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LIFE AFTER COMBAT

Benefits abound for veterans who served their country

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cheryl Ringenberg is a very busy woman. As the veterans service officer for Twin Falls County, she has a very long client list. "I have a little over 6,000 veterans in Twin Falls County, not including the new ones who are coming home," Ringenberg said.

Not all of them request her services, but her days are still long. She works out of a tiny office inside the county licenses building, helping veterans file claims and benefits, get doctor's appointments and hitch rides to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise. She also visits homebound veterans.

There are a number of benefits and services available to veterans who qualify, including health care benefits, disability benefits, education and training, vocational rehabilitation and employment, low-interest home loans, burial benefits, dependents' and survivors' benefits and life insurance. But Ringenberg said some veterans, especially older veterans from World War II, don't even realize they qualify for benefits.

Veterans Ringenberg said some planned all over valley.

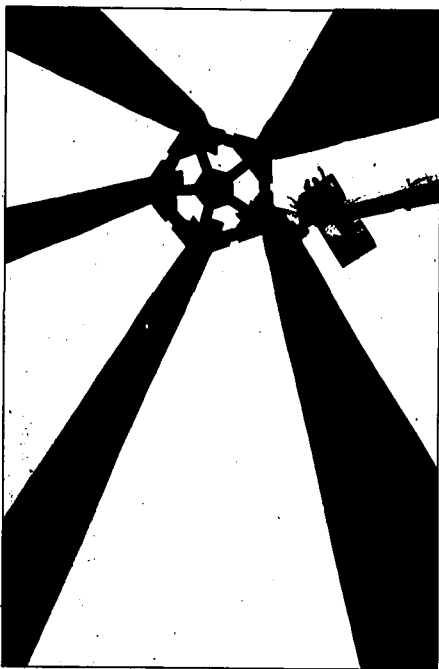
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For instance, a veteran in a nursing home on a limited income might not know he can get help paying for that nursing home. And widows of veterans who get less than \$846 a month from Social Security and other retirement sources can also qualify for compensation benefits, Ringenberg said. Some veterans fall through the cracks. Pat Branch of Kimberly was a crew chief and gunner on a Huey gunship with the Army's 48th Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam and was shot down four times in three months. He came home in 1971 with three Purple Hearts.

"When I came back from Vietnam, I had some serious back problems from being shot down and shrapnel in my left hand from a firefight," Branch said. "They said nothing was wrong when I went to the VA about a month after I got back."

Nearly 30 years later, during a check-up at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise, Branch finally found out he qualified for disability benefits due to injuries he sustained in the war. "I didn't know what it was," Branch said. "I finally found out why I couldn't sleep at night."

Doctors determined Branch was 50 percent disabled which made him eligible for monetary compensation and free



Samarth Day, a College of Southern Idaho student senator, signals to a crane operator Thursday while tying yellow ribbons on the 107-foot high tower on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. Day, along with CSI Student Senate President David Chambers, tied five large yellow ribbons on each column of the tower. "I wanted a way to honor the troops," said Day.

examined for PTSD — Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

"I didn't know what it was," Branch said. "I finally found out why I couldn't sleep at night."

Doctors determined Branch was 50 percent disabled which made him eligible for monetary compensation and free

medical care. Disability compensation varies according to the severity of the disability. A veteran who is 10 percent disabled receives \$104 a month. A veteran who is 100 percent disabled and has no dependents receives \$2,289 a month, said Joe Pollock, public affairs officer for

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Battle over drilling far from done

Foes of opening ANWR find unlikely allies in House Republicans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a quarter-century, environmentalists have succeeded in blocking efforts to drill for oil in what they consider a pristine, cherished patch of tundra in an Alaska wildlife refuge.

But with sky-high fuel prices and a wider Republican majority in Congress, their long fight to keep oil companies out of the refuge looked to be in trouble. Then they got some help from an unexpected place: House Republicans angry over cuts to social programs.

House leaders put off plans Thursday to vote on the budget-cutting package because of opposition to issues unrelated to the Alaska refuge — deep cuts in Medicaid, food stamps and student loans. The leaders earlier were forced to jettison the Alaska drilling provision from the bill after a group of GOP moderates said they would not vote for the budget if it were included.

Developing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, where geologists believe 10.4 billion barrels of oil rest beneath a coastal strip of tundra, has been a top energy priority for President Bush and Republican leaders in Congress for years. Bush first considered its development in his 2000 presidential campaign.

The House in various forms passed authorization to drill in the refuge five times, but each time the measure died in the Senate. Before drilling and supporters could get the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster.

Over the years, protecting the refuge and its wildlife — caribou, polar bears, musk oxen and tens of thousands of migratory birds — became a cause celebre for environmentalists and conservationists of all political stripes.

The ANWR measure this time was to push the ANWR measure through as part of the budget bill, which is not subject to a filibuster. A decade ago a Republican-led Congress used the same tactic to get a drilling provision in the White House only to have it vetoed by President Clinton.

Last week, the Senate voted 51-48 to endorse a reauthorization for the Interior Department to begin oil lease sales in ANWR within two years. The House seemed on the same path.

Environmentalists already had launched an intense lobbying campaign both in the congressional districts of moderate Republicans and in the White House. Although the House had passed ANWR legislation five times, the environmentalists believed their best chance to block it this time was not in the Senate, but in the House where GOP moderates — unhappy about some of the social program cuts in the bill — were viewed as ready to buck their leaders over ANWR.

The lobbying had its effect. Rep. Dave Bonior, R-Wash., was among two dozen GOP moderates who on Thursday displayed pictures of scores of his constituents who had come to Washington to urge him not to approve ANWR drilling.

"You have to listen to the people you represent," he said.

Democrats already were on record that they would unanimously oppose the bill. Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., cautioned, however, that it's too early to celebrate.

"It would be a premature exaltation to celebrate," today is just a temporary detour," said Markey, adding that he's certain the GOP leadership will put pressure on its moderates to change their mind.

Time's catching up with WWI veterans

By Douglas K. Daniel
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Lloyd Brown remembers Armistice Day in 1918 as few — ever so few — veterans can.

"For the servicemen there were lots of hugs and kisses," recalls Brown, of Charlotte Hall, Md., a teenage seaman aboard the battleship USS New Hampshire, in port state-side when the fighting stopped. "We were so happy that the war was over."

Now 104, Brown adds, "There's not too many of us around any more."

No one knows exactly how many of America's World War I veterans will celebrate Veterans Day, which marks the armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, that ended what was considered the Great War. An estimated 2 million Americans served in Europe after the U.S. entered the war in 1917.

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Lloyd Brown, a 104-year-old World War I veteran from Charlotte Hall, Md., smiles as he recounts why he enlisted in the Navy at the age of 16.

Seniors confused by drug plan

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

PORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — There have been spins a' yachters' emblems, seminars an' even a government-bankrolled national bus tour during the past two years, all designed to go into the new Medicare prescription drug benefit created by Congress in 2003.

But with enrollment beginning in just five days, seniors remain confused by the array of drug plans and are reluctant to sign up for any of them, according to a new survey released Thursday by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Eighty percent of the 802 people age 65 and older, surveyed in October, said they were not enrolling in a plan or were undecided, according to the study. Almost two-thirds of those surveyed said they didn't understand the benefit very well or at all. And 37 percent viewed the benefit unfavorably, with 31 percent still undecided.

"If people had to make a selection today, a large percentage would do it. A lot of things need to change in the next few months," said Robert J. Blendon, a Harvard health policy professor, during a teleconference briefing for Washington.

One reason for the reluctance is confusion, Blendon said, despite the fact that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is spending \$300 million on drug plan education and promotion. Many seniors also said they are uncomfortable with the enormous menu: There are 103 plans being offered in Florida by private companies that will be reimbursed by Medicare, each with its own price structure and list of covered drugs. Only 2 out of 10 seniors surveyed said such variety presented an opportunity to get the best coverage.

"I sense that a lot of people have heard about the program but don't know what to do," said Robert Tomasula, Palm Beach County public affairs officer for the Social Security Administration. He and his staff have made more than 100 educational presentations since June.

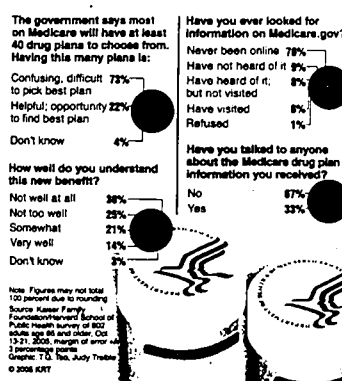
The Kaiser panel agreed any timing could happen between Tuesday, when enrollment begins, and May 15, the last day most Medicare recipients can enroll without paying a penalty. But Blendon said it would be a "major domestic failure" if millions of seniors shun what's considered a landmark policy move.

The stakes are very big. How this works out has fundamental implications for Medicare and the future of our whole health care system," agreed Kaiser President Drew Altman.

It's uncertain if CMS will succeed in slotting up to 30 million of its 43 million Medicare recipients into a drug plan, as originally predicted. CMS Administrator Mark McClellan told the Associated Press Thursday that many seniors aren't enrolling because they already have coverage through a former employer or supplemental plan.

New seniors and Medicare drug plan

A new survey shows U.S. elderly are confused and frustrated with the Medicare drug plan that goes into effect January 2006.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and mild. Highs near 60.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Lows in the upper 30s.
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.

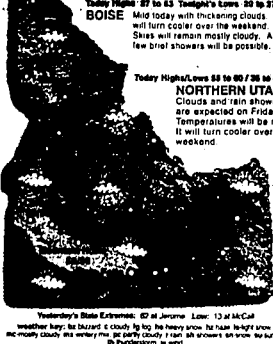
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and mild. Highs upper 50s.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the middle 30s.
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and colder. Highs near 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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 The jet stream will be over the mountains through the weekend. The wet lead to a daily chance of mountain snow and valley rain and snow showers. Skies will be mostly cloudy.

BOISE
 Mid today with thickening clouds. It will turn cloudy over the weekend. Skies will remain mostly cloudy. A few brief showers will be possible.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mild with periods of clouds	Mostly cloudy skies	Mostly cloudy and cool	Seasonal temperatures	Chance for a shower	Decreasing clouds
High 59	Low 39	53/37	52/31	57/32	54/34

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	57	35	0.00
Idaho Falls	57	35	0.00
Jerome	57	35	0.00
Shoshone	57	35	0.00
Blackfoot	57	35	0.00
Arco	57	35	0.00
Malta	57	35	0.00
Blaine	57	35	0.00
Payette	57	35	0.00
Starbuck	57	35	0.00
Stary	57	35	0.00

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 59 Yesterday's Low: 39	Yesterday's Precip: 0.00 Normal Adults to Date: 0.00 Year to Date: 0.00	Yesterday's Humidity: 62% Normal Adults to Date: 57% Year to Date: 47%	6 pm Barometer: 30.00 Normal Adults to Date: 30.00 Year to Date: 30.00	Yesterday's Sunrise: 7:25 AM Yesterday's Sunset: 5:15 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	W	Su
Boise	57	35	36	32
Idaho Falls	57	35	36	32
Jerome	57	35	36	32
Shoshone	57	35	36	32
Blackfoot	57	35	36	32
Arco	57	35	36	32
Malta	57	35	36	32
Blaine	57	35	36	32
Payette	57	35	36	32
Starbuck	57	35	36	32
Stary	57	35	36	32

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70-80	60-70
Boston	40-50	30-40
Chicago	40-50	30-40
Denver	40-50	30-40
Houston	70-80	60-70
Los Angeles	60-70	50-60
Miami	70-80	60-70
New York	40-50	30-40
San Francisco	50-60	40-50
Seattle	40-50	30-40
Washington	40-50	30-40

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	40-50	30-40
Paris	40-50	30-40
Tokyo	50-60	40-50
Sydney	60-70	50-60
Mumbai	70-80	60-70
Beijing	40-50	30-40
Delhi	40-50	30-40
Los Angeles	60-70	50-60
Sao Paulo	70-80	60-70
Rio de Janeiro	70-80	60-70
Brasilia	70-80	60-70
Washington	40-50	30-40

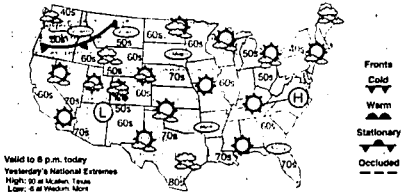
GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Four short weeks ago my wife had blood clot removed. All indications showed the worst of the worst. I was told she had all that was expected of her age. (78) She did not." - A Jim Hazy story.

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Ottawa	40-50	30-40
Montreal	40-50	30-40
Toronto	40-50	30-40
Vancouver	40-50	30-40
Calgary	40-50	30-40
Edmonton	40-50	30-40
Winnipeg	40-50	30-40
Saskatoon	40-50	30-40
Regina	40-50	30-40
Victoria	40-50	30-40
Halifax	40-50	30-40
St. John's	40-50	30-40

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Cheryl Ringenberg, who has been a veterans services officer for Twin Falls County since 1987, says she has helped veterans that have served in every American war since World War I.

Resources for veterans & families

Local resources:
 Veterans Administrator Cheryl Ringenberg, 260 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls 83401, Ext. 21.
 Twin Falls Veterans Clinic, 260 Second Ave. E., 732-0947
 Boise office of the Veterans Benefits Administration, 1-800-827-1000.
 Boise Veterans Administration Medical Center, 208-422-1000.
 Senator Larry Craig, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Twin Falls office, 734-6780.
 Sonja Nowland, Family Readiness Center, 733-2404, Ext. 7039.

Helpful Web sites:
 U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs: www.veterans.senate.gov
 Veterans Benefits Administration: www.va.gov
 Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed to drive veterans to the Veterans Administration in Boise. Those interested can call Veterans Administrator Cheryl Ringenberg at 733-7610, Ext. 21.

less are there if they need them," Craig said.

"The senator had some advice for these new veterans. 'If you've got problems and feel difficulties, reach out.' 'Reach out to us, to me, to your commanding officers, to your minister because sometimes this transition is a little difficult.'"

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Today the Veterans Affairs Department lists just eight veterans as receiving disability benefits or pension compensation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. It says a few dozen other veterans of the war probably are alive, too, but the government does not keep a comprehensive list.

The Census Bureau stopped asking for data about those veterans years ago. Using a report of 65,000 alive in 1990 as a baseline, the VA estimates that no more than 50 remain, perhaps as few as 30.

World War I, fueled by intense nationalism and conflicting economic and colonial interests, began in the Balkans in 1914 and quickly spread across Europe because of military alliances.

The major allied powers were Great Britain, France and Russia, and they were opposed by Germany, Austria-Hungary and a few others.

The U.S. remained neutral until 1917, when it entered the shipping and war against German submarines. Congress declared war on Germany in April 1917 at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson. "The world must be made safe for democracy," Wilson said.

More than 10 million troops died before the war ended with Germany's surrender. Of the U.S. troops, more than 116,000 died and more than 200,000 were wounded.

Living veterans are common among American warriors. The last veteran to fight in the American Revolution died at age 109 in 1869, according to Defense Department statistics.

Other wars and the ages of their last veterans the year they died: the War of 1812, 105; 1905; the Indian Wars, 101, 1973; the Mexican War, 90, 1929; the Civil War, 112, 1958; and the Spanish-American War, 106, 1992.

The ranks of all World War I veterans grow thinner as the long-lived veterans die. The last known American veteran wounded in the war died at 108 in January 2004. West Virginia's last veteran passed away in October 2004, and Iowa lost its only remaining

WWII

Great War veteran two months later. An Alabama veteran of the war died last March at 110.

With each death, what was called "the war to end all wars," fades in American memory.

"It's a war that's out of mind," says Stan Flynn, who teaches World War I history at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. "In the U.S., we don't have and we have no real connection to it."

Unlike the wars that followed, World War I doesn't have the visual record so important to becoming part of American consciousness, Flynn says. Yet its impact can be linked to many problems facing the world today, including conflict in the Balkans and the rise of Arab nationalism that occurred after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

"We learn about war through television and through film," Flynn says. "There's just not a lot of moving-picture footage of World War I. There's no visual image there for the public to identify with."

Lloyd Brown spends little time thinking about the days his ship escorted convoys in North Atlantic waters threatened by German submarines. Living alone in a house in southern Maryland, just a few blocks from his daughter, Nancy, he does not believe that his war has been forgotten and feels satisfied with the attention paid to its veterans over the years.

"You can't celebrate World War I year after year after year, because there are other events taking place," says Brown, who "watches the news each day to keep up with the world. You have to honor them."

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Jordanians call for al-Zarqawi's head

Protesters take the streets in outpouring of anger over al-Qaida bombings

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Smeared khneis has spent years demanding justice and more rights for jailed Islamic extremists. But on Thursday, he joined thousands who took to the streets across Jordan to condemn the militants behind Amman's triple hotel bombings that killed 59 people.

"This is disgusting. We will never tolerate such terrorism," khneis said, marching with 2,000 others in Jordan's capital.

"Burn in hell, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi!" they shouted, denouncing the Jordanian-born leader of al-Qaida in Iraq. Al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for the blasts but, denied, confronted with mounting protests, took the rare step of trying to justify the attacks on Arab civilians.



A Jordanian woman with her face painted in the colors of the Jordanian flag holds a protest placard Thursday in front of the Grand Hyatt hotel in Amman where one of the three bombings took place Wednesday night. Hundreds of angry Jordanians rallied Thursday outside one of three U.S.-based hotels attacked by suicide bombers, shouting, 'Burn in hell, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi!'

Honking vehicles, decorated with Jordanian flags and posters of King Abdullah II, cruised Amman's streets until late in the night. At the bombed Grand Hyatt Hotel, about 50 people, including Jordanian children holding tiny flags, placed candles on a makeshift stand outside the driveway.

Officials suspected Iraqi involvement in the attacks. Security forces snared a group of Iraqis for questioning and officials said one of the bombers spoke Iraqi-accented Arabic before he exploded his suicide belt in the Hyatt.

In the West Bank village of Silet al-Thaher, members of the Akhras family mourned 13 of their relatives killed during a wedding party at the Radisson.

"Oh my God, oh my God, is it possible that Arabs are killing Arabs, Muslims killing Muslims? For what did they do that?" screamed 35-year-old Najah Akhras, who lost two nieces in the attack. Similar thoughts were heard repeatedly throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Other members of the Akhras family were wounded, including two U.S. citizens who live in the Caribbean island of St. Thomas, said Nader Akhras of Arlington, Texas.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, which appears to be expanding its operations outside of Iraq, said the bombings put the United States on notice that the "backyard camp for the Crusader army is now in the range of fire of the holy warriors."

But later Thursday, in an apparent response to the protests, al-Zarqawi's group took the rare step of trying to explain for Muslims part of the reason the holy warriors target-

ed these dens.

"Let all know that we have struck only after becoming confident that they are centers for launching war on Islam and supporting the Crusaders' presence in Iraq and the Arab peninsula and the presence of the Jews on the land of Palestine," al-Qaida in Iraq said in an Internet statement, the authenticity of which could not be immediately verified.

Al-Zarqawi's group has claimed responsibility for previous attacks in Jordan, including the 2002 assassination of U.S. diplomat Laurence Foley, Jordan, a moderate Arab nation, has fought a long-running battle against Islamic extremists opposed to its 1994 peace deal with Israel.

In addition to the two Americans, the dead included 33 Jordanians, many with families ties to the Palestinian West Bank; six Iraqis; two Bahrainis; at least two Chinese; one Indonesian; and one Saudi. The others had not yet been identified. Officials said the death toll of 59 — which includes the three attackers — could rise because several of the 100 or so wounded victims were seriously hurt.

House takes up leak review

WASHINGTON — The House Intelligence Committee will look into a possible leak of classified information about secret CIA prisons but will not reopen its 2003 inquiry into

Nation/World in brief

tion said it was sending experts to southern China to help investigate whether bird flu killed a 12-year-old girl last month. Chinese authorities quarantined 116 people after the latest outbreaks Sunday of the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus killed 1,100 chickens in Fujian and Jizhou, cities in north-eastern Liaoning province, the Agriculture Ministry said.

As calls for intelligence-related reviews grow on Capitol Hill, Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., said Thursday his committee will study several specific leaks of classified information, including a Nov. 2 Washington Post story that discussed the existence of secret CIA prisons overseas.

A case there two weeks ago prompted officials to destroy more than 6 million birds.

The story said the "black sites" were in eight countries, including democracies in Eastern Europe. Hoekstra would not confirm the story's accuracy or whether the prisons exist.

Liberia poised for Africa's first female president

MONROVIA, Liberia — A former finance minister and Harvard graduate claimed victory Thursday in Liberia's presidential election, a win that, if certified, would make her the first elected female leader ever in Africa.

The depth of the leaks that we have seen in the intelligence community over the last 12 to 18 months have done irreparable harm to our ability to effectively conduct the war on terror," Hoekstra said.

With just over 90 percent of the ballots counted, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf had 59 percent of the vote and former international soccer star George Weah nearly 41 percent, the National Elections Commission said.

China reports new bird flu outbreaks

BEIJING — China reported two new bird flu outbreaks in poultry Thursday and quarantined 116 people, while Kuwait confirmed the first known cases in the Persian Gulf, in an imported peacock and a wild flamingo.

"It's clear that the Liberian people have expressed confidence in me," Johnson-Sirleaf told The Associated Press.

— compiled from wire reports

The World Health Organization

on notice against harboring militants.

"Unfortunately there are still some groups in Jordan supporting terrorist criminals, describing them as the resistance, and they are deceiving by their claims," Talabani said in Rome.

Two daughters of ousted leader Saddam Hussein now live in Jordan, as do many other wealthy and formerly powerful Iraqis.

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Chirac confronts continuing unrest

PARIS (AP) — President Jacques Chirac's first time directly addressed the inequalities and discrimination that have fueled two weeks of rioting across France, saying Thursday that the country has "undeniable problems" in its poor neighborhoods.

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- ✓/Steve's
- ✓/Snake River Bowl
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- ✓/Doc's Pizza
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- ✓/Jaker's Grill
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Prosecutors in Italy file request to extradite 22 CIA operatives

Chicago Tribune

MILAN, Italy — Italian prosecutors on Thursday formally asked their government to seek the extradition of 22 U.S. Central Intelligence Agency operatives charged with kidnaping a radical Muslim preacher here, nearly three years ago.

Prosecutor General Donatella Giucco on Thursday delivered a 477-page, 190,000-word document to Italy's Ministry of Justice in Rome, intended to support the prosecution's case against a panoply of CIA operatives, including paramilitary 007-types, middle-aged women who are experts in physical surveillance, and cocktail-party spies posing as American diplomats.

Justice Minister Roberto Castelli was en route to Rome on Thursday from a two-day visit to Washington and not reachable for comment. According to the Italian news agency ANSA, Castelli discussed unspecified extradition matters with U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in Washington.

Castelli and his boss, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, a friend and ally of President Bush, will decide whether to convey the extradition request to the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

Although such requests pass routinely between Italy and the United States under a 20-year-old extradition treaty, this appears to be the first case of its kind for the U.S. intelligence community, and it could hardly be more politically sensitive.

Armando Spataro, the Milan prosecutor who obtained the 22 arrest warrants, in which the extradition request is based, insists the Berlusconi government has not attempted to interfere with his investigation.

Among the issues hotly debated by the Italian parliament are whether the United States violated Italy's sovereignty by mounting a secret intelligence operation on its soil.

A senior U.S. official familiar

with the Milan case hinted broadly to the Chicago Tribune that the CIA Italian counterpart, known as SISMI, had given tacit approval to the Americans. But such approval would not have made the kidnaping legal, and the Berlusconi government has denied advance knowledge of the plot.

The gravity with which Milanese authorities view the case is reflected in an assertion by Judge Chiara Nobili, who signed arrest warrants for the 22 CIA personnel, that it concerns more than the mere crime of kidnaping.

The extradition request, which includes three warrants, points out that Osama bin Laden, a native of Egypt better known as Abu Omar, had been living in Italy under a grant of political asylum intended to protect him from retribution by the Egyptian government for political activities as a member of the radical Muslim group Jamaat al-Islamiya.

Abu Omar's abduction "amounts to a most serious assault against the authority of the Italian State and of international treaties on such matters," Nobili declared, noting that it was conducted by "foreign citizens" and without the approval of any Italian authority.

Italian police had subjected Abu Omar to wiretapping and physical surveillance, but allowed him to remain free in hopes that his conversations and movements would provide useful information about other suspected terrorists.

Abu Omar's disappearance on Feb. 17, 2004, Nobili wrote, therefore "constituted an objective hindrance" to the Italian justice system.

According to the original arrest warrants, the CIA's suspected motive for grabbing Abu Omar was to recruit him, via Egyptian intelligence, as an informant.

The CIA refuses to respond to questions about the Milan case or extraordinary rendition, its practice of abducting suspected terrorists abroad and

shipping them for interrogation to countries such as Egypt, where the U.S. State Department says the use of torture is "common and persistent."

Except for a respite in the spring of last year, Abu Omar has remained in an Egyptian prison since he was flown to Cairo by the CIA on the evening of his abduction. In telephone calls to his wife and friends during his brief release, he claimed to have been tortured after refusing to inform for the Egyptians and the CIA.

Abu Omar's mother, who was allowed to visit her son this month, said he remains in Egyptian custody. His Egyptian lawyer, Montasser El Zayat, says his client has not been charged with any crime.

The extradition request, a copy of which was obtained by the Tribune, draws a meticulous picture of a covert CIA operation as it unfolded over seven weeks in early 2003.

Through use of cell phone records, the judicial police were able to identify nearly 60 cell phones used by the kidnapers and to reconstruct Abu Omar's abduction almost to the minute, including the 175-mile ride from Milan to Aviano Air Base, from which he was flown first to another air base in Germany and from there to Egypt.

The warrants said that the 22 individuals included two career CIA officers posing as American diplomats in Italy, and that the others belonged to the agency's paramilitary branch or worked under "deep cover," passing themselves off as business executives or tourists.

One of the two spurious diplomats has been reassigned to another U.S. embassy, the other, who has retired, is identified in the request as Robert Seldon Lady, CIA superintendent in Milan at the time of the abduction.

If the extradition requests for Lady and the others are conveyed by the Italian Justice Ministry to the U.S. government, the ultimate decision on whether to hand over any defendants rests with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

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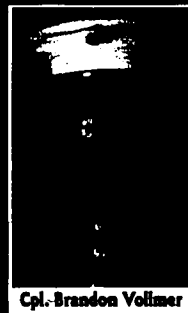
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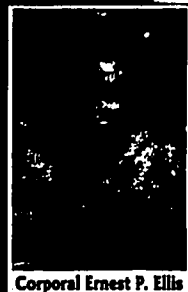
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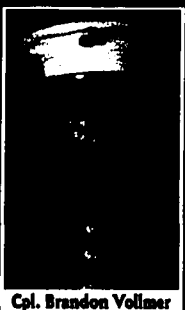
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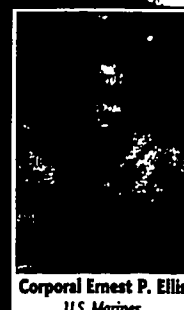
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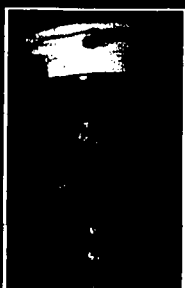
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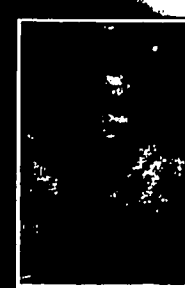
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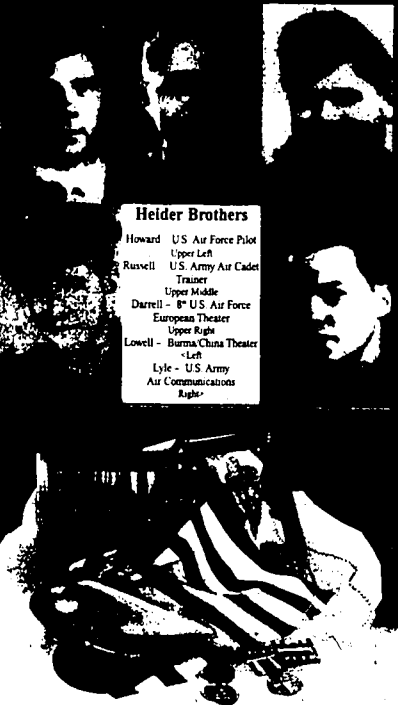
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DISCOVERING GODZILLA

Scientists find fossil remains of a sea monster

By Guy Gugliotta
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Its discoverer calls it "Godzilla," a fearsome, 13-foot seagoing crocodile with saw-teeth, a fish tail and jaws capable of ripping apart almost any other creature it encountered in the ancient ocean off what is now South America.

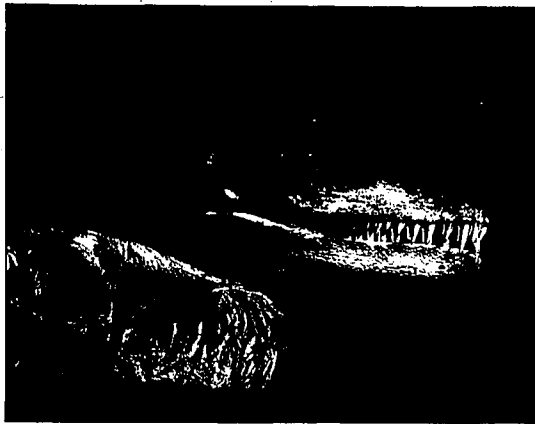
"There were other large sea predators in the region, but no large sharks at this time," said Zulma Gasparini, of Argentina's National University at La Plata, who announced the discovery of the creature's fossil remains Wednesday. "These crocodiles were top predators."

Gasparini and co-researcher Diego Pol, of Ohio State University, described *Dakosaurus andinensis* as a unique and sophisticated species of crocodile that lived 135 million years ago and whose bullet-shaped skull looks more like that of a land-dwelling carnivore than of a sea creature.

"*Dakosaurus* probably fed on other large marine reptiles," Pol said during a telephone news conference sponsored by the National Geographic Society, which partially funded the research. The team's findings appeared in *Science Express*, the online version of the journal *Science*.

Gasparini said she first learned of the existence of *D. andinensis* during a 1996 visit to a small museum in the central Argentine province of Mendoza. In a drawer, she found "bone fragments that I recognized as crocodilian." Museum staff told her "local people found them and brought them in." She named the species, but could find out nothing more about it.

Gasparini is one of the leading paleontologists working in the fossil beds of northwestern Patagonia's Neuquen Basin, a treasure trove of remains of prehistoric crocodiles and other marine reptiles.



This image released by the National Geographic Society shows the skull fossil of a *Dakosaurus andinensis*, known as "Godzilla," which was found in Argentina, and a digitized model of the marine crocodile. In the era when dinosaurs ruled the Jurassic earth, a 13-foot oceanic crocodile with a short snout and a mouthful of deadly teeth hunted large creatures in the sea, scientists reported Thursday.

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The new specimens announced Wednesday — a lower jaw and a nearly complete skull with a lower jaw — were found in the basin's *Vaca Fuerte* formation. Gasparini recognized them as belonging to *D. andinensis*.

Pol said that before the new discovery, most prehistoric crocodiles had long, low snouts and lots of small sharp teeth — like the crocodiles of today. "They were all thought to have been fast swimmers that fed on small prey — especially fish," Pol said.

The new sea monster was no fish-chaser. The jaw and snout were short, high and extremely powerful, Pol said. The jaws had relatively few teeth, but they were large and serrated on the edges — saw-teeth used for slashing and cutting, like those of land-based predatory dinosaurs.

Pol said the skull had enough similarities to crocodiles to rule out the possibility that it was a

completely different animal. Instead, he said, it was an example of "convergent evolution." *D. andinensis* evolved its own snout because, like land-based predators of the time, it used it to grab other large animals and tear them apart.

"Everyone knows about the age of dinosaurs, and how they ruled the Earth, but during the same time (sea-going reptiles) occupied and even dominated the world's oceans," Pol said. Evidence found at Neuquen suggests that *D. andinensis* prospered until the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

"The only lineage that survived is the one that became today's crocs," he said.

World to America Share the Internet

Escalating feud over Web control threatens upcoming U.N. summit

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — On the global Internet these days, the United States is less trusted and more alone. The worldwide network was born on U.S. shores, but that matters little to the growing number of nations now demanding shared control.

An escalating feud over Internet governance is threatening to transform a U.N. summit in Tunisia next week into an acrimonious showdown between the United States and challengers including the European Union.

The debate is over whether Washington, through its oversight of a quasi-independent agency, should continue as the ultimate administrator of all the Web's domains — not only ".com" but also the country-specific ones like ".cn" for China.

At its essence, the struggle is over an information superstructure that is already the main conduit of world commerce. It is also about free speech and information control. The arbiters of Internet policy could profoundly shape international relations in coming years.

"I am torn about this, as I suspect many Internet law experts are. On the one hand, basic principles of international law suggest that a common carrier essential to commerce in all nations should be internationally controlled," said Frank Pasquale, a professor at Seton Hall Law School in Newark, N.J.

"On the other hand," Pasquale added, "many of the countries most eager to impose international control also have had records on free speech issues, political prisoners."

The so-called World Summit on the Information Society was originally convened to address the digital divide —

the gap between information haves and have-nots — raising both consciousness and funds for projects.

Instead, it has centered largely around Internet governance: oversight of the major computers that control traffic on the Internet by acting as master directories so Web browsers and e-mail programs can find other computers.

Although the U.S. government has largely delegated management to a private organization with international board members, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, ICANN, it has ultimate veto power over all decisions.

Washington set a course of confrontation when it declared over the summer that it will retain such oversight indefinitely, despite what many countries thought was a longstanding policy to one day completely turn the function over to ICANN.

The HD responded in September by insisting that some sort of new combination of governments and the private sector share the responsibility of policing the Internet. Before the push for an international takeover of ICANN mostly came from such developing countries as Brazil, South Africa and China. "Unilateral control by the U.S. government would be very sad," EU spokesman Martin Selmayr said. "They just have to give up their unilateral control and everything will be fine."

The reasons for resentment of U.S. control are numerous, beginning with objections, Bush administration foreign policy. In this post-trip war of mate, U.S. unilateralism has become an issue," said C. Bilal, the former Swedish prime minister. "It's not necessarily about the Internet."

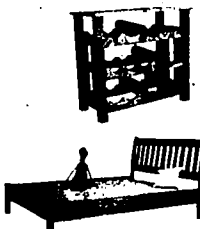
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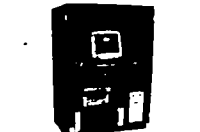
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EDITORIAL

New generation of vets arrives safely from Iraq

It was more delightful than Christmas Eve. It was more fulfilling than a Thanksgiving feast. And by all means, it was a picture-perfect way to usher in Veterans' Day.

On a chilly Tuesday afternoon, 116 members of the 116th National Guard's Multi-Brigade Combat Team (MBCoast) left a

deployment in Iraq and returned to their homes in Missouri. The 116th Guard members, who returned from Iraq in the fall of 2003, were greeted by family members and friends at the airport. Many of the soldiers were accompanied by their families, and the atmosphere was festive and celebratory.

See it yourself

If you missed Tuesday's emotional return of local 116th Guard members, go online to The Times-News to see video shots of the airport reunion. Go to www.magicvalley.com and click the link (on the right rail) "Our Troops are Home" with the yellow ribbon.

came calling on Idaho's Guard units to deploy for overseas duty. They went into action to prepare. They left behind work and family responsibilities and fulfilled the promise they made to serve the nation's defense — so that the rest of us can live in tranquility.

The call to duty took them from Idaho to Fort Bliss, Texas, and on to Fort Polk, La. They arrived in Iraq just before Christmas, and went to work securing elections and daily life in Fallujah, Iraq.

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They join the contingent of Americans who answered the call to duty, serving in past wars to make the country safe and preserve our liberties. Their sacrifice, and the sacrifice of those who fight on today, is what defines this nation and ensures the promises of freedom.

As important as Veteran's Day is in the shadow of recent events, a single day is never enough to express our full sense of gratitude. To all of them who have served in remembrance, we say thank you — and welcome home.



Ignore the Latin American dunces

President Bush wants to know what's so wrong on his trip south. It's not a bad idea to read a book by three Latin American journalists, "The Guide to the Perfect Latin American," which is a collection of essays published last year. It's an indispensable for understanding phenomena like Diego Maradona.

Maradona, born in a shanty town near Buenos Aires, became the world's most famous soccer player in the 1980s after he left Argentina to play for teams in Spain and Italy. Besides collecting his \$5 million annual endorsement contracts with corporations based in at least four continents, companies like Pringles, Top Gun, and Coca-Cola.



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Maradona embodies the wonderful possibilities of globalization, yet he has been everything but a success story. He has tried to deny people poorer than himself to participate in that world. And one of the "Perfect Latin Americans" Alan Vargas Jossa, the Peruvian political pundit and son of the richest Manu Vargas.

Bush went to the Latin America summit thinking hoping to persuade the rest of the continent to follow Chile's example — the right message but the wrong messenger and the wrong place. Any American president, especially one as unpopular as Bush, makes too big a target for the populists and cynics who turned out to meet him at their own photo opportunity.

"Nothing has ever emerged from a Latin summit," said Jose Bitero, the Chilean reformer who has started the first private-account social-security system, and then helped introduce similar systems in two dozen other countries. "Real change blossoms from good intellectual public policies. President Bush should not attend and dignify these weapons of mass distraction."

The best American strategy, as Alvaro Vargas Llosa says, would be to do less in Latin America. Instead of publicly presenting the whole continent to sign a free-trade agreement, quite a few deals with the countries that want one. Instead of denouncing and plotting against Chavez, ignore him. Instead of fighting a drug war in South America, surrender. The war has been utterly ineffectual at stopping the flow of cocaine, which has made it a multi-billion-dollar American street. But by infuriating communities in the Andes, the war has created a political base for populists running on anti-American platforms. They may be economic dunces, but in this case the perfect dunces are the drug warriors in Washington helping to elect them.

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LETTER

Why is our voice right? In the last five years, we Democrats have voted our way, and we have made this country and the world a better place. We need to see the need for a change in our government and the need to see that our voice is the right voice. The rest, white and blue vote.

an honest investigation as to why we really went to war and that we need to have an administration that can respond to this country's problems and catastrophes. So why now has the voice from the left suddenly become the voice of the right? It is because elections are upon us. We have the rest of America finally woke up enough to peer through their sleepy "red" eyes to see that our voice is the right voice. The rest, white and blue vote.

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LETTERS

Surviving spouse disputes trust on tax scheme
In writing my column, an article that was published Oct. 26, the article was not a court opinion. I am a columnist, not a lawyer. I am not a court reporter. I am not a court reporter. I am not a court reporter.

LETTERS

Bird waste no worse than cow waste
Surely there must be a more humane method to deter the droppings from littering on the streets and cars of downtown Irvan falls other than simply poisoning them or shooting them. What kind of society are we that condones and accepts the stench of animal waste from concentrated animal feeding operations because it is monetarily beneficial to some but cannot tolerate a little bird waste because it might be an inconvenience and a "potential health hazard" that will keep shoppers away from downtown?

Write to us
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A message for today:

Support the troops

The two of us were born more than 50 years apart, nearly 160 miles apart. But we are connected to each other — and to our fellow Americans — in ways that transcend age and geography. Both of us are Army veterans, born and raised in Kansas. And both of us nearly lost our lives on the battlefield. We were wounded near Castel di Stabia, Italy, on April 14, 1945, and in Hamadi, Iraq, on April 6, 2004. We were struck down by Italian bullets and Iraqi rocket-propelled grenades.

These connections of military experience, circumstance and history are eternally meaningful for the two of us and for millions of other veterans. On this Veterans' Day, when we honor our brothers in arms, we also pay tribute to Americans on the home front, to the enduring power of their letters and their prayers and to the transcendent grace of their gratitude and prayers.

Support the troops. It is a public duty and a longstanding American tradition. At its simplest, it means getting a letter from home. In World War II, letters that arrived in a week were scarce and to the frustration of anyone who could get online to <http://www.cameriasupport.com> to send a letter to a soldier in the field. Today, Web site, e-mail, and the Department of Defense, links Americans who are doing something to support the troops, amplifying the impact of their efforts. In military language, it is a multiplier for those on the home front.

Very few things were more heartening for a soldier in World War II than to go to mail call every week and come back empty-handed. In Iraq today, even soldiers without families back home get boxes of letters from Americans in every corner of the country. In the lonely, stressful nights of war, notes from complete strangers are a connection to home, a reminder to our militaries that their service means something.

Back in World War II, we were lucky to get "goodie" packages filled with sunblock, socks, candy, and other necessities. They had been bought by parents and neighbors with their own food coupons, or with meals and drinks collected in cigar boxes from neighborhood centers. Today an American supports your member organization like St. Louis-based A Soldier's Wish List (www.asoldierswishlist.org) sends soldiers cookies, DVDs, phone cards, video games and even toothbrushes.

In the other context of war, even the smallest acts of care and concern means so much. Both of us had to recover from life-altering injuries. We know personally that recovery and rehabilitation are as much emotional challenges as physical ones. The extraordinary kindness of ordinary Americans reminded us that despite the dangers done to our bodies, we were still whole people whose sacrifice mattered.

We share an even deeper connection with all of you who let us know that you care and that you support the troops.

That's as true today as it was 50 years ago. And just as necessary.

Former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole was a second lieutenant in the Army's 10th Mountain Division during World War II. Wichita native retired Army Capt. Lonnie Moore fought Operation Just Freedom with the 1st Infantry Division. They wrote this for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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OPINION

CSI students are wise to protest coal plant

I was pleased to see the article about College of Southern Idaho students organizing to protest the proposed coal-fired power plant to the north of Twin Falls.

I grew up in New Mexico downwind of a coal-fired power plant in the four corners area. Citizens of Magic Valley, you do not want to have a coal-fired power plant in your area! As an air pollution meteorologist, I am very familiar with the health affects from particulates and toxic gases emitted as a by-product of coal combustion. Coal is one of the cheapest and dirtiest fuels on the earth. Strong winter time inversions will help to trap the pollution next to the ground, and we will all pay for the coal-fired plant with our diminished health. We shouldn't have to breathe toxic air.

I also lived in California for a number of years and know that strict environmental regulations are causing companies like Sempra to search out less regulated states like Idaho to exploit and produce cheap energy that they can turn around and sell back to energy greedy California for big profits. The Magic Valley area will see few benefits from this power plant. Maybe a few more jobs for the area, some increase in taxes for the state and possibly some other kickbacks, which may be the reason for the lack of opposition to this proposal until now. But the rest of us will suffer with bad air quality and a loss of visibility of the beautiful mountains to the north.

Let's not let a California company rob us of such a wonderful treasure! Please write or call your state representatives and let them know how you feel.

LIZ NICCUM
Twin Falls

Remember 11/6th veterans in work vacancies

As a state, we are about to welcome home 1,800 soldiers of the Idaho Army National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade, who are returning from an 18-month deployment including nearly a year in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We owe these men and women — and thousands of other Idahoans now on active duty and in the Guard and Reserves — a huge debt of gratitude. Idahoans in the military have left behind friends and family to put their lives on the line to protect America and the freedoms we enjoy.

We will most certainly offer them thanks and praise for a job well done, but we can and should do more. We must remember that Idaho's newest veterans are not the first generation, nor are they the last, to be called to protect our great country. To honor the sacrifice of the many generations of veterans, we must guarantee they are afforded the opportunity for a bright future with the employment and training opportunities they deserve.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proclaimed November "I Hire a Veteran" month. This proclamation comes as Idaho Commerce and Labor prepares to proudly support a national effort called HireVetsFirst, a program launched by the President's National Hire Veterans Committee to encourage companies and businesses to give preference to veterans for job and career opportunities.

LETTERS

Currently 130,000 Idaho residents are military veterans and more than 15,000 are seeking employment throughout the state.

Employers can visit any of the state's 24 local offices and find a database of highly qualified veterans looking for employment opportunities. Likewise, veterans seeking work or training can visit a local office for assistance in finding a job or receiving the training they need for a reward-

ing career.

Veterans bring to their civilian careers a high level of training and expertise coupled with the respect and responsibility forged from military service.

I encourage all Idaho employers to learn more about the advantages of hiring a veteran by visiting hirevetsfirst.gov and then visit any one of our local Commerce & Labor offices where you'll be put in touch with Idaho veterans waiting for

a career opportunity.

Employers who make the effort to help Idaho's veterans realize their career goals will not only be rewarded with a great employee, but they'll know that in one small way they've helped repay the debt to a veteran who has already given so much to our country.

ROGER B. MADSEN
Bellevue
(Editor's note: Roger Madsen is the director of Idaho Commerce and Labor.)

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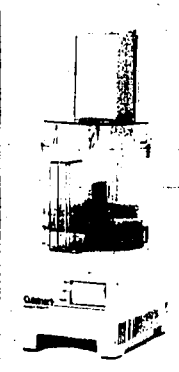
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Veterans Day brings closures

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed today for Veterans Day. Here's a run-down of what will be closed or open.

- Twin Falls City Hall and many city offices will be closed today.
- A few local city offices will be open, including in Jerome and Shoshone.
- County offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Social Security Administration office will be closed.
- U.S. post offices will be closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- Local banks will be closed.
- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- The YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

National forest offers Christmas tree permits

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest will begin selling permits for Christmas trees for family use beginning Friday, Nov. 18.

A permit to cut a tree up to 10 feet tall costs \$5; the fee goes up to \$10 for a permit to cut a tree between 11 and 20 feet tall. There is a limit of one tree per family or organization. Conditions for the forest vary, so people are encouraged to contact the appropriate Forest Service office before heading out. Depending on the specific area, a variety of trees are available for cutting including lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, Douglas-fir and pinyon pine. Permits are available at the following locations and times:

- Fairfield Area:**
- From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Fairfield Ranger Station.
 - From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday through Saturday at the Market Street Store.
 - From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday at the New Pine Store.
- Twin Falls Area:**
- From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at Forest Supervisor's Office.
 - From 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Rock Creek General Store.
- Burley Area:**
- From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Minnicka Ranger District Office.
- Ketchum Area:**
- From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Ketchum Ranger Station.
 - From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters Office.
- Stanley Area:**
- From 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Stanley Ranger Station.
- Shoshone Area:**
- From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday through Saturday at Johnny's Country Store.

Safety belt campaign begins Monday

BOISE — Motorists will have an extra incentive to buckle up beginning Monday when a safety campaign, including stepped-up enforcement and education gets under way with the "Click It, Don't Risk It" seat belt campaign.

The Idaho State Police, Idaho Transportation Department and about 30 local law enforcement agencies are participating in the program.

Increased patrols and an advertising campaign, which continue through Dec. 5, are aimed at saving lives and reducing costs associated with traffic crashes. Idaho law requires everyone in a vehicle to wear safety restraints regardless of where they are seated.

"Click It, Don't Risk It" campaign messages will emphasize the importance of buckling up every time for every trip. Radio ads will feature local law enforcement officers encouraging people to use seat belts.

— Adapted from staff reports

A SHOW OF SUPPORT

Many voice concerns over changes to ISDB

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

GOODING — A State Board of Education subcommittee heard public comment on the future of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind (ISDB) on Thursday evening.

The hearing gave community members — which filled the ISDB cafeteria to capacity — the chance to voice their concerns. A majority of the speakers were teachers at the ISDB who underscored the

quality of instruction they offer to students on campus and throughout the state.

One of the greatest fears among educators and students is a reduction of services at the residential campus where almost 80 students live and learn. Vicki Roper, an instructor at ISDB, said she hopes the state will not take away the residential purpose of the campus.

"By having youth learn together, there is a magical confidence," Roper said. "They are confident because they can say, 'I watched these graduates

and they are successful in the community, and I can do that.'"

She added that forcing blind and deaf students to integrate within local schools could make it difficult for them to embrace their uniqueness, believe that it's not OK "to be who they are."

There is also a concern that state legislators will follow states which have chosen to close down their (state) schools by providing alternative instructional services.

"The agency will not be closed down," said Laird Stone, vice president of the board of

education and chair of the ISDB subcommittee. "It's a statutory agency that would take revisions to state statutes in order to close down."

The board of education organized a subcommittee — comprised of board members, experts in deaf and blind education, legislators and a parent of an ISDB student — to evaluate "delivery systems" for the schools instruction.

Some Magic Valley area educators are concerned the state legislature is targeting the school because of its financial

cost to the state. But according to the Idaho Constitution, the state is required to "establish and support institutions" that meet the needs of the deaf and blind.

The school has struggled with a series of complex issues, which seem to attract attention from state lawmakers. The previous superintendent was placed on administrative leave and recently lawmakers requested a performance evaluation following concerns about rising costs and declining enrollment.

The estimated per-pupil cost last year was about \$62,000 per student.

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RESCUE PRACTICE



Cassia County Sheriff's Dive Team members Jason Rogers, right, Noah Shiner and Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue member Jim Jakicic bring mock victim Tim Little to shore on the north side of the Snake River during a recent training exercise that took advantage of the low river water levels. The exercise was set up to hone training between the two departments. Little, the sheriff's dive master, was placed on one of the exposed islands in the river and the two teams crossed the shallow water with the raft and brought him back across to safety.

Precinct turnout varied widely in T.F. election

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Voter turnout varied widely in this week's City Council election, ranging from a low of just over 8 percent in one city precinct to a high of more than 32 percent in another.

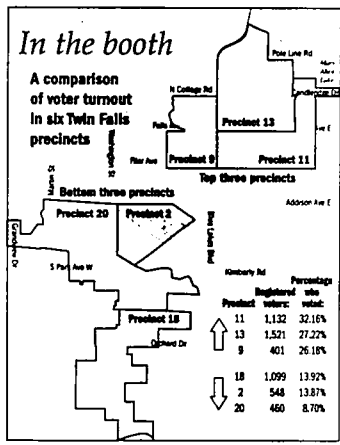
Three precincts in the northeastern part town had the largest voter turnout, while three precincts in the southwestern part of the city had the lowest.

Twin Falls political veteran Gale Kleinkopf said voter turnout patterns this year are about the same as they've been in past elections.

"It's difficult to put your finger on it as to why, but that's what we've seen," said Kleinkopf, who served on City Council 17 years, four of them as mayor.

"We've always had a low turnout from the southwest part of town," he said. "The trend is there and has been for some time. I don't think the demographics are that different, the city's not that big."

On the other hand, the "11 and 13 precincts always have strong voter turnouts, whether it's a city or national election," Kleinkopf said.



Only 19.58 percent of the city's 17,718 registered voters cast ballots in Tuesday's election, the lowest turnout in the last 10 years.

Precinct 11 had the largest voter turnout with 32.16 percent of its registered voters

Voter turnout
Twin Falls voter turnout in 2005 City Council election.

Precinct	Registered voters	Percentage who voted
1	652	15.49
2	548	13.87
3	671	21.01
4	1,537	14.70
5	1,395	16.77
6	658	14.44
7	728	17.62
8	763	20.68
9	491	26.18
10	491	17.72
11	1,132	32.16
12	625	23.52
13	1,521	32.22
14	1,190	23.36
15	1,541	19.79
16	561	15.69
17	708	15.40
18	1,039	13.92
19	1,026	21.35
20	460	8.70

casting ballots. Precinct 13 was second with 27.22 percent, followed by Precinct 9 with 26.18 percent. All three precincts are located in the northeastern part of the city.

Precinct 20 had the lowest voter turnout, with only 8.7 percent of the registered voters.

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Honoring patriotism Burley named 'American Flag City'

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Steve Thompson has always loved the American flag and what it stands for.

So it more than upset him when he was watching a Fourth of July parade five years ago in another small Idaho city and half the people on the corner he was standing on showed no respect for the honor guard as it marched by.

"I knew one person could make a difference," he said. "I decided I was going to do something."

So he got involved in a number of activities to raise flag awareness, such as an "Avenue of Flags" flag display at Snake River Plaza. His latest venture is the American Flag City, a designation given to cities that are demonstrating Americanism, patriotism, community pride and are getting involved behind patriotic projects that support troops and veterans," Thompson said.

The city of Burley recently became the first city to receive the designation. The city is known for putting up a colorful flag display on holidays. Local Scouts also get involved by putting American flags in yards.

Burley Mayor Jon Anderson signed the proclamation. The city's award now hangs in council chambers.

"I thought it was a wonderful honor," Anderson said. "The City of Burley has a community honored the flag and should be recognized for that. I hope they're able to do it statewide and countrywide because I think that the flag is very, very important and I hope see veterans, Page B3

American Flag City

For more information about the American Flag City project, call 208-679-3524 or see the Web site at <http://www.americanflagcity.net>.

Church congregation's quilt honors military veterans

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Some of the members of Trinity Lutheran Church put their heads, and talents, together for the sake of remembering their military veterans.

"We wanted to have a lasting memorial here at church for our veterans," said Pastor David Povey. "We thought it was important. We tried to come up with an idea that could include

all the names of veterans who had been — or are now — members of this congregation."

For member Betty Martin, it began coming together two years earlier. While visiting Branson, Mo. she found a pattern for a flag in a magazine.

"I liked that it looks like it's waving," Martin said.

She bought it, but didn't know who to do with it. For the record, Betty makes a lot of quilts. She works on her own and with a group of about a

dozen ladies who build a quilt for each young confirmee in the church, and a baby quilt for each new baby.

"We asked our members to turn in the names and dates of service for past and present church members who had served in the military," Povey said.

The church has a long history of men in uniform, although Betty does not recall any from World War I. Only one member, Adolph Koch, died in military

action, and that was in 1945.

Gene Holey's name is on that quilt. He has been a Trinity Lutheran member for about 50 years.

"I just had turned 18 when I was drafted. Truman was president then, in 1946," Holey remembers. "I was employed at Workman Motors then, and Harry (Workman) tried to get me deferred. But I wound up in the Air Force, which I never did figure out."

He was extensively tested,

then sent to serve as a clerk-typist.

"They put me in just the opposite category of my skills," he said. "That it was a good experience for me in the service."

"Holy suspects that a period of military service is beneficial for most young men."

"They don't just find out more what they want to do," he said. "I was so anxious to get home and get back to work. I had taken two years of auto me-

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SERVICES

Max Raymond Durk of Castle Rock, Colo., funeral at 2 p.m. today at Park's Funeral Home.

Vivian Estella Brittain of Twin Falls, funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 139 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls. Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

James Jim Bernard Roof of Hailey, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey (Wood River Chapel).

Darrell Lee Boyer of Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Lavern Arthur Murphy of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Eugene Edward Morrow, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Charles Dean Dayton of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Emerson 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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Bonnie Louise James, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Gideon William Sperle of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Dorothy Alice Ackley of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Peggy Lynn Willman (Zelmer)

SHOSHONE — Peggy Willman died on Oct. 28, 2005, at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, following an accident in Vernal, Utah.

Peggy was 24 years old. She was born on Dec. 24, 1980, in Renton, Wash. She grew up in Bend, Ore. She also attended Bend High School. She had moved to Shoshone, Idaho, Peggy enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing and just being outdoors. She devoted her entire life to enjoying her immediate and extended family.

She is survived by her mother, Iolene Miller (Andy Osburn) of Shoshone, Idaho; her father, Barry Zelmer (Julie



Williams) of Bend, Ore.; her grandmother, Odessa Zelmer of Bismark, N.D.; and grandfather, Charles Heughins of Twin

Falls, Idaho; her two brothers, Bradley and Christopher Zelmer of Bend, Ore.; and two sisters, Jennifer Tompison (Ron Bryon and Chloee) of Seattle, Wash.; and Amber Osburn (Makinzee) of Shoshone, Idaho.

Grandmother Irene Heughins of Jerome, Idaho; and her grandfather, Philip Zelmer of Bismark, N.D., preceded her in death. Also, the family dog, Abby, who was in the accident with Peggy.

Peggy will be in our hearts forever and will never be forgotten.

A memorial service and celebration of Peggy's life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, at the Shoshone Senior Center.

A. E. 'Ann' Bliven



Bliven of Bend, Ore.; her grandmother, Odessa Zelmer of Bismark, N.D.; and grandfather, Charles Heughins of Twin

TWIN FALLS — A. E. 'Ann' Bliven, 91, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at a Caring Place in Twin Falls.

Ann was born July 16, 1924, at Los Angeles, Calif., one of five children born to William and Mabel Roberts Hardacre. She attended school in Los Angeles. Ann met Lee Bliven while he was her supervisor at North American Aviation in Inglewood, Calif., during World War II. She was a "Rosie the Riveter." They were later married on Feb. 25, 1945, at Yuma, Ariz. Ann and Lee were blessed with three children, Donna, Linda and Lee II. They spent their early married life in Southern California and later moved to Northern California and then Oregon. While living in Oregon, Ann was very proud of her accomplishments in working towards obtaining her realtor's license. Unfortunately, before she finished her studies for licensure, Ann and Lee relocated to Nevada and she was unable to continue her studies. Upon leaving Nevada, they moved to Buhl, Idaho, and resided there for 20 years. Lee passed away in

1995. Ann recently moved to Twin Falls due to her failing health.

Ann was an excellent gardener and loved to work in her yard. Through the years, Ann and Lee made many friends at the "93 Club" in Jackpot. She was a regular visitor there with her friend, Mrs. Bobbi Tollera.

Ann is survived by her three children, Donna (Wayne) Bohm of Twin Falls, Linda (Dann) Beadle of Chico, Calif., and Lee II (Susan) Bliven of Beaverton, Ore.; seven grandchildren, Wayne Bohm II of

Salt Lake City, Utah, Don "Her Buddy" Bohm of Twin Falls, Mike Beadle, Christy (Travis) Barajas and John Beadle, all of California, Lee III (Carla) Bliven and Vanessa (Jim Thiele) Bliven of Eugene, Ore.; two special great-grandchildren, Kayla and Alexis Bliven of Eugene; one brother, Charles Hardacre of Milwaukie, Ore.; sisters, Jimmie (Bus) Foulkes of North Valley, Calif., and Wanda Mae Salazar of Aliso Viejo, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Lee "Red" Bliven; and her younger sister, Josie Algood.

Ann's family would like to thank Dr. Patrick Desmond and his staff for all they did for her.

Memorials may be made in Ann's name to the Childhood Cancer Campaign with the Twin Falls Optimist Club P.O. Box 755, Twin Falls, ID 83303. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 2158 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho. Dan Beadle will officiate. Cremation was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Robert T. Sorg Sr.

Buhl — Robert T. Sorg Sr., 61, of Buhl, Idaho, died suddenly Thursday morning, Oct. 27, 2005, at his home in Buhl.

Robert was born in Midland, Mich., on April 15, 1944, to Fredrick and Margaret Hall Sorg. He was one of five children.

Robert grew up in Minero Valley, Calif., and in April, 1964, he married Dale Anderson.

Robert had a passion for working with wood and created many wonderful pieces

over the years. If Robert made it, you knew it would be perfect, whether it took him one week or one year to finish.

Robert loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, camping and hunting. He especially enjoyed all the car trips he would take with Dale.

Robert is survived by his son, Robert F. Sorg Jr. of Meridian, Idaho; his loving stepdaughters, Brenda Compton of California and Lorie Beightol of Washington; his grandchildren, Michael, Ter-

sa, Jacob, Parker, Jerry Jr., Brooke, Dylan, Tyler and Emma; two great-grandchildren, his brother, Fritz; and his sister, Jan.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Richard and his sister, Mary.

Private family services have taken place. Cards of sympathy are being accepted to the Robert T. Sorg Sr. family, c/o Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents; two husbands, Gordon Beatty and Bill Chronister; son-in-law, Frank VanCasteren; grandson, Paul; great-grandson, Adam; two sisters, Mabel and Frieda; and a brother, Wilfred.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, with visitation one hour before services begin. A graveside service will follow at the West End Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, Idaho.

Vernette 'Nettie' Chronister

Buhl — Vernetta "Nettie" Chronister, 94, of Buhl, died Nov. 8, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with family at her side.

Nettie was born in Saint Paul, Minn., on July 24, 1911, to Carl E. and Freda Esther (Eckstrom) Makela. She married Gordon Beatty in 1928. To this union two daughters were born, Ethelyn and Donnette. Gordon passed away in 1963. In July of 1966, Nettie married Bill Chronister. Nettie lived in Southern California for many years until moving to Buhl, Idaho, in 1993. She enjoyed traveling and

fishing trips. Nettie was a devoted wife and loved being a mother. Her love of life shined through her wonderful sense of humor.

She enjoyed gardening and the special times when family gathered. Nettie loved her cats and was known for caring and feeding many strays that happened by.

Nettie is survived by her daughters, Ethelyn VanCasteren of Buhl, Idaho, and Donnette (Roy) Flood of Westerville, Ohio; stepdaughter, Dorothy (Wally) Marcus of Yucca Valley, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 16

House OKs plan to cut fish center funds

BOISE (AP) — At the urging of U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, funding and data analysis duties would be cut from the Fish Passage Center in Portland, Ore., under the House of Representatives legislation approved this week.

The Fish Passage Center, created by the Northwest Power Act, counts the number of computer chips embedded in young hatchery salmon as they pass dams.

Craig said transferring funding and duties of salmon studies away from the center would streamline fish and wildlife recovery costs for the Bonneville Power Administration.

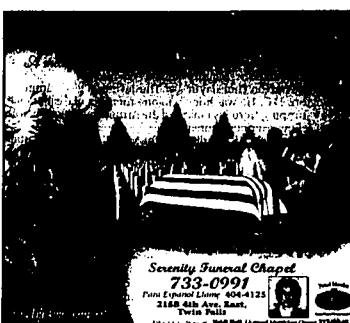
"Idaho's water should not be flushed away on experimental policies based on cloudy, incorrect assumptions," Craig said in a prepared statement. "I will continue to look for ways to ensure that dams and salmon can coexist and thrive, rather than give in to the myth that the Northwest can only have one or the other."

But salmon advocates criticized the move, saying the fish-count duties could be trans-

ferred to an agency with a conflict of interest such as the BPA. Adam Damman, a regional director of the Sierra Club, called on lawmakers to "ensure that BPA does not sabotage the necessary scientific data and analysis pro-

vided by the experts at the Fish Passage Center."

The center provides crucial information on salmon trends, said Liz Hamilton, executive director of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry.



Serenity Funeral Chapel would like to say "Thank You" to our Veterans who are honored this Veteran's Day.

DEATH

NOTICES

Dan Cara

RUPERT — Dan Cara, a 46-year-old Rupert resident died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Mindokla Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Beverly Hackney

TWIN FALLS — Beverly Hackney, 82, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 9, 2005, at her home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Thomas 'Tom' William Kohler

BELLEVUE — Thomas "Tom" William Kohler, 48, of Bellevue, Idaho, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Keetchum.

Arrangements will be made by Wood River Chapel of J. Halley, Idaho.

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Marine reservist credited with saving lives

BOISE (AP) — A Marine reservist from Boise who teaches junior high math has received a national award for his heroism in Iraq.

Sgt. Luke Miller was presented the Non-Commissioned Officer Association Military Vanguard Award on Thursday in Washington, D.C. He was honored for jumping from his tank to help fellow Marines injured in another tank when it was disabled by a massive bomb during a mission to seize a bridge.

Besides saving the lives of fellow Marines, the award

recognized that he also secured a critical battle position and identified numerous additional enemy targets during the mission.

"I'm extremely honored," Miller, 25, told The Idaho Statesman.

The award is given annually to one member of each branch of the Armed Forces for a heroic act.

On May 8, Miller's 4th Battalion tank joined a convoy headed for Karabillah, Iraq, coming under small arms and mortar fire. They made it through to their position on

the Euphrates River, but a bomb went off under another tank filled with Marines from Idaho. It was commanded by Staff Sgt. Chad Brumpton of Boise, and driven by Lance Cpl. Fernando Lazalde of Driggs. Lance Cpl. Joe Lowe of Boise was the gunner in the tank, and Lance Cpl. Mitch Ehke of Star loaded the gun and worked the radios.

Lazalde was uninjured, and Ehke was picked up by the crew of a helicopter. But the blast severely injured Brumpton and Lowe.

Miller and Lazalde helped

Brumpton and Lowe out of the tank while bullets bounced off the tank's armor. Miller gave Brumpton and the helicopter crew, which had to leave with the increase in enemy fire. When a second helicopter arrived, Miller slung Lowe over his shoulder and ran under fire to the waiting helicopter.

Then, Miller and Lazalde returned to Miller's tank to continue the battle.

Brumpton, who was unable to move his legs after the bomb because his spine had been severed by shrapnel, is still recovering.

ISDB

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residential student and \$59,000 per day student. The school gets most of its funding from the legislature, with the most recent annual appropriation being \$8.1 million.

However, parents and school districts reported high satisfaction with ISDB services, and some say the decrease in enrollment may be a sign of the school's success.

"I would say enrollment going down is a positive thing," said Jim Cobble, superintendent of the Jerome School District. "I mean, wouldn't it be a positive thing that these students are learning and then leaving with the skills to live outside the school?"

Other superintendents, such as Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs, said it would be extremely difficult for Magic Valley school districts to afford qualified instructors — such as those at the ISDB — if local districts were asked to pro-

vide special services.

Lyster said most of the instructors at ISDB have special education certification, are highly qualified math teachers, are fluent in sign language communication and hold advanced degrees.

"Just trying to find qualified personnel would be very difficult," Dobbs said. "And trying to attract them from higher paying schools would be that much more difficult."

Stone said the board has not made any decisions, other than reviving outdated state statutes — which still do not give the ISDB authority to offer outreach programs, and retains antiquated language such as, "the blind, deaf and dumb."

The board will consider recommendation before sending it to a Joint Legislative Oversight Committee in December.

Stone also said the state board is also accepting written comments from educators and the public.

Voting

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casting ballots. Precinct 2 was the lowest with 13.67 percent voting and Precinct 1 was third lowest at 13.92 percent. All three precincts are located in the southwestern part of the city.

Regardless of the disparity in voter turnout, voter preference was fairly consistent through-

out the city's 20 precincts.

Incumbent Lance Claw easily carried all 20 precincts and received overall 67.58 percent of the vote to win re-election to Seat 1. Don Hall, a newcomer to politics, did even better to win Seat 6. He carried all 20 precincts and received overall 71.41 percent.

Seat 5, with a four-candidate

race, was a bit closer. Winner Greg Lanting carried 17 of the city's precincts and received 45.22 percent of the overall vote. His closest opponent, I think it really said, the ones that burn the flag. It really irritates me when people criticize the country and the government for getting involved in Iraq.

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"A person is grateful to live in a country and be free and enjoy all the things that we do. Freedom of religion, and all the rest. A person should be proud to serve his country," Holy said.

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"With regard to Iraq, we either fight them there, or we fight them here," said Poovey. By the way, that's an excerpt from his sermon for this Sunday.

'God Bless America' not an immediate hit
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Quilt

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chanks in high school, and I needed up doing that after the service."

He is happy that he fulfilled his military obligation.

Marvin Reichert was drafted at 18, in 1953. He spent most of his high school on heavy equipment at Fort Lewis, Wash.

"They tried to send me overseas," Reichert recalls. "Twice I was put up for shipment to Korea, and Capt. Farr got me off. The third time, the army called me up to Stuttgart, Germany. Capt. Farr said he thought I'd better take it or I'd be in Korea."

Germany helped Reichert relearn the German he thought he'd lost. He grew up in a family that spoke German at home. He toured the country on weekends and once went with a soldier buddy to England, who had an aunt with whom they could stay.

"It was a different way of living," he said. "His aunt didn't

even have a cook stove. She cooked over a fireplace. Breakfast was usually bread and jam and tea."

Martin's family is filled with veterans. Her two brothers, Jack and Roy Anderson, both served, as did her father and three brothers. She even had an aunt who was a WAC — and proud of it. The aunt was buried with full military honors. Her grandson, Travis Martin, returned on Tuesday from Iraq.

All of these things came together in one flag-waving quilt. All in all, Betty spent about three months constructing the intricate, curved-seam flag.

"I had never done machine embroidery before, so it was slow going at times," she said. "I learned I couldn't pick out my mistakes because it made holes in the fabric, so I embroidered patches and sewed them over the mistakes."

It was finished in time to present it to the congregation

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When I went in, it was my turn to do my share. I wanted the freedom to do what I wanted."

Pastor Poovey said that God is obviously not against war, since in the Old Testament, he turned wars.

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Here is a list of Veterans Day events taking place in Magic Valley.

Today:

Twin Falls
Veterans Day tribute at 11 a.m. at Twin Falls City Park, traditional ceremony will include a flag-raising and the playing of "Taps."
The guest speaker will be National Guardsman Sgt. Shane Hohnhorst. Children from Bickel Elementary and Magic Valley Christian School will sing patriotic songs.

The Twin Falls County Historical Museum is honoring all veterans and their families with a veterans display that opens today. The display includes uniforms and memorabilia from the Spanish-American War to the present. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and at other times by appointment. For more information, call Darleen Porter at 736-4675 or 420-4561.

The city of Twin Falls has proclaimed November "Hometown Heroes Month" to honor the soldiers of the 116th Brigade Combat team who are returning from Iraq. The city and veterans

organization are asking individuals and businesses to honor their local soldiers by putting "Welcome Hometown Heroes" on their reader boards or signs.

Jerome
A Veterans Day open house will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the Snake River Elk Lodge. Veterans and friends are welcome to tour the facilities and visit with the member veterans. All veterans will receive a free cocktail from the Veterans Committee. For more information, call Bill Ogata at 324-4926.

Wendell
The dedication for the South Central Idaho Veterans Park will be at 1:30 p.m. today at 350 E. Main. Flagpoles, park benches and pedestals with tiles with military personnel's name, rank or branch and dates of service will decorate the park, which was a two-year project and will continue to be ongoing, organizers say. Col. Robert Brodenick from the Mountain Home Air Force Base will dedicate the park. Students from Wendell Elementary School will sing and Wendell Junior High School bands will play military songs. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans Day events

Buhl
The Buhl Veterans Day program also will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at the park.

Paul
The Paul American Legion and Auxiliary will host a Veterans Day potluck dinner at 6:30 tonight at the American Legion Hall. All veterans and their spouses are welcome. Those attending should bring a covered dish to share. The program will consist of the Old Time Fiddlers, cowboy poetry and singing. This is also an opportunity to help the veterans in the nursing homes by bringing a gallon can of vegetables or fruit for the food program, which will be taken to the Pocatello Veterans Home on Thursday. For more information, call Arlene Olson, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, at 436-2235.

Declo
The Declo American Legion Post 144 is holding a Veterans Day commemoration program, dinner and auction fundraiser at 6 tonight at the gymnasium/multi-purpose room at Declo Elementary School, 120 E. Main St. The program will feature a patriotic tribute to veterans, the B-Dazzled Dance Group and patriotic songs by a Snake River

Flats quartet, "Park View Boys." The cost of the dinner is \$13.50 per person and all proceeds will benefit the 2005 Food Convey for Idaho's veterans' homes and American Legion children's and young people's programs. For more information, call Roger Bovee at 678-2630 or at 431-8630 or Charlotte Bossert at 436-5296 or 436-4717.

Saturday:

Twin Falls
The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. to hear a presentation on the U.S. flag by Mike Matthews, regional director for the office of U.S. Sen. Larry Craig. A veterans offering also will be taken. Prospective members are welcome.

Fairfield
The Annual Post 19 Veterans Day dinner will be Saturday at the American Legion Hall. Happy hour will start at 5 p.m., followed by the meal at 6 p.m. All veterans and their guests are welcome. All participants should bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. The main dish will be provided by the auxiliary.

Veterans

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don't think that people recognize that as much as we used to."

Thompson, who is self-employed in marketing promotions, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam years.

"His son is now in the Navy and stationed in Virginia Beach, Va."

"The main thrust behind it is my love for the American flag and what it represents," Thompson said. "In a nutshell, it doesn't matter whether someone is liberal or conservative or Democrat or Republican. If you have a love for America and what it stands for, a love for its hopes and dreams, you have a strong feeling for the flag. The flag represents the great principles

that are still growing, like courage."

Thompson said the cities of Twin Falls, Rupert and Albion could be the next recipients of

the American Flag City designation.

"I aim to spread it as far and wide as it will go," Thompson said.

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7:30 • 9:15 (G)

DREAMER
The Dream of a Boy Who Became a Star
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Section C

New entertainment section debuts Thursday

Starting Nov. 17, your weekend will start earlier. The Times-News is replacing our Friday Weekend section with a new, expanded arts and entertainment section called TNT: Times-News Ticket. It will be published every Thursday. In addition to articles about upcoming local performing arts events, TNT will include restaurant and book reviews, a south-central Idaho dining guide, travel and music news, reviews of new video game releases and expanded coverage of movies and DVDs. TNT will be published in a tabloid format, with expanded use of graphics that we hope will make it easier to use in planning your weekend. Look for TNT every Thursday in The Times-News, starting Nov. 17.

best bets in entertainment

New age magic

The California Guitar Trio will play the Buhl High School Auditorium tonight, a concert sponsored by the Buhl Arts Council.

Cowboy up

The 10th annual Mini-Cassia Snake River Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering continues at the Wilson Theater today and Saturday.

A child's story



Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon's musical "The Secret Garden" tonight and twice Saturday — afternoon and evening shows — at Howells Opera House in Oakley.

Funny man



Bill Cosby will do two shows, a matinee and an evening performance, Saturday at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University.

Red-hot rap

Fast-rising hip-hop star Twista will perform at Teazers Bar & Grill in Ogden, Utah, Saturday night.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C3-4-5



Jeff Silcock plays the tuba Tuesday night at the Fine Arts Center auditorium on the CSI campus in Twin Falls as the Magic Valley Symphony rehearses for next week's concert.

Star power

Fast-rising violinist Kennedy energizes M. V. Symphony

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Imagine novelist Ian Fleming consulting Sean Connery, the actor who would make Fleming's James Bond character a household word, in the writing of "Goldfinger," "Doctor No" and "Thunderball."

Unthinkable? Happened to 19th century composer Antonin Dvorak. Dvorak thought so much of the virtuosity of the most famous violinist of the time, a Hungarian named Joseph Joachim, that he gave Joachim permission to make alterations to Dvorak's Violin concerto in A minor.

That collaboration didn't turn out so well: While Dvorak revised the concerto twice, he was insulted by Joachim's comments and finally refused to let the violinist perform at his premiere.

"When you compose for a soloist, it adds a difficult dimension," said Ted Hadley, the Magic Valley Symphony's musical director and conductor.

Nevertheless, Dvorak's concerto — written in 1875 — has become known as a virtuoso piece.

"Very challenging," Hadley said.

Enter Carrie Kennedy, the soloist who will perform with the symphony at its second concert of the season Tuesday night. Kennedy is a young Texan, a graduate student at New York's Stony Brook University who was the winner of the 2001 National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist Award for Strings — a major accomplishment for a budding musician.

"She's an outstanding violinist," Hadley said. "She's short, but she packs a lot of power in her frame."

Tuesday will be the second occasion that Kennedy has a chance to dazzle a Twin Falls audience; she performed a solo concert here two years ago.

"She interacted with members of our orchestra and made a very positive impression," Hadley said.

As a rising star, Kennedy the kind of musician suited for Dvorak's concerto. In the concert program notes she compiled, the symphony's researcher, publicist and horn player Paula Brown Sinclair points out that Dvorak and Joachim's collaboration may have resulted in a "not too much" concerto.

The first movement is "fast, but not too much," the second

"slow, but not too much" and the third "gayly fast, but not too much."

"Audiences have not complained," she adds.

The symphony will also play Beethoven's Second Symphony, written in 1802 when the composer had lost much of his hearing. It's a sprightly piece of music by a master musician who, historians speculate, may have been close to suicide at the time.

"I have been a stranger to the thrill of joy for so long," Beethoven wrote to his brothers. "When, oh God, when shall I feel joy once more! ... Ever again? No, that would be too cruel."

Still, Beethoven was confident enough to triple the usual ticket prices for his concert seat, and he premiered the symphony in Vienna along with his Piano concerto in C minor, with himself as soloist.

"It's a very happy piece of music, and musicians love to play Beethoven," Hadley said. The orchestra's third offering Tuesday night will be 20th century Romanian composer George Enescu's "Roumanian Rhapsody." Enescu was violinist known for bringing the folk music of his country to the concert hall.



Carrie Kennedy

Listen to the music

- What: The Magic Valley Symphony will present its second concert of the season.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Tuesday, 8 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, are available at Everybody's Business, CSI Bookstore, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the door.

Meet the members

Members of the Magic Valley Symphony:

- First violin — Lori Casperson, concertmaster; Dana Dewey, Angie Filmore, Claire Gray, Kathy Harris, Dorey Ward and Heidi Copeland
- Second violin — Ken Patterson; Annette Barrum, Chris McCall, Melanie Nielsen, Jessica Byington, Jenni Leigh Jones, Kevish McCombs, Andrew Toft and Kimberly Turner
- Viola — Kevin Howard, Ron Wade and Jan R. Olsen
- Cello — Rick Strickland, Lorne Pringle, Renee Birch, Susan Glaze, Barry Hamilton, Lisa Pierce, Ian Birch and Tara Brenner
- Bass — Aaron Miller, Michael New, Alan Becerra and Walker Oyster

- Flute and piccolo — Jo Ann Gerish, Slicke Corbett and Luciana Jones
- Oboe — Janie Griff and Marcelaine Glenn
- Clarinet — Patty Hadley and Bob Byers
- Bassoon — Clark Anderson and Lori Miller
- Horn — Paula Brown Sinclair, H. Richard Cook, David Marsh and Cheryl Zalk
- Trumpet — Rich Speicher, Kathryn M. Cooper and Dara Loines
- Base trombone — Jerry Green
- Tuba — Jeffrey S. Slicko
- Piano — Margaret Vincent
- Timpani — Doug Hargens
- Percussion — Glenn Arrington, David Coleman, Adam Kroeger and Garin Savage
- Lighting/sound — Dan MacLennan and Mike Winstenleiter
- Stage manager — Ian Birch

The thapsody consists of five melodies, including a drinking song and several peasant dances.

"You can really hear the influence of the Middle East," Hadley said.

It's a no-holds-barred chestal piece.

"The Dvorak and the Beethoven (compositions) have limited orchestration," Hadley said. "The Enescu gives our whole orchestra a chance to perform."

Kennedy will present a master class on Monday suitable for all string students of any age. It's a group lesson and then scheduled for the College of Southern Idaho at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14. For more information, contact Hadley in advance at 733-6079.

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On the road with Baloo & Co. Missoula Children's Theater comes to T.F.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Let's suppose that 60 kids are in costume, on the stage or back of it, and Mowgli is a niter indispensable character in Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book" — forgets a line.

"We might say the line ourselves, or even whisper it to Mowgli," said Corey Roberts, one of the actor/directors in the Missoula, Mont., Children's Theater production that goes on stage Saturday at the O'Leary Junior High School Auditorium. "We're trained to expect anything, and be ready for it. There's not much that surprises us."

The Mowgli road show is nothing if not flexible.

'Jungle Book' Saturday

Two performances of Missoula, Mont., Children's Theater's production of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book" will be presented by the Magic Valley Arts Council on Saturday at 3 and 7 p.m. in the O'Leary Junior High School Auditorium in Twin Falls, featuring a local cast of 54 actors and four assistant directors, aged 5

Roberts, a 22-year-old North Carolinian, and Julie Schwartz, a 21-year-old from New Jersey, comprise one of 27 teams sent on the road each year to stage kids' shows from Alaska to Florida and internationally. On the job since last June, Schwartz and Roberts have already directed 16 or 17 of the week-long

through 18.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for kids under 18 and are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, Everybody's Business and Kimberly Murawski in Twin Falls, Farmer's National Bank in Buhl, and Anne's Flowers in Jerome.

residences that culminate in Saturday shows — and they've done it all over the United States.

"We work six days and then travel on Sundays," Schwartz explained. "The longest trip we've had was 10 hours."

Roberts and Schwartz haul themselves and all of their costumes

and sets in a Ford Ranger. The production has been typical, auditions and casting on Mondays, four days of rehearsals, a dress rehearsal on Saturday morning and then performances in the afternoon and again in the evening.

"It keeps us busy, but it's not as if we have no time off," Roberts said. "After we got through on Monday, which was a pretty busy day, we even had time to go out for ice cream."

By then, they had sifted through 241 auditions — the largest turnout, so far, on their tour — and chosen a cast of 54 kids for 19 different roles, plus four assistant directors. Their ages range from 5 to 18.

Schwartz and Roberts take turns playing Baloo the Bear, "Jungle Book's" signature role,

while the other directs traffic backstage. Schwartz turns to don the earth-tone bear suit — sorry, Baloo isn't blue — this week.

"It's a good choice, because one of us is on stage all the time and one of us is off stage," Schwartz said.

"Missoula Children's Theater has this down pretty well," Roberts said. "They've been at this a long time."

MCT has been touring for 30 years and the Magic Valley Arts Council has been sponsoring the troupe's visits here since 2000. Roberts and Schwartz say it surprises them how quickly kids can learn their lines — it's a 51-page script — and how good they can be on stage with a little preparation.

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Aniston plays flirtatious analyst in 'Derailed'

Starting today

"Derailed"

Swedish director Mikael Hafstrom, in his first English-language film, is trying hard to be Alfred Hitchcock — or at least Adrian Lyne, the director of "Fatal Attraction," which "Derailed" resembles stylistically and thematically. The main thing here's missing, though, is subtlety. Everything is big, loud and in-your-face; the villain can't even enter a scene without a blast of foreboding music accompanying his arrival, and the twists are pretty obvious, pretty quickly. Clive Owen plays an ad executive who seduces Jennifer Aniston's beautiful, flirtatious intelligence analyst while commuting to work in Chicago. Their marital affair is interrupted by a generally menacing European badgie (Vincent Casso) who attacks and torments them. They're all distractingly miscast. R for strong disturbing violence, language and some sexuality.

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'"

As Eminem's protege, 50 Cent got the entree to rap superstardom and all the automatic wealth, fame and cred that go along with it. But apparently he didn't get any acting lessons. And so the film debut from 50 Cent (real name: Curtis Jackson) plays like a feeble reread of Eminem's film debut "8 Mile" — not just because it's arriving in theaters only three years later and it's so similarly semi-fictional, which it is. Mainly, "Get Rich" proves once again, as in "Gritzy," that standing in front of a camera and portraying a thinly veiled version of yourself is harder than it sounds. Eminem pulled it off — even though "8 Mile" was essentially a rap version of "The Karate Kid" — because he had an inescapable charisma, an intensity about him and an innate ability to connect with his audience in a way that was evident even from his earliest music videos. 50, though, has always had a much more low-key vibe, which on the big screen renders him nearly inert. Terrence Howard and Jay Bryant co-star. R for strong vio-

Gooding Film Festival

The first annual Gooding Film Festival will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday through Nov. 20 at the Schubert Theater. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. A private showing of the films will be held Wednesday for sponsors and college students.

The festival will feature works done by the students of Western States College based in Gooding. The featured artist is Tezaca-based filmmaker Franly Ramont and her film "Unfinished Business."

This year's show is sponsored by video editing software firms Avid and Pinnacle, along with Western

Gooding Film Festival

States College, the Schubert Theater, Strickland Real Estate and Maxion's Oasis.

Tickets are \$5 for each night. For more information, call 731-2923. The Schubert Theater is located at 402 Main St.

The schedule:

Thursday
"Am I Right"/"Krazy Kreatures"
Coyotes commercial
"Con Pulos commercial"
"God Bless the USA"
"Built to Fall"
"The Left Skyling Show"
"The Drill"
"Head in the Clouds"

Nov. 18
"From the Field to Your Door"
Coyotes commercial
"Con Pulos commercial"
"God Bless the USA"
"Built to Fall"
"The Left Skyling Show"
Nov. 19
"Built to Fall"
"The Drill"
"Head in the Clouds"
"God Bless the USA"
"The Left Skyling Show"
"Countdown to Destruction"
Q&A with cast and crew
Nov. 20
"Unfinished Business"
Q&A with director Franly Ramont

Continuing

"Chicken Little"
The first fully computer-animated feature from the Disney Studios is also the first in its animation history to feel entirely generic. A mishmash of conflicting visual elements with a silly "War of the Worlds" alien invasion plot, the film boasts the voices of Zach Braff and Joan Cusack and not much else. 1 hr 21 G (nothing offensive, except for signaling the end of great traditional ink-and-paint animation)

"Doom"
In this sci-fi misfire, The Rock leads a squad of Marines to Mars to snuff out a disastrous genetics experiment. Stick with the videogame version. R (violence and gore, profanity)

"Dreamer"
Dakota Fanning and Kurt Russell star in this charming girl-and-her-horse yarn, in which all sorts of odds, obstacles and busted relationships have to be overcome. Elisabeth Shue, Kris Kristofferson, Freddy Rodriguez and a big, beautiful filly co-star. PG (adult themes, profanity)

"Grizzly Man"
Tim Herzog's unbelievable but true saga of Timmy Treadwell, self-styled ecowarrior and Dr. Doobittle to the Alaskan grizzly. In October 2003, Treadwell's remains were discovered near his campsite in Alaska's Katmai National Park and Preserve; he had been mauled and devoured by a grizzly. Herzog uses Treadwell's own startling documentary footage to paint a portrait of a complex and compelling figure while exploring larger questions about the uneasy relationship between man and nature. R (medical candor)

"Zathura"
You could do a lot worse than take the kids to see this spunky, good-natured family flick that offers plenty of pyrotechnics and a refreshing dynamic of brotherly love-hate from the movie's two endearing child leads. A close cousin to Robin Williams' 1995 hit "Jumanji" (both are adapted from similarly themed children's books by Chris Van Allsburg), "Zathura" is a better picture, relying on heart and heartthrob instead of the earlier film's suffocating star power and special effects. The story centers on two squabbling brothers (Josh Hutcherson and Jonah Bobo) hurled into outer-space peril while they play a mysterious sci-fi board game found in

"The Dukes of Hazzard"

This weird, moonshine-and-marijuana-fueled yee-haw fest based on the '80s TV show pushes the PG-13 envelope with raunch and redneck ribaldry and an orgy of stunt. Please see MOVIES, Page C7

What's playing

Twin Falls

Twin Cinema
"Chicken Little"
"Christmas with the Kranks"
"Dreamer"
"Elizabethtown"
"Fantastic 4"
"The Fog"
"Get Rich or Die Tryin"
"Just Like Heaven"
"The Legend of Zorro"
"Madagascar"
"The Work and the Glory: American Zion?"
"Zathura"

"Dreamer"

"Jehovah"
"Prime"
Bigwood Classics
"Chicken Little"
"Derailed"
"Jehovah"
"Zathura"
SkTime Cinema
"Chicken Little"
"Zathura"

Sun Valley Opera House

"The Legend of Zorro"
Burley
Century Cinema
"Chicken Little"
"Dreamer"
"The Legend of Zorro"
"The Work and the Glory: American Zion"
"Zathura"
Burley Theater
"The Dukes of Hazzard"

Jerome

Jerome Cinema
"Chicken Little"
"Derailed"
"The Legend of Zorro"
"Zathura"

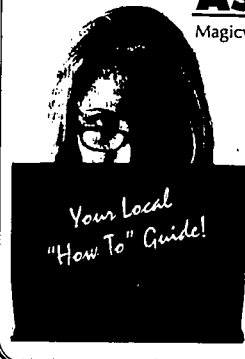
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WEEKEND

Blues Traveller, Carbon Leaf play in Boise's 'Big Easy' tonight

TONIGHT

Blues/Boise
Blues Traveller and Carbon Leaf will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, on-line at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Aukerson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Buhl
The California Guitar Trio will play the Buhl High School Auditorium at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Buhl Arts Council. Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youngsters, are available by phoning 543-2888.

Theater/Oakley
Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon's musical "The Secret Garden" at 7:30 p.m. in Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

Acoustic-Folk/Twin Falls
Dillon Mayes will play from 7 to 10 p.m. at O.D.s. No cover charge. O.D.s is located at 117 Main Ave. E.

Variety/Twin Falls
Pure Country will play country and '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.

Country/Jerome
Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. The Snake River Elks Lodge is located at 412 E. 200 S. on Highway 93.

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

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 9:30 p.m. until closing at Phat Eddy's. No cover charge. Ages 21 and older. Phat Eddy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

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/Jerome
Rock Star Karaoke competition with a DJ will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's. Cash awards. Fee to enter the Karaoke contest is \$10. No cover charge. Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke with Loose 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 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Clover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Clover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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

Karaoke/Rupert
Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar.



502 Sixth St.

Karaoke/Burley
Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

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

Theater/Chubbuck
Robert Newman of Rupert will star in the production "Toby and Hyde" at 7 p.m. for a dinner show at the Mystique Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 to \$35 (dinner and show), are available by calling the box office at (208) 238-9001. The Mystique Theater is located at 158 E. Chubbuck Road.

Figure skating/Utah
Disney on Ice will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, \$15, \$21, \$30 and \$38, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or on-line at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Classical/Utah
Utah Symphony will perform the music of Mozart, Berg and Brahms at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$22, \$28, \$38 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 335-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
The Realizer Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Bubble Visitor" 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.

Theater/Twin Falls
The Magic Valley Arts Council will present *Melanie, Moon, Children's Theater's* dramatization of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book," 3 and 7 p.m., O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids under 18, are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls, Farmer's National Bank in Buhl and at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome.

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Craft show/Buhl
The seventh annual Craft

Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 621 12th Ave. N. Wreaths, swags, arrangements, ornaments, candles, painted items, decorations, baby items, baked food and candy will be offered, and refreshments will be served.

Craft show/Filer
Crafts of Joy, Gifts of Love Holiday House is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Filer Nazarene Fellowship Hall. The event is a fundraiser for the House of James, a home for street children in Ukraine. Handicrafts and baked foods will be offered.

Dance/Filer
The Roseand Band will play for a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Roseand Crystal Ballroom. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. The Roseand Crystal Ballroom is located at 523 Main St.

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

Variety/Twin Falls
Pure Country will play country and '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.

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DJ Night will be featured from 9:30 p.m. until closing at Phat Eddy's. No cover charge. Ages 21 and older. Phat Eddy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

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DJ Night will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Country/Burley
Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's. No cover charge. George K's is located at 324 E. Third N.

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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/Jerome
Rock Star Karaoke competition with a DJ will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's. Cash awards. Fee to enter the Karaoke contest is \$10. No cover charge. Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

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Karaoke with Loose 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.

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WEEKEND

Putting 'Simpsons' together

Getting episodes ready isn't always a barrel of laughs

The Orlando Sentinel

LOS ANGELES — From the inside, a genius factory can appear surprisingly blank. Two dozen people sitting around a long table in a nondescript trailer, reading aloud under muted fluorescent lighting.

But unlike watching sausage or legislation being made, watching the creation of an episode of "The Simpsons" is exciting — or at least hearing it is. After all, the series has been dubbed the greatest show of the 20th century by Time magazine.

Each week, it begins at the "table read" on the Fox studio lot. Here, cast members try out a new script as writers and producers take careful notes, sometimes based on the reactions of the roughly three dozen guests ringing the room in padded blue chairs.

Part assembly line and part creative gestation, it will take another nine months for the finished episode to see the light of a television screen — like the show's belated Halloween special, "Treehouse of Horrors," which aired recently on Fox.

And you thought putting a "Simpsons" episode together was some chaotic laugh riot thrown together in a week? D'Oh!

Like encountering a costumed Mickey Mouse without his head backstage at a Disney theme park, it is a little disconcerting at first to hear the voices of the Simpsons — Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Moe — and their friends and neighbors coming from the mouths of people rather than cartoons.

Clustered around one end of



the table are the show's casually dressed actors, some multiple Emmy-winners: Dan Castellaneta (Homer), Nancy Cartwright (Bart), Julie Kavner (Marge), Yeardley Smith (Lisa) and Hank Azaria (Moe, Apu). The mood is relaxed, but at the same time all business, with a minimum of bantering. After all, they have been going through the routine for nearly 20 years.

"The Simpsons" busy creator Matt Groening, in a black, short-sleeved T-shirt, has pride of place at the center of one long side of the table. To his right is a veteran character actor who is the episode's guest star. Directly across from Groening is long-time writer Ian Maxtone-Graham, who reads quickly through the script's stage directions. Daniel Chun, the episode's writer, sits among the actors.

The idea for today's script

comes from a New York Times article, spotted by "Simpsons" producer James L. Brooks, about problems the military is having with recruits. As family patriarch Homer Simpson often says, "It's funny 'cause it's true."

But at this point, "The Simpsons" script is still evolving, a work in progress. Sometimes it is delivered to cast members' homes by courier at 1 a.m. the morning of the table read. Other days, they see it for the first time when they get to the trailer, which requires a completely "cold" read of their parts, color-coded on the script.

Yet even in rough form, with a few missed cues and one or two blown lines during the run-through, it is vintage sharp-edged "Simpsons" with anti-establishment humor likely to endure through reruns, syn-

dication and DVDs. Executive Producer Al Jean, called the "show-runner," has his own simple notation system for the jokes: checks for ones that work; Xs for those that don't.

"When we hear it in the voices of the characters, we get an insight into the material," says Jean, who like many of the show's writers is a Harvard graduate. "If it's something the room likes," he says, it usually stays in.

Invitations to the table read are considered among the hottest tickets in Hollywood, and each visitor has an assigned seat. Celebrities, usually with children in tow, are a fixture.

It takes about 40 minutes to run through an episode that will run 22 minutes and 30 seconds (plus commercials) when it airs next season. After the session, there is applause and stretching. Groening and most cast members linger to chat, autograph the scripts and pose for snapshots.

Outside the trailer, Groening chats with Azaria about the episode they have just read. Groening wonders whether some aspects of the plot are "a little out there." Well, Azaria replies sarcastically, it is Season 4, 063.

Actually, the show is now in its 17th season.

As he scrolls off, script in hand, Groening says, "Now I have to go make this a little better."

And what is Hollywood leaving under the tree?

The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

So far, movie audiences have been more naughty than nice in rejecting some of the summer's biggest no-brainers, like "Stealth" and "Kingdom of Heaven." If Santa doesn't pull something big out of his sack by Dec. 25, this could be a bleak winter for the busy elves on the West Coast.

Dominating the holiday schedule — at 50 feet high, in every sense of the word — is "King Kong" (Dec. 14). Peter Jackson's pull-out-the-stops, three-hour, \$207 million remake of the classic 1933 thriller about a sub-colossal similar on the loose in Manhattan. This one, starring Jack Black, Adrien Brody, Naomi Watts as the screaming lady, and Andy Serkis ("Lord of the Rings" Gollum) doing the face-modeling for the computer-graphics ape, promises to have all the excitement that the last "Kong" remake (1976, Jessica Lange, remember?) so conspicuously

lacked. Anyway, here's hoping.

In the gifts-that-keep-on-giving department, we have Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Nov. 18), the fourth in the Harry Potter franchise, with Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and assorted other teen witches and wizards again crossing swords with the super-nasty He-Who-Cannot-Be-Named but whom we will (Voldemort — byaaaa-haaaa-haaaa). Parents, take note: If this movie is anything like the book, it may be considerably darker than previous Potters.

Givvy: Harry Potter a run for his broomstick this year is Disney's "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" (Dec. 9), the first of what will almost certainly be a franchise based on the much-loved seven-volume series about a magic land beyond the wardrobe where an evil witch (Tilda Swinton) and a chivalrous lion (voice of Liam Neeson) fight for the hearts and souls of four children.

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For 20th Century Fox Film Corp., a division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., "The Simpsons" continues to be a Mount Everest of money. It generates billions of dollars for the Australian media, who has been lampooned in several episodes. In addition to the broadcast and worldwide syndication income from about 10 countries, the show also sells well on DVD, now with ten regularly releases, including "The

Complete Seventh Season" (1995-1996), set to go on sale Dec. 13. HarperCollins, also a division of Fox, publishes the show's guidebooks, with the latest, "The Simpsons: One Step Beyond Forever," covering seasons 13 and 14, due soon in bookstores. There are also a half-dozen CDs featuring music from the show, as well as hundreds of licensed products, from boxer shorts to character figures to candy dispensers.

Last week, Electronic Arts announced it has signed a deal to develop multiple "next generation" video games based on "The Simpsons." The games will be created at EA's studios in Redwood Shores, Calif. Ratings for "The Simpsons" have softened in recent years, with the show rated 42nd this season and rarely in the top 10. It places 36th in the 18-49 age category coveted by advertisers. The cast is under contract for two feature films based on the series.

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Movies

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driving, Jessica Simpson plays pneumatic bumpkin Daisy Duke, with Johnny Knoxville and Sean William Scott as Luke and Bo. PG-13 (sex jokes, drugs, violence, profanity)

"Elizabethtown"

Orlando Bloom stars in Cameron Crowe's film, a tangle of tangents and moods, about a corporate failure who in facing the death of a parent, is reborn. I liked this movie better when it was called Garden State. PG-13 (sexual candor, language)

"Flightplan"

During an airline flight, the daughter of a recently widowed woman (Jodie Foster) mysteriously vanishes. Foster gives a compelling, tense performance, but the film loses steam too early. PG-13 (violence, intense plot material)

"The Fog"

A small coastal town is threatened by a malevolent force hidden in an offshore shroud. With Tom Welling, Maggie Grace, Radé Sherbedgia and Selma Blair. Written by Cooper Layne, based on the film written by John Carpenter and Debra Hill. Directed by Rupert Wainwright. PG-13.

"Jarhead"

Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Anthony Swofford, the real-life Marine whose memoir of his experiences in the first Gulf War makes for a sometimes ferocious combat pic. Jamie Foxx is strong as the barking, bellowing staff sergeant, and director Sam



Timothy Treadwell makes a friend in 'Grizzly Man.'

Courtesy of Lion's Gate Films

Mendes delivers some moments of real glory, but the narrative falters towards the end. R (violence, profanity, adult themes)

"Just Like Heaven"

Groaningly awful romantic comedy starring Reese Witherspoon as a ghost and Mark Ruffalo as the tenant of the apartment she's haunting. An unpalatable mish-mash of the meet-cute and the metaphysical. PG-13 (sexual content)

"The Legend of Zorro"

Martin Campbell's sequel to his brazenly enjoyable 1998

lick, "The Mask of Zorro," is a movie-movie — big, lush and sexy. And formulaic, saddled with more plot than it needs and more "Spy Kids" references than it should have, but still ...

PG (sequences of violence/peril and action, language)

"Prime"

Starring Uma Thurman.

"Saint Ralph"

Michael McGowan's fable of a Canadian teen-ager who sets out to win the Boston Marathon in order to save his dying mother. With Adam Butcher, Shauna MacDonal and Campbell Scott. PG-13.

"Saw 2"

A wanton, unconscionable

display of blood and gore. "Saw II" takes the premise of the original film — a British serial killer devises elaborate games to toy with and torture his victims — to new depths of depravity. Vilely violent. "Saw II" is the Phenom Phen of splatter movies. R (grisy violence and gore, terror, language and drug content)

"The Weather Man"

Nicolas Cage stars as a Chicago TV meteorologist whose life is falling apart in this gloomy, artsy meditation on failure and family dysfunction. Hope Davis is the ex-wife who's moving on. Michael Caine is the judgmental, famous-author dad. It's all very bleak. R (profanity, adult themes)

"The Work and the Glory: American Zion"

The story of how the Mormons made their way to the American West in search of a home free from persecution informs this historical drama, based on the novel by Gerald N. Lund. PG-13.

Source: Knight Rider News Service, Los Angeles Times

Theater

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"They learn to hit their cues, which are usually a word in the dialogue," Roberts said. "And they really get into the story."

The team will be on the road until May — it's spending much of the winter touring Canada, North Dakota and Montana, and both women are hoping to re-up for a second tour next year.

Recent college graduates with performing-arts degrees Schwartz from Wagner College in New York City and Roberts from Elon University in North

Carolina — they got their jobs by auditioning at theater conferences. They figure their experience wrangling young thespians will be invaluable training for future careers in theater.

"If there's a problem with a costume, we can fix it; if there's a problem with the set, we can fix that too," Roberts said. "It's a lot of fun."

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Meet the cast

- Moviel: Aubry Schvaneveldt
- Young People: Aubrey Holt
- Business: Emily Williams
- Alaska: Justin Hernandez
- Mother Wolf: Sydney Diederich
- Father Wolf: Jerrett Lewis
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- Wolf Pups: Alegha Bizik, Haley Nizon and Kevin Togan
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- Habit: Hank Hanson
- Ridd-Think-Twit: Alexa Johnson

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WEEKEND

Apple's Front Row comes closer to couch-driven computing

By Rob Pegoraro
The Washington Post

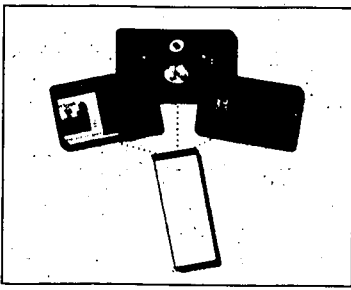
Now that the computer industry is nearing the end of its decades-long quest to ensure that nobody's nose is farther than three feet from a monitor, some companies are moving on to a different, more difficult goal: Letting you keep using the computer from across the room.

About three years ago, Microsoft took a stab at that goal with its Media Center Edition of Windows XP. This ambitious, creative release added a simplified, large-type interface that could be driven from the couch using a remote control, but it went nowhere in the market. Its done a little better recently, as manufacturers have begun leaving out Media Center's most glitch-prone feature, the ability to tune into and record TV broadcasts.

Now Apple is making its own attempt. Its Front Row software standard on the updated iMac G5 desktop it introduced last month — offers a different, radically simpler form of couch-driven computing.

Where Media Center came with a long list of features and options, Front Row does only four things: You can play music, you can look at your photos, cue up a TV show or watch video files stored on your hard drive or online. It doesn't lump in irrelevant commands (for example, Media Center's bizarre inclusion of photo-editing tools) that it has no preferences screen for you to mull over, and its remote control consists of just six buttons.

That's what you'd expect of Apple products. Where most of the computer industry treads on under a banner of "more" — more processor speed, more expansion ports, more stickers on the front of the computer — Apple's mission statement amounts to "less." It is one of



Washington Post photo

Apple's Front Row software offers a different, radically simpler form of couch-driven computing. Its nano-sized remote leads you to four icons: Music, Videos, DVD or Photos.

the few companies in the business that understands editing — how the discipline imposed by having to remove yet another button, menu and toolbar can yield simpler, easier and more useful products.

The iPod may be the best example of that. In Front Row, Apple has given us an interface obviously modeled after its category-defining, competition-crushing portable media player. With that lineage, the results ought to be a breakthrough hit. But they're not — at least, not yet.

Front Row certainly starts off right. Take that tiny remote (it even looks like a flattened iPod shell), press its "menu" button, and the image of your desktop pulls away in a slick, animated transition, replaced by four icons floating over a black background: Music, Videos, DVD, Photos.

Selecting each one (your choice is heralded with a sound effect, such as a camera shut-

available to listen to or watch on your Mac. Under "Music," you see songs, playlists, Web-radio presets and downloaded podcasts organized in iTunes. "Photos" offers the albums and collections set up in iPhoto. "Videos" reveals any programs downloaded in iTunes, as well as movie trailers hosted on Apple's own site. And "DVD," obviously enough, presents whatever movie is in the iMac's CD/DVD drive, with basic commands ("play movie," "chapter list" and so on) presented in a plain, text-only list that's easier to read from across the room than many DVD menus.

The remote's buttons function like those on an iPod. Its central play/pause button sends you one level deeper in any screen, while the menu button takes you one level back up. The forward and back buttons scroll up and down lists of content — and as you keep one pressed, you scroll faster and

faster, just the way an iPod's click wheel whirs through song lists. But Front Row leaves out functions that have been standard on iPods for years. It lacks the iPod's on-the-go playlist function to cue up a set of songs. It doesn't highlight podcasts you haven't yet heard. It doesn't preview the photos in an album as thumbnail images you can browse before selecting one or the other; instead, you can see your photos only as a slideshow.

Front Row's music component is missing two features of iTunes. When you tune in to an Internet radio station (so long as it provides an iTunes-compatible format, usually an MP3 stream), it can't display the title and artist of the current song, even though iTunes will. And it can't accompany playback of any song with the cool visualizations that iTunes generates; instead, the screen stays fixed

on the title of the song, along with an image of its album cover if available. The last issue with Front Row is that it runs on only one computer.

The iMac, available in \$1,299 and \$1,699 configurations, remains one of the best home computers around. But for all the iMac's appeal, its screen — either 17 or 20 inches wide — is still too small to dominate a living room, the place for which Front Row is best suited.

While Apple works to fix the defects and fill the blanks in this software, it also needs to put Front Row on more of its computers — and in particular the Mac mini. That machine is cheap and small enough to be a second computer; and it includes a digital video output that connects to many, high-definition TVs. When you can show off your vacation photos on a 42-inch plasma screen, a program like Front Row will be much easier sell.

Networks to offer replays of shows

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS and NBC have announced deals to offer replays of prime-time programs for 99 cents per episode, shifting television toward a sales model that gained popularity with downloaded music. CBS is teaming up with Comcast Corp. and NBC with satellite operator DirecTV to offer the on-demand replays. NBC Universal will offer commercial-free episodes of "Law & Order: SVU" and other shows to subscribers of DirecTV Group Inc. who use the satellite company's new digital video recorder.

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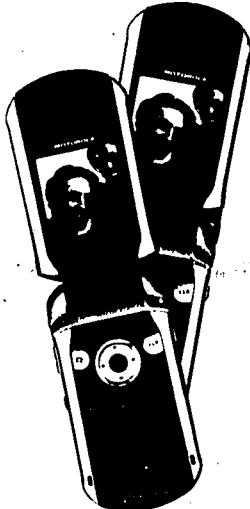
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Life after cancer



These days, Melissa Etheridge seems to be everywhere — talk shows, concerts, a Lifetime network special.

Melissa Etheridge realigns priorities

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — First, there was the lime green monkey. Then came the T-shirt, the teddy bear, the painting, the license plate and other gifts, all of which Melissa Etheridge graciously accepted from fans and piled before the drum kit, like some sort of altar.

Before her battle with breast cancer, Etheridge was adored by her fans — for her impassioned blues rock and her coming-out as a lesbian midcareer. She seems even more cherished by them now.

During a recent local concert, the audience was an ocean of raised arms and swaying bodies as Etheridge tore into songs off her newly released greatest-hits album and bantered with the XX- and XY-chromosome couples, alternating between lighthearted mentions of her cancer experience and the macho swaggering that fans have always loved.

If you didn't know that Etheridge had spent a portion of the last year bedridden and immobile, you wouldn't have known from her glowing skin and voice, which is as strong and clear as ever. Speaking with Etheridge in her Hidden Hills home a few days before the show, she said her energy returned to 100 percent only in early October. That's one year after she found a 4-centimeter lump in her left breast while on tour.

Physically, all that remains of that lump these days are the scars. Pulling down the neck of her loss-fitting orange T-shirt, Etheridge showed the thin, pink line running across her chest to

ward her armpit. That one — from the lumpectomy — doesn't bother her so much.

"The scar from where they put the portacatheter in," she said, revealing a darker red, raised ellipse over her right breast, "that scar — I would cut it off. That's where the chemo went in — five times in two months — pumping the near-toxic medicine directly into her heart and throughout her body. That's how she spent the last two months of 2004 — in pain.

"I wasn't able to watch television because I hear it. Music, sound hurt. You can smell everything, so anything anyone's eating makes you completely sick," said Etheridge, 41.

"I was completely still. I, who live our lives so busy with every day planned, to come to a complete standstill was something I'd never done before," she added. "Day after day, I was lying in bed with nothing but my head and my thoughts."

Breaking into her mind to escape the pain of her tumor, she took a long, hard look at her life and her career. It wasn't nearly as glamorous as it looked from the outside. Where the public saw a lighthearted and fearless performer with a long and enviable career, she saw a workaholic whose self-worth fluctuated with media attention, radio airplay and record sales. Where the public saw a woman comfortable with her sexuality and appearance, she saw body-image issues, poor eating habits and Hollywood pressures to be thin.

"I had a lot of self-loathing," said Etheridge. "I've been self-

sustained since I was 11. I've always been the one making the money, and to be fat on my back and ... so vulnerable and then be completely loved. To have my wife be there, 110 percent supportive. To have my children say, 'It's OK, Mom.' To have the people that I work for say, 'It's OK. To have my fans go, 'It's all right. It's like, what was I afraid of? I'm going to get healthy now, and I'm not going to carry that baggage anymore."

Likening her cancer experience to "instant Drano," Etheridge's priorities have shifted, she said. While she loves her career, she does a sort of cost-benefit analysis now to determine whether the energy she's expending ultimately will benefit her home and family. That family consists of the woman she considers her wife, actress Tammy Lynn Michaels, and her two children, both of whom were conceived with a little help from singer David Crosby when Etheridge was involved with filmmaker Julie Cypher.

Etheridge's "hideous 10-year relationship" with Cypher came to a bitter end in 2000, but it still looms large. It's no coincidence her tumor was over her heart, Etheridge said. "I was completely denying myself love and support and all those things that relationships are."

Ask Etheridge how her cancer experience would have been different if the couple had still been together, and she shifts in her chair, averting her normally direct gaze.

"I don't even go there," she said, before adding softly, "I don't know if I'd even be around." She paused. "I'm can-

cer-free, and I'm very happy to be in the life that I'm in and where I'm at. I made the right choices." When it comes to choices, Etheridge said she always goes with "walking in my truth" instead of hiding it.

While publicly revealing she had breast cancer wasn't difficult, she said, returning to the spotlight was. She had been out of cinema for only two weeks when she was asked to perform at this year's Grammys. She felt weak. She was so bald she didn't even have eyelashes or eyebrows. Her skin was so dry it flaked.

She feared she might run out of energy midperformance. She feared she'd be ridiculed and ripped apart by the media. And she, she agreed. One month later on live TV, she performed a rendition of "Piece of My Heart" so well received and powerful, even Janis Joplin would have been impressed.

To be completely stripped bare of any image power or my hair," said Etheridge, whose hair is now short, spiky and blond. "To step onstage and get the response that I got blew my mind. I had almost self-ignited out the door."

The effects of that performance are still being felt today. This month, Etheridge seems to be everywhere. In addition to the MTV talk show circuit, she is the subject of a Lifetime breast cancer awareness special Tuesday, "Womenlock Our Journey With Melissa Etheridge."

She is also appearing in breast cancer awareness campaigns for Safeway and Ford Motors, the latter of which sponsors the fund-raiser Race for the Cure.



Madonna poses backstage during the MTV Europe Music Awards ceremony in Lisbon, Portugal, last week.

Madonna finds celebrity chase less interesting

NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna certainly has been the embodiment of the adage, "There's no such thing as bad publicity." For years, she expertly used controversy as a sales tactic, as she challenged sexual and social mores with her outlandish antics, defiant attitude, outspoken nature — and, of course, her music.

And it always seemed to work — until she got political.

Her last effort, 2003's "American Life," trumpeted the star's opposition to the Iraq war, but with a violent video that included a spoof of President Bush. It drew the usual cries of outrage from her detractors, but for the first time in her two-decade career, sales were lackluster.

"Of course I was disappointed," she says, the bitterness still present in her voice and her eyes. "I sort of knew it already, but if you're an entertainer, you're not allowed to have an opinion ... if you go against the grain, you will be punished. I thought there would be a lot of people who agreed with me."

Madonna is decidedly less opinionated on her new record, "Confessions on a Dance Floor," out Tuesday. An effervescent celebration of club life, the disc is all the glamour and excitement of some of her biggest hits, like "Music" and "Vogue."

But while some may see the album as her attempt to re-establish herself as a pop queen, Madonna — who at 43 has become an icon, selling more than 60 million albums in the United States alone — says the quest for more fame is a low priority. What's paramount to Madonna now, besides her family and spirituality, is creating music that reflects her evolution not only as an artist, but as a person.

"I'm constantly changing and growing, and hopefully my work will always reflect that," she says. "Some things people will be able to relate to and they'll be popular and accessible, and other things they won't, but I'm not going to let that stop me. I didn't get into this business because I wanted people to like me instantly and be my

best friend."

While becoming Miss Congeniality may not have been Madonna's goal when she entered the business, her quest for success was undeniable — and well-documented. Her 1991 documentary "Truth Or Dare" was a testament to her blind ambition, which she pursued with reckless abandon.

But on her new CD, the former Material Girl expresses disillusionment with celebrity. On the song "How Deep" she wonders how much fame is enough — and what it's all worth in the end. And her new documentary, "I'm going to tell you a secret," which premiered on MTV last month, shows a Madonna more interested in her family life and the lives of her dancers and friends than in being in front of the cameras.

"I'm a totally different person now," says Madonna. "It's the natural progression — most people just grow up (after) having children, being in a grown-up relationship, having so many years of life in the spotlight — having fame and fortune fade, realizing it's not what everyone thinks it is, and what it's all cracked up to be."

Not that she doesn't still play the part of the trendy pop star. On this day, she looks like a fashionista, dressed in a stylish outfit accented by golden pumps. And the bliz to promote the album is as massive as her previous efforts — she blanketed MTV's airwaves and has made high-profile appearances on behalf of the disc. But this time, there's no major reinvention from the woman who has made it her career — from Madonna the disco queen to Madonna the vamp to Madonna the mother to Madonna the spiritual goddess and back again.

"I think for her, this record is sort of a retrospective of her career ... it's very self-reflexive," says Stuart White, who wrote and produced much of the record with Madonna. "I think the reinvention this time is not so much of a reinvention as an embracing of what it is and what she does."

Sony gets an earful when you play CDs

The Boston Globe

Sony is spying on thousands of listeners who buy and use its music CDs on their computers, a leading computer security firm said Monday.

Computer Associates International Inc. said that new anti-copying software Sony is using to discourage pirating of its music also secretly collects information from any computer that plays the discs.

One of the nation's largest software and information technology companies, Computer Associates is the latest to wade into the growing controversy over Sony's efforts to curb theft and illegal pirating of its music.

The software works only on computers running Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system. It limits listeners' ability to copy the music onto their computers, and locks copied files so they cannot be freely distributed over the Internet.

But Computer Associates said the anti-pirating software also secretly communicates with Sony over the Internet when listeners play the discs on computers that have an Internet connection. The software uses this connection to transmit the name of the CD being played to an office of Sony's music division in Cary, N.C. The software also transmits the IP address of the listener's computer, Computer Associates said, but not

the name of the listener. But Sony can still use the data to create a profile of a listener's music collection, according to Computer Associates.

"This is in effect 'phone home' technology, whether its intent is to capture such data or not," said Sam Curry, vice president of Consumer Associates, an eTrust Security Management unit.

"If you choose to let people know what you're listening to, that's your business. If they do it without your permission, it's an invasion of privacy."

Sony and the British firm that wrote the anti-pirating code for the music company flatly denied the software snoops on listeners.

"We don't receive any spyware information, any consumer information," said Matthew Gilliat-Smith, chief executive of First 4 Internet Ltd., which makes the software for Sony BMG Music Entertainment.

So far, Sony BMG has installed the software on about 20 titles in its music catalog, including works by jazzman Gordon Green, singer Vivian Green, and the new issue by country rockers Van Zant, "Get Right with the Man."

It was the Van Zant disc that led to the controversy over Sony's new software.

In late October, a well-known Windows computer engineer,

Mark Russinovich, stumbled across the Sony software on one of his personal computers while running a security assessment. Russinovich had used the computer to play the Van Zant CD, not realizing that it had installed the anti-copying program.

When he tried to remove it, Russinovich found that the program lacked the "uninstall" feature found in most Windows programs. Indeed, key components of the software hid themselves deep in his computer by applying the same techniques used by data thieves to conceal their activities. Even a skilled user who identifies the correct files can't safely remove them, said Russinovich.

"Most users that stumble across the cloaked files ... will cripple their computer if they attempt the obvious step of deleting the cloaked files," he wrote on his technology website, SysInternals.

Computer Associates Monday concurred with Russinovich's assessment. Curry said Sony has made it so difficult for listeners to uninstall its software that some could lose all their data in the process.

"It can damage the operating system and the operating system's integrity, so it can't report at all," Curry said. "As an expert in security, I can say this is bad behavior."

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MV Arts Council hosts state watercolor exhibit

The Times-News
By JIM VALLIS — Through the end of November, the Magic Valley Arts Council will be hosting the State of Idaho Watercolor Society's traveling exhibit. The exhibit is on display at the Snake River Plaza, home of the Arts Council, 132 Main

Ave. S., in Historic Downtown Twin Falls.
 This traveling show is a selection of award winning works from the Idaho Watercolor Society's Annual Juried Exhibition. The exhibition will travel to the six regions of the state throughout the year.
 The works include watercolor

or painting, by Idaho's new and well-known artists from across the state, including two by Magic Valley artists, Judy Hill and Ginny Blakeslee-Breen, both of Halley.
 The pieces were submitted to the juried exhibition and chosen for awards by Bill Holland, a noted watercolorist and work-

shop presenter from British Columbia. Admission to view the exhibit is free and the public is invited to attend.
 For more information about the regional or state watercolor organizations, call Connie Pepper, 733-2764; lost Ecker, 743-5996; or DeAnn Goodwin, 676-3273.

Community School Players present 'Kiss Me Kate'

The Wood River Journal

SUN VALLEY — The Community School Players have been an ambitious bunch of late, putting on one challenging play and musical after another.
 Two years ago they staged "The Boys from Syracuse," Rodgers and Hart's take on Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." Last year they served up Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Pirates of Penzance" and Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."
 Playwrights Sam and Bella Spewack based the play on the feud that took place between two actual Broadway stars as they attempted to put on the Broadway version of "Taming of the Shrew" in 1935.
 The two, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, were popular from the 1930s to the late 1960s. Lunt on a Tony for Best Director and Best Actor. He also shared a special Tony Award with Fontanne. The couple were featured on a 33-cent stamp in 1999.

"This year will be no different as the 32-student crew mounts "Kiss Me Kate."

"I think a lot of it is an act on his part. But I like that I can play two so very different characters," said Kevin Wade, who plays Fred and his "Taming of the Shrew" counterpart Petruchio.
 The production runs tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. In the Community School Theater.

The popular Broadway musical combines "Wunderbar" and other show tunes by Cole Porter with the lyrical language of William Shakespeare.
 "The whole thing is delectably put together," Director Fritz Bruin said. "The stormy, romantic yet very human relationship between the two actors, Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi — is very complex and quite touching. And yet much of the play is very funny. It's comedy more than anything."
 The play is actually a play within a play as it follows the backstage antics of a modern theater company trying to put

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for students, available at Chapter One Bookstore and at the door.

Cowboy poetry gathering runs through Sunday

The Times-News

By JIM VALLIS — The 10th annual Cowboy Poets of Idaho Inc. and Rupert's Wilson Theater.

sponsored by the Cache Peak Backcountry Horsemen Association, Cowboy Poets of Idaho Inc. and Rupert's Wilson Theater.
 The public day sessions of cowboy poetry and music are free and will be held from 1-5 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday.
 A show featuring poets and musicians from Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Montana and Nevada will be held at 7:30 p.m. today. Tickets are \$6 at the door.
 Saturday noon is a chili cook-off contest, which is a fund-raiser for theater renovations.

"Today is the free "Truth Without End fall Lutes Contest" at 6 p.m. An auction will be at 6 p.m. Saturday and Cowboy church is at 9 a.m. Sunday. This is non-denominational and consists of spiritual poetry and music.
 For more information, call 436-2707.

Tickets go on sale for Ballet Idaho's 'Nutcracker'

The Times-News

By JIM VALLIS — Tickets are on sale for the holiday classic "The Nutcracker," as presented by Ballet Idaho.
 The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Coliseum, southern Idaho Home of Center, afternoon. Cost is \$10 for adults, and \$10 for students and children.

The Nutcracker Prince will battle the Mouse King (in guise of Izard Flynn), who arrives in his new pirate ship amidst the many mice and soldiers in the first act. In the second act, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier will reign over the celebration in honor of Clara for which many surprises wait in store.
 Among the entertainment

specialties are sizzling Spanish dancers, an exotic Arabian duo, bits of leaping Russians, gliding Swiss skaters, clever Chinese acrobatics and labrets. French lionwork. In addition to the cast of professional dancers, the Nutcracker also features the talents of 40 local children as party guests, including mice, flowers, and angels.

Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kuri's Pharmacy and Hallmark, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls, Say-Art Drug in Buhl, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding.
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Janael Mecham has created three panels to decorate the children's section at the DeWary Memorial Public Library. They are more than just fun. They show children caught up in the joy of reading.

COVER PHOTO: BY THE NEWS

Books every grandmother should own
Mini-Cassia woman writes books for kids – and is an artist, too

By Coreen Hart
 Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — There's a new mural at the DeWary Memorial Library. It's a triptych, that is, three panels tied together by subject. In this case, the subject is reading, and the scenery is a massive walled tree sheltering a pond.

Young patrons love to look at it. There are children reading, and a friendly raven. It brings their room to life.

The frame for each panel looks like the arched stone window in an ancient castle. It was library director Sharon Kimber's idea.

"There was just nothing on that wall," Kimber said. "I told Janael I would like a kind of castle theme, and she just took that idea and ran with it."

Janael Mecham has been painting murals throughout the Mindoko County School District for at least three decades. Many schools are decorated with her cheerful characters.

The Wells Fargo Bank on the square in Rupert has a Centennial-themed mural by Mecham. She's done stage backdrops for a number of local theater productions. But her favorite thing is to assist children with learning.

That's why she has morphed from teacher into artist into artist/author. Mecham now has four books in print. She wrote all the text and painted every illustration.

Because three of the four books have Bible-based themes, she asks friends of different faiths to read her text and make sure she's not stepping on any toes. Mecham is Mormon, and her friend Anita Beebe, a fellow teacher, is Methodist. Another friend is Catholic. She wants the books to be completely nondenominational.

"Janael has always been modest about her talents," Beebe said. "I have been encouraging her for at least two or three years to expand out of our area. Her books are the kind that grandmothers should have on

hand all the time. They have such a good message in each one."

Mecham is doing book-signings from one end of the Magic Valley to the other, and after Thanksgiving, she'll be in Salt Lake signing some more of her books. Her first book's first printing sold out within a month, and is now in its fourth printing. At least one person bought a second book because her son had worn out the first one.

But Mecham, who's 64, isn't in it for the money, though that doesn't hurt. She spent 30 years teaching kindergarten through third grade in the Mini-Cassia area, and she knows what would have helped her students even more.

"I made my own numbers book while teaching to show the children that a number could look like a picture, she said. "It seemed to give them a way to learn the numbers."

Some of her kindergartners quit writing the numbers backward after they learned her picture method, Mecham says. She and her husband, Gary, always told stories to their two children. Sunday night was Dad's night, and he made up stories to tell them. The two children will never forget those times.

"Our daughter has continued that tradition with her little ones, and she does it even better than we did," Mecham said. "She reads to them every single night."

They always left the TV off and played games together on Sunday nights until it Gary's time to tuck the kiddies in. They raised a nephew for a few years, too, and he has not forgotten the difference it made in his life.

"Sometimes moms need to step back and give dads more of a chance," Mecham said. "What do they have to offer? My husband is a very gentle man, and through his example, my son has learned to respect me."

She has been known for her

chalk talks in public schools. A 10-minute presentation illustrated on the spot holds the students' attention.

Gradually her art, and her style, have been refined. Her latest achievement is a nativity scene complete with mother and child, Joseph, wise men and shepherds, a goofy camel, and a spotted black-and-white cow.

"I know they probably didn't have that kind of cow, but I wanted to put her in," Janael said.

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- Hardcover fiction - 1.** "Predator." Patricia Cornwell. Putnam, \$26.95
 Last week: 1; weeks on list: 2
 2. "At First Sight." Nicholas Sparks. Warner, \$24.95
 Last week: 2; weeks on list: 3
 3. "The Camel Club." David Baldacci. Warner, \$26.95
 Last week: 3; weeks on list: 2
 4. "Christ the Lord." Anne Rice. Knopf, \$25.95
 Last week: ; weeks on list: 1
 5. "Knife of Dreams." Robert Jordan. Tor, \$29.95
 Last week: 4; weeks on list: 4
 6. "Toxic Bachelors." Danielle Steel. Delacorte, \$27
 Last week: 10; weeks on list: 2
 7. "Ordinary Heroes." Scott Turow. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$25
 Last week: ; weeks on list: 1
 8. "The Lincoln Lawyer." Michael Connelly. Little, Brown, \$26.95
 Last week: 7; weeks on list: 5
 9. "Consent to Kill." Vince Flynn. Atria, \$25.95
 Last week: 5; weeks on list: 4
 10. "The Da Vinci Code." Dan Brown. Doubleday, \$24.95
 Last week: 13; weeks on list: 136
 11. "Son of a Witch." Gregory Maguire. Reganbooks, \$26.95
 Last week: 8; weeks on list: 6
 12. "Saving Fish from Drowning." Amy Tan. Putnam, \$26.95
 Last week: 6; weeks on list: 3
 13. "The Ambler Warning." Robert Ludlum. St. Martin's, \$25.95
 Last week: 9; weeks on list: 3
 14. "A Wedding in December." Anita Shreve. Little, Brown, \$25.95
 Last week: 14; weeks on list: 4
 15. "Promise of the Witch-King." R.A. Salvatore. Wizards of the Coast, \$27.95
 Last week: 12; weeks on list: 2
- Hardcover non-fiction - 1.** "Our Endangered Values." Jimmy Carter. Simon & Schuster, \$25
 Last week: ; weeks on list: 1
 2. "Healthy Aging." Andrew Weil, M.D. Knopf, \$27.95
 Last week: 1; weeks on list: 3
 3. "Team of Rivals." Doris Kearns Goodwin. Simon & Schuster, \$35
 Last week: 3; weeks on list: 2
 4. "The Truth (with Jokes)." Al Franken. Dutton, \$25.95
 Last week: 2; weeks on list: 2
 5. "Natural Causes They Don't Want You to Know About." Kevin Trudeau. Alliance Publishing, \$29.95
 Last week: 6; weeks on list: 21
 6. "The World Is Flat." Thomas L. Friedman. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50
 Last week: 4; weeks on list: 31
 7. "The Year of Magical Thinking." Joan Didion. Knopf, \$24.95
 Last week: 5; weeks on list: 5
 8. "700 Sundays." Billy Crystal. Warner, \$21.95
 Last week: ; weeks on list: 1
 9. "Freakonomics." Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. Morrow, \$25.95
 Last week: 7; weeks on list: 30
 10. "Your Best Life Now." Joel Osteen. Warner Faith, \$19.95
 Last week: 16; weeks on list: 55
 11. "The Purpose-Driven Life." Rick Warren. Zondervan, \$19.99
 Last week: 12; weeks on list: 27
 12. "My Friend Leonard." James Frey. Riverhead, \$24.95
 Last week: ; weeks on list: 1
 13. "Driven from Within." Michael Jordan. Atria, \$35
 Last week: 8; weeks on list: 2
 14. "The City of Falling Angels." John Berendt. Penguin Press, \$25.95
 Last week: 9; weeks on list: 6
 15. "100: The Owner's Manual." Michael F. Roizen, M.D., and Mehmet C. Oz, M.D. HarperResource, \$24.95
 Last week: 11; weeks on list: 27
- Mass market - 1.** "Sun & Fear." Michael Crichton. Avon, \$7.99
 Last week: 1; weeks on list: 2
 2. "Night Fall." Nelson DeMille. Warner, \$7.99
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 6. "Theard." Anthony Swofford. Pocket, \$7.99
 Last week: ; weeks on list: 1
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 11. "The Colorado Kid." Stephen King. Hard Case Crime, \$5.99

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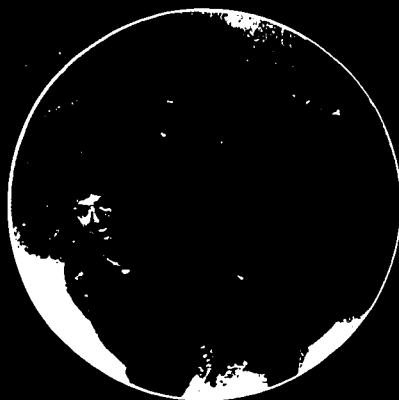


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Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Just how long will it take FEMA to send help to Philadelphia in the wake of Hurricane Terrell?”

— Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 Four major leaguers have won a Cy Young, a World Series MVP award and pitched a no-hitter. Who are they?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School GIRLS BASKETBALL.
 All times reflect approximate valley start.
 Buhl at Snake River, 7 p.m.
 Meridian at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
 Glens Ferry at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
 Mountain View at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
 American Falls at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
 Valley at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
 Gooding at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
 Lighthouse Christian at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
College WOMEN'S BASKETBALL.
 See related story.
VOLLEYBALL.
 See related story.

IN BRIEF

Bliss' Burk wins state Heisman

BOISE — Jackson Burk of Bliss High School and Kall Hess of American Falls High School have received recognition as state winners for the 2005 Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The annual award celebrates high school seniors who excel in athletics, academics and community service.

Burk and Hess will each receive a silver medal and join two winners from each state and the District of Columbia to compete in the next round of national competition. Twelve national finalists — a male and female from six regions — will then be selected with the winners named in December in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman presentation.

Jerome boosters move meeting to Dec. 5

JEROME — The scheduled meeting for the Jerome Booster Club on Nov. 14 has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the high school cafeteria.

Kimberly sports fund-raiser planned

KIMBERLY — A dinner to help raise funds for the Kimberly High School Sports Complex will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Kimberly High School commons. The dinner will feature a roasted pig, baked potatoes, salad and rolls. Cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door. The sports complex committee plans are to raise funds for an indoor tennis facility plus new stadium bleachers and restrooms. For more information, contact Kimberly High School at 423-5541.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bruce Saberhagen, Sandy Kousser, Bob Gibson and Randy Johnson.

Two 'til nationals

CSI looks to nationals, but first, the Region 18a Tournament

By Eric Larsen
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's been a long, winding rehearsal, but now it's over. The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team's first 46 matches provided their share of memorable moments, but most will take a back seat to the memory of what happens during the next six outings.

For the No. 1 Golden Eagles, a season's worth of work will be defined by how they perform in this weekend's Region 18a Tournament and — they hope — the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament.

“That pursuit starts tonight, as the Eagles enter the Region 18a tournament as the No. 2 seed, and will face the No. 3 seed, the 12-14 Snow College Badgers of Ephraim, Utah. They just need to be hungry,” CSI head coach Ben Stroud said of his players. “If they want to win a national championship, it starts Friday. There's six more matches and we have to be hungry and we have to want it more than anyone else. If we have that attitude, I think we have a great shot.”

The Eagles drew Snow after tying with North Idaho College for the scenic West Athletic Conference regular-season title at 9-1. The Cardinals will face the No. 4 seeded College of Eastern Utah today at 2:30 p.m. Though the nation's top-ranked team enters regional play as a second seed, the Eagles aren't worrying about it.

CSI 112, SOUTH MOUNTAIN 44

Eagles level South Mountain

CSI forces 48 turnovers in lopsided win

By Eric Larsen
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — That's one more victim for Randy Rogers' shell company.

This time, the chalk outlined a South Mountain Community College (Ariz.) team that crumbled under the pressure of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team's high-intensity defense.



Golden Eagles sophomore guard Jelena Williams battles with South Mountain Cougars defender Jeanette Mirles, left, and Jessica Brody for a rebound Thursday during the first half of their game at the CSI Gymnasium.

The Golden Eagles opened the 2005-06 season in style, winning their first game of the Coca-Cola Tournament 112-44 over the 1-3 Cougars. The Golden Eagles forced 48 turnovers, stole 34 possessions, and held South Mountain to 16-of-55 shooting on the night for the 68-point drubbing.

“I was so happy that we got our hands on so many balls,” Rogers said after the game. “That led to a lot of easy baskets.”

Team basketball was the focus for the 1-3 Eagles, as every CSI player scored and five players finished in double digits. Freshman point guard Maria Moore led the way with 26 points, 12 rebounds, nine steals, and four assists. The lightning-quick Moore darted around the Cougars guards all night, earning easy buckets in transition and finishing 12-of-22 from the floor.

“I knew that she had another gear from what she shows in practice,” Rogers said. “She loves the crowd and loves the show, and she's turning into a player to watch in double figures with 10 each. The Cougars also had trouble, containing a hounding CSI team on the boards and were out-rebounded 69-39. The Eagles snatched up 40 offensive rebounds, which helped lead to their putting up 102

shots — hitting on 44 — for the game.

Cheryl Blazard finished with 13 points, while starters Jelena Williams and Brittany Moore both finished with 12 points. Twin Falls native Army Bravold wound up with 11 points and five rebounds off the bench.

The Cougars put up only seven more shots than turnovers they committed (55-48) and starters Ashley Frank and Rachel Brick were the only players to finish in double figures with 10 each. The Cougars also had trouble, containing a hounding CSI team on the boards and were out-rebounded 69-39.

2005 Coca-Cola Tournament

at CSI Gymnasium
 Thursday's games
 No. 14 Midland 100, E. Arizona 69
 No. 10 CSI 112, South Mountain 44
 Friday's games
 Midland vs. South Mountain, 4 p.m.
 CSI vs. E. Arizona, 8 p.m.

Freshman forward Ashley Thompson finished with four points and rushed down 10 rebounds for the Eagles. The Eagles got 56 points off the bench, including nine from Kaylan King and six each from Chitra Christian and Erica Maldonado. Alex Tucker added seven, while starter Tanaya Lickner scored a pair of points, and sophomore transfer from the College of Eastern Utah, Jace Vonnors, clipped in four — all in the second half.

The Eagles are back in action tonight at 8 p.m. against the Eastern Arizona College Gila

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Twin Falls girls will rely on defense, hustle

By Joe Paisley
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High girls basketball team will rely on defensive pressure and quickness on both ends to overcome a height disadvantage this winter.

“We're going to be a quick team,” said head coach Joe D. Shepard. “We're going to press and try to keep the other team out of their offense.”

The team's District Four 1A girls hoops have at least one big girl who can pound the ball inside, making for an effective half-court offense, something the Bruins must disrupt.

Girls basketball Season previews

Today: 5A, 1A
 Sunday: 4A, 3A, 2A

points a game last year,” Shepard said. “Size-wise they'll have an advantage.”

Idaho Falls has good height in its volleyball program but most of those athletes don't come out for basketball. Highland has 6-1 senior post Kolya Mickelson back along with returning starting guard Celeste Hill.



Graduated Bruins forward Heidi Retters (34) guards Idaho Falls wing Christine Coffelt during a District Four Five-Six game in Twin Falls last season.

No. 20 Bulldogs blast BSU

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Four years of frustration flowed out of every corner of the Fresno State gymnasium as the Bulldogs' every pinpoint pass when Fresno State finally ended Boise State's domination of the Bulldogs and the entire Western Athletic Conference.

Paul Pincgar passed for 307 yards and hit Paul Williams for two long touchdowns, and the 20th-ranked Bulldogs decisively snuffed Boise State's 31-game conference winning streak with a 27-7 victory Thursday night. Williams scored on a 98-yard play, while Wendell Mathis ran for 121 yards and a score for Fresno State (8-1, 6-0 WAC) in its first victory over the three-time defending league champions since Boise State joined the conference in 2001 and promptly began the longest perfect run in WAC history.

The Bulldogs' blowout win was years in the making. They controlled the ball for more than 40 minutes, racked up 513 yards and shut out Boise State (7-3, 5-1) after left Carpenter's 67-yard TD run in the opening seconds.

Fresno State won for the 14th time in 15 games since losing to the Broncos last season. Bulldog Stadium's sellout crowd, however, was a far cry from the first for the first three quarters roared when coaches Pat Hill and Dan Hawkins hugged at midfield after a scoreless second half.

Carpenter wins NL Cy Young

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Carpenter was ready to call it quits. But Carpenter's error-prone season until never resembled the sub-line offensive teams of past years in this cold, unfriendly stadium.

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MONEY

Court

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Stephen Nelson and Kelly Nelson, also known as Kelly Johnson, 2366 E. 4200 N. Ft., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42514.

Robert W. Berni and Monica L. von Berni, 1729 E. 4200 N. Blvd., individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42517.

Elven M. Telford, P.O. Box 33, Malta, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42523.

Steven Buschauer and Susan Buschauer, 1740 D St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42578.

Emil Curtis Kunkel, 206 W. B St., Shepore, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42582.

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Diane Melter, 820 Arrow Wood Court, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, case no. 05-42492.

Kevin Floyd Haskins, 113 Creek Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42518.

Patrick Hightower, 204 Richardson Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, case no. 05-42531.

Bonnie M. Taylor, also known as Bonnie M. Haskins, 259 Pleasant Road W. No. 66, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, case no. 05-42511.

Stephanie Ann Walker, 349 Morningstar Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, case no. 05-42636.

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Justin Hendley and Elizabeth Hendley, 912 California St., Goodwin, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, case no. 05-42604.

Robert L. Atherton and Sarah Lockert Atherton, 644 Windermere Dr. No. 102, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, case no. 05-42565.

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Heath Joseph Woodbury, formerly doing business as Woodbury Trucking LLC and Jennifer Lynn Woodbury, 7965 S. 50 E., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, case no. 05-42562.

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Frederick Kirk Woodhouse, also known as Kirk Woodhouse, doing business as Buckhorn Farms, Trafford Woodhouse & Sons, formerly doing business as The Woods, Outback Farms, and Roberts Ann Woodhouse, also known as Ann Woodhouse, 1450 S. 504 W., Oakley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1 million, liabilities \$1 million to \$500,000, case no. 05-42548.

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Stocks rally on record auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rallied Thursday after a record Treasury auction pushed bond yields lower, raising hopes that interest rates will follow and allaying fears that foreign investors would move away from U.S. debt.

Wall Street was also helped by lower oil prices and sheer momentum, as the Standard & Poor's 500 passed a price ceiling that usually triggers selling.

For the most part, however, the news that sent stocks soaring in late afternoon was nearly identical to the news that sent stocks sideways in the morning.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.84 percent, to 1,230.96, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.87, or 0.96 percent, to 2,165.65.

But the prices rose sharply. With the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.56 percent from 4.65 percent late Wednesday, the U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading.

Gold prices were higher.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Chy, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AAPL, MSFT, and their price changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns: Most Active, Gainers, Losers.

INDEXES

Table showing market indices: S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial, NYSE Composite, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks: ABBN, ACF, ACF-C, etc., with their respective prices and changes.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange.

NASDAQ NATIONAL

Table listing NASDAQ national stocks: ABBN, ACF, ACF-C, etc., with their respective prices and changes.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns for market type (Commodity, Energy, Metals, etc.), instrument name, and price. Includes items like Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, and various metals.

BEANS

Table listing various bean contracts such as Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Meal 50:5, with their respective prices.

CHEESE

Table listing cheese contracts including Cheddar, Swiss, and American cheese, with prices per pound.

POTATOES

Table listing potato contracts such as Russet Burbank, Red Skin, and Yukon Gold, with prices per cwt.

SUGAR

Table listing sugar contracts including Raw Sugar, White Sugar, and Sugar #11, with prices per cwt.

WHEAT

Table listing wheat contracts such as Hard Red Winter, Soft Red Winter, and Durum, with prices per bushel.

Anxiety drives Chinese fixation on frugality

By SHANGHAI, China — Zhuo Yunbao and Lan Yan buy their clothes at inexpensive stores and neighborhood malls... The Zhuos illustrate why the Chinese may be the most prodigious savers in the world...

Travel

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Fossil Fuels

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange... Oil prices fluctuate based on market sentiment and supply concerns.

Metals/Money

Selected world gold price, Thursday... London market closing \$457.00 per ounce... Silver prices also reported.

Commodity

Table listing various commodity prices including oil, natural gas, and various metals like copper and aluminum.

Grains

Table listing grain prices such as corn, soybeans, and wheat, with prices per bushel.

Stocks

Table listing stock market indices and individual stock prices, including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and various sector indices.

Energy

Table listing energy prices including oil, natural gas, and coal, with prices per barrel or per million BTUs.

Options

Table listing options prices for various stocks and indices, including call and put options.

Commodities

Table listing various commodity prices including metals, grains, and energy products.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing numerous mutual funds, including their names, asset classes, and performance metrics. Includes categories like Domestic, International, and Bond funds.

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By Johnny Hart



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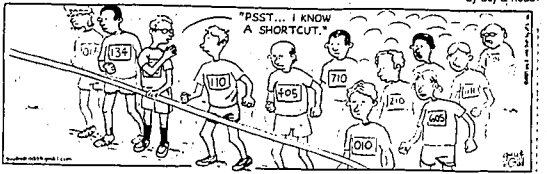
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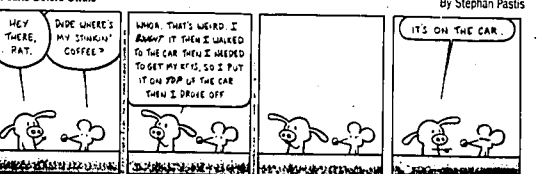
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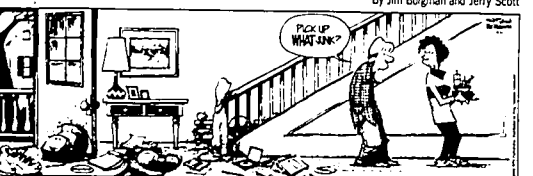
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By Pat Brady



Zrs

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Non Sequitur

By Wiley

Strange Brew

By John Deering



Relaxation comes after work, Pisces

IF NOV. 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may march to the beat of a kinder and gentler drummer in the year ahead. With soothing Neptune dancing along with your area of the zodiac between March and July, you will find that your powers of understanding and compassion increase, while your desire for material rewards recedes. Don't ignore ethical considerations in July and August when your backbone and resolve might be tested. If you do the right thing, doors will open that lead to an improvement in your situation in October.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Show off muscles by hauling more than your fair share. Even if no one notices that you have performed far beyond the call of duty, at least you will have the satisfaction of seeing a job well done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be sure everything is finished at work before locking the door tonight. Things that are left undone may interrupt peaceful musings. Casual acquaintances may offer a diversion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be discreet. Don't go poking around in private areas that are off limits or discuss taboo sub-

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

jects. Probing questions might get you the answer you seek, but could cause an awkward situation to break the ice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will find the necessary strength to fulfill an obligation if you are passionate about causing respect from others. Late-night snacks may attract a new friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bite back criticism and try to be cooperative. Obligations might seem heavier than usual. The sooner you take care of responsibilities, the faster you can relax with a cheerful companion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be a friend to a co-worker or business acquaintance. Your inner radar might locate privileged information or ferret out secrets. If you overhear something derogatory, keep it to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Career demands could keep you on your toes late this evening. Social outings are likely to be short and sweet. A quick stop at the local pub or watering hole may be all you

have time for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If it is humanly possible, it can be done. Be fearless about tackling jobs no one else is able to handle. Perfect strangers may be willing to give you a pat on the back — even if the boss won't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sometimes things are all black and white with no room for gray. Those in charge may have a gloomy view of the world. To draw out others, find something shockingly amusing to break the ice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Enjoy a fine sense of accomplishment by making good things happen under stringent circumstances. Relax with friends late tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): No one is going to coddle your feelings. Pats on the back may be infrequent, but it is still important to do your best. A little social fun might show up on your doorstep later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Work like a dog, then relax like a king. You may wear several hats over the course of the day but you will thrive on the variety. Responsibilities will give you a chance to develop confidence.

Preserving their letters is one way to honor our veterans

DEAR READERS: Seven years ago, I told you about a new program called the Legacy Project that had been created to honor American veterans by preserving their wartime letters. I asked you to send a photocopy of a favorite war letter that you or a loved one had written.

The response was overwhelming. Since its inception in 1998, the Legacy Project has received an estimated 75,000 never-before-seen letters from every conflict in our nation's history — including e-mails from Iraq and Afghanistan.

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DEAR
ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

but they are all my brothers and sisters in arms. We will forever, even in death, be bound to each other by our service to our country.

"This whole experience has helped me better understand what happened during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and the sacrifices made by those who served honorably — and by their families. I know that you say you do not consider yourself a veteran because you were drafted and did not see action. You used the time you served to your advantage and became a doctor. You saved countless lives. You are the reason I am in the Army today. You instilled in me the values that you learned during your service, and it has made me a better soldier. Most important, it has made me a better person. — Love, Justin"

READERS: If you would like to read more letters like this one, and learn more about the Legacy Project, please visit our website at www.WarLetters.com.

'Elvis' helps nab burglary suspect

LAS VEGAS — A retired Elvis Presley impersonator helped police nab a man suspected of stealing more than \$300,000 worth of memorabilia from the Elvis-A-Rama museum, authorities said Wednesday.

Duke Adams, a 62-year-old "older-er" Elvis, said he was approached while in line at a pharmacy by a man offering to sell him items once owned by Presley, including jewelry, clothing and the King's revolver.



Duke Adams, a 62-year-old retired Elvis impersonator, is shown Wednesday in Las Vegas. Adams helped Las Vegas police arrest a man suspected of stealing more than \$300,000 worth of memorabilia from the Elvis-A-Rama museum.

Odds & ends being the March 2004 burglary, Adams said he asked the man to stop by his business the next day. Adams went home and called police.

Authorities arrested Eliab Aguilar last week after the Las Vegas man brought all but one of the stolen items to Adams' employment agency, police said.

"He'd laid it all out on the table. It couldn't have been handed to me more easily," said Detective Willie Hicks, who's been on the case since thieves backed a stolen toy truck into the museum, used the vehicle's hook to lift an overhead door and hauled the loot in a matter of minutes.

Aguilar was charged with burglary, grand larceny auto, possession of stolen property and possession of a stolen firearm, Hicks said. She did not release information on any other suspects.

Among the items recovered were a 41-carat ruby and diamond ring worth \$77,000, a \$65,000 gold watch with a medallion that spells "Elvis" in diamonds, and a gold-plated Smith & Wesson .38 special.

Scavenger hunt at police station lands man in jail

FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP Mich. — A man on a scavenger hunt entered a police station hoping to get a piglet of an officer eating a doughnut. Instead he was thrown in jail.

Officers Bryan Rypstra and Jon Durell heard a knock at the station's back door Saturday

evening. A man and a woman said they were on a scavenger hunt with another woman who had gone to a nearby store to buy a doughnut.

"Part of the scavenger hunt was to get a picture of a cop eating a doughnut. They wanted to know if one of the officers would be willing to get their picture taken," police chief Paul Smutz told The Muskegon Chronicle.

The officers planned to play along, and they chatted with the man and woman while waiting for the doughnut run. The man, Louis Jaskic, recognized Rypstra, a high school classmate.

Durell then remembered seeing Jaskic's name on a fier that had been posted in the station only a day earlier. Jaskic was wanted on two felony warrants for failing to pay \$5,000 in child support.

Jaskic was listed as a flight risk, so the officers invited him inside and arrested him.

Jaskic, 34, a resident of the Muskegon County, to custody was arraigned Monday in 60th District Court and released on two \$2,000 bonds, one for each count.

Inmates lead officials to \$5,000 in buried cash

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.

— A bank robber's jailhouse boast about the location of his hidden loot led officers to the stash after fellow inmates shared his secret.

Investigators dug up nearly \$2,000 last week that 26-year-old Julian Leon Jordan was convicted of stealing from a bank in nearby Floras last year, Okaloosa County Sheriff's spokesman Michele Nicholson said Tuesday.

Two inmates overheard Jordan telling other inmates where he had buried the cash and contacted authorities, she said.

Investigators failed to find the money in an October search behind a storage and building company in Fort Walton Beach. But they had success the following week when a former inmate appeared and asked the business for permission to search for money behind the building.

The business called the sheriff's office and the former inmate cooperated with investigators to locate the buried cash. He had been in jail for years, passing in the past and didn't want to get arrested again, Nicholson said.

Nicholson said the man had been in jail with Jordan who told him where to find the money. She said the man wasn't arrested because he cooperated.

— compiled from wire reports

'God Bless America' become belated hit

This day in history: Song-writer Irving Berlin wrote another of his patriotic songs for World War I but didn't get it recorded before the war ended and the genre went out of style. Twenty-two years later, as war raged in Europe, he figured patriotic songs might be ready for a resurgence. He gave a copy of his old song to Kate Smith, who sang it on her radio show on Nov. 11, 1939. Sure enough, "God Bless America" became a monster hit.



have nightmares.

Although lizards look scary, only two are known to have poisonous bites. They are the Mexican bearded lizard and the gila monster.

Nobody who's been there can fathom why, but New Jersey has the lowest suicide rate of any state.

When George Washington was shown a half-dollar design with his image on it, he denounced it as a trapping of monarchy that was inappropriate for a democracy. In his stead he suggested Lady Liberty. She graced American coins until 1909, when Lincoln replaced her on the penny. This set a precedent for using presidents, so Washington's wishes were retroactively honored in 1932 and his picture was put on the quarter.

The ratings board of the Motion Picture Association of America is a scary group with near absolute power over who can see films. They're 13 anonymous people with "parenting experience" who decide if a film gets a G, PG-13, R or NC-17.

The fungus grower anis of Central and South America gather leaf petals and caterpillar feces as compost. For food, they cultivate mushrooms in enormous underground chambers.

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WE FOUND A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH OUTSIDE, CAPTAIN

SHOULD WE DRINK IT OR TURN IT IN?

I'D BETTER CONFISCATE IT

THAT'S WHY HE'S THE CAPTAIN... BETTER VOCABULARY

GREEN CORNER LUNGER

Bloodie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WHAT BONGS YOU WERE BLONDE?

I TOLD DAGWOOD TO BRING W/ LUNCH TODAY

WE'S OUT OF THE OFFICE RIGHT NOW, BUT YOU CAN LEAVE IT WITH ME

TWING IS EVERYTHING!

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE DABBLING IN THE ART OF BONSAI!

I'M NOT DABBLING IN BONSAI!

I JUST CAN'T GET THIS PLANT TO GROW!

Garfield By Jim Davis

NEXT, ON "MOST AMAZING POLICE CHASES"

STOP

OKAY THAT IS AMAZING

Hagar: the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT DO YOU GO FOR A LIVING, STRANGER?

I SELL INSURANCE

WHAT'S INSURANCE?

YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF INSURANCE?

NO, WELL, LET ME BUY YOU A BEER AND I'LL TALK ABOUT IT!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

CHIP FOR THE LAST TIME, MAKE YOUR BED!

INTO WHAT?

HARRID SUPER-MOMING HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

AH, IT MUST BE VETERANS DAY.

I SEE THE FLYING ACE IS ON HIS WAY TO BILL MAULDIN'S HOUSE TO QUAFF A FEW ROOT BEERS

BILL MAULDIN WAS THE GREATEST CARTOONIST OF WORLD WAR II

HE DREW GREAT MUD.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE HUNS ARE COMING!

HOW FAR AWAY ARE THEY?

ABOUT A DRIVER AND A SEVEN IRON

THE MEN ARE GETTING TOO MUCH TIME OFF

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"YOU MUST BE ONE OF THOSE PSYCHICS. MY DAD SAYS YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"Let's go ask Mommy for an ice cream cone."

WORLD

IT'S A TYPICAL DAY IN IRAQ

Countrymen struggle to live normal lives among constant violence and warfare

By Robert H. Reid and Sally Zubee Associated Press writers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In the early morning sun, 12-year-old Waid Salim strides to the yard of his school, kisses Iraq's flag and hoists it high. At lunchtime cafe, three 18-year-old friends gather to eye girls and talk cars.

Free to surf the Web, a university professor gleefully searches for news from afar. In a small house, a mother worries for her sons as news of a suicide bomb flashes across town.

On this typical day in the life of Iraq, shaken as it often is by violence, a whole nation of people get up each morning and try to live normally — going to school, earning a living, getting married, having fun.

Men, women, children and teenagers, Sunnis, Shites and Kurds — this is the story of one day of their lives.

The sky is still dark when Mohammed Khallaf, his wife Fadila, and their 12 children begin to stir Thursday in their small house in the Shiite slum of Sadr City. First come the morning prayers, then the dash to school.

In the chaos of a big family, the shoes of the youngest boy, 9-year-old Yahya, cannot be found, bringing shouts and suspicions from the father. Eventually, the boy admits he threw the shoes on the roof. No shoes, no school, he figured. On Thursday, he has science and he does not like his teacher.

With the shoes down, the children finally off to school and the oldest sons — ages 28 and 23 — off to jobs. Fadila and her older daughters settle into their morning chores: washing dishes, washing clothes, cleaning the house.

At al-Diraya elementary school in Baghdad's Harithya neighborhood, the sun is well up and the air warm by 8 a.m., when 12-year-old Waid raises the Iraqi flag with its red, white and black stripes and its words: "Allahu Akbar," "God is Great."

In a small dusty classroom, dirty with mold but brightened by a plastic flower in a vase, English teacher Azhar Hashim tells a student practicing the words "I'm from Iraq," to raise his voice when he says that.

"We all have to be proud of our country," she says, her black dress stained white with chalk.

In the next room, Thanaa Mohammed asks her students to



Iraqi women mourn outside a local hospital after two suicide bombers detonated themselves near a restaurant frequented by police, killing at least 33 people and seriously injuring 19 in Baghdad on Thursday.

describe the rights of Iraq citizens. "Equality and freedom," answers 12-year-old Iwan Amin.

"Who can define equality?" Mohamed asks. "All people were born free," answers Esraa Jabbar.

And freedom? "To express your opinion freely," answers Waid Khalid.

The school's biggest problem is parents' fear of attack, which often keeps children home. There also is the disturbing trend of students asking each other if they are Sunni or Shiite, says principal Yasamin Subhi Amin.

The teacher of Islamic education is under orders to tell children they are all Muslim.

Far to the south, it is the freedom to make money that preoccupies Sami Dawoud Ali, a Basra businessman who owns a dock and a warehouse on the Shatt al-Arab river that flows between Iraq and Iran.

All owns 12 boats himself, and dreams of turning them into a bigger fleet someday. For now, his part takes in large boats loaded with food, used cars and household electronics.

As he chats, All must duck away often to check on the 50 workers unloading cargo, or talk by cell phone with shipping agents in bustling Dubai, down the Persian Gulf.

Government has hindered his business, he says. Officials and political parties demand bribes and push him to hire certain people.

But his friends in the govern-

ment also help cut red tape. "I am a close friend of the Transportation Minister and this makes my work easier," All says, leaning back in his chair, surrounded by faxes and phones. "Otherwise my business would have been much slower."

At an Internet cafe on Baghdad's busy Palestine street, Dr. Sahar Naji Shakir is checking her e-mail as usual, and surfing the Web for news on international geology conferences. Shakir, an assistant professor at nearby Mustansiriyah University, first used the Internet in mid-2002. At the time, with Sad-

dam Hussein still in power, she needed special permission from the campus security chief and the approval of her boss.

"You cannot compare these days to those of Saddam, when it comes to the Internet," she said, smiling widely.

Packing up her bag, she rushes off to class. "In the past, Iraq was a big prison," she says. "Today it is a jungle, and I love living in a jungle."

Across town, the roar of explosives rings out. In a flash, there is broken glass, shreds of furniture, pools of blood. A suicide bomber has min-

gled among the policemen who drop by every day for an early lunch at the Qadouri Restaurant, one of the few remaining restaurants on what used to be a street full.

American soldiers armed with M-16 rifles, in full battle dress, rush to stand guard. The toll: more than 40 dead and two dozen wounded.

Back at her house in Sadr City, Fadila hears the news and frets. Her sons are out working somewhere in Baghdad.

"Don't worry. Every person will die on the day when God wants him to die," her husband says.

"I will not let them go to work from now on," she answers. "How are we going to make a living?" her husband asks.

In midafternoon, the sons return home, unharmed.

The children of Ibrahim Ali and his wife Fatima Mohammed also come home — to a lunch of soup, rice and bread warmed by their father, and an afternoon of staying indoors.

All has converted a small part of his family's house in the market city of Baquba to a shop selling cigarettes and sweets. His wife works as a clerk in the governor's office.

The oldest, Salim, 12, wants to play soccer with his friends after school. "But my mother won't let me go outside after school," he said, because of fears of attacks.

Instead, in the small house with two rooms, the children do their homework or watch TV.

As the afternoon wears on, three friends watch the crowd filling the rooftop Dream Land

Cafe in the upscale Zayouna neighborhood of Baghdad. Sultan Amjad, Harith Muthana and Marwan Walid, all 18, have known each other since grade school.

"They spent the early afternoon eyeing girls outside a junior high, trying to attract attention with little luck.

"We will come next Thursday and do it again. We will never give up until we get girlfriends," Walid said.

Cars are their other passion: Amjad's father owns a car shop and he often regales his friends with photos, snapped on his mobile phone, of fancy cars for sale.

"At 4 p.m., the friends are on the street, dicking with a merchant over a pair of flip-flops, then heading for an Internet cafe."

"We'll go online and find some girls to chat with," Walid says.

But the Internet place is packed. Still boasting of their plans, the three head home.

Dusk is falling in Sultaniyah as Malika Mahmoud begins to clean and prepare her family's oil lantern.

Each night, the electricity is cut off, even here in the Kurdish north where violence is lower and the economy better.

She and her husband, Khalid Majid, a teacher, have 10 children. Even with better times, they barely scrape by.

As everywhere across Iraq, the daily electricity blackouts seem to rattle.

"We have some daily hardships," Majid said. Yet despite that, "our life is much better than compared to Saddam time."



US soldiers talk to Iraqi children as they patrol a street in Baquba on Thursday. Life goes on, despite the persistent violence, the bombs that go off with no warning, and the presence of U.S. military troops across the country battling a relentless insurgency.

42 die in attacks aimed at Iraqi security forces

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bombers killed 42 people Thursday at a Baghdad restaurant favored by police and an army recruiting center to the north, while Iraqi troops along the Iranian border found 27 decomposing bodies, unidentified victims of the grisly violence plaguing the country.

In the deadliest bombing in Baghdad since Sept. 19, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a restaurant about 8:45 a.m., when officers usually stop in for breakfast. Police Maj. Falah al-Mohammadi said 35 officers and civilians died and 25 were wounded.

Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed an Internet posting that it staged the attack in retaliation for U.S. and Iraqi operations near the Syrian border. Earlier, it claimed responsibility for

Wednesday night's deadly hotel bombings in neighboring Jordan, linking those blasts to the conflict in Iraq.

Samiya Mohammed, who lives near the restaurant, said she rushed out when she heard the explosion.

"There was bodies, mostly civilians, and blood everywhere inside the place. This is a criminal act that only targeted and hurt innocent people having their breakfast," she said.

The 19 Islamic in the area, she said. "I do not understand why most of the time it is the Iraqis who are killed," she added.

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Wheels & Classifieds



2006 MERCURY MILAN

A good car, but not as great as it could be

By Warren Brown
The Washington Post

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. — I understand Mercury's problem. It stems from a question of identity: Mercury has none.

Consider this wealthy Pacific Ocean village. From their multi-million-dollar dwellings to their expensive wardrobes to their even more costly cars, people here live luxuriously.

They crave luxury — the feel and taste of it, the way it looks and moves. They define themselves by it. They are obsessed with possession of things genuine.

Thus, Aston Martin and Bentley automobiles are common. Ditto BMW, Cadillac, Ferrari, Infiniti, Lamborghini, Lexus, Lincoln, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche and Rolls-Royce motorcars. Exotic wheels in Laguna Beach are so bountiful they seem ordinary.

But truly ordinary cars can be found here as well. For example, there are Fords, particularly the newest Ford Mustang. It is likely that the sassy Ford Fusion sedan will make a favorable showing too.

After all, Laguna Beach parents must let their kids drive something, and Ford has an attractively rebellious, blue-collar-even-if-you're-not, earthy American personality.

Ford understands and exploits its position in the class structure. So does Lincoln, especially among older, rich Republicans. But Mercury doesn't know its place, and after toiling around in the technically correct, well-built, sensibly designed but otherwise soulless 2006 Mercury Milan for a week, I fear that Mercury has no place at all.

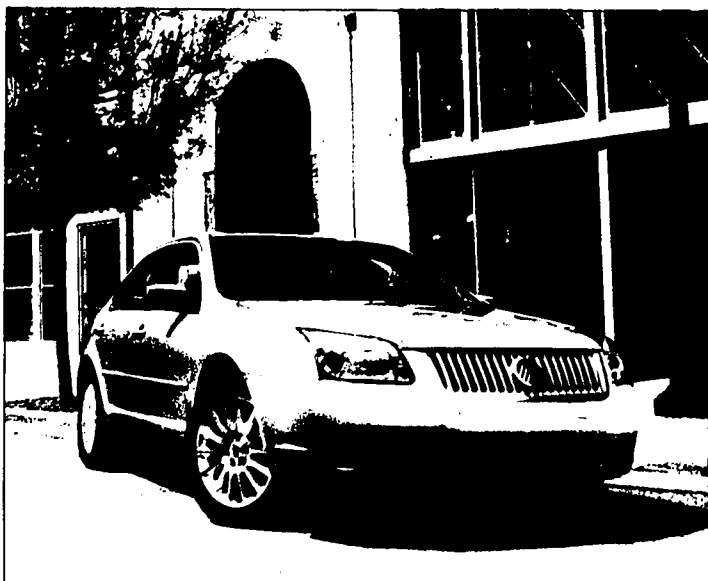
It pains me to write this. I have a chronic affection for underdogs. I love seeing their triumph over adversity.

The Mercury Division has long been Ford Motor Co.'s underdog, both in terms of sales and consumer share of mind. But no underdog ever became a top dog through slavish imitation.

You must bank your own bank and wag your own tail to separate yourself from the pack. Unfortunately, as evidenced by the new Milan, Mercury doesn't get it.

I drove the top model, the front-wheel-drive Milan Premier V6. It shares the Ford Fusion platform — the basic structure and underpinnings. I prefer the Fusion, because it is what it is: a bodacious iteration of the mid-size family sedan that makes a statement: "I'm from Detroit. Deal with it. If you can't get lost; and, yeah, I like to party."

By comparison, the Milan is wishy-washy. In a passionate embrace of sophistry, it sheds itself of the Fusion's ready-to-throw persona and firmly states what it is not: "I'm not like my cousin from the working-class side of the expressway." But it fails to say anything about its



The Mercury Milan is a very good car, but it fails to reach the heights of some other luxury cars.

Nuts & Bolts: 2006 Mercury Milan

Bottom line: What does the Milan give you that the Ford Fusion doesn't? Nothing.
Ride, acceleration and handling: Very good in all three categories. Solid. The same goes for the Fusion. But the Fusion's styling inside and out speaks chutzpah and fun. The Milan's tamer, more conservative treatment coupled with its muted appeal to luxury says: "Me, too, sort of, but not quite ... you know what I mean?"
Head-turning quotient: It looks like a Fusion, but ... hm. Something's missing.
Body style/features: Both the Milan and Fusion are front-engine, front-wheel-drive, mid-size sedans with traditional notch-back trunks.
Engines/transmissions: Two engines and three transmissions

Price: The 2006 Milan Premier has a base price of \$22,845, compared with a base price of \$21,170 for the technically and structurally identical Ford Fusion SEL V6. The dealer's base invoice price on the Milan Premier is \$20,995. Milan Premier price as tested is \$26,290, including \$2,795 in options and a \$650 destination charge. Milan Premier dealer's price with options and destination is \$24,079. Prices from Ford, www.edmunds.com, and www.cars.com, a Washington Post affiliate.

are available. The tested Milan Premier V6 dispenses 221 horsepower at 6,250 revolutions per minute and 205 foot-pounds of torque at 4,800 rpm. The Premier V6 gets a standard six-speed automatic transmission. The base Milan gets a 160-hp, 2.3-liter, in-line four-cylinder engine with a standard five-speed manual transmission, or an optional five-speed automatic gearbox.
Capacity: The Milan seats five people. Maximum cargo capacity

is 16 cubic feet. The fuel tank holds 16 gallons of recommended regular unleaded gasoline.
Mileage: Averaged 26 miles per gallon, mostly in highway driving.
Safety: Head and side air bags, and traction control are optional. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard.
Warranty notes: The Ford Fusion is a better buy. Compare with 2006 Chevrolet Malibu, Chrysler Sebring, Honda Accord, Hyundai Sonata, Kia Amanti, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry.

It is a bauble offered at a price higher than that of the technically and structurally identical Fusion. In pretending that it is something other than a Fusion, but never clearly stating what that something is, it ultimately pleases no one. I'm betting that the Milan will have limited to no appeal in hip neighborhoods and that it will be greeted with an equal lack of

enthusiasm here in Laguna Beach. Sadly, then, the Milan is a case where "very good" — and, again, technically, it is a very good car — isn't good enough. Its deficit is in the intangibles — the way it makes people feel about themselves, about ownership. Such intangibles speak to why people buy one coat vs. another, one kind of watch or

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Grating noise is likely external — from the engine

Q: My Ford Tempo has begun to make a loud grating noise from the engine — intermittently while at idle, and as I begin to accelerate. Could you please offer a suggestion as to how I might search for the cause?
— Windel Newby, San Jose, Calif.

A: This is a challenge, as NVI (noise/vibration/harshness) concerns can be tough enough to solve even when one can listen, poke and prod. Since the noise comes and goes at times, my hunch is that the cause is external to the engine, and is vibration- or load-influenced.



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholt

When at idle, does the noise surface as the steering wheel is turned, the air conditioner or defroster is engaged or the radiator cooling fan operates? If so the cause might be a faulty serpentine belt idler pulley, loose accessory drive component or cracked attaching bracket. The above situations place a greater load on the drive belt and related hardware, possibly bringing the grating/vibration to a noticeable level.

Assuming the noise occurs regularly, you're able to induce it within a moment or two — I'd note the routing of the serpentine drive belt's many twists and turns, then remove it. Then operate the engine for no more than two minutes and check to see if the noise abates. This brief time of operation is essential, as the water pump will not be circulating coolant throughout the engine.

If the grating noise is no longer detected, turn the engine off and put the key in your pocket. Then, try rotating each belt-drive accessory and both idler pulleys by hand. If roughness or looseness is evident, replacement might be necessary. Also, give each part a strong shake/wiggle, checking for possible bracket or mounting problems.

If the belt/accessory prognosis proves moot, next check items attached to the engine, and the engine mounts. Check for metal items — such as an air conditioning tube rubbing against the firewall, loose brackets retaining the radiator, A/C condenser, transmission dipstick tube, etc. There are dozens of possibilities.

A faulty engine or transmission mount could allow metal-to-metal contact as the engine/transmission wiggles during operation. Carefully applying force to the engine with a large pry bar or pipe can help to detect mount problems. The noise might change or stop as the engine is loaded in a particular direction.

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Standard licensing and/or bonding requirements must also be met.</p> <p>The District may make site investigation as it deems necessary to verify the information submitted. The responder should not rely upon the opportunity to alter their proposals after the deadline for submission. The responder should specifically identify any portions of their submission they believe contain proprietary or confidential information. Any such portion should be readily separable from the balance of the proposal. However, any such designation will not necessarily be conclusive, and responders may be required to justify why the District should not, upon written request of the public, disclose the materials.</p> <p>The following is a list of questions that should be addressed in the response to this request for proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe your implementation & Enrollment processes. 2. What data do you require from an employer initially? What data do you need on a monthly basis to maintain your FSA account system? 3. Do you have set up and/or monthly enrollment fees? If yes, please describe. 4. How many FSA clients do you currently serve? Please differentiate between full cafeteria and FSA only accounts. 5. How long have you administering flexible benefit plans? 6. What is your target market size? 7. How do you assist your clients with their payroll systems during implementation? 8. Do your systems fully automated? Please describe. 9. Describe your record keeping system. 10. Describe your flexible spending account administrative system. 11. Have you ever been involved in any litigation/lawsuits involving your flexible benefit administration? If yes, please explain. 12. What types of employee communication services do you provide? Are there any additional costs for these services? Please provide samples. 13. Do you provide plan documents, summary plan description, enrollment kits, claim forms, explanation of benefits (EOB), and marketing materials? If so, please provide examples. Are there any additional costs for the responder for these services? 14. Do you have a toll-free number for employee questions? 15. Can you provide discrimination testing for cafeteria plans? Are there any additional costs to the employer for these services? 16. How do you update your documents and processes for legislative and regulatory compliance? 17. Does your system provide section 105 direct claim interfaces? 18. Do you provide reports to the employer? If so, how frequently? Please provide examples. 19. Do you provide underwriting expertise in pricing cafeteria plan benefits? 20. Would you provide a "Hold-Harmless" provision for the employer at risk? 21. What is your average turn-around time on processing reimbursements? 22. What other requirements or expectations do you have of the employer and the payroll department? <p>Additional information is available by contacting Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Jerome, Lincoln and Cassia Counties at (208) 436-4727. Please submit any responses to this request for proposals to: District Managers of the Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Jerome, Lincoln and Cassia Counties no later than 5:00 P.M. (Mountain Standard Time) on November 14, 2003. Responses should be addressed to: Insurance Dept., Joint School District No. 331, 633 Fremont Avenue, Rupert, Idaho 83350.</p> <p>DATED this 1st day of November, 2003.</p> <p>Attest: <i>Id/Bobby Miller</i> Chairman of the Board</p> <p>PUBLISHED: Minidoka County News November 9, 2003. South Idaho Press November 4 and 11, 2003. The Times News November 4 and 11, 2003.</p>	<p>200 Employment</p> <p>CONSTRUCTION Framing Contractor Needed. Up to \$4,000 a month. 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