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If it's outdoor fun you want, we've got it. But our section is moving from Thursday to Friday publication starting this week.  
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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

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# SWOON BOOM?

## Bursting bubbles could make Twin Falls grow more

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Theories indicate this could go one of two ways, said Dave McAllindin.  
Housing bubbles start to burst in places like California, sending housing markets across the country swooning.  
"Which I don't think will happen," said McAllindin, director of the city of Twin Falls' economic development department.  
Or, as the West Coast market goes bad, homeowners there will sell en masse and move to places like the Magic Valley.  
"That seems more likely," he said.

### Record pace

Building permits issued for single-family homes in Twin Falls

Month	2005	2004
January	*27	24
February	*41	21
March	*52	23
April	*60	34
May	*41	27
June	42	42
July	49	*59
August	*94	41
September	*75	31
October	*75	48
November	*59	44
December	—	*44
Total	612	438

\*All-time high for the month

Source: City of Twin Falls

The Associated Press on Wednesday reported that a sustained decline will hit the U.S. housing market next year, costing the nation as many as 400,000 jobs according to a new economic report. The slowdown is likely to last several years, with as many as 500,000 construction jobs and 300,000 financial sector positions lost, the quarterly Anderson Forecast predicted.

"We expect housing to start slowing the economy this quarter or next," said Edward Leamer, director of the study done at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Some jobs in manufacturing might well disappear as a result of weakness in housing, but this may be offset by jobs brought home or not lost to foreign competition," he wrote.

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Electrician James Schipper, owner of Twin Falls Electric, works on a home Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls. The city of Twin Falls has issued 209 building permits for single-family homes from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. Except for June and July, the city has set new permit-issuing records each month this year.

# Teachers' contract comes to a vote

## District, union reached a deal late Monday

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The school district and teachers' union have agreed on a contract.

Now it goes to a vote of the teachers.  
About 150 voting members of the Twin Falls Education Association (TEA) will meet today to discuss the proposal, which they will be asked to vote on. If teachers approve the contract, it will bring months of bitter debate over contract bargaining to an end. If teachers reject the contract, the bargaining process will move into fact-finding — a lengthy process of gathering and disseminating information on points of contention between the teachers' union and the district.

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs did not want to comment on the contract until the teachers vote.

"I really want to be respectful as to what the teachers want to do," Dobbs said. "They have some choices in front of them, and I just want to be very careful."

Steve Hoy, spokesman for the TEA, said other than a few exceptions, the proposed contract is similar to the original contract that was being worked on in mediation.

"Everything that was agreed to on Monday night, with the exception of some insurance details, is essentially the same," Hoy said.

The latest contract proposal was a surprise to educators and the community after a five-hour mediation session on Monday ended without an agreement.

Early Tuesday morning, the federal mediator, Jim Bailey, called as he was returning to Portland, Ore., and offered another possible solution to the bargaining.

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# Birthright citizenship up for discussion

## Reforms could take it away from immigrants

Knight Ridder News Service

**WASHINGTON** — It's been a cornerstone of American law since shortly after the Civil War: Children born in the United States become citizens, even if their parents are here illegally.

Now some conservatives are taking aim at that birthright.

They call the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants "anchor babies" because

at age 18 the children can apply to bring other family members here from abroad, and a growing group of House Republicans wants to change the policy. They hope to add a provision to the immigration bill that the House of Representatives will consider next week that would deny citizenship to those children.

"They see people are coming here simply for the purpose of having a child here and then, because they're the anchor, they can have all the family come in on that child's ticket.... There are thousands upon thousands of people who are doing it," said Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., a leading opponent of illegal immigration.

He cited "surprising" momentum behind the plan. A House bill to make the policy change has 72 co-sponsors.

Because of widespread opposition in the House and even more in the Senate, the measure is unlikely to become law, and would face a constitutional challenge in court if it did. But it promises to make the debate over illegal immigration even more divisive and could reverberate in next year's midterm elections.

"To change the way we establish citizenship is such an extreme measure, and it makes you really question what is motivating people to come up with these

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# Move over politically correct tree

## This year, it's a Christmas Tree at the Capitol

Knight Ridder News Service

**WASHINGTON** — When first erected outside the Capitol back when Lyndon Johnson was president, it was simply called "The Tree." Then, recalls Bill Pincus, a former Capitol Hill landscaper, it became known as the Capitol Hill Christmas Tree.

"But we kept getting calls in the 1960s from people objecting to having a Christmas tree on the Capitol because of separation of church and state," said Pincus, 79, who retired in 1995.

Since then, it's been called the "Holiday Tree" and more recently, "People's Tree." Even this year, when the invitations went out for the annual lighting, it was again referred to as the Holiday Tree.

But when House Speaker



An ornament resembling the face of an alien hangs from the U.S. Christmas tree on Wednesday. This year's tree is from New Mexico.

Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., flips the switch to turn on more than 10,000 lights tonight. It will be officially referred to as the Christmas Tree on Capitol Hill, because Hastert wanted it that way.

Consequently, an 83-foot-tall Engelmann spruce plucked from the Santa Fe National Forest in

New Mexico has become the most visible symbol of an ongoing debate being waged across the nation to determine how people, public officials and institutions celebrate Christmas and the holiday season.

Christian conservatives are

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# Record cold settles across the Rockies, Midwest

The Associated Press

**DENVER** — Brutally cold air spread across the Rockies and Midwest on Wednesday, closing schools, crippling cars and sending volunteers into the streets looking for homeless people to rescue.

In West Yellowstone, Mont., a hiker on the doorstep of Yellowstone National Park and a frozen icebox, the mercury plummeted to 35 below zero, shattering the old record for Dec. 7 of 39 below set in 1927.

In Denver, the colder was trying to determine if the death of a homeless man was caused by temperatures that dropped to 11 below.

Schools in Colorado were closed or opened late.

The cold extended south to the Texas Panhandle, where Lubbock had a record low of 6 degrees. At Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, officials said freezing rain was expected to force the

cancellation of hundreds of flights.

Temperatures rose like ice hockey scores in northeastern New Mexico to zero at Las Vegas and 1 at Reno. The sitting here in my office and it's freezing and we've got the heat on full blast," said Bill Cox, owner of the Hillcrest Resturant in Las Vegas.

The cold follows a blizzard that blasted much of the Plains on Nov. 27-28, shutting down major highways across a half-dozen states.

Some 3,000 rural customers in South Dakota were still without electricity more than a week later, said Tom Drazdand, state public utility secretary.

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## NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** Federal mediation between the Twin Falls School District and the Twin Falls Education Association failed Monday night.
- **The latest:** The federal mediator offered a new proposal on Tuesday morning, which both sides began discussing later in the day.
- **What's next:** Teachers will vote on the contract at 7 p.m. today at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High. If they reject it, the bargaining process will go to fact finding and the TEA will move forward with its lawsuit.



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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Temperatures edging upward under fair skies. Highs low to middle 20s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cold. Lows single digits
Tomorrow: Temperatures continue a slow climb upward. Partly cloudy. Highs upper 20s to low 30s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy, mostly dry and chilly day on tap. Highs low 20s
Tonight: More cold overnight conditions. Lows 0 to 10
Tomorrow: Temperatures edging upward a little every day. Fair skies expected. Highs upper 20s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset. Includes monthly and daily data.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. The region is a store for several days of nice and dry December weather. Snowy periods will be limited to temperatures out of the deep freeze, but make for icy conditions on the slopes.

BOISE A slow warming trend will finish out the week with temperatures... pockets of low lying fog may form on times to go.

NORTHERN UT A mostly dry weather trend will prevail for the next several days. Temperatures are expected to slowly warm through the period.



Yesterday's State Average: 33 of Clear/Fair/Cloudy. Low: 27 of Dry weather. High: 39 of Clear/Fair/Cloudy.

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Table listing weather forecasts for various cities in the region including Boise, Idaho Falls, and others.

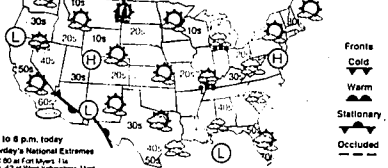
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Tree

Continued from A1 mounting a campaign to beat back more inclusive references to the holiday season and to make sure that Christian symbols, such as nativity scenes, are better represented. Their campaign is resonating not just in the nation's capital but across the country, where governments large and small are grappling with the issue of religious displays. Court rulings have not specifically prohibited the use of the word Christmas when referring to trees. But nativity scenes, according to two Supreme Court rulings, are considered religious symbols that can't be displayed — unless secular holiday symbols, like Santa Claus, are displayed. Christian conservatives are pressuring retailers to refer to their seasonal marketing as Christmas Sales, not Holiday Sales. These are Christmas trees, they say. "This is so wrapped up in the whole idea that there's a war against Christmas," said Matthew Staver, president and general counsel of the Liberty Counsel, which is in the third year of its Friend or foe Christmas Campaign. "We think the American people are tired of having Christmas censored."

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, said the annual display is much ado about nothing. "In the past few years when it was called a holiday tree, the sky didn't fall, the world didn't end, Lynn said. "This is so wrapped up in the whole idea that there's a war against Christmas."

Liberty Counsel, which is affiliated with the Rev. Jerry Falwell, and the Alliance Defense Fund, say they have almost 1,600 volunteer attorneys across the nation between them ready to file lawsuits against local governments, schools and anybody else they view as trying to "take Christ out of Christmas."

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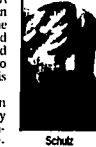
Even President Bush and his wife, Laura, have drawn fire from Christian conservatives because the White House greeting cards says "Happy Christmas." Instead of "Merry Christmas," though it did include a verse from the Bible.

"To neuter Christmas, this is sending the wrong message to Christians and the culture at large," said William A. Donahue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

American hostage is former Marine

JAMESTOWN, N.D. (AP) — A man shown as a hostage on an insurgent video is an ex-Marine who traveled around the world as an industrial electrician, and who in recent years people who knew him in high school with his toughness. Ronald Schulz was the captain of his high school cross country team and a four-year letter winner who was an in-vard for practicing on 77 consecutive days, his coach Schmeichel, who was his classmate at Jamestown High School. "He was a hard-nosed little guy who like to compete," Schmeichel said. "It was a big star, but he was a strong, steady kid."

Family and friends said Schulz, 40, is the blond, Western-looking man sitting with his hands tied behind his back in a video broadcast Tuesday by the Arab television network Al-Jazeera. The video, bearing the insignias of the insurgent Islamic Army, claimed insurgents had kidnapped a U.S. security consultant. The video also showed a U.S. passport and an Arabic identification card with the name Ronald Schulz, but the spelling of the name was uncertain because it was written in Arabic. Schulz was at his home in Avilla, near Grand Forks, told The Associated Press he last spoke with his brother on Nov. 4, when Ronald Schulz was at his home in Alaska. He said his brother's last known location was Annum, Alaska.



Schulz

Although it was not unusual for Ronald Schulz to work abroad, "We did not know he was making this trip to the Middle East," Ed Schulz said. "It takes the family by surprise." In Washington, State Dept. spokesman spokesman Eric Schmitt said an American was missing but declined to identify him. Ericl said the United States and Iraqis were cooperating on the situation. Ronald Schulz graduated from Jamestown High School in 1983, then left to join the Marines. Richard Hildemann, a high school friend, said Schulz was a "child-happy, down-to-earth guy" and "a good all-around friend." "He always kept his nose to the pavement and worked as hard as he could," said Hildemann, now an assistant manager at a Jamestown grocery store. Schulz served in the Marine Corps from 1984 to 1991, his brother said, and after his discharge he moved to the Anchorage, Alaska, suburb of Eagle River. "I came up here alone, and bought a house," and hung a large U.S. Marine Corps banner in the front window, family friend Hony Stark said. She described Schulz as "the ultimate Boy Scout" but wondered why anyone would take him hostage. "He doesn't know any military secrets," she said.

Building

Continued from A1 But, Twin Falls' economy is poised to go the other way, said McIndlin. As an example of things to come, he said, the city will soon announce the realignment of two small companies from California. "A major" enticement was more affordable housing for its employees, he said. Georgetown Ryan Ratcliff told The Associated Press that California's housing market will see a slowdown in spending along with job losses in construction and related sectors. The experts

California home prices to plateau while sales and new construction see moderate decreases during two years of weak growth. The housing market in Twin Falls remains strong. The city has been issuing record numbers of building permits for single-family homes all year, except during June and July. The high point was August at 91 permits, according to city figures. The local market might not go unaffected by national problems, however. Hurricanes Rita and Katrina could push up the

costs of materials, such as plywood, said regional economist Greg Rogers of Idaho Commerce and Labor. As whole cities like New Orleans are being rebuilt, new homes might start getting priced beyond some consumers' range, as contractors pass on the higher costs of materials, he said. When demand goes up and supplies don't keep up, the first to buy will be "regular consumers," he said.

Times-News writer Chris Baldoni contributed to this report.

Contract

Continued from A1 disagreement. Both sides insist, independently, not with their bargaining representatives and began working on possible settlements. "If we don't have a deal this week, it's going to be a long time before we can get around to it," Hoy said. TEFA bargaining unit members will meet at 7 p.m. today, in the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High auditorium to vote on the latest proposal.

They said between now and the lawsuit scheduled to be heard Dec. 16 is a crucial time for teachers and administrators. "If we don't have a deal this week, it's going to be a long time before we can get around to it," Hoy said. TEFA bargaining unit members will meet at 7 p.m. today, in the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High auditorium to vote on the latest proposal.

Birthright

Continued from A1 others, said Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-Texas, whose grandparent emigrated from Mexico. "It just goes counter to what we do as a people, and I think it does great harm." According to the Constitution's 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868 to give former slaves U.S. citizenship, "all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States."

Tancredi said citizens of other countries are not subject to U.S. jurisdiction, and he added that drafters of the 14th Amendment did not intend it to apply to children of illegal immigrants. But in a case in 1898, the Supreme Court ruled that a Chinese immigrant born in San Francisco was legally a U.S. citizen, even though federal law at the time denied citizenship to people from China. The court said birth in the United States constituted "a sufficient and complete right to citizenship."

that 49 percent favored denying citizenship to U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants, with 41 percent opposing such a proposal. Supporters note that few countries — none in Europe — offer birthright citizenship. But Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank, said that's why other countries have not been as successful at integrating immigrants. The birthright proposal is the worst of the immigration proposals being sound Washington and could be "suicide" for Republicans, she said. Michele Waslin, director of immigration policy research at the National Council of La Raza, a leading Latino organization, said people are coming to the United States illegally for jobs, not to have children who must wait until they're 18 to petition to bring in their family members.

"I think it's unfortunate that some Republicans are trying to use innocent babies to score political points," she said.

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# Bush says Iraqi economy makes slow, steady progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defending his war policy, President Bush said Wednesday that Iraq is making quiet, steady progress in repairing its shattered economy, though reconstruction "has not always gone as well as we had hoped" because of unrelenting violence.

"Rebuilding a nation devastated by a dictator is a large undertaking," the president said. "It's even harder when terrorists are trying to blow up that which the Iraqis are trying to build."



President Bush delivers a speech on the war in Iraq to the Council on Foreign Relations, Wednesday in Washington.

infrastructure to help more than 400,000 rural Iraqis and improve drinking water for more than 3 million people.

Bush cited Najaf, 90 miles south of Baghdad, and Mosul in northern Iraq — the sites of some of the bloodiest battles of the war — as two cities where headway is being made, in focusing on progress in the two cities, however. Bush did not dwell on violence-scarred cities such as Baghdad, the capital, or western expanses that have been a gateway for foreign militants.

He said victory will be achieved when insurgents and others seeking to derail democracy in Iraq can no longer threaten the future of the nation: when Iraqi security forces can safeguard their own citizens; and when Iraq is not a haven for terrorists plotting attacks against the U.S. Democrats say the U.S. engagement in Iraq is open-ended and costly in terms of lives and dollars. They say the president refrains from giving the American people an idea of when U.S. troops might be able to return home.

Rep. John Muthiga, D-Pa., a longtime hawk on military matters who now wants U.S. troops pulled out of Iraq, said the military has told him it plans to ask for \$100 billion more for the war next year. That is in addition to the \$50 billion that Congress is expected to approve for this year before adjourning, and the \$200 billion that lawmakers already have given the president for Iraq since 2003.

Bush spoke before the Council on Foreign Relations in the second of four addresses to answer criticism about America's presence in Iraq, where the U.S. death toll has eclipsed 2,100. Bush is laboring under the lowest job approval rating of his presidency, and the speeches are part of a public relations campaign in the run-up to the Dec. 13 vote in Iraq to create a democratically elected government that will run the country for the next four years.

While not admitting errors, Bush spoke about how the U.S. "adjusted our approach" in helping rebuild Iraqi cities. In his speech on Iraq last week, Bush talked about early miscalculations that meant the U.S. was training Iraqi forces. A majority of Americans now say the war was a mistake, and critics of the administration's reconstruction strategy say not enough has been done in the nearly three years since the invasion to reduce unemployment, step up oil production and keep the lights on.

"The Iraqi people want jobs, security and basic services, and the president's words will continue to ring hollow until these urgent needs are met," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. "Nearly half of the funds appropriated by Congress remain unspent and millions of dollars have been lost to corruption."

Bush said the U.S. has helped Iraqis conduct nearly 200 renovation projects at schools, train more than 30,000 teachers, distribute more than 8 million textbooks, rebuild irrigation in-

# Rice leaves questions about interrogations

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gave the Bush administration's most comprehensive accounting yet of U.S. rules on treatment of prisoners in the war on terrorism Wednesday, but her assurances left loopholes for tactics that could be akin to torture.

Rice said cruel and degrading interrogation methods are off limits for all U.S. personnel at home and abroad. But she gave no examples of banned practices, did not define the meaning of cruelty or degradation, did not say if the rules would apply to private contractors or foreign interrogators and made no mention of whether exceptions would be allowed.

"As a matter of U.S. policy," Rice said during a press conference with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, the United Nations Convention Against Torture "extends to U.S. personnel wherever they are, whether they are in the U.S. or outside the U.S."

Rice's remarks follow debate in the United States over the government policies for holding and questioning detainees, including Bush administration statements that a ban on cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment did not apply to detainees held overseas. In practice, that could mean CIA employees could use methods in overseas prisons that would not be allowed in the United States.

"It's about time," House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi,

D-Calif., said of Rice's remarks. "Shame on us that it took so long for the administration" to make such a determination, she said.

Rice's remarks came amid strong and sustained criticism among European allies and others around the world over techniques such as "waterboarding" in which prisoners are strapped to a plank and dunked in water, made to fear they may be drowned.

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# Air marshal kills man who said he had a bomb

MIAMI (AP) — An agitated passenger who claimed to have a bomb in his backpack was shot and killed by a federal air marshal Wednesday after he bolted frantically from a jetliner that was about to take off, officials said. No bomb was found.

The man, identified as Rigoberto Alpizar, a 44-year-old U.S. citizen, was gunned down on a flight just before the American Airlines plane was about to leave for Orlando, near his home in Maunabo.

It was the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks that an air marshal had shot at anyone, Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Doyle said.

According to a witness, the man frantically ran down the aisle of the Boeing 757, flailing his arms, while his wife tried to explain that he was mentally ill and had not taken his medication.

The passenger indicated there was a bomb in his bag and was confronted by air marshals but ran off the aircraft, Doyle said. The marshals went after him and ordered him to get down on the ground, but he did not comply and was shot when he apparently reached into the bag, Doyle said.

The plane, flight 924, had arrived in Miami from Medellin, Colombia, just after noon, and the shooting occurred shortly after 2 p.m. as the plane was about to take off for Orlando with the man and 119 other passengers and crew, American spokesman Tim Wagner said. Alpizar had arrived in Miami earlier in the day from Ecuador, authorities said.

After the shooting, investigators spread passengers' bags on the tarmac and let dogs sniff them for explosives, and bomb squad members blew up at least two bags.

No bomb was found, said James E. Bauer, agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshals field office in Miami. He said there was no reason to believe there was any connection to terrorism.



Pearl Harbor survivor Gilbert Meyer, left, of the USS Utah, salutes during the playing of Taps during a memorial for the 54th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor at the USS Arizona Memorial on Wednesday in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

# Survivors, sailors observe Pearl Harbor anniversary

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — About 2,000 sailors, veterans, community leaders and guests bowed their heads Wednesday in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor that lured the U.S. into World War II 64 years ago.

As Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s flew in formation overhead and the Arizona Memorial glided in the distance, survivors laid wreaths in honor of ships that were destroyed in the Japanese attack. Bumpers from a Pacific Fleet hand played taps.

The crowd observed a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. — the exact time the surprise attack began in 1941.

"We cannot help ourselves but to return, not just to honor but to learn," said Adm. Michael G. Muller, chief of U.S. naval operations. "We hope for the future and

emulate the World War II generation. We look to their courage, to their determination and to their commitment."

The crowd gathered on a grassy area outside the memorial visitors' center, from which tourists take boats to the memorial erected over the sunken USS Arizona battleship.

The attack on Pearl Harbor and other military bases on Oahu lasted two hours, killing 2,390 people, wounding 1,178, leaving 21 U.S. ships heavily damaged and 323 aircraft damaged or destroyed. The Arizona still holds the bodies of hundreds of sailors killed.

Navy reservists from the USS Ward, which fired the first shots of the war when its crew spotted and sank a Japanese midget submarine, also were honored at this year's ceremonies.



Pearl Harbor survivor Joseph Brooke, 85, wipes away tears during a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony Wednesday in Vero Beach, Fla.

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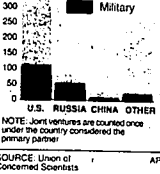


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So many satellites

The U.S. owns more than half of the approximately 600 active satellites orbiting the earth, according to a new database developed by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Number of satellites, by country and type of use



U.S. satellites outnumber rest of world's

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has more satellites than the rest of the world combined.

The scorecard: U.S. 413, all others 382, according to a new database that catalogs the high-flying technology that does everything from transmit music to snoop on adversaries.

The inventory, developed by the Union of Concerned Scientists and released Wednesday, provides details on some of the Pentagon's most secret satellites, which may gather images in the dark or take high-resolution pictures from 12,000 miles away.

"Until now, the general public didn't have easy access to information about all active satellites," said Dr. Laura Grega, a Cambridge astrophysicist who was on a team that spent several years compiling information on the nearly 800 active satellites. "No one owns space, so everyone has a right to know what's up there."

The material was gleaned from corporations, academics, governments and satellite watchers who as a hobby spend their nights watching the skies for flickers of light.

The group's inventory lists 21 different details on satellites with missions ranging from weather forecasting to transmitting music and other data for companies like Sirius Satellite Radio. Perhaps most controversially, the repository includes what's known about top-secret spy satellites run by the U.S. and other governments.

With 413, the United States far exceeds other nations in numbers of satellites, often used for communications. The Russians who follow the U.S. in total number, have 87. The Chinese have 34. The numbers are approximations that may vary depending on how joint ventures are counted.

Facts and figures on unclassified satellites were publicly available from the U.S. government until recently. For national security reasons, individuals now must request an account from the Air Force to access the information, and may redistribute the information only with permission from the Defense Department.

The Union of Concerned Scientists opposes space-based weapons and destructive weapons that target satellites, even from the ground. It made the data public to start a dialogue about the best use of space.

The group is reasonably sure it knows about most — if not all — satellites because their launches are major events and must be registered with the United Nations.

WASHINGTON (AP) — FEMA's top official was told more than a year before Hurricane Katrina that the agency's emergency response teams were unprepared for a major disaster and were operating under outdated plans, documents show.

Additionally, e-mails obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press indicate that Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff tried to call Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco the afternoon before Katrina hit, but she could not be immediately reached; she may have been napping.

An 11-page memo to Michael Brown, former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, from June 2004 described response teams that

were not prepared and were getting "zero funding for training, exercise or team equipment."

The national reporters "provide the only practical, expedient option for the (FEMA) director to field a cohesive team of his best people to handle the next big one," wrote William Carville, who was FEMA's federal coordinating officer.

Brown resigned from FEMA on Sept. 12, under fire in the wake of the government's sluggish reaction to Katrina. He was

questions about his own professional experience in responding to disasters.

A separate batch of documents details Chertoff's efforts to get in touch with Blanco as Katrina neared the Gulf Coast.

"Your assistance would be appreciated," Homeland Security senior intelligence analyst Mark Fischer wrote in an e-mail to two of Blanco's press aides. It was dated 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 28 — the day before Katrina hit.

"Secretary Chertoff, Department of Homeland Security, is

attempting to contact Governor Blanco via telephone," the e-mail said.

Subsequent e-mails between Blanco's aides show their attempts to get the message to the governor. One, at 1:59 p.m. noted: "I think she's asleep now."

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## EDITORIAL

### Don't expect any bargain with an Idaho med school

**O**fficials at Idaho State University have spent years anticipating how to push the idea of a medical school on the Pocatello campus. Interim President Michael Gallagher needed only a few weeks.

Gallagher, who replaced President Richard Bowen in October, was shooting for the moon last week when he told the State Board of Education that Idaho needs a medical school and it should be built on the Pocatello campus.

ISU is charged as the lead institution in health and support sciences," Gallagher told the board. "We are willing to work with the board and the Idaho Medical Association, plus other institutions including the Legislature, to help define what the future of health and medical education should look like in Idaho."

Give the man a cigar for hold ideas. But for practicality's sake, Idaho is about as ready for a med school as it is for bird flu.

Gallagher should wage a sound fight for ISU, however. Politically speaking, that school has lingered in the shadows behind Boise State University and University of Idaho. But now with 13,000 students, ISU's full academic enrollment growth rate has been just as steady over the past decade (1.6 percent average annually as UI (0.9 percent) and BSU (1.9 percent).

Idaho doesn't have a medical school, but many factors play in ISU's favor. ISU's health science departments in pharmacy, nursing and dental studies, plus the close location of Portneuf Medical Center to the campus is a big plus. You could say Gallagher wants to blaze the med school trail and stake a claim.

before Idaho's other colleges try the same.

That said, a medical school is a long way in Idaho's future. Idaho's four-year universities are fighting to preserve existing programs in an era of conservative support from the state's general fund. Idaho students and their families, not taxpayers, are the ones carrying more of the load in protecting those programs.

And remember, this is medical school we're talking about. Finding a staff to teach those students is competitively intense and expensive.

The University of Utah School of Medicine, for example, has an annual budget of \$55 million. That amount includes \$24.3 million of state support and a staff of 2,130 — 928 as teaching faculty. Idaho's school would be much smaller, but just a comparative glance is staggering.

Currently, Idaho belongs to a cooperative program that allows students from Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho to attend the University of Washington School of Medicine for the same in-state tuition rate paid by Washington students. Given Idaho's current holding pattern on higher education funding, that system is sufficient for now.

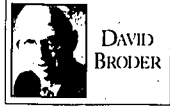
When Idaho's population and tax base can support a med school, its foundation will require a significant endowment from a wealthy individual, or a collaborative fundraising effort with the private sector. Should that happen, the players involved will certainly weigh in on where the med school is located.

You can't blame ISU for jumping first in line in the med school sweepstakes. It's just much too early to see which school will land the prize.

## Corruption cases evoke a wave of reform

**I**f the House of Representatives were a person, it would be blushing these days. Unfortunately, the House is beyond embarrassment.

Its one (and maybe future) majority leader, Tom DeLay, is under indictment on money-laundering charges in Texas. One of its more colorful members, Randy "Duke" Cunningham of California, resigned last week after pleading guilty to shaking down lobbyists for \$2.4 million in cash and gifts.



DAVID BRODER

DeLay's former press secretary, lobbyist Michael Scanlon, has copied a plea and is busy explaining to federal prosecutors how he funneled money to wealthy half-a-dozen other complainant members of the House. Scanlon's former partner, lobbyist Jack Abramoff, is at the center of separate investigations that implicate still other legislators of both parties.

And in the midst of all these shenanigans, the House staged a meek debate about the legitimate issue of American troops in Iraq that was as uncut as it was unproductive.

Alumni of the House — men and women of both parties — will tell you that they are appalled or nauseated by what has happened there. I ran into a former member of the GOP leadership in a downtown restaurant last week when said, "I'm so thankful I got out when I did."

The place needs a good scrubbing, and that is what it would get if the leadership were somehow to embrace a set of rule changes put forward this week by several long-time members. But because the authors are Democrats — and, in some cases, liberals — we are left with the reciprocity of the Republicans managing the House is not likely to be great.

The four congressmen in-



volved — Reps. David Obey of Wisconsin, Barney Frank of Massachusetts, David Price of North Carolina and Tom Allen of Maine — held a news conference on Monday at the Center for American Progress to introduce their 14-point plan. It is strong medicine — a stiff enough dose of salts that even a watered-down version would mark a major change in the ethical environment of Capitol Hill.

On the lobbying front, for example, it would bar any reimbursed travel by a member of the House or its staff unless that person could certify in writing that no lobbyist was invited on the trip, no lobbyist attended the meetings, and whoever sponsored the gathering does not lobby or pay for lobbying.

It would also require former members who exercise their prerogative of visiting the floor of the House while it is in session to guarantee that the House is not debating a subject on which they have a financial interest, and the alumni will not advocate for or against any matter during the visit.

It cracks down on some of the creative devices that Republicans have used to stifle genuine debate and deliberation in the House. To end the practice of lengthy roll calls — some as long as three hours — during which Republican arms are twisted to produce party-line victories, the rule would limit voting on any bill or amendment to 20 minutes, unless the leaders of both parties agreed to extend the time.

It would halt the spread of " earmarks," the spending targeted to individual projects in members' districts, which are used to punish dissenters or reward reluctant supporters, thereby enforcing party discipline on bigger bills. And it would strike a further blow for budgetary sanity by requiring that reconciliation bills — the end-of-the-line spending measures — must be tailored to reduce the budget deficit, not increase it, except by two-thirds vote of the House.

Finally, it would put teeth into two rules now often ignored by the majority party: It would require that printed copies of all bills be available at least 24 hours before they are

called up for a vote, and it would insist that conference committees of the House and Senate actually meet and vote in open session, rather than having brief front staff gatherings and then turning requirements if they became members or leadership aides to be negotiated in secret.

As I said, this is strong medicine. At the briefing, Tom Mann of the Brookings Institution, a scholar of Congress, asked the right question when he wondered if the Democrats would actually adhere to such requirements if they became the House majority in a future election. Price said the requirements would be endorsed by the Democratic caucus and become part of the permanent rules. Frank added that the press would not allow the Democrats to backslide.

The Democrats' record during their 40-year reign in the House gives reason for skepticism. But something must be done to cleanse the House — and this points the way.

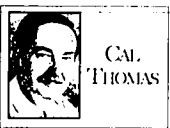
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## New anchors provide the same old routine

**T**he late Peter Jennings would be mildly amused that ABC News has named two anchors to replace him. He might also be pleased that the very pleasant-looking Elizabeth Vargas and Bob Woodruff share Jennings' political philosophy. They are both liberals.

How do I know this? For the past season I know that when a pope dies, his successor will not be a Methodist, but a Roman Catholic. Vargas and Woodruff, along with the new "Nightline" troika of Kelly Rowland, Cynthia McMillen and Martin Bashir (Ted Koppel, you get bragging rights because it took three to replace you) are all liberals.

ABC News president David Westin wanted to make a bold statement and attract new viewers, he might have found at least one conservative to be a potential anchor mix. But where would he look and upon whom would he call? John Stossel, who appears on "20/20," is the only conservative-leaning reporter at ABC. But his chances of being tapped were about the same as mine: slim to none. During an interview two years ago with "60 Minutes" reporter Lesley Stahl, I asked her about journalistic bias. She asserted that there were people of differing political viewpoints at CBS News. Asked to name one, Stahl could not.



CAL THOMAS

Liberal journalists see the world through their own glasses: big government and higher taxes are good; abortion on demand is good; nothing wrong with homosexual practice or same-sex marriage; America is evil or, if not evil, the cause of much of the world's problems; religious people are by definition unintelligent and need watching. Democrats, whether Republicans and have a "divine right" (if they believed in the divine, which most big-time journalists do not) to run our government. Bush is evil and an idiot; the war in Iraq is a failure and nothing American soldiers are doing is worthwhile; Howard Stern is a First Amendment crusader (he was featured on last Sunday's "60 Minutes") while those who want culture to at least acknowledge their beliefs are radical imposers of a narrow religious agenda.

The Media Research Center, a conservative media-monitoring group, has collected some statements by Vargas and Woodruff. While the list is short compared to Jennings', Tim

Graham, ABC's director of media analysis, explains in the Washington Times, "New anchorpeople need time to grow in pomposity."

Graham notes Vargas anchored one-hour "documentary" publicizing "the whoa claims of 'The Da Vinci Code,'" which, he says, "underscores the liberal culture at ABC."

Woodruff, he notes, broadcast last June from North Korea. He chose to emphasize how much the North Koreans hate Americans. This is news? Woodruff later admitted he did not have a translator and depended on the communist government's handler for his information.

Anyone interested in some of Vargas' ideological record as a doctrinaire liberal can visit www.newsbusters.org/node/3090. There one finds examples of liberal take on taxes, spending, Judge Samuel Alito, federal regulation and more. The way stories are chosen is also important when considering bias. In addition to stories that delight sponsors, (such as women's health issues that are frequently followed by a commercial promoting drugs, the manufacturer claims will improve women's health), controversial political and cultural stories are framed in ways that also reveal a liberal slant.

ed out to the anchors and network news executives. In everyone denies any bias. They actually believe they are fair and accurate because they all subscribe to the same philosophy and they work and socialize with people who hold identical views. That is an undeniable fact.

It has been this way since the agenda-setters took over the newsroom, and you can expect more of the same. And expect more "preaching" by overpaid anchors about problems they will never face because their salaries dwarf those of average Americans whose interests they champion. They do not understand why this one-dimensional and prosaic news work contributes to their falling ratings and declining market share.

The country needs a robust debate and access to information. It needs a healthy mix of views. ABC, CBS and NBC do not practice ideological diversity, which is why increasing numbers of conservatives have abandoned broadcast network news in favor of cable. Those who continue to view broadcast news deserve better, but they'll get more of the same.

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### ESL courses make a difference in lives

My name is Zuyhar Bitmanova. I am a lawyer in the City of Albany in the Republic of Kazakhstan. I am very happy to become acquainted with many interesting and new people. I want to thank Haight for introducing me to the English as Second Language program at the College of Southern Idaho. The Haight has been most helpful by inviting me to his meetings where I met many leaders in the Twin Falls community. I am here in Twin Falls,

studying English at CSI. I have been making acquaintance with local lawyers, judges and politicians. I very much like the English as Second Language classes offered at CSI. These CSI classes help many people to learn to speak English in America. I have met Russians, Bosnians, Armenians, Spaniards, Mexicans, Turks, Ukrainians, Venezuelans and others. During my stay in America, I discovered that American people have very open souls which allowed me to make many new friends. It has been my experience that the ESL teachers are very

knowledgeable, very helpful, perceptive and artistic. Every lesson is interesting, as it is presented in a friendly atmosphere with a big smile. I think the CSI campus is very comfortable and presents a wonderful place to learn. I have been very impressed with the Faulkner Planetarium and the telescope. I wish to publicly thank the CSI staff for providing me a great place to learn English and the culture of America.

I especially wish to express my appreciation to three interesting, wonderful, beautiful and very nice American peo-

ple: to Bonnie Brooks, who first introduced me to the United States and showed me California; to John and Harriet Haight of Twin Falls who have provided me with a comfortable home and a very understanding environment for 2 and 1/2 months. Thank you to all who have helped me to come to the United States and to have this super experience.

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(Editor's note: Zuyhar Bitmanova will return to her home in Kazakhstan this month.)

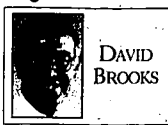
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LETTER

# Bush finally catches reality syndrome

Most serious people who spend time in Iraq report that reality there is contradictory and false. The Sunnis are participating in the democratic process; the Sunnis are supporting the insurgents. The Shiites are building a national government; the Shiites are creating death squads. The Americans are securing neighborhoods; the Americans are inciting violence.



DAVID BROOKS

A New York Times correspondent, John F. Burns, has written about the rumors, half-truths, obscurities and shadowlands that envelope Iraqi society. In his book "The Assassins' Gate," George Packer contrasts the contradictory reality in Iraq with the simple-minded debate at home, with liberals spewing anti-Bush slogans and conservatives fixating on every piece of good news. "There were not many people in America who could stand the cognitive dissonance with which Iraqis live every day," Packer writes.

It's been interesting to watch the Bush administration grapple with these ambiguities, contradictions and dissonances. When the war first began to deteriorate, the Bushies exuded what Packer calls a "theology of confidence." The president felt he had to display resolve or his team's morale would suffer. Public speeches were relentlessly positive, even to the

point of fantasy. Administration officials felt compelled to assert a mastery of events they plainly did not possess. Sometimes I'd come away from off-the-record conversations and background briefings feeling my intelligence had been insulted because even in private, officials would ignore realities that were on newspaper front pages.

Then, gradually, an internal glasnost evolved. John Negroponte, then our ambassador, forced people in Washington to confront unpleasant truths. But the internal deliberations were not matched by external candor.

There was a vast gap between the eighth-grade level of some public statements and the graduate-school level of private White House conversations. It was about this time that a bewildered newcomer to the Bush administration interrupted an interview to ask me why I thought there was such a big difference between the probing and realistic President Bush he would see in the Oval Office, and the pat and repeti-

tive Bush he would see at press conferences and on TV. The president's Annapolis speech last week marks the start of the third phase of the Bush administration's efforts to function amid the fog of the Iraq war. John Burns and Dexter Filkins wrote that the speech was a watershed; for once the Iraq Bush described matched the Iraq his generals confront every day. I'd add that the speech was a watershed because more than ever before, the views the president expressed in public resembled the views he holds in private.

I think of this as the Khanah phase, because our current ambassador, Zalmay Khalilzad, is more intimately involved with all the Iraqi factions than any American has been before, and is taking more sophisticated information back to the White House.

Now when you ask administration officials about how the Iraq government is doing, you get complex answers. Zalmay answers: some ministries, like Finance, have competent leadership, while others, like Interior, are a mess. The Iraqi army is doing a decent job of being a national institution, rather than a front for sectarian militias, but the police forces have been tainted by militia infiltration.

When you ask about the Sunnis, you also get answers that acknowledge the contra-

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## Police chief mishandled officers' departure

There is no doubt that the city of Twin Falls needs to do something to retain its police officers and firefighters as well.

The attitude of "we can replace experienced officers with higher-paid officers with a new and cheaper rookie" is costing the citizens of Twin Falls. We are being denied the experience of the officers and firefighters. Twin Falls has become a training ground for going somewhere else to get a better, retirement package and, yes, better wages.

If we had a real chief of police, he would have called the three officers into the office and told them that he understood why they were going to leave. And he would have them the best of luck. He would also be glad to have them on the street working until they were ready to leave. Instead, he showed his lack of leadership and fired the officers. That was when the sick leave became an issue. At no time were the streets of Twin Falls below the minimum number of officers on the days that these men were gone. These officers are

highly respected by their peers and on the streets as well. They have given nothing less than the best to the Twin Falls citizens.

The city of Twin Falls cannot afford to have a loose cannon for a chief of police. In the future when we have experienced officers going to Boise, maybe we should call it Munn-flu. No one could work for someone who tries to hold their jobs over their heads. I know that all the previous chiefs would not have let this happen.

RAY FLEMING, Twin Falls

## Local group fights on for clean valley

Hagerman Valley, my childhood haven, has always been my heartland! Many "natives" and "transplants" agree! After living away in various Idaho areas, with a short time in stroggy Los Angeles, I know that all the previous chiefs would not have let this happen. "that being clean air, spring water, shady trees and enjoying "the food angels eat" — watermelon! If you've experienced a Hagerman Valley get-away, you know what I mean.

I've recently lived here in retirement for 10 years and haven't regretted returning to my roots. Many friends, like me, feel the same way. That's why we, like the group, KMMV (Keep Magic Valley Magic), are against bringing a coal-fired plant's poisonous emissions into Idaho.

While living in Pocatello for 30 years, I was exposed to pollution from two large phosphate plants, FMC (very large) and Simplot's. My husband was a mechanical engineer and a company man for FMC, later retiring after millions of dollars in investments, etc., attempting to eliminate pollution — all to no real avail. Often a poisonous haze loomed over the Pocatello area, as well as many surrounding miles of mountains. I viewed much of it through my hillside windows. Inversions of smog were common, along I-86 near the plants, causing serious automobile wrecks.

Earlier, Bannock County rejected siting of these plants. Power County agreed, collected revenue and placed them at the boundary line with

Pocatello downwind. This remains a conversation sore spot among residents. Finally, FMC closed, but now a coal gasification plant is proposed for that site. At least people had a short reprieve for a breath of less-contaminated air. A Pocatello doctor friend told me that he since has treated fewer patients with breathing difficulties. What does that tell us?

While living in "Poky," I experienced breast cancer. Not having any known relatives affected with such, I wonder why?

I am now actively against Idaho air pollution, mercury and other pollution particulates into Idaho air and water. I belong to "Citizens for Healthy Idaho Communities" and "Citizens Protecting Resources." We, like "Keep Magic Valley Magic," are opposed to Sempra Energy's proposal of a huge coal-fired power plant in Jerome. County Comments are welcome! Join us! Get seriously involved! Let's preserve our "Idaho: The Wilderness State" and keep it for future generations! BRYAN SMITH BANNING, Hagerman

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NATION/WORLD

# Kidnappers extend deadline, issue videotape

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kidnappers extended a deadline until Saturday in their threat to slay four captive peace activists and posted a video of two of the hostages wearing robes and shackled with chains.

The original deadline set by the group calling itself the "Sword of Lightness" was Thursday. The extension was announced in a statement that accompanied Wednesday's video, according to Al-Jazeera and IntelCenter, a government contractor that does support work for the U.S. intelligence community.

Norman Kember, 74, of London; Tom Fox, 54, of Clear Brook, Va., and the Canadians James Loney, 41, and Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32, were taken in Baghdad two weeks ago.

They were working for the Christian Peacemaker Teams, an anti-war group, and are among seven Westerners who have been abducted in Iraq

since Nov. 26. The other hostages are an American, a German and a Frenchman.

The other American in captivity was shown Tuesday on a separate insurgent video broadcast on Al-Jazeera. On Wednesday, his brother in the United States identified the captive as Ronald Schulz, 40, an industrial electrician from Alaska.

"I don't want to get my brother killed," Ed Schulz said. "But the fact that he has blond hair

and blue eyes might get him killed."

The brief videotape of the Christian peace activists transmitted Wednesday by Al-Jazeera did not show faces of the two robbed and shackled figures. However, still photos provided by IntelCenter showed the two were Fox and Kember. The two other hostages were not shown.

Fox and Kember were blindfolded, and the stills appeared to have been made from a more

complete version of the video that Al-Jazeera aired. Unlike the civilian clothing they were wearing in two earlier videos, this time the hostages were wearing orange jumpsuits.

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# Saddam stays away from court

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein followed through Wednesday on his threat to boycott his trial, and the court adjourned until after next week's national elections. Gunmen, meanwhile, kidnapped the 8-year-old son of a bodyguard for a judge in the case.

Inside the courtroom, one of Saddam's seven co-defendants lashed out at conditions of his own detention, saying guards offered only "the worst brands" of cigarettes.

Barazan Ibrahim's outburst came a day after Saddam, his half brother, warned that he would not return to the "unjust" court to protest the conditions of his detention. The group is on trial in the deadly election. 140 Shiite Muslims following a 1982 assassination attempt against him.

The court convened Wednesday after four hours of behind-the-scenes consultations failed to resolve the standoff. After hearing from two more witnesses, Chief Judge Rizar Mohammed Amin adjourned the hearings until Dec. 21 — six days after the parliamentary elections, which officials fear may coincide with a spike in insurgent violence.

Court official Haid Iubi insisted that Saddam did not boycott the hearing but that the court "decided he should be removed" after the closed-door consultations. Iubi said Saddam would be in court Dec. 21.

However, a statement released in Amman, Jordan, by Saddam's legal team said the former president stayed away to protest alleged mistreatment by an "illegal" court.

President Saddam Hussein refused to attend the sessions of the extraordinary court that was created by the United States government as the occupying power of Iraq, claiming that the court is illegal and cannot provide a fair trial," the statement said.

Saddam's lawyers and the other defendants were on hand when Amin convened the session at 1 p.m., about four hours after the normal starting time. He told judge said the court would meet Saddam on the proceedings that took place during his absence.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### State appointees include 10 locals

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced Wednesday the appointment or reappointment of 104 Idahoans to 38 state boards and commissions, including 10 people from Magic Valley.

Appointments: Idaho Energy Resources Authority, Ralph Williams; Heyburn Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute, Jim Tarter, Twin Falls; Speech and Hearing Services Licensure Board, Andrew Seitz, Jerome; State Board of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Jennifer Carl, Bellevue. Reappointments: Idaho Bean Commission, Bill Bitzenburg, Twin Falls; Idaho Commission on the Arts, Patricia Harker, Twin Falls; Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health, Denton Darrington, Declo; Idaho Potato Commission, Randy Bauscher, Heyburn; Wes Wagon, Glennis Ferry; Juvenile Justice District Council, Kyle Fisher, Kimberly.

### Gooding's Festival of Trees begins today

GOODING — The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees starts its four-day run today at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

A gala opening and silent auction will be from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person.

On Friday, the displays of holiday decorations will be open to the public from 3 to 7 p.m. A luncheon and style show will be at 11:15 a.m. and at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the hospital or at the College of Southern Idaho Northside Center.

Hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. A children's workshop and visit with Santa will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A food cooking demonstration and tasting class of holiday recipes will be presented by Jake and Jane Rice of Fagerman. Tickets are \$10. On Sunday, the event will be open from noon to 4 p.m., with entertainment provided by community and church choirs. Admission is \$2 for ages 5 and older.

### Muzzle Braun will perform at Rudy's

TWIN FALLS — Idaho country singer Muzzle Braun will perform Friday at Rudy's. — A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls.

Braun, who lives in the central Idaho town of Clayton, is a favorite of Idaho stages, touring and performing for more than 30 years.

He will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. The event is limited to 35, and tickets are \$25. They can be reserved by phoning 735-3277.

Rudy's is located at 147 Main Ave. W.

### Fundraising event has been canceled

TWIN FALLS — A dance and karaoke event to benefit the Jerome Food Bank has been canceled. The event was scheduled for Dec. 15 at the Montana Steak House in Twin Falls.

### How did you meet your mate?

Was it on a blind date initiated by friends or family? At the local laundromat, howling alley cat?

The Times-News wants to hear your story. Call the city desk at 735-3234 or 735-3233 or e-mail us at mbrady@magicvalley.com

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	Nov. 30	Dec. 7
Salmon	116%	28%
Big Wood	123%	30%
Little Wood	110%	26%
Clark	113%	26%
Little Lost	99%	26%
Henny Fork/Teton	114%	29%
Upper Snake Basin	113%	28%
Snake	121%	28%
Salmon Falls	125%	29%

As of Dec. 7

"A comparison of basin snowpack, as of Dec. 7, with a 20-year average. An 'X' indicates a basin snowpack for the entire basin. Basin snowpack for the entire basin is shown in the table above."

# Twin Falls man faces felony charges

## Suspect allegedly threatens police dog

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 38-year-old Twin Falls man, bitten by a police dog when he was arrested, faces a felony charge of intimidating a witness, for allegedly threatening to kill the animal, according to a criminal complaint filed by the Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.



Philip Allen Warren

According to court documents, Philip Allen Warren made the threat to Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Morgan Case, the handler of Croix, a 4-year-old German shepherd who has served two years with the sheriff's office.

Warren made the threat after being taken to the Magic Valley

Regional Medical Center for treatment of a dog bite, according to a court affidavit by sheriff's investigator Kenneth Mendi.

The affidavit alleges Warren said: "You're Deputy Case who lives over in Filer, don't you? Your dog is gone!"

Case told The Times-News Wednesday that Warren "seemed pretty adamant about it when he made it."

According to Prosecuting At-

torney Grant Loebbs, Case is a potential witness against Warren on several charges filed Monday in connection with Warren's arrest. He explained that Idaho law protects potential witnesses against retaliatory threats against property, including pets of family.

"It made a threat against the policeman to kill his dog," Loebbs said.

Warren, who has a previous felony conviction for attempted grand theft, was wanted on a warrant charging him with probation violation when he was arrested Friday on Pleasant Road near its intersection of South Washington Street.

According to the Mendi affidavit, Warren resisted arrest and



Croix, a K-9 with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, shows off his abilities at an October dog show in City Park.

# Craig joins opposition to changing mining law

The Associated Press

BOISE — An 11-year congressional ban on selling public land to mining companies is not likely to be lifted this year, Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig announced Tuesday.

In the week before Thanksgiving, the U.S. House added a provision to the federal budget bill that would after the 1072 Congress Act allow states to sue against mining companies buying patents on public land.

With a patent, a mining company can mine the land or sell it to developers on one-of-a-kind deposits are proven.

Craig is against allowing states other than mining on land transferred from public to private ownership.

"Mining law and its reform should be used for producing the metals and minerals for our industrial base and that alone," Craig told the Idaho Statesman on Tuesday.

Besides Craig, three other Republican senators — Wayne Allard of Colorado, Craig Thomas of Wyoming and Conrad Burns of Montana — have said they have questions about the effect the provision would have on Western lands.

The provision is not in the Senate version of the bill, meaning lawmakers will have to work out a compromise later this month, Craig said. He would be surprised if the provision is part of the federal budget bill when it comes before both houses of Congress for a vote later this year.

The 1972 law allows companies to patent, or buy, federal land to mine minerals for \$2.50 to \$5 an acre. Congress has banned new patents for the last 11 years.

Sen. Thomas proposed to lift the ban and raise the fee to \$1,000 an acre or 100 times the value, whichever is more.

Supporters said it would help struggling Western communities recover after a mine closes.

But environmental groups said the provision could lead to privatization of more than 5 million acres, including wilder-ness study areas in the West.

# Psychic reading



Above, a psychic holds a customer's hands Wednesday before taking a reading.

Right, psychic Katie Lamb, a medical intuitive and alternative healer and reader, performs a reading at the psychic fair Wednesday at the Student Union at the College of Southern Idaho.



Photo by MEGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

# Coal-producing states agree to FutureGen

By Noelle Straub  
For The Times-News

WASHINGTON — Montana, Wyoming and other coal-producing states are expected to intensify their efforts to land a futuristic \$1 billion power plant after the Energy Department and an international group of energy companies formally agreed to build the low-emissions project known as FutureGen.

Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman on Tuesday announced the agreement to build a plant that will turn coal into electricity and hydrogen while capturing pollutants, including carbon dioxide, and serve as a prototype for future emissions-free power plants.

Plans call for the FutureGen plant to begin operations in 2012 and generate 275 megawatts of electricity, enough to match a medium-size coal-fired plant and supply power to about 275,000 households.

The FutureGen Industrial Alliance, which will contribute \$250 million to the project, includes Kennecott Energy, of Gillette, Wyo., five other power companies from around the country and two in Australia and China. The alliance plans to issue a site selection solicitation early next year, to develop a shortlist by mid-2006, and choose the final site in mid- to late 2007.

Members of Congress, county commission and university officials from Wyoming and Montana have been pushing to

# Keeping an eye on Paul

## Residents watch for suspicious activity

By Marie Mischel  
For The Times-News

PAUL — Private eyes are watching Paul. For the past year, a dozen city residents have driven the streets on their own time and on their own dime, seeking suspicious people or circumstances to report to law enforcement.

They have the sheriff's bill, since "it gives us extra eyes and ears in the community," said Minidoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson of the Paul Citizens on Patrol (COP) program. "We're spread out that sometimes we're not able to have a car in the city, so they can help prevent crime."

With the gift-giving season approaching, City Councilman Bruce Howfeldt is urging his fellow COP members to be especially active.

"Let's try to make sure nobody gets robbed or has their holiday ruined," he said at the end of the group's Nov. 30 meeting. "I know it's a busy time of year, but try to get out so you make a difference."

The volunteer crime-fighters but the streets a year ago after a Paul resident complained to the City Council that his home had been burgled while he was out of town and the law enforcement response to his report was that nothing could be done. He suggested that the city sponsor a COP program similar to those in Rupert and Butley.

Residents watch for suspicious activity

program was formed. Volunteers don't patrol regularly — they go out whenever they choose — but they do report to the sheriff's department before trying to spot crime.

The dozen members received training in safety procedures from the sheriff's department before they began patrolling last December. Volunteers are specifically warned against approaching a suspicious person. Instead, they call the dispatch center to report unusual circumstances.

COP volunteers meet once a month to learn about any recent crime trends such as the rash of burglaries of backyard sheds that occurred in October.

"It's a small community where everybody knows everybody and we try to help each other," said Rich Rau, the city's public works director who also is a COP volunteer.

Many of the reports made by COP volunteers fall under the category of helping other residents, such as notifying a neighbor that a windstorm blew open a door.

# Magic Mountain opens today

## Soldier Mountain still awaits snow

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Magic Mountain Ski Resort will open its 2005-06 ski season today with 10 lifts and snow-making machines in operation starting at 9:30 a.m. New owner Gary Miller completed the permit and inspection process with the Idaho Falls U.S. Forest Service last week.

Miller, who bought the resort with brother Boyd Miller last month, "We've got three feet on top and two feet at the base."

Miller is the third resort to open in the Magic Valley. Sun Valley opened its 2005-06 ski season on Nov. 21. Powdered snow in Albion opened Dec. 2.

Rock Creek Road has been cleared of snow and sanded by highway crews, although patches of ice and snow remain. Some taxis, chains or four wheel drive vehicles are recommended.

Lifts are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lift tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for kids ages 7 to 12. For more information, call the resort snow report at 736-SNOW.

Further north in Camas County, officials at Soldier Mountain are still awaiting snow.

# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obit@magicvalley.com](mailto:obit@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](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

**TWIN FALLS** — Michael Banas Jr., age 86 of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates.

He was born Sept. 3, 1922, at Dietz, Wyo., the son of Michael Banas and Dorothy Marink. He honorably served his country during WWII in the United States Army.

Mike loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed camping in the great outdoors. The best years of his life were spent as a Cattle

### Michael Banas Jr.

Rancher at Big Horn, Wyo. For the past 10 years he has lived in the Magic Valley. He was a member of the Elks and Eagles lodges and took great pride in belonging to the VFW.

Mike is survived by his children, Chuck Banas of Twin Falls, Trudi Banas and Sheri Cofal, both of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Robert Banas of Boise, Idaho; brother, Andrew Banas; sister, Anna Banas both of Sheridan, Wyo.; six grandchildren and five

great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Terry and Randy Banas; and brother, George Banas.

Should friends desire, contributions may be given to the local VFW.

Contributions may be mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303, for forwarding.

At the family's request, no services are to be held.

### Wilma Josephine Bowerman Powers

**BUIHL** — Wilma Josephine Bowerman Powers, age 93, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 4th.

She was born March 23, 1912, in Danville, Ark. She married Aldie W. Powers on March 23, 1931. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved her family and friends. She will always be in the hearts of her loved ones.

They farmed in Arkansas, but moved to Idaho where they lived in various towns in Idaho, but finally settled in Buhl in 1962 where they bought a fruit orchard and made it their home for 43 years.

Wilma was well-known for her southern cooking, sewing, hand quilting and gardening. Mention should be made also of her milking the cow and churning the



cream to make butter, that magically turned into wonderful pies, cake, biscuits and cornbread. Wilma was a faithful member of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1942.

Survivors are her husband of 74 years, Aldie W. Powers; son, Kenneth (Laura); grandchildren, Kathryn Bowers, Greg Powers (Liz), Debbie Robinson (Doug) and Denny Powers (Deb); great-grandchildren, Danielle Lofgren (Brian) and Les Bowers, Karen, Nicole and Nicole Robinson, Britni, Ashli, Storn, Hannah, Troy, Caden and Brynli Powers; and great-great-grandchildren, Denny and Breanna Lofgren and Ashton Bowers.

The family appreciates the help given to Wilma by the Snake River Rehab personnel in Buhl.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall on 900 Milner Street in Buhl, Idaho. No graveside service will be held.

### Les Hill



Austin, Bruce, John and Colton; his sisters, Linda (Jerry) Byrd, Angie (Scottie) Jeffery, Betty

Anchondo and Ruth Combs, all of Kentucky; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joe and Tony; and sisters, Elizabeth and Louise, all of Kentucky.

A celebration of Les' life will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A private family instrument will take place at Sunset Memorial Park.

The family suggests memorials be given in Les' name to O'Leary Junior High School or Hospice Visitation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

### F. Udell Robinson



Boise and J.R. (Kelsie) Robinson of Hollister. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Cassey (Ley) Scott, Andrew Byner, Karl Robinson, Morris, Danielle, Kresley, Lessa, Gretta, Hailey, Matthew and Sadie Robinson; one great-granddaughter, Rhyee Scott; five brothers, Gene (Donna) Robinson, Carl Robin-

son, Loren Robinson, Vic Robinson and Bruce (Dor) Porter; four sisters, Bonita (Lee) Casper, Leona (Lucky) Goodenough, Alta (John) Hoobey and Marie (Jerry) Willoughby; and many nieces and nephews, all whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Louise; his brother, Newt; and his mother-in-law, Oela Porter.

Udell will be remembered as a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

A funeral service for Mr. Robinson will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Harvest Community Church, 410 S. Main St., Richfield, with Pastor Lewis Rice officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

### Barbara Menci



Twin Falls School District. Barbara is survived by her three daughters, Nina (Jerry) May of Pocatello, Idaho, Tamara (Don) Thueson of Twin Falls and Sallee (Him) Ross of Nashville, Tenn.; and one son, John (Carol

Menci of Salem, Ore.

She is also survived by two sisters, June Burchard of Fort Orchard Wash., and Lou Sobers of Ogden, Utah; Barbara has 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 29, 2005; her son, George Jr.; and her daughter and son-in-law, Valorie and Gary Whitehead.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the 16th Ward LDS Church, 229 Park Ave. Twin Falls, with Bishop Vicar Smith conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. on Friday to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls, as well as one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Marjorie C. Diamond

**TWIN FALLS** — Marjorie C. Diamond, 92 of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Cenoma House.

She was born Jan. 2, 1913, in Okawville, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Ethel Flewelling. She moved with her family to Twin Falls when she was 3 years of age. She attended schools in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1931. She married Dick Diamond on June 11, 1932, in Twin Falls and he preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1999.

Marjorie worked at the Idaho Department store and later at The Times-News for several years. Being a devoted daughter, she tended to her parents during their final illnesses.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Twin Falls Cemetery, with the Rev. Jim Tubbs officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Memorials may be sent to Hospice Visitation, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

### SERVICES

Edgar Clinton Culbertson of Boise, a former Magic Valley resident, will have a memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

June E. Testerman, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Inland Funeral Home in Twin Falls (Parke's Funeral Home).

Jess Wilson of Buhl, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl. Viewing at 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

Eldis Ayala De Ocampo of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at Eastman Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Helen Hannah Zillner former resident of Burley, vigil service with recitation of the rosary at 7:30 p.m. today at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday also at Little Flower Catholic Church; friends may call before the rosary and before the funeral Mass at the church (Eastman Funeral Home).

Albert James Fillmore of Farmington, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Springfield 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 S. 475 E., Burley. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Brian Nicolas Cabral, graveside service at 10 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Helen L. Allen of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church (White Mortuary).

Luke Jones of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Letha M. Glingerich of Brunau, memorial service at 11 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Brunau American Legion Hall in Brunau (Best Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel).

### Man accused of trying to kill wolves may face court

**POCATELLO (AP)** — An anti-wolf activist will likely appear in court next year on charges he tried to kill wolves on U.S. Forest Service land.

Timothy B. Sundles, 47, works as an annuities maker and publishes a Web site critical of the federal government's decision to return wolves to Idaho. He is accused of using the pesticide dicofenil, marketed to farmers to make poisoned mealworms that he placed in the Salmon National Forest. He faces one count of attempting to kill a threatened species and one count of placing pesticides on U.S. Forest Service land without authorization, both misdemeanors.

If convicted, he could be fined a maximum \$100,000 and

## DEATH NOTICES

### Nancy K. Sheridan Smith

**BUIHL** — Nancy K. Sheridan Smith, 51, of Buhl, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at her home in Buhl.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Church of the Nazarene, 300 Broadway Ave. N., in Buhl, with Pastor Charles Sheridan officiating. A private family instrument will take place at a later date. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition of The Times-News.

### Martha A. Waddell

**GOODING** — Martha A. Waddell, 65, a resident of Gooding, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell.

Arrangements will be made by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

### Lloyd Reed

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Filer, Idaho, died Dec. 5, 2005, at his home in Filer, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

### Carol Ham

**DONNELLY** — Carol Ham of Donnelly, Idaho, formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 1, in Yuma, Ariz.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date in Council, Idaho.

### Matthew Woodley

**TWIN FALLS** — Matthew Woodley, 17, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### John Arthur Shaw

**BUIHL** — John Arthur Shaw, 66, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at his home in Buhl.

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# Toddler dies after he was taken from day care

POCATELLO (AP) — A 2-year-old boy was taken off life support and died in his father's arms, and a day care worker has been charged in the boy's death. Cameron Hamilton died Monday night at a Utah hospital where he had been taken with severe head trauma Dec. 1 after a day care in the eastern Idaho town of Chubbuck called police and said he was unresponsive.

Michelle Bott-Graham, 39, of Pocatello, is in the Bannock County Jail awaiting a preliminary hearing set for Monday. She has been charged with felony injury to a child.

Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Heldman said he was wait-

ing for results of the autopsy done Tuesday in Salt Lake City, and the completion of a police investigation, before deciding whether to file murder or manslaughter charges against Bott-Graham.

Police said Bott-Graham worked as an associate with Achieving a Better Life, which advertises that it specializes in children with behavioral disorders, even though Bott-Graham's state counseling license had been suspended indefinitely in 2003 after Pocatello police arrested her for possessing heroin.

She was given seven years of supervised probation. Authorities released her from probation for good behavior in September.

Cameron's mother, Heather Fast, said she met Bott-Graham through Achieving a Better Life when she began to suspect Cameron had autism. She said employees at the care center told her Bott-Graham could help Cameron, and that she trusted Bott-Graham because she had a master's degree and said she could determine if Cameron had autism.

Bott-Graham had been working with Cameron about six weeks before last week's incident. But Fast said Bott-Graham did not have permission on Dec. 1 to pick up the child from Achieving a Better Life.

Bott-Graham allegedly

picked up Cameron at the day care and took him to her home, where Pocatello police said the abuse occurred. Police have not said what Bott-Graham is accused of doing. She then returned the unresponsive child to the day care, police said.

Fast said she and her ex-husband, Shane, made the decision to have their son's life support removed after doctors told them his brain swelling had doubled and he would never be able to walk or speak.

"How do you bury your baby?" Heather Fast said. "I held him in my arms while they took the ventilator out. I handed him to his father and he died in his arms."

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# Council hears concerns about fish passage center

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The choice between counting pennies and counting fish drew heated debate in the battle over salmon on Wednesday as fishermen, environmentalists, Indian tribes and utilities lined up to tell the Northwest Power and Conservation Council they were worried about the closure of the regional Fish Passage Center.

The fish center was created in 1984, four years after Congress approved the Northwest Power Act and created the regional council to help balance energy development with fish and wildlife protection in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington state.

Salmon and other fish are counted as they travel past reporting sites on the Columbia and Snake rivers, and the data are sent back to the Fish Passage Center here for analysis.

Last month, Congress approved an appropriations bill containing a provision by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, that cut funding for the center and di-

rected the council and the Bonneville Power Administration to find another agency or organization to take over the job within 120 days.

The Craig provision drew an immediate outcry from the tribes, fishermen and conservation groups, who accused the Idaho Republican of political payback for fighting the Bush administration in court over salmon policy.

"It's really disturbing to see this legislation has come about," said Kathryn "Kari" Brigham, secretary of the board of trustees for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Brigham told the council that Craig had targeted the fish center because he was unhappy that its figures were used by U.S. District Judge James Redden last May to reject the \$6 billion Bush administration plan to improve the Columbia River Basin hydroelectric system, ruling that it failed to adequately protect salmon.

"Because people didn't like

what the fish center has done, he's (Craig) getting rid of it," Brigham said. "But he's wrong."

After Brigham and several other people testified, council members Jim Kempton and Paul Danielson of Idaho both went to Craig's defense, scolding Nicole Gordon, the policy and legal director for Save Our Wild Salmon.

"I think you've used the senator's name in vain," Danielson told Gordon after Gordon said Craig had avoided public debate on closing the center by attaching a rider to the appropriations bill.

Gordon responded that, "with due respect to the senior senator from Idaho, I think he made a big mistake... it's clearly a bad way to make public policy."

Kempton bristled at the criticism, and told Gordon: "I think you've exceeded the bounds of discussion." He promised if there were any more "castigations of congressmen, I will object."

Most of the testimony included pleas to maintain the

fish center in some form as an independent agency, separate from Bonneville and the council, and based in one place rather than scattering its duties to multiple agencies or even contractors.

"Our region is plagued with the collective inability to link data," said Sharon Kieker, anadromous fisheries manager for Idaho Fish and Game. "Let's not exacerbate the situation."

Other Northwest senators, including Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell of Washington state, all Democrats, have written letters supporting a transition that maintains the fish center's functions.

Melinda Eiden, power council chairwoman, said the council has drafted a "request for proposal" for some agency or group to handle the job of monitoring salmon and steelhead survival in the Columbia and Snake river system.

Discussion will resume at the regular council meeting on Dec. 14.

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## Warren

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had a large knife in a sheath attached to his right hip.

"Deputy Case deployed his K-9 Croix, which K-9 did bite Warren in the small of his back in order to gain compliance from Warren," the affidavit says. In addition to the intimidating a witness charge, Warren was arraigned Monday on felony possession of methamphetamine and four misdemeanor charges: possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting and obstructing officers, and driving without privileges. He was being held in the Iwan Falls County Jail on \$110,000 bond.

Warren, who was assigned a public defender, pleaded innocent to the four misdemeanor charges and faces a preliminary hearing Dec. 16 on the two felony counts.

Meanwhile, Croix remains on duty as a certified patrol and

narcotics detection dog.

"It's an excellent dog," Case said. "He's very fun to work with."

He said Warren was the third person Croix has helped catch. He said people fleeing police normally just give up when Croix is on the chase.

As a patrol animal, one of Croix's main duties is to protect officers.

"That's the function he was used for on the other day," Case said, referring to Warren's arrest.

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# Governor's office contacted board members

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office contacted Idaho Transportation Department Board members just before they awarded a contract to manage the state's largest-ever highway project to a local company, a decision that prompted a lawsuit alleging political favoritism.

Three of the seven board members told The Associated Press that Lance Giles, Kempthorne's transportation adviser, spoke to them before the Oct. 27 vote that gave the deal worth \$5 million annually to Washington Group International of Boise and Denver-based CH2M Hill Inc. The board members say they weren't enjoined into voting a certain way.

The vote went against a 9-0 recommendation by transportation engineers who favored a bid by New York-based Parsons Brinckerhoff and HDR Engineering of



Kempthorne

Omaha, Neb. One of Washington Group consultants on the issue is Kempthorne's former chief of staff, and Kempthorne was honored by the company in a June ceremony.

Kempthorne, who in April pressured lawmakers into passing his \$1.2 billion "Connecting Idaho" roads plan by vetoing eight bills, said through a spokesman that Giles didn't push board members to favor an Idaho company over an out-of-state rival.

Still, an exhibit says a governor with such intimate ties to a project could raise questions by meddling too closely with those responsible for awarding contracts.

"You already have the appearance of impropriety," Michael Josephson, a Los Angeles-based ethics consultant, told The Associated Press. "In Idaho, most important people know other important people. It's just the nature of a relatively small society. You can't insulate from that, but you can keep it transparent."

Mike Journee, Kempthorne's press secretary, said the governor and his staff speak regularly with state boards and commissions about everyday business.

"Having conversations about the project, and putting political pressure on somebody, are two totally different things," Journee said.

He declined to make Giles available, citing Parsons Brinckerhoff's 4th District Court lawsuit that accuses the board of breaking state and federal laws by giving the contract to Washington Group and CH2M

# Owyhee man dies in farm accident

BRUNEAU, Idaho (AP) — An Owyhee County man died Wednesday morning in a farming accident.

Dean Merrick, 50, was using a loader to move a 1,500-pound hay bale onto a flatted trailer at his home in Brunneau when the accident happened, KTVB-TV reported.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office said one of the bales fell off the loader and on to Merrick. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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# Ex-coach sentenced to life for lewd conduct

BOISE (AP) — A former soccer coach was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for sexually abusing teenage boys.

Michael Bauer, 38, received the maximum sentence for the crime of lewd conduct with a minor. Fourth District Court Judge Michael McLaughlin said Bauer must serve at least five years before he is eligible for parole. He said Bauer is a pedophile who will receive help in prison.

Bauer pleaded guilty in September to one felony count of lewd conduct with a minor, in court Wednesday. He apologized for his actions.

"I can't restore what I've taken from them... but I hope that I can change things within myself so that those who have been deeply affected by me will be comfortable knowing that something like that's not going to happen again," Bauer said.

Bauer was a youth soccer coach for boys' teams in the Boise area over the last decade.

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# CIA leak probe continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald was back before a federal grand jury on Wednesday in the CIA leak case, with deputy White House chief of staff Karl Rove still under investigation.

Since the Oct. 28 indictment of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, two more reporters have been pulled into the investigation — The Washington Post's Bob Woodward and Time magazine's Viveca Novak.

Woodward has given a deposition about a conversation he had in mid-June 2003 in which a senior Bush administration official disclosed the CIA status of undercover officer Valerie Plame. Fitzgerald is seeking Novak's testimony about her conversations with Rove's lawyer, Robert Luskin, in 2004.

Fitzgerald did not comment on Wednesday's nearly three-hour grand jury session, but the prosecutor was accompanied by three deputies and an FBI agent.

Rove's legal problems stem from the fact that he was not until more than a year into the criminal investigation that he told the prosecutor about disclosing Plame's CIA status to Time magazine reporter Matt Cooper on July 11, 2003.

After weeks of avoiding many public appearances with the president, Rove has been noticeably at Bush's side this week. They traveled together Monday to North Carolina for a speech on the economy.

Rove also rode with Bush in his limousine Wednesday across Washington and listened attentively from the sidelines while the president delivered a speech on Iraq.

# Afghans say life is better

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than three-fourths of the people living in Afghanistan say living conditions, security from crime and freedom of expression have improved from the days when they were living under Taliban rule, an ABC News poll says.

On the questions of jobs and economic opportunity, people are evenly divided on whether economic opportunities are better or worse.

Almost nine in 10 — 87 percent — say the U.S.-led overthrow of the Taliban in 2002 was a good thing for the people of Afghanistan. And three-fourths of Afghans say their country is headed in the right direction, far higher than in the United States, where only three of 10 say that.

The optimism comes in a country where people say by a 2-1 margin that their own economic situation is bad, medical care is limited and basic services like electricity are not available for many people.

Six in 10 Afghans say attacks on U.S. troops cannot be justified, while three in 10 say they can.

# Court: Social Security not off limits for old student loan debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's seniors and disabled cannot escape debts from old student loans, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, freeing the government to pursue Social Security benefits as part of an effort to collect billions in delinquent loans.

The Bush administration had argued that the ability to withhold Social Security benefits is an important tool in the pursuit of \$5.7 billion in student loan debt that is over 10 years old. Overall, outstanding loans total about \$33 billion.

Government lawyers said there is a limit on how much can be taken from benefit checks, 15 percent, and that the Education Department can forgive debts in some hardship cases.

The unanimous decision went against a disabled 67-year-old Seattle man who lives in public housing and had sued

claiming he needed all of his \$874 monthly check to pay for food and medicine.

James Lockhart's benefits had been cut by 15 percent to cover debts he incurred for college in the 1980s. He has about \$77,000 in unpaid loans.

The court's decision applies to loans that date back more than 10 years, and covers both disability and retirement benefits under the Social Security program.

Senior citizens groups did not know how many elderly or disabled people could lose some of their monthly checks if the government decides to go after them.

"It means that you can take the Social Security benefits of someone who is 90 years old and living on a small amount of money," said Brian Wolfman, director of the Public Citizen Litigation Group and the lawyer for Lockhart. "The losers

are clearly older Social Security beneficiaries."

Lockhart lost earlier at the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said that Congress, in laws passed in 1991 and 1996, eliminated a 10-year time limit on the government's right to seek repayment on defaulted student loans by seizing Social Security. The justices affirmed that decision.

Other lower courts, however, have ruled in favor of Social Security recipients, and Wolfman said that Congress could reconsider the issue.

The Supreme Court was called on to clarify federal laws that sent conflicting messages about the collection of old loans. The government first began withholding the money from Social Security benefits in 2001 and has defended its authority to do so in court.

# USDA hopes food pyramid curbs Hispanics' obesity

MIAMI (AP) — Alarmed by the high rate of obesity among Hispanics, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released a Spanish translation Wednesday of the food pyramid, the government's handy guide to good nutrition.

"Mi Pirámide: Pasos Hacia Una Mejor Salud" is the counterpart to the USDA's "MyPyramid. Steps to a Healthier You." Among other things, "grains" have become "granos," and "meat and beans" are "carnes y frijoles" on the diagram of the major food groups.

The nation's Hispanic population is booming, and almost three out of every four Hispanic adults in the U.S. are overweight, according to a 2002 report in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Two out of three U.S. adults overall are overweight.


The 1992 pyramid had food groups arranged in horizontal layers, with the foods that should be eaten more frequently along the bottom.

The newer pyramid has categories of foods represented vertically in a rainbow of colors, and a running figure scaling the pyramid to represent the importance of exercise.

Now, all the new graphics and the USDA's site <http://www.mypyramid.gov> are available in Spanish, and handouts and other materials have also been translated.

In September, officials launched a version of the pyramid targeted at children, and diet materials have also been translated into Italian. The government has no plans to translate the information into any other languages.

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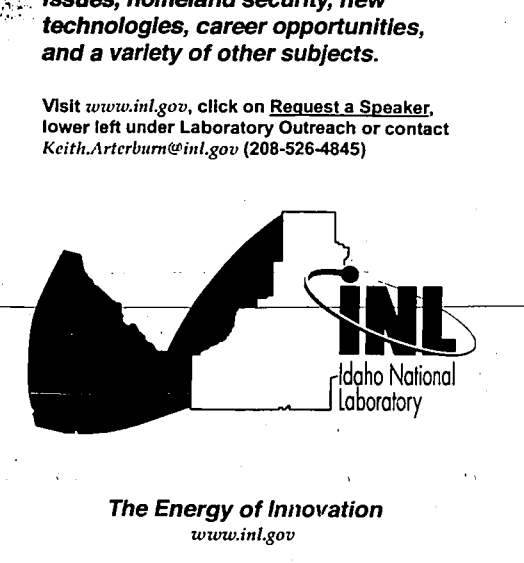
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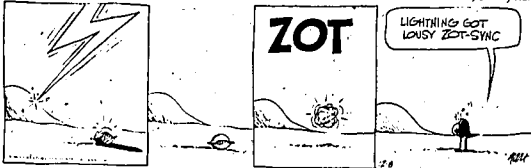
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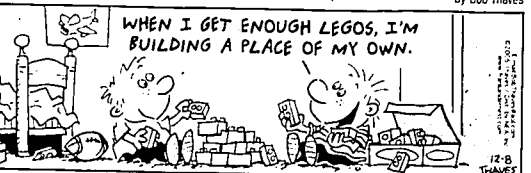
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Rose is Rose



By Pat Brady

Zits



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Non Sequitur



By Wiley

## Attend social functions, Aries

### HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

**IF DEC. 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** With the planet Neptune inspiring your part of the cosmic pie this year, it's easy to ride tranquilly through life on a wave of inner peace. Because you feel so deeply connected to others, you may be more romantic than usual — but you also risk being less than discriminating in your choice of partners. In January you may achieve solid improvements in some important matter close to your heart. Take advantage of whatever opportunities appear they as they may add to your long-term security. In June circumstances should shift permanently for the better in some key area and if you work hard you will be able to enjoy the resulting benefits for a long time to come.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Blissful celestial conditions make this a good time to attend social functions or mingle with others. New contacts you meet up with will be faithful and true and demonstrate perfect manners.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Fun and games are in the air. Good humor and high spirits will make even routine work run more smoothly. Business deals are blessed by mutual understanding, so press for closure.

shopping expedition can be a great success.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make a lasting impression. Out in the public eye you may seem more alluring and attractive than usual. Partner up with like-minded individuals for long-term business success.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Treasure golden moments. An atmosphere of harmless fun makes time pass more quickly and is conducive to building long-term harmony. Don't let confidence waver in the morning.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Win hearts with sugar instead of vinegar. People are likely to relax and share personal "ditties" or "joys." Make deals now that will provide lasting income or peaceful conditions.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be inspired. It's a good time to set important matters in motion. Under these pleasant skies productivity may be set aside for a while as everyone stops to smell the flowers along the way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Hear-to-hearts and discussions needn't be serious and stern, but should lead to greater understanding. You can be a great success if you allow your kindness, sympathy and gentler side to show.



By John Deering

COMICS

# Kindness to neighbor repaid by a betrayal of friendship

**DEAR ABBY:** About a year ago, my fiancée, Dave, and I befriended a neighbor of his I'll call Jane. We didn't know her very well. I tried to talk with her once when she joined us outside, but her focus was solely on her husband. Not long afterward they separated, and Jane was devastated. Their marriage had been filled with financial, emotional and infidelity problems, but she loved him.

Jane gravitated to Dave and me for emotional support. She needed cash, so I hired her to watch my girls twice a week so Dave and I could go out.

Things were fine for a while, but then she began showing up all the time. Oh nights that I would be going out at 10 p.m. Dave's, finally, we both told her it made me uncomfortable, and she seemed to get the message. She found another part-time job, became involved with church, and began reading books about boundaries, emotional strength and spirituality. I was happy for her.

Then Jane began confiding in Dave. She'd tell him about her men she was meeting at work, exposing herself to them for money, sex for money, intimate relations with married men, wanting to get tattoos in places I won't mention. When Dave told me, he made me promise not to say anything to Jane because he didn't want problems in the



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

neighborhood. I ended my social relationship with her. She still helps out for me because it's hard finding help for my disabled girls, but our relationship is strictly business.

I would like to tell Jane how angry I am that she dismissed her sexual behavior with my fiancée while pretending to be my friend. Then again, I have the situation at home and I do need time off. Jane's asking Dave why I don't visit with her anymore? He makes up excuses. Although I promised Dave I wouldn't say anything, I feel an urgent need to get this off my chest.

Now, when and what do I say to someone who has shown no respect for me, my relationship with my fiancée or my friends?

**— FURIOUS IN FLORIDA**  
**DEAR FURIOUS:** Say something to this woman ONLY after having made other arrangements for someone to babysit your children. After that, my advice to you is to keep your promise to your fiancée and tell her only that you have made

other arrangements. If you think you can win a spitting contest with her, you may. She has no character, no morals and no shame, you are deluding yourself.

**DEAR ABBY:** A year ago, my beloved daughter, Kate, died of a stroke she was only 33. Her favorite time of year was the Christmas season.

Last fall, I began to worry when the first Christmas without her would be here. I knew we should still celebrate, but how would I bear the grief? I decided to do a project for my daughter. I asked all the relatives to bring a small stuffed animal to our Christmas gathering. Then I hung up Kate's stockings and we all snuggled it with the little animals. I called them Kate's critters.

On the anniversary of her birthday, Jan. 15, I took all the critters to our local WIC center. They were overjoyed to receive them!

I plan to continue this project every Christmas so we can remember our darling Kate and how much she loved the season of giving.

— MILDRED W., VICTOR, N.Y.

**DEAR SHIRAZ:** Your letter touched my heart. What a wonderful tribute to a loved one and how she can't offer her heart a smile to every person who has touched them.

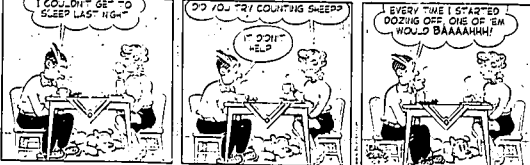
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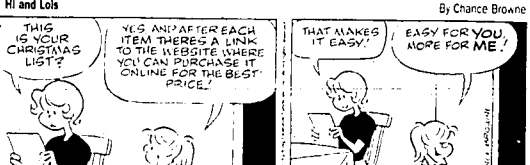
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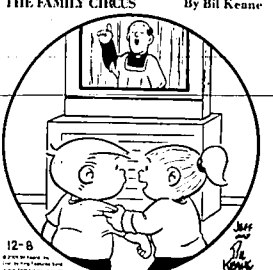


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

## Woman gets arrested over murder plot involving a block of cheese

### OUT IN THE COLD

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — In an unusual case of mistaken identity, a woman who apparently thought a block of white cheese was cocaine was charged with trying to hire a hit man to rob and kill four men.

The woman also was mistaken about the hit man. He turned out to be an undercover police officer.

Jessica Sandy Booth, 38, was arrested over the weekend and charged with four counts of attempted murder and four counts of soliciting a murder. She remained jailed Tuesday on \$1 million bond.

According to police, Booth was in the intended victims' home last week when she mistook a block of queso fresco for cocaine — inspiring the idea to hire someone to break into the home, take the drugs and kill the men.

An informant described the plot to police, who arranged a meeting between Booth and the undercover officer.

Police said the undercover officer gave Booth some momentum (minting handbags and ammunition) and they went to the home under police surveillance. A search of the home revealed no drugs — only the white, crumbly cheese common in Mexican cuisine.

"Four men were going to lose their lives over some cheese," said Lt. Jeff Clark, who heads Project Safe Neighborhoods.

## Black curtain separates Santa, kids from lingerie

**ROANOKE, Va.** — A black curtain has risen between a shopping mall Santa and a lingerie store to shield children from a display of skimpy undergarments.

The Victoria's Secret window display includes a leggy mannequin in a hot pink thong and a bra and the message "Give Me Sexy."



Serenity Bishop, 5, of Denver, waits for the bus on Colfax Avenue in Denver, after spending the day with her family at the Gathering Place. The Gathering Place offers a safe daytime refuge to women and children living on the streets of Denver. The family is staying at a motel near downtown Denver. Temperatures kept dropping close to zero degrees on Tuesday.

Following complaints from parents, management at Valley View Mall on Thursday raised the curtain to shield Santa's chair — and his young visitors — from the display.

"I want to make sure that everyone feels comfortable," said spokeswoman Mandy York said. "We can't move the store ...

We don't have control over what they put on the window."

Shirley Larrford, wanting to line-toe Santa with her grand children, Alison, 11, and Logan, 6, said the black curtain did a good job of hiding the lingerie-lad mannequins from children's view.

## It's a significant day for Beatles fans

**This day in history:** On Dec. 8, 1976, The Eagles released their very popular album, "Hotel California." Four years later to the day, a 14-year-old young punk shot and killed ex-beatle John Lennon.

Mount Vesuvius has erupted more than 50 times since burying Pompeii and Herculaneum in A.D. 79.

**Who won the Hundred Years' War?** The British won most of the battles, but the French won the war.

Despite its name, the Hundred Years' War lasted 123 years.

While it's true that alligators can run at speeds of about 30 mph, you don't have to worry much about being eaten by one. Alligators prefer the snatch-and-grab method of hunting, not the chase-and-conquer — they reserve their highest speeds for running to



**RANDOM KINDNESS FACTNESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

ward the safety of water.

You know those old-fashioned cheesy Mary Jane candies? The Mary Jane Co. began producing them in 1914 in the former house of Boston painter Paul Revere.

The life forms that outnumber all others? As far as entomologists can tell, it's the beetle. There are more beetle species than all of the plant species on Earth. In fact, various beetles make up about one-fourth of all known species, both plant and animal.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmatters@mango-banquet.com.

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## Juan Diego: The man who would be a saint

The story of a 16th century Indian peasant who became a saint may seem like fiction to some, but millions of Catholics around the world will tell you differently.

Juan Diego, also known by his Indian name of Cuauhtlatozin, was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in July 2002 in Mexico City. Juan Diego's ability to bridge the gap between the indigenous people of Mexico and the teachings of Christianity has changed the face of religion in the Americas forever.



**BUENAS VISTAS**  
Karla Barnes

### Who was Juan Diego?

Juan Diego was told to be a simple and dignified man in his early 50s who brought a life-changing message from the Virgin Mary to his native people in the early 1500s that continues to be heard today. According to his story, he was chosen by the Virgin Mary to be her beloved messenger. As a saint, he continues to offer hope and courage to others. If it were not for Juan Diego and his tilma, the conversion of thousands to Christianity would never have occurred.

Juan Diego belonged to the *acahuac* (venerated elderly) of Cuauhtlan. His Indian name, Cuauhtlatozin means "one who speaks like an eagle." History tells us he was a Macehual, which means he tilled the soil and was a man of the land. Though well respected by his people, he was just another native to the invading Spaniards. He, along with his neighbors, suffered from great hardship brought on by the conquest over Mexico. Native people were troubled and confused about the new religion being introduced by the Spaniards and European Christians.

Juan Diego was one of few who was willing to accept this new religion.

### The appartitions

At dawn on Dec. 9, 1531, Juan Diego was told by the Virgin Mary to attend Mass. When he reached the foot of Tepeyac Hill, he saw a brilliant light and heard music. He then heard a feminine voice asking him to ascend the hill. When he reached the top, he saw a dark-skinned Virgin Mary. She told him she was the Immaculate Virgin Mary, mother of the true God.

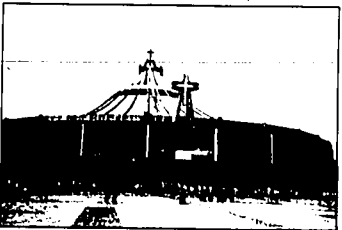
She made known to him that the story Juan Diego told him about his vision, Juan returned to the hill where he told the Virgin Mary of his vision. The bishop then requested a sign. The Virgin Mother in turn healed Juan Diego's dying uncle, but the bishop insisted he still needed a sign.

The Virgin told Juan to go to the stone hills grow, pick the roses growing there and put them inside of his cloak. He was to then take them to the bishop as a sign of his vision. When Juan Diego stood before the bishop, he opened his cloak to expose the roses growing in the winter and to the astonishment of the bishop, they appeared an exquisitely painted portrait of the Virgin Mary on the inside of Juan



Photo courtesy of DARLA BARNES

A replica of the painting on the cape of Juan Diego found at the Basilica of the Guadalupe in Mexico City.



The Basilica of the Guadalupe.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations

Several Catholic churches will have celebrations planned to mark the spiritual and traditional event.

**Buhl** — Immaculate Conception Church: At 11 p.m. Sunday is *Mananitas*, a ceremony marked with songs to "waka" Mary. A procession is at 5:45 p.m. Monday with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a potluck feast.

**Burley** — Little Flower Church: A children's program is at 9 p.m. Sunday, at about 10:30 p.m., a youth re-enactment of the story of Juan Diego and midnight Mass, followed by refreshments and food in the hall.

**Holley** — St. Charles: At 5 a.m. Monday is *Mananitas*, followed by a prayer service, *Metachieves* dances and refreshments in the hall. Mass is at 5:30 p.m., the drama of Juan Diego at 7 p.m. by a youth group, with prayer, *Believe* children performing, *folklore* dances, testimonies

and a dinner in the hall. Jerome — St. Jerome's: At 5 a.m. Monday is *Mananitas* and 6 a.m. hot chocolate is served. At 6 p.m. is a Mass, 7 p.m. re-enactment of the apparition, 7:30 p.m. Mexican dances and 8 p.m. dinner in the parish hall. Wendell — St. Anthony Church: At 7 p.m. Monday is Mass in English and Portuguese, with refreshments following. Rupert — St. Nicholas: At 5 a.m. Monday is *Mananitas* with marching. At 7 p.m. is Mass at the Kinlock County Fairgrounds with *folklore* dances. Twin Falls — St. Edward's: 9 p.m. Saturday is a homage with poetry, music and prayer with a *rosary* walk about the Twin Falls City Park at 11 p.m. At midnight is *Mananitas*. Mass is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, followed by a dinner with carols, entertainment and Indian and *folklore* dances.

Diego's tilma. Soon afterward, the chapel to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe was erected on Tepeyac Hill. In the past centuries, successive chapels have also been built. Today, a very modern Basilica welcomes worshippers and devotees to this special place in history. The cloak of Juan Diego is on display inside the Basilica. Beginning Dec. 9, millions of

people will begin their pilgrimage to the Basilica on Tepeyac Hill in honor of the Lady of Guadalupe. Shrines, statues, floats, flowers and other mementos will be carried to the church in honor of the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.

Send your news items, quinceañeras, tips and notices to:  
Pat Marcantonio, Comunidad editor to:

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**Digame!**  
(Tell me!)

## Advocacy groups give TV anemic grades in diversity

Los Angeles Times

**HOLLYWOOD** — Three minority advocacy groups reported recently that the four major broadcast TV networks have made some strides in increasing ethnic diversity in front of and behind the camera, but still have fallen short in demonstrating an overall commitment to multiculturalism.

The National Latino Media Council, American Indians in Film and Television and the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition released their sixth annual evaluations on the progress made by CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox in their pledge to boost minority representation.

The networks made an agreement in 1999 with the organizations and the NAACP to increase diversity.

That pledge followed a season in which none of those networks' 26 new shows featured a minority lead.

The organizations, which in the past had issued one combined grade to each network under the umbrella of the Multi-Ethnic Coalition, issued individual reports. The National Association for the Advance-

ment of Colored People no longer is involved with formal monitoring of diversity efforts on television, following last year's departure of Kweisi Mfume as NAACP president.

Leaders of the Latino group said they were encouraged but not satisfied by the progress made by the networks in areas ranging from the hiring of cast members, writers and producers to the appointment of executives. They gave an overall grade of B to ABC and C-plus to the other three networks.

The Asian Pacific American group awarded a C-plus to ABC and C- to Fox and NBC. CBS, which continues to be the only broadcast network with a minority in a leading or secondary leading role on its prime-time entertainment series, received the lowest overall grade of C minus.

American Indians in Film and Television did not issue an official grade, but added that they would give the four networks failing marks in terms of employment of American Indians.

Executives at the networks largely disputed the findings of the groups, insisting they had a commitment to diversity.

### What Hispanics are watching

- E**nglish-language program may rank among top Hispanic adults 18-49 for the 2004-05 season:
1. Desperate Housewives, ABC
  2. Lost, ABC
  3. Freddie, ABC
  4. George Lopez, ABC
  5. Grey's Anatomy, ABC
  6. Monday Night Football, ABC
  7. Person Break, Fox
  8. CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, CBS
  9. Extreme Make-over: Home Edition, ABC
  10. Family Guy, Fox
  11. The Contender, ABC; Medium, NBC
  12. The Simpsons, Fox
  13. Smallville, WB
  14. Boston Public Affs, Fox
  15. American Idol, Fox
  16. Commander in Chief, ABC
  17. The O.C. (NFL overran), Fox
  18. AMV: America Fights Back, Fox
  19. Cops 2, Fox
- Source: Nielsen Hispanic People Meter, 9/19/05-11/16/05

## Dancer Rivera looks back on her life

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — During the Kennedy Center Honors three years ago, one recipient was feeling a little self-conscious.

There to be led at the Washington Black-tie affair were actors Elizabeth Taylor and James Earl Jones, singer Paul Simon, conductor James Levine and dancer Chita Rivera.

It was Rivera who was feeling out of place, unsure how she fit in — that is until a huge burst of animal energy burst from the wings. Rivera, seated high in a

box beside the president and first lady, looked down as about 30 or 40 dancers prepared to dance for her.

"I suddenly go, 'Oh my God. This is why I'm here,'" Rivera recalls. "I'm here to represent all those guys down there, every dance you've ever seen on Broadway. And I felt right then — I felt that it was OK for me to be there."

That realization also turned out to be the hook Rivera had been struggling to find as she looked for a way to encapsulate her 50-plus years as a dancer. A

tell-all autobiography didn't appeal to her. But a show did. A show for all dancers.

Hence the Broadway debut of "Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life," a musical celebrating her life and Tony Award-winning career that features a cast of 11 and is written by Terrence McNally.

"I can't believe that I've been given the gift to look back and relive my life," says Rivera, 72. "It's about how anybody can do it — if you really believe it, you have the good fortune, you do all the right things and you really work hard."

## ESL topic of meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — English as a second language programs in the Twin Falls School District will be the featured topic at a meeting of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network at noon Monday at the Azlan Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Guests will be Sonnie Stralberg, an ESL teacher, and Doris Sommer, the district's ESL consultant.

Anyone is invited to the no-host lunch.

For more information, call Leticia Coronado or Pat Marcantonio at 733-0931.



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Honkers Storage will sell contents of Unit #50 belonging to Chantia Armenta, last known address is 295 East F Street, Jerome, Idaho for payments due.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

A Petition to change the name of Lloyd Keith Robinson, born 2/21/28 in American Falls, Idaho, residing at 779 Academic Dr. Twin Falls has been filed with the court in District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Keith Robinson, because the first name is disliked.

The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of his closest relatives are all deceased. The petitioner's mother has died and the names and addresses of her closest blood relatives are deceased.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2006, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Dated: December 6, 2005  
By: R. R. Guam, Deputy Clerk  
PUBLISH: December 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2005

### NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Treasurer of the North Snake Ground Water District ("District") that at a Budget meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 18, 2005, a supplemental assessment was levied against each District member to pay the District assessment per cubic foot per second of water that each member is authorized to divert pursuant to their water rights on file with the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The assessment represents such ground water user's proportionate share of the District's assessment of all of the mitigation debt. This assessment shall be due and payable on or before December 31st of this year, after which this assessment shall be delinquent or in default of such assessment, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-5241 shall be delinquent, shall bear interest at the rate of interest established for money judgments, which as of July 1, 2005 is 8.375 percent, shall entitle the District to take any appropriate action to collect the assessment, including suit and foreclosure of liens; and, in addition, shall be subject to a penalty in the amount of \$15.00 per delinquent acre-foot.

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-5244 any ground water user who is delinquent in the payment of any District assessment against the water use is prohibited from being a participant in any mitigation plan until such delinquent assessment is paid in full.

Notice shall be published for a period of not less than two (2) weeks in a newspaper published or having general circulation in Jerome, Lincoln, Gooding, and Blaine Counties. An assessment bill shall be mailed to each water user.

Payment of payments to the following address and include name and water right number(s):  
You may also bring the payment to the above address Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM - Noon and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.  
North Snake Ground Water District  
By: Angela M. Leavitt  
Phone: 208-324-8995  
Fax: 208-324-9033

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-05-677  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(I.C. 15-3-801)

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES H. SPOONER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file and serve a copy of their claims on the undersigned within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.  
By: Thomas G. Walker  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 9515  
Boise, Idaho 83707-9515  
COSHOO HUMPHREY, LLP  
By: Thomas G. Walker  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-05-4908  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In the Matter of the Estates of Ray Looney Jr. and Dora May Looney Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative of the estates at 5827, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by the court.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005  
s/E. Mary Doll Looney Cooney

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Case No. 053665

On March 21, 2006, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock PM of said day, at the County Courthouse, Fourth Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLE-FACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as successor Trustee will sell all public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, Block 82, TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the final and amended plat thereof recorded on Book 1 of Plats, page 7, records of Twin Falls County Idaho.

SUBJECT TO a right of ingress and egress over a portion of the above described property for the benefit of Lots 11 and 12, Block 82, said Twin Falls Township, described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of Lot 10, Block 82, Twin Falls Township, Idaho, THENCE Westerly along Main Street 35 feet, THENCE North 44'36" East 36 feet to the Point of Beginning, THENCE Southerly along the Westerly line of Lot 10, 36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The above-described property is sometimes known as 556 Main Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from Paul's Merchandising Service, Inc., to First American Title, Trustee, and Farmer's National Bank, Beneficiary, dated September 25, 2000, recorded October 2, 2000, Instrument No. 2000-015, and as modified by Modification recorded August 3, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-0298A, as modified by Modification recorded September 12, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003-024029, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, under which the sale is being conducted as Successor Trustee by Resignation of Trustee and Appointment of Successor Trustee, recorded on November 17, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-026104 and 2005-026105, respectively, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and under which the sale is being conducted with Section 45-1506(A)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, the best and most advantageous terms available. Default for which the sale is being made is failure to pay:

(a) Maturity of note with balance due of \$24,243.46, due on December 7, 2005. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$204,243.46, plus a variable interest rate currently at 8% interest and foreclosure costs.

(b) The second-half of 2003, and all of 2004 taxes and delinquent in the following amounts, plus penalty and interest (T0001862003A).

YEAR RECEIPT NO. TAX AMOUNT  
2003 8467 \$ 847.20  
2004 8717 \$ 1772.56

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.  
TITLE-FACT, INC.  
By: R. Todd Blasse, Vice-President

### 101 Lost and Found

FOUND cat Himalayan Persian, male, black. He was abandoned. Looking for a good home for him! Call 208-734-9503.

FOUND dog, black Labrador, male, 11/27/78. Had red collar, very sweet. Call 208-825-5326

FOUND dog, male, large, black/brown, which needed approx. 1 year old. Found 5 miles north of Shoshone. 481-2044

See Classifieds Business and Service Directory to assist you with your home repair. 733-0931

### 101 Lost and Found

FOUND gray male cat, 7-8 months old, very friendly. At the Country Lane Shop 3300 E. Kimberly 423-4401.

FOUND Heeler cow dog, tan and speckled, approx. 2 years old, on North Rd in Jerome. 324-3969.

FOUND Lab pup, yellow, male, 1 mile north and 1.5 mile west of Jerome. Call 208-208-2530.

LOST Golden Retriever or Friday 11-25 near Hankins Road. Generous reward leading to the return. Call 208-539-9733

LOST Alaskan Husky light colored, nice markings, last seen on 11/20/05 in Jerome. He needs a new home, but we would like to be sure he is OK. Reward. Call 208-733-3992

LOST black Lab cross female at Overland & 8<sup>th</sup>. Burley at stop light on 11/26. Wearing black collar and ID, maybe injured. Answers to Tarne Bussell call 428-2761 or 208-432-5588.

### 108 Professional Services

PRIVATE CARE CNA, highly qualified. Cleaning, errands, meals and refs. Call 208-734-7260

Therapeutic Touch Massage Therapy \$45/hour, 565/115 hrs. Call 208-733-8627.

We are a debt relief agency. Bankruptcy services, payment plans available. Call 1-866-888-2399.

111 Entertainment Services

SANTA FOR HIRE Available Days & Evenings. Includes DJ/Mixer Call 326-5258 Leave Message

SANTA FOR HIRE Great suit. Experienced. Available evenings. 208-864-7179. No DJ. 8715 nmjg

### 113 Child Care Services

CHILD CARE ALL ages welcome! Full time openings avail. \$10.00 per child per lunch and snacks provided. Flexible hours. Located in Rupert close to schools. Experienced mom, great with children. CPR and first aid certified. Ref. available. 208-256-1872 or 208-312-1836

CHILD CARE state licensed, ICCP, DA certified, center, CPR and first aid. Low rate of children to adults. Birth to four years. Part time and full time openings. Drop-in welcome. 208-324-3436 or 208-324-4183

Daycare & Preschool 7am to 6pm. ICCP certified. Call 208-733-5065

### 200 Employment

Asking Questions? Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. 208-733-7353 NO SALES!!! Strictly research, \$7.00 to \$9.00/hour. Casual work environment. Flexible evening, day, and night hrs. 15-30 hours/week. Great part-time job or second job. Close to CSI campus. For more information Call 208-733-7353 \*\*\*\*\*

Classified Private Party Ads Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards and cash accepted. Check processing over the phone. 733-0931 The Times-News

### BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

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MEDIUM # 26

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200 Employment	200 Employment	200 Employment
CLERICAL Full time office assistant, Check Books & Excel, knowledge Inventory and 10-key operation. Salary DOE. Benefits available and resume to: Millennium Beef 1440 E. 750 S. Eden, ID 83325	DAIRY Call feeder needed. Experience preferred. Milkera Call 208-543-2159	DAIRY Wanted experienced. Call 208-324-5568

### DELIVERY The Wood River Journal

The Wood River Journal is looking for a responsible Newspaper Carrier to work as an independent contractor delivering newspapers in Sun Valley each Wednesday morning from 4:30-6:30AM. Candidates must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, insure and must be at least 18 years of age. Compensation is \$60/week. Interested candidates please contact Esther at 208-578-1807 (leave message) or Troy at the Journal office, 208-768-3444. Also, stop by the WFJ office to fill out an application.

### GENERAL Lang Exploratory Drilling is in search of ambitious people that want a chance to start building a career.

We are currently accepting applications for the following positions:  
Drillers Assistant: You will learn how to operate a variety of equipment types, while you gain the knowledge and experience that will advance with our company. You need to be able to lift 100 pounds, be drug free, able to obtain a commercial drivers license and enjoy working outdoors at our drilling locations throughout the western US. Applications can be obtained by calling 775-753-7772.  
Lang offers competitive wages and excellent benefits, including medical, dental, vacation, pensions, and 401k EOE.

### MANAGEMENT Circulation Customer Service Manager

The Times-News is accepting applications for a full-time Customer Service Manager. This position is responsible for managing the customer service representatives within the circulation department, working with subscribers and carriers, providing excellent customer service and growing home delivery. Individual must have customer service and management experience, and proven decision making and sales experience.  
If interested, please fill out an application at The Times-News 132n Fairfield St W. Twin Falls, Idaho 83401 tmttchell@magicvalley.com

### DRIVER Full-time driver position. Requires CDL with Hazmat. Full benefits provided and 401k. Send resumes Valley Wide Co-op or Harvey Bell P.O. Box 285 Rupert, ID 83350

### DRIVER Cattle truck, must be 25 years old with CDL and good driving record. New and late model equipment. Insurance available. Call 208-308-8621 or 801-300-9254

**SALES**

**The Wood River Journal**

Seeking an assertive and dynamic Sales Representative for an expanding weekly newspaper based in Halley, Idaho. As part of Lee Enterprises, we offer competitive wages, benefits & opportunity in this growing, challenging market.

To apply, stop by our office at: 507 S. Main St., Halley for an application or email resume to: [Trey.Spaulding@Lee.net](mailto:Trey.Spaulding@Lee.net).

**DRIVER**

Homestyle Direct is looking for a part time Delivery Person for clients in the Southern Idaho area. Must be dependable, responsible and a self starter. We need a compassionate person able to work with all kinds of people. All resumes to: P.O. Box 159 Kimberly, Idaho 83411

**DRIVER**

Weekend drivers running out of Southern Idaho. 208-316-2233

**DRIVERS**

Looking for drivers to run 4-5 states & some local hauls. Pays-in based on loads and/or miles. Please call 208-438-7500 or 208-312-4418 if interested.

**DRIVERS**

Traylor Trucking Inc. Buhl, Idaho. Local milk route. 208-443-0844. Please cv. msp.

**ELECTRICIAN**

Position available for Journeyman Electrician and Pilot Technician. Salary and benefits DOE. Please call 208-368-2538 days 288-2950 evenings.

**GENERAL**

Part time kennel/cleaning help. Apply in person. No phone calls. Grains River Veterinary Hospital 1950 S. Lincoln Jerome

**INSTALLERS**

**STAR WEST**

Place Rate Satellite Technicians

Star West Satellite is seeking highly motivated people to install satellite systems in Twin Falls & surrounding areas. Located throughout the NW Northwest, Star West Satellite is an established company with over 20 years of satellite experience.

Must have clean DMV, own truck, and own tools. Will train, excellent pay! 401k available. Please email or fax resumes: [manager@starwestsatellite.net](mailto:manager@starwestsatellite.net) or (208) 828-0588 alt: Brian. Equal opportunity employer and drug free work environment.

**DRIVERS**

General Labor  
Construction  
Painters  
Plasterers  
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Plastics Mfg.  
Perkitt  
Factory Workers

**Personnel Plus**  
733-7300  
111 Filer Ave.  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
No Applicant Fee!

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER**

The Casper Star-Tribune is seeking a talented, organized and energetic Graphic Designer to work with the sales teams, graphic design teams and press to create special sections, daily advertisements and other projects.

Excellent organizational and communication skills, accuracy and attention to detail are necessary. Must be familiar with Adobe CS2 or QuarkXpress programs and have related experience or training.

Please submit a cover or letter, your resume and portfolio of work samples by Dec. 15, 2005 to: Human Resources Casper Star-Tribune, P. O. Box 800 Casper WY 82602 E.O.E.

**MACHINIST**

Full time replacement Machinist Position available in Twin Falls. Apply in person at: Barclay Mechanical 490 W. 100 S., Hwy 24 Paul, ID. 208-438-8108 All Applicants subject to pre-employment drug test.

**MANAGER**

Spring Creek Honors Association seeking President/General Manager. Detailed information web-site www.springcreek.nv.net

**HEATING & AC**

Seeking a HVAC installer. 2 years experience, wage DOE. Call 208-423-9701

**SALES**

Earn \$50 to \$150 per night promoting your local newspaper. The Times-News. Manager and sales people needed for door to door soliciting and advertising. Travel encouraged, but not required. No exp. necessary. Contact Mark Holloway at 503-679-0246.

**SALES**

Full time Sales and Marketing Position. Must be 21 or older. Pay DOE, will train. Starts immediately. Please come see Ed at Claudio's Sports.

**SALES**

**South Idaho Press**

Has an opening for a Classified Sales Representative Full-Time, base plus comp commission. Mon-Fri. 8am-5pm.

Job Requirements: \*HS Diploma req. \*Minimum typing speed 45 wpm. \*Excellent computer skills. \*Accurate spelling. \*Good communication skills. \*Able to handle multiple tasks, work in a high energy environment while performing multiple demands. People skills included. \*Able to work with a variety of customers. \*Strong sales and professional while providing excellent customer service. \*Bilingual a plus.

Please mail your resume to: Kim Patterson South Idaho Press 230 East Main St. Burley, ID 83318

**DRIVERS**

**\*TOP GUN**

TRUCK DRIVING ACADEMY CLASS A "CDL" Training

"Your Road to Success Starts Here"

735-6656

Instruction on español disponible

**DRIVERS**

Full-time year round for Bury & Twin Falls potato haulers. Class A CDL, with 2 years exp. preferred. Bonuses. Ag Express Inc. at 208-678-4626 or Twin Falls 733-6657

**SALES**

**Make \$500-\$1,000 weekly!**

Sales Reps needed for ongoing promotions

Promote your local newspaper in stores, shows special events and door-to-door. The right candidate will have some sales experience and own transportation. Work independently but within a team atmosphere. Travel is not required but encouraged.

Please contact Mark Holloway at 503-679-0246 or 541-383-8254. It may be just what your looking for?

**SALES**

**Outside Advertising Executive**

We seek a motivated self-starter to sell newspaper advertising for The Times-News in both the Bury and Twin Falls markets. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, time management and organizational skills and ability to meet deadlines. Must have reliable transportation. Media sales experience and related college degree is preferred but not required. Commission income plus corporate benefits, including medical, dental, vision, 401k retirement, and employee stock purchase plan.

Reply to: Janet Goffin Advertising Director PO Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 [janet.goffin@lee.net](mailto:janet.goffin@lee.net). We are a equal opportunity employer

**SALES**

**Public Service MESSAGE**

Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For fee information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060

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**EARN EXTRA CASH BY DELIVERING**

**The Times-News**

No experience necessary

We are currently accepting applications for independent contractors to deliver The Times-News to our customers. Are you available between 3 and 6 a.m., seven days a week? See how much extra income you could make in just a few hours each week.

**DO YOU LIVE NEAR ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS? IT'S AN EASY WAY TO PICK UP EXTRA CASH ...**

• 100-500 Harrison <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• Northpointe Subdivision <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• Pleasant Road West <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• Sarasota Apartments Heritage/Woodstone Retirement Home <b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 1100-1300 Locust St. N. <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• "HIGH PROFIT ROUTE!" <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 1200-1300 Twin Falls Loop <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 100-500 Tyler Street <b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 1200-1500 Evergreen Dr. <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 1300-1800 Bitterroot Dr. <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 200-400 Elaine Avenue <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 100-500 Van Buren <b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 1200-1400 Holly Dr. <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 1300-1800 Targhee Dr. <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 100-400 Robbins <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 100-500 Van Buren <b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 400-500 Altair Drive <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 100-999 12th Ave. N. <b>BUHL</b>	• Substitutes and Carriers wanted <b>PICABO</b>	• Substitutes and Carriers wanted <b>SHOSHONE</b>
• 500-700 Jackson Street <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 100-999 13th Ave. N. <b>BUHL</b>	• Call Amy Miller for more information about <b>BURLEY</b>	• Call Amy Miller for more information about <b>BURLEY</b>

**Call now for more information about routes available in your area!**

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<p><b>RESTAURANT</b></p> <p>Now hiring Delivery Drivers. Evenings on 7 days a week. avail. Apply in person at Jerome &amp; Addison Pizza Hut</p> <p><b>RESTAURANT</b></p> <p>Now hiring Mexican Cook/Preparer. Opening soon is hiring for the following positions: Dishwasher, Host/Hostesses. Apply in person at 164 N Main Twin Falls.</p>	<p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>Sales Consultant</b></p> <p>Full-time</p> <p>Needed for busy telecommunications. Willing to train an enthusiastic ambitious candidate</p> <p>We offer Excellent benefits including: Health, Paid Vacation, Vision, 401k</p> <p>Join Our Team</p> <p>Jerome and Twin Falls</p> <p>EOP/DFW Free Workplace</p>	<p><b>EMPLOYMENT</b></p> <p><b>POSITION WANTED!</b></p> <p>20 years administration, operations, mgmt &amp; sales. Smart, hard working, quick study. FT or PT. Avail. immediately. TITTLE 2 to potato storage units, air and refrigeration. 214</p> <p><b>RESTAURANT</b></p> <p>24 hrs. additional work. good pay. free wage location</p> <p><b>GOODING</b> - Bean, grain, Intasca seed storage processor. new facility, in full operation. good pay, great benefits. Call for details</p> <p><b>KIMBERLY SHOP/STORAGE</b></p> <p>refrigerated, office, scales, highway frontage.</p>	<p><b>HOME INSPECTIONS</b></p> <p>2000 + since 1993 Bill Baker 208-326-5115</p> <p><b>JEROME</b> 3 bdm, 1 bath, 1.366 sq ft. City. 20550 on cal. near boathook. 399,500. Call 208-324-6499 or 208-324-5200 Jerry.</p> <p><b>BUHL</b> 3 bdm, 1 bath brick home on two city lots. Fully fenced yard, dog run shop, and dog run. Full basement with 2 more bedrooms, new carpet &amp; Pergo floors. 365,000. Call 208-438-1278.</p> <p><b>HOME INSPECTIONS</b></p> <p>2000 + since 1993 Bill Baker 208-326-5115</p> <p><b>JEROME</b> 3 bdm, 1 bath, 1.366 sq ft. City. 20550 on cal. near boathook. 399,500. Call 208-324-6499 or 208-324-5200 Jerry.</p> <p><b>BUHL</b> 3 bdm, 1 bath brick home on two city lots. Fully fenced yard, dog run shop, and dog run. Full basement with 2 more bedrooms, new carpet &amp; Pergo floors. 365,000. Call 208-438-1278.</p>	<p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>Warehouse</b></p> <p>For sale. Call for good shop or storage facility.</p> <p><b>TITTLE 2</b> to potato storage units, air and refrigeration.</p> <p><b>CALDWELL MOTEL</b></p> <p>24 hrs. additional work. good pay. free wage location</p> <p><b>GOODING</b> - Bean, grain, Intasca seed storage processor. new facility, in full operation. good pay, great benefits. Call for details</p> <p><b>KIMBERLY SHOP/STORAGE</b></p> <p>refrigerated, office, scales, highway frontage.</p>	<p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>Warehouse</b></p> <p>For sale. Call for good shop or storage facility.</p> <p><b>TITTLE 2</b> to potato storage units, air and refrigeration.</p> <p><b>CALDWELL MOTEL</b></p> <p>24 hrs. additional work. good pay. free wage location</p> <p><b>GOODING</b> - Bean, grain, Intasca seed storage processor. new facility, in full operation. good pay, great benefits. Call for details</p> <p><b>KIMBERLY SHOP/STORAGE</b></p> <p>refrigerated, office, scales, highway frontage.</p>	<p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>Warehouse</b></p> <p>For sale. Call for good shop or storage facility.</p> <p><b>TITTLE 2</b> to potato storage units, air and refrigeration.</p> <p><b>CALDWELL MOTEL</b></p> <p>24 hrs. additional work. good pay. free wage location</p> <p><b>GOODING</b> - Bean, grain, Intasca seed storage processor. new facility, in full operation. good pay, great benefits. Call for details</p> <p><b>KIMBERLY SHOP/STORAGE</b></p> <p>refrigerated, office, scales, highway frontage.</p>	<p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>Warehouse</b></p> <p>For sale. Call for good shop or storage facility.</p> <p><b>TITTLE 2</b> to potato storage units, air and refrigeration.</p> <p><b>CALDWELL MOTEL</b></p> <p>24 hrs. additional work. good pay. free wage location</p> <p><b>GOODING</b> - Bean, grain, Intasca seed storage processor. new facility, in full operation. good pay, great benefits. Call for details</p> <p><b>KIMBERLY SHOP/STORAGE</b></p> <p>refrigerated, office, scales, highway frontage.</p>
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BUHL... BASKA RAPIDS... BURLIUM... BURLIUM 2 bedroom 1 b bath...

602... Unfurnished Home... TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 1 bath, 2nd floor...

604... Unfurnished Apts. And Duplex... JEROME 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 420 sq. ft.

604... Unfurnished Apts. And Duplex... TWIN FALLS Brand new interior, 2 bdrm.

610... Storage Warehouse... TWIN FALLS 1,300-3,500 sq. ft. w/office.

616... Roommates Wanted... TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath apt.

703... Horse and Tack... SADDLE ROPING SERIES... FREE Hooper dog.

704... Pets And Pet Supplies... GREYHOUNDS, male... PERKIESEE puppy.

704... Pets And Pet Supplies... PIT BULL puppies... PIT BULLS Redwood.

GEM STATE REALTY, INC. 204-734-0400... FILER 4 bdrm, 2 bath new mfg.

FILER 5 (miles north) 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2500 sq. ft. ranch with 2 acres.

TWIN FALLS Attn. Developer: 1/2 acre in Twin Falls... GANNETT Small 1-roomed 3 bdrm.

TWIN FALLS New 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1700 sq. ft. All appliances... TWIN FALLS 1700 sq. ft. District 1700.

TWIN FALLS New 2 bdrm, 2 bath apt. near Hammon Park... TWIN FALLS New 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1700 sq. ft.

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801 Antiques And Collectibles
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New Open! Decatur...

806 Hot Tub & Pools
HOT TUB 4 person, excellent condition...
HOT TUB, large, running, new pump...

812 Auctions/Auctioneers
BILL DOWNS
AUCTION SERVICE
(208) 467-1172

818 Miscellaneous For Sale
HOT TUB, large, running, new pump motor...
POOL TABLE, Brunswick style...

817 Musical Instruments
ORGAN Conn, exc. condition with bench...
ORGAN Kimball Antiquarian...

822 Wanted To Buy
WANTED older all castles, pottery, picnic...
WANTED good used...

824 Guns & Rifles
BROWNING SS symbol...
GUNS, Rifle, auto...

801 ATVs
YAMAHA '87 4 speed with reverse, electric start...
HONDA '92 600, great kids bike...

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos?

802 Appliances
DRYER, Frigidaire, 2 years old...
REFRIGERATOR, 1500, Elec. Stove...

806 Computers
COMPUTERS Exc. re-built...
809 Firewood
COAL Stoker & Lump...

810 Furniture & Carpet
BAR portable carved teak wood on casters...
WEDDING GOWN...

813 Jewelry
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WEDDING RING...

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707 Irrigation
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MAIN LINES 5'x50, 4'x50...

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MONEY

Stocks slide as doubt about rally intensifies Gathering

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell moderately Wednesday as investors found little reason to extend year-end buying spree. The market is more than a month into a fourth-quarter rally that has started to feel half-hearted, with strong early gains in many sectors being whittled away by afternoon selling.

"I don't see a lot of people just based on the volume we had, betting on a bull market," said Ned Kelly, chief investment officer of Riley Asset Management in Boston.

The only significant data expected Wednesday was a mid-quarter business update from the Texas Instruments unit, the close of regular trading. Data on petroleum inventories came in better than expected, but that didn't improve Wall Street's mood.

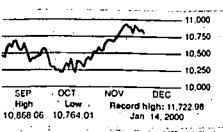
In heavy afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 45.95, or 0.42 percent, to 10,410.91.

Broader stock indicators were lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.53, or 0.5 percent, to 1,257.37, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 8.75, or 0.39 percent, to 2,252.01.

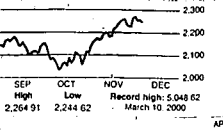
Bonds rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.52 percent from 4.54 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar was up against other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices set new highs in Europe for the second straight day.

Surprisingly strong weekly inventory numbers from the Department of Energy sent crude oil futures lower. A barrel of

Dec 7, 2005  
Dow Jones Industrial  
-45.95  
Pt. change from previous: -0.42



Dec 7, 2005  
Nasdaq composite  
-8.75  
Pt. change from previous: -0.39



light crude was quoted at \$59.21, down 73 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. This is a market where neither the bulls nor the bears have the courage of their convictions, said John Caldwell, chief investment strategist for McDonald Financial Group, part of Cleveland-based KeyCorp.

"This is very much a short first and ask questions later kind of market," he said. Caldwell is one of many strategists who doubted the strength and depth of stocks' fourth-quarter rally. One of their arguments is that this rally is just a case of momentum buying, which, it could vanish in January.

Bear Stearns' strategy team said in a note this week, "The market is overbought, in our view, and amidst a prolonged period of tightening prices, it is difficult to see how leading indicators could continue to accelerate from here. If anything, it appears

the market is setting itself up for a difficult start to the New Year."

The rally, Bear strategists said, "has much to do with sentiment than fundamentals."

In company news, Ford Motor Co. rose 9 cents to \$8.20 on the latest reports about its restructuring plans. The reports said the company could cut as many as 30,000 jobs by 2011, its board of directors is meeting Wednesday and Thursday to consider restructuring plans, the company said.

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Murray Gordon, president of a family-owned long term care insurance business, found that work dominated the conversation in his home after his son Brian, who lived at home, joined the company. At first, they weren't just discussing what happened that day. Murray Gordon was also teaching his son about the business.

The problem wasn't limited to his own home. When his son-in-law also joined the firm, "my daughter would get upset. She didn't need that conversation either when everyone got together."

Of course, there is good reason to talk about the business—enthusiastic owners are always thinking about ways to do things

different and better and coming up with ideas for building the company. But the smart ones realize that just as they need to take a few days away from the office now and then, they also need to take a few days from business-focused conversations.

"It's so hard to escape talking about work, but you have to set some guidelines," said Renee Miller, whose husband began working with her more than a year ago in her Los Angeles-based advertising and public relations firm, The Miller Group. Miller said business is the main topic of conversation at home as well as the office—so much so, that her husband would sometimes ask, "Can we just spend the next 60 minutes NOT discussing The Miller Group?"

Her antidote is to visit family—and to remember the other important things in life—during the next 60 minutes. "You're not really arguing about the business," she says. "You're just arguing about the family dynamics and issues," Davidson said.

The solution is, again, set it aside. OK, "Don't plan spending the whole day together," he said.

Goat

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goat was taking off. The number of people raising goats jumped 19.5 percent between 1997 and 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

New York has 300 meat goats at the White Rail Ranch south of Porterville, which she sells mostly to small ethnic stores. But she can't meet the demand, and she's been helping other ranchers switch their herds of sheep and ewes.

California's goat herd grew to about 100,000 this year from about 60,000 in 2002, according to the USDA.

continuing growth. According to Texas A&M research, Frank Craddock, demand for goat meat will increase 40 percent by 2007. So most American goat farmers aren't worried about the approximately 18 million tons of imported goat meat from Australia and New Zealand, Shirley said.

Although the meat that comes from overseas is cheap, U.S. farmers have a ready market in communities that know their goat and prefer it fresh, said Robert Swartz, executive director of the American Goat Association. The Boer is the leading breed used for meat.

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"It's not fair to their wives, it's not fair to their kids to have to hear the burdens of their disagreements," he said. "Many times, 'when they're arguing about the business, they're not really arguing about the business.' It's just arguing about the family dynamics and issues," Davidson said.

The Boer is an easy animal to get started with, but they only require a small area. In fact, they need about 10 to 15 goats in an acre, and they need less equipment than other livestock. Also, goats have about three birthing in two years, compared with one birthing a year for cows.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name Div PE Last YTD

How to Read the Market Report

Names: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not abbreviation).

Fund Names: Name of fund, principal and family.

Dividend: Dividend rate as a percentage of the stock price.

Yield: Yield on cost of the stock.

Price: Price of the stock.

Change: Change in price from previous day.

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State guards property

This is a list of unclaimed property of more than \$100 being held by people in their wills. To claim property contact Idaho Unclaimed Property, 800 790-1234, Boise, Idaho 83707 or call 1-800-772-7000. For more go to www.unclaimedidaho.gov

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Political

Continued from D5 abortion group, promotes a boycott of 50 companies that it says support Planned Parenthood, this month it added 15 companies to the list, including Wal-Mart, Jimmy Hilliger, Great City and Price Chopper.

Among the most contentious companies these days is Wal-Mart, assailed by critics for its corporate employment policies. Wake Up Wal-Mart, a group formed by the United Food and Commercial Workers, says it isn't specifically asking a boycott but wants shoppers to consider whether Wal-Mart deserves their patronage.

"Our goal is to take awareness so people reach the conclusion that this company doesn't reflect the best America," said Wal-Mart critic Wal-Mart Chris Kolins said.

Though the various campaigns are aimed at adults, toys are sometimes involved. A Massachusetts-based group, teaches lessons about child labor to children. The group has issued a guide to parents, should and shouldn't consider for their children. The "No Toy Industry" list includes Kwik-Kwik, a toy store chain. It shows no violent themes. Legos, Braille 4 in 1 Tower, Gamble and Barbies C. The "No Toy Industry" list includes Kwik-Kwik, a toy store chain. It shows no violent themes. Legos, Braille 4 in 1 Tower, Gamble and Barbies C.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Parent organization thanks people for help

The Lincoln Elementary Parent Teachers Association would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their support during our recent Family Fun Night.

Donations were received from the following:

Imagination Station, Hands On, Con Paulos, Sara Orozco, Blue Shield of Idaho, NazzKart, Gerrie's, Pepsi, Fred Meyer, Target, Albertson's, Tom E. Prints, Twin Falls Reformed Church, Idaho Power Co., Jeff and Lori Coats, Lisa Conrad, Mister Burger, Silver Lake Photo Accessories, Action Cycles and Sleds, Craig's Automotive, Rose

and Craig Smith, Bummy Wiley, Mark and Heather Denton, Chris Bell, FC Custom Combine Cleaning, Byron Stanger, Steve and Stefany Moore, Debra Peterson and Beth's Family Brooks.

Thank you to all those parents and teachers who volunteered their time and brought cakes and/or candy. Your efforts helped make this night a success.

**SHERYL BELL,**  
President  
Lincoln Elementary PTA  
Twin Falls

### Many contribute to Veterans Day celebration

Declo American Legion Post 144 would like to acknowledge the following for contributing to the Veterans Day celebration dinner, program and auction fundraiser Nov. 11:

B-Dazzled Dance Group (Brooke Jensen, Snake River Flats "The Park View Boys" (Glen Wilkinson and Lee Barfuss), Sue Ellen Keller, Angela Bovees, Nick Durfee and Jennifer Foote of Nick Durfee Auction Services, Let's Go Dutch (Richard and Cleome Moncur) and Declo Elementary School.

Special thanks to Cal Ranch; Wilson Bates; Park View Furniture; Swensen's Market; Ling Robinson and Walker; King's Bar 34 Ranch (Ray Bagby); JS Farmers (Jared Schenck); numerous individuals who gave time and resources and donated items; and to everyone who attended, contributed to the program and/or pitched in to help with logistics.

Your contributions to and support of Declo American Legion Post 144 are the core of the success of our programs and your time, energy and support are appreciated. Thank you.

**CHARLOTTE BOSSERT**  
American Legion Post 144  
Declo

### People brave weather to support benefit event

We really want to tip our hat this year to all the brave souls who came out for our 15th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event. Yes, the rain certainly hampered attendance, but for those who bravely and gratefully surprised at how many people did come to Kimberly Nurseries with their gifts to enjoy all the event offers.

A great big thank you goes out to the more than 1,700 people who came through our doors with more than 1,500

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 288

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toys for needy kids.

Our sincere hope for those unable to brave the weather or who watched the fireworks from elsewhere would be to remember to drop a toy off at any of the KMYT Christmas for Kids locations soon.

Thanks again to all who helped with this event and especially those who came out that night. May the true spirit of Christmas be with you all!

**DAVE WRIGHT**  
Kimberly Nurseries Inc.  
Twin Falls

**Wrestlers appreciate facility renovation**

On behalf of the Twin Falls High School wrestlers and the overall wrestling program in Twin Falls, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the following business and individuals who helped us with their contributions to renovate the high school wrestling room:

Chevrolet & Cadillac of Twin Falls, Tom Sem State Realty, Floyd Lilly Co, Costen, Alex Castaneda, Enviro-Mont Consulting & Services.

Thank you again.

**SAID DABESTANI**  
Head Wrestling Coach  
Twin Falls High School  
Twin Falls



Laurel Ingram, a founder of the Community Kids Club, shows food donated at the Immanuel Lutheran School Fall Carnival.

### Kids Club collects food for needy

**TWIN FALLS**—The Community Kids Club helped feed children and the needy with two projects.

Almost 300 cans of food were collected as part of the admission to the Immanuel Lutheran School Fall Carnival held Oct. 28, which was sponsored by the Immanuel Lutheran School PTL and made possible by the teachers, staff and parents.

The donated food will be used for snacks during the Kids Club meetings on Saturdays at El Mijago housing in Twin Falls, and will supply the food bank for families in need of food, reported Laurel Ingram, a club founder.

The Kids Club also asked children to bring canned food from home and the children made and distributed food baskets for residents of a housing complex as a Thanksgiving gift.

It taught the children the importance of sharing and giving while providing food to those in need, Ingram said.

## LIBERTY



Liberty, a traditional southern gospel quartet, will perform at 7 p.m. Friday at the Paul Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth St. Since 1996, the group has averaged two recordings a year. No admission fees are requested but a freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call 438-5126.

### Local square dance club holds Christmas dance

**TWIN FALLS**—The Buttons and Bows Square and Round Dance Club will hold its Christmas dance on Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave.

A potluck dinner will be held at 7 p.m. The club will furnish the meat and rolls. Dancers should bring a side dish or dessert.

Dancing will follow the meal with no pre-arranged. All round and square dancers are invited.

### Burley Scout receives Eagle Scout award

**BURLEY**—Samuel James Handy, 15-year-old son of Clay and Kristine Handy of Burley, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Burley 2nd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St.

He has completed 24 merit badges. For his Eagle project he helped organize the refurbishing of the bleacher in the old Burley High School gymnasium. He was assisted by 29 people. The project took more than 176 hours to complete.

He is a member of Troop 14 and his leaders are Nolan Peterson and Walter Graham.

Samuel is in the eighth grade at Burley Junior High School. He has been a member of the Burley Barracuda Swim Team and Burley Special Olympics Ski Team.



Samuel Handy

### Santa visits deaf, hard of hearing children today

**TWIN FALLS**—Parents and caregivers of deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind and speech disabled children are invited to bring their children to visit Santa Claus from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today upstairs in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Children will receive a bag of candy courtesy of Hamilton Relay, a telecommunications relay service. Hot cocoa will also be served courtesy of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization.

Santa will also make telephone calls to children throughout the state who are hearing impaired or deaf using a video relay system from Hamilton Relay.

### Jerome County Historical Society holds potluck

**JEROME**—The Jerome County Historical Society will hold a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. today at the Jerome 100E Hall, located on the 100 block of East B.

Admission is free. Guests should bring their own table service and a covered dish to share. Turkey will be provided. The Gem State Fiddlers will entertain.

For more information, call 324-7694 or 324-3604.

### Santa poses with pets at animal shelter

**BURLEY**—Pets can have their pictures taken with Santa Claus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Animal Shelter, 2020 Parko Ave.

The cost is a \$10 donation to

### Recreation club holds Christmas party

**SIOXSHONE**—The West Magic Lake Recreation Club is having a Christmas party Sunday at the Burnt West Resort, 960 W. Magic Road No. 20.

The monthly meeting will begin at noon with the party following.

A gift exchange will be held, men buy for men, women buy for women. Gifts must be new and not edible. There is a limit of \$20 to \$25 for gifts. Guests should bring finger foods. The public is welcome.

For more information, call 487-2288.

### T.F. Bank and Trust employees meet for lunch

**TWIN FALLS**—The Twin Falls Bank and Trust employees will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. today at the York & Grill, 1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Guests are asked to bring Christmas cookies for an exchange.

For more information or to make reservations, call Dee at 734-4895.

### DAR hears program on Colonial Williamsburg

**TWIN FALLS**—The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Linda Fayhurst. Members will share a holiday tradition or a favorite holiday decoration and will see a program about Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg.

Prospective members are invited to attend. For more information, call 732-5230 or 733-8415.

### Airport holds Christmas party for children, Santa

**TWIN FALLS**—The Magic Valley Regional Airport is flying Santa Claus in on Saturday.

Santa will arrive in a helicopter at 3:30 p.m. All children are invited to sit with Santa and get a free bag of candy.

### Kimberly FFA, Red Cross hold blood drive Tuesday

**KIMBERLY**—The Kimberly Future Farmers of America and the American Red Cross are holding a blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly

### Humane Society holds Mobile Pet Adoption

**TWIN FALLS**—The People for Pets—Magic Valley Humane Society will hold a Mobile Pet Adoption from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply, 2964 Addison Ave. E.

For more information, call 736-2299.

### Buhl Arts Council holds holiday open house

**BUHL**—The Buhl Arts Council holiday open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St.

Festive decorations, exhibits by regional artists and holiday shows will be available. Admission is free.

### Jerome Senior Center holds craft show Saturday

**JEROME**—The Jerome Senior Center craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at 212 First Ave. E.

Handmade crafts and lunch with a potluck bar will be available. Proceeds will go to the senior center.

For more information, call Ada at 324-5642.

### Church performs 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

**TWIN FALLS**—"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. There is no charge.

Local young people will perform in a skit based on Barbara Robinson's book.

### Musical performance takes place Sunday

**TWIN FALLS**—"Not a Silent Night" will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N.

Young people will present a musical with musical and it is free of charge.

### Quilt Bingo raises money for Minco school choir

**RUPERT**—Quilt Bingo will be held beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria at Minco High School, 292 W. 100 S.

Bingo prizes will include quilts and other prizes. There will also be a grab bag raffle, treats and drinks.

All proceeds will support the Minco High School choir. For more information, call 679-9681.

### Lucerne Grange holds annual Christmas party

**BUHL**—The annual Lucerne Grange Christmas party and program will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Lucerne Grange Hall.

Santa will visit and participants are asked to bring finger foods and a gift for their child.

All friends and family who have lived or live in the Lucerne area are invited.

For more information, call Doris Iverson at 543-5017.

### Lounge holds event to benefit needy families

**HELENA**—A Christmas lip sync show, Lipz Inc., will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at 212 First Ave. E. to benefit area needy families.

Admission is free with donations of canned food or toys. Money donations are also welcome.

For more information, call 326-6678.

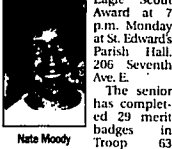
### T.F. resident receives Eagle Scout Award

**TWIN FALLS**—Nate Moody, son of Ron and Teri Moody, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at 7 p.m. Monday at St. Edward's Parish Hall, 206 Seventh Ave. E.

The senior has completed 29 merit badges in Troop 63 under the lead of Steve Balsch.

For his project, the 17-year-old established two new basketball poles and hoops at the St. Edward's parking lot. Five Scouts and three adults helped. Materials were donated by the school and Carl Skabronski with fabrication help from Ted Wasko St.

Moody is a senior and enjoys philosophy, music, art and literature, climbing, rafting and kayaking.



Nate Moody

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Find something to do this weekend

# Nutcracker

bitter-sweet

Always winter,  
never Christmas

'Narnia' movie stays true to  
author's vision.

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CSI's Jean B. King

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Ballet Idaho returns  
with Tchaikovsky's  
Christmas classic, but  
without longtime local  
dance teacher.

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## TOP 5

The week's most popular media, compiled by The Associated Press.

## Television

1. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
  2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
  3. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
  4. "Survivor: Guatemala," CBS.
  5. "Without a Trace," CBS.
- From Nielsen Media Research

## Film

1. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Warner Bros.
  2. "Walk the Line," 20th Century Fox.
  3. "Hours, Mine & Ours," Paramount.
  4. "Chicken Little," Disney.
  5. "Rent," Sony.
- From Exhibitor Relations Co.

## Hot 5

1. "Run It" Chris Brown. Jive. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
  2. "Gold Digger," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx), Roc-A-Fella.
  3. "My Humps," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M.
  4. "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy feat. Akon. Corporate Thugz/Def Jam/DJMG.
  5. "Photograph," Nickelback. Roadrunner/DJMG. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
- From Billboard magazine

## Albums

1. "Confessions on a Dance Floor," Madonna. Warner Bros.
  2. "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood. Arista.
  3. "The Road and the Radio," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
  4. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
  5. "Now 20," Various Artists. Sony BMG.
- From Billboard magazine

## Concert tours

1. U2.
  2. Paul McCartney.
  3. Eagles.
  4. Neil Diamond.
  5. Dave Matthews Band.
- From Pollstar

## VHS/DVD rentals

1. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)," Warner Home Video.
  2. "Christmas With the Kranks," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
  3. "The Devil's Rejects," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
  4. "Bewitched," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
  5. "Star Wars Episode III — Revenge of the Sith (Full Screen)," Fox Video.
- From Billboard magazine

## VHS sales

1. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)," Warner Home Video.
  2. "Christmas" Nickelodeon Video.
  3. "Shrek2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
  4. "My Little Pony: A Very Merry Christmas," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  5. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- From Billboard magazine

## DVD sales

1. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
  2. "Star Wars Episode III — Revenge of the Sith (Widescreen)," Fox Video.
  3. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
  4. "Christmas With the Kranks," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
  5. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2005 (Deluxe 2-Disc Edition)," Warner Home Video.
- From Billboard magazine

## Top iTunes downloads

1. "Run It! (Remix featuring Jazzy Santana)," Chris Brown
  2. "Hung Up," Madonna
  3. "When I'm Gone," Eminem
  4. "I'll Wait for Christmas Is You," Mariah Carey
  5. "My Humps," Black Eyed Peas
- From Apple Computer Inc.

## Best-selling books

1. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dell) (fiction/paperback)
  2. "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor) (non-fiction/paperback)
  3. "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)
  4. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)
  5. "Harry, Harry" by James Patterson (Little, Brown) (fiction/hardcover)
- From USA Today

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW



'The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction,' available for Xbox, PlayStation 2 and GameCube features David Banner's alter-ego, Hulk, battling government forces in a race against the clock to build an experimental machine he hopes will repair his tortured psyche, damaged by childhood trauma.

## Banner day: New 'Hulk' game rules

BY RON HARRIS  
The Associated Press

The aptly named "The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction" succeeds where the Hollywood film failed. The Hulk is such an underdog character, so unbridled in his destructive abilities, he translates best to gaming and not the silver screen.

I took on the role of alter ego David Banner in the Xbox version I tested. He begins his quest holed up in a forest, working on an experimental machine that will help repair childhood trauma to his mental well-being.

There are sinister government forces, of course, out to thwart his efforts. And the only way to beat them back is to go into Hulk mode and lay down a little green justice.

That's where the fun begins. As the Hulk, ripped with lime green muscles and wearing only some jean cutoffs, I bounded through the area, grabbing boulders and chucking them at low-flying helicopters full of military troops trying to beat me down.

The controls felt natural. The "B" button let me grab everything from soldiers to buses to flaming helicopters and use them as projectile weapons. The Hulk has a loping natural gait, which allowed me to gallop around and climb everything from rural

"The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction" (\$49.99) is T-rated and available for GameCube, PlayStation 2 and Xbox.

cliffs to urban buildings. But, it's not all random mayhem. On one early mission, Banner's buddy and mentor Doc Samson needs more energy for his own lab. So Hulk's mission was to destroy three power substations in a bustling metropolis so the city would have to reroute power through points where Samson could siphon off what he needed.

I had to beat back the police who failed to understand the altruism behind my actions — throwing them into their own squad cars or throwing buses at them were my favorite tactics.

The old fist bash was immensely satisfying, and it left a ring of destruction on the ground around whatever object chose to pummeled.

If I were to give this whatever any dings, it would be the slow pace at which Hulk takes on damage. It's one thing to be somewhat impervious to bullets and rocket launchers. It's another when the default game play is too close to "God" mode. It would have been nicer if I had to die more fear or urgency in me as I played as

## DANCE TO REMEMBER

## 'Nutcracker' will miss longtime teacher Hackney

The Times News

TWIN FALLS — For more than 20 autumns, Beverly Hackney took children aged 6 to 16 under her wing and taught them some magic.

The longtime Twin Falls dance instructor was responsible for preparing local children for annual productions of "The Nutcracker" by the Eugene, Ore. Ballet and later the Idaho Ballet. There were at least 1,000 such kids.

Hackney died in November at the age of 82, so Wednesday's annual Twin Falls production will be particularly emotional.

Thirty-five young dancers, coached by Hackney's former student — and frequent "Nutcracker" performer — Angela Essma will join the professional company of Ballet Idaho on the stage of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

It's Ballet Idaho's annual tour with Tchaikovsky's classic, the last performance on a seven-city swing that began in Sandpoint on Nov. 23.

There are five principal dancers, 12 dancers and five apprentices who share the major roles in Ballet Idaho's production.

With the exception of 2001, Ballet Idaho and its sister company, the Eugene, Ore., Ballet have been bringing the "Nutcracker" to Twin Falls annually since the 1980s, collaborating with local dance studios in the production.

"Involvement of local dance students is something that we have always encouraged," said Toni Pimble, the company's artistic director. "Their experiences with a professional ballet company will be something they will remember for years to come, giving them something for their dance studies, as well as greater appreciation for the hard work that goes into becoming a professional dancer."

Roles danced by local children include Baby Mice, ages 6-7; Angels, ages 8-9; Lady Bugs, ages 10-12; Party Guests, ages 10-14; Flowers, female dancers 14 and older, and Cavalry, youngsters aged 14-16.

"The Nutcracker," by far the world's favorite ballet, is single-handedly responsible for most of the revenue of major dance companies in the United States. Almost every artistic director expands and revises



Pythia Rothwell Afruntl, a principal dancer for Ballet Idaho, as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the 'Nutcracker.'

Tchaikovsky's modest 1892 ballet, which was presented in St. Petersburg as half of a bill that

included "Iolanta," the composer's last opera. Russian audiences responded

indifferently to "The Nutcracker" — it's still rarely performed in Russia — but it has found a huge

The friends  
of Clara

• What: Ballet Idaho will present Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

• Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• When: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

• How much: Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education in Twin Falls, at Sav-Mor Drug in Burli, at Ariene's Flowers in Jerome, and at CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Haxley and Gooding.

Meet the  
dancers

• Party guests — Shaelyn Bailey, Debra Bauman, Megan Brennan, Stephanie Brunelle, Ryan Crider, Amanda Hendry, Jessica Hendry, Kerstan Hill, Ally Underwood and Alyson Yopes

• Mice — Kacie Bauman, Katelyn Burns, Kennedy Jones, Corinne Larson, Jessica Larson, Brianna Myers, Brianna Starley and Taylor Vincent

• Ladybugs — Shaelyn Bailey, Stephanie Brunelle, Ryan Crider, Mariah Garcia, Kylie Gibson, Amanda Hendry and Samantha Walker

• Angels — Jae Anderson, Debra Bauman, Kennedy Jones and Brianna Myers

• Flowers — Elizabeth Brunelle, Danielle Essma, Timbral Essma, Keyla King and Elena Louder

• Cavalry — Alyson Yopes

audience in the United States since its first dancing in this country in 1940.

The ballet hit its stride after George Balanchine choreographed a celebrated production by the New York City Ballet in 1954.

# Movies

## Now playing TWIN FALLS

**Twin Cinema**

- "Aeon Flux"
- "Chicken Little"
- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Dreamer"
- "Get Rich or Die Tryin'"
- "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
- "Just Friends"
- "The Legend of Zorro"
- "Rent"
- "Tours, Mine and Ours"
- "Zathura"

**Odyssey Theater**

- "Derailed"
- "Jarhead"
- "New York Doll"
- "Pride and Prejudice"
- "Saw II"
- "Walk the Line"

**Lamphouse Theatre**

"2046"

"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices" (Tuesday and Thursday only)

**The Orpheum**

"Sylvia"

## HAILEY/KETCHUM

**Magic Lantern**

- "Coyote"
- "Good Night and Good Luck"
- "Pride and Prejudice"
- "Shogun"
- "Walk the Line"

**Big Wood Cinema**

- "Aeon Flux"
- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
- "Walk the Line"

**BigTime Cinema**

- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Sylvia"

## BURLEY

**Century Cinema**

- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
- "Tours, Mine and Ours"
- "Walk the Line"

**Burley Theater**

"The Greatest Game Ever Played"

## JEROME

**Jerome Cinema**

- "Chicken Little"
- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
- "Tours, Mine and Ours"

# 'THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE'



Lucy (Georgie Henley), Susan (Anna Popplewell), Peter (William Moseley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes) are sent to live with an old professor in the country during World War II air raids on London. They soon discover that they can walk into a sturdy wardrobe closet and find themselves in a strange fantasyland called Narnia in 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

## Narnia movie is faithful to C.S. Lewis' vision

BY ROBERT H. BUTLER  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

C.S. Lewis' Narnia novels are Christian allegories. But they were above all else intended to delight children.

That must have loomed large in the minds of the folks who made Disney's new screen version of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," a largely faithful adaptation that dishes plenty of childlike wonder, visual flair and bloodless action.

Hardcore fantasy fans will find "Lion" lightweight compared to Peter Jackson's "Rings" trilogy. But the youngsters at whom the pre-intellectual "Lion" is aimed should be well served by director Andrew Adamson's interpretation. And their parents should enjoy the ride as well.

Adamson and his co-writers (Ann Peacock, Christopher Markus, Stephen McFeely) root this epic fantasy in reality: It's London during the Blitz. For the

## The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Starring: Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, Anna Popplewell, William Moseley.

Revised: PG for battle sequences and frightening moments.

Starts this week at:

- Twin Cinema
- Century Cinema in Burley
- Jerome Cinema
- Big Wood Cinema in Hailey
- BigTime Cinemas in Ketchum

four Pevensie children, the distant roar of German aircraft means another night in a cramped, dirty bomb shelter in their back yard.

"Lion" early on sets up the pecking order among these

youngsters. Peter (William Moseley) is the oldest and, whether he likes it or not, the leader who must assume responsibility for his siblings. Brother Edmund (Skandar Keynes) is his nemesis, a sullen boy who bucks authority, is disdainful of his family and who nearly creates a disaster when, with Nazi planes filling the sky, he insists on returning to the house to retrieve a photo of their father, who's off fighting.

Susan (Anna Popplewell) is the deep thinker. And young Lucy (Georgie Henley), the baby of the bunch, is filled with wide-eyed curiosity.

Evacuated with thousands of other children to temporary homes in the country, the Pevensies occupy a drafty old mansion kept by a humorless housekeeper. It's while playing hide and seek that little Lucy discovers an ornately carved wardrobe in an otherwise empty attic room.

Taking shelter inside, she is transported to a snowy wonder-

land where she meets Mr. Tumnus (James McAvoy), an honest-to-goodness faun (human torso, goat legs). Over a cup of tea in Tumnus' snug cave, Lucy learns that she's in Narnia, where it's always winter and never Christmas. A century earlier an evil witch seized control and still rules with a rigid, icy hand.

Nobody believes Lucy when she returns to the real world (although that brut Edmund could confirm her story, having followed her into the wardrobe). Before long all four children are in Narnia. They encounter talking animals (particularly amusing are a beaver couple who effect the accents and attitudes of working-class Cockneys), the evil White Witch (Tilda Swinton) and an ancient legend which maintains that four humans ("sons of Adam" and "daughters of Eve") will someday sit on Narnia's thrones.

And of course there's Aslan, the

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Welcome to the Suck Jarhead (R)  
 Daily 7:00 - 9:45  
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Can You Make the Cut **SAW 2 (R)**  
 Daily 7:30 - 9:45  
 Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

Johnny Cash Story **Walk the Line (13)**  
 Daily 7:00 - 9:35  
 Sat - Sun 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:35

**New York Doll (13)**  
 Daily 7:30 - 9:45  
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 (PG-13)  
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Showing in 2 Theatres in Digital Sound  
**Chronicles of Narnia:  
 The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe**  
 (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:15  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 - 12:45 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 7:00 - 7:15

**The Legend of Zorro (PG)**  
 Daily 6:45 - 9:30  
 Sat - Sun 12:30 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

Walt Disney's **Chicken Little (G)**  
 Daily 7:15 - 9:00  
 Sat - Sun 1:15 - 3:15 - 5:15 - 7:15 - 9:00

Kurt Russell **Dreamer (PG)**  
 Daily 7:00 - 9:15  
 Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Showing in 2 Theatres in Digital Sound  
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# Movies

## Movie nuggets

• **"Aeon Flux"** **R** rating — The futuristic MTV animated series goes live action with Charlize Theron as the top operative of the underground rebellion battling the totalitarian government of a supposedly utopian society. **Cast:** Cosmo Jones, Jimmy Miller, Sophie Okonedo, Pete Postlethwaite, Amelia Warner, Caroline Chikezie and Frances McDormand costar. Written by Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi, based on characters created by Peter Chung. **PG-13** for sequences of violence and sexual content.

• **"Capote"** **R** rating — A stunning character study of Truman Capote, author and personality, during the Kansas years he reported "In Cold Blood," befriending and betraying the killers of a farming family. In the title role, Philip Seymour Hoffman is uncanny. **R**

• **The Chronicles of Narnia:**

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** **No rating** — Disney's rendition of the first of C.S. Lewis' children's stories, with George Henley, Skandar Keynes, Anna Popplewell, William Moseley. **PG.**

• **"Chicken Little"** **G** rating — 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 Galifianakis and Joan Cusack and not much else. 1 hour 21 minutes (nothing offensive, except for signaling the end of great traditional ink-and-paint animation)

• **"Derailed"** **R** rating — Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston play successful execs who start an illicit affair that turns really bad. Fans of the If-you-cheat-you-burn-in-hell erotic thriller might want to add "Derailed" to their lists, but put it way down there after "Dial M For Murder," "Dou-

## About the rating system

The ratings in these capsules are by Knight Ridder News Service review. 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

ble Indermingy," "Fatal Attraction" and "Unfaithful." (For violence, profanity, adult themes)

• **"Dreamer"** **R** rating — Dakota Fanning and Kurt Russell star in this charming girl-and-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)

• **"Get Rich or Die Tryin'"** **R** rating — About the feature debut of gangsta rapper Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson? Three things are indisputable: He has the highest dynamism that's fundamental to screen stardom, is lucky in his director and is considerably less fortunate in his scriptwriter. This saga, reckoned by 50 Cent to be "about 75 percent faithful" to his life story, amounts to more war movie than redemption song. It (strong violence, pervasive language, drug content, sexuality and nudity)

• **"Good Night and Good Luck"** **R** rating — George Clooney's revisionist, cautionary tale about newsmen Edward R. Murrow and his crusade against Sen. Joseph McCarthy asks timely questions about television's role. Political watchdog or entertainment showbiz? **PG** (mature themes)

• **"The Greatest Game Ever Played"** **R** rating — Bull-pitchers and the fairway-averse will be charmed by "The Greatest Game Ever Played," an inconsistent and endearing sports inspirational that aims to be "Clara's of Fire" for golf. While it doesn't achieve this goal, the movie from actor-turned-director Bill Paxton is an affectionate ode to sportsmanship. **PG** (some brief mild language)

• **"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"** **R** rating — This fourth film in the fantasy franchise is the most fun and most fraught with conflict, with our Hero battling both his nemesis Lord Voldemort and puberty. **Mike Newell** — the first Brit to helm the series — is the guy you want to escort it through Harry's awkward age. With the usual suspects, **Patrick Finennes** as Voldemort; and **Michael Gambon**,



George Clooney, front, is a CIA agent and Matt Damon, back left, is a businessman in the Middle East oil thriller 'Syriana.'

## 'Syriana'

BY CHRIS HEWITT  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

My favorite thing about the intriguingly muddled "Syriana" is its matter-of-fact use of the phrase, "the petroleum service of the United States."

"Syriana" accepts as a given that lives are being lost in the Middle East because of oil, that countries are being manipulated because of oil and that civil rights are being violated because of oil. "Petroleum service" is not the only provocative cliché floating around the three separate-but-related storylines in "Syriana," which was written and directed by Stephen Gaghan, who won an Oscar for writing another separate-but-related storylines film, Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic."

But "Traffic" is a better film, and the chief difference between the two is that, in "Syriana," Gaghan doesn't have the input of a director who can tell him his script doesn't add up the way he thinks it does. Among the many characters in "Syriana" are a CIA lifer played by George Clooney, whose acting technique appears to have involved a lot of doughnuts; a businessman, played by Matt Damon, who links to Arab oil, a lawyer played by Jeffrey Wright, who's investigating a big oil company merger; and Chris Cooper as an unscrupulous oilman. Actually, none of those people has many scenes, a flaw in a movie that would benefit from giving us one

## 'Syriana'

Starring: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright

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character to grab onto.

As it is, there are fine, low-key performances, but the only memorable one is Christopher Plummer's portrait of elegant foolishness. "Traffic" was filled with fascinating people whose stories echoed each other. But the storylines feel random here, and there aren't many intriguing people — good luck trying to distinguish between pen-stroked wops played by David Clennon, Jamey Sheridan and Tom McCarthy — because Gaghan doesn't dramatize the story.

"Syriana" is like a position paper, and scenes that should pull us in — a moment when Clooney realizes Big Brother is always watching him, an ought-to-be-suspenseful chase at the climax — fall flat.

The result is an honorable failure. There's nothing wrong with trying to ask provocative questions even though you don't have the answers, which is what "Syriana" wants to do. The problem is that it doesn't even find a way to ask the questions clearly.

replacing the late, Richard Harris, as Dumbledore. Not recommended for those under a PG-13 (fantasy violence, suspense)

• **"Jarhead"** **R** rating — 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 banking, belittling staff sergeant, and director Sam Mendes delivers some moments of real glory, but

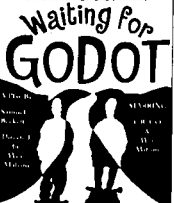
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## New on DVD

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Maggie Smith and Judi Dench play aging sisters in 'Ladies in Lavender.'

### "Ladies in Lavender" PG-13

There's a quiet, steady grace to "Ladies in Lavender," a story about the relationship between a pair of lonely, elderly sisters and the young man who washes up on the shore of their Cornish village. What presents the film from ever becoming too sentimental or weepy. Mostly, it's due to two amazing actresses who anchor the film's bittersweet emotional narrative of loss and longing, grounding it in such recognizably human behavior that it feels, at times, less like a melodrama than a documentary.

Written and directed by actor Charles Dance ("Gosford Park") after a short story by William L. Graft, and set in the period leading up to World War II, "Ladies" stars Maggie Smith and Judi Dench as sisters Janet and Ursula. One is a widow, the other a spinster, and when they discover an injured Pole named Andrea (Daniel Brühl) one morning lying unconscious on their rocky beach and decide to nurse him back to health in their spare bedroom, strange, long-dormant feelings — part maternal, part romantic and complicated by long-standing jealousy — and a possessiveness bordering on the proprietary — start welling up in them. It's easy territory to muck up with sloppy historicists, but under Dance's sure hand, and the even surer performances of Smith and Dench, who know that underplaying an emotion often increases its punch, the film is a small study in the dignity of feeling.

Although much of the film's tension arises from a kind of simmering competition

between Janet and Ursula for the attention and the affections of Andrea — each wants, in a way, to "claim" him — things really start to get interesting when their handsome young charge meets a beautiful woman closer to his age in the village. Like Andrea, who speaks no English, yet who is able to understand the sisters' German, the woman, Olga (Natascha McElhone), is an outsider, a foreigner on holiday in Cornwall to improve her painting skills. When Olga and Andrea bond over their shared love of art and music — Andrea, it seems, is a talented violinist and Olga's brother is a famous musician who can do much to advance Andrea's career — Janet and Ursula grow mistrustful of the interloper, and of Andrea's growing affections.

"She's like the witch in a fairy tale," one sister says to the other, but what they don't realize — at least not yet — is that, like a fairy tale, things can't go on the way they were. "Ladies in Lavender" is too real for such nonsense, and Dance's understanding of how letdown is a part of life informs this film and his characters' struggle to accept what will not be. There is one great scene, when Ursula just weeps, almost wordlessly, after Andrea's presence has reminded her of the kind of physical love she will never know.

It's an achingly beautiful moment, and it sets the tone for "Ladies in Lavender," a movie that is all about the march of time. "She were a cracker 40 year ago," observes one of the local coppers, speaking in the Cornish vernacular about Janet and Ursula's now overweight and blotchy housekeeper, Dorcas (Miriam Margolyes).

### "Dukes of Hazzard" PG-13

If there's one thing Warner Bros. knew it had with "The Dukes of Hazzard," it was a bedrock of audience recognition and sentimentality.

There's a whole lot of armchair outlaws out there who remember that long-running Friday night TV show (six seasons from 1979) with a certain fondness. They remember Georgia cousins Bo (John Schneider) and Luke Duke (Tom Wopat), who slid out the windows of their beloved '69 orange Dodge Charger (the General Lee) and negotiated those fish-tail turns as they ran forever from the cops. Their good-natured souls somehow protected them from anyone who wished them harm, from cops to redneck troublemakers to high-brow TV critics.

Audiences also remember Daisy Duke (Catherine Bach) in the briefest of short pants, who was the cutesy equivalent of Ely May from "The Beverly Hillsbillies." And they remember that benevolent narrator who softened up viewers with his omniscient, homespun drawl.

The movie version, which stars Seann William Scott as Bo and Johnny Knoxville as Luke, is smart enough not to mess with a good thing. Director Jay Chandrasekhar, whose goofy "Super Troopers" and "Club Dread" qualify him eminently for the job, has found the perfect balance of old-fashioned charm and postmodern touches — but not too many to overshadow the show's precious texture.

Scott and Knoxville, who are capable of outrageous and dark comedy, rein in those impulses to play the angelic duo. And Jessica Simpson — who did not



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

Jessica Simpson as Daisy Duke is a principal attraction of 'Dukes of Hazzard.'

find offers for other acting projects from the Royal Shakespeare Company to play Daisy — has obviously worked hard with her personal trainer. Putting the official rebel stamp on the proceedings are two seasoned southerners: Burt Reynolds plays the sneaky, dandyish commissioner by the name of Boss Hogg, and Willie Nelson is Uncle Jesse L. Duke, the moonshine-making joker played on the TV show by

Denver Pyle. Which is to say that "Dukes" the movie is more than mildly funny, but it doesn't seem the slightest bit interested in straying from the formula of screaming cars, barroom brawls and other southern clichés (touch of the white-hooped trenches, of course). Anyone going to this movie would want no less and, it seems, no more. This is one unusual case in which aiming for a middling C grade turns out to be a plus work.

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

**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.

**Burley**

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

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

FRIDAY

**Twin Falls**

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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**Burley**

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

Photos by SHARON COOPER, Page 9

## Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

**Shakira**

### "Oral Fixation Vol. 2"

(Sony)

Listening to Shakira has never been as much fun as watching Shakira.

In videos, the Colombian singer is usually gyrating, writhing suggestively or slithering her well-toned body with some substance, so one probably doesn't notice that she sometimes sounds like she's singing while riding a bike on a cobblestone road. Clearly, Shakira knows this, which may explain why she's naked, except for strategically placed leaves, on the cover of her latest album, "Oral Fixation Vol. 2." Stare at the singer, doing her best naughty Eve in the Garden of Eden, complete with the forbidden fruit in her hand, and you may be too mesmerized to recognize that this is a collection of very bland music.

Whereas the lyrics on "Fajacion Oral Vol. 1," released earlier this year, were in Spanish, here Shakira aims for the American market with English songs. Yet, something's been lost in translation. Ever since her 2001 breakthrough, "Laundry Service," Shakira has been mindful of hanging on to her hard-won American audience. In the process, she has stripped away the more compelling aspects of her music. For example, "Animal City" may have fancy horns and clanky rock guitar, but at its core is standard stuff.

Certainly Shakira, who also produced the CD, has some interesting ideas. "Tiey You" is a weird little gem with chattering horns and a kind of Fiona Apple fearlessness. Still, even Apple might hesitate before delivering

a lyric like "I'd like to be the owner of the zipper on your jeans." Both lyrically and musically, it's as interesting as anything Shakira has done since making her mark with American listeners.

As with the cultural swap of Latin pop in the late 1990s, everything extraordinary about Latin music here is dumbed down for the masses. Usually, Shakira errs on the side of caution, and the results are bloodless ballads like "Your Embrace," although there's a certain amusement to be found in such odd lines as "Tell me what's the use/ Of a 24-inch waist/ If you don't touch me?"

Carlos Santana, who apparently no longer needs sleep, adds just enough guitar work to make "Illegal" more interesting



Shakira.

than it might otherwise be, although it's still by-the-book adult contemporary. If only Shakira had been willing to take more chances, she might have scored a winner on "Oral Fixation." Instead, she short-changes herself, delivering another album for fans who like Latin music that's not too Latin.

— *By Renee Graham  
The Boston Globe*

**Scott Stapp**

### "The Great Divide"

(Wind-up)

Scott Stapp, the former lead singer of Creed, is back from career exile with an album titled "The Great Divide." It's a fitting name — there may be no more polarizing figure in recent rock history, and the gulf between his fans and his detractors is wide and ugly.

Stapp may have been the most mocked man in rock in the 1990s, but Creed also sold a staggering 25 million albums in the United States alone. The problem now, though, is that pop audiences' infatuations fade fast, while rock purists know how to hold a grudge.

Stapp may want to let things go, but what about his skeptics? Fred Jacobs, of Jacobs Media, a Michigan-based radio consultant company that works with rock stations, compared Stapp's fall from grace to the waning interest in Oasis in America.

"Scott has a lot of baggage to overcome," he said. "This is a lightning rod guy for a lot of radio programmers and frankly that hurts. There's not a lot of excitement right now to embrace his new music. This is a guy that made people angry. Like Oasis, there was growing perception that his behavior hurt him."

— *Los Angeles Times*

**Merle Haggard**

### "Chicago Wind"

(Capitol Records/Universal)

Merle Haggard has epitomized the hard-living country music outlaw since the early 1960s, and though his iconic status has softened his image in recent years, it has not muted the restless rumble in his voice. He shifts between agreeable appeals and hard-nosed discontent on "Chicago Wind," a collection that shows that the 68-year-old singer retains sharp focus in both his music and his opinions.

Mellow moments are plentiful but even nostalgic looks back, such as the wistful "I Still Can't Say Goodbye," sport plenty of backbone thanks to Haggard's clear-eyed approach. His singing is earthbound but smooth, a relaxed tone that fills out the nicely ornamented melodic sway of the title track and oozes angst in the grounded love song "Honky Tonk Man." Guest Toby Keith out-edges him on the understated "Some of Us Fly," but Haggard holds his own with a calmly authoritative manner.

Even the tender "What I've Been Meaning To Say" has a little grit beneath its surface, and when Haggard has a point to make, he'll let it down on us prickly. He laments the state of current society on the rattling



Merle Haggard.

Photo courtesy of Capitol Records

country pubes of "Where's All the Freedom?" and states what he believes U.S. priorities should be in "The Bad America First," coloring each tune with the raw, unapologetic perspective that remains a staple of his appeal.

— *The Hartford Courant*

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## EXUDING POSITIVITY

## My Morning Jacket wears its diverse influences well

The Boston Globe

Talk to Jim James for more than five minutes and the word "positivity" is bound to come up. James fronts the lushly hypnotic, Americana-laced indie band My Morning Jacket — and he laments about to feisty negativity-poll his party.

The group's new album, "Z," is filled with ethereal James vocals that merge the magnetism of Roy Orbison and Radiohead's Thom Yorke. The album also marks the debut of two new members, guitarist Carl Broemel and keyboardist Bo Koster.

"They've really helped us by bringing in a wave of positivity," he says. "To have two new people come in that are really excited and aren't burnt out and worn down to the ground, it just kind of energizes you and gets you excited again."

"I really feel that way about everything in life," he says. "If you get in a rut or a routine, you have to switch it up because something is going to happen, whether it's quitting your job or moving to a new town or whatever. That change most of the time is going to bring about some positivity."

James is a total music freak who has known since seventh grade that he wanted to pursue rock 'n' roll as a career. He speaks with a deep intelligence on early influences such as Orbison, Neil Young, the Band, Bob Dylan, Eita James, and Pink Floyd. And he explains that My Morning Jacket's new producer, John Lickie, was chosen not only because he had worked with Radiohead and Pink Floyd, but because he was a tape operator on George Harrison's record "All Things Must Pass."

"That just set off a special signal in my heart because that was one of the greatest records ever made," says James. And his assessment of Lickie's work with My Morning Jacket is, well, positive.

Narnia *continued from page 4*

mighty lion who is rightful ruler of Narnia (here an animated creature voiced by Liam Neeson), in exile for 100 years. Aslan has returned to build an army with which to end the Witch's cruel reign.

The lion is Lewis' Christ figure, who sacrifices himself to save the unworthy (Edmund, that wretched little sinner) and triumphs over death. At one



Photo by Neal Preston/All Access

Jim James, second from left, fronts the Kentucky based indie rock band My Morning Jacket.

"If you get in a rut or a routine, you have to switch it up because something is going to happen, whether it's quitting your job or moving to a new town or whatever."

— Jim James, My Morning Jacket frontman

"He did a good job of reading us. I admire people who can come in and work for the benefit of the project and not for their own ego or designs," says James. "John came in and listened to what we said and he really helped us make the best record we could. He didn't do anything

for himself. There's wasn't one selfish motive."

The new album has some celestial songs about empowerment, along with a couple of sad ones in "Dondante" and "What a Wonderful Man," which James wrote for two friends of his who passed away. But the music in

these songs is transformational. James's high-pitched, floating voice in "Dondante," combined with his delicate guitar bends, carries the listener to a new place. And there's even a modified Harrison quote in the verse, "Now I'm learning, learning that this will pass."

James is modest — and deflects attention to other artists he enjoys — such as Rufan Stevens, Conor Oberst, M. Ward, and Joanna Newsom.

"I feel lucky and proud to be part of that wave that is now hopefully making a positive step," he says.

Would you expect him to say anything less?

## KARAOKE CORNER

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## Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

High Mountain 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.

## 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.

## SATURDAY

## Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main.

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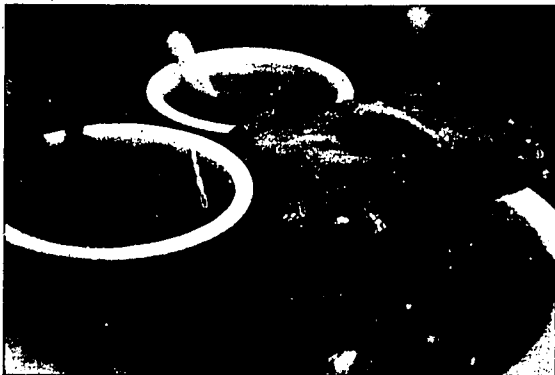
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Naked Wings, one of the appetizers at Trail Creek Pub. Trail Creek is located in Twin Falls' Old Towne.

## Old Towne pub serves tasty fare

BY VIRGINIA S. MITCHELL  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Those who first turned an Old Towne flour warehouse into a brewpub a decade ago were pioneers — leading the way to redeveloping the historic district's industrial structures.

But after seven years in its quirky old building, the brewpub folded in early 2002. As the building sat vacant for almost three years, Twin Falls wondered what might become of Old Towne and its old-timey business people.

So to many, the recent opening of Trail Creek Pub, the former Muggers building, was a relief.

I hope the new business survives, Twin Falls' long-time resident Virginia Mitchell says.

My husband, [Name], and I spent a recent evening at Trail Creek, a classy but comfortable pub.

The decade-long operation left some bricks exposed and employed a blend of dark wood. With ease, yourself informally, the new business retained Muggers' cozy upholstered groupings, as well as standard tables, art and artwork added upscale and isn't overdone.

Mark and I ordered the only Idaho wine at Trail Creek's wine list, a Sawtooth Riesling 2004 for

### About Trail Creek Pub

16 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls  
Appetizers from \$3.75 to \$11.25. Sandwiches from \$5.75 to \$7.75. Salads from \$5.25 to \$10.25. Entrees from \$7.75 to \$12.75; the top-end selection is a 10-ounce ribeye. Four local meals, from \$4 to \$4.50. Desserts from \$4.25 to \$5.25.

In addition to bottled beers, Trail Creek so far has three of its own brews on tap, at \$3.25 per pint. Daily happy hours are from 4 to 6 p.m., with pints for \$2. Menu changes are ongoing.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Phone: 736-0330. Matt Furtichole, Scott Featherstone and Eric Bushong, owners.

\$4 a glass. The restaurant offers 10 whites and as many reds; more than half are available by the glass, for \$3.50 to \$6. By the bottle, wines start at \$12 and top out at \$60.

Our appetizer — Sinky Cheese Nachos — arrived 12 minutes after we ordered. With melted Asiago, bleu, jack and Cheddar cheeses, roasted garlic, diced tomatoes and caramelized sweet onions, the \$8.75 appetiz-

With melted Asiago, bleu, jack and Chèvre cheeses, roasted garlic, diced tomatoes and caramelized sweet onions, the \$8.75 Stinky Cheese Nachos appetizer has a lot of character and a bit of bite. A refreshing take on nachos and cheese.

er has a lot of character and a bit of bite. A refreshing take on nachos and cheese.

My cup of creamy potato soup — tasty enough, but not particularly remarkable — was served extremely hot. Ditto for the bread. Mark's small side salad was fresh and composed of appealing dark greens.

While Mark tried an elk sausage pasta dish, I opted for the kabob entree, which Trail Creek offers in beef, salmon or

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### HANSEN

• **Foothill Cafe**, 498 Highway 30 W. — South Hills steak sandwiches, Foothill burgers, grilled-chicken sandwiches, \$1.75-\$6.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. Brian and Kim Wilson, owners. 423-4777.

• **South Hills Saloon and Restaurant**, 300 Highway 30 — Breaded chicken, hnger steaks, shrimp, burgers and fries, \$3.25-\$7. Full bar hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. 423-9050.

### KETCHUM

• **Apple's Bar & Grill**, 215 Piabco St. — Rotating specials, burgers, soups, salads. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; closed Sundays. Hank Minor, owner. 726-7067.

• **Baci Italian Cafe**, Trail Creek Village, 200 S. Main — Alaskan halibut, pork tenderloin, pasta with mushrooms, \$11.95-\$22.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Rex Chandler, owner. 726-8384.

• **Chandler's Restaurant**, 200 S. Main, Ketchum — Black Canyon elk, Hawaii ahi tuna, Yankee pot roast, \$16.95-\$34.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily, 6-10 p.m. Rex Chandler, owner. 726-1176.

• **Ketchum Grill**, 520 East Ave. N. — Fruitwood grilled meats and game, pizza, pasta, \$7.95-\$19.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Scott Mason, owner. 726-4660.

• **Laffy's Bar & Grill**, 213 E. Sixth St. — Burgers, french fries, grilled-chicken salads, \$5-\$7. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Dave Hausmann, owner. 726-2744.

• **Panda Chinese Restaurant**,

### MURTAUGH

• **Shredders Bar & Grill**, 109 W. Archer — Seven-ounce sirloin steak specials, spicy bacon hamburgers, pizza, tacos, \$4.75-\$8.50. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through

### PAUL

• **Becky Ann Cafe**, 323 E. Ellis — Country-style breakfasts, chicken-fried steak, fish platter, \$5.25-\$7.25. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m.-11 a.m.; closed Sundays. Gloria and Brent Robinson, owners. 438-8185.

### About the dining guide

Every week, TNT will publish a rotating list of restaurants in south-central Idaho, along with their hours, food specialties and price ranges. For reasons of space, not every restaurant will be listed every week, but they will be listed on a regular basis.

If your restaurant is not listed and you would like to have it in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crumly at 735-3223 or e-mail him at [scrumpl@magicalvillage.com](mailto:scrumpl@magicalvillage.com). It's a free service.

515 North Ave. — General's chicken, fried rice, mixed veggie delata, wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Juliana Tsai, owner. 726-3391.

• **Warm Springs Ranch Restaurant**, one mile out Warm Springs — Steak, seafood, ribs, \$9-\$24. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Bob Dunn, manager. 726-2609.

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-midnight; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; closed Sundays. Sheila Huzzar, owner. 432-5657.

### SHOSHONE

• **Manhattan Cafe**, 133 So. Rail — Burgers, chicken-fried steak, prime rib specials, steak, \$3.95-\$10.25. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m. George and Betty Wyant, owners. 886-2142.

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### SHOSHONE

• **New China Town**, 222 N. Rail — Family style dining, Mandarin chicken, stir-fry, fried rice, \$20-\$9.75. **Hours:** Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. **Jing Wu, owner; 886-7169.**

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• **Applebe's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**, 1587 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, chicken salads, pasta, \$5.99 - \$15.99. **Hours:** Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-midnight. **Rick Royalty, manager; 735-0230.**

• **Buffalo Cafe**, 218 Fourth Ave. W. — Buffalo chips, omelets, sandwiches, \$3.75-\$9.50. **Hours:** Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. **734-0271.**

• **Chili's**, 1880 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Baby back ribs, Sizzling fajitas, rib-eye steak, \$7.95-\$14.95. Full bar. **Hours:** Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. **Charlie Gerard, manager; 734-1167.**

• **Dazzoli's Pizza and Pasta**, 1485 Pole Line Rd. E. — Pizza, pasta, salad combos, \$2.15 - \$6.29. **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **736-1907.**

• **Crowley's Soda Fountain**, 144 Main St. S. — Mushroom burgers, BLT and Cobb sandwich wraps, shakes with real fruit in season,

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\$3.25-\$5.99. **Hours:** Weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Closed Sundays. Lori Lewis, owner; 733-1041.**

• **D'Ona**, 117 Main Ave. E. — Appetizers, specialty salads, wraps, blackened salmon and chicken, burger. \$4.75-\$16.95. **Hours:** Mondays through Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. **D'Ona Pellerer, owner; 733-1041.**

• **Depot Grill**, 545 Shoshone St. S. — Country sausage, burgers, hot open-faced roast beef/pork sandwiches, seafood, steak \$4-\$14. **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 24 hours; Sundays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. **Steve and Tim Soran, owners; 733-0710.**

• **Diamondfield Restaurant and Lounge**, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Bronzed pork chops with fire-roasted apple, grilled beef cheeseburger steak, Angus beef burgers, shrimp and Cobb salads, \$6.95-\$20.95. Full bar. **Hours:** Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. **Peggy Durham, manager; 734-5000.**

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chicken, with squash, zucchini, peppers and onions. Our server warned that the kitchen was out of salmon that night, so I went with beef.

For \$8.75, I got two skewers, two sauces and mashed potatoes with brown gravy. With six kabob sauces on the menu that night, the restaurant had run out of one or two of them. I picked Trail Creek's signature barbecue sauce, billed as "rich, smoky and mildly spicy," and a mango salsa.

The vegetables on my kabobs were charred — a disappointment for a veggie lover — with a few pieces alarmingly black. But enjoying the beef, and the barbecue sauce lived up to its billing. The mango salsa was flavorful, with cilantro, garlic, onion, tomato and habanero.

Our server — clearly an experienced one — made herself

useful but not intrusive, checking on us at appropriate intervals, sometimes wordlessly. Just the right level of pleasant attentiveness.

With the dessert menu, Mark and I ran into the now-familiar problem: Trail Creek was out of our first-choice dessert, a French toast-style concoction with apples and cocoa. So we settled for sharing a slice of Maggie's No-Flour Bourbon Chocolate Cake, for \$5.25. The dark, rich cake — made by a Twin Falls business — is served with drizzled caramel sauce, chocolate sauce and berry sauce.

Extremely rich and sweet. If you opt for the same, plan to share it.

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# BIG NOISE MV Chorale & friends sing Handel's 'Messiah'

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times News Writer

TWIN FALLS — If you're gonna to sing the "Messiah," why not pump up the volume? For the Magic Valley Chorale's semi-annual performance of George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah," Director Joe Casperson has invited choirs from Twin Falls, Jerome and Minico high schools to join his 60-voice chorus.

"There's no question that the 'Messiah' is a (piece of music) that benefits from numbers," said Casperson, who will direct concerts Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. "But it's a bit of a challenge putting together so many different choirs."

As of Tuesday, Casperson had yet to hear the full effect — the choirs were scheduled to rehearse together later in the week — but he's excited about the prospects.

"We may actually fill up that auditorium for the first time since I've been here," he said.

In addition to all three choirs, Casperson has an all-star list of soloists, all current or former members of the chorale: Bass Rob Newman, soprano Emily Dodds, alto Catherine Allen and tenor Jack Van Buren.

"They're four very strong singers," he said. "I'm excited about this performance." Casperson hopes inviting high school vocalists to join chorale concerts will become a permanent practice.

"These kids learn a lot from participating in something like this," he said. "All most of them know about the 'Messiah' is the first line of the 'Hallelujah' chorus."

This weekend's performances will include Parts I and 2, ending with that famous chorus. The 1743 oratorio performed, start to finish, clocks in at more than three hours; modern audiences won't sit still for that.

In fact, King George II, who originally stood up for the "Hal-



Photo from the Web.com

The Magic Valley Chorale and three high school choirs will present a big-voiced rendition of George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah" this weekend.

## A Yule tradition

• **What:** The Magic Valley Chorale, under the direction of Joe Casperson, will present Handel's "Messiah" in its annual holiday concert.

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• **When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday and

4 p.m. Sunday.  
• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens, are available at the CGI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Welch Music in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, from any Chorale member, or at the door.

lelujah" chorus may have simply been stretching his legs.

"I wouldn't stand up for King George," Casperson said. "But I'd stand up for Handel."

"The 'Messiah,' of course, isn't a Christmas piece — Handel meant it to be non-liturgical, or not about any specific Christian festival. It's a long, rambling disquisition on the life of Christ, heavy on quoted prophecies

from the book of Isaiah that Handel — and his little-remembered lyrics Charles Jennens — turned into memorable music. This is the 11th "Messiah" in the 33-year history of the chorale.

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## Wide-eyed wonder



'Narnia' film stays true to author's vision.

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## Local

## At CSI's Jean B. King Gallery, art by Idahoans

BY BILL STODOLAKER  
Times News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — At the entrance to the Idaho Triennial Art Show, you're immediately engaged by a large oil on canvas, post-fabricated and painted. It's post-fabricated as opposed to pre-fabricated because the house — the painter's object — has not only seen its last addition, it's seen its last occupant. Deconstruction has begun.

The painter, Geoffrey Krueger, has with draftsmanship exposed secrets of home more than house. And as if to add eeriness, the building floats, levitated on a dark shadow, crushed against a nineteenth-century Russian landscape facade.

"Living Room" is the frontpiece, as it were, to Twin Falls' version of the I&M Triennial exhibit, aka, 2004 Idaho Triennial. (I&M stands for Boise Art Museum, and I can't help singing "Bam-a-lam, Black Betty" each time I read I&M. "Bam-a-lam, Black Betty.")

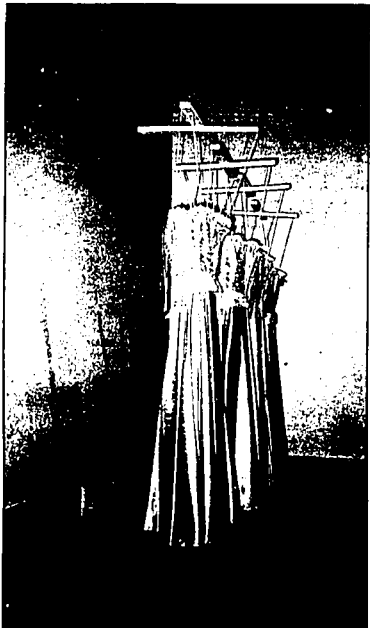
This is a traveling show of the best works submitted to the 2004 competition, according to the juror, Arthur Danto, and the coordinating staff at BAM. ("Bam-a-lam, Black Betty.") Yes, the show travels — but not in its entirety. There are 65 works of art in the whole show, but because of space limitations and dominance of space by certain pieces, approximately half of the collection is on display in Twin Falls. Absences aside, you have access to substantive work.

The pieces are arranged and located in the gallery by Amber Scott with technical assistance from Nick Peterson. Scoon is a painting instructor at the College of Southern Idaho and the art gallery manager. A tour of the show is amicably enhanced by her choreography.

If you're a usual visitor, you'll turn left at "Living Room." This is in order not to continue counter-clockwise through the exhibit. Once left, the rest is right, clockwise, and that's better.

The lefthand corner swallows you. You're engulfed by the largest pieces in the show, and it's a multimedia niche to boot. To the far left is "Dancing Practice," an oil on canvas by Charles Gill. It's initially disconcerting because it's nearly photo real, and its size, 54 inches-by-72 inches, is demanding. The title "Dancing Practice" is a simile for hanging a 4-foot-by-8-foot sheet of oak. It's like having an unwieldy panel for a partner.

Farther on, two large, milk-chocolate, gruggy pots set on



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"Ladies in Waiting": These empty dresses seem both to be in a glass closet and to be hanging in space as if waiting for a fairy godmother to wave her wand and drop them over women who will, per their status, go to the ball with a duchess, or perhaps the queen.

white cubes. They are demanding for their craftsmanship and material, but their form, aka, zen content, makes shards of them.

Then there's a charcoal on watercolor paper, a photograph, a kelp weaving, and a willow chair. "Willow" possesses more tension than any other piece in the show, not so much because of its size, onion shape, or simplicity, but because of who Scoon chose to feature it. She, with some technical manipulation on Peterson's part, set the chair upon its own web of shadow. This is striking, willow woven upon a willow weave.

At this point in the show, Scoon

has mapped divergent steps for you. And permissibly so, kelly-curved from "Willow" are four full-sized pink satin dresses. Each is hanging from its own configuration of two white, 1 foot by 2 feet long supports, crossed at the middle.

"Ladies in Waiting" is further spirited with digital images printed on the cloth.

These empty dresses seem both to be in a glass closet and to be hanging in space as if waiting for a fairy godmother to wave her wand and drop them over women who will, per their status, go to the ball with a duchess, or perhaps the queen.



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The Wyrd Sisters, the Fates, spinning, measuring, and putting the thread of life.

But behind this conceptual piece, on the wall, the whiteboards cast shadows in the shape of crosses. The symbolism is subtextual. There is more to a dream than happiness.

After being exposed to such dominance, it is hard to tell which way you might wander through the show. Counter clockwise might seem best, but clockwise might be simplest. Eventually, you will return to the main entrance, and at the end of the clockwise lineup, you will face "The River Wyrd."

"The River Wyrd" is a tapestry of action, fine weaving, and bright colors upon wilderness topography. Perhaps having spun through the show as outlined above, this is the first piece that bespeaks Idaho.

In the catalog that accompanies the exhibit, the weaver, Sarah Sweet, says that the piece is about the Anglo-Saxon sisters of fate who recklessly chart our fates as surely as "Idaho rivers... are unpredictable."

This acknowledgment of Idaho, this reference to place, strikes you like a sculptor's mallet. Bang! What does Idaho have to do with this show?

The answer according to Arthur Danto, the juror, is nothing. The choice pieces of which "The relevance... to Boise (aka Idaho) is that the criterion used for deciding quality means that the art produced in Idaho is not greatly if at all different from art produced anywhere the art world exists."

Now, a re-visitation is necessary, and lo, the only pieces in the show that speak of Idaho are "The River Wyrd" and "Snake River at Swan Falls Dam, Idaho" by Lori Dugley.

"I don't know if we are seeing a true representation of what's going on in the state, but we are seeing a representation," said Joey Fleck, exhibit manager for the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, the parent organization under which the gallery operates.

Given Danto's criteria, this is hardly an Idaho show. But it is a good show by Idahoans. To avoid what Arthur Danto refers to as "aesthetic hell," that is, misapprehended and mis-valued craft, you might want to stay away from BAM's ("Bam-a-lam, Black Betty") catalog and take the show straight up as Scoon has offered it, letting art drive art.

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# Fools stage 'Man Who Came to Dinner'

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — The sharpest wit on 42nd Street belonged to George S. Kaufman.

"He didn't say much, but what he did say was stringent, always to the point, cutting, acid, true — or true enough," playwright Garrison Kamin said of Kaufman. Which was his great trick. His trick of wit and his trick of criticism wasn't that he found what was true, but he would find what was true enough."

In 1940 Kaufman, by then already the co-author of Broadway blockbusters "Of Thee I Sing," "Dinner at Eight," "Stage Door" and "You Can't Take It With You," teamed up with Moss Hart to write a comedy sort of about himself.

"The character (Sheridan Whiteside) is Kaufman," said John Glenn, the actor who's playing Whiteside in the Company of Fools' upcoming production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," which opens Wednesday. "But it's a great character not only because of Kaufman but because of Hart, who was a great sentimentalist."

Although Whiteside is a dead ringer for ferocious critic Alexander Woolcott, the character is really the famous Algonquin Roundtable — Woolcott, Kaufman, Noel Coward, Dorothy Parker and Edna Ferber — rolled in a single brilliant, caustic, infuriatingly funny boor. Kaufman and Hart sent him on the road, on a lecture tour to Ohio, where he's invited to dinner by some terribly impressed local admirers, slips on some ice and breaks his hip.

As his hosts, the options are taking Whiteside in for six weeks, pampering him and enduring his tirades — or facing his off-the-rented lawsuit.

"An actor, who have to decide how you're going to play the role besides yelling for 2 1/2 hours," Glenn said.

Glenn and director Robert Throckmorton have worked together since the founding of Company of Fools in Virginia 14 years ago.

"As much as I love a good, meaty drama that challenges my emotions, and wrenches my feelings, I am a pushover for a good laugh," Throckmorton said. "Like me, you also might feel somewhat embarrassed or shallow when you find yourself guffawing at a phrased zinger or hilariously improbable situation. It's my opinion that we keep our comic pride to ourselves mostly



Photo courtesy of Company of Fools

John Glenn plays the irascible iconoclast Sheridan Whiteside in the Company of Fools' production of 'The Man Who Came to Dinner.'

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" ran for two years on Broadway between 1939-1941, spawned a popular Bette Davis movie in 1942 and has been revived on Broadway twice.

because we can't articulate our love for humor with the same precision or fervor with which we describe drama. I am here to rescue you from that dilemma so you may, without reservation, give yourself over to the mirth of "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Despite its high-brow protagonist, "The Man Who Came to Dinner" is truly popular entertainment; Kaufman had, after all,

co-written two Marx Brothers Broadway comedies, "The Cocoanuts" and "Animal Crackers."

"(Co-author) Morrie Ryskind and I once learned a great lesson in the writing of stage comedy," Kaufman said later. "We learned it from the Marx Brothers. We wrote two shows for them, which, by the way, is two more than anybody should be asked to write. Looking back, it seems incredible that this was something we had not known before, but we hadn't. We learned that when an audience does not laugh at a line at which they're supposed to laugh, then the thing to do was to take out that line and get a funnier line. So help me, we didn't know that before. I always thought it was the audience's fault, or when the show got to New York they'd laugh."

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Much of that is because Kauf-

man and Hart gave Whiteside such interesting foils, led by his tolerant secretary, Miss Cutler (Claudia McCain, in the Bette Davis role). Already beset by adulating locals, Whiteside soon discovers that Miss Cutler has fallen in love with a local newspaperman. Fearful of losing his Girl Friday, he sets about breaking up the relationship.

"The character draws a little from a lot of people I've encountered in my life," Glenn said. "Part of it is me and part of it is Sherie Whiteside."

The cast also includes Tawni Baker, Sharon Barro, Greg Cappel, Tom Criss, Gloria Gunter, Jeff Gunter, Danielle Kennedy, Rick Kessler, Page Klune, Frank Medina, Rich McIntyre, Keith Roark, Jennifer Jacoby Rush, Richard Rush, Denise Simone, Marilyn Zelig, Throckmorton and Joe Zeman.

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## If you go ...

• **What:** Company of Fools will present Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

• **Where:** Liberty Theater, Hailey.

• **When:** Wednesday and Dec. 21-22 and 27-31 at 7 p.m., Dec. 16-17 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 18 and 24 at 3 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets are \$25 for reserved seating and \$18 for students 18 and under and seniors 62 and over. Wednesday's opening night is a pay-what-you-feel preview. Tickets are available at the Liberty Theater, 110 North Main St., in Hailey, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, by phoning 578-9122, or at the door.



## Local

## Tomfoolery abounds in Mad Hatt'r production

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Prepare to meet the stage-struck women of Farndale Avenue as they mount their holiday production of "A Christmas Carol" when the Mad Hatt'r Theater Company stages "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol" starting Thursday.

In this outlandish version of the favorite Christmas classic, the ladies of Farndale Avenue (mainly middle-class housewives who fancy themselves as thespians) produce an ill-fated and hilarious version of Dickens' holiday story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his three ghostly visitors.

The screwball British comedy is the brainchild of authors David McGillivray and Walter Zetlin Jr., who have invented the Dramatic Society of the Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild, whose sole purpose in life, it seems, is to mount assaults on the classics — with disastrous results.

"This play-within-a-play chronicles the madcap production of an all-woman theater guild's version of the Dickens' classic," said Michael Johnson, who directs the Mad Hatt'r performance. "And in this play, Murphy's Law rules, anything that can go wrong with the production does, with hilarious results."

The stalwart Farndale Avenue women have decided to play every part in the play themselves. With little regard for tra-

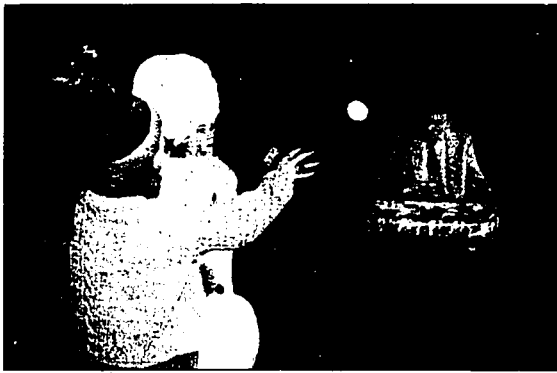


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The Mad Hatt'r Theater Company rehearses its production of "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of a Christmas Carol" Monday night. Shows are Dec. 8-10, 15-17, and 29-31, starting at 7:30 p.m.

dilion, theatrical convention or subtlety, the ladies and their overworked stage manager heedlessly bungle their way through the Christmas classic. Ridiculous costumes, inappropriate props, a lazy stagehand and a bad set are just a few of the problems with which the cast must deal. No prop is safe and no character sacred as the helpless Dickens classic is destroyed

by the incompetent and eccentric women.

"It's just total fun for the holidays," Johnson said. "It's a bit like Monty Python meets community theater. 'A Christmas Carol' is so thoroughly maimed, the audience can't help but laugh."

Whyne Bradford-Ford plays Phoebe Reece, the Farndale director, the show's narrator and

all-around boss. She not only performs roles as varied as Tiny Tim and Fred's Wife, but also harangues the audience and interrupts most scenes with her personal comments.

Raylyn Shapori-Dobbs takes on the role of Thelma, a vain dime-store diva who plays Scrooge to the hilt while trying not to break her nails or muss her hair. Kathrine Mansour

## Humbugery

• **What:** The Mad Hatt'r Theater Company will present David McGillivray and Walter Zetlin Jr.'s comedy "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of a Christmas Carol."

• **Where:** Black Current Theater for the Community, 157 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.

• **When:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Dec. 15-17 and 29-31, 7:30 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15, are available by phoning 734-ARTS or at the door.

endures constant indignities as poor Mercedes, whose Bob Cratchit and other roles all seem to lead to ever more disastrous encounters with scenery and props that leave her kicking and groaning on the floor.

Amy West Chambers plays Felicity, whose cast of characters range from a snovogon Gordon Push to Scrooge's nephew Fred to the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. The one dim-witted male in the Farndale Avenue players, a page-turned name Gordon Push, is enlisted by Martin Mansour. He is played to move heavy scenery and props, as well as playing a few of the key roles in the show, such as Marley and Mrs. Cratchit. But he truly excels at pranks and annoying the women during their performance in a hotel room, and engages in relationships with a series of beautiful, complex women. R.

All of the actors are from Twin Falls.

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the narrative falters towards the end. R (violence, profanity, adult themes)

• **"Just Friends" \*\*\*½** — In high school, Ryan Reynolds was a tubby loser with a giant crush on Amy Smart. Ten years later, he gets a second chance to live with his dream girl in this frothy but funny romantic comedy. PG-13 (sexual situations and references)

• **"Just Like Heaven" ★½** — 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 flick, "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, language)

• **"New York Doll" No rating** — Director Greg Whitlery's documentary about a recovering alcoholic and recently converted Mormon who was once the statuesque bassist for the legendary "Do rock band. The New York Dolls. PG-13.

• **"Pride & Prejudice" \*\*\*½** — Joe Wright's fresh and spirited account of the most frequently-filmed Jane Austen novel is the essential version. Starring theuberant Keira Knightley as

Lizzie and the implacable Matthew MacFadyen as Darcy. PG (mild adult themes)

• **"Rent" \*\*\*½** — An intermittently affecting adaptation of Jonathan Larson's 1996 rock-salsa-gospel opera about starving artists on the Lower East Side. Standout performances by Jesse L. Martin and Wilson Jermaine Heredia. Also with Rosario Dawson, Taye Diggs and Idina Menzel. PG-13 (drug candor, sexual suggestiveness, brief nudity)

• **"Saw II" ★** — A wanton, unconscionable display of blood and gore, "Saw II" takes the premise of the original film — a fiendish serial killer devises elaborate games to toy with and torture his victims — to new depths of depravity. Vilely violent. "Saw II" is the Phnom Penh of splatter

movies. R (grisly violence and gore, terror, language and drug content)

• **"Shoggirl" \*\*\*½** — Claire Danes, Steve Martin and Jason Schwartzman star in this quiet, glittering love story — or, on quiet-love story — adapted from Martin's novella of the same name. It's such an atypical Hollywood endeavor that it's almost startling, and Danes' graceful, subtle performance is Oscar-worthy. R (sex, nudity, adult themes)

• **"2046" No rating** — Director Wong Kar-Wai's fabule about the adventures of Chow Wo Man (Tony Leung), a womanizer writing a science-fiction novel about a future year in which all memories are suspended. The film shuttles between the "Blade

Runner" — like world of Chow's futuristic novel and 1960s Hong Kong — where Chow writes from a hotel room, and engages in relationships with a series of beautiful, complex women. R.

• **"Walk the Line" \*\*\*½** — A blazing biopic about American music legend Johnny Cash and his stormy relationship with June Carter Cash, with Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon at the top of their games as the couple who shared good times, bad times and hard times in the middle of some historic music biz craziness. Phoenix and Witherspoon do their own singing, and they pull it off. PG-13 (adult themes, sex, drugs, violence)

— Sources: Knight Ridder News Service, Los Angeles Times

# The other California: Baja, from desert to sea

BY ROSEMARY MCLEINE  
Los Angeles Times



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In the outpost of Catavina in Baja's vast Central Desert, the Boulder Field is a jumble of wind- and rain-carved rocks.

streets of Tijuana at dawn and zipped onto ID, called the Scenic Road, a four-lane toll highway leading to the seaside resort of Ensenada.

The road, a 60-mile stretch of expressway along Baja's rapidly developing Gold Coast, would be the easiest part of our journey. It was also a bargain at around \$7. The highway was fast, expansive views of the Pacific greeted us around the eye-opening turns, and good restaurants beckoned, if we had wanted to take the time to stop.

We didn't. Drizzle had begun to dog us, slowing our progress. At El Mirador, an overlook north of Ensenada, the rain stopped for a moment and a shaft of sunlight broke through. The sweeping coastal panorama came alive with golden morning light.

Approaching the end of Route 1, the toll road vanished, and we moved sluggishly through town, caught in traffic and waiting for lights to change.

When we finally left the city behind, farmland, hills and the vineyards of Santa Tomas appeared. As we entered the village, colorful murals and stickers adorned El Palomar restaurant, and we decided it was time for breakfast. So did our two passengers: Gail's son, Zack, and his friend Scott Kemp, both 15. The boys had slept for the first few hours of our journey; now they were ready to eat. Seafowl omelets helped all of us to wake up.

Back on the highway, we passed more farmland and eventually bounced through a few towns. Speed bumps appear here and there on the Transpeninsular Highway. They're the easiest way for tiny Baja towns to slow travelers on a road where chil-

dren sometimes play.

The towns are interesting, but they aren't pretty. Most are scruffy, hardscrabble villages where skinny dogs chase cars, bright signs advertise tacos and used tires, and hawkers sell nuts and oranges from roadside stands. On this day, lakes of red mud had formed from the rainstorm that seemed to be preceding us. We congratulated ourselves on our good fortune in avoiding it.

In San Quintin, about 190 miles south of the border, cultivated fields of prickly pear cactus — nopales — covered the landscape. The leaves were palm-sized and bright green and looked ready for harvest. The cactus is a staple in Latin American diets; it is served as often as green beans in U.S. homes.

Approaching the end of Route 1, a lovely bay — Bahía San Quintin — catered to anglers and hunters. A handful of motels left its edge.

It was another hour before we reached our next landmark, the town of El Rosario. The last 50 miles had been increasingly monotonous, as farmland disappeared and barren badlands appeared. We were now heading away from the Pacific into the heart of Baja; it would be 200 miles more before Route 1 returned to the sea.

We had paid in advance for hotel rooms at Catavina, a desert outpost farther south. But as we drove toward it, in the late afternoon, we noticed a line of cars in the road ahead. We pulled up behind RVs, trucks, buses, sedans, a Hummer and other SUVs. People were milling around, so we got out and milled around too. At the front of the line was a brand-new river, cour-

tesy of the rainstorm that had preceded us. It was running through Route 1.

We had rented a four-wheel-drive SUV for this trip, but I wasn't sure I wanted to ford a river, especially because it seemed nearly as deep as the SUV was tall.

A Baja bus driver decided to go for it. He gunned the motor and made it across, the backslash reaching halfway to the windings.

Within half an hour he was back.

There's an even deeper washout ahead," he shouted from the bus window. "I think the water's 25 feet deep. Impossible to get across it."

"What are we going to do?" I asked Gail.

Neither of our choices seemed great. The water was getting deeper, and I didn't appear that it would clear this season. Neither of us particularly wanted to sleep in the car. But where would we stay? It was about 70 miles back to El Rosario, and we weren't sure there were rooms. And now it was dark. People always advise against driving in Baja after dusk. Even during daylight, the road is often treacherous — narrow, hilly, with many blind curves and no guardrails. And there could be more fish floods.

We chose driving in the dark over sleeping in the car. It was a white-knuckle ride, with a couple of burros crossing the road when least expected. But our rewards were comfortable, inexpensive rooms in El Rosario at the Baja Cactus Motel and lobster tacos next door at Mama Espinosa's, a Baja landmark.

Early the next morning, we tackled the Central Desert again. It was just as beautiful this time, and the flooded areas had cleared enough so that we could ford them. We hurried on toward Central Baja's Pacific Coast lagoons, where whales were frolicking. And where we wanted to frolic too.

California gray whales are a bit like us: They like spending the winter in warm places. About 10,000 of them leave the chilly waters of the Bering Sea each year for a 4,000-mile round trip to the shallow, languid bays of Baja, where calves are born and the whales unwind for a few months. Their numbers peaked in February. Among their recreational activities, it seems, is communing with humans. I'd heard tales of their friendliness toward humans. People were milling around, so we got out and milled around too. At the front of the line was a brand-new river, cour-

I hunted nearby to extinction in

the late 1800s and early 20th century, the whales now have protected status. And there are thousands in three major Baja bays: Laguna Ojo de Liebre (also called Scammon's Lagoon), halfway down the peninsula; Laguna San Ignacio, 100 miles farther south; and Bahía Magdalena, north of La Paz. We had hoped to see whales in both Ojo de Liebre, near the town of Guerrero Negro, and San Ignacio.

We had reserved an organized tour in Guerrero Negro, but we didn't make it in time. So we fished out our way on 15 miles through deep red mud on an unimproved side road leading to the lagoon, where 22-foot skiffs were waiting to take tourists out. The 90-minute tour cost \$35 and brought us face-to-face with dozens of whales.

The babies were particularly curious, popping their heads out of the water within a few feet of our tiny boat to take long looks at us.

The experience was every bit as amazing as people had said. But I'd been disappointed; they wanted to take pictures. Although the whales came close, none came close enough to pet.

Once again, we were behind schedule. We returned to Guaymas and started south, in the dark, for San Ignacio, where we had reservations at La Pinta Hotel, a good chain with motels in six Baja locales. By now, we had become accustomed to driving in the dark, and we tried not to think about fish floods, errant biologists and whale sightings.

When we checked into whale-watching in San Ignacio, we learned it wouldn't be easy. Laguna San Ignacio, we were told, was at the end of a 40-mile dirt road, made nearly impassable now by mud. People said they thought we could make it in our four-wheel drive, but it would be slow. With our time running out, we reluctantly decided to head north and take a second look at the whales in Ojo de Liebre.

This time, I asked the boys to count how many whales they saw. In the first half-hour, Scott saw 16 and Zack counted 30. My own count was 36.

As my hair and I reached out to touch it, but in the last minute pulled back, afraid I'd upset the skiff if I leaned over too far. No one of us touched a whale that day. But we touched the babies. And I can't wait to go back to try again.

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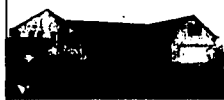
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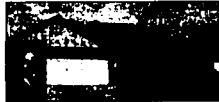


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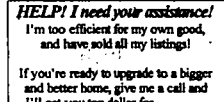
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