragement of employees' community involvement, leadership on important issues and at least 10 years in business.

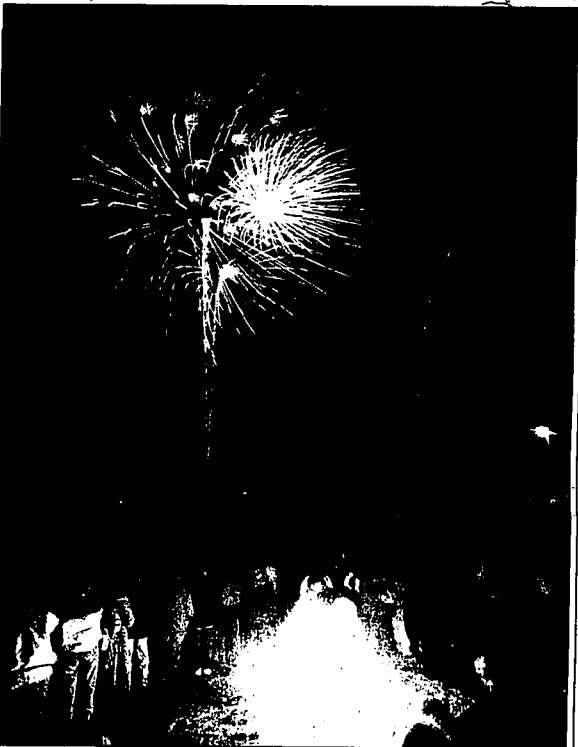
Kimberly Nurseries has seen three generations of ownership since founder Carl E. Wright started the business in 1907. Dave and Sherry Wright are Kimberly Nurseries' current owners and operators, and they carry on the traditions started nearly one hundred years ago, said Shawn Bariger, the chamber's president and chief executive.

Dave Wright heads the chamber's beautification committee, and Kimberly Nurseries provides the labor necessary to care for the chamber's hanging flower baskets that adorn downtown light posts. But the company's main community event each year is the popular Christmas in the Nighttime Sky.

The food-and-fireworks community event, started in 1991 by Jack Wright, collects toys for underprivileged Magic Valley children. Volunteers take the toys and donate them to area service providers, who add them to food baskets given to families or distribute the toys individually.

Other businesses, including Kimberly Nurseries and KMYV Television, now co-sponsor the event.

The chamber presented a plaque Thursday to the



Fireworks from Christmas in the Nighttime Sky have elicited oohs and aahs from local crowds since 1991. Kimberly Nurseries, sponsor of the annual event which collects toys for underprivileged Magic Valley children, was given the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Curtis T. Eaton Award Thursday.

Wrights, or as it was inscribed on the plaque, "The Christmas in the Nighttime Sky People."

The award reads "To three generations of the Wright family who have provided years of outstanding products, services and leadership in the Magic Valley.

They have developed top-notch community-minded personnel, and taught the valley to use state-of-the-art landscaping methods."

Last year's Curtis T. Eaton award went to the city of Twin Falls.

Recipients of other chamber honors Thursday night:

• **Charter Member Awards** — Each year, the chamber selects for this honor two businesses which have long supported the chamber and the community and have been chamber members for at least half a century.

The chamber honored David Mead, "an avid family man,

businessman and politician," who's been part of the chamber since 1957. The retired banker, Twin Falls Tree Commissioner and local media buff has "always provided business and civic leadership and support of your chamber," the chamber said in prepared remarks.

The other award went to Tim and Sandra Soran and to Steve and Debbie Soran, owners of

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Beware of costly financial aid scams

The Associated Press

After a 90-minute sales pitch from a company that promised to increase the financial aid eligibility of her college-bound kids, Corinne Nocerio signed a \$1,950 contract on the spot. She would soon regret that decision.

Her son's guidance counselor found out an immediately warned Nocerio, who lives in Spotsylvania County, Va., that the symposium she attended in November 2003 at a nearby hotel sounded like a scam. The counselor explained that the kids' funding eligibility would not suffer if Nocerio filled out the form herself, as the symposium led her to believe, and that free help was available. Feeling betrayed, Nocerio demanded her money back.

"They were not completely honest," she said.

The Federal Trade Commission agreed. Now the agency, which had cracked down on the company once before, is attempting to shut it down and return nearly \$2 million to thousands of consumers. Nocerio's story has a familiar ring, educators say, and an important lesson in it for parents: As long as there are college-bound students who need financial aid, there are scammers looking to take advantage of them.

"For the 10 years I've been a guidance counselor, I've seen it every year," said Amy Miller Spavik of the Franklin Learning Center, a Philadelphia public school.

The rising cost of education and ignorance about the available and how to apply for it — for free — have helped to create a climate in which thousands of financially vulnerable Americans are defrauded of millions of dollars, experts said.

"Be wary of anybody who is claiming to guarantee you a certain amount of financial aid or that you can get 'flighty,'" said Gregory Ashe, senior staff attorney of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection. Ashe is the lead attorney in the agency's second lawsuit against Integrated Capital Inc., which does business as National Student Financial Aid and ran the symposium Nocerio attended.

"There are legitimate financial aid planners out there," Ashe noted, "but they're not making promises."

Experts said reputable financial aid consultants generally charge one-tenth the amount of others, whose fees often exceed \$1,000 and whose money-back guarantees may not be as rock solid as they seem.

The FTC accuses NSIA of violating the terms of a previous settlement, reached in August 2003, by falsely representing, as it allegedly did to Nocerio and others, its ability to boost students' financial aid eligibility, as well as the amount of money likely available to them.

The FTC says that over the years NSIA, which agreed in its August 2003 settlement to pay \$115,000 in costs and make false claims, has defrauded some 40,000 consumers out of \$10 million. The FTC also alleges that NSIA led to consumers whose fees often exceeded \$1,000 in the event they did not receive aid.

Keith Flicker, a New York City attorney, is NSIA's lawyer. Please see SCAMS, Page E3

Wal-Mart rebukes criticism on worker pay

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart placed more than 100 newspaper ads Thursday defending its impact on workers and communities, and chief executive Lee Scott said he wants to set the record straight.

If Wal-Mart's position as the world's largest retailer makes it a focus of attack, Scott said, he wants the criticism to at least be accurate. It's unfair to characterize Wal-Mart as a company that does not pay well and relies heavily on part-time workers, he argued.

"We want to get those myths off the table, set the record straight," Scott said in a phone interview on Thursday.

The full-page advertisements, in the form of a letter from Scott, say the company's average pay is nearly twice the minimum wage, 74 percent of its hourly workers are full time, and it offers health and life insurance. Company stock had a 401(k) retirement plan. Wal-Mart has more than 1 million domestic employees.

The company's chain includes stores in Burley and

Jerome, and Twin Falls developers have said they're working with Wal-Mart on potential Twin Falls store locations.

"We're taking this time to say, 'Hold on a minute. We have good jobs,'" Scott said.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has been the target of lawsuits accusing the company of bias against women and not paying employees for all the hours they worked. Wal-Mart has fought the court actions.

The company also is regularly criticized by the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which continues to try to organize Wal-Mart workers. Union spokesman Greg Dentler did not return a call Thursday seeking comment.

Scott said no one source of criticism prompted the new offensive. "I liken it to being nibbled to death by guppies," Scott said.

"But" Scott said he does not dismiss concerns that people express when Wal-Mart wants to open a new store. "I think there's lots of questions when Wal-Mart comes to a town that need to be answered. Not all of those questions are frivolous."



Wal-Mart Stores Inc. chief executive Lee Scott speaks at the annual shareholder's meeting June 4 in Fayetteville, Ark. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Scott went on the offensive Thursday, against critics of Wal-Mart's employment policies and the impact its stores have on communities where they are located.

AP photo

MONEY

Hybrids push ahead of alternative fuel cars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ann Doren-Lewis thought it would be hard to give up her Jeep Cherokee — SUVs were everywhere in her gated community and at the house, woods and stables she frequents.

"Then a new job 40 miles away got her thinking about guzzling gas. Out went the Jeep and in came a Honda Civic which runs on compressed natural gas, an alternative fuel cheaper than gasoline.

Her car isn't a hybrid, the increasingly popular vehicles fueled by gas and electricity. Environmentalists say it's been better. Not only do fill-ups cost Doren-Lewis less than \$10, her car produces no smog-causing emissions and cuts an hour from the daily commute by driving her drive alone in the carpool lane.

"In driving a car that doesn't put any bad things into the environment, it's cheap to operate and maintain," said Doren-Lewis, a marketing executive at Neutrogena. "And it's comfortable."

But despite the enthusiasm of drivers such as Doren-Lewis, truckers are reticent to own vehicles which run on natural gas or gas-free electricity. Car makers say there's little demand for so-called "all-fuel" vehicles. Environmentalists say car makers aren't trying.

Meanwhile, hybrids such as the Toyota Prius are taking off. At this week's North American Auto Show in Detroit, automakers are promoting SUVs and sedans. About 88,000 hybrids were sold in the United States last year, according to J.D. Power and Associates, which projects the number to more than double to about 220,000 this year.

Alternative-fuel vehicles never caught on like that — it took about seven years for their



Ann Doren-Lewis leaves for work in her Honda Civic, which runs on compressed natural gas, Jan. 6 in Bradbury, Calif. Environmentalists say any vehicle that uses less gasoline is a good start.

number to double, according to federal statistics. As of 2002, Americans drove an estimated 471,000 alternative-fuel vehicles including those powered by electricity, natural gas, propane, ethanol and methanol. The U.S. Energy Department said — up from 247,000 in 1995.

It's barely a tiny fraction of the more than 15 million new vehicles sold annually in the United States. Environmentalists say any vehicle that uses less gasoline is a good start. But many environmentalists say car makers don't focus more on promoting alternative-fuel vehicles.

"Watch television or listen to the radio, you're bombarded with ads for gas-powered vehicles," said Andy Weisser, a spokesman for the American Lung Association of California who bought a natural gas vehicle out of concern about air quality. "I have never seen a natural gas vehicle ad."

Doren-Lewis only leaped about natural gas cars after Neutrogena offered incentives for alternative-fuel drivers.

Stocks tumble on rising oil prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Ittery investors sent stocks tumbling Thursday as Wall Street was pummeled by a sharp climb in oil prices, rising unemployment and a disappointing report that Microsoft Corp. The Dow Jones Industrials shed nearly 112 points.

Crude oil futures extended their gains, surpassing \$48 per barrel and closing at a six-week high. Investors worried about declining U.S. reserves, the Iraq elections and evidence of OPEC production cuts. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$48.04, up \$1.67, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Wall Street also was unnerved by the latest first-time jobless claims report, which showed a jump of 10.0 million claims to 367,000 last week, a three-month high. After Friday's modest job creation report, the labor market remained a major concern for investors.

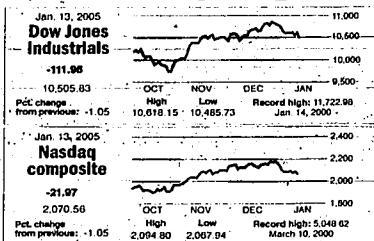
But while the markets held on with only modest losses through most of the day, General Motors' outlook — at the low end of Wall Street expectations — sent stocks tumbling.

Plan

Continued from E1 The state's unemployment trust fund has been paying out more than it has been taking in for four years, dropping from a balance of \$330 million to \$190 million.

If the trust fund goes broke — as has happened in some other states — Idaho would be forced to borrow money from the federal government to continue paying unemployment benefits and find a way to pay back the federal loan with interest.

Lowering the trust funds adequacy level allows businesses to



"You get a little bad news, and there's nobody willing to step up and buy on the dip," said Bryan Picot, a market analyst at Wachovia Securities. "It's the same pattern we've seen nearly every day this year. Investors are being very conservative and playing the day-after-day game."

The Dow fell 115.45, or 1.05 percent, to 10,505.83. The Nasdaq composite index lost 21.97, or 1.05 percent, to 2,070.56.

Medicine economic data and surging oil prices, combined with continued investor unease about the profit outlook for 2005, have overshadowed strong earnings reports this week from tech heavyweights Intel Corp. and Apple Computer Inc.

"The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 10.25, or 0.86 percent, at 1,177.45, and the Nasdaq composite index lost down 21.97, or 1.05 percent, to 2,070.56.

"We want to keep as low a trust fund as is possible and still be prudent," Johnson said. "We're proposing about \$2,000 million — we think that is an acceptable risk."

If approved, businesses would pay an average tax per employee of \$3.65, about 0.35 more than the current tax of

\$328. Now that the freeze has expired, if the law remains unchanged, businesses will pay an average employee tax of \$725 — more than double what they pay now.

The new law would also decrease the amount of unemployment benefits paid out to workers by about 5 percent. A person receiving the maximum benefit of \$325 a week would only receive \$312 a week. Workers who quit, were fired for cause or reduced to part-time would have to work longer before requalifying for benefits.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Table of livestock prices for various types of livestock, including cattle and hogs. Columns include variety, price, and change.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election shall be held on Friday, January 28, 2005, from 10:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of Excision and Annexation between school districts. The property described below would be excised from Twin Falls School District #411 and annexed into the Filer School District #413.
Polling place for said election will be as follows:
Lincoln Elementary School
238 Buhi Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho
Filer Middle School
299 U.S. Highway 30, Filer, Idaho
Plant Foods
21300 U.S. Highway 30, Filer, Idaho
Those persons who will be out of the area on Election Day may vote via absentee ballot at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho. Absentee ballots will be available from January 17, 2005 until 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2005.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
TRUSTEE DIVISION
Case No. 2004-6248
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID L. LIVINGSTON.
Notice is hereby given that I, NANCY LIVINGSTON, has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent or Decedent's estate are required to file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice. Said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative in care of Attorney Paul T. Smith, 163 Second Avenue West, Suite 304, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1941, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 3rd day of January, 2005.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Paul T. Smith, 163 Second Avenue West, Suite 304, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1941
PUBLISH: January 7, 14 and 21, 2005

BUHL Child care openings, all hours. ICCP. Call 208-543-4811.
CARE GIVER
Live-in companion for 54 yr. old female with Multiple Sclerosis. Must be able to lift 120 lbs., do cooking light housework & assist with personal hygiene. Interest in outdoors, active life style. Supportive personality. a plus. Room, board & monthly salary DOE. Call 208-732-2868.
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Accountant needed to oversee all accounting responsibilities for a row crop farming operation in Southwestern Idaho. Applicant must have experience with Ag or Farm Accounting. Pay based on experience and qualifications. Email resumes to cyoung@nbt.com or fax to 208-436-7501.
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FOUND Bull Dog mate, Blue Lakes & 8th Ave. Call 208-404-2608 to identify.
FOUND cement foot, 5 ft. Call to identify. 208-539-1830.
FOUND jacket, in the back of my car. For more information call 1-11. Please call to identify 543-6861.
FOUND key for Honda AT MOTEL OFFICE Building on 4th and Ave. W. Please call 208-735-1000.
FOUND kitten, male, black & white chest. 208-436-6974.
FOUND Lab X, white with spots, pink nose and black & white chest. 208-436-6974.
LOST Black Angus steer, near 238 E. 3000 S. in Idaho Falls. Has 6 & 8 brand on left hip. 324-8631.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 2004-6127
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
In the Interest of:
ZACHARY OLSON, 95
A Child under the age of eighteen.
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: STEVEN OLSON
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Magistrate on the 14th day of December, 2004
Clerk of the District Court
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

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-Eric Hoffer

Bridge hand diagrams showing North, West, East, and South cards and suits.

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: East

The bidding:

Table showing South, West, North, and East bids for Pass, West Dbl, and All pass.

Opening lead: Heart three

BID WITH THE ACES

Table showing South holds and card counts for various suits.

South West North East 1 NT

ANSWER: Double for penalties.

Whenever partner acts and the opponents bid no-trump, a double is for penalties, not negative or takeout.

Today as South you may care to cover up the East-West cards to test yourself to the maximum in four spades.

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Now when you lead a heart, East must win, and because his clubs have been stripped, whichever red suit he plays now will allow you to avoid a minor-suit loser and make the contract.

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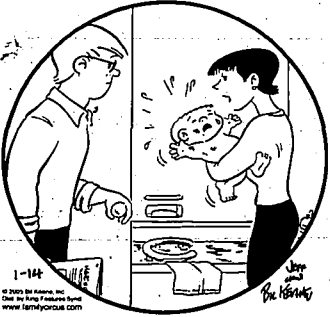
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