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Wal-Mart chooses location

By Megan Hinds, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The world's biggest retailer is gearing up to build a Twin Falls store and could submit plans to the city as early as March, a company spokesman said Thursday.

But before Wal-Mart Stores Inc. can build here, details of the plans must gain approval from the Twin Falls City Council.

Two representatives from Salt Lake City-based engineering firm CJC Associates — representing Wal-Mart — along with Twin Falls engineer and developer Gerald Martens, met this week with 10 City Hall employees. The purpose? To discuss plans for a Wal-Mart super-

center the retailer would like to build at the southwest intersection of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North.

The store would make up part of the 80-acre North Haven Business Park, in which Martens is part owner.

CJC Associates showed a preliminary site plan to the city officials but did not submit the plan or even allow the officials to keep copies, Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Director LaMar Orton said Thursday.

The "pre-application" meeting was simply a way for Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart to gather information from the city before filing anything, Wal-Mart spokesman Eric Berger said.

"Clearly, it's very early in the process," Berger said. "We expect to proceed with an application in the next few months."

Martens said a Phoenix-based real estate company has an option to purchase property in the business park for the store, which Berger said he couldn't confirm.

A nearly 200,000-square-foot, planned supercenter would be larger than either of the retailer's present Magic Valley stores in Jerome and Burley. And the store's look would be different as well, with an earth-tones color scheme rather than the familiar gray and blue, Martens said.

"It's not the blue box ... it could be a Mediterranean

theme," he said. "It's not like what you see in Jerome or Burley."

The store would offer 36 merchandise departments with a full-service grocery store, a garden center, a pharmacy and an automotive shop, Berger said. Wal-Mart would employ about 300 workers at the Twin Falls store, with about three-fourths of them working full time, he said. Wal-Mart defines full time as 34 hours a week.

Berger said customer feedback prompted Wal-Mart to propose a Twin Falls location.

"We hear from our (Twin Falls) customers in Jerome that they'd like a store closer to where they live," he said. "We

Officials find abuse at nursing facility

By Sandy Miller, Times-News writer

GOODING — The Gooding Health and Living Center has 70 days to clean up its act after a state investigative team found incidents of abuse and neglect of residents by some staff members.

"It involved abuse and neglect by staff — not all staff, but some staff," said Ross Mason, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards, which oversees nursing homes. There was also a lack of investigation into some incidents.

The Department of Health and Welfare sent in a four-person investigative team after receiving a complaint about the nursing home, Mason said. The team arrived unexpectedly Jan. 25, and wrapped up its investigation Thursday.

"They have some substantial problems," Mason said. "There were three immediate jeopardies involving the safety and health of the residents. That's a serious problem they need to correct immediately."

Mason said he couldn't go into detail about the abuse and neglect, until the investigative team completes its written report, but he did say at least one resident had pressure sores.

"Those are unacceptable," Mason said. "They are very avoidable by moving a client."

Mason could not say whether any staff members had been fired and referred those questions to the nursing home, Loretta Burn, who was brought on board earlier this week to oversee changes at the 60-bed facility, referred questions to the nursing home's owner, Northwest-Bee Corp, a Pocatello-based for-profit health-care network.

Northwest-Bee Corp did not immediately return calls to *The Times-News*.

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First returns show Shiite lead



U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment soldiers are reflected in a rain puddle while on patrol Thursday in Mosul, Iraq. Six children, two U.S. soldiers, three Iraqi soldiers and one Iraqi man were injured Thursday as insurgents attacked U.S. and Iraqi troops throughout the day, using small arms, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, roadside bombs, and a car bomb.

Insurgent attacks surge after post-election lull

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials Thursday released the first partial returns from national elections, showing a commanding lead by candidates backed by the Shiite-Muslim clergy. Sunni insurgents unleashed a wave of attacks, killing at least 30 people, including three U.S. Marines and a dozen Iraqi army recruits.

Meanwhile, election officials said strict security measures may have deprived many Iraqis in the Mosul area and surrounding Ninevah province of their

right to vote. The admission is likely to fuel complaints by Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who make up the heart of the insurgency, that they were not represented in the vote.

The results released by the election commission four days after Sunday's balloting came from Baghdad and five provinces in the southern Shiite heartland.

As expected, they showed that the United Iraqi Alliance, backed by Iranian-born Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, was leading — with 1.1 million votes out of the 1.6 million counted

and certified so far. Some 14 million Iraqis were eligible to vote.

The ticket headed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a U.S.-backed secular Shiite, trailed second with more than 360,500 votes.

But the returns — from 10 percent of the country's 5,200 polling centers — were too small to indicate a national trend.

Shiites made up an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people, and the al-Sistani-backed ticket had been expected to roll up such huge margins in the south that the other 110 candidate lists would have to

struggle for votes in the rest of the country.

Shiites turned out in huge numbers in cities such as Basra, Nasiriyah, Karbala and Najaf, urged on by clerics who said voting was a religious duty.

However, many Sunni Arabs apparently stayed home, either out of fear of insurgent attacks or in response to boycott calls from their own clerics.

Election officials have said full official results and determine turnout might not be ready until Tuesday.

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'Yeah, girls can be truckers'

Guys join in knitting trend

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Eric Garcia and Matthew Kane are huddled in a classroom corner, chatting casually as they each knit a sock for a school project. They ponder the thought that their actions might be a little unexpected.

"Yeah, girls can be truckers," says 11-year-old Eric.

"Yeah, girls can be truckers," echoes Matthew, who's also 11 and a fellow fifth-grader at Chicago's Waldorf School. "No, why can't guys be knitters?"

Fact is, a lot of guys are taking up knitting, especially as the hobby surges in popularity on college campuses, in coffee shops and at the many yarn stores that are sprouting up in cities across the country.

Mary-Ann Parisi says she's had more men shopping at her store, the Knitters' Niche on Chicago's North Side. She figures that as many as one in five customers are male.

"I see it a lot with men who are doctors, I also see musicians



Elise Goldschlag, owner of Flying Fingers knitting store in Irvington, N.J., says her 19-year-old son, Dillon, pulls out his yarn and needles whenever he wants to meet girls at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he's a student.

"I can't believe it. He's using knitting as a babe magnet," she says.

Matthew Kane, left, and Eric Garcia knit in their fifth-grade class Jan. 31 at Waldorf School in Chicago. The 11-year-olds have taken up knitting like a lot of other guys, especially as the hobby surges in popularity on college campuses, in coffee shops and at yarn stores.

Senate votes to expand closed meeting privilege

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Less than a year ago, retired Sen. Laird Noh said King, the chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, declared an executive session and closed a committee meeting to the press and public.

He said he had two reasons:

- A judge had put a gag order on legislators, prohibiting them from discussing publicly the issue at hand, which involved negotiations between the state and the Nez Perce Tribe on water rights.
- Committee members were about to discuss litigation issues.

Reporters challenged Noh, citing Idaho's open meetings laws. Then Noh closed the door to the public.

On Thursday, a majority of state senators voted to expand their ability to close meetings. They voted to allow Senate committees to meet secretly at any time and for any reason, as long as two-thirds of the members agree to it.

The rule change was sponsored by Majority Leader Butch Otis and passed by an all-but-republican majority in a vote that mostly split along party lines. Two Republicans, Shawn Keough of Sandpoint and Gary Schroeder of Ardenwood, joined the seven Democrats against the measure, which passed 26-9.

Noh's meetings on Nez Perce negotiations weren't the only ones that have been closed during the past few years.

In 2003, the Idaho Press Club sued the Legislature to determine what the framers of the constitution intended when they wrote that the business of each house "shall be conducted openly and not in secret session."

The lawsuit came after five committee meetings were closed in 2003. Out of thousands of committee meetings, only one other meeting had been



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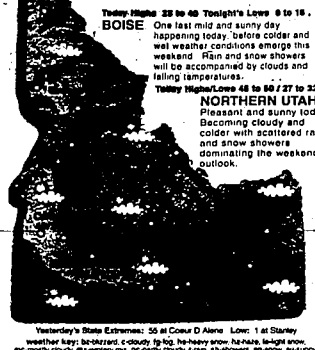
Today: Partly to mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs from 45 to 51.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows from 24 to 30.
Tomorrow: A little cooler with spotty showers possible. Highs from 40 to 46.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Early fog likely, then partly cloudy. Highs from 40 to 50.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a still breeze developing. Lows from 22 to 28.
Tomorrow: Becoming cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers moving through. Highs from 37 to 43.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Weekend weather conditions will steadily deteriorate with falling temperatures, increasing clouds and rain and snow showers expected.



Today's Highs 22 to 46. Tonight's Lows 16 to 18. One last mild and sunny day. ...

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly sunny and pleasant. High 48, Low 27.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. High 48, Low 27.
Saturday: A little cooler with showers moving in. High 43, Low 25.
Sunday: Partly to mostly cloudy with mixed showers possible. High 40, Low 21.
Monday: Cool with decreasing clouds and showers. High 41, Low 22.
Tuesday: Blustery with fair skies. High 38, Low 17.

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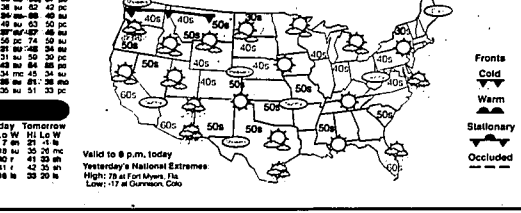
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Senate confirms Gonzales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alberto Gonzales won Senate confirmation Thursday as attorney general despite Democratic accusations that he helped formulate White House policies that led to overseas prisoner abuse and was too beholden to President Bush to be the nation's top law enforcement official.



Alberto Gonzales

The Senate voted 60-36 to put the first Hispanic ever into the job, with all of the "no" votes coming from Democrats. Last week, 13 Democrats voted against Senate confirmation of State Condoleezza Rice's confirmation.

Gonzales will replace John Ashcroft, who won more Democratic support four years ago despite his more contentious stances on several issues. Eight Democrats voted for Ashcroft, while six voted for Gonzales. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, Ken Salazar of Colorado, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Bill Nelson of Florida, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Mark Pryor of Arkansas.

Republicans and some Democrats praised Gonzales' life story: the grandson of Mexican immigrants who worked his way up to being President Bush's top lawyer in the White House.

Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., the first Cuban-American senator, even broke with Senate tradition and praised Gonzales in Spanish on the Senate floor on Wednesday. "This is a break-through of incredible magnitude for Hispanic-Americans," he said in English.

Democrats praised Gonzales as well, but many said they couldn't look past his participation in administration policies they said had led to abuses that occurred in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They also complained that he refused to answer their questions on how those policies were created inside the White House.



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'Panic stricken' over Bush plan

Some GOP lawmakers have doubts about Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's Social Security proposals stirred fresh political worries Thursday among Republicans and brought calls from some lawmakers to abandon the president's central idea: letting people divert part of their payroll taxes to private retirement accounts.

"I've talked to some of my colleagues and they're panic-stricken," said Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., who said he welcomes a serious debate over the sweeping changes Bush outlined in his State of the Union address Wednesday.

"Politically speaking, right now it's probably not doable," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., citing lack of Democratic support.

House Republicans with years of expertise on Social Security offered an alternate plan, saying the Bush proposal is too politically risky. They suggested bolstering the program with money from general revenues rather than the payroll tax.

"I think politically it's the most salable, it's not going to scare anybody," said Florida Rep. Clay Shaw, who for six weeks was chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security. "It does preserve Social Security as it is today. If we're going to attract some Democrats, that's the way to go."

The subcommittee's current chairman, GOP Rep. James McGery of Louisiana, said taking money out of the existing Social Security system for private accounts gives a powerful argument to the plan's opponents, including the 35-million member AARP.

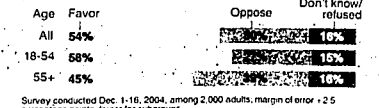
"The AARP and the Democrats think if you divert some money from the trust fund, the existing program will be undermined," McGery said. "That is true on its face. It does decrease the level of the trust fund. Politically that's going to be a very strong tool that (opponents) can use to defeat a plan."

"There are a lot of unanswered questions, and until I have the answers to them, I am still in the 'withholding judgment' category," said Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite, R-Fla. Her Gulf Coast district is home to

Age affects views on Social Security

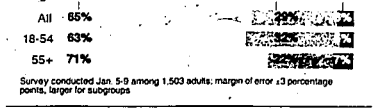
Recent polls show adults under 55 years old are more agreeable than older Americans to proposed changes that would allow for some private investment of Social Security taxes.

Do you favor or oppose a proposal which would allow younger workers to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes in private investment accounts?



Survey conducted Dec. 1-16, 2004, among 2,000 adults, margin of error ± 2.5 percentage points, larger for subgroups

Which is more important, keeping a guaranteed benefit, or letting younger workers decide for themselves how some contributions are invested?



Survey conducted Jan. 5-9 among 1,503 adults, margin of error ± 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups

SOURCE: Issues Public Affairs for AP about 250,000 Social Security beneficiaries, the most in any single House district.

Bush wants to let workers divert up to two-thirds of their Social Security taxes into private accounts that could invest in stocks and bonds. At the same time, the guaranteed benefit would be cut, though by how much is not clear.

Many Democrats favor personal accounts, but want them in addition to benefits paid by Social Security.

In the Senate, not a single Democrat has endorsed Bush's proposal.

Under Senate rules, supporters would need 60 votes for their plan if Democrats try to

block it. That means proponents would have to persuade at least a few of Democrats to join them if the plan is to become law.

Some Senate Republicans also have doubts. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Thursday there is no consensus for action now and said she has not made up her own mind.

"We should take this year to study the issue and come up with solutions," she said.

Congress looks to greatly increase indecency fines

Whether or not there's a "wardrobe malfunction" at this weekend's Super Bowl, the new Congress appears ready to dramatically boost fines for indecency on the airwaves.

Bills in the House and Senate call for raising the maximum fine from \$32,500 to as much as \$500,000 per incident. There is strong bipartisan support in both chambers, with lawmakers saying their constituents have grown tired of coarse programming on radio and TV.

"My sense is we're not going to have any problems," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House telecommunications subcommittee. "With passage of this legislation, I am confident that broadcasters will think twice about pushing the envelope."

A similar effort gained momentum and passed the House and Senate after singer Janet Jackson's breast was bared at last year's Super Bowl. But the legislation fizzled after unrelated issues were attached to the Senate bill and lawmakers couldn't agree on a compromise.

Some changes since then have muted the issues that scuttled last year's effort.

Sen. Ernest Inhofe, R-Okla., D-S.C., who wanted the bill to include a requirement that the Federal Communications Commission study violence on television, has retired.

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Marines fall short in recruitment, cite parents' worries over war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps fell slightly short of its recruiting goal in January, the first time that has happened in nearly a decade, amid parents' concerns about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While the Marines remain on target to meet their full-year goal, officials said Thursday the wars have made the parents of potential recruits much harder sells.

"It's a natural reaction in a time of war that a mother and father are going to have concerns, and so they are putting on the brakes," said Maj. Dave Griesmer, spokesman for Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

The 17-year-olds in high school who are a prime target of

Marine recruiters cannot sign up without parental approval. Griesmer said that increasingly, parents are making their sons and daughters wait until they are 18, but that has not stopped recruiters from putting in extra effort.

"What we're doing is working with the parents more," he said. "Whereas before it may have been taken one visit and they would accept, now it may take a recruiter two, three, four visits."

The Army is having its own challenges on the recruiting front, although Gen. Richard Cody, the vice chief of staff, told Congress on Wednesday that the Army would meet its full-year goal of signing up 80,000 recruits. The Army National Guard and Army Reserve, on

the other hand, have fallen behind in recent months. The Guard missed its full-year goal in 2004 for the first time since 1994.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are not the only factors working against recruiters. They also compete against private-sector opportunities and college aspirations of young Americans.

And, as casualties in Iraq continue to mount, parents have been become warier, analysts say.

"You have to work harder to get them to understand that this is not a death warrant" for the son or daughter, said Bernard Trainor, a retired three-star Marine general who is writing a book about the Iraq war.

Advocates cheer as 'crazy' bear goes off the market

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — To the relief of advocates for the mentally ill, the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. said Thursday that its straitjacketed "Crazy For You" bears are sold out and that it will not make any more.

For weeks, advocates and Republican Gov. James Douglas have criticized the toy as insensitive. The \$69.95 bear, marketed as a Valentine's Day gift, came with a straitjacket and commitment papers.

The company said it had decided weeks ago that it would stop manufacturing the bears but would continue selling them through Valentine's Day. Company spokeswoman Nicole L'Huilier said the bear had sold unusually well, but would not release figures.

Mental health advocates claimed victory.

"We believe the Vermont Teddy Bear Co. has come to understand the harm caused by creating an image that trivialized the pain of people with severe mental illness, and that reinforced public stereotypes regarding appropriate treatment for such individuals," four advocacy groups said in a statement.



The 'Crazy for You Bear' came in a strait jacket with commitment papers and is meant to convey out-of-control love.

Last week, company President and CEO Elisabeth Robert had apologized to anyone offended by the bear but said it would not be taken off the market.

Investigators wonder if ice caused crash

TETERBORO, N.J. (AP) — Federal investigators Thursday tried to determine whether it was ice on the wings that caused a corporate jet to careen across a highway and slam into a warehouse.

About 20 people were taken to the hospital after Wednesday's crash at Teterboro Airport, outside New York City. A passenger in a car that was hit by the plane lay in critical condition Thursday, and the pilot and co-pilot were in fair condition.

A 16-member team from the National Transportation Safety Board was examining possible causes, including whether ice formed on the wings or tail of the Bombardier Canadair Challenger CL-600. NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway said ice can harm a plane's aerodynamics.

"That's definitely one of the issues we are looking at," Holloway said.

Other Challenger CL-600s have had problems with ice or even light frost on their wings.

Fears ease as pope's health improves

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Easing fears about Pope John Paul II's latest health crisis, the Vatican said Thursday he was improving and breathing more easily, but hinted the frail 84-year-old pontiff may have to spend up to a week in the hospital to fully recover.

Prayers and good wishes poured in from around the globe, including a hand-scrib-

bled note from the imprisoned Turk who tried to assassinate the pope on St. Peter's Square in 1981.

John Paul has not suffered from any more throat spasms and spent a second restless night at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital, where a team of doctors was watching him carefully for any sign of complications from his flu, the

Vatican said in a medical bulletin.

"The Holy Father's general and respiratory conditions show a positive evolution," it read. "The Holy Father spent a restful night."

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls suggested the pope might spend up to a week at the clinic's heavily guarded papal suite.

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Did you know... more people like you will be reading a Sunday newspaper like The Times-News that morning, than will be watching the Super Bowl that night?

- Does the Super Bowl hold the record for the highest TV viewing audience?
 (A) No. That distinction is still held by the final episode of *Math*, aired more than 20 years ago.
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 (A) Newspapers
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Tapes: Enron cheated years before crunch

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Disgraced energy giant Enron Corp. was running a scam to drive up the cost of power years before the 2000-01 West Coast energy crisis, according to audio transcripts and documents unveiled Thursday by a small public utility north of Seattle.

By November 1997, Enron apparently knew of loopholes in California's ill-advised deregulation plan, and by May 1999 — a month after the plan took effect — Enron was already falsifying transmission schedules to inflate prices, Snohomish County Public Utility District officials said Thursday as they unveiled new evidence at a news conference.

The public utility district in Everett, about 30 miles north of Seattle, has been using its meager resources to transfer thousands of hours of phone conversations involving Enron traders — a job it says should have been done by federal regulators long ago.

It hopes to prove that an ex-

orbitant contract it entered with Enron in January 2001, at the height of the crisis, should be considered fraudulent because of Enron's manipulation, and that the utility shouldn't have to pay the \$122 million that Enron claims it owes.

The material-the-utility-released Thursday is the first evidence that Enron appears to have been honing its fraudulent schemes well before rolling blackouts darkened California and drove up prices, helping Enron make at least \$1.6 billion.

The utility found a November 1997 e-mail on Portland, Ore.-based Enron trader Tim Belden's computer referring to loopholes in California's soon-to-be implemented power deregulation plan.

Belden pleaded guilty to charges of involvement in fraudulent trading schemes, and acknowledged that wrongdoing dated to 1998, but this is the first evidence of what the company was doing.

Group predicts food scarcity in future

Weather changes, water shortages could decrease global food supplies

WASHINGTON (AP) — A global warming trend will reduce farm yields and make food supplies scarcer over the next century, an environmental group said Thursday, citing data from the United Nations and the National Academy of Sciences and trends in the world rice market.

"The combination of rising temperatures and falling water tables is likely to lead to a tightening of world grain supplies," said Lester Brown, president of the Earth Policy Institute. "This is already evident with world rice prices, which have risen over 30 percent in the last year. Last year's grain harvest was 2 billion tons, the most ever and 26 million tons more than was consumed, thanks to unusually good weather. But in the four previous years, demand outstripped supply as crops withered under severe heat in the United States, Europe and India, according to the Agriculture Department.

"If stocks go down, we could

see a scramble, and I think we're likely to see a politics of food scarcity beginning to emerge," Brown said. "We're already seeing some of it."

Despite depressed prices for wheat and corn, the world price for rice — a crop particularly vulnerable to water shortages — has climbed by more than 30 percent to \$260 a ton in the last year, according to government figures.

In research published by the National Academy of Sciences last year, a team of nine scientists concluded that rice yields typically decline by 10 percent with each 2-degree Fahrenheit increase in temperature during the growing season.

In the Philippines, where the research was done, temperatures rose an average of 2 degrees between 1979 and 2003, the scientists said.

Brown's group noted that the research was done, temperatures rose by 1 degree in the past three decades, and that the United Nations' Intergovern-

mental Panel on Climate Change predicts it will rise by 2 to 10 degrees by 2100.

Compounding the problem is that half the world's population lives in countries where water tables are falling and wells are going dry, Brown said.

"These include the big three grain producers — China, India and the United States — which account for nearly half the world grain harvest. Other countries where underground aquifers are being overpumped include Iran, Israel, Mexico, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

Brown calculated that the population in countries where wells are drying up will increase

by nearly 3 billion people by 2050.

U.S. officials estimate that of the world's 6.3 billion population, 1 billion people in at least 70 nations are hungry.

While food production is a factor, the officials say the more common problem is lack of money to buy food, even in the richest of nations.

The United States and 185 other nations pledged at U.N.-sponsored summits in 1996 and 2002 to halve the number of undernourished people by 2015. While progress toward that goal has been made in Asia and Latin America, according to U.S. figures, little improvement has occurred in Africa.

Senate committee moves to curb class-action suits

WASHINGTON — A fragile compromise that would curb class-action lawsuits and achieve one of President Bush's second-term goals survived its first test Thursday when senators foiled attempts to alter the legislation.

But Democrats are hoping to make changes to a bill that many of them say is not mind-reading.



This is a Sen. Joseph Biden bad idea whose time has apparently come," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-De.

By a 13-5 vote, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the overall bill, which would send the majority of class-action suits to federal court rather than state courts. The Republican-controlled Senate will consider the measure next week. Federal courts are assumed to be less likely than state courts to award multimillion-dollar verdicts to people suing big companies.

Supporters will try to get the legislation to the GOP-dominated House, which has agreed to support the bill if it is not substantially changed.

Bush asks Congress for \$22 billion in foreign aid

WASHINGTON — President Bush will ask Congress next week to boost foreign aid by more than \$2 billion, with Israel once again the principal recipient of American military and economic assistance.

The president will request more than \$22 billion worldwide, compared with \$19.7 billion in the current fiscal year, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press.

In his State of the Union mes-

Nation in brief

sage Wednesday night, Bush said he would seek \$350 million in additional assistance for the Palestinians over two years. The goal is to improve their security and give their economy a boost.

The budget request for Israel, which was not announced, will be \$2.52 billion in military and economic aid, down about \$20 million from this year. For Egypt, the second largest U.S. aid recipient, slightly less than \$1.8 billion will be sought, a decline of about \$30 million.

General calls shooting some people 'fun'

WASHINGTON — A Marine general who has commanded troops in Afghanistan and Iraq laid a forum, "It's fun to shoot some people." The commander of the Marine Corps said Thursday he has counseled Lt. Gen. James Mattis about choosing his words more carefully.

Mattis, an infantry officer, made the comments Tuesday while speaking to a forum in San Diego about strategies for the war on terror. Mattis is the commanding general of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va.

According to an audio recording of Mattis' remarks, he said, "Actually, it's a lot of fun to fight. You know it's a hell of a hoot... It's fun to shoot some people. I'll be right up front with you, I like brawling."

He added, "You go into Afghanistan, you got guys who slap women around for five years because they didn't wear a veil," Mattis continued. "You know, guys like that ain't got no manhood left anyway. So it's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them."

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EDITORIAL

Rupert can work with public to restore strong police force

As tough as the future looks for the city of Rupert and its police department, it's nothing compared to the controversies of the past six months.

In a half-year filled with suspensions, resignations and investigations, Rupert finally received a report from the Idaho Attorney General's Office on the conduct of former police officers and city workers.

Now the city must pick up the pieces and rebuild its police department.

The entire firestorm spilled out last July when Mindoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker asked for an independent investigation into police department and city officials. Some key areas worthy of investigation were:

Furthermore the statute of limitations has expired for any misdemeanor Fedders or Martinez may have committed.

To the citizens of Rupert, the investigation probably brings a heap of disappointment. The shenanigans in the police department simply don't bode well for public confidence in city law enforcement.

Our view: The city of Rupert can recover from embarrassing police investigations over the past year.

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

Perhaps the best way for the city to repair the past is to face the future. Officials must now hire a new police chief who can help steer public confidence back into the police department.

On Tuesday, the city named Bob Lower, a lieutenant on the Rupert force, as the new acting chief—a solid first step in building morale of the remaining police staff.

Current Acting Chief Eric Snarr will go to the county sheriff's department on Feb. 6.)

Some other steps to consider might be:

An open process—keep the public involved with the search—by releasing names and resumes of those who apply.

The city should also open more investigative files from the Garden City probe and shed more light on what went wrong. That's the best way to learn from previous mistakes.

Community policing—When the city of Twin Falls turned to new Police Chief Lee DeVore in 1995, he brought a new attitude with him. Cops would be closer to the ground, the neighborhoods, and the needs and concerns of local residents. Over time the community policing dialogue has built solid rapport between cops and residents.

Rupert can take a cue from that approach, especially as it tries to deal with staffing shortages. As the police invites more public feedback, fighting crime among the entire community might become much easier.

Residents in Rupert still have stable city leadership and good cops on the force. Re-establishing trust and confidence in law enforcement will take hard work, but it's certainly possible to achieve in due time.

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LETTER

Stories of Turner rekindled warm memories

Many thanks to all of the staff of The Times-News for sharing with the Magic Valley the contributions of Denise Turner to the paper and the community. I have been working with Denise for many years and have enjoyed her wonderful ability to take an idea and from this idea

create a great story. We swapped many baseball stories and enjoyed sharing the musical talents of our children as well. She has been a very special friend.

Her influence will be missed by your readers, and her spirit will be missed by our community.

RUTH DAY
Twin Falls

Inherit the windbags of evolution

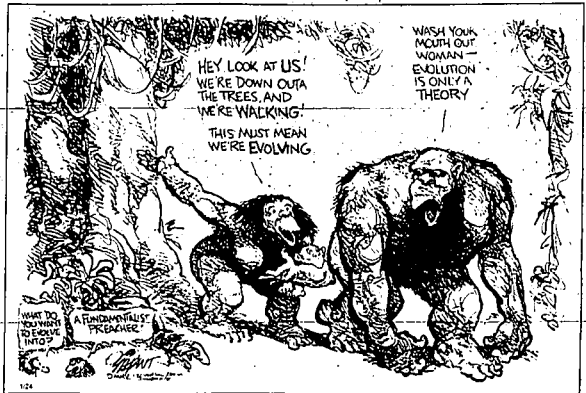
Do male nipples prove evolution? Not at all, according to a Web site for a planned Creation Museum devoted to showing that the Bible is literally true.

Nipples may be biologically de trop for men, an "expert" on the site notes, but that doesn't mean they resulted from natural selection. They could just as well be a decorating feature of the Creator's (like a hood ornament). Who are we to question His designs, since we cannot presume to comprehend His mind?



The virtual tour of the museum, to be built in rural Kentucky, says its exhibits will explain many such mysteries, including their claim that "recreated animals and Eve—'That's the terror that Adam's sin unleashed'—and how 'Noah and his family survive 371 days alone on an animal-filled boat' (aka 'Noah's Ark')." The philosophy of the Creation Museum, part of the "Answers in Genesis" ministry, is summed up this way: "The imprint of the Creator is all around us, and the bible clarifies— heaven and earth in six 24-hour days, earth before sun, birds before lizards. Other surprises are just around the corner. Adam and apes share the same birthday. The first man walked with dinosaurs and named them all! God's Word is true, or evolution is true. No millions of years. There's no room for compromise."

Personally, I've decided to stop evolving. No point, really. Evolution is so 20th century. As with Iraq, President Bush has applied his doctrine of pre-emption on evolution, cutting it off before it can pose a threat to our well-being.



Ever since he observed during his 2000 campaign that "the issue of evolution, the verdict is still out on how God created the earth," Bush has been reeling backward as fast as he can toward the Garden of Eden, which, if creationists are to be believed, was really "Jurassic Park."

Seeing the powerful role of evangelicals in getting Bush re-elected, teachers across the country are quietly ignoring evolution, even when the subject is in their curricula.

Many teachers take the hint on evolution even without overt pressure. Cornelia Dean wrote this week in Science Times: "Teachers themselves avoid the topic, fearing

ambitious president. His social engineering schemes in the Middle East and America are breathtakingly brazen."

He doesn't just want to dismantle the 60s, he wants to dismantle the whole century—from the Scopes trial to Social Security. He can slash one of the greatest achievements of the New Deal and then go after other big safety-net Democratic programs, reversing the

prevailing philosophy of many decades that our tax and social welfare systems should equalize the distribution of wealth. Just a little bit, Barry Goldwater wouldn't have had the brass to take a jackhammer to that edifice.

The White House seems to think Social Security was corrupt from the moment it was enacted in 1935. It wants to replace it with private accounts that will fatten the wallets of stockholders and put the savings of Americans who didn't inherit vast fortunes at risk.

Bush and his crew not only want to scrap the New Deal, by weakening environmental and safety protections and trying to flatten the progressive income tax, they're trying to eradicate not just one Roosevelt, but two, going after the progressive legacy of Kennedy.

With their brutal assault on history and their sanctimonious manner, they give a whole new meaning to Teddy's philosophy of the presidency. Boldly put, indeed.

Maureen Dowd is a columnist for The New York Times.

There's no stopping the forces of competition

What do AT&T, the Civil Aeronautics Board, steelworkers and Kmart have in common? Answer: all are victims of competition.

Over the past four decades, the American economy has become vastly more competitive. Paradoxically, that has elevated both our prosperity and our anxiety. The result is a sweeping transformation of everyday life in this season of great pronouncements—the inaugural address, the State of the Union message—we need to remind ourselves that many profound economic and social upheavals arrive unannounced.

On competition, we Americans have mixed feelings. We cherish its promises (lower prices, more choices, greater freedom) and detest its disruptions (lost jobs, vanished companies, shattered communities). Witness airlines. Everyone likes lower fares; they dropped 20 percent since 1998 (adjusted for inflation). But only the hard-hearted are unmoved by the parallel distress: layoffs, salary cuts, bankruptcies. In 2004, United Airlines lost \$1.6 billion, Delta \$5.2 billion. These once mighty carriers may have poor business plans. Their unions' labor costs may have become excessive. Still, competition is a harsh disciplinarian.

Our mistake is to view this toughening of competition as affecting only isolated industries. In all those industries together make up the economy. In a new book ("The



Competition Solution," published by the American Enterprise Institute, economist Paul London argues that heightened competition over-

shadows Reagan's tax cuts, Clinton's budget policies and the resurgence in explaining the technical prosperity of the 1990s. It's more than half right. Competitive pressures helped suppress inflation.

Standards, through improved productivity. Granted, the story is tangled, stretching over decades. As told by London, a deputy undersecretary of commerce in the Clinton administration, here's what happened:

- Competition from imports forced the steel and auto industries—and many other manufacturers—to streamline. Since 1990, U.S. manufacturing productivity has grown a hefty 4 percent a year.
- Government deregulation ended protected monopolies and markets in air travel, freight transportation and telecommunications. Before 1980, the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission restricted the number of airlines and truckers that could compete on individual routes and also set their fares and rates. And AT&T new merging with SBC Communications had a legal

phone monopoly before its court-supervised breakup in 1994.

Wal-Mart and other low-cost chains triggered a revolution in retailing. Wal-Mart's sales now exceed \$250 billion annually, and its buying power forces "manufacturers, transporters, and its other (suppliers) to become more efficient and lower their costs."

The creation of NASDAQ in 1971 and Michael Milken's popularization of junk bonds made it easier for new companies to raise money—and new companies intensely competition. Junk bonds go to riskier borrowers; NASDAQ permits smaller and younger companies to sell new stock.

Note that all these industries (manufacturing, retailing, financial services, wholesaling and transportation) employ about 45 million Americans, roughly a third of all workers. Many of the rest work in government (16 percent), health care (11 percent) and hotels and restaurants (8 percent).

Now, tougher competition has had some horrific social consequences. Since 1970, steel industry employment has dropped 75 percent, a loss of almost 400,000 jobs. Significantly, however, production of finished steel hasn't declined at all. In other industries, employment has mostly shifted from losers to winners. South-west has won; United and Delta have lost. AT&T has lost; Cingular Wireless has won. There's a constant churning of power and status. Unions have particularly suffered, because they dominated once-shel-

tered sectors (steel, autos, telecommunications, airlines). In 2003, unions represented only 8 percent of private workers, half the level of 1983.

Despite the upsots, competition helps more than it hurts. It forces companies to deliver more for less. American auto buyers "learned to expect quality from the Japanese," writes London. The favorable climate for business start-ups encourages new technologies (indeed, overencouraged them in the late 1990s). And competition helps spread technology. When Wal-Mart makes better use of computers, rivals must follow or fail. Competitive checks on wages and prices mean that the Federal Reserve, in pursuing anti-inflation policies, doesn't collide with the concentrated power of business and labor to raise wages and prices. In Europe, with weaker competitive pressures, the colli- sion has slowed economic growth and raised unemployment (the 1999-2003 average: 9.2 percent).

So, there's a final paradox: though competition heightens individual insecurity, it deepens collective security. By snuffing the wage-price spiral, it minimizes recessions. By enriching most Americans, it combats poverty. The calls to restrict competition, through government regulation and import barriers, are understandable—and usually wrong. Living with competition is hard. Living without it would be harder.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist with Newsweek.

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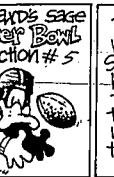
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LETTER **Crushing the quagmire of Iraq** LETTERS

Dairies can do more to improve Magic Valley

I received a letter from my daughter in San Antonio. She sent a large article about a dairyman who made electricity from manure. He sold the electricity to his neighbors and made money.

If every dairyman and cattle feeder in southeastern Idaho would make electricity from all the manure we have here, they could sell it to Idaho Power. We wouldn't have to suffer from the extra pollution Sempra Energy would make with a coal-fired plant in southern Idaho.

If the Dairymen's Association would help finance these dairies using the money they use to lobby the Legislature and the insurance company, Farm Bureau (according to The Times-News the strongest lobbyists in the state), would use the money it makes from its clients to assist the dairies in financing these electric plants, everyone would benefit.

We know the dairies are using our water. Our wells are down.

I've been talking to a sprinkler engineer about using more drip systems on the trees. There are special grasses that use less water. All this changes cost money!

I don't have much money. I'm using my savings to try to educate the public to the necessity of understanding the baby reflexes. This will improve the lives of many millions of children and adults.

If the dairymen and cattle feeders would get rid of the hormones and the extra hormones that are hurting our children and stop polluting the groundwater, they would be improving the lives of many children and adults.

The elected officials should help by agreeing we have enough dairies in southern Idaho.

If we work together to conserve water for the dairies and clean our air and groundwater for the public, we can find a better solution!

MERLE STODDARD
Twin Falls

There's nothing easier than predicting the past. For example, after the New England Patriots win the Super Bowl—even if they again win on a late field goal—a billion viewers will listen to experts explain exactly why they won, and why it was sure to happen all along. As author Lee Simonson put it, "Any event, once it has occurred, can be made to appear inevitable by a competent historian."

RICH TUCKER

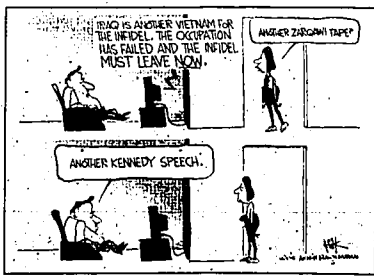
In much the same vein, Sen. Ted Kennedy and a few Democratic counterparts have perfect hindsight about our war in Iraq. "(Condoleezza) Rice was a key element of the national security team that developed and justified the rationale for war, and it's been a catastrophic failure, a continuing quagmire," Kennedy said during the recent "debate" over whether Rice should be confirmed as secretary of state.

Well, first of all, there is no real debate in the Senate, just hours and hours of soliloquies. Senators including Kennedy, Barbara Boxer of California and Mark Dayton of Minnesota took the opportunity to attack Rice as unqualified, even, in Dayton's case as a "liar."

It's good, though, to see Dayton close his Capitol Hill office because of threats he said were contained in a "top-secret intelligence report" about national security.

"I would not bring my two sons to Capitol Hill between now and the elections," Dayton told reporters. Luckily for those of us who struggle to work on the Hill every day, his prediction of impending disaster didn't pan out. Other senators, by the way, stayed on the job.

His return to Kennedy and his "quagmire" comment. He's on record: Iraq is a failure. That's not completely wrong. After all, more than 1,300 Americans have been killed



we'd never deploy anyone anywhere. In fact, we wouldn't have a military at all, since even when we're actively fighting, we lose servicemen in training accidents.

Perhaps the best definition of the American rationale for war came from President Harry Truman. "Let us not forget that we are fighting for peace and for the welfare of mankind," he announced in July 1945. "We are not fighting for conquest. There is not one piece of territory or one thing of monetary nature that we want out of this war. We want peace and prosperity for the world as a whole."

That's exactly why we're fighting in Iraq today—not to conquer land but to spread freedom and make the entire planet safer. Our enemies understand that, even if some of our senators don't.

"The war in Iraq has become a war against the American occupation," Kennedy claimed in a speech on Jan. 27. But that ignores something he noted later in the same speech: "The tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians killed last year included nearly a thousand members of the new Iraqi security forces, and a hundred more have been lost this year." Kennedy's own words explain that everything possible to prevent a war. "We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and the war in which you follow this

wrong ideology," terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi announced a week before the election. "Anyone who tries to help set up this system is part of it."

Zarqawi is Jordanian, and his terrorists are far less popular in Iraq than Americans are. "Every day we get more and more tips from the Iraqi people, who are standing up and identifying these murderers and thugs," Maj. Web Wright, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, told The Washington Post. After the elections, Zarqawi will see his pool of supporters shrink even more.

It will be days, maybe even weeks, before we know exactly which candidates will sit in Iraq's new National Assembly. But history has been made: Millions of Iraqis braved terrorist threats and went to the polls.

Things could still go horribly wrong in Iraq. It might collapse into anarchy, or a dictator might rise to power and rule for decades as Saddam Hussein did.

But Iraqis, by simply casting ballots, specifically voted against such a future. Americans are expanding freedom to the Middle East. So, to make a bold prediction: Future generations will be proud of our efforts in Iraq today, and will be safer for them.

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Build a second high school near CSI

A week has passed since your article regarding a second high school in Twin Falls appeared. I am surprised at the lack of response. The accompanying picture should convince most people that our high school is overcrowded. It demonstrates an atmosphere that is not conducive to a positive learning experience.

Teachers can be more effective in smaller classes. Students are less apt to fall through the cracks with closer contact (but not in the halls!). More students will have opportunities in sports, drama, music, leadership, etc.

I have a granddaughter who is president of her junior class. She has four morning classes, then drives 20 to 30 minutes to junior college, where she takes American Sign Language and English 101 (college writing). She was also on her high school soccer team. I mention this to illustrate the advantage of having a new high school adjacent to our junior college.

I encourage support for a future second high school for Twin Falls and recommend it be located within walking distance of the College of Southern Idaho.

CHET BARTLETT
Twin Falls

Future GOP ticket has unhealthy prognosis

Just finished reading the paper. The letter of Dick Hoyer was written for me.

Dick, I do most of your good hints, even had to have therapy on my neck due to turning my head for more than four years. Now why did you have to end your letter this way. It may my old heart skip.

I will probably have to spend some of my hard-earned retirement for professional help. Rudy-Rice.

YOLANDE BENNETT
Hailey

King Fine Arts Center a gem asset for Burley

As a community, we need to express our appreciation to those people who donate so much time and effort in pro-

ducing a musical, play and other presentations. So to all those who work on stage, behind the stage, in the orchestra pit or in any other way helped produce Camelot, thank you so much. It was indeed well performed, and the music was tremendous.

We are very fortunate, also, to have such a fine facility at the King Fine Arts Center. Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation had been working for many years to build a fine arts center for us. Then when the Cassia County School District was having a bond election for a new high school, it was made possible.

The two groups combined their efforts and, with the generous contribution from the M.H. King family and the major fund-raising effort by the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation, along with the generosity of the business communities and private citizens in both counties, the dream finally came true. Without the added monies we would have built a high school auditorium but now we have a fine arts center, one of the best in the state of Idaho. Although it is technically a part of the Burley High School, it can also be considered a community facility.

Steve Floyd and his crew has done a commendable job in maintaining and managing the King Fine Arts Center. Because of their effort, along with our help, it will remain in good condition in the years to come. It behooves the drama and music departments at the high school to work along with the community, and with this joint effort many great productions will come to pass.

The high schools in the area provide uplifting entertainment for us, and thanks to the Oakley Valley Arts Council, which has so tremendously entertained us for 25 years. It is a joy to attend its productions. Soon there will be a beautifully restored Wilson Theater, another fine facility where we can support Rupert in its productions. We are indeed a fortunate community. Thanks to all of you who make this possible.

KATHRYN HALL
Burley

Campaign finance reform garners new believers

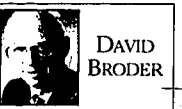
As one who has been skeptical of the claimed virtues of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law, I am happy to concede that it has, in fact, passed its first test in the 2004 campaign with flying colors.

The 2002 law, which insiders refer to as BCRA (for Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, pronounced Beck-rah), did not, as many of us critics feared, weaken political parties or stifle political debate. Instead, it played at least a supportive role in the greatest upsurge ever recorded in the number of small contributors.

These conclusions were, in effect, forced on me by listening to a bevy of experts present their evidence at a recent forum sponsored by the Non-partisan Campaign Finance Institute here in Washington.

Michael Malbin, the institute's executive director, reminded listeners at the outset that when it was passed in 2002, BCRA, which he called "the most important change in a generation" in campaign finance regulation, had drawn opposing—and vehement—criticisms.

While some argued it did too little to stem the flow of money into politics, Malbin said, the main complaint was that "it did too much." The ban on unlimited "soft money" contributions to the parties would weaken their role, critics said, and its restrictions on outside groups' ads during campaign time would harm free speech.



DAVID BRODER

The prediction about the parties turned out to be flat wrong. As Anthony Corrado of Colby College showed, the national party committees together raised \$1.2 billion in hard money (regulated contributions) in the 2004 election cycle, \$140 million more than they had raised in hard and soft money combined for the 2000 contest.

They were helped by a boost in the maximum permitted hard money contribution, but even more by a vast increase in the number of small donors. The Republicans had been working away at that goal for years, but still were able to expand their donor base in 2004 by 1.8 million.

For the Democrats, the change was dramatic. From a dependence on that goal for more than half the budget in 2000, Jackson "Jay" Dunn, the DNC's national finance director said, Democrats switched to reliance on small donors.

They expanded their list of direct mail prospects from 1 million to 100 million, and their internet contacts from 1 million to 1 million. While Republicans held an overall fund-raising advantage, Democrats narrowed it to the smallest in two decades and,

for the first time, the DNC actually out-raised the Republican National Committee.

But there were significant differences in the way the two sides spent their money. Democrats emphasized TV ads, filling in for John Kerry during times in the campaign when their nominee was running low on funds, while Republicans put the bulk of their funds into grass-roots organizing.

Jack Oliver, a principal fundraiser for the Bush campaign and the RNC, said that difference pulled for the president in closely contested states such as Ohio. There and elsewhere, he said, local volunteers recruited by the Bush campaign proved more adept at turning out voters than the state workers hired by independent groups to whom the Democrats "outsourced" much of their precinct work.

Despite these differences, all three of these experts—Corrado, Dunn and Oliver—agreed that the emphasis in coming campaign cycles will be on face-to-face contact with voters.

Corrado complimented the Democrats for recruiting 233,000 volunteers who made 11 million phone calls. But he said he was even more impressed by the way the Bush campaign linked candidate appearances and scheduling decisions to voter mobilization efforts.

Because they knew that the president, the vice president and the first lady could draw

crowds, they offered seats and standing room at their events as rewards for people who had volunteered time on the campaign. And the Bush-Cheney rally attendees were recruited on the spot to back out to the precincts and work on their neighbors.

BCRA, the experts said, clearly did not eliminate the influence of big-money contributions. Some of the gifts to independent advocacy groups—the so-called 527s—dwarfed in size any sums ever given to the parties in past soft money contests. That issue remains to be resolved.

Oliver and others cautioned that the new campaign finance system must still be tested in a cycle when there is no close presidential contest. The issue remains to be resolved. But a good start has been made in expanding the financial base of both parties and using the resources to bring more people into the electorate. That is all to the good.

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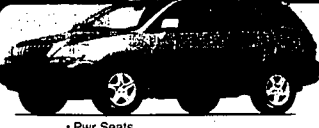
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Acoustic group plays First Friday

TWIN FALLS — Tony Mannen and the Acoustic Phasers will be the entertainment for First Friday tonight at Rudy's. . . A Cook's Paradise. The event lasts from 6 to 9 p.m. . . In addition to the music, there will be food tasting and beer and wine available. Rudy's is at 147 Main Ave. W.

Arts council will host reception tonight

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council will host a gallery opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the 7th Council in Main Street Plaza at 132 Main Ave. S. New work will be on display in the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, the Galeria Pequeña and the Office Reception Gallery. . . In the Full Moon Gallery, member artists will have new works that will be on display through March 26. . . The member artists have created new works in celebration of the return of the gallery to its home. . . The gallery was forced to move to a temporary home after a fire-suppression sprinkler pipe burst in the ceiling of Main-Street-Plaza on Nov. 30. . . Works in mixed-media artist Angell Dilucca will be featured in the Arts Council's Galeria Pequeña. . . Her works reflect an interest in natural materials and celebrate the gift of expression through art. Dilucca's work will be on display through March 26. . . Featured in the arts council's Office Reception Gallery will be the Second Annual Idaho Paints Idaho exhibit. Sponsored by the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands and the Idaho Falls Eagle Rock Art Museum, the exhibit showcases the Idaho artists and Idaho State Parks and Recreation Facilities. Idaho Paints Idaho is a juried exhibit open to resident Idaho artists. Idaho Paints Idaho will be on display through the end of March. . . Admission to the galleries and the opening event is free and the public is invited to attend.

More funds provide heating assistance

WASHINGTON — Additional emergency funds will be provided to Idaho from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to low-income families pay their heating bills. Mike Levitt, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said in a press release. . . The funds — \$482,188 — are part of \$100 million contingency funds made available by Fiscal 2005 omnibus appropriations bill. LIHEAP helps more than 4.5 million low-income families each year heat their homes in the winter and cool them in the summer. . . Individuals interested in applying for LIHEAP household assistance should contact their local or state LIHEAP agency or click on the agency directory at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/liheap/directory.htm. . . The directory can help locate a state or tribal office that administers the program. . . To see the funding amount provided to each state, visit http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/liheap_emergency_fy2005.html.

Man gets 20 years to life for sex abuse

TWIN FALLS — For a crime that prosecutors described as an "obscene abuse," a 5th District judge ordered a 20-year-old man Thursday to serve 20 years to life in prison for sodomizing a child. . . Adam Dean Jackman, of Filer, pleaded guilty on Nov. 8 to one felony count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor in connection with the Dec. 3, 2003, sexual abuse of a 17-month-old boy. . . At his sentencing hearing in front of Judge Richard Bevan, Jackman appeared dressed in orange jail attire, his hands and feet shackled. . . As the defendant stood to address the victim's family, court personnel unfasted his handcuffs so he could use sign language to communicate with the baby's mother, who he was dating at the time of the incident. He also spoke out loud. . . "I want to start by telling you and your whole family how sorry I am for what happened," Jackman said. "I know there's no way I can fix what happened." . . He stopped to fight back tears, then continued: "I know there's nobody to blame but myself," he said. "I wish every day I could take it back. More than anything, I want the baby to know I'm sorry for what happened. He did nothing to deserve what I did. None of you did. I wish there was some way I could go back and take back the pain from the whole family." . . Still choked with emotion, Jackman turned to the judge. . . "I know there's no excuse at all for anything that I did," Jackman said. "I hope that someday I will make amends somehow." . . Please see ABUSE, Page B3

Sound control: School installs decibel meter to control kids.

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Officials say they like idea of new \$40 million dairy

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South Idaho Press

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Snowpack levels

Location	% of Avg.	% of peak**
Waterhead	84%	40%
Salmon	84%	40%
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Big Lost	83%	54%
Little Lost	80%	48%
Henry Fork/Treton	81%	32%
Upper Snake Basin	74%	47%
Oakley	82%	54%
Salmon Falls	80%	54%
As of Feb. 3		

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire winter season, which varies by location.

Lawmakers move to curb drug sales

Drugs contain important ingredient used to manufacture methamphetamine

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — In a 9-7 vote, members of the House Judiciary and Rules Committee passed a bill Thursday to restrict sales of certain over-the-counter cold and allergy medications. . . The bill, which moves to the floor for debate, addresses products containing pseudoephedrine, which is the main stimulant in the highly-addictive street drug known as methamphetamine. Law enforcement officials estimate that between 10 percent and 20 percent of the meth found in Idaho

is manufactured inside the state. They say manufacturers get much of their pseudoephedrine from over-the-counter cold pills. . . If the bill eventually becomes a law, you'll have to ask a pharmacist for permission to buy those products. You'll have to show your ID and sign for the medicine. You'll also be restricted to buying no more than nine grams of pseudoephedrine within a 30-day period. . . Retailers and pharmacists have opposed the bill. Retailers said they should have the right to restrict sales voluntarily. Pharmacists said they don't see the point in putting nearly all pseudoephedrine products behind the counter. . . The only exceptions would be 'got caps' or syrups from which pseudoephedrine is too difficult to extract for use in meth, according to Rep. Rich Willis, R-Glenns Ferry, a co-sponsor of the bill. . . The Idaho State Pharmacy Association took a formal position against the bill for the same reason. Small amounts of the ingredient are simply not worth the effort to extract, pharmacists said. One thousand tablets of pure pseudoephedrine tablets will cost between \$80 and \$120. The cost would increase between 10 and 18 times to get the same amount of the drug if it has to be extracted from multiple-ingredient tablets, they said. But Willis, a retired Idaho State

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Police officer was adamant that criminals will resort to whatever means they have to in order to make their product. . . "Do you honestly believe that is going to stop them?" Willis asked. "It doesn't matter how much it costs to make it because of the amount of money they make when they sell it." . . Police in the Twin Falls area earlier this week seized eight pounds of meth with the street value estimated to be between \$250,000 and \$300,000, Willis said. . . Some lawmakers wanted to hold off a couple of weeks in order to work out a compromise with retailers and

pharmacists. But another co-sponsor, Rep. Bob Ring, R-Caldwell, said, "We've already had extended sessions trying to work this out, and each time we very quickly came to an impasse. We'll only continue to butted heads." . . Willis added, "That would just be setting this back a year." . . He also said there is a bill pending in Congress to outlaw over-the-counter pseudoephedrine in the United States. . . The four lawmakers on the committee who represent Magic Valley all voted in favor of sending this bill to the House floor. In addition to Willis, they include Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home; Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls; and Rep. Donna Pence, D-Cooling.

HORSE TRAINING



Stephanie Patterson, who rides with the College of Southern Idaho Equestrians Team, trains at the Tuls Prestions Arena in Twin Falls on Thursday afternoon. The 15-member team trains at the facility on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The team practices Western horsemanship, English riding and jumping.

Local soldiers' help secure elections

The Times-News

FOB WARRIOR, Iraq — Soldiers of the 116th Brigade Combat Team worked together with the Iraqi Interior Ministry to provide security for the Iraqi citizens in their area during the country's first free elections in more than 50 years. . . Working alongside soldiers from Hawaii's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the Idaho-based unit conducted security patrols, manned checkpoints and back-filled Iraqi police and army posts during Sunday's historic vote, according to a news release from Capt. Monte Hlibbert, a public affairs officer for the 116th. . . Iraqi police and Iraqi army personnel provided the primary security at the polling locations while coalition soldiers filled in the security gaps, the news release said. . . The soldiers were well aware that they were part of history. Just days before the election, the area's top Army leaders encouraged the 116th and 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers to take pride in the role they were to play in securing the election for all Iraqis. . . "I remind my soldiers that they are part of history, and everything they see or do during these times, they will carry with them forever," said Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart, commander of the 116th. "They are part of the birth of a new democratic nation. . . The months of preparation on the part of election officials, the Interim Iraqi Government and coalition forces paid off on



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could get the crop right off and growing again," Beukers said. . . Another reason for the move is that Beukers could consolidate operations to one facility, he said. . . The dairy currently has about two-thirds of its cows in Jerome and the rest at a facility in Filer. . . Until the new operation is complete, Beukers will be leasing a dairy facility from a neighbor because he has to vacate his current dairies for their

new owners before the Cassia County dairy is finished. . . They are going to be bringing cows in as of March 1, and we'll only be ready for 1,000 or so here by then," Beukers said. . . "We'll have to just make do for a while, until we're up and running."

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'O.J.' Osmond John Smith

PORTLAND, Ore. — "O.J." Osmond John Smith, a retired editor at the Oregon Journal, The Oregonian and The Times-News who loved travel and wine, died Jan. 30, 2005. He was 79.



"Dining and wine were his favorite pastimes, traveling also," recalled Dan Duff who worked with Smith at both of the newspapers. Duff said Smith was one of the earliest boosters of Oregon's wine industry.

A gathering will be held from 2:40 to 5 p.m. today, Friday, at the Vineyard Home at Ponzi Vineyards.

Mr. Smith was born July 23, 1917, in Voorheesville, N.Y., and earned a journalism degree from the University of Alabama. He fought with the U.S. Army in World War II, helping to liberate Paris as captain of an anti-aircraft brigade, said his son, Chris Smith. In 1942, he married Virginia Frances Armstrong. She died in 1987.

Mr. Smith worked at newspapers in Florida, Texas and Idaho before moving to Portland in 1970. His work at the Journal and The Oregonian ranged from editing features and news stories to writing editorials and articles about food and wine. He retired in 1986 as an associate editor of The Oregonian's editorial page.

Volumes of photo journals record the many trips that took him from European wineries to the far tip of South America. He overcame language barriers to make friends worldwide.

Survivors include his son, Chris of San Diego; daughter, Debra Bricker of Forest Grove; sister, Virginia Maxwell, of Albany, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the O.J. Smith Historical Project Fund at the Northwest Viticulture Center at Chemeneka Community College.

Harold J. Seeley



TWIN FALLS — Harold J. Seeley of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Harold was born Dec. 5, 1925, in Ashton, Idaho, the son of Alvin Wellington Seeley and Minnie Elizabeth Burckman. He married Glen (Annie) Davis on June 1, 1946, in Bozeman, Mont. She preceded him in death on Nov. 4, 2002. Harold and Clella made their home in Ashton, Idaho, where he farmed for 23 years, raising certified seed potatoes. They moved to Hazelton, Idaho, in 1969 where Harold owned and operated H & S Farms and Idaho Pride Potato warehouse.

He passed his love of free enterprise on to his children. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by his family and friends.

They later moved to Twin Falls in 1977. Harold and Clella enjoyed spending the winters in Boulder City, Nev. Harold was an excellent business man

and is survived by his children, Kathy (Iln) Ghormley of

Kuna, Idaho, Kelly (Berkeley) Orton of Heyburn, Idaho, Kaye Latham of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Richard (Susan) Seeley of Hazelton, Idaho; his sister, Katherine (Harold) Elg of Eagle, Idaho, and Mildred Seeley of Ashton, Idaho. Also surviving are 2 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Clella; his son, Dennis Harold Seeley; three brothers and three sisters.

A service for Harold will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5th, 2005, at the Kimberly Stake Building, 3850 N. 3500 E., with Bishop Blake Gardner conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements and services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Raymond E. Holford



TWIN FALLS — Raymond E. Holford, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, with his wife, Louise, by his side. Ray was born Jan. 5, 1912 in Midvale, Idaho the son of Robert and Amy Holford. He graduated from Birch High School in 1929 and from the Chicago Electrical Institute in 1932. He worked as an electrician in 1933 wiring many homes in the Bellevue, Garnett and Penita areas before enlisting in the Army Air Corp on Nov. 29, 1940. Ray worked for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in the South Pacific. He was discharged on Aug. 27, 1944 with the rank of sergeant.

Ray married Edna Conner in Los Angeles, Calif. After the service he went to work for the Civil Service as an engineer in Virginia and then moved to Southern California working there until his retirement. He also spent some time working on the north end of the Alaska Pipeline when it was being built. After he retired he moved to Fairfield where he served on the City Council. He and Edna moved to Twin Falls when his wife became ill. She preceded him in death in 1979. Ray was a member of the Kim-

berly Nazarene Church. He is survived by his son, Vern Holford of California; one nephew, Don Holford of Emmett; one stepson, Bill (Donna) McKay of Tennessee; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Ruth Potter of Twin Falls.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Edna; one son, Carl; three brothers and one sister.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at the Kimberly Nazarene Church, 3550 E. 3750 N. in Kimberly, with Pastor Mike Severson officiating. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone. Arrangements and services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

Paul Garza



RUPERT — Paul Garza, a 49-year-old Rupert resident, died Feb. 1, 2005, from a traffic accident.

Paul was born May 16, 1955, in San Juan, Texas, to Jose and Paula Garza. Paul lived in San Juan, Texas, until 1958, when he and his family moved to the city of Paul. He has resided in Rupert since 1978. In 1974, he married Brenda Sanford.

He has worked for Amalgamated Sugar Co. since 1974. He worked at the Pura facility until 1997, when he was promoted to assistant foreman for Amalgamated Sugar's American Falls division.

Paul is a proud member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. He was involved in The Knights of Columbus for the last 23 years and served as Grand Knight for three terms. He also served as district deputy and was one of the original organizers for the annual Andrew Moller Basketball Tournament, which he has served for the last 13 years.

Paul's hobbies included tennis, classic cars, public service and travel. He enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren and friends. He also was an avid blood donor and taught first grade Sunday school for local St. Nicholas children.

Paul is survived by his wife, Brenda of Rupert; his children, Crystal (Troy) Chesley of Bur-

ley, Jamie (Paul) Artega of Heyburn, Paul Garza of Paul, Daniel (Micaela) Garza of Everett, Wash., and Michael Garza of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren, Malik Garza Herring, Kustyn Chesley, Trace Chesley, Austynn Radabaugh Garza, Shay Lynn Chesley, Andrea Isabel Garza and Trevon Artega, with one on the way, brothers, Reyes (Alicia) Garza of Rupert, Roman Garza of Mexico; sisters, Alicia Alvarez of Port Clinton, Ohio, Juanita Castillo of Paul, Eva (Efrain) Moreno of Jerome, Santos Garza of Rupert, Irene (Gerald) Lemus of Heyburn and Mary (Robert) Nevarez of Rupert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Paula Garza; brother, Zaragoza Garza; and brothers-in-law,

Juan Alvarez and Rogelio Castillo.

Paul was a fun, caring friend to those who have ever had the blessing of meeting him. He is a great father and will never be forgotten. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the St. Nicholas School endowment fund via Don Chisholm at 436-6320.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A recitation of the rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the church with a visitation one hour before the rosary and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

OBITUARIES

Rebecca Lynn Bill Holgate



RUPERT — Rebecca Lynn Bill Holgate, a 48-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at her sister Sarah's home in Burley. Rebecca was born Feb. 20, 1956, to Leo Leon and Lauretta June Hodge Bill in Burley, Idaho. She went to school in Rupert and later received her GED. She married William "Bill" Holgate. She worked as a waitress in Jackpot for three years, and for the last eight years has worked for McCains in Burley.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rebecca was a very happy person and loved every one around her. She was a very loving mother, daughter, sister and best friend. Rebecca is survived by her husband, William

Holgate of Pocatello, Idaho, Anthony (Michelle) of Bakersville, Calif., and Matthew Holgate of Jackpot, Nev.; grandchildren, Emilee, Abby and Madison; mother, June Bill; brothers, Steven Leo Bill and Matthew Leon Bill; sisters, Rachel Kelsey, Deborah Veldez, Ruth Bill and Sarah Bill.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leo Bill; and her daughter, Jennifer L.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at the LDS Rupert 2nd Ward, 26 S. 100 W., with Bishop Dean Condie officiating. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Dora C. Price



BURLEY — Dora C. Price, a 90-year-old resident of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 28, 1914, in Clayton, Custer County, Idaho, the daughter of Andrew and Anna Schneider Gini. She married Frank L. Price on Aug. 22, 1932, in Dillon, Mont. Their first residence was in Atlanta, Idaho, where Frank was employed at the mine.

Frank was a hard worker and a good provider, but these were hard times and with Dora expecting their first child, she had to spend her first winter in Challis, to be near a doctor, because of the harsh winters in Atlanta.

While living in the Challis area, they owned a hay ranch on the south side of the Salmon River near the Bay-Horse-bridge. Frank worked for a time with the Forest Service and leased and worked several mines.

Dora and Frank moved their young family to Twin Falls in 1943, where Frank worked as a mechanic and also worked for Kringles until 1946, when they moved to Burley. While living in Burley, they were partners in the

Snake River Blacksmith Shop. Dora worked hard to raise her family. She often picked potatoes to help supplement their needs. She studied and graduated with a degree as a licensed practical nurse. She worked for Cassia Memorial Hospital for many years and also worked at Burley Care Center.

She was a member of the Burley Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed playing bridge and pinocle.

She also enjoyed the many camping trips and family outings. She loved her family and many friends. She will be greatly missed!

She is survived by her two sons, Donald Price and Jerry (Patsy) Price both of Burley; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Dora was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank, who died in 1983; her daughter, Norma, who was killed in a tragic auto/train accident in 1948; her daughter-in-law, Verna Price in 1994; one sister—and three brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Officiating will be the Rev. Herb C. Whittaker. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at the Challis Cemetery in Challis, Idaho, where friends and family may gather prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Louise J. Cantrell

BURLEY — Louise J. Cantrell, a 79-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Louise requested cremation. Her cremated remains will be buried at Twin Falls Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E.

16th St., Burley.

MaryAnne V. Morrison

BURLEY — MaryAnne V. Morrison, a 66-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel.



Joe Preslicka

HEYBURN — Joe Preslicka, an 85-year-old Heyburn resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., in Burley with Pastor Keith Wise officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Portland, Ore.

Friends may call from 2 to 2:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday at Payne Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to the Heyburn Police Department, 1800 "T" St., Heyburn, ID 83336.

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Hagerman gets tough on drugs

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Drugs will no longer be tolerated in Hagerman. That was the message City Council members delivered Wednesday during their regular meeting.

The warning came in response to a discussion regarding two drug-related arrests that were made during an altercation between employees of a park vendor at the 2004 Fossil Days event.

"Nobody is bringing drugs into town," Hagerman Mayor Todd Bassett said. "If we find drugs, those people are out of here."

"Nick," Hagerman's new K-9 officer, will be on patrol starting in March. Police Chief Loren Miller is currently training to gain his certification to handle the dog.

Gooding County Deputy Jeremy Smith will soon be joining the Hagerman Police Department as a part-time officer.

There were 10 drug-related arrests in Hagerman last year, for possession of drugs and four for possession of drug paraphernalia.

In 2004 the police department made 22 arrests. Investigations included four as-

Other business

Other City Council business Wednesday included:

- **Update fees** — City Council members approved an updated fee schedule for water bills. The fee for turning water service back on after it has been shut off for non-payment was increased to \$100. Residents on city services also will be required to pay a \$75 deposit — equivalent to two months' water service — before service is restored to the residence.
- **Fire code** — Council members

Other business

adopted the 2003 International Fire Code at the request of Fire Chief Tim Peterson. Hagerman Fire District commissioners will adopt the code at their meeting next week. "I just want to be sure we are all playing in the same code book," Peterson said.

- **Tree committee** — Residents appointed to a tree committee include Kathy Sams, Florence Mary Sandy, Ralph Taylor, Vergie Taylor and Councilman Jim Scott. The committee will update the city's tree plan and address management issues in the community.

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libary increased by 19 percent in January compared with the same month last year when special programs sponsored by the library at the National Parks Service office were included in the count, Librarian Wilma Buitrago said.

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SERVICES

John H. Austin, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Crystal M. Torres of American Falls and formerly of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Greenhouse LDS Church, 507 N. Greenwood, Shoshone. Visitation one hour before the service (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Fred N. Locke of Gooding, funeral at 2:30 p.m. today at the Gooding High School Auditorium (Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Gooding).

Catherine Estelle Davis of Ketchum, memorial service, at 1 p.m. today at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Michael K. Makin of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Erlene Hunt Pike Drew of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave. Friends may call from 12:45 p.m. before the funeral today at the church.

LoEla VanEvery of Rupert, graveside service at 11:30 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 1250 21st St. Heyburn, Idaho (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Carl Clair Miller of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at Park's Funeral Home.

Ronald L. "Jim" Maxwell of Hagerman, graveside service at 11:30 a.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Joseph L. Joe' Laurence of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, and one hour before the service on Saturday.

Carol Mae Swenson, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Crews will start paving Idaho 25 near Paul

SHOSHONE — A pavement rehabilitation project on Idaho 25 west of Paul will begin on Monday, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

A detour from 850 West Road to 850 West Road will route traffic around the construction.

The road is deteriorated and rutted. The project will widen road shoulders and create a safer, smoother surface through a rehabilitation process called CRABS (Cement Recycled Asphalt Base Stabilization). This process will pulverize the existing roadway, add cement and compact it to form a new base, which is resurfaced with pavement.

The \$1-million project is scheduled to be complete in April. The project contractor,

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being built in Wendell. Input and help is needed with the construction, tax-deductible purchase of park benches, flag poles and pedestals, or the purchase of trees to preserve wilderness scenery.

A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Wendell City Hall. Everyone is welcome. Come be a part of honoring those who have served and continue to serve our country. For information, call Jim Benson at 536-5140 or write to the South Central Idaho Veterans Park-ROJ, Box 238, Wendell, ID 83355.

Burley Elks will hold Groundhog feed Saturday

BURLEY — The Burley Elks is having its annual Groundhog Feed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave., Burley.

The menu will include sausage, eggs, hash browns and

pancakes, all you can eat for \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For information, call 678-5681.

Fire destroys Declo home after wiring short

DECLO — A Declo family has lost its home in a fire caused by an apparent electrical short in wiring in the basement ceiling, Declo Fire Department volunteers said.

The family was alerted to the fire Tuesday after the forced air furnace kicked off, blowing smoke throughout the home.

Araceli Rodriguez was at work when the fire started, but her three children were at home in the care of their grandmother. They were able to get out of the home through the back door and call 911 for help.

Volunteer firefighter Steve Barker said the fire was extinguished relatively quickly, but not before it gutted most of the interior.

The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho was able to provide clothing, shoes, food,

blankets and some personal care kits for the family, and has offered to continue helping the family as they recover from their loss.

Legislators work on property tax relief

BOISE — Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, introduced a property tax relief bill into the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Thursday.

The bill proposes to give tax relief to people over the age of 65 who are living in their own homes and have experienced skyrocketing property values in a short period of time.

The legislation would allow an older taxpayer to petition to defer property taxes over 2 percent increase in one year until he or she dies moves or sells the house.

There are other proposals in the works for property tax relief for senior citizens, so Smith's bill won't get a hearing until those have also been introduced.

— compiled from staff reports

Abuse

Continued from B1. "I don't know how or if that's possible. I won't try to minimize this whatsoever. This is the worst thing you could ever do to anybody."

Jackman's public defender, Marilyn Paul, asked the judge for a 5- to 10-year sentence, saying her client has no significant adult criminal record.

"There is no other show-up any type of pattern of sexual victimization of others," she said.

Paul told the court Jackman is extremely remorseful and wants to get treatment for his methamphetamine habit.

Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney, asked the judge to impose the maximum penalty of life in prison.

"The state cannot see any reason why the court would ever feel safe allowing him to be released from prison," he said. "It's an unspeakable crime to a defenseless child. He needs to have somebody watching him — probation and parole officers — making sure that when he snaps, he can be caught quickly. Hopefully, he can't snap, but

with Larry Gold's assessment, he likely will."

Lawrence Gold, who conducted a psycho-sexual evaluation on Jackman, told the court he believes Jackman has borderline personality disorder, among other issues.

"It's one of the most painful disorders to have in your life," Gold said.

"The primary characteristic is a frantic effort to avoid real or imagined abandonment."

Gold said Jackman acted out in anger when the baby's mother went to the library with the baby's father.

Gold also said Jackman exhibited a level of callousness brought on by lifelong suffering from psychological disorders, as well as his own sexual abuse as a child.

"Adam's collapse of caring or his ability to relate to this child as a baby ... has its roots in both Adam's abuse, the way he was brought up and the methamphetamine that just destroys his conscience."

Jackman claimed to have been up for three days on methamphetamine when the

sexual assault occurred.

Jackman has continuously denied that he was responsible for ligature — or strangulation — marks on the infant.

But Loeb said Jackman how he held the baby down while "assaulting" him.

Jackman made no reply. Loeb asked Gold about the possibility for rehabilitation for a person who suffers from myriad disorders.

Gold responded that the potential was "very low."

Loeb said he wished Idaho had a hospital for the criminally insane so Jackman could get the appropriate treatment while being kept from society.

Gold said he would be willing to give the defendant treatment if the court so ordered.

Before issuing his decision, Judge Bevan said that lewd conduct with a minor is one of the most serious crimes that can come before the court.

"This was a horrendously violent event," Bevan told Jackman.

"There's clearly undue risk you'll commit another crime of a significant nature."

The judge said a fixed life sentence would be "overly harsh, with no hope for what future may come."

In 20 years, minus 427 days for time served, Jackman will come before the state parole board, which will decide if he's ready to be released.

Jackman will have to register as a sex offender in any county in which he lives, and he must pay a \$5,000 fine in addition to counseling and medical bills for the victim.

Filer police took Jackman into custody on Dec. 4, 2003, but he escaped, handcuffed, from the back of a patrol car.

He allegedly stole a car and drove to his father's house in Horseshoe Bend, where authorities arrested him the next day.

"As part of a plea agreement, prosecutors dropped injury to child and grand theft charges in exchange for Jackman's guilty plea to the lewd conduct charge."

Times-News writer Rebecca Meany can be reached at 735-3259 or at rmeany@magicvalley.com.

Soldiers

Continued from B1. Sunday when voter turnout was higher and the number of terrorist attacks was lower than some expected, the news release said, Iraqi nationals who participated in the process were happy to finally have the freedom to vote their conscience without fear of reprisal or even death.

"The election was a very good victory for all Iraqi nationals," said Wassan Hamid of Kirkuk after casting his vote. "I would say at least 60 percent of Iraqis participated in the election."

Ramiz said he was impressed by how smoothly the process went.

"The process was very normal and easy," Ramiz said. "Each person was only there from 5 to 10 minutes, depending on the polling site."

Karso Awat, a voter from the largely Kurdish province of Sulaymaniyah, gave his aging grandmother a ride to the polls so she could exercise her new right.

"My emotion is very big. I see people walking toward the polls," Awat said. "I hear celebrations, music. Some people are dancing, painting faces. Even my grandmother, who has difficulty walking, voted."

While the results of Sunday's National Assembly election are not expected to be finalized for several days, those elected will establish the Iraqi Transitional Government that will ultimately establish the permanent Iraqi government, the news release said. Once the election results are finalized, the National As-

sembly will elect a president of the state and two deputies by a two-thirds majority of Assembly members.

The Presidency Council will then unanimously name a prime minister within two weeks, and subsequently name members of the Council of Ministers upon recommendation of the prime minister. Once selected, these will be ratified by a simple majority vote of confidence from the National Assembly.

According to the published timeline, the National Assembly will write a draft of the permanent constitution by Aug. 15.

The draft will be presented to the Iraqi people for approval in a general referendum to be held on or before Oct. 15. If the constitution is approved, elections for the permanent government will be held on or before Dec. 15, the news release said.

The soldiers of the 116th Brigade Combat Team will continue to support the new Iraqi transitional government along with the Iraqi police forces by assisting them in maintaining security and stability, as well as helping train the thousands of new Iraqi recruits to the Iraqi Army and police forces, according to the U.S. news release.

"Soldiers work long hours, day after day, but always maintain their focus on the mission, humor and to leave this country better than we found it," Gayhart said.

"The soldiers of the 116th BCT are extremely proud of what they do, and are making a big difference in this country."

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Cabin Fever Day in T.F. offers many activities

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation has the perfect opportunity to refresh your winter sanity this Saturday, with a number of citywide activities for Cabin Fever Day.

Local sponsors and city parks and recreation have teamed up to offer a day of "open house" activities at various locations, with a small charge or absolutely free charge at all.

Please note the times of sessions available. Class sizes may be limited. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You may need to choose an alternative activity if the session is full.

Indoor recreation activities include:

Scrapbooking — Twin Falls Community Center, 423 Third Ave. S. Bring three to four of your favorite pictures and start a life-long adventure of documenting your life story by scrapbooking. Open to ages 9 and up from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 734-9590 to hold a spot.

Roller skating — Skateland, 2100 Kimberly Road. Races, games and prizes area all part of the fun during this session of roller skating for all ages. Skate rentals are free while roller blades are available for \$2.

Art classes — 327 Sunrise Blvd. N. Stop in for a mini-introduction in creating art. Carol Conover's Art Class. Open to all ages and levels of ability from 10 to 11 a.m.

Dancing — The Dance Center, 204 Main Ave. S. Stop in for a relaxed introduction to basic non-classical ballet skills. Open from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 8. Open from 11 to 11:45 a.m. for ages 9 to 12.

Martial Arts — Success Martial Arts, 1300 Kimberly Road. Open from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 5 to 7 and 11 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to 10.

30-minute workout — Curves for Women, 600 Blue-Lakes Blvd. N. Stop in for a free figure analysis and develop a workout plan. The open house is from 7 a.m. to noon.

Adult Art — Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. Karen Fothergill will be leading a class on drawing animals. Class size is limited to 15 per class. Open to children in kindergarten through the sixth grade in two sessions — one from 10 to 11 a.m. and another from 11 a.m. to noon.

Rocky Top Cloggers — Percussion Step Dance, 249 Addison Ave. E. Persons of all ages are invited to an introduction to clogging. Please wear or bring tennis shoes. A session for grades 4 and under is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. while a session for those 9 and up is from 11 to noon. The event is in the McMullen Creek Center across from K-mart.

Panel kills campaign reform bill

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — An attempt to implement sweeping campaign finance reform was shot down before it got off the ground this week as a House panel refused to allow a hearing on the issue.

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, presented legislation to the House State Affairs Committee that would have provided public funding to statewide and legislative candidates who agree to curtail their campaign spending.

The measure would have set up a public financing system



funded by a 10 percent surcharge on civil penalties and voluntary donations.

The committee voted 14-2 to kill Trail's proposal.

Several legislators raised concerns over the funding and questioned the wording, which said the current finance system "undermines democracy."

The money we receive goes to promote the interest of the

people we serve," said Rep. Mark Snodgrass, R-Meridian.

"It's an educational service — we learn what the important issues are."

In order to be eligible for public funding, the bill would have required legislative candidates to get 150 \$5 donations. All other statewide offices would have required 1,500 such donations, and a run for governor, 2,500.

The secretary of state's office would have been administered the system Trail proposed.

He said he spent 20 days during his last campaign raising funds.

"That time could have been spent talking with my constituents," he said.

More importantly, he said, public funding would create a level playing field where candidates could run even if they didn't have the financial wherewithal.

The only committee members to vote in favor of introducing the bill were Reps. Ken Andrus, R-Lava Hot Springs, and Elaine Smith, D-Pocatello.

SHADOW STEPPING



Visitors to the Norm Deiks Government Center in Bremerton, Wash., walk up the Fifth Street steps on Tuesday.

Pocatello installs decibel meter to control kids

POCATELLO (AP) — Students and parents at a Pocatello elementary school are complaining that 3-week-old rules to control noise under on draconian and have turned the place into a "prison camp."

Since last month, a device dubbed a yakker-tracker hangs in the Indian Hills Elementary School cafeteria.

It changes color as noise levels escalate: green for quiet, then blinking yellow — and finally bright red, tripping an alarm when kids' voices rise above allowed decibel levels.

"When the siren sounds, the students are required to be silent for two minutes."

"I feel like I'm in a prison camp," Indian Hills sixth-grader Riley Meuser told Principal Kent Hobbs at a meeting Wednesday to gather feedback on the new policy.

The kids' concerns highlight overcrowding — and rancor over attempts to gangle with it — in Pocatello's School District 25 grade schools, which parents, teachers and administrators say are bursting at the seams.

Indian Hills is the largest school in the district after drawing students from nearby schools shuttered two years ago. Other schools are near capacity, administrators say, and tight budgets make a remedy difficult.

"We definitely have to have more capacity in the elementary schools," Hobbs said.

In addition to the yakker-tracker, the new rules forbid students from talking in the lunch line. Each class is assigned tables in the cafeteria, and once students sit down at the table, they are not allowed to get up until they are dismissed to leave.

They are not allowed to go back into the building once they've left.

Fifth-grade student Scotty Lyons collected 56 signatures in a plea to reverse the lunch limits.

"We don't want it to be total anarchy at the lunchroom," Meuser said. "But that yakker-tracker thing — I don't think you should have a machine control us."

Hobbs said he knows some don't like the rules, but he has to keep hallway noise down and doing it without radical measures isn't easy.

The school is housed in buildings whose common areas were originally built for 250 students. PTA President Pam Stevenson said she's collected more than 250 signatures on a petition she hopes will illustrate parents' frustrations with what she sees as an overcrowded and understaffed school.

Board gives approval to tuition plan

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Board of Education has endorsed a bill to allow Boise State University, Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College to charge tuition, saying the measure would allow schools greater flexibility in how they use their money.

Board members signed off on Thursday on a final version of the bill, which now goes to the state Legislature.

Current Idaho law forbids BSU, ISU and L-C State from using student fees to cover instructional costs.

But if the proposed legislation passes, universities would be allowed to use the tuition fees more broadly to cover teaching — as well as other costs such as construction and building maintenance that are now covered by matriculation fees.

Board members said this bill isn't meant to raise the cost of an education.

"This change doesn't alter the board's desire to keep total student fees as low as possible," said Rod Lewis, president of the education board, in a statement. "At the same time, this will allow our universities additional flexibility in their use of funds at a time of restricted state funding."

Molestation case may have been intentionally erased

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Someone may have intentionally erased a case involving a Boy Scouts of America camp counselor who pleaded guilty in 1998 to child molestation from Bonneville County's public record, according to attorneys involved in the case.

The case involving the suspected prosecution of Brad Stowell, who molested children at Camp Little Lemhi in Swan Valley, has disappeared from the public record without an order from a judge.

Last week, court officials blamed a computer glitch on the vanished documents.

But court arguments this week — and records recently made available — show the case had been erased more completely than a computer program could have done on its own.

Not only did it vanish from the computer system, but the case files have the word "sealed" handwritten on them in red.

The case was never ordered to be sealed, said District Court Judge Gregory Anderson, one of several judges on this case.

"Legally, the case wasn't ever sealed," said Anderson. "I don't know why everyone thought it was." Attorneys for the Boy Scouts, who have been fighting efforts to open the record of the cases to public view, declined to comment.

Mouse pig: More winter ahead

SUNSET (Utah AP) — Forget that Pennsylvania groundhog. Utah has its own way of predicting if there will be more winter weather.

If Sunset Sam, Utah's groundhog pig cousin to the famous groundhog Punxutawney Phil, witnesses the setting sun, Utah residents are in for at least six more days of winter.

If Sunset Sam sleeps through the sunset, spring is on its way.

"He was active and had his eyes wide open," said his owner, Brent Anderson, after Sunset Sam witnessed the sun go down over the Great Salt Lake on Wednesday. "Looks like at least another six days of winter."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Intrepid secures bond financing

GOODING — Gooding County's Industrial Development Corp. approved an inducement resolution for a maximum of \$20 million bonds issuance for Intrepid Technology and Resources, Inc.'s biogas facilities, the company said.

Intrepid will utilize the agency's bond authority and low interest rates to finance facility located near Gooding, Lincoln, Twin Falls and Jerome counties. Those new facilities will be additional anaerobic digester plants designed for production of methane gas, as well as a collection pipeline and gas conditioning equipment. Intrepid has just completed the first methane production plant near Rupert and will start on the second plant in spring near Wendell.

Gooding County's Industrial Development Corp. has the authority to issue tax-exempt bonds — at interest rates below commercial rates — for projects that provide significant benefits to surrounding communities.

The company will use the corporation's tax-exempt status to secure a lower interest rate, but the debt will be the company's own.

Land O'Lakes reports annual net earnings

TWIN FALLS — Arden Hills, Minn.-based Land O'Lakes Inc., a food and agricultural cooperative with operations in Gooding and Twin Falls, on Thursday reported annual net earnings of \$20.1 million, down sharply from \$28.9 million for 2003.

The company said 2004 earnings were affected by non-cash pretax charges of about \$23 million related to unrealized hedging losses and a \$36.5 million impairment against its investment in CF Industries Inc., a fertilizer manufacturer. Factoring out those adjustments, Land O'Lakes said it reported strong operating performance in nearly all of its businesses.

Including unrealized hedging impairments, litigation benefits and restructuring charges, 2004 pretax earnings were \$94.8 million, up from comparable results of \$66.7 million in 2003.

For the fourth quarter, Land O'Lakes reported a net loss of \$1.9 million, compared with year-ago net earnings of \$39.1 million. Excluding the same factors, fourth-quarter pretax earnings were \$27.1 million, down from comparable results of \$39.9 million in 2003.

Annual sales rose 22 percent to \$7.7 billion. Fourth-quarter sales rose 1 percent to \$1.9 billion.

Employers step up background checks

NEW YORK — Employers, increasingly security conscious and wary of making mistakes in hiring, have stepped up reference checks and background screening of job applicants, according to a new survey.

In the survey of personnel officers, released Thursday by the Society for Human Resource Management, 96 percent said their companies conduct some type of background or reference check on people applying for job openings.

The most common check by companies is a verification of an applicant's legal right to work in the United States, with 85 percent of those polled saying they always do such a screening.

But 68 percent of those surveyed said their firms always run criminal records checks on applicants, and another 13 percent say they sometimes perform such checks, according to the survey.

Heightened concerns about security are driving some of the increased screening, according to the survey. In five of those surveyed said their companies have added or updated screening practices as a direct result of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Jackpot casinos see financial boost

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JACKPOT News — A pair of casinos just south of the Idaho border raked in 5.0 percent more revenue than a year ago in the fourth quarter, helping to more than triple operating income there.

Jackpot's Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino, owned by Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc., brought in operating income of \$1.9 million in the fourth quarter and saw operating income increase 11.7 percent, according to press releases. Ameristar said Thursday.

QUARTERLY REPORT For the full year, the two Jackpot operators raked in \$110.8 million in revenue, a 2.3 percent increase over the 2003 full year. Operating income increased 11.7 percent.

Las Vegas-based Ameristar owns and operates seven properties in Missouri, Iowa, Mississippi, Nevada and — as of December — Colorado. The Nevada casinos are major Magic Valley employers.

Ameristar has another local slot through its chairman and chief executive officer, Craig H. Neilson.

The former Twin Falls resi-

dent also is the developer of property on the Snake River Canyon's south rim in Twin Falls.

Ameristar on Thursday announced record companywide financial results for the fourth quarter, which ended Dec. 31, and for the year.

• Fourth-quarter net revenues of \$214.7 million, up 9.9 percent over the fourth quarter of 2003. Net revenues of \$854.7 million for the year, up 9.3 percent from 2003.

A big factor in the fourth quarter was an increase in slot revenues, driven by continued

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Jackpot performance

Ameristar Casinos Inc. reported these fourth-quarter and full-year financial results from its Jackpot, Nev., properties — Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino. Dollar amounts are in thousands.

	Three months ended Dec. 31, 2004	Year ended Dec. 31, 2004	Three months ended Dec. 31, 2003	Year ended Dec. 31, 2003
Net revenues	\$13,979	\$13,309	\$60,160	\$58,833
Operating income	\$1,908	\$506	\$8,962	\$8,022
Depreciation and amortization	\$1,028	\$933	\$3,862	\$3,854
EBITDA	\$2,936	\$1,439	\$12,824	\$11,876
Operating income margin	13.6%	3.8%	14.9%	13.6%
EBITDA margin	21.0%	10.8%	21.3%	20.2%

(EBITDA is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA margin is EBITDA as a percentage of net revenues. Operating income margin is operating income as a percentage of net revenues.)

Qwest in talks to buy MCI

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — MCI Corp. and Qwest Communications International Inc. — the primary provider of local-phone service in Magic Valley — are reportedly discussing a \$6.3 billion deal that would be the U.S. telephone industry's second blockbuster merger in a week.

MCI and Qwest, both tainted by scandal in the collapse of the telecom bubble, are far enough along to discuss details like price and structure of a potential takeover by Qwest, but the deal could still break down, according to Thursday's edition of *The Wall Street Journal*.

MCI, which changed its name from WorldCom when it emerged from bankruptcy nearly a year ago, declined comment on the reports, which come just days after AT&T Corp. agreed to be acquired by SBC Communications Inc. for \$16 billion in stock and cash.

Qwest, which recently agreed to pay \$250 million to settle a civil fraud case brought by the federal government, did not immediately respond to phone calls seeking comment. The Denver-based company is the dominant "Bell" provider of local phone service in the states of Idaho, Montana and Northwest regions, including Idaho.

Some experts viewed the news leak as a potential bargaining tactic on the part of MCI Chief Executive Michael Capellas to draw Bell rivals Verizon Communications Inc. or BellSouth Corp. into a bidding war.

This is a good way for him to make sure MCI is in play and force Verizon and BellSouth to make a decision," said Rich Neplaha, chief executive of the industry consulting firm TWNG Inc.

The reports come only days after San Antonio-based SBC, the local Bell for most of the Midwest and Southwest, agreed to purchase AT&T, based in Bedford, N.J., in a deal that would create one of the world's largest telecommunications companies. Last week, as reports of an impending AT&T-SBC deal entered, Verizon executives were adamant that such a merger would not force a change in strategy with the acquisition of a long-distance carrier such as MCI, based in McLean, Va., or Sprint Corp., which is based in Overland Park, Kan.

On Thursday, New York-based Verizon declined to comment on the latest reports. "While our reputation remains somewhat marred from the massive WorldCom accounting fraud, MCI is attractive for its national network. Infrastructure remains an area of interest for corporate clients with national communications needs."

Preparation cam make audits less of a nightmare

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — During income-tax filing time, every taxpayer's worst nightmare is getting audited.

If you adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or more, you have a 1-in-20 chance of being audited, reports Eric Tyson in *Smart Money*. "If your income is \$50,000 or less, your chances drop to less than 1 in 100. But you might even be one of the unlucky random audits."



Retailers report solid sales in January

The Associated Press

Jesse Longoria and Joel Botello work high up on a steel beam that is part of the new Gossner Foods Inc. cheese plant in the Burley-Reynolds Industrial Park — the site where a potato plant closure put hundreds of people out of work.

Longoria and Botello are employees of Lundahl-Building Systems, the general contractor for the \$20 million Swiss cheese factory.

The Gossner plant is a major step in Mini-Cass's recovery from recent years' layoffs — is expected to begin operations by October.

Perkins predicted fourth-quarter earnings will be strong although nervous retailers resorted to markdowns as shoppers procrastinated during December.

The heavy discounting that took place doesn't seem to have taken a big bite out of the bottom line as one might have expected," he said.

There were some disappointments during January, including an overall sales decline at Gap Inc. and a drop at May Department Stores Co. But generally, it was a good month.

The International Council of Shopping Centers' UBS preliminary sales tally of 70 retailers rose 3.7 percent in January, higher than the 2.5 percent forecast.

The tally is based on same-store sales, which are sales at stores opened in less than a year. They are considered the best indicator of retail health.

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Small business tax law will change

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When small business owners start working on their 2004 tax returns — or begin thinking about 2005 — they'll find relatively few changes from previous years. One change, however, involving the deductibility of vehicles used in a business, is particularly notable.

The government is making it harder for small business owners to deduct upfront the cost of sport utility vehicles — a popular deduction for owners who use their SUVs for personal and well as business purposes. For vehicles placed in service after Oct. 22, 2004, they're limited to a deduction of \$25,000; the rest of the purchase price has to be amortized under the schedule contained in the Internal Revenue Code.

Previously the entire cost could be deducted upfront. The deduction applies only to vehicles that weigh more than 6,000 pounds — this part of the tax regulation is unchanged.

The new law is aimed at making sure business owners aren't deducting big SUVs that are primarily used by their families.

"That was a kind of severe change," said Alice Margos, a senior writer/analyst at CGII Inc., a tax and financial information firm. "It was to stem a lot of abuses that were taking place." The change can make it hard for a business owner who really needs an SUV in a business. To be exempt from the limitation, a vehicle must clearly not be a passenger car, said Gordon Spoor, a certified public accountant with Spoor, Doyle & Associates in St. Petersburg, Fla. For example, it has to have a bed more than six feet long, and there has to be a separation between the passenger compartment and the bed, said W.G. Spoor, also of Spoor, Doyle & Associates.

"If someone is really looking to buy a business vehicle and wants the full write-off in one year, they have to be careful about what they buy," Gordon Spoor said.

"If the vehicle is what's known as a special-use vehicle — say in a tax service that uses only SUVs — it might be fully deductible. But if you buy a vehicle that qualifies for the deduction and you do use it for personal purposes, be careful. You can't take the full \$25,000 deduction. If, for example, you used it 80 percent of the time for business and 20 percent of the time for personal activities, you can deduct only \$20,000.

The deduction for such vehicles is taken under Section 179 of the tax code. This section, which allows small businesses to deduct upfront the entire cost of certain kinds of equipment.

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Retail sales

Here is a look at the percent change in major retailers' sales from the same months last year.

January 2005	Change
Wal-Mart	3.3%
J.C. Penney Co. Inc.	5.1%
TJX Cos.	5.0%
Limited Brands Inc.	4.0%
Target Corp.	6.3%
Gap Inc.	0%
Dillard's Inc.	-1.0%
Saks Inc.	6.3%
Federated Department Stores Inc.	2.8%
May Department Stores Co.	-2.2%
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	-1.6%

NOTE: Sales include those from stores open at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly and not all retailers have the same fiscal year.

SOURCE: ASSOCIATED PRESS AP

MONEY

Stocks drop on fall in productivity Ohio company plans to build \$100 million plant in Salt Lake suburb

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors disappointed with lower-than-expected earnings from Amazon.com Inc. and low productivity gains from U.S. workers pushed stocks lower Thursday, ending Wall Street's three-day string of gains.

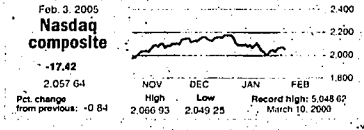
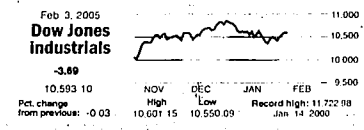
Losses, for the most part, were minimal — an encouraging sign after a difficult January — and analysts said most investors simply sat out of trading while waiting for Friday's job creation report from the Labor Department, a key barometer of economic activity. However, Amazon's earnings dragged tech stocks down significantly.

"Today's trading is overwhelmed by Amazon.com," said Arthur Hagan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 3.69, or 0.03 percent, to 10,593.10.

Broader stock indicators also lost ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 3.30, or 0.28 percent, to 1,189.83, while the tech-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 1.72, or 0.84 percent, to 2,057.64.

Most major corporations have now reported fourth-quarter earnings, which means the market will be turning to economic indicators for guidance. The government's employment report will be "the biggest thing all week," Hagan said.

Amazon.com, however, saw higher costs offset its holiday sales gains. Shares of the online retailer tumbled \$6.13, or 14.64 percent, to \$35.75 after the company late Wednesday reported a 26 percent jump in



fast as they have in recent years, forcing them to hire more workers if they want to boost output. The Institute for Supply Management said its index of the service sector came in at 59.2 for January, down from 59.3 in the previous month and lower than expectations. Readings above 50 indicate growth in the sector, which comprises about two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

Philip Dow, managing director of equity strategy at RBC Dain Rauscher in Minneapolis, said the days news was not too dismal in the context of an otherwise fairly strong economy. "It's hard to cast the news we've seen recently with regards to the economy and earnings as negative," he said.

He said he was surprised investors weren't focusing more on strong January sales reported by retailers on Thursday morning, which generally beat expectations. Amazon.com, however, saw higher costs offset its holiday sales gains. Shares of the online retailer tumbled \$6.13, or 14.64 percent, to \$35.75 after the company late Wednesday reported a 26 percent jump in

sales, excluding the effect of the weak dollar. But full strength of Wall Street earnings expectations by 5 cents per share. Higher sales did not help Starbucks Corp., either. The coffeehouse chain said its 121 shops open at least a year rose 7 percent in January, but analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had expected the company to post slightly higher growth. Shares of Starbucks tumbled \$4.43, or 8.2 percent, to \$49.57.

Closet retail chain Big Lots Inc. said January sales rose 9.2 percent from last year. Its stock rose 50 cents to \$12.59. Used-car chain CarMax Inc. jumped \$3.84, or 13 percent, to \$33.37 after strong sales led to a quarterly profit forecast well above Wall Street's targets. Mail Street's latest merger trend continued as MCI Worldcom rose 47 cents to \$20.15 after media reports said Qwest Communications Corp. could bid for the telecom company, formerly MCI WorldCom.

Verizon Communications Inc. is also said to be considering a bid for MCI. Qwest climbed 21 cents to \$4.41, while Verizon edged 2 cents higher to \$35.90.

Ohio company plans to build \$100 million plant in Salt Lake suburb

About 1,300 jobs could be created

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — KraftMaid Cabinetry plans a \$100-million manufacturing plant in West Jordan that will employ 600 people initially. It expects to employ about 1,300 at full capacity in five years.

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Sales

Continued from B5 indicator of a retailer's health. Analysts were worried about January's results because of the severe weather at the end of the month, but as Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, said, "stores are holding up."

Results from a handful of retailers that have Magic Valley stores include: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, reported a 2.5 percent increase in same-store sales, compared with a 2.6 percent estimate from analysts polled by Thomson First Call.

facturing facility, and once the plant is at full capacity, it will employ approximately 1,300 people," Boos said. "They won't all be added next year, when the plant opens, but as capacity of the plant grows, so will the employment level."

In October, the state Board of Business and Economic Development approved a \$2.25 million incentive package to win the plant. Wal-Mart plans to break ground in the second quarter of 2005 and begin production in the second quarter of 2006. The company was founded in 1963 and was purchased by Wal-Mart's based in Taylor, Mich., in 1990.

The state will pay \$4,000 per new employee paid more than twice the county median wage. The company likely will receive the cash over a five-year period. Total sales rose 5.4 percent. Penney said its performance was helped by strong sales of holiday clearance merchandise and spring apparel.

Wal-Mart and other retailers said their business was also affected by the timing of the Super Bowl, which is being held Feb. 6 after being played in January of last year. That means sales of party items and snack foods will fall in February of this year.

Wal-Mart's parent, Walmart Stores Inc., had a 0.4 percent same-store sales decline, worse than the 0.2 percent estimate. Total sales rose 1.7 percent. Limited Brands Inc., parent of Victoria's Secret and Bath and Body Works, said same-store sales rose 9 percent, above the 6.5 percent estimate. Total sales rose 11 percent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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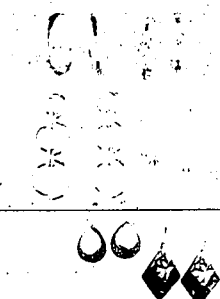
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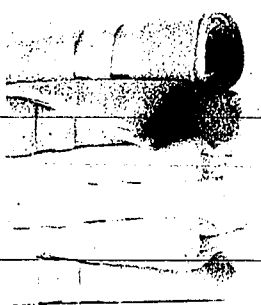
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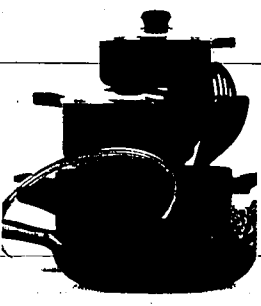
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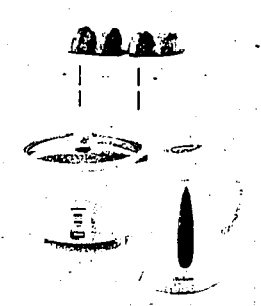
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Angry man

A local production of Eric Bogosian's "Wake Up and Smell the Coffee" will be presented at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls tonight and Saturday night, sponsored by Evil Wine Films and the Random Acts of Theater Players.

Rock on

Tony Mannen and the Acoustic Fakers will entertain at First Friday at Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise tonight in downtown Twin Falls. Beer and wine are available.

T.F. Idol?

Java in Twin Falls will host open-microphone night on Thursday.



Country girl

Fast-rising country/folk diva Tiff Merritt will play Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City Tuesday night.

Fun rhythms

Latin Night will featured salsa and cumbia music Saturday night at the Canyon Spring Clubhouse at the Canyon Springs Golf Course north of Twin Falls.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Page C4 and C6

Sisterhood unbound

Company of Fools explores women's stories

By Karen Bossick
 The Wood River Journal

HAILEY — We hear often of brotherly love.

Company of Fools will tackle the subject of sisterly love with "The Sisters Rosensweig."

The alternately touching, humorous and insightful piece will run Wednesday through Feb. 27 at The Liberty Theater in Hailey.

The play revolves around three middle-aged Jewish sisters from Brooklyn who come together at the older sister's Queen Anne's Gate estate in London following the death of their mother to celebrate the older sister's 50th birthday.

"They love each other desperately although they don't always get along," Director John Glenn said.

"The result is a little mayhem, and some beautiful moments as they reconcile with the choices they've made and share their hopes for each other."

Claudia McCain plays the older sister, Sara, a successful Jewish banker who's the young Kong-Shanghai bank and a divorced single mother who thinks she's long past the age of romance.

Lynn Allison, a Boisean who frequently appears in local Shakespeare Festival productions, plays Georgious, a housewife and talk show personality.

Denise Simone portrays Hani, a journalist and travel writer, who apparently has writer's block when it comes to writing the book on women of Tajikistan that she promised for so long.

"It's the story of the female," Allison said. "It's a story about women exploring the different choices they've made: from the woman who goes forth in the man's world to the woman who stays home and does the traditional Mama thing to the wandering free spirit."

"The play is set in August 1991 on the eve of the fall of the Soviet Union — a subtle fact that serves as the backdrop for the big changes the women are about to go through."

Sara, for instance, becomes taken with a fax carrier her sister's boyfriend has brought to the house.

"There are real possibilities in life," says the furrier, played by Arthur Glen Hughes, as he cracks open the door to a love that Sara never dreamed possible.

Other cast members are Andrew Alburger, Rachel Becker, Manny Santiago and Joel Vinsky.

The play earned a 1993 Outer Critics Circle Award and a Tony nomination for Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein.

"She's such a witty smart writer," Simone said. "She's completely changed the landscape of plays about women in America."

"The Fools have necessarily had to immerse themselves in Jewish culture and tradition to understand many of the subtleties of the play and its characters."

"That process has opened a whole new world — as they've taken part in a Friday night Sabbath ceremony and laughed together at Yiddish stories. In the process, they've learned that many expressions we use every day like "I need it like a hole in my head" or "I should have such luck" stem

from the Yiddish colloquialisms of German and Russian Jews.

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If you go ...

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- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Hailey.
- **When:** Wednesday through Feb. 26, 8 p.m., and Feb. 13, 20 and 27, 3 p.m. No shows on Monday and Tuesday nights.
- **How much:** Tickets are \$24 for reserved seating and \$18 for students and seniors. There also are 10 front-row seats available for \$10 each night of the performance, available on a first-come, first-served basis at the box. Opening night on Wednesday is a "Pay What You Can Preview." Charge tickets by phone at 578-9122 or online at www.ticketweb.com

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Once 'Desperate,' network TV finally gives us shows we want

New hit shows drive newfound vigor at stations

even though it's on a competitor," gushed WB Chairman Garth Ancier over the weekend. "I'd do it and I watch it every week and probably watch it more than once every week."

"I'm sure, the instant and overwhelming success of ABC's "Desperate Housewives," along with other newcomers such as "Lost" and "CSI: New York," has given prime-time television a sense of hope and purpose it hasn't felt in some time. If you build it, the new thinking goes, and do so with imagination and creative verve, viewers will come.

Like royalty, the ABC contingent arrived at the tail end of the press tour, which, fittingly, was capped by a star-studded gathering on the fictional Wisconsin Lane.

Teri Hatcher, Marcia Cross, Eva Longoria, Nivette Sheridan and Felicity Huffman were mobbed by reporters, who asked about everything from makeup secrets to "What makes you feel sexy?" as one gentleman from "US Weekly" tossed out to Huffman. "My husband," she answered. "It makes me feel sexy every day."

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WEEKEND

Barry Watson stars as a man who faces demons

New to the valley

'Boogeyman' Barry Watson plays a young man who returns home to face the demons that have stalked him since childhood. Directed by Stephen Kay (the 2000 'Get Carter' remake), PG-13 for intense sequences of horror and terror/violence and some partial nudity.

'Indigo'

Independent, New Age film about an ex-con (Nicole Donald Watson) out to protect his 10-year-old granddaughter Grace (Meghan McCandless) from a would-be kidnapper. Grace is an 'Indigo' child, supposedly gifted with psychic and healing powers. Not rated.

'A Very Long Engagement'

French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet's story of a French woman's search for the fate of her missing husband during World War I. With Audrey Tautou, Jodie Foster and Marlon Collard. R.

'Verba Drak'

Heartbreaking drama set in 1950 London that stars Imelda Staunton as the title character, a bottomless kettle of benevolence. What Vera calls "helping women out" is the authorizing of an abortion. Directed by Mike Leigh. R (sexual and/or abortion candor)

'The Wedding Date'

An unmarried woman (Debra Messing) hires a professional escort (Dermot Mulroney) to accompany her to her younger sister's wedding in London, and he's worth every penny. Directed by Clare Kilner ('How to Deal'). PG-13 for sexual content.

Continuing

'Alone in the Dark'

Silly but stylish sci-fi/paranormal action-adventure based on an Atari video game of the same name. Visually striking and likely to please headbangers while confounding everyone else. With Christian Slater, Lara Reid and Steven Weber. (1.5) R for grisly violence and language.

'Are We There Yet?'

A thuddingly miscast comedy starring Ice Cube as a guy who says he doesn't like children but who ends up escorting a pair of incorrigible little monsters (Philip Daniel Bolden and Aleisha Allen) on a 300-mile nighttime journey to deliver them to their attractive mother (Lisa Loeb). (1.5) R for some more scary than amusing, which is pretty clearly not what the filmmakers intended. (1.34) PG for language.

'Assault on Precinct 13'

An exceptionally savvy reworking of the 1976 John Carpenter cult classic about a police station under siege stars Ethan Hawke as the skilled but troubled young sergeant in command. With the Los Angeles, Maria Bello, Drea de Matteo, Brian Dennehy and Gabriel Byrne. (1.49) R for strong violence and language throughout, and for some drug content.

'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 costar star cast that the director has admired for years. With Leonardo DiCaprio in the title role and lots of cameos they, isn't that Jude Law and Eric Fryd, 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 be show-offy. 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.

'Christmas with the Kranks'

Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis star in this brutally broad family farce about a couple who decide to forgo the usual yuletide trappings, thereby alienating their neighbors and friends. Adapted from John Grisham's 'Skipping Christmas' — and

Big box office

Last weekend's top-grossing movies: 1. 'Hide and Seek,' Fox. 2. 'Are We There Yet?,' Sony. 3. 'Million Dollar Baby,' Warner Bros. 4. 'Meet the Fockers,' Universal. 5. 'Coach Carter,' Paramount. Source: Exhibitor Relations

'Coach Carter'

Based on the story of an actual Richmond, Calif., high school basketball coach who benched his undefeated team until some of its members got their grades up, this story of wayward youth transformed by a peccolological maverick falls squarely in the group-Pygmalion tradition. Though Samuel L. Jackson comes across as a bit square as Coach Carter, playing him as the bland, new sheriff in town, the real problem is with director Thomas Carter's and writers Mark Schwahn and John Gutsy's vision of the character: an archetype as workable, comfy and familiar as an old shoe. With Robert Iler, Chad, Rob Brown, Ashanti and Debbi Morgan. (2.20) PG-13 for violence, sexual content, language, teen parring and some drug material.

'Elektra'

What is it about comic-book supergits and big-budget action heroines that compels screenwriters and directors to condemn them to lives of neurotic monasticism? Director Rob Bowman's Elektra (Jennifer Garner), an ultra violent 'nimbo' (that's nina bimbo, for the uninitiated) who has her salaried killing in a red satin teddy and stiletto heels, is no fun at all. Originally created by legendary Marvel Comics writer Frank Miller in 1963, Elektra is a Greek ambassador and his unfaithful wife, who becomes a paid assassin after terrorist kill her father, but Bowman bleeds as much of the character as he can. With Tom Sizemore, Will Yun Lee, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa and Terence Stamp. (1.37) PG-13 for action violence.

'Finding Neverland'

Marc Forster's unashamedly loving and largely fictionalized — take on playwright J.M. Barrie's relationship with the Llewellyn Davies family, who inspired 'Peter Pan' — his most famous work, sees the world through the eyes of both a child and an inner child. Despite his identification to youth, Johnny Depp's Barrie is no antic man-child. Instead, he portrays that rare adult who can relate to kids without pandering or condescending. Sentimental as it is — and do pack a bag — the film is close in spirit to the dark meditation on the passage of time, and the compromises of adulthood that's at the heart of 'Peter Pan' than to the cult of immaturity that usually attributed to the play. With Kate Winslet, Jude Christie and Dustin Hoffman. (1.42) PG for mild thematic elements and brief language.

'Hide & Seek'

The year's first laugh-out-loud funny thriller owes much to Stephen King and not a little to the perilous path of being too self-referential. After the unexpected death of his wife, a New York City psychologist (played by Robert De Niro with hand-wringing solemnity for most of the film) moves his traumatized

Twin Falls

Twin Cinema 'Are We There Yet?' 'Assault on Precinct 13' 'The Aviator' 'Boogeyman' 'Coach Carter' 'Hide & Seek' 'The Incredibles' 'Meet the Fockers' 'Million Dollar Baby' 'National Treasure' 'Racing Stripes' 'Sideways' 'Wedding Date'

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Big Wood Cinemas

'Hide & Seek'

3-year-old daughter, Emily (Dakota Fanning, with half-dyed Wednesday Addams braid), update to a large rambling home in the woods outside a rustic town.

Unless you're a connoisseur of movies that are so bad they're good, 'Hide and Seek' is one game you're not going to want to play. (1.40) R for frightening sequences and violence.

'House of Flying Daggers'

Zhang Yimou's epic 9th century saga is to martial arts movies what 'The Third Man' was to thrillers or 'Red River' to Westerns. It's beautiful, and brilliant. Zhang Zhi stars as the dashing blind heroine who may or may not be a ring-leader of a peaky band of freedom fighters. PG-13 (violence, sexuality)

'In Good Company'

This comedy about the consequences of corporate takeovers, romance-and-intergenerational 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. Though 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 Topher Grace's 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.

'The Incredibles'

A movie with the sweet soul of 'Toy Story' and the boisterous 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

Now playing

'Million Dollar Baby' 'Racing Stripes' 'Sideways'

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'Sideways' 'Verba Drak'

Sun Valley Opera House

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Shoshone

Shoshone Showhouse 'Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events'

way the future looked circa 1963. If pop artist Roy Lichtenstein had designed rocketchips for NASA and ranchers for suburban developers, PG (animated violence, suspense, suitable for children 4 and older)

'Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events'

Based on the children's book series of the same name. This is a tale of unmitigated disaster repeated in a high-Wildean 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, neglected or worse by their evil uncle, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey); thugship, misceant and impecunious fairy 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 insulate it with the sense of fun that keeps kids coming back for the wiles. With Meryl Streep. Directed by Brad Silberling. (1.46) PG for thematic elements, scary situations and brief language.

'Meet the Fockers'

The sequel to the 2000 hit 'Meet the Parents' brings back Ben Stiller's Greg (the Gaylord) Focker, the mild-mannered nurse who suffered humiliation at the hands of his girlfriends (Teri Polo) former 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, Bernice (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 make their son into the cringing nicksch he is today. Directed by Jay Roach. (1.55) PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a brief drug reference.

'Million Dollar Baby'

'Perhaps director-star Clint Eastwood's most touching, most elegiac work yet, this is a film that does both the expected and the unexpected, that has the nerve and the will to be as pitiless as it is sentimental. Screenwriter Paul Haggis adapts two short stories by the late writer FX. To be told the story of Frankie Dunn (Eastwood), a cantankerous trainer and manager who owns a ramshackle gym in downtown L.A. and who seems to be disconnected from life. Into his hermetic world comes a hard-scabbling young woman (Hilary Swank) who has focused her entire life on a single goal: having Dunn mold her into the best fighter she can be. Despite skepticism, Dunn takes her on, but rather than being the end of her story, that is the merest beginning. With Virginia Madsen and (2.12) PG-13 for violence, some disturbing images, thematic material and language.

'National Treasure'

Is it even possible to make a story like this any more? Technically, yes. As Disney demonstrates with its high-octane tear through the wildly unsubstantiated side of American history. But it has all the soul, wit and originality of a major effort. Lucas laconically plays Benjamin Franklin Gates, a fifth-generation treasure-hunter searching for a massive treasure trove hidden, forgotten and rediscovered by the crusading medieval knights who eventually spawed the Freemasons. With Harvey Keitel, Jon Voight, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean, John Turteltaub and Christopher Plummer. Directed by Jon Turteltaub. (2.11) PG for action violence and some scary images.

'The Phantom of the Opera'

Joel Schumacher's filmed reprise of the Andrew Lloyd Webber Broadway musical tends to drift in a semi-conscious fog as though purposefully trying to lose us in all the murkiness and Rocco design. The story is a classic love triangle between the dashing Raoul (Patrick Wilson), Christine (Emmy Rossum), the orphaned chorus girl who's been living in the ballet dormitory since she was 12 and the hideous, blind, deaf and insane Phantom (Gerard Butler), a disgraced musical genius who dwells in the basement of the opera. Rossum is lovely and she has a pretty voice, but the real problem with the film is the problem with Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals in general. (2.23) PG-13 for brief violent images.

'Racing Stripes'

In the live-action, talking-animal genre, 'Racing Stripes' is no 'Babe' but should delight youngsters. Although parents likely will find it sentimental in the extreme, with a plot that telegraphs every development. Efficiently directed by Frederick Du Chau (and with a few schmaltzy lyrics), the film is populated with endearing animals that are expertly anthropomorphized and that are voiced by among others, a sprinkling of famous names, including Dustin Hoffman. (1.50) A widowed farmer (Bruce Greenwood) and his daughter

rescue a baby zebra (voiced by Frank the Pug) who develops an itch for racing, unaware that he is not a horse. (1.50) PG for mild crude humor and some language.

'Sideways'

Director Alexander Payne turns seven days with second-class Miles and Jack (Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church) into a completely satisfying movie that quietly, gently blows you away. Exactly written, directed with a surgeon's precision and transcendently acted, the film brings emotional reality to a consistently amusing character comedy, making it something to be cherished. Giamatti plays an eighth-grade English teacher taking his soon-to-be-married actor friend (Church) out for a trip to the area just north of Santa Barbara, intent on indulging in fine dining, great scenery, unforgettable golf and wine. Lots and lots of wine. Inevitably, romantic complications insinuate themselves into this jaunt. Giamatti and Church, along with Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh as the women who enter their lives, have never given the kind of rich enduring performance they do here. (2.04) R for language, some strong sexual content and nudity.

'Spanglish'

A comic drama about the way we live now, this is a film as contemporary as its title by writer-director James L. Brooks. Along with the usual gag for showing us who we are, it gives us ideas to chew on, moments to laugh at and performances to admire, but, like so many current lives, it is also "seriously" in "disarray." It's always equal to its admirable intentions and the grace of its most successful aspects. For 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. Tze Leonni makes the most indecipherable impression as wife and mother. Donald Sutherland is the "Italian" character, endlessly exasperating but completely believable. Adam Sandler and Gloria Leachman also star. (2.00) PG-13 for some sexual content and brief language.

'White Noise'

In this techie ghost story Michael Keaton plays an architect whose perfect life is disrupted when his wife (Channing Tatum) disappears. Such is the low and reliance on state-of-the-art communication equipment that soon after her death, she starts trying to touch base with her husband from beyond the grave. Director Geoffrey Sax and screenwriter Niall Johnson straitjacket Keaton into a humorless, table-pounding role, eventually teaming him with a bookstore owner (Debra Messing) who has also loved, lost and communicated with the dead. With its haunted television sets, waltzing cameras and fancy dings, 'White Noise' suggests nothing so much as a soulless rehash of 'Poltergeist' albeit one that wouldn't really be scary at all with the sound turned off. (1.41) PG-13 for violence, disturbing images and language.

'The Work and the Glory'

Adapted from Gerald N. Lund's series about early Mormon history, 'The Work and the Glory' is a love story set against the background of religious intolerance in the American frontier in the 1800s. PG

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Jackson wardrobe incident still provokes censors

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When Justin Timberlake tore open Janet Jackson's blouse during the Super Bowl halftime show, exposing her right breast, broadcast television shivered. And now, almost a year later, TV producers are still feeling the chill.

"I don't think today we could launch or sell 'NYPD Blue' in the form that it launched 12 years ago," said Steven Bochco, creator of the landmark police drama.

"It's kind of a tightrope," said Seth MacFarlane, whose cartoon "Family Guy" engages in an ongoing conversation with Standards and Practices" at Fox. "All networks are under enormous pressure from the FCC, and we deal with that every day."

In the post-"Nipplegate" crackdown, the FCC fined CBS and its owned-and-operated stations a total of \$550,000, even though the network protested that it was blindsided by the incident. Then, in October, the agency levied an even bigger fine, a total of almost \$1.2 million, against Fox and all its affiliates over a scene in the reality series "Married by America."

Both networks are protesting the fines, and a coalition of broadcasters has asked the FCC to clarify its rules on content.

"Obviously, we're still very upset about the FCC's treatment of us on Janet Jackson," CBS chairman Les Moonves told TV



Singer Janet Jackson covers her breast after her outfit came undone during a number with Justin Timberlake during the halftime show of Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston on Feb. 1, 2004.

AP Photo

critics meeting in Los Angeles earlier this month. "We're refusing to pay that fine, and we're going much further with it."

The end result will probably be a legal proceeding that could wind up before the Supreme Court — the first time the high court has taken up the matter of TV indecency since the George Carlin "seven dirty words" case in 1978. That case gave the FCC the right to regulate obscenity on television, citing a need to protect children.

Meanwhile, confusion reigns in TV land. Nobody would argue that broadcast television has shrunk from pushing the content envelope; on the top-rated new series of the season, ABC's darkly comic "Desperate Housewives," a wife carried on an affair with the teenage gardener while a husband paid for masochistic sex play. On CBS' "CSI," the most-watched series on television, one pilot turned on do-it-yourself transgender surgery, with one scene graphically

showing the gory aftermath. But Fox recently opted to hide the bare bottom of animated baby Stevie in a "Family Guy" repeat. NBC's long-running "ER" opted to blur the breasts of an elderly female patient being administered CPR. Actors on Fox's "Arrested Development" were told to conceal their mouths when uttering curse words designed to be clipped for comic effects.

"You do find yourself making decisions," second-guessing, said PBS president Pat Mitchell. "That's how you wind up with the 'Saving Private Ryan' situation," she added, referring to the decision by some ABC stations not to air an explosive-undelivered version of the war movie.

More confusion surrounds the fact that the FCC reversed its own decision on an explosive uttered by U2 singer Bono at the 2003 Golden Globe Awards, first ruling that his excited comment wasn't obscene, then deciding it was. What's more, the scene in the reality series "Married by America" for which the FCC fined Fox, involving strippers at a bachelor party, had been blurred, a practice that was previously acceptable.

The FCC's guidelines "are not clear, and we need clarity," Berman said. "We don't want to be irresponsible, but it is difficult, and we are attempting to do our best to find our way in this very complicated issue and very complicated landscape."

Super Bowl ought to be super clean

Unless Paul McCartney moons the crowd, the halftime show at this year's Super Bowl will be as saucy clean as the NFL can make it.

No tape delay will be in place during the halftime, which also includes singer Alicia Keys. But the NFL says it is reviewing "all facets" of the halftime performance in advance.

After last year's outcry about Janet Jackson's infamous wardrobe malfunction, commercials for Super Bowl XXXIX, airing Feb. 6 on Fox, came under scrutiny as well. So audiences won't see Mickey Rooney's bare, 84-year-old backside (the Air Force pilot didn't pass muster) or a Bud Light ad parody showing a staghead ripping Jackson's top with a beer bottle. (Anheuser-Busch agreed with Fox and the NFL not to air the parody during the game but is getting even more publicity by putting it up on the buidweiser.com Web site.)

Fear of offending mass audiences, Fox has gone so far as to rename its "Best Damn Sports Show Period," usually seen on Fox Sports Net, as the "Best Damn Super Bowl Road Show Period."

Viewers certainly shouldn't expect to see anything like the "Desperate Housewives" prom-poddy that stirred up

controversy during a "Monday Night Football" broadcast in November.

The spot was scripted by "Housewives" creator Marc Cherry at the request of ABC and wasn't intended to be controversial, Cherry told TV critics meeting in Los Angeles. "We were just that stupid."

The spot was supposed to feature "Housewives" co-star Nicolette Sheridan with "MNF" announcer John Madden, Cherry said, adding, "A woman as ghoulish-looking as Nicolette Sheridan throwing herself at John Madden is just funny." In his spot, "the towel wasn't dropped at the end, and there wasn't a jump into the arms," Cherry said. After Madden couldn't appear and was replaced by Terrell Owens of the Philadelphia Eagles, "suddenly this thing became this other thing that it wasn't really intended to be."

Cherry said he felt bad that some viewers were offended, but added, "I didn't really realize 'Monday Night Football' was such the family viewing experience. I wouldn't let my 5-year-old watch beer commercials and big-breasted cheerleaders every Monday, but that's me."

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T O D A Y

Variety/Twin Falls

Urban and hip-hop music will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Canyon Springs Clubhouse at Canyon Springs Golf Course. The event is for ages 18 and older. Cover charge is \$3 for women and \$5 for men. The clubhouse is located on Canyon Springs Road.

Theater/Twin Falls

Evil Wine and the Random Acts of Theater Players will present Eric Bogosian's "Wake Up and Smell the Coffee," 7 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls

Pure Country will play '50s and '60s music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Rock/Twin Falls

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

Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Kurt Kruezer will perform from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruezer's. Cover charge is \$3. Kruezer's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Variety/Hansen

Bob Nara Band will play for a Mardi Gras Party from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Town Tavern. Cover charge is \$5. The Town Tavern is located at 222 U.S. Highway 30W.

Dance/Twin Falls

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. at the DAV Hall. The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers will provide the music. The cost is a \$2 donation. The DAV Hall is located at 459 Shop Ave.

Variety/Richfield

Pocketchange will play classic



Country/Declo

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

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Karaoke/Burley

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

Karaoke/Rupert

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

Theater/Utah

The touring Broadway production of Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's "Late Nite Catchers" will play the Jeanne Wagner Theater in the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets which are \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center is located at 138 West 300 South.

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Rock/Utah

The Warriors will perform at The Circuit in the Salt Lake City, suburb of Murray at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TLX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Circuit is located at 7711 South 700 West.

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Elgar's Symphony No. 1 and music by Mendelssohn and Mozart at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$12 to \$38, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "HubbleVision" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

S A T U R D A Y

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Variety/Richfield

Pocketchange will play classic country and rock and roll from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Stockade.

Variety/Kimberly

Bob Nara Band will play for an Island Party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mixers. No cover charge. Mixers is located at 105 Main St.

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Rock/Boise

David Andrews will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Boise

Chevelle and Helmet will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Comedy/Utah

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Dance/Twin Falls

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Rock/Utah

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'Simpsons' creator plans to unveil gay character

The Baltimore Sun

James Dobson has his work cut out for him. The conservative Christian recently denounced SpongeBob SquarePants — the harmless cartoon sponge who holds hands with his friends and lives in an underwater pineapple — for appearing in a "pro-homosexual video." Soon, a regular character on "The Simpsons" will come out and be married in a same-sex wedding.

"Simpsons" producers haven't revealed which character turns out to be gay, but that hasn't stopped fans from speculating or placing bets on who it might be. Patty Bouvier, the chain-smoking, raspy-voiced sister of Marge who has rarely dated men, seems to be the leading contender — one Web betting site, FuddyPower.com, stopped taking wagers because so much money was being placed on her.



Matt Groening

But before spreading more idle gossip, let's deal in facts. Here they are, as determined by literally hours of digged reporting: A Simpsons character will come out and be married by Homer, who becomes an Internet minister because he thinks he can make money by marrying gay couples. The wedding will be televised Feb. 20.

Now, back to the gossip. From here on, we're trafficking in guesses, rumor, innuendo, hints and allegations. You have been warned.

When Simpsons creator Matt Groening announced in August that a character would come out this season, early speculation focused on Waylon Smithers, the

neat, bow-tied, doll-collecting assistant to Mr. Burns, owner of the nuclear power plant.

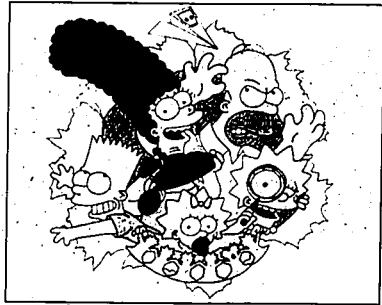
Included, the evidence has been increasing over the show's 16 seasons.

Let's go to the tape: In the third season, when the power plant is 90 seconds away from a core meltdown, Smithers says to Mr. Burns, "Sir, there may never be another time to say I love you, sir."

Mr. Burns responds, "Oh, hot dog! Thank you for making my last few moments on earth socially awkward."

In other episodes, Smithers dances with the Village People on top of a submarine, singing "In the Navy" and is shown to have a shirtless Mr. Burns as the screen-saver on his home computer. He's also been spotted rollerblading in Springfield's gay neighborhood and has been known to wear a pink robe.

But the consensus among fans is that a Smithers outing



Courtesy of Fox

would be disappointing. As Nate Kusibho, moderator of The Simpsons e-mail listserve, wrote in an e-mail to the Baltimore Sun: "If it turns out to be

Smithers, the only bit of newsworthiness would be that there are still people in America who think that a 40-something married man who collects

Barbie-like Malibu Stacy dolls goes on Caribbean trips with male friends, and visits leather bars simply hasn't found the right woman yet."

Simpsons executive producer Alan Jan said the show's writers decided early on it would be funny to drop hints that Smithers was gay but never make a big deal about it. Most of the hints have come in the form of Smithers' slavish devotion to Mr. Burns.

"I've always thought of Smithers as a Burns-osexual," Jan says. "Whatever gender Burns is, he loves. So Smithers loves Mr. Burns. So he is a man who loves men."

So that settles that. But it doesn't mean Smithers will come out and get married. In fact, since he loves Mr. Burns so much, it's unlikely he'd marry anyone else. And Smithers coming out wouldn't be much of a surprise, since so many fans have assumed it for so long.



This image from the video game 'Resident Evil 4,' provided by publisher Capcom, shows a battle between the main character, U.S. agent Leon Kennedy, and a monster known as El Gigante.

'Resident Evil 4' proves horrific, but enjoyable

By Matt Slagle
The Associated Press

Shotgun at the ready, I inched along the muddy path toward a ramshackle wood shed shrouded in the foggy distance.

After countless run-ins with possessed villagers in the new video game "Resident Evil 4," I'd learned to take each step with trepidation.

Yet here I was, being stalked by a musclebound monster the locals call El Gigante. I took a deep breath as the beast with arms the size of tree trunks lunged toward me.

This is just one of many action sequences in the latest, and possibly the best, turn in the "Resident Evil" franchise.

As U.S. agent Leon Kennedy, you must infiltrate a village of possessed residents and recover the kidnapped daughter of the American president. And finding her is only half the challenge.

The pesky denizens aren't quite zombies and certainly not very human, but they're devious foes nonetheless. They'll often yell for backup, then assault you in an angry mob with sizzling sticks of dynamite, flaming torches, sharpened axes and rusty pitchforks.

If you want to survive the onslaught, remember to use all the weaponry at your disposal: grenades are good for taking out crowds, while with the rifle you can pick off enemies from a safe distance.

And for an added health boost, remember to mix together the various herbs you'll find.

I didn't think graphics of this caliber were possible on the GameCube.

Every scene, every detail is filled with chilling, eerie visuals that would probably give Freddy Krueger some pause.

There were many moments of action-filled grandeur, including several encounters with El Gigante and what I'll only describe as a fisherman's worst nightmare.

But what really creeped me out were the surroundings. The levels include dank forests, foggy swamps and bat-infested caves, and it was in these moments of solitude that I was most unnerved.

All this realism could turn your stomach.

On many failed meetings with a resident chain-saw expert, my character met a very gory decapitation that sent forth a fountain of frothing blood.

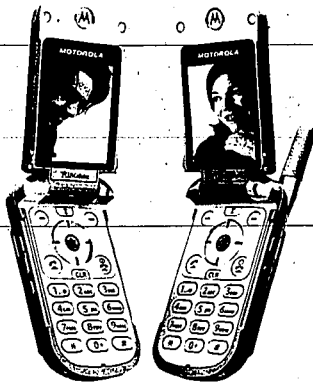
It's the kind of horror movie moment we've seen many times before, but I was still shocked at times with the graphic presentation.

(I'm not complaining here: This is a horror game and I was fully expecting to be grossed-out, but you might have to reach for a barf bag if you're unprepared.)

For \$50, this M-rated, GameCube exclusive proves few things are as much fun as being scared out of your wits.

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Karaoke/Burley
Kraukers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant. No cover charge. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

Rock/Utah
Matchbook Romance, Moton City Soundtrack and From First to Last will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 127 South West Temple.

Rock/Utah
Tiff Merritt will perform at Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Liquid Joe's is located at 1249 East 3300 South.

Rock/Utah
Gutermouth will play the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

W E D N E S D A Y

Theater/Halley
Company of Fools will present Wendy Wasserstein's "Sisters Rosenzweig" at 8 p.m. at the Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning 785-6520 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

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

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruezer's. No cover charge. Kruezer's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

Karaoke/Paul
Karaoke with Full Moon Music Madness will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bruthers. No cover charge. Bruthers is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Rock/Boise
Matchbook Romance, Moton City Soundtrack and From First to Last will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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

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Rock/Boise
Interpol will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Utah
Social Distortion will perform at the In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Rock/Utah
Something Corporate will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

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Theater/Halley
Company of Fools will present Wendy Wasserstein's "Sisters Rosenzweig" at 8 p.m. on FEB. 11-12 and at 5 p.m. on FEB. 13 at the Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning 785-6520 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Classical/Utah
Utah Symphony will perform music by Griffes, Chausson, Ravel, Stravinsky and Ives at 8 p.m. on FEB. 12 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$12 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Variety/Jackpot
Rich Little will do two shows at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, at 8

and 10 p.m. on FEB. 11-12. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Dance/Utah
Balliet West will dance Sergei Prokofiev's "Cinderella," 7:30 p.m. on FEB. 11-12, and at 2 p.m. on FEB. 12 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$17, \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Rock/Boise
Easley will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at \$10 on FEB. 12. Tickets, which are \$4, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Utah
The Secret Machines will play the Lo-Fi Cafe at 7 p.m. on FEB. 12. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

T H I S M O N T H

Dance/Utah
Balliet West will dance Sergei Prokofiev's "Cinderella," 7:30 p.m. on FEB. 14, 16-17 and 19 and at 2 p.m. on FEB. 19 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$17, \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Country/Utah
Hank Williams III will perform at The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on FEB. 15. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

Rock/Utah
Rise Against and Tsunami Bomb will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on FEB. 16. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Theater/Halley
Company of Fools will present Wendy Wasserstein's "Sisters Rosenzweig" at 8 p.m. on FEB. 16-19 and at 3 p.m. on FEB. 20 at the Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning 785-6520 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Comedy/Utah
Collin Mochrie and Brad Sherman of "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" will play Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on FEB. 17. Tickets, which are \$32.50, \$39.50 and \$44.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Rock/Utah
Big D and Kids Table and River City Rebels will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on FEB. 18. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Classical/Ketchum
Cellist Maya Belsler will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum at 8 p.m. on FEB. 19. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Winter Music Series. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the Sun Valley Center office in Ketchum or by phoning 726-9491.

Rock/Boise
GWAR will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on FEB. 19. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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Pop/Utah
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Basketball Bruins look to finish undefeated in region

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Boys

Class 5A

Region Four-Five-Six

Team	Season Conf.
Twin Falls	17-0 5-0
Idaho Falls	13-4 2-3
Highland	10-7 2-3
Skyline	5-12 1-4

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference West

Jerome	10-7 4-0
Minico	8-9 3-2
Burley	9-6 2-2
Wood River	15-5 0-5

Great Basin Conference East

Century	10-7 4-0
Pocatello	1-13 2-2
Preston	2-14 0-4

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In a one-year span, the Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team has gone from the middle of the Region Four-Five-Six pack to the top of the standings.

With the region title already stashed away, all that's left for the Bruins to do is finish their conference season undefeated. Tonight against the Skyline Grizzlies, they have a chance to do just that.

The 17-0 Bruins enter tonight's game with a 5-0 conference record and the No. 1 ranking in Idaho Class 5A basketball. It's a far cry from even a successful 11-7 record last season and a .500 mark in conference play. Thanks to a year of maturation and what is possibly the deepest bench in Idaho, the Bruins have gone from a team on the state tournament bubble in 2004 to arguably the odds-on favorite to win the year's state championship game.

The same cannot be said of the Grizzlies, who stand at 5-12 and 1-1 in conference after finishing 6-11 last year. Sharp-shooting guard Cretzell Jones hasn't had enough consistent offensive help to turn Skyline into a contender, especially against a team with the Bruins' skills.

Twin Falls bested the Grizzlies 76-50 in their first meeting of the season on a night where Mitch Smith led all scorers with 17 points. Twelve Bruins scored in that game, compared to eight Grizzlies. With nonconference games against Madison and Burley remaining on the Bruins' regular season schedule, early February will be a good time for Twin Falls to spend the playing time amongst their bench players and iron out any late-season kinks.

Tonight's tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. after a 6 p.m. junior varsity game.

Class 3A
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Declo	8-7 5-1
Dault	7-7 5-1
Kimberly	7-7 3-3
Filer	8-7 2-4
Gooding	3-12 0-6

Class 2A

Canyon Conference

Wendell	15-2 2-1
Glenns Ferry	7-10 2-1
Valley	7-11 1-3

Class 1A

Magic Valley

Northside Conference

Richfield	16-2 10-0
Carey	12-7 8-3
Camas County	12-3 8-3
Community School	9-6 7-4
Dietrich	6-13 3-8
Shoshone	1-17 1-9
Bliss	0-14 0-10

Magic Valley

Southside Conference

M.V. Christian	14-3 10-1
Raft River	12-3 8-3
Hagerman	11-6 7-4
Castletford	7-8 5-6
Hansen	8-7 5-6
Murtaugh	7-8 5-6
Oakley	5-10 4-7
Lighthouse Christian	1-13 0-10

Independent
Twin Falls Christian 4-11

This week's sports picks
(Basketball start times are for junior varsity)

FRIDAY

• **Burley at Wood River boys basketball, 6 p.m.**
The Bobcats need a win over Fred Trentek's Wood River Wolverines to keep their hopes



alive of hosting Minico in the first round of the Great Basin Conference West Tournament.

SATURDAY

• **Raft River at Hagerman boys basketball, 6 p.m.**
Tuckett, Braden Barrett, and the Raft River Trojans head to Hagerman Saturday to battle Skyler Talbot and the Pirates. The two teams are locked in a heated race for the second seed in the upcoming Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament.

TUESDAY

• **Filer at Kimberly boys basketball, 6 p.m.**
The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference title is out of reach for both teams, but Kimberly and Filer will scrap for a late-season win in game momentum heading into the postseason.

WEDNESDAY

• **Burley at Jerome boys basketball, 6 p.m.**
A lot hinges on the Great Basin West games played earlier in the week, but both Jerome and Burley will have a lot on the line heading into Wednesday's game. The Bobcats will hope to reverse their fortunes of the last meeting between the two teams. A Brent Boesiger buzzer-beater gave the Tigers a 45-44 win.

THURSDAY

• **Declo at Buhl boys basketball, 6 p.m.**
The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference leaders meet in Buhl in a game that could decide the conference title. Versatile sophomore Will Chivers could ease headaches for the Hornets, but a lot will depend on how the Buhl guards handle an intense Declo press.

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Jerome plays for top West seed

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome Tigers can make it a lot simpler for themselves if they take care of business tonight and defeat a confident Minico squad.

The Spartans will need some help to stay in the Great Basin West conference title hunt. They must beat the Tigers tonight and then hope Burley does the same Wednesday.

Then Jerome (10-7, 4-0) and Minico (8-9, 3-2) would tie for the West and flip a coin to determine who will be the top seed.

All Jerome needs to take the West is one more game.

If they can defeat Minico, that'll be a reality. A possible victory over Burley would be the cherry on top of the sundae.

That first Minico, which is no pushover.

The Spartans are coming off a 52-50 home victory against 5A Idaho Falls on Wednesday night. That left them only a day to prepare for Jerome, according to Minico head coach Mike Graefe.

Still, he knows what to expect from the Tigers.

"Jerome runs the flex offense well," he said. "They're a physical team, and they like to get the ball to (senior forward) Chance Craig when they can."

When these two teams last met in January, history was made. Craig scored 18 points, Curtis Bell scored 10, and junior forward Brent Boesiger added eight as Jerome won its first game at Minico in 40 years, pulling out a close one, 46-42.

Look for Zach Dietz, Conrad Lee, Ted Tolman and Seth Wood to chip in some critical points in what will likely be a tight ballgame tonight.

The Idaho Falls win suggests that Minico can scrap inside with the best of the West.

That's not to dominate the court at both ends and get the ball to our big guys," he said.

Against Jerome, junior guard Kyle Sraatman and senior forward Michael Konrad scored 10 apiece, with help from Kody Bingham, Jordan Crafton, Chance Pebley, Matthew Schenk and Quinn Williams for Minico.

The varsity tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Jerome High School.



Tigers guard Chance Craig, right, dribbles around the Filer Wildcats' David Ryan earlier this season in Jerome.

Game of the Week

Jerome — The Jerome Tigers can make it a lot simpler for themselves if they take care of business tonight and defeat a confident Minico squad.

Idaho sports polls

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High School Wrestling

Class 5A	Class 2A
1. Eagle 2. Idaho Falls 3. Coeur d'Alene 4. Camas 5. Mountain View 6. UPR	1. Weiser 2. Snake River 3. Bonanza Ferry 4. Kimberly 5. Hootersville
7. The Dalles 8. St. Paul	9. Buhl 10. Caldwell 11. Gresham 12. Clatskanie
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Barrett helps keep the Trojans tough

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

MALTA — Not many teams could lose Idaho's Class 1A boys basketball player of the year and still remain competitive next season. Even fewer could begin the year with a 12-3 record through Wednesday and the second spot in a tough Magic Valley Southside Conference.

But if there's one thing that's for sure, it's that the Raft River Trojans aren't just any team. After losing Alex Nelson and his 19.5 point-per-game scoring average, the Trojans have rallied around an improved defense and a versatile 6-foot-2 post, Braden Barrett.

Barrett has helped fill the gap left by Nelson, chipping in an average of 17 points and 11 rebounds per game. Hard work on the offensive glass usually nets Barrett five or six offensive rebounds per night and a slew of second-chance points. Add to that a lot tougher in the paint this year.

While teammates CJ Tuckett, Landon Hansen and Paden Baker add a good amount of firepower for the Trojans, Barrett knows this team has to work a bit harder defensively than last year's run-and-gun squad.

"Last year we could just go out and score tons of points," Barrett said. "But we don't have that firepower anymore. We pretty much rely on our de-

Barrett helps keep the Trojans tough

fense. We usually score around 60 to 70, so we need to hold the other team to 50 or so."

But balance may be the key for the Trojans. Players like Brent Klott and Cody Powers help with the scoring, while Tuckett and Baker draw defenders out with their 3-point shooting ability, opening up Barrett.

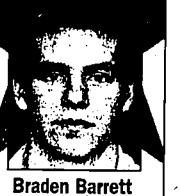
"It's nice to have that," Barrett said. "It just depends on the night. Anyone one through seven can be the high scorer. It's not like other teams that might just have one or two big scorers. We can go pretty deep, I think."

Many of the Trojans basketball players were on their state championship football team and are still reaping the rewards and feeling the pressure from that season.

"We look at it like everybody wants to get back at us," Barrett said. "We have to try harder not to let them do that."

That drive is what makes Mo-

Athlete of the week



Braden Barrett

Girls basketball

• **Jenna Peterson, Oakley**
After scoring 29 points in a 40-34 defeat of Raft River in the Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament semifinals, Peterson led Oakley with 18 points in a 41-33 victory over Hagerman in the championship game. The conference championship is Oakley's first in six years under coach Brett Graham.

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Wrestling

• **Wes Cooper, Minico**
Cooper secured another 171-pound championship in a major invitational tournament Saturday by defeating Kimberly's Joey Silva in the 2005 Red Halverson Memorial Invitational. Cooper earned a 4-3 decision in double overtime by scoring an escape with 14 seconds left.

High School Basketball

Compiled by magivalley.com and the Spokane Basketball Federation

Boys	Girls
1. Twin Falls (16-2)	1. Lewiston (14-2)
2. Burley (13-2)	2. New Hope (11-7)
3. Declo (10-3)	3. Burley (10-5)
4. Filer (10-3)	4. Burley (10-5)
5. Declo (10-3)	5. Burley (10-5)
6. Filer (10-3)	6. Burley (10-5)
7. Declo (10-3)	7. Burley (10-5)
8. Filer (10-3)	8. Burley (10-5)
9. Declo (10-3)	9. Burley (10-5)
10. Filer (10-3)	10. Burley (10-5)

Owens not first in going against doctor's orders

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Here's one story Terrell Owens has probably never heard: A little-known backup offensive lineman, his leg dripping with blood, pleaded with doctors to be taken to the hospital.



No, the doctors said, it was time to board the airplane and fly back home.

Hours before that, Jacksonville Jaguars lineman Jeff Novak had played three quarters of an exhibition game on a steamy night in Charlotte, knowing he needed to be out on the field to try to save his job. As it turned out, that night would essentially mark the end of his NFL career.

At first blush, Novak's story doesn't appear to have much in common with that of Owens, superstar receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Except for this: By rushing his return from a broken ankle and playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday in the same stadium where Novak used to play, Owens risks bringing his career to a premature close, just like Novak did six seasons ago during that preseason game.

What price glory? Owens, who was at his bombastic best Tuesday in insisting he would be on the field come gametime, is only the latest in a long string of players to bring that question to the fore.

"If it were my son," said Andrew Kirschner, a doctor of osteopathic manual medicine, "I'd say 'Stay home. Tomorrow's another day.'"

Of course, tomorrow on football's biggest stage are far from guaranteed for these players, many of whom play all their life for a chance to win a Super Bowl, the way Owens can Sunday.

Owens knows the history. The Eagles fell one win short of the Super Bowl three straight years before he got here. Then he came and the team got over the hump.

No matter that Philadelphia played the last four games without him, while he nursed the ankle he broke in a game Dec. 19. As everyone with the Eagles will admit, Owens was a big part of helping them get this far.

And hearing him Tuesday, it's clear he's not going to let a little injury, or his doctor's forbidding advice, keep him from taking center stage come Sunday.

"I'll be at 81 percent," said Owens, who wears No. 81. "They've shown what they can do without me, now they'll show what they can do with me. The Eagle #1 is back!"

Philadelphia Eagles receiver Terrell Owens loosens up during practice Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla. The Eagles take on the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday in Jacksonville.

After he retired, Novak won \$2 million in a malpractice lawsuit settlement, claiming the Jaguars team doctor improperly treated a bone bruise that ugly night in Carolina, which led to infections that ended his career.

Part of the testimony in the trial dealt with the fact that Novak, worried about his future with the team, felt pressure to play. The defendants said Novak didn't treat the injury the way he should have.

While Owens doesn't seem to be encountering any pressure from the Eagles to take the field, he talks as though he will be the only arbiter of his fate Sunday.

"God brought me here for a reason. He put me here to show who he is and how powerful he is," he said.

But there's a big difference between prayer and hard science, and Owens' own personal physician, Mark Myerson, isn't the only doctor who thinks the receiver should sit this one out.

"I think the guy's out of his mind," said Ken Wong, a family physician in Bakersfield, Calif. "That's a serious injury and what he doesn't realize is that if he doesn't allow the healing process to take place, there could be a lot more trouble."

Willis Reed, Jack Youngblood, Curt Schilling. Those men are the authors of heroic comeback stories everyone has heard.

Novak, Terrell Davis, Curt Marsh. They are the subjects of cautionary tales about guys who rushed back and paid a big price.

Davis retired to return quickly from knee injury and regretted it, saying it hastened the end of his career.

Marsh, a lineman for the Oakland Raiders, pushed through with a broken ankle in the 1990s. He won a Super Bowl ring, "a nice bauble," he called it in an interview with Newsday.

He would trade it, though, he said, if he could have his foot back. Unable to stand the pain after 12 unsuccessful surgeries, surgery No. 13 was the one where doctors amputated the foot.

If Owens plays Sunday, there's a good chance things will turn out fine. There's a chance of a gruesome injury. There's also a chance that he could do damage that nobody will know about for a year, or three, or 10.

"You've got short-term risks, like one of the screws bending, and you've got long-term risks, the kind of things you won't know about until much later," said Freddie Fu, a surgeon at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "If you want it to heal perfectly, logically you need more time. But if you feel like this is a once-in-a-life-

time opportunity, well, then maybe you take the chance."

There are financial issues to take into account, although they're not as extreme as one might think.

The only guaranteed money in the NFL comes from the signing bonus, and Owens earned \$10 million when he signed his seven-year deal with the Eagles in the offseason. He's scheduled to make \$32 million in base salary over the next six years.

That contract, however, would likely be reworked after 2006, at which point Owens will be an 11-year veteran. Add it all up and it means he would realistically be leaving about \$1 million on the table if Sunday is his last game. That's less than 20 percent of what he has earned up to now.

Regardless of whether it's a lot or a little money, any doctor who clears him to play would be putting himself at risk of a lawsuit if Owens is injured further.

He's in private practice now, having not quite turned his contract with the Jaguars into the cash cow many doctors who associate themselves with NFL teams hope for.

"I love football, but I'd never be a doctor for a football team," Wong said. "Coaches want them to play. Owners want them to play. I just wouldn't want to get involved in the medical-legal aspects of that."

To hear him tell it, this isn't about the money for Owens. All he really wants out of this week is a Super Bowl ring — that "nice bauble" every professional player covets but only few get.

"This is what you go for training camp for. This is why you go through all the blood, sweat and tears. This game is the pinnacle. It doesn't get any better than this," Owens said.

For problem gamblers, Super Bowl is one big, unavoidable temptation

By John Curran
Associated Press writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. — One by one, they filed in for a Tuesday night meeting of Gamblers Anonymous.

One man wore an Eagles sweat shirt. One remembered the advertising Super Bowl snacks and seemingly nonstop coverage of Terrell Owens' injury on radio and TV.

"They just have to ignore it, and it's really difficult in this area because of all the hype about the Eagles," said Harvey Fogel, a compulsive gambling counselor.

The same is true in New England, where Patriots fans are immersed in the team's hunt for a third NFL title in four years. The game also is the subject of advertising, news media coverage, office pools and water-cooler talk about the Patriots, who are favored by a touchdown to beat the Eagles.

"Certainly, this is a hard time for folks in recovery from sports betting," said Marlene Warner, program director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive

Gambling. "In particular, the media's hyping the Super Bowl, saying it's a dynasty here in New England and the Patriots are favored to win."

It's kind of a "We can't lose" attitude and I'm sure that's sending signals to people that it's safe to bet, that if you're going to bet, this is the time to do it. That starts thinking in people like, 'Well, maybe this one time, I can do it.' Warner said.

To recovering gamblers whose passion was sports betting, the Super Bowl means super temptation.

It is an opportunity to salvage a losing season, a chance to erase debts with one big victory — lots of chances, in fact. There are dozens of possible bets, including who wins the coin toss, whether the game's first punt will hit the ground or be caught cleanly and whether the reigning champion point total will be an even number or an odd one.

Nevada sports books anticipate taking up to \$100 million in legal bets on Sunday's game. Millions more dollars are expected to be wagered on the Internet.

Many others will bet with bookies who accept wagers on credit. All the gambler needs is a telephone.

"There's a romanticism to it," said one recovering sports bettor, a 41-year-old man from New England who asked that his name not be used.

"You want to hear every nuance, every detail, every injury report. It's a whole thing. You're romantically connected to the sport and to the players."

And come Monday, the 1-800-GAMBLER helpline run by the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling expects to see its annual spike, with bottomed-out gamblers seeking help. Typically, the lines see a 50 percent increase in calls in the week following the game, according to Ed Wood, who runs the helpline.

Others spend the week scrambling to raise money to pay their debts and end up calling for help following the week.

For the Gamblers Anonymous newcomer who placed his last bet in mid-November, this Super Bowl will be unlike any he can remember. Like others in his group, he did not want his name published.

"I'll watch the game and my family will have a pool and it's just normal for them. But not for me. I told myself I had to stop the insanity," he said.

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SPORTS

Valley upends Glens Ferry

The Times-News — Lindsay Wood and Marisa Griffiths combined for 24 points to help the Valley defeat Glens Ferry 48-38 in Canyon Conference Thursday night.

Glens Ferry (13-8) will now host Wendell Monday at 7 p.m. in a loser-out game and the winner will advance to play Valley (10-12, 3-2 conference) Thursday at 7 p.m. in the championship game at Valley.

Wood and Griffiths each finished with 12 points for the Lady Vikings. "Valley played good defense," said Glens Ferry coach Kelli Melhorne. "And we only shot 14 percent for the game."

Sophomore Alisha Crane finished with 12 points to lead Glens Ferry and senior Jamie Hurst added seven.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks. Includes Valley 48, Glens Ferry 38.

SCIC Tournament Declo 67, Buhl 39

Declo — The host Hornets eliminated Buhl in a loser-out game Thursday night in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament, 67-39. Behind 19 points from Holly Hurst.

The Hornets showed plenty of balance. Freshman McKell Webb scored 14 while Nicole Darrington added 12 and Kayla Poulton 11.

Abbe Reynolds scored 12 to pace the Indians.

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Hansen 40, Castletford 35

HANSEN — Hansen defeated Castletford 40-35 Thursday night in a Magic Valley Southside Conference match-up as senior Mark Pearson scored a game-high 12 points for the

Hagerman 72, Lighthouse Christian 37

TWIN FALLS — Skyler Talbot scored 22 as a more balanced Hagerman offensive attack prevailed over Lighthouse Christian 72-37 Thursday night

No. 17 Gonzaga avenges loss to Saint Mary's

SPOKANE, Wash. — Derek Raivio and Adam Morrison each scored 19 points and No. 17 Gonzaga held Saint Mary's to two field goals over the final 12 minutes in a 68-63 victory on Thursday night.

UC Santa Barbara 54, Idaho 40

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — UC Santa Barbara held Idaho scoreless for nine of the game's last 10 minutes to rally for a 54-40 victory Thursday night.

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Local sports

Huskins. "This was a slow-paced game," said Hansen coach Mike Pfeiffer. "He came out the second half and went to a man-to-man to change up the tempo."

Castletford (7-9, 5-7 conference) was led in scoring by sophomore Mijana Maya with nine points. Sophomores Nathan Pryor added eight.

Hansen (9-7, 6-6 conference) plays at home Saturday night against conference foe Oakley.

Buhl 52, Gooding 47

GOODING — Sophomore Will Chivers scored 16 first-half points on his way to a game-high 22 points to lead Buhl to a 52-47 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference win over Gooding Thursday night.

Sophomore Austin Laling chipped in 11 points including two 3-pointers for the Indians (8-7, 6-1 SCIC).

"I am very pleased with how the kids executed tonight," said Gooding coach Tom Messick. "We are starting to peak and the kids are improving."

Gooding (6-13, 0-7 SCIC) was led in scoring by senior Jeremy Booher with 15 points and Brad Alderton with 10.

Gooding plays at Glens Ferry tonight in a non-conference game.

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College basketball

Rice 68, Boise St. 52 HOUSTON — Michael Harris scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Rice snapped a three-game losing streak Thursday with a 68-52 win over Boise State.

Montana St. 71, Idaho St. 54

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Nick Dilly scored all 18 of his points in the second half to lead Montana State to a 71-54 victory Thursday over Idaho State.

Dilly, who missed the only shot he took in the first half, was 5-of-6 from the field in the second and a perfect 6-of-6 from the free-throw line.

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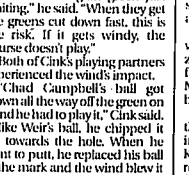
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Bryant Bischoff added 16 points and nine rebounds for the Red Devils, who won without standout Trent Cummins. Cummins' ankle injury will keep him out until the start of the postseason Feb. 10 at Murtaugh High School.

"This was a big one without him," said Murtaugh coach Rex Mottram. "A lot of the younger players stepped up."

Evan Melbride scored 19 points and Bryce Adams 17 for Oakley.

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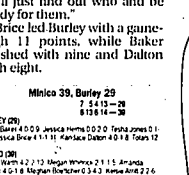
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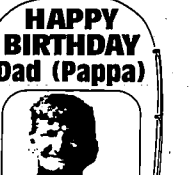
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Georgia's reformist leader found dead U.S. carrier ends tsunami relief

Officials blame gas leak from heater

THILISI, Georgia (AP) — Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania, who helped lead Georgia's revolution that toppled the corruption-ridden regime of Eduard Shevardnadze, died early Thursday in a fire's apartment from what officials claimed was an accidental gas leak from a heater.



Zurab Zhvania

Minister Sergey Lavrov, asked about the lawmaker's allegation, responded: "The statements of those who rush to make judgments ... will remain on their ... co-

sciences." Zhvania was a key ally of President Mikhail Saakashvili in leading the November 2003 protests against election fraud that came to be known as the "Rose Revolution." The demonstrations drove Shevardnadze to resign.

The prosecutor-general's office said an investigation into Zhvania's death had been opened and an autopsy was under way.

Georgia has a history of political intrigue that sometimes turns violent. In addition to the talks with the separatists, Zhvania was trying to crack down on corruption and crime.

The prime minister was visiting the Tbilisi apartment of his friend, Zurab Usupov, deputy governor of the Kvemo-Kartli region, who also died. Interior Minister Vano Merabishvili said on Russia's 24 television.

Zhvania arrived at the apartment about midnight Wednesday, and when his security guards heard no signs of life about four hours later, they broke in through a window, Merabishvili said.

Georgia's interior minister said there was no reason to suspect foul play, but a lawmaker reportedly pointed the finger at "outside forces." His remarks were aimed at Russia, which has ties with Georgia's separatist regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, and prompted a terse response from Moscow.

The lawmaker, Alexander Shevardnadze, noted that the death of Zhvania 41 days after a car bombing that killed three policemen in Gori, the city nearest to South Ossetia. Zhvania, considered a moderate influence in the government of this former Soviet republic, had been trying to negotiate settlements with the separatist regions.

The explosion in Gori and Zhvania's death have stirred strong blows to our state. Now our neighbors are going to take advantage of that, they are saying we are almost savages living in the cold," Shalamberidze said.

Asked whom he meant, he replied: "Russia. They are trying to prevent Georgia from getting the Red Line. The Russian diplomatic activity regarding our country confirms that." In Moscow, Russian Foreign

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (AP) — The U.S. aircraft carrier that led a massive tsunami relief operation steamed away from the disaster zone Thursday after a mission that helped repair America's bruised image in the world's most heavily populated Muslim nation.

The USS Abraham Lincoln, with a crew of 5,300, formed the core of the largest foreign military deployment in the area and the most extensive U.S. operation in Southeast Asia since the Vietnam War. Helicopters from the ship flew hundreds of missions to deliver food, water and other aid along the devastated western coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

Its departure was the single biggest drawdown of the American relief effort.

U.S. officials said last month the emergency phase of the relief effort was ending and the warship would gradually withdraw. About 5,000 of the 15,000 U.S. servicemen who had been deployed were pulled out last month.

The Lincoln's departure will leave some 5,000 U.S. military personnel aboard other ships around Sumatra.

The ship headed for Singapore and was expected back in its home port of Everett, Wash., in mid-March.

"I'm glad to have been out here to help," said Craig Stark, a



sailor from Memphis, Tenn. "We did our time and did some good deeds for the people — but it's great to go home." In Sumatra, survivors have welcomed the Americans warmly and greeted helicopter crews with broad smiles — an attitude mirrored by government officials Thursday in a nation where many strongly opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Indonesian Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare, Alwi Shihab, salutes U.S. Navy service men upon arriving to attend farewell ceremony on the USS Abraham Lincoln off Banda Aceh, Aceh province, Indonesia, on Thursday.

AP photo

Alwi Shihab said at a shipboard ceremony. "I am pleased that the government of Indonesia no longer needs the full complement of forces that were originally deployed."

The long-term effect on U.S. political ties to Indonesia remains unclear, but the mission has certainly strengthened the bond of those who want to boost military relations.

The United States cut off ties with the Indonesian military in 1999 because of human rights concerns. The Bush administration, however, is keen to see

the restrictions lifted, partly because of fears that al-Qaida may launch attacks from Indonesia, which has seen a string of deadly bombings in recent years.

U.S. Ambassador B. Lynn Pascoe praised the military cooperation.

"We look forward to having much better relations with the military in the weeks and months to come, and we will certainly be working on that with them," he told reporters.

Pascoe declined to say whether he would recommend that Congress lift the ban. In a visit to Indonesia last month, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz — a former ambassador to the country — said closer contact with the U.S. military would strengthen the Indonesian military's commitment to human rights and let it better respond to natural disasters.

Critics warned against turning a blind eye to accusations of widespread abuses by the Indonesian military.

Congress has so far blocked moves to reopen ties, which were severed when Indonesian soldiers and militia proxies took part in bloody rampage that killed hundreds of people in East Timor following its vote for independence.

U.S. lawmakers maintain that the military has not improved its human rights record since then.

Annan takes disciplinary action over oil-for-food

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered "disciplinary action" against the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq on Thursday after a report sharply criticized Benon Sevan for "determining the integrity" of the United Nations through a "grave conflict of interest."

The investigation report said Sevan solicited the attention of Saddam Hussein's regime on behalf of a trading company between 1998 and 2001, and it raised concerns he may have received kickbacks for the help.

In its report released Thursday, the investigation led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker accused Stephanides of "tainting" bid-

ding for a contract. Stephanides now heads the Security Council Affairs Division in the U.N. Department of Political Affairs.

Allegations of corruption in the \$60 billion oil-for-food program have been a major focus of sanctions-bound Iraq to sell oil to buy humanitarian supplies — have raised steady criticism from members of Congress.

Sevan is a reluctant to conclude that the U.N. is damaged beyond repair, but these revelations certainly point in this direction," said Illinois Republican Henry Hyde after Thursday's report. The House International Relations Committee Chairman, which Hyde heads, is one of several congressional committees investigating the program.

Despite Sevan's claims that he never recommended any oil companies, Volcker's Independent Inquiry Committee said it had evidence that Sevan asked Iraq to give a small Swiss-based trading company, Afrim, Middle East Petroleum Co. Ltd. Inc., known as AMER, the opportunity to buy oil.

Statue of colonial king vanishes

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — A statue of the late King Leopold II, whose Belgian government was responsible for the deaths of millions of Congolese, was mysteriously taken down Thursday, a day after it was re-erected to remind people of the horrors of colonial rule.

The 20-foot statue went up late Wednesday in downtown Kinshasa after being hauled from a garbage dump. Monique Pikinini, Congo's general secretary in the Ministry of Arts and Culture, said it's not clear what happened to the statue, though she believes it was taken down by the government.

Several people within the government, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said President Joseph Kabila ordered the statue taken down.

Earlier in the day, cultural minister Chris Muzungu said the statue had been re-erected to remind Congo people of the country's horrific colonial past, so "it never happens again."



A statue of Belgium's former colonial King Leopold II stands in the streets of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo on Thursday. It was later dismantled.

He said a plaque was to be added later to explain Leopold's legacy. Leopold, who took control of Congo in 1885 and died in 1909, enslaved much of his people to collect rubber, which helped fund the Industrial Revolution in the West. In Congo's interior, Belgian and Congolese colonial troops often burned and massacred entire villages that didn't comply with Leopold's work demands, or simply didn't collect enough rubber.

Late Wednesday, the statue of Leopold on a horse was put up in a traffic circle at one end of Kinshasa's June 30 Boulevard — the street named for named for the date of Congo's independence from Belgium.

Muzungu said the government had pulled the statue from a garbage dump where it had been discarded in 1967, seven years after independence, by Mobutu Sese Seko, Congo's longtime dictator. Mobutu, overthrown in 1997, saw the statue as a reminder of Leopold's legacy.

Thursday night, a group of homeless street-kids practiced dance where the statue had been re-erected.

collect rubber, which helped fund the Industrial Revolution in the West. In Congo's interior, Belgian and Congolese colonial troops often burned and massacred entire villages that didn't comply with Leopold's work demands, or simply didn't collect enough rubber.

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Muzungu said the government had pulled the statue from a garbage dump where it had been discarded in 1967, seven years after independence, by Mobutu Sese Seko, Congo's longtime dictator. Mobutu, overthrown in 1997, saw the statue as a reminder of Leopold's legacy.

Thursday night, a group of homeless street-kids practiced dance where the statue had been re-erected.

Diplomats: Iran tests centrifuge

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran is testing some parts of machinery that can be used to make the "little green man" nuclear warheads, despite a plea to freeze such activities, diplomats said Thursday. The revelations — which first broke to hopes Iran would scrap uranium enrichment.

The diplomats, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, emphasized that Iran had not started any of the centrifuges used to enrich uranium.

"It appears no more than checking nuts and bolts" of centrifuge rotors, said one Western diplomat familiar with Iran's actions and International Atomic Energy Agency controls.

The revelations were the latest sign of trouble surrounding talks between European powers and Iran on enrichment.

The United States and other countries fear Iran is seeking to enrich to weapons-grade uranium.

Iran publicly insists it only wants to make low-grade enriched uranium for nuclear fuel. But a European summary of talks with Tehran leaked to The Associated Press says Iran has privately acknowledged such enrichment, and its allies have agreed all along — that as an oil-rich country it does not need nuclear energy.

Sri Lankan court will test 'Baby 81' next week

KALMUNAL, Sri Lanka (AP) — In soothing tones, a Sri Lankan judge on Thursday assured a distraught couple they would get back the baby they are fighting a court battle to claim — if a DNA test next week proves they are the parents.

The judge also said he would consider ruling on the case much earlier than the April 20 date he previously set, raising hopes of a quick resolution to the agonizing custody battle for "Baby-81," an infant boy who survived the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster.

"Don't fight," Judge M.P. Mohideen told Jenni Jayarajah and her husband, Murrugupillai. "The government will give you the baby if the DNA test

says it is your baby."

Mohideen ordered the DNA tests Wednesday and ruled the baby should remain in a hospital's care until the court reconvenes on April 20 — a pronouncement that set off a melee and prompted the couple and their supporters to march to the hospital to demand the child.

The Jayarajahs and two supporters were arrested and briefly held by police for allegedly roughing up nurses. They repeated Thursday before the judge, who let them off with a warning and said he would consider a request to decide the case more quickly.

The couple — looking red-eyed and haggard — were relieved.

Hamas leader says fugitives refuse pledge

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Hamas leader Khaled Mashal said Thursday that fugitives in his Palestinian group would not sign pledges to halt attacks because that would negate the legitimacy of their right to fight the Israeli occupation.

Mashal, in Cairo for talks with Egyptian officials ahead of a historic Israeli-Palestinian summit next week, also denied any links to the al-Qaida terrorist network or Iraq insurgents, saying Hamas is "a national liberation movement" limiting its operations against the Is-

raeli occupation.

"Our battle is inside Palestine with the Israeli occupation. We have no relation with what's going on in Iraq. But we are, like all Arabs and Muslims, supporting the Iraqi people's right to resist the American occupation," Mashal told The Associated Press.

Mashal, who lives in Syria, is attending talks with Egyptian officials and other Syrian-based leaders of the Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad to try to secure a cease-fire in attacks against

Israelis.

Hamas and other factions say they will stop if Israel halts targeted killings of Palestinian leaders and attacks on Palestinian cities.

Israel had said it would agree to stop hunting fugitives, provided they sign a pledge to halt attacks and hand over weapons.

"We won't accept that the signing of a pledge because the Palestinian has carried out his right to defend his people against the occupation," Mashal said.

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MORNING BREAK

Rabbi wears hospital gown to comfort patient

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about hospital gowns, I thought I'd share my story. I am a rabbi. When I first trained as a chaplain, I was taught to make my hospital rounds in a business suit — wearing a suit and tie, with my jacket buttoned. However, one day a patient expressed that although she needed to talk to me, she felt terribly uncomfortable wearing there in a hospital gown with her tuchas sticking out while I sat there in a three-piece suit.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

wonderful dinner, made love with me, and then — instead of sweet dreams — he served me with divorce papers. He treats me like a princess, but the divorce is still going through. Robert says we have nothing in common and no longer think alike.

I am confused. He calls me two or three times a day, and cries and becomes angry when I say I am moving away from the house. He tells our adult children he "loves me dearly" but will never be truly happy with me. In a few more months we will no longer be husband and wife; however, he won't let go emotionally. I am still hopelessly in love with him — and his constant attention does not make our situation easier. Can you please tell me what's the right thing to do?

— **HURT IN CALIFORNIA**
DEAR HURT: The right thing to do is find a therapist who can help you make sense of what has happened, help you to heal the wounds of this divorce, and go on your life.

The day your divorce becomes final will be an important line of demarcation. From then on, you'll be responsible for your own interests. Please don't be distracted by what your husband says. Instead, watch what he does. The sooner you start thinking with your head rather than your heart, the better off you'll be.

CONFIDENTIAL TO BORED IN BIRMINGHAM: Get off the couch and look around you. Visit the library. Take a class at a local college. Attend a concert or a play. It will take you outside of and stimulate your imagination — a person — with imagination is never alone.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 21 years, Robert, made me a

Etch-a-Sketches contain ground aluminum

That silver powder inside an Etch-a-Sketch is finely-ground aluminum.

This day in history: On Feb. 4, 1970, President Richard Nixon ordered all federal agencies to stop polluting the air and water by 1973.

Originally, the Looney Tunes character Tweety Bird was pink. Censors thought he looked scandalously naked, so his feathers were quickly changed to yellow.

Legendary soccer player Pele began his working life at 11 as a shoeshine boy.

No matter what they may tell you in Florida, the southernmost state is Hawaii.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Do you still have an old set of marbles up in the attic? Chances are they were made in West Virginia. All the major marble manufacturers were in that state, for some reason.

We'd thought this was a more recent music trend, but the term "hip-hop" first appeared way back when Jimmy Carter was president, thanks to "Rap-

per's Delight" by the Sugar Hill Gang, recorded in 1979.

That fluffy cloud overhead that's only about kilometer tall, deep, and wide? The water in it weighs about a million kilograms, or about the same as 550 sport utility vehicles.

The first (and so far, the only) U.S. president to hold a doctorate was Woodrow Wilson. His doctoral dissertation was titled "Congressional Government: A Study in American Politics."

Reader Russell Smith says it may be true that Julius Caesar invented decision-making by coin flip. He points out, though, that Solomon had a similar idea when he made a decision by

drawing lots. What war cannot kill, romance can. Attila the Hun died on his wedding night from a nosebleed, perhaps brought on from drinking too much honey wine.

The German word for honeymoon is *Hinterwägen*. It roughly means "glittering weeks."

Healthy women of normal weight have body fat levels of 22 to 26 percent. Those of professional models average about half that.

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

Grandmother confesses to cheating on test in 1957

GYPSUM, Colo. — A high school graduate has confessed to cheating on an English literature test — 47 years ago.

Eagle Valley High School Principal Mark Strakbein said he got a one-page, handwritten letter from a 65-year-old grandmother of five who admitted she and a friend stole the answers to a Shakespeare test in the fall of 1957.

"I know it makes no difference now (after 47 years), except maybe this will keep some student from cheating and help them to be honest — conscience never lets you forget — there is forgiveness with God, and I have that, but I felt I still needed to confess to the school."

Strakbein didn't release the woman's name but said he confirmed she graduated in 1958 from Eagle County High School, which has since been consolidated into Eagle Valley High.

Strakbein said he read the letter aloud to over-70 members of a class as a lesson in following your conscience.

"You could have heard a pin drop," he said.

Odds and ends

Foam alligators will scare ducks from pond

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Alligator heads are popping up in the pond at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, but don't worry.

The life-size, urethane-foam alligator heads were being put in the pond Wednesday to scare away ducks and geese so the growing bird population will not become a health hazard.

"The 'Gator Guard' from Bird-X Inc. costs \$69 and has reflective, orange-yellow, eyes that resemble one of the birds' natural predators.

"Our fear is that we'll put them out and the ducks will figure out they're not a threat," said Marcia Green, director of the UAH office of environmental health and safety.

She said the two will sometimes be anchored in the lake to float and move around in the water.

— compiled from wire reports

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Scorpio: Create an oasis of peace and tranquility

BIFEBRUARY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... With serene Neptune in your part of the zodiac you could be feeling younger than your years and your heart could be yearning for romance. Whether you are 19 or 90, it's easy to play make believe and find fun in any situation. Your wildest dreams could easily come true both this month and again in August and September when extra help from generous Jupiter could bring fabulous opportunities. The sky is the limit so dream big dreams in 2005.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The path of true love does not run so smooth, but tonight matters of the heart will find a road free of obstructions. Roll the dice of romance and hit the jackpot where love is concerned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be bashful about grabbing opportunities to gain approval from those in high places. People will be generous with praise, anxious to give credit and could offer you a helpful referral.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Rather than being at the mercy of chemical attractions, find someone compatible who tolerates idiosyncrasies. Talk things over with a lover and be sure you share the same philosophy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A superior sense of cooperation permeates both workplace and home. Partners will use wise judgment about shared funds. Romantic fun and frolic is likely to take place once the sun goes down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are a bit wiser than usual about choosing companions and can rest assured that promises made now will be honored. Someone close could open the door to an appealing and lucrative opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Be gracious about accepting help with work or unexpected cooperation from those at home. It is a good day to start key relationships or sign agreements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out and about. Glamorous entertainments may appeal to you and a night out on the town could put you in touch with helpful people. If you really must, something will show up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home is where the heart is, so open up the door and let others in if they come knocking. Create an oasis of peace and

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Jeraldine Saunders

tranquility to recharge your energies. Make important plans for the future now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep in touch with friends and be forthright about your goals. A buddy could have the perfect idea to make dreams come true. Benevolent providence will provide the answer to your question.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): They say you should make hay while the sun shines — and right now Sol is cheerfully beaming in the financial area of your personal zodiac. Put long-term plans into motion or make agreements with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lady Luck is playing games in your area of the zodiac and may bring you an unexpected stroke of good fortune. Your glamorous appearance and understanding nature could attract a helpful ally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Cosmic protection will keep you out of harm's way right now. Health problems can disappear and good advice can solve a nagging worry. Look your best to please hidden admirers.



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2005 DODGE DAKOTA LARAMIE

Well-dressed, but still a workhorse

By Warren Brown
The Washington Post

Nuts & Bolts: 2005 Dodge Dakota Laramie

WASHINGTON — There is a difference between the ruling and working classes. I can explain it in terms of limousines and pickup trucks.

This occurred to me on a return trip from Detroit in the midst of President Bush's second inaugural celebration. I arrived with a bevy of political swells at Washington Reagan National Airport. They were dressed in furs, greeted by coachmen and whisked away by fleets of long, black limousines.

That's when it hit me: There were no pickup trucks, not a single one, waiting to collect the lovelies descending on our town in celebration of the people's democracy.

That struck me as odd, perhaps because I'd recently spent much time with the 2005 Dodge Dakota Laramie 4WD, a versatile, can-do, four-door, short-bed pickup that is a motorized expression of the American spirit.

You can find almost anything in the Dakota Laramie, including five people, their furs and their designer luggage. And, depending on your viewpoint on power and its applications, the truck is impressive—even with

Downside: Car companies are spending too much time trying to design pickups that ride like limos. The Dakota Laramie is a case in point—a very smooth, car-like ride in a rugged, box-frame truck. I just want a truck to be a truck.

Ride, acceleration and handling: Good marks in all three categories. In fact, the ride is so smooth it's disconcerting. There is a temptation to drive this one as if it were a light, lightweight sedan. It's not. The Dakota Laramie 4WD weighs 6,010 pounds. It should be driven with caution appropriate to its weight.

Body style/layout: Front-engine, four-door, four-wheel-drive pickup. It also is available as a rear-wheel-drive model.

its base 3.7-liter, 210-horsepower, V-6 engine.

But it's a pickup truck, a four-wheel-drive pickup truck at that. By implication, that means it's supposed to sweat, grunt, toil, get dirty. All over the country, such labor is honored. The people and machines involved in those endeavors are seen as engaging in "real work," which is to be distinguished, for example, from sitting in a comfortable office pushing

paper or policy.

Maybe that's why there were no pickup trucks pressed into lively service on the day I landed at Reagan. There were lots of people in Western wear—expensive Western wear. But they must have been going to a costume party, because they all got into limousines.

People were getting into the limousines in twos and threes, although those rolling leviathans easily could have

held double the number of passengers. It was a statement of physical entitlement: They wanted their space inside and outside their vehicles, which is a consumptive approach to reality.

Of course, the same thing can be said of truck people, especially those pilots of bigger-than-life sport-utility models. But pickup trucks are noble. It matters not how you dress

them up — and the Dakota Laramie, with its leather upholstery, six-way power seats and various entertainment systems, is well dressed — pickup trucks ultimately are designed to do work, real work. They can be used to party, as evidenced by their popularity in the parking lots of football fields. But they are capable of doing so much more.

Put another way: No one calls on a limousine in an emergency when there is heavy lifting or towing to be done. Limousines are for show. The red carpet for the show almost always is carried to the scene in a truck.

Thus, although pickup trucks barely get the same mileage as a stretch limousine — I averaged 16 miles per gallon in the Dakota Laramie — they are not nearly as wasteful. They work for their gasoline and diesel. And they don't waste much time, or fuel, idling.

The 2005 Dodge Dakota Laramie 4WD is a motorized expression of the American spirit.

Q. I recently took a demonstration drive in a 2005 Passat TDI sedan. I liked the car in every respect except one: There is no dipstick to check the transmission fluid.

On further investigation, I found that VW is not the only automaker to use a sealed transmission; I think the lack of a simple dipstick could lead to expensive service or repairs because seals wear and dry out over time. Are my fears groundless or should I look for a vehicle with a dipstick?

— Bob Hall, Groton, Conn.

Transmissions take on new attributes

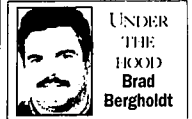
A. A growing number of automakers have eliminated the automatic transmission dipstick, placing this component in the same company as a manual transmission. 4x4 transfer case or rear differential.

The reasoning varies: Fluid replacement or variations are no longer deemed necessary, to lessen the chance of contamination or improper fluid being added, or perhaps to simply save a buck or two.

I'm not drilled about this development, but in these days of \$15-a-quart specialty formulated transmission fluids and electronically controlled transmissions, "out of sight, out of mind" seems to work OK: The fuse, however, to drive more than 50,000 miles on the same fluid.

Q. I've been hearing more and more about the use of CVT transmissions in some of the newer cars. Can you shed some light on what these are all about?

— Laurence Waltrip, San Rafael, Calif.



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholt

A. The continuously variable transmission began with the first gasoline-powered automobile built by Daimler and Benz in 1886. A rubber belt stretched between two variable-diameter pulleys allowed an infinite change in drive ratios to best suit the engine's torque curve.

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

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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The choice of opening lead against four spades is a difficult one. With two likely trump tricks, maybe one should try to set up a heart winner rather than playing for club ruffs. If partner can get in twice, the hand will be over already. However, the club sequence is a tempting alternative. I admit,

At the table West led the top of his doubton club, which went to the queen and king. East naturally returned a club. Declarer won in dummy and took a losing spade finesse. Now the heart shift came too late. Declarer took the heart ace, cashed three rounds of diamonds to throw his heart loser away, and then led a second trump. When West took his trump ace, he had no way to get the lead to his partner for the club ruff, so the contract made.

At the end of the deal the kibitzer sitting behind West remarked that he had missed a chance to find a brilliancy and perhaps to set the game. Can you see what he meant?

If West wins the first trump with the ace, not the queen, then returns a heart, don't you think declarer will go up with the ace and simply repeat the trump finesse rather than playing on diamonds? Now West wins his queen of trumps and can either mundanely cash out for down one, or if feeling adventurous, can underlead in hearts to his partner's queen for the club ruff to take the game down two!

NORTH ♠ 9 8 4
♥ A 10
♦ K J 10 5 3
♣ A Q 4

WEST ♠ A Q 5
♥ K 8 4 3 2
♦ 9 8 4
♣ J 10

SOUTH ♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ 8 5 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club Jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 9 8 4
♥ A 10
♦ K J 10 5 3
♣ A Q 4

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Rebid one no-trump. It would be a serious error to rebid two diamonds to call that really should deliver a sixth diamond rather than showing the nature of your hand, which is balanced. Yes, you do not have a spade stop, but any three-card suit is sufficient here to bid no-trump. Sometimes one has to make the call with a small doubton!

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