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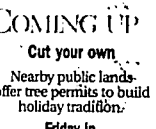
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# Juvenile charged in shotgun slaying

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls juvenile has been charged with voluntary manslaughter in connection with the shotgun slaying of 33-year-old Jesse F. Naranjo. Seventeen-year-old Johnny A. Shores was arrested by Twin Falls police Tuesday evening and formally charged Wednesday in Twin Falls County Magistrate Court. He was incarcerated in the Twin Falls County jail on \$150,000 bond. Shores is the second person arrested and charged in the

shooting. Juan Carlos Pina, 32, faces an accessory to murder charge and is being held on \$250,000 bond.

Naranjo was killed Nov. 29 by a shotgun blast to the abdomen at 325 Sixth Ave. E. According to criminal complaint prepared by the Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, he was killed during a "sudden quarrel, but without malice aforethought and premeditation."

A court affidavit, filed by Twin Falls Police Detective Curtis Gambrell, provides more detail.



Shores

The affidavit alleges that Shores was sleeping at the home when he was awakened by an argument between Pina and Naranjo. "He (Shores) stated he got up, walked out his bedroom door into the living room and observed Mr. Naranjo on his knees as Mr. Pina held a saved-off shotgun and paced in front of him."

A scuffle for the shotgun started, with Shores ending up with possession, the affidavit says. Naranjo tried to leave by the backdoor but was followed by Pina who continued to fight with him. The affidavit says Shores shot Naranjo after he thought he saw Naranjo pull a pistol.

Naranjo apparently staggered to the alley, collapsed and died later at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"It should be noted that when officers of the Twin Falls Police Department searched Mr. Naranjo's body and his exit

path from the residence at 325 Sixth Ave. E., no gun was found," the affidavit says. "Later a small black .22 caliber revolver was located in Mr. Shores' bedroom in the residence," the affidavit continues.

Shores did not enter a plea when arraigned Wednesday. A public defender was appointed and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 23.

A preliminary hearing for Pina is scheduled for Friday.

"It is possible there will be other charges, but that's all we've got for now," said Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb.

# A Marine fights back



Marine Cpl. Travis Greene



Travis Greene, of Twin Falls, center, fights to gain ground in a close 300-meter high hurdles battle at the 1999 state track meet in Boise. Today, the Marine is fighting for his life in a hospital in Bethesda, Md., after losing both legs in an explosion in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

# Former T.F. athlete loses both legs in Iraq

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On the high school track, his powerful legs carried him over hurdles in record time. Today, the 24-year-old Marine's legs are gone and he's facing the biggest hurdle of his life.

His enemies might have taken his legs, but they couldn't touch his fighting spirit. Marine Cpl. Travis Greene, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, woke up early Wednesday morning in the intensive care unit on the fifth floor of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and demanded they take "that damn thing out." He was referring to his ventilator.

"We had good news this morning when we walked in and saw him," said his mother, Sue Greene, in a phone interview from the hospital on Wednesday. "He was off the respirator and the swelling has gone down."

### Sign the guestbook

Travis Greene, a Marine and 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate, is one of more than 16,000 troops who have been wounded in Iraq. He lost both his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 and is now recovering at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. To find out more about Greene, or to sign his guestbook, go to the Web site at [www.cannbridge.org](http://www.cannbridge.org) and click on "visit." In the first box, type in "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."

It was the first time Sue and her husband, Terry, had heard their son's voice since before Dec. 7, the night they got the phone call every parent of a child in the military dreads. On the other end was a gunnery sergeant from the Marine base at Iwanti in Falmouth, Calif. The gunnery sergeant got straight to the point.

"He said, 'Your son has been severely wounded and he's lost both legs.' I immediately fell apart," the Marine's mother said.

"I was just sick. It is so athletic. I thought, 'How is he going to handle this?'"

Greene was on his third tour of Iraq, stationed in Ar Ramadi, an insurgent hot spot west of Baghdad. He and a few of his fellow Marines with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment were on a Quick Response Unit mission, helping to load some Marines who had been injured in an explosion into the back of a 7-ton truck. Suddenly, there was a second explosion, which blew off both of Greene's legs above the knees. Three other Marines and one Navy corpsman also lost one or both of their legs, and two of them were badly burned. They were treated at a battlefield hospital and then taken to Germany and on to Bethesda. By the time Greene arrived back in the United States, he'd already been given 79 units of blood.

His parents arrived at his bedside last Sunday night. They've spent just about every waking hour there since.

"We stay by his side," his mother said. "He sleeps for awhile and comes back. We

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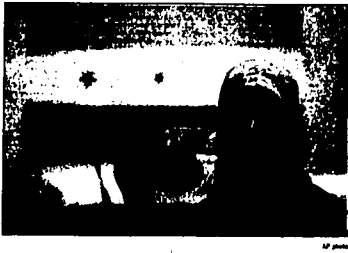
# Historic Iraqi election begins

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqis lined up amid tight security Thursday to vote in a historic parliamentary election the U.S. hopes will lay the groundwork for American troops to withdraw with a mortar landing near the heavily fortified Green Zone just minutes after polls opened.

"No injuries were reported, but the blast underscored concerns of violence despite a promise by Sunni insurgent groups not to attack the polls." Dozens of Iraqis waiting to cast ballots at Baghdad's city hall went through three separate checkpoints as police searched each person entering the downtown site.

The first voting process to choose a parliament with a four-year term in Iraq has started, senior election official Abdul-Husein Hendawi said. He said some polling stations



Abdoh Faysal, of Dearborn, Mich., casts her ballot at an Iraqi national elections voting center in Dearborn on Wednesday. Iraqi expatriates across the globe cast ballots for Iraq's 275-member National Assembly, in Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad, had not yet opened for security reasons. A large explosion hit downtown Baghdad within minutes of the polls opening. Police said it apparently was caused by a mortar landing near the Green Zone that houses the Iraqi government and the U.S. and

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# Study: Snowmobiles had little impact on wildlife

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Most elk, bison and pronghorn swans are unfazed by the presence of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, a new study suggests.

Researchers from the park and Montana State University observed more than 2,100 interactions between snowmobiles and wildlife last winter.

In 81 percent of the interactions, the animals either had no apparent response, or they looked and then resumed what they were doing, the study said.

The study is one of several that park officials say they will take into account as they develop a long-range plan for winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. The study suggests wildlife can become habituated to the

machines over time.

"We suggest the debate regarding the effect of motorized recreation on wildlife is largely a social issue as opposed to a wildlife-management issue," the study said.

Overall, the populations of elk and bison in the park appear to be stable, the study said, and any "adverse effects" in the winter "have apparently been compensated for at the population level."

The authors did, however, suggest trying to keep the machines more than 100 yards away from groups of wildlife, reducing the number of riders in groups that stop to watch wildlife.

Yellowstone is operating under temporary winter use rules, which set a limit of up to 720 guided snowmobiles into that park each day.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Partly cloudy with areas of fog. Highs upper 20s
Tonight: Late night fog developing, otherwise partly cloudy
Lows low teens.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Pockets of patchy fog developing, otherwise partly cloudy and cold. Highs 20s
Tonight: A cold breeze possible. Partly cloudy and cold.

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Temperature will change very little from day to day.

BOISE
The next several days are going to be cold and dry. Areas of nighttime fog and clouds will develop frequently, but higher up, we're likely to see some hazy sunshine.

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Seasonally cold temperatures and generally fair skies will prevail through the week.

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Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset
Today's Low: 18 Month to Date: 6.8" Today's Maximum: 67% Today's Pressure: 30.05" Sunrise: 8:02 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM

MOON PHASES MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Today: Full Moon. Last Occ: Nov 21. Next Occ: Jan 4.
Friday: Moonrise: 6:46 PM Moonset: 8:24 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST NATIONAL FORECAST
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Idaho Falls 21 18 14 16 18 18

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Map showing weather systems across the United States with temperature and precipitation indicators.

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House backs ban on mistreatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a symbolic move, the House endorsed a Senate-passed ban on cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of foreign terrorists.

Contract

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during the session at Idaho Transportation Department headquarters that he's convinced the original board decision to pick the Boise company was justified.

Iraq

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British embassies, but no injuries were reported. A coalition of Shiite religious parties, which dominate the current government, was expected to win the largest number of seats.

Marine

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has lots of support from the other students. His fellow Marines and the Navy corpsman are recovering in the same hospital and the Marines have provided the families with a place to stay near the hospital.

A grad's competitor

Jerry Kleinkopf has coached at Twin Falls High School for more than half a century. Now retired, he coaches part-time. He heard about what happened to his former athlete in an e-mail from the school's secretary.

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# Bush takes responsibility for Iraq

President aims to boost credibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday that responsibility for invading Iraq based in part on faulty weapons intelligence rested solely with him, taking on the issue in his most direct and personal terms in the 1,000-plus days since the war's first shots.

"It is true that much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong," Bush said. "As president, I'm responsible for the decision to go into Iraq."

The president's mea culpa was accompanied by a robust defense of the divisive war.

"Saddam was a threat — and the American people and the world is better off because he is no longer in power," Bush declared, as he has before.

Democrats were not moved by Bush's speech, the last of four designed to boost his credibility on the war and the public's backing for it.

"There was no reason for America to go to war when we did, the way we did, and for the false reasons we were given," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Bush offered few qualms about the failure to find any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He said foreign intelligence agencies — including several for governments who didn't back his decision to invade — also believed in the war that Saddam Hussein possessed them. And he said his administration has begun making changes to the U.S. intelligence apparatus to head off future errors.

The president also contended



President Bush speaks in defense of his war policy to an audience at the Woodrow Wilson Center on Wednesday in Washington. The president is banking on a successful election in Iraq to signal that his war plan is working.

the Iraqi president had intended to restart weapons programs.

As in the past, Bush acknowledged no regrets about launching the war despite the problems with his initial justification. He revisited a long list of other previously cited reasons, including Iraqi violations of a no-fly zone in its airspace, Saddam's invasion of Kuwait a decade earlier and Iraq's defiance of United Nations resolutions.

"My decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right decision," the president said to

polite applause from his audience at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a nonpartisan forum for the study of world affairs.

Bush has repeatedly noted that the decision to go to war was his responsibility. And he has acknowledged for more than a year that most of the intelligence behind the claims of Saddam's weapons programs turned out to be faulty. But he has never linked the two so clearly and so personally.

On the eve of parliamentary elections in Iraq, Bush's speech was meant to wrap up an ag-

“ It is true that much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong. As president, I'm responsible for the decision to go into Iraq.”

— President Bush

gressive push-back against war critics with an overarching explanation, nearly three years later, of why he went into Iraq and why he believes U.S. troops must remain there.

Bush predicted a higher turnout than in earlier balloting of Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs in Thursday's voting, which will establish Iraq's first permanent, democratically elected government. The Sunnis provide the backbone of the insurgency and largely shunned Jan. 30 elections for an interim Parliament that wrote the nation's constitution. Their participation was higher in the October election to adopt the constitution.

## Reservoir collapse washes away homes

LESTERVILLE, Mo. (AP) — The stone retaining wall around a huge mountain-top reservoir in the Ozarks collapsed before daybreak Wednesday, releasing a billion-gallon torrent of water that swept away at least two homes and several vehicles and critically injured three children, authorities said.



Tow truck driver Kerry Buckley drags a cable out to a truck that was washed off of a highway near the Black River and the Johnson's Shut-ins State Park on Wednesday in Lesterville, Mo.

The V-shaped, 600-foot breach opened up just after 5 a.m. at a hydroelectric plant run by St. Louis-based utility AmerenUE, and in a matter of minutes the 50-acre reservoir had emptied itself out with terrifying effect, turning the surrounding area into a landscape of flattened trees and clay-covered grass.

"I never see anything like it in my lifetime again," paramedic Chris Hoover said.

AmerenUE chairman and chief executive Gary Rainwater said that the plant's automated instruments had pumped too much water into the reservoir and caused it to rupture. A backup set of instruments should have recognized the problem but, and the utility is trying to figure out why, AmerenUE said.

Trucker Greg Coleman was hauling a load of zinc when a wall of water emerged from the darkness and slammed into his truck near the Taum Sauk Lake Hydroelectric Plant.

"I had no idea where it was coming from — I traveled this road every day," Coleman said.

The water hit Coleman's truck, splashing through the

with the divers also on the roofs. The water receded within minutes.

"It was then that Coleman said he heard a man screaming for help. The man's home had been washed away. Badly bruised, he was clinging to a cedar tree while his young children held onto other trees. Rescuers arrived and rescued the family."

The three children — ages 7 months, 3 and 5 — were listed in critical condition at a hospital in St. Louis, 120 miles to the northeast. The two older children had breathing problems; the baby suffered from hypothermia, authorities said.

The names of the children were not immediately released, but Gov. Matt Blunt said Jerry Hoops, superintendent of a state park near the reservoir, and his three children were injured when the water hit their home.

He climbed onto the roof and saw that another truck and a car were also submerged.

## Rice gets job of rebuilding countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday designated Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to take charge of overseeing U.S. assistance to countries recovering from war or civil strife.

The move was the latest by the Bush administration, which in the wake of the postwar chaos in Iraq, has increased its emphasis on trying to stabilize such countries.

A statement by White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the step would help coordinate Pentagon activities with other agencies' and accelerating the U.S. response to crises.

Putting Rice in charge appeared aimed at helping coordinate Pentagon activities with other agencies' and accelerating the U.S. response to crises.

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# Four 'missing' from deadly blast found alive

BERGENFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Authorities who searched the rubble of a deadly apartment-complex explosion overnight for four missing tenants found them Wednesday, going about

their normal business. "They didn't even know they were missing," Mayor Richard Bohan said. "Apparently they were going about their normal daily routines and it never oc-

curred that someone might be looking for them.

Tuesday morning's explosion and fire, which obliterated much of the complex, killed three people and injured five, occurred after construction workers hit a gas line, authorities said. Search teams using dogs had scoured the ice-encrusted rubble of the building overnight but failed to find additional victims.

The dead had not been identified Wednesday. Family

members waiting for word on their loved ones were asked to

greater detail records. Sure Frankel was anxiously awaiting word on the fate of her ex-husband, 52-year-old Somers. Frankel said she lived in a third-floor apartment that was incinerated in the explosion and ensuing fire. He was supposed to have picked up their 5-year-old daughter from school Tuesday afternoon, but never showed up.

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## 'Fatal Vision' lawyers ask to throw out convictions

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Lawyers for former Green Beret doctor Jeffrey MacDonald told a federal appeals court they filed convictions in the 1970 murders of his pregnant wife and two daughters should be thrown out after a new witness surfaced.

A former deputy U.S. marshal now says he heard a defense witness tell a prosecutor she was in the MacDonald home in Fort Bragg, N.C., the night of the murders, according to a motion filed with the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The motion seeks the appeals courts permission to present the new evidence in the U.S. District Court in Raleigh.

Jeffrey B. Britt of Apex, N.C., part of the security detail for MacDonald's 1979 trial, said he heard prosecutor James Blackburn tell the witness, Helena Stockley, he would indict her for murder if she told the same story on the witness stand. Stockley later testified she could not remember where she was the night of the slayings.

Britt said in an affidavit that he kept quiet for more than 25 years out of a sense of duty to people he worked with, but his secret eventually became too much to bear.

"I am currently 67 years of age and felt compelled to clear my conscience and come forward with what I witnessed, as I decided I could not shoulder the burden any longer," Britt said in the affidavit.

The MacDonald case was dramatized in the best-selling book and TV miniseries "Fatal Vision."

His lawyers said in their motion that the newly discovered evidence "consists of facts that unquestionably demonstrate egregious government misconduct of the most disturbing sort, actions that amount to a clear constitutional violation."

Blackburn denied the allegation in the appeal. "It's absolutely not true. It blows my mind that he thinks she told us that," Blackburn told The Wall Street Journal. A message left by The Associated Press at a telephone listing for James Blackburn was not immediately returned.

MacDonald, 62, is serving three consecutive life sentences in a federal prison near Cumberland, Md., for the murders of Colette MacDonald, 25, and their daughters Kimberley, 5, and Kristen, 2. He has always claimed that a group of intruders entered their apartment and stabbed and clubbed his family to death in an attack that left him seriously injured.

According to MacDonald, one of the attackers was a woman who wore a long blind wig and a floppy hat. He said he heard the woman say, "Acid is groovy, kill the pigs."

Stockley, who died in 1983, fit that description, according to court papers.



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## EDITORIAL

### States should grant local voters option on sales tax

Here's a dirty little secret among the forces of local government. While most state legislators would be hanged by their toenails if they advocated high sales taxes, leaders in counties and cities are openly in favor of local option sales taxes.

project is complete, it can end. Which leads to the next requirement, a sunset for the sales tax increase. While local governments should have the ability to raise revenue for specific needs, that shouldn't translate into a broad license to fuel government growth. Without tax sunsets, local leaders could stockpile tax revenues. Getting city hall or the county to wean itself off that money is almost impossible thereafter.

**Our view:** Local-option sales taxes are a reasonable pitch, if they come with some extra conditions.

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

have the authority to include exemptions for that tax. Those exemptions might include groceries, medicine or other necessities.

When cities have the authority to boost sales tax, it could alleviate some cities' inclination to rely so heavily on property taxes, which figures to be the leading topic going into the 2006 Legislature.

A number of groups, including the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and the Idaho Farm Bureau, remain opposed to the idea because of the burden for consumers and the obstacle in recruiting economic growth.

But the local-option sales tax is especially beneficial for commercial hubs surrounded by other smaller communities (see Twin Falls). If residents outside the urban area are using local roads and infrastructure specifically because of the retail possibilities, it's practical that a local tax be created to maintain and improve it all.

The biggest factor, however, is that local-sales tax options are generated at the local level by voters. Legislators should stop blocking the debate, and start discussing how to make those tax options efficient and legal.

And no, we're not talking about those high-falutin' liberal resort towns, neither. Mayor Shawn Larsen of Rexburg, hardly the bastion of liberal ideals, is the latest player to jump on the local sales tax bandwagon. With rampant growth at Brigham Young University-Idaho, Larsen's town is in dire need of some road repairs. But most students don't own property so they supposedly don't pay much property tax.

Therefore, Larsen says local option sales taxes would be a critical boost for his college town.

Idaho law only gives local option sales tax authority to towns with fewer than 10,000 people. Otherwise, sales tax increases must come from the Legislature.

But many towns across Idaho have long pushed for that authority. Officials in Boise, Pocatello, Caldwell, Nampa, and yes, even Twin Falls, have pushed for the tax authority.

Their argument, of course, is all about local authority. If a need exists for more tax revenue, and the population wants that increase, then what's the hold up? It's a decent question. But it should come with some caveats.

For starters, if a local sales tax increase is needed, that need should be detailed. Whether it's for better roads, new parks, a convention center, or whatever, higher sales taxes are only legitimate when they go to a specific project. Once that

## Barbaric end to a barbaric life

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — In an odd way, the most disturbing thing about watching the lethal injection is how discreetly death creeps into the room.

No sudden jolt, no snapping of the neck at the end of a rope. The inmate gets a shot, he closes his eyes, he sleeps. The room where Stanley Williams was killed Tuesday morning is set up like a theater, with neat rows of spectators sitting or standing on risers to view the execution.

STEVE LOPEZ

Late Monday night, as one of 39 witnesses, I was shored past dozens of guards and prison officials into and into the viewing area a few feet from the execution chamber.

Before us in the stuffy little auditorium, the curtains were opened, Williams was led in by guards, and the midnight show began — a dark, sinister, medieval drama in an archaic prison.

Never having witnessed an execution, I had tossed my name into the ring of potential spectators in order to see precisely what we all a party to in a state that sanctions capital punishment. And now here I was, watching the clinical, calculated procedure used by the state of California to kill a man.

I watched the executioners struggle to tap a vein, digging into Williams' arms for minutes that seemed like hours. He was calm, if exasperated by the delay. Spayed out on his back and secured with tape and restraints, I fixed his head to study our faces, and he mouthed goodbyes to supporters who shared these close quarters with the relatives of his victims.

There was no apparent sign of suffering on Williams' part when the lethal injection did its duty. He lay motionless for several minutes before the curtains were closed, show over.

"The state of California just killed an innocent man," three



of his supporters shouted in unison.

That struck me as an insult to the families of Williams' victims. Of all the things Williams might have been, he wasn't innocent, and watching him die made me feel no differently about the man.

His victims, all four of them, were shotguns as if it were a cheap thrill for Williams. And as one of the first Crips, he started something that destroyed everything in its path, bringing genocide to neighborhoods on top of all the other problems.

Williams was a tough guy in prison, too, spending years in solitary confinement for his mayhem behind bars before he took a different tack. His anti-gang books and speeches from behind several great lectures, but the Nobel Peace Prize nominations were preposterous, and the marketing of Williams as a hero was offensive.

If he were truly redeemed, he would have taken responsibility for the murders, he would have rejected the duplicitous code of honor that those who refuse to tell what they know, and his dying words would have been a call for the dismantling of the gang he started.

Those who tried to cast Williams as a martyr, including the usual Hollywood rabble, once again picked the wrong man to carry the banner against the death penalty. They made a cause of Tookie Williams as others have done with Mumia Abu Jamal, the Philadelphia cop killer and death row inmate whose claim of innocence is pure fiction, despite the celebrity bestowed on him.

And yet, watching Williams put to death Tuesday morning by agents of the government — his execution sanctioned in a country where gentleness and virtue are synonymous, even as torture and execution are defended — made me all the more certain that capital punishment is barbaric.

Though I don't question Williams' guilt, no one can dispute that across America, class, race and money figure prominently in the circumstances of crime and the quality of legal defense. Since 1973, in fact, 122 death row inmates have been exonerated or granted new hearings. A better poster child for abolishing the death penalty is No. 123, whoever that might be.

Twelve U.S. states no longer use capital punishment, and the possibility of a mistake is

one of the reasons 40 countries have abolished the death penalty since 1990, including Mexico, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Senegal. In 2001, the United States followed only China, Iran and Vietnam in the number of executions.

Coming down the death row in California is a violent killer named Horace Edwards Kelly, whose wicked crimes are not in question. But he has been diagnosed as severely mentally ill. He is not retarded, and was virtually tortured as a child.

Should we feel just as good about killing Kelly as we are supposed to feel about killing Williams? Will the premeditated and clinical execution of a feeble-minded man make us more civilized, more humane or any safer? Is life in a cage not enough to satisfy our puritanical beliefs or lust for blood?

Apparently not. Modern as we are, we still live by the law of an eye for an eye — as long as it doesn't get too messy. The needle is perfect. He closes his eyes, he's gone. It's not so easy to handle that way. Not just for the person put to death, but for us.

Steve Lopez is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

## LETTERS

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Everybody should drink filtered water. "And here we have Idaho ... My wife and I were born in Idaho. Who are we staying?" JOE K. STURGEON, Twin Falls

Proponents of snowmobile ban need more facts. With regard to the article, "Snowmobiling banned in order to protect elk," in the Dec. 2 Times-News, I have several issues.

Randy Smith, wildlife regional manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game states, "Motorized vehicles force elk to spend energy reserves to avoid them."

I grew up in Idaho and obtained my bachelor's degree at Idaho State University. My husband and I moved to the East in order to obtain our graduate health profession degrees. As an Idaho student myself, and the fact that I am married to one, I completely agree with the idea of a medical school for Idaho.

When we started applying for dental schools, it became increasingly evident how difficult it is for an Idaho college graduate to get accepted in to a post-graduate medical school. I am aware that medical schools come with an extreme cost, but they also come with an extreme benefit to the com-

(wolves, cougars, etc.). To be fair, let's ban skiers and snowshoers too.

Thirdly, I believe Idaho Fish and Game does not want the general public to see this area because of all the elk carcasses left by the cougars and protected wolves. Who is protecting the elk from these predators, which cause far more damage than snowmobiles ever will?

Fourth, the Forest Service issues permits for property owners to access their property. In other words, if you can afford to own property past the closure, you have your own private snowsholing area. That seems rather discriminatory to me.

Finally, Mike Dittori, district ranger for the Fairfield Ranger District says, "There are many excellent snowmobiling opportunities on the Sawtooth National Forest. Not with the (of no use) Frank Church Wilderness Area and the proposed closure of the Boulder White Clouds."

Next time, Mr. Dittori and Mr. Smith, tell your story with more facts. GLENN SCHUTTE, Gooding

Medical school worth the costs to Idaho

I am writing in regard to the editorial chastising Idaho State University in its effort to introduce a medical school.

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munity and the state. They bring a source of income to the area and they provide a way for local students to obtain a local education.

I was provided an excellent education at Idaho State University. I feel my health profession degrees are comparable, if not better, than the education I have received going to graduate school in the East.

Every good program started with a good idea. Introducing a medical school to Idaho State University is a wonderful idea, and if ISU could get the support of the state and its citizens, it was cats and great deal easier to produce the funding. DIANE LEWIS, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Laws needed to ban exploitation of cats

Big cats deserve more than being exploited in cages. Do not kill. Let them stay in the wild.

This has to stop. We need laws that ban breeding, selling, and exploiting of exotic cats. It is cruel, it was cats and dangerous to the community.

Do not support roadside exhibitors of wild cats or the businesses that hire them for publicity. Write your legislators and tell them you want to protect the cats and the public. JORDAN SCHERMERTZ, (Author's note: Jordan Schermertz is 11 years old and a sixth grader at Central Elementary School in Jerome.)

Cartoon on torture exceeded the limits

Shame, shame, shame on you for even considering printing that cartoon by Mike Laskovich in the Saturday, Dec. 10, paper. You've hit an all-time low this time!

His and you should be expelled from the USA, that is a particularly your version of the USA. Again, shame on you. EDITH ROBERTSON, Wendell

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OPINION

# Iraq vote bodes ill for terrorists

Giving aid to your most fatal enemies is nobody's idea of good strategy, but that is exactly how a growing chorus of counterterrorism experts see the war in Iraq. The U.S. occupation, they contend, has handed al-Qaida and other Islamic radicals not only a massive training ground on an invaluable tool for propaganda and recruitment. Like the American assistance naively provided to the mujahedin in Afghanistan during the 1980s, efforts in Iraq, according to this view will have a vicious and predictable "blowback": more and deadlier jihadism for years to come, and not just in the Middle East.

There's no disputing some parts of this argument. Hundreds if not thousands of foreign fighters from Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other Sunni countries have heeded the call to confront the so-called "infidels and crusaders" in Iraq. Led by the Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and responsible for the grisliest acts of the insurgency, these would-be martyrs have plainly acquired technical and organizational skills, to say nothing of contacts, that will help them in other arenas of their apocalyptic struggle.

But some such expansion of Osama bin Laden's bloody franchise was bound to happen

**GARY ROSEN**

anyway, even without the American campaign in Iraq. The key event in bolstering the ranks of al-Qaida and its affiliates was not Operation Iraqi Freedom but Sept. 11 itself, whose humbling of the "far enemy" was widely cheered in the Arab street. The great selling point of bin Laden's movement was its stunning success, and any American response was sure to rally new troops to his side.

Iraq is now the main venue for this confrontation — what the Bush administration rightly calls the central front in the war on terror. How is the Islamist cause faring there? By some measures, pretty well. Suicide attacks by non-Iraqis have escalated in the lead-up to two elections, and high-profile kidnappings, staged for international television, remain a problem. No one can doubt the jihadists' prowess at sowing terror.

But al-Qaida in Mesopotamia, as al-Zarqawi has named his organization, has also suffered serious losses. Hundreds of its fighters have been killed or imprisoned, thanks in large measure to improved intelligence on the ground, and recent U.S.-Iraq

operations on the Syrian border and in the Sunni Triangle have begun to clear and occupy their former strongholds. Moreover, jihadists who make a tactical retreat from the Iraq battlefield now must deal with security services in the West and in the Arab world that are ever more attuned to their movements and increasingly determined to deny them a haven.

Military setbacks, however, are the least of the radicals' worries. Despite their continuing appeal to a segment of Arab opinion — think of young men shouting "Allahu Akbar" as they head endless iterations of beheadings on the Internet — al-Zarqawi and his followers have lost considerable ground in the struggle for Arab hearts and minds. "Their indiscriminate brutality in striking al-Sunites and al-Sunni 'collaborators' has turned much of Iraq, including elements of the insurgency, against them, and their early November bombings of Western hotels in Amman, Jordan, sparked outrage across the Arab world. Even Ayman al-Zawahiri, bin Laden's top lieutenant, felt compelled to rebuke al-Zarqawi, instructing him (in a recently intercepted letter) to cease actions that "the masses do not understand or approve."

The still-deeper threat to the legitimacy of the jihadists, as

they themselves recognize, is the ongoing democratic project in Iraq. In January as Iraqis went to the polls for the first of their three elections this year, al-Zarqawi released a message declaring "a bitter war against democracy and all those who seek to enact it." He has made good on his pledge, even to the point of lashing out at the growing number of Sunnis who, despite hating the U.S. occupation, have reconciled themselves to the new Iraq, just two weeks ago. al-Zarqawi's forces assassinated the grand imam of Fallujah. The 70-year-old cleric's crime? Urging fellow Sunnis to vote. A strong Sunni turnout is expected on Thursday, and the radicals will be left to sulk in the shadows.

Whether the United States will succeed in helping to establish a more liberal, pluralistic Iraq remains to be seen. But if nothing else, the conflict there has served a useful, clarifying purpose — revealing the jihadists as nihilistic spoilers opposed to the aspirations of most of the Muslim world. In a fight likely to last for decades, that might be the most consequential "blowback" of all.

*Gary Rosen is the managing editor of Commentary and editor of "The Right Word" The Conservative Debate on Iraq.*

## LETTER

**Local police do nothing to stop antics**

I don't know if things are thanks to snow or maybe police who don't want to do anything.

On Monday night or Tuesday of the last week, someone hit my husband's pickup and totaled it. Whoever did it was "cutting cookies" in the snow at the neighbor's. And they might have hit my driveway and lost control and hit the pickup.

Well, an officer came out, and I tell him about this, and he tells me it was probably the neighbors who live there. I don't think so, the neighbors are in their 80s. It then hands me a report to fill out and get back to him. He didn't even want to stick around and check out the spot where it happened and says, "Nothing we can do."

OK, I realize that this is not "CSI" and that is not on the top of the list of things to do (like the kids speeding tickets on Blue Lake), but maybe act like he was interested in what had happened.

I also told him that for years, we have reported speeding traffic on this road and never have we gotten anyone to respond. Now someone hits our pickup and it is no big deal. Great! I guess that is one more reason to stop speeding. Wouldn't want anyone to be bothered!

Hope nobody else goes through what we have. The officer also said the reason no one responded to our calls of speeders was because they are short of officers. OK, I realize that is true now, but what about the past several years?

**TAMI BILLMAN**  
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ANSWER below

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Oakley at Murtagh, 7:30 p.m.
Kaft River at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Snake River at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING
Jerome at Mimico, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI women crack top 10

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women moved up from No. 13 to No. 10 in the Wednesday's NJCAA Women's Division I Basketball poll. Idaho State received some votes, but remains unranked.

Two Bengals named I-AA All-Americans

TWIN FALLS — Two Idaho State Bengals football players were named to the 2005 I-AA All-America Team in football Wednesday. Senior kicker Jared Johnson made the first team offense while senior defensive lineman Jeff Charleston made the second team. Full list follows.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Princeton's Dick Kazmaier won the Heisman in 1951, then later became assistant dean of the Harvard Business School.

Hawkins close to deal

The Associated Press
DENVER — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins was close to completing a deal that would bring him to Colorado to replace Gary Barnett.
A person familiar with the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a deal is still pending, told The Associated Press that the school hoped to introduce Hawkins as CU's coach on Friday. The contract must first be approved by the CU Board of Regents.

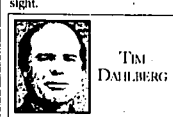
"Dan Hawkins is the type of coach who represents virtually every expectation that I outlined," CU athletic director Mike Bohn told Denver station KUSA-TV. "And if we're fortunate enough to get this completed and have Dan Hawkins announced as our coach, then we will have been very successful and we will be well on our way to restoring a sense of pride in the Golden Buffaloes."
Bohn did not immediately return messages left on his cell phone by AP.

Hawkins, who first interviewed with CU on Saturday, canceled a recruiting trip set for this week. Asked about negotiations with Colorado on Tuesday, he told the Idaho Statesman that "the process isn't complete."
Hawkins is 53-9 in five seasons at Boise State. He is currently in the first year of a five-year contract extension that includes an \$850,000 buy-out if he leaves before the end of this season and \$700,000 if he completes the season. The Broncos play Boston College on Dec. 28 in the MPC Computers Bowl.
CU came to a \$3 million settlement with Barnett last week. He was forced out with a year left on his contract.
The university loaned the athletic department the money to pay Barnett. The athletic department will use revenue from the 12th game on upcoming schedules to repay the loan, and may have to pay for Hawkins' buyout in the same manner.

Pitchers a happy group these days
Baseball players who must last week to discuss union matters at a pricey resort outside of Las Vegas had good reason to be happy. The weather was good, there was a golf course just outside the resort, and there wasn't an autograph seeker in sight.

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Even better, the news coming out of baseball's front offices kept reminding them that this is a very good time to be a major leaguer.
Make that an incredibly good time — if you happen to be a pitcher.
The free agent season isn't yet over, but in the spirit of the holidays, general managers are playing Santa Claus to anyone who can raise one arm over their head and throw a baseball 60 feet six inches.
It's almost enough to put a smile on the face of union chief Donald Fehr, whose job it is to help loosen the pursestrings of owners.
The kind of activity we've seen so far in certain respects is encouraging," Fehr said.
Discouraging, though, if you're a fan who will eventually have to pay in the form of pricier tickets and ballpark beers.
It's one thing to overpay for everyday players (think Dodgers and Rafael Furcal). Mortgage a team's future with pitchers is quite another.
The Toronto Blue Jays may find that out after setting the time for the free agent season by giving a combined \$10 million to a starting pitcher with a career record of 49-50 and a closer who has saved only 42 games in his career.
If you're a fan who is not richly rewarded, Al J. Burtgett and B.J. Ryan had in common were initials in front of their surnames. Now they're both got multimillion-dollar contracts guaranteed through 2012.
("One thing about the free-agent game is if you're going to get it, you can't get it in halfway," Blue Jays GM J.P. Ricciardi said. "And you're going to be a player or you're not.")
When you become a player, though, you risk getting burned.
Burtgett may have a 98 mph fastball and a no-hitter in his resume, but he's also had elbow surgery and has never won more than 12 games in a season. Ryan, meanwhile, was a middle reliever who finally getting his chance to save games with Baltimore.
But the Blue Jays were badly in need of pitching if they want to compete with the Yankees in the AL East. And after cutting payroll and grooming future stars, they had money to spend in a thin free agent pitching market.
Unfortunately for Toronto, there's a reason five-year deals for pitchers have been out of vogue in recent times. Teams have ended up with bad cases of buyer's remorse after making big investments on the mound.
Chen Ho Park cost Texas \$65 million over five years, but won just 22 games before the Rangers shipped him along with a year of cash to San Diego. Kevin Brown got a seven-year deal that included private jet service from the Dodgers, yet averaged only 10 wins a year between Los Angeles and the Yankees.
Darren Dreifort, meanwhile, earned \$13.4 million last year and didn't even touch a ball. He was injured so much he won only two games over the length of his five-year, \$55 million contract with the Dodgers.
And in Colorado they surely remember the eight-year, \$121 million contract Mike Hampton signed with the Rockies.
It's only money, though, which is what the Mets must have been thinking when they signed Billy Wagner for \$3 million to be their closer for four years. Wagner will be 38 when the contract is up, so for good



TIM DAHLBERG

Bulldogs pin competition



Nick Mulberry of Kimberly tries to pin Justin Borges of Filer Wednesday night during their 145-pound match at Filer High School while referee Lonnie Edwards looks on. Mulberry pinned Borges 12 seconds into the third period.

By Nathaniel Garrabrant Times-News writer

FILER — Any apprehensions the Kimberly Bulldogs wrestling team might have had about maintaining its five-year monopoly of the South Central Idaho conference were put to rest Wednesday evening.
At least for now.
In their first SCIC showdown of the year, the Bulldogs cruised through a tri-meet in Filer, defeating the hosts 54-24 and taking care of Bull 62-12.

couple of those matches could have gone either way and we felt pretty lucky to get out of here with a couple wins tonight."
The Indians were expected to offer the biggest threat of dethroning the Bulldogs, but entered their first meet of the year giving up four forfeits due to weight certification issues and an injury to 145-pound state qualifier Iryan Strucek.
"This is our first match and they're learning, they're getting better," said Bull head coach Dennis Qualls, who was nonetheless pleased with much of what he saw. "One guy's hurt. He'll be back after Christmas. With the certification deal they've got, some of our kids can't make the weight that they want to wrestle yet, so they're wrestling up a weight and they're giving up forfeits there. But they wrestled, they competed, they

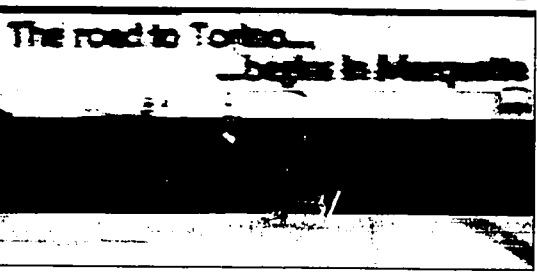
battled all six minutes."
Kimberly junior 112-pounder Chris Moody picked up where he left off last year after a second-place state medal at 103, picking up pair of quick pins.
"I'm just trying to get ready for the season and everything," he said. "Just trying to get ready for the big tournaments of the year and the higher-ranked kids that I have to wrestle."
Bulldogs junior Nick Mulberry also had a strong showing at 145, decisioning Bull's John Alves 2-1 and pinning Filer's Justin Borges 12 seconds into the third period.
"At first I wasn't doing so well," said Mulberry after the Bopp's match. "I was just trying to get into wrestling mode and then it got into it, I kept trying to stick him and he kept getting away, so it was frustrating. Then when he chose top, I figured I was just going to go really hard

and get it over with. When I caught him on his back I figured I'd just hold him hard and go for the pin."
Meanwhile, freshman Tucker Mulberry, 119 pounds, went off work putting his name on the map with a pin over Bull's Vaughn Sobotka and a 3-2 decision over Filer's Kyle Woody.
"It was an alright day, third me out a lot," he said. "We're doing good as a team."
Bull's 135-pounder Camron Sobotka had a pair of his team's better matches for the evening, with a pin over Kimberly's Jaiman Wilcox and an 8-5 decision over Filer's 12 Bridges.
" Just have to go all out, keep your mind on the match at all times," Sabotka after the Bridges match. "Just nonstop motion, keep going all out. He didn't move fast enough."
The Wildcats got their best

Kim tears up U.S. short track skating

By Beth Harris Associated Press writer

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Kim Hyo-jung glances down at her hands, then looks up shyly. A slight smile crosses her face. She flexes out her element speaking English to a table full of strangers.
Put her on a hockey-sized rink, wearing long-bladed skates and racing in a pack. Kim feels no such hesitation — no matter what side of the Pacific she's on.
The 17-year-old Kim has been a rising star on the U.S. short track speedskating team since leaving her family behind in South Korea and moving to the United States two years ago.
"She's the real deal," five-time Olympian Amy Peterson said. "She walked on the scene a few years ago and has been good ever since."
So good that Kim has won all four of her races so far at the U.S. short track national championships, which resume Thursday. Kim has 102 points with two days of racing remaining — 39 ahead of second-place Allison Baver.
The top five men and women in the overall standings earn Olympic berths.
She's remarkable. She's really stepped it up to a whole new



Kim Hyo-jung practices on the hockey rink of the Barry Events Center at the U.S. Short Track Speed Skating Championships Wednesday in Marquette, Mich.

level." U.S. Speedskating president Andy Gabel said.
"Coming from Korea and the work ethic they have, she's shown our team that's how hard you do have to work to be one of the better skaters. She's been a great influence."
Kim moved to the U.S. Olympic Center in Colorado Springs, where she trains and rooms with Baver, the other top U.S. female short tracker and girlfriend of men's star Apolo Anton Ohno.
"I'm sure her parents felt it

was a better opportunity for her," Baver said.
Kim's parents emigrated to Southern California, where they lived for 12 years, and her father became an American citizen. In 1988, the couple moved back to Korea, where Kim was born and documented as a U.S. citizen. She retains Korean citizenship, too.
11. She began speedskating in the only sport she's ever competed in. She trained six days a week, skating four hours a day, running and stretching

for one hour and sandwiching homework in between.
In Colorado, she attends a Christian high school, studying the Bible, math and English. She hits the rink for practice at 7:30 a.m., goes to class for a couple of hours, skates after school and works with a tutor for two hours in the evening.
Kim, who answers to the nickname Halle, described her first year in the United States as "really hard." In Seoul she lived with her extended family, who

SPORTS

Magic knock around Knicks TFFHS girls shoot past Minico



New York Knicks' Eddy Curry, left, is hounded by Orlando Magic's Mario Kasun, center, and Grant Hill during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Wednesday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Hill was playing in his first game of the season. The Magic won 105-90.

NEW YORK (AP) — Grant Hill made a key 3-pointer during a decisive run in his season debut for Orlando and Dwight Howard had 23 points and 13 rebounds to help the Magic defeat the struggling New York Knicks 105-90 Wednesday night. Eddy Curry scored 23 points for the Knicks, who have lost four straight. Quentin Richardson added a season-high 16.

Mavericks 102, Suns 96 DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and Jason Terry added 23, leading Dallas past Steve Nash and Phoenix in a game the Mavericks dominated but had to sweat out at the end. Terry made 10 of 22 shots with four assists. He had seven points during an early 15-2 run that put Dallas ahead for good and nailed a 3-pointer midway through the fourth quarter to slow a Phoenix rally. Nash was 6-of-18 for 20 points with five assists. He scored only four points, two in two throws, over nearly 21 minutes in the second half.

Lakers 94, Grizzlies 79 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and Los Angeles compiled a successful, six-game road trip by beating Memphis. Bryant, who also had eight rebounds, connected on 10 of 17 shots from the field and missed only two of 11 attempts in the second and third periods.

Hornets 102, Clippers 89 OKLAHOMA CITY — J.R. Smith scored 21 points and matched his career high with six 3-pointers to help New Orleans hold off a late charge by Los Angeles. Smith, who was coming off a season-high 26-point performance in the Bulls' last game, hit 6 of 10 from 3-point range.

Bulls 105, Raptors 94 TORONTO — Darius Songalia scored 18 points and Chicago beat Toronto for the 10th straight time.

Heat 100, Bucks 83 MILWAUKEE — Dwyane Wade scored 27 points and Gary Payton added 20 to give Miami coach Pat Riley his second win in two nights, a victory over Milwaukee. Wade and Payton exposed Milwaukee's lack of perimeter defense, combining to go 17-for-26 from the field.

Pistons 109, Kings 98 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups had 28 points

Sabres' Biron shuts down Dallas

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Martin Biron made 32 saves to win his 11th straight start, and Derek Roy had a goal and an assist in the Buffalo Sabres' 4-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Wednesday night. Biron extended his personal and franchise-best winning streak and became the first goalie to win 11 in a row since New Jersey's Martin Brodeur in 2001. Maxim Afinogenov, Thomas Vanek and Daniel Briere also scored to help the Sabres run their winning streak to four. They have won 13 of their last 16 games.

White Sox land Vazquez for El Duque CHICAGO (AP) — Hoping to bolster their starting rotation, the World Series champion White Sox agreed to acquire right-hander Javier Vazquez from Arizona for right-hander Orlando Hernandez and Luis Vazquez and minor league outfielder Chris Young, a baseball official said Wednesday. The deal is contingent on the players passing physicals, and must be approved by commissioner Bud Selig because Arizona is sending the White Sox cash to help pay part of Vazquez's salary. It would be the fourth major offseason move by the White Sox since Chicago won its first World Series since 1917. The White Sox re-signed first baseman Paul Konerko and traded for DH Jim Thome and utility

TFFHS girls shoot past Minico

RUPERT — Twin Falls High's offense clicked for the first time in a while, jumping to a quick 22-14 lead before downing Minico for a 58-38 nonconference girls basketball road win Wednesday in Rupert. Twin Falls was aided by the 3-point shot, connecting on seven during Wednesday's win. The Lady Blues four from behind the arc in the opening eight minutes, including three by Tristin Rogers.

"We came out and shot the ball really well in the first quarter," said Twin Falls coach Joe D. Shepard. Rogers finished with 15, one short of tying her career high while Kelsey Jardine added 14. Amber Petersen scored 12. Ashley Irons made 11 assists. Freshman Megan Crist pulled down six rebounds.

"We had three different girls in double figures," Shepard said. "We haven't had that since the first couple games of the year." Twin Falls put the game away with a 14-8 push in the final period, which included one 3-pointer each by Rogers and Jardine.

"Jardine was out of her head," Minico coach Clint Stratman told the South Idaho Press. "She was tough, she played good." Sarah Sechman paced Minico with 14 points in the loss. The Spartans also got 12 points from Mary Pennell, all in the first half.

"Our girls did a good job on (Pennell) in the second half," Shepard said. "Our post defense tightened up a bit." Minico's 60-11 win play at Burley Friday night. "We've got girls that are sick," said Minico girls basketball coach Clint Stratman. "I don't want to take away from what they did. They came in here and got a win."

"Min Falls (4-6, 0-1 region) returns to conference play at Idaho Falls. They're playing well right now," Shepard said of the Tigers. "It will be a tough conference game."

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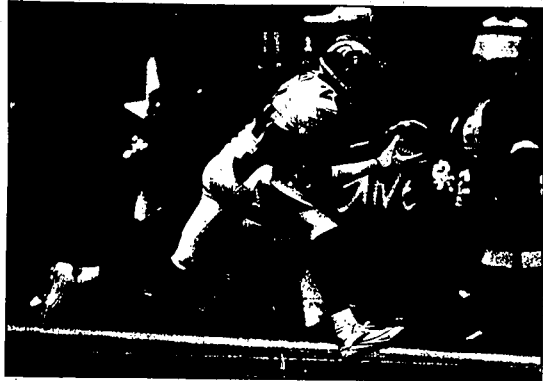
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SPORTS



Denver Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey (24) intercepts a pass and returns it for a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys during the first quarter in Irving, Texas, on Nov. 24.

Offenses going at Bailey at their own peril

DENVER (AP) — Opposing offenses used to stay away from Champ Bailey because bad things seemed to happen anytime the ball went his way.

This year, thanks to a tweak in the Denver defense and Bailey's perceived vulnerability because of injury, he's seeing the ball more. Opposing offenses are paying.

So far this season, Bailey has had a career-high eight interceptions. "I look forward to getting them," Bailey said. "I want to get them every week. Hopefully, I can get two or three this week. You dream to get them."

Bailey has had an interception in each of the last five games, breaking a franchise record set by Tyrone Braxton in 1996.

It has been quite a surge for Bailey, a player some thought wasn't worth what the Broncos paid when they traded away Clinton Portis to acquire him before the 2004 season. New rules that restricted defensive backs' contact with receivers further limited the impact a shutdown corner could have.

Bailey finished with only three interceptions last year, and though he was good enough to be voted All-Pro, many focused on the handful of big plays he allowed, and the fact that he and John Lynch weren't enough to revive a defense that got torched by Peyton

Manning for the second straight year in the playoffs. Bailey still gives up a big play now and then — see Terrell Owens' 91-yard catch and run in one-on-one coverage on Oct. 30 — but he is getting interceptions, too, a big reason the Denver defense has made more big plays en route to a 10-3 record.

To put him in position to have more of an impact, the Broncos massaged their defense in the offseason, allowing him to play off the receiver more instead of tight, man-to-man on the line. The result: Bailey can sit back, see plays develop and get good jumps on the ball.

"You could say it was pretty calculated," coach Mike Shanahan said. "It's a shutdown corner, but this just put him in position to do more things."

One play might have turned the Broncos' season — the break Bailey made on the first pass Drew Brees threw in the second half for the Chargers in Week 2.

The Broncos were reeling from a 34-10 loss in the opener to Miami. They were trailing 14-3 at halftime and the fans were booing. Bailey, playing a good 10 yards off the receiver, took an educated guess, got a good jump on Brees' pass and made an interception that he returned 25 yards for a touchdown. Denver won that game 20-17.

"If you play off, you can see more," Bailey said. "I started doing that. It's hard when I'm playing bump and run to get them. When I'm off, I can see more. I'm more comfortable with it and I usually have a chance to be in the right place."

The second part of Bailey's success may be because of his injury. His hamstring has bothered him since training camp and he also dislocated his shoulder in the season opener. He missed the first two games of his career this season.

So teams throw more to his side although the Broncos downplay that.

"I think some of that's overblown," defensive coordinator Larry Cory said. "They're going to run their offense and we're going to play our defense. Sometimes, early, they might target a guy."

Clearly, if they're targeting Bailey, it's a bad choice. And if they're not, he's simply taking better advantage of limited opportunities. He needs three more interceptions to tie the oldest records in franchise history — Goose Goslin had 11 picks back in 1960, the first year the Broncos played.

"I want to see passes all the time," Bailey said. "You are going to have some weeks when quarterbacks are going to throw your way and others when they aren't. But I want to throw them my way."

Riccardi said after signing Ryan. "We're damned if we do and damned if we don't."

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NASCAR's Pacific Northwest expansion plan faces tough road

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Is the land of lattes ready to join NASCAR Nation? The sport's leaders are betting on it with bold pitch for a racetrack near Seattle, the second attempt in two years to lay tracks in the Northwest.

The region is the home of two of NASCAR's hottest drivers — including Greg Biffle, this year's second-place finisher — and is a nagging dark spot on the map for one of the country's fastest-growing sports.

But those who control the state's purse strings don't seem sold on the idea, with some saying they don't hear much clamor for the South's reigning entertainment export.

"It's sort of like I said, 'Gosh, I really would look beautiful in this if I was blonde,'" said state Sen. Margarita Penrice, D-Renton, head of a powerful budget committee. "And you would say, 'Do you really need it?'"

Nor is NASCAR supporters disagree, and say the proposed 83,000-seat facility would bring a windfall of tourist spending and development to Western Washington.

For Tammy Kahne, a race-track near home would mean more than another chance to see live racing. For one thing, she'd be able to see her son, Kasey, NASCAR's 2004 rookie of the year, at a bit more often.

"I think we're getting more and more of a fan base in Washington. NASCAR's growing like crazy," Kahne said as customers browsed through official shirts, hats, lunch boxes and other paraphernalia at the official Kasey Kahne merchandise shop she runs in their hometown of Enumclaw.

The plan for a NASCAR track in Western Washington was unveiled last week by officials from NASCAR's sister company, International Speedway Corp., of Daytona, Fla.

Speedway Corp.'s vision for a Northwest raceway would cost \$245 million, and the company says it's willing to put up nearly half the cash and cover any cost overruns. The rest would come from state-backed bonds financed by a portion of state sales tax collections and a new levy on racetrack admissions.

The track would be publicly owned on land in rural Kitsap County, just across Puget Sound from Seattle and accessible by bridge and ferry — although many question the area's ability



Tammy Kahne, mother of NASCAR driver Kasey Kahne, stands in a store where Kasey Kahne merchandise is sold, Wednesday at a Dodge dealership in Enumclaw, Wash.

to handle race day traffic. A similar plan for a track north of Seattle died when local officials recoiled at the price tag.

A Speedway Corp. subsidiary would lease the racetrack, preferably for at least 50 years. Racetrack backers say the plan carries a surefire economic benefit for the state — not only paying its own way with increased tax revenue, but returning \$43 million to public coffers over the 25-year life of the bonds.

"We're putting \$166 million of our stockholders' money toward this. We're not going to do that if we can't deliver on making the thing a success," said Grant Lynch, a Speedway Corp. vice president.

The new track also would spread NASCAR's influence at a time when the sport is moving into the top echelon of national spectator sports. Speedway has been negotiating to build a racetrack on Staten Island, N.Y., in the heart of the world's top media market.

"To truly be a major sport by today's standards, you have to have an imprint coast to coast, north and south, and we have a big void in the Northwest," said NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter. "At one time, we had a big void everywhere but the Southeast."

But does the typically liberal and environmentally conscious Northwest really offer a firm audience for NASCAR, a sport more often associated with blue-collar living than blue-state politics?

Ed Newbold, a wildlife artist who sells prints of orcas,

salmon and other wildlife from a shop in Seattle's Pike Place Market, ran advertisements in both of the city's daily newspapers, asking: "How about nothing for NASCAR?"

Newbold criticizes auto racing as a male-dominated sport "that promotes risk-taking, speeding, fossil fuel waste and noise pollution." And he compares drivers unfavorably with other professional athletes "who don't use gasoline to do the hard work."

But beyond cultural conflicts, Newbold thinks the real problem is money.

"They're good people," he said. "But why bust the treasury for them?"

For Lt. Gov. Brad Owen, a Democrat who hails from the track's target area, the answer is simple: The track would bring lots of new tax revenue, floods of visitors and national media attention.

"The impression is that you're going to have a facility there that is full of backyard mechanics and guys in muscle shirts and grease under their fingernails. But that's not the case," Owen said. "You're getting everything from the everyday Joe and Jane to the very wealthy."

Speedway Corp. officials have waged a high-dollar campaign to influence policymakers, hiring a top Seattle public relations firm and helping to pay for trips to other racetracks for Owen and state lawmakers.

That effort, however, may not give the proposal much traction in the Democrat-controlled statehouse.

Pitchers

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measure New York threw in a club option for a fifth year. "And who really can blame the Tigers for giving \$16 million to camera-basher Kenny Rogers or the Cubs for making instant millionaires of setup men Scott

Eyre and Bobby Hoyry?

Baseball owners have a long history of not being able to control themselves when it comes to landing pitching talent.

Fans may not like the price, but they demand the players. "It's a byproduct of our industry," Riccardi said after signing Ryan. "We're damned if we do and damned if we don't."

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"Never doubt that a group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

Twin Falls Canal Company NOTICE Of Regular Stockholders' Meeting YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday the 10th of January, 2006. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room in the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Directors from District 1 (Murtaugh, Hansen and Kimberly) and District 5 (Castleford) will be elected for three-year terms. Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2006 water supplies, water call, and other matters of interest. The corporate books will be closed for the transfer of stock in December 30, 2005. The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2006. Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company Office on or before January 6, 2006. DATED this 9th day of December 2005. TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY Brian Olmstead, Assistant Secretary

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Missing hunters get rescued

**OKALEY** — Two coyote hunters who spent two chilly nights in the South Hills west of here were located Tuesday morning following a search by Cassia County authorities.

Matthew Coldin, 22, and Brian Bordevyik, 21, were located shortly after 9:30 a.m. on Topper Creek Road. Coldin listed a Twin Falls address and Bordevyik is from Jerome.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office and Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue combed the hills south of Okaley Monday afternoon and evening after Coldin's mother reported the pair missing, according to Sheriff Jim Hignens.

The pair apparently left early Sunday on a coyote hunting trip and did not return, Hignens said. "They were reported missing and we started searching for them in the Okaley area."

The two men apparently became stranded when their truck slid off a road near Beaver Creek.

Search crews used four wheelers, snow machines and four-wheel drive vehicles. A Civil Air Patrol airplane searched for the men until sunset Monday. A LifeFlight helicopter used thermal imaging equipment to search for the pair.

The men were in good condition when found, according to the sheriff's office.

### Coal-power plant opponents will meet

**IEROME** — Citizens Protecting Resources, CPR, is a group of area residents concerned with preserving southern Idaho by opposing the siting of a coal-fired power plant here.

CPR will meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Idaho Fish and Game building located 2 miles north of Flying J on Highway 93. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Representative positions announced

**BURLEY** — New and continuing chairmen were announced Wednesday in the Idaho House of Representatives.

Rep. Frances Field, R-Grandview, a 10-term Republican, will replace Rep. Doug Jones, formerly of Filer, as chairman of the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

Rep. Darrell Bolz, R-Caldwell, will become the new vice chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, will continue as vice chairman of the Agricultural Committee.

Rep. Frank Henderson, R-Post Falls, will move to the Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee.

The announcements were made by Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, Speaker of the House.

### Fundraising event has been canceled

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

### Jerome Courthouse changes hours Friday

**IEROME** — Offices in the Jerome City Courthouse will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday so courthouse employees can participate in their Christmas party.

Staff will be available for all services before and after the luncheon.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of avg.	% above
Salmon	101%	29%
Big Wood	105%	30%
Little Wood	94%	28%
Big Lost	98%	27%
Little Lost	98%	27%
Henry's Fork/Teton	99%	30%
Upper Snake Basin	111%	29%
Oakley	105%	28%
Sandwich Falls	105%	29%

As of Dec. 14  
 \*A comparison of basin snowpack on Dec. 14, 2005, with a 30-year average. \*\*The 30-year average is based on the period 1976-2005.

# County hospital can't promote 'merger'

By Sandy Miller  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The basket full of blue buttons saying, "I support the merger," has to go, at least from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center campus.

Though employees of the county-owned hospital can distribute and wear those buttons any other place they want to, they can't wear them on hospital grounds, said County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. Why? Because the Idaho Supreme Court recently upheld a District Court ruling saying government entities can't "take sides in election contests or bestow an unfair advantage on one of sev-

eral competing factions." And the county hospital is a government entity.

Representatives of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Regional Medical Center sat down with Loeb and the three county commissioners Wednesday to discuss how best to communicate on the proposed "merger."

Magic Valley Regional and St. Luke's want to team up to create a regional health care network that would also include St. Luke's facilities in Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States Tumor Institute. County commissioners have signed a letter of their in-

tent to transfer ownership of Magic Valley Regional to St. Luke's and will put the question to voters in May.

Loeb pointed out that while it's perfectly OK for the county-owned hospital to distribute factual information about the transaction, it can't promote it. "You can't have three people stand up and say how great this is and have milk and cookies afterwards," Loeb said.

However, St. Luke's, a nonprofit entity, is not bound by such rules and its employees can promote the transaction all they want to.

Loeb said the two hospitals should be very careful when it comes to words. For instance,

hospital officials keep calling it a "merger," but in reality, it's not really a merger at all. If voters approve the transaction, the county is out of the hospital business entirely.

"The county won't be involved in the hospital," Loeb said. "Is that really a merger?"

The ballot voters will see in May won't have the word "merger" on it, Loeb said. So if it's promoted as a merger, and then they see "sale," it could backfire.

"If they hear merger and see sale on the ballot, they're going to be confused," Loeb said.

However, both hospital and county officials agreed they must continue to communicate with each other.

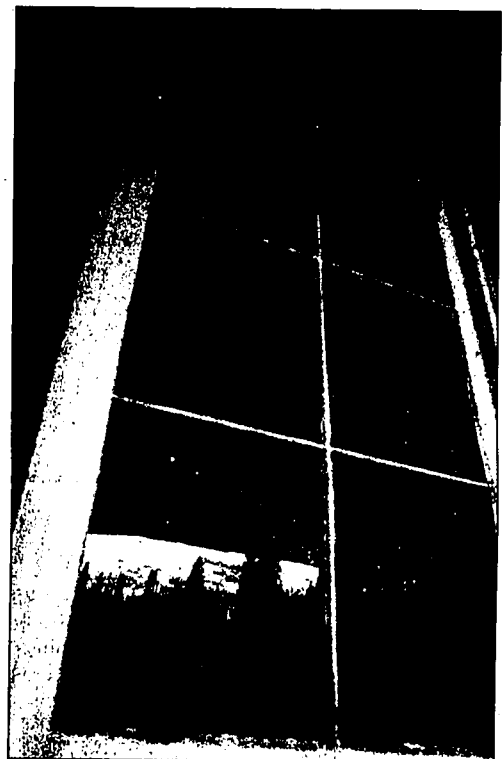
"It's essential that we know what you're doing," said Commission Tom Mikesell.

And it's important for the public to know what's happening. The hospitals recently conducted a survey that showed the more informed people were, the more likely they were to say they'd vote yes on the transaction.

"The more they know about it, the more they receive information about it, the more they support it," said Beth Toal, a spokeswoman for St. Luke's.

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### FROSTED WINDOW



A reflection of a scenic mountain vista is seen Wednesday afternoon in one of the windows at the Magic Mountain Lodge, south of Hansen. Scattered clouds are forecast for the Magic Valley today with a high in the mid 20's.

## Twin Falls teachers and district make final touches on contract

By Joshua Palmer  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It took more than six months of late nights, bitter debates and a federal mediator, but the final touches are being completed on this year's collective bargaining agreement between Twin Falls teachers and district administration. The agreement will be in place until the end of June — when the district and teachers will return to the bargaining table to discuss the coming year's contract.

However, as the district and Twin Falls Education Association (TFEA) meet to refine the contract's language, they are both saying the recent negotiations taught them an important lesson: keep the bargaining independent of the superintendent, school board and representatives of the teachers' union.

"It illustrates why interest-based bargaining is a better approach," said Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent. "I'm hopeful that we have learned that lesson."

Although some teachers resent the contract — which was approved by 57 percent of TFEA voting members — most have agreed to accept it and move forward. TFEA Chairman Steve Hoy said it is a challenge that can be avoided in the future by returning to interest-based bargaining.

### Key elements of the settlement

- 2.7 percent one-time bonus on base salaries that includes legislative bonus.
- Blue Cross Insurance plan remains the same with district paying for 11.4 percent increase over eight months.
- Certified staff will be eligible for \$200 professional development money.
- Advancement on salary schedule for years of experience, and additional education credits with the advancement.

"You don't have the information firsthand," Hoy said. "I think there were some delays because we left the old interest-based bargaining."

Dobbs said the district will meet with TFEA representatives to refine the contract language, and then give copies of the agreement to teachers after Christmas break.

Hoy said the TFEA and the district will start working toward ratification of next year's contract as spring break approaches.

According to the Idaho Education Association, 21 school districts statewide have not reached a settlement with teachers.

## Maughan and Clow seek mayor position

By Terry Smith  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — City Councilmen Dennis Maughan and Lance Clow have put their hats in the ring to become the city's mayor when the position is vacated in January by Glenda Dwight.

"That appears to be the case," Maughan said Wednesday. "We've talked to our fellow council members and I've put in my case to them."

Maughan, a two-year council member, said it's time for a change. Clow, a 12-year council veteran, a past mayor and new vice mayor, said experience is more important.

Dwight confirmed Wednesday that she is not seeking re-election as mayor.

The mayor will be elected by council members on Jan. 3 when councilmen-elect Don Hall and Greg Laning succeed Chris Talkington and Elaine Steele. Neither Talkington nor Steele ran for re-election.

Maughan, who served five years as a Twin Falls County commissioner, is executive director of St. Benedict's Forum and new vice mayor. He is also an assistant administrator at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

"The mayor is a position that's an honor and a hold," Maughan said. "Traditionally it's only been a two-year term. It's somewhat of an unwritten rule that the honor has been bestowed on someone who hasn't been mayor before."

He pointed out that Lance has been mayor and vice mayor. "I feel that it's time for someone else," he said. "If my fellow council members so choose, I'll be there."

Clow, who was re-elected in November, is a certified

financial planner with Ameriprise Financial in Twin Falls. He served as mayor in 2002-2003 and has been vice mayor for two years.

"I believe the mayor should be selected based on their experience," Clow said.

"Some people think that it should be passed around, and it has been in the past, but we need an experienced person. There's only been one time in my experience that the mayor has had only two years of council experience."

Clow said being self-employed also gives him more latitude to spend the time necessary to fulfill mayor duties. Meanwhile, Dwight, a self-reliance supervisor at the Twin Falls office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, said she will miss the job but is happy to step aside.

"I am a full-time state employee, and coupled with the part-time mayor's job, it has been very demanding," she said. "Yeah, I've enjoyed it. I'll miss it and I'm looking forward to re-establishing my position as one of seven city council members."

## Origin of Filer fire that claimed two boys classified as inconclusive

### State Fire Marshals: 'Fire is not suspicious'

By Blair Koch  
 Times-News correspondent

**FILER** — Without noting an exact cause the Idaho State Fire Marshal's office closed the file on a house fire that took the lives of two young brothers last month.

The home located at 2160 East 3950 North, was rented and occupied by Justin and Angela Davis and their two young children on Nov. 15 when a fire broke out and quickly filled the house with smoke. The Davises were unable to rescue their two boys, Eli Davis, 4, and his brother, Kael Davis, 2.

Firefighters located the two children inside the home and they were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where they were pronounced dead.

"The fire is not suspicious," said Idaho State Fire Marshal's Chief Deputy of Fire Investigators Dick Hahn.

Hahn explained that a fire igniter in the living room, which was likely electrical in nature, may have been the source and cause of the fire.

"We just couldn't come to an exact conclusion," Hahn said. He said that it isn't unusual



This home at 2160 E. 3950 N. is where Eli Davis, 4, and his brother, Kael Davis, 2, died in an early morning fire on Nov. 15.

in getting into the home for repairs, due to the snow and cold weather," Murray said. "It is the owner's intent to get in and fix the home up."

The Davises lost all of their belongings in the fire and did not have insurance coverage.

"They are grateful for all of the help provided to them after the tragedy," Farm Bureau Insurance claims adjuster Greg Murray, from Pocatello, said that damages to the home could reach \$80,000.

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Rance Hinnewinkel



hand. Above all else — his family came first, and a saddle always felt like home. As he chased the wind over mountains tall, he never rode alone. A wise man knows that riches shine, as gifts that come from God. Like mountains, trees and crystal streams and that green Montana sod. Dad lived his life with no regrets and his honor he held

high. Now fly back home as an eagle, soar above a blue Montana sky.

Survived by daughter, Sharon Kay (Arnie) Krushensky; grandchildren, Rance (Julie) Krushensky and Kandis (Alan) Anderson; six great-grandchildren, Scott, Lindsay, Colton, Rance, Creed and Gavin; sister, Terry (Leo) Ginsky; brother, Curt (Jan) Swinkel.

Preceded in death by parents; brother, Mickey Hinnewinkel; sisters, Alice Donnelly and Kay Taylor.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Worker Catholic Church, 7405 S. Redwood Road. A viewing will be held at 6 to 7 a.m. Sunday at McDougall Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road, where a rosary will begin at 7 p.m. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Christine S. Jones



two brothers and one sister, Richard Riggs, John Riggs and Kathy Ann Riggs, all of Las Vegas, Nev. She has 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by many nieces

and nephews.

After retiring to Idaho from Las Vegas, Christine and Larry started farming. She loved animals and was well-known for her compassion towards all of God's creatures. Christine was an active member in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and attended the Beech Temple on a regular basis. She was currently serving a family history mission for the church.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kimberly-Hansen Building, 222 Birch St. S. Viewing will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Alice J. Hernandez

Alice J. Hernandez, born July 21, 1930, in Aurora, Colo., passed away on Dec. 8, 2006, in Omaha, Neb.

Alice married Jose D. Hernandez on July 24, 1959, and resided in Southern California until her retirement as a plastic injection molding machine operator and subsequent move in 1994 to Twin Falls. Alice was a devoted member of the St. Edward's Catholic community.

Alice is survived by her children, Irene Maxon, Alyce (Sam) Candanus, Rob (Mark) Hernandez and Monica (Sean) McEwen; grandchildren, Kristina (Paul) Breidenbach, Lisa (Scott) Salkoff, Sabrina Adams, Amanda (Mike) Falvey, Brian Adams, Anita Maxon, Matthew Hernandez, and Joseph and Jocelyn McGuire; great-grandchildren,

Dennise Jaso; sisters, Esther Arambula, Nina Montoya, Margaret Alvarez and Cati Ramirez; and many beloved sisters-/brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Predeceased by parents, Macario and Casimira Jaso; brother, Alex Jaso and husband, Jose.

The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2006, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church with Father John Koelsch celebrating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary on Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., in Twin Falls.

Lowell Willard Palmer



they were blessed with another daughter and in January 1952 another daughter was born.

Lola passed away in August of 1968.

Willard married Norma Morgan on Dec. 26, 1970, in Elko, Nev.

Willard worked as a cattle buyer, mechanic, truck driver, supervisor for K-lines in Medford, Ore., and owner-operator of Palmer Trucking, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Willard is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Norma; his children, Darlene (Lewis) Matlock, Jo Ann Cary and Sheryl (Larry) Alphin, Twin Falls, and

Billy (Veda) Palmer, Burley; his grandchildren, William Brent Coleman, Twin Falls, Shelley (Neil) Lewis, Rupert, and Vicky Walters, Burley. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 10 step grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 13 step great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Willard was preceded in death by his first wife, Lola; his parents, Nora and George; his sisters, Margaret Hale and Mildred Barnes; and two great-grandsons.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. M. Cole Johnson, everyone on the Paloma Unit, at Sunbridge Care Center and all the emergency room and second floor staff at MVRMC for the excellent care they provided and the family as a whole.

"Pop really hated the cold weather, so we have chosen to have a graveside inurnment at a warmer date."

Know that you are loved and missed by all who called you husband, father, dad, daddy, pop, grandpa and papa - this one for you, being, being, being.

Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory, "Chapel by the Park."

Nevada, Utah lawmakers back plan for onsite nuclear waste storage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nevada and Utah lawmakers jointly introduced legislation Wednesday to store nuclear waste at reactor sites where it is produced.

The bills introduced in the Senate and House would limit radioactive waste from being transported from sites around the country to the planned Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump in Nevada or a temporary site proposed for Utah.

The legislation had been long-planned by Nevada Sens. Harry Reid, a Democrat, and John Ensign, a Republican, who are trying to stop the federal government from completing the troubled Yucca Mountain dump in the desert 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The participation of Utah Republican Sens. Orrin Hatch and Robert Bennett was another sign of growing cooperation on nuclear waste issues between the neighboring states, which were once at odds over the issue.

Hatch and Bennett angered Nevada lawmakers by voting in favor of Yucca Mountain when Congress approved it in 2002, but now are trying to block a proposed temporary nuclear waste storage site in Utah's Skull

clear waste beginning in 1998.

The onsite storage plan has been opposed by the nuclear industry and the Energy Department, though Reid and Ensign contend nuclear waste could safely remain in dry casks for at least 100 years.

"This bill is essentially kicking the can down the road. The bill in no way resolves the issue of permanent storage of spent nuclear fuel," Energy Department spokesman Craig Stevens said.

"The department remains committed to the law, which states that we must develop Yucca Mountain as the site for a permanent repository."

Yucca Mountain, planned to store 77,000 tons of the nation's nuclear waste, has suffered a series of setbacks, funding shortages and delays. The government was forced to rewrite radiation safety rules for the site when a federal court threw out the first ones, and the final rules have yet to be issued.

"The Yucca Mountain project is never going to open," Reid said. "It is time we put the safety of this country first and approach the storage of nuclear waste in a way that is productive and realistic."

SERVICES

Hazen Atkinson Hatch of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley West State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Birch St. Friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Dustin Paul McCollum of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Ernest H. Theener of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park, The Reflections of History Mausoleum, 447 Seasmont Drive, Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Maurice Querry Jr., viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Turner Funeral Chapel in Buhl and from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl, with a rosary to follow at 7 p.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Deloris Louise Dickson Moller of Rupert, a gathering time for friends and neighbors at 6:30 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 24th St. A burial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Sixth and I Streets in Rupert.

Eldon LaMonte 'Monte' Bailey of Burley and a native of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Albion Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Edward 'Eddie' Clark, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at MVRSC, located at 484 Eastland Drive S., in Twin Falls.

Alice Elaine Fletcher Hicks of Mountain Home, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel.

Bonnie Jo McKay of Filer, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 1004 Burley Ave. (White Mortuary & Crematory).

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

Katie Walsh of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary).

Elizabeth (Beth) Hardy of Twin Falls, family and friends are invited to a celebration of the life from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the family home, 224 Oak Creek Circle, Twin Falls.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Giselle Gonzalez**

RUPERT — Giselle Gonzalez, 7-year-old daughter of Abelardo and Yolanda Gonzalez, died Dec. 13, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2006, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802

F. St. in Rupert, with Father Nondier Zuleta as celebrant. Interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Family and friends may call from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church where a rosary will be recited

**James Joseph Graffeo**

BUHL — James Joseph Graffeo, 66, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2006, in Fallon, Nev.

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# Audit: Idaho breaks law on drug treatment

**Audit: Idaho has broken state laws on drug treatment**  
**BOISE (AP)** — The state of Idaho has been breaking its own laws for more than a decade in the way it monitors and coordinates drug abuse treatment, legislative auditors say.  
 An Office of Performance Evaluation report, released Tuesday, recommends the Legislature create a new commission to oversee the state's efforts to provide drug abuse treatment for the poor, juveniles, and people in prison or on probation.

Karl Kurtz, director of Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare, and Tom Benicich, director of the state Department of Cor-

rection, support the idea of a new commission.

The drug abuse problem "is just huge and impacts every facet of our system," Benicich told The Idaho Statesman.  
 The 100-page report was delivered to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee, which voted to study it before making any recommendations to the Legislature, which convenes in January.

Auditors said the state's failed efforts to deal with substance abuse has led the judicial branch to create drug courts, which deal with what Idaho judges call the worst problem facing the judicial system.

The report says that studies

show a fourth of Idaho prisoners and more than a third of people on probation committed substance abuse crimes. About 85 percent of the 16,000 offenders in Idaho say they have a drug problem.

According to the audit, fewer people finish treatment in Idaho than in any other state.  
 It also found no statewide effort to coordinate activities among agencies, even though \$27.5 million is being spent by courts and the departments of Health and Welfare, Correction, Juvenile Corrections and Education.

Idaho law requires the Commission on Drug/Alcohol Abuse to develop a statewide plan to

coordinate and monitor substance abuse efforts. But that plan was eliminated in the mid-1990s in a budget-cutting move. A task force was created in 2000 to develop a statewide plan, but it disbanded without a plan in place. A special legislative oversight committee met just once.

In 2001, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne tripled the money prisons receive for drug treatment, but those programs were dismantled through budget cuts. As a result, auditors found that state agencies cannot provide basic information about what the state needs to do to deal with substance abuse, which programs are working, or who is getting help.

# Pastor: Woman feared for kids' safety

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — An Idaho Falls woman didn't return her two young children to their temporary guardians last month because she feared for her children's safety after her ex-husband was released from jail, her pastor said.

Melissa Sue Bryant, 21, and her 4-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter were last seen Nov. 22 in Idaho Falls. Police are looking for Bryant on felony kidnapping, custodial interference charges, and investigators say they think she could still be in eastern Idaho.  
 "I believe that they would be safer in Melissa's care," Trinda McDaniels, a pastor at Christ Charismatic Liturgical Church in Idaho Falls, told the Post Register. "I basically told her to do what her conscience told her."

Bryant and her ex-husband, Ritchie Castaneda, are scheduled to go before a judge Feb. 26 to determine who gets custody of their children.  
 After Bryant and Castaneda divorced in July 2002, the children lived with their father and paternal grandparents, with Bryant receiving visitation rights.

# Driver dies, passengers injured in truck-train crash

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — An Amtrak train collided with a semitrailer on Wednesday in Carbonville, Utah, killing the truck driver, injuring several Amtrak passengers and derailing the front wheel on the train's lead engine, authorities said.

The California Zephyr was carrying 119 passengers from Emeryville, Calif., to Chicago when it hit the truck at a train crossing, just south of Interstate 70, about 46 miles east of Green River, said Amtrak spokeswoman Vernae Graham. The crossing has only warning signs, said Graham, who is based in Oakland, Calif.

The train hit the truck, which was hauling trash, and traveled about one-half mile down the track before coming to a stop, said Chief Deputy Curt Brewer of the Grand County sheriff's office. It appeared the truck was trying to cross the tracks in front of the approaching train, he said.

Workers were working to dislodge part of the truck stuck under the train and get it back on the rails, Brewer said. Union Pacific crews were helping re-rail the train so it could continue east, Graham said.

Killed in the crash was the 26-year-old truck driver, Brewer said. The man's name was not immediately released.

Brewer said five people on the train were hurt, and one was sent to a Moab hospital for evaluation. Amtrak's Graham could confirm only two injuries.

The Federal Railroad Administration decided Wednesday night it will investigate the wreck, said spokesman Steve Kuhl. The agency does not investigate all train crashes.


Typically, there has to be a large number of fatalities or a heightened public interest for the administration to investigate if there are no train crossing signals under the agency's jurisdiction at the crash site, he said. Kuhl did not say specifically why the agency chose to investigate this case.

"There were some injuries to passengers there and my understanding is the locomotive derailed in a sense that one wheel came off the track," Kuhl said. "We've just made the decision to go forward on this."

In a typical investigation, federal officials will examine a locomotive record that's similar to an airplane's black box, examine track conditions and speak with any additional witnesses, Kuhl said.

Utah Department of Public Safety truck inspectors have been asked to help with the investigation.

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# CDC: Flu killed children rapidly

Researchers report on last year's season

The Associated Press

One-third of the 153 American children killed by the flu during the 2003-04 season were dead within three days of getting sick, and many of the youngsters were perfectly healthy before they were stricken, government researchers reported.

Five percent of the victims died within a day, 31 percent died before getting medical care, and 10 percent died in the emergency room, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in its first detailed report on flu deaths among children.

Nearly two-thirds of the deaths were in children under 5, and 12 percent were younger than 6 months.

Overall, the 2003-04 flu sea-

## Flu more deadly for kids than thought

The flu was responsible for the deaths of at least 153 U.S. children two winters ago. Half of them were healthy and nearly half younger than the age of two.

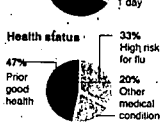
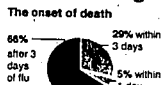


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son was not particularly severe, but it got off to an alarmingly early start.

The lead researcher, epidemiologist Niranjani Bhat of CDC's influenza branch, said two findings surprised him: how fast the illnesses developed, and the

## The onset of death



number of children who were perfectly healthy.

Only one-third had asthma or other respiratory conditions that would have put them at high risk for flu complications.

However, the CDC also found that one-fifth of those killed had

other conditions that could have made them more vulnerable but were not previously linked to flu complications. These included neurological and neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy that could limit someone's ability to cough up respiratory secretions.

Bhat said the total number of deaths among children was probably more than 153; the CDC did not ask states to report flu deaths until well into the season.

The study was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Bhat said the findings led CDC's immunization advisory committee, starting with last year's flu season, to urge that all children 6 to 23 months old get flu shots.

Last year was the first time the CDC has tried to separate children's deaths from the flu's overall toll. Complications from the illness, kill an estimated 36,000 Americans a year.

## No 2nd term for Romney; is presidential bid next?

BOSTON (AP) — Republican Gov. Mitt Romney said Wednesday that he will not run for a second term next year, fueling speculation he will seek the 2008 Republican presidential nomination.

"My decision comes down to this: In this four-year term, we can accomplish what I set out to do. In fact, we've already accomplished a great deal," he said.

"Serving as your governor is one of the greatest honors of my life," he said. "A year from now, it will be time for me to pass that privilege to someone else. I will not be a candidate for re-election."

Reporters questioned him afterward about whether this meant he would run for president, but he said that decision was "down the road" and a "lifetime away."

"Sen. John McCain said he thinks about being president every day in the shower," he said. "I guess I will turn to the words of Star Wars: It's in a galaxy far, far away."

The 58-year-old businessman, son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney, has spent less than three years in elective office. In that time the state has closed a \$3 billion budget deficit without raising taxes, schools have scored first in na-



Romney

tional math and science tests and Romney held out until the Legislature gave him a tough new drunken driving law he demanded.

Romney began calling supporters and other political figures during the afternoon to let them know of his decision, which was not a complete surprise. Romney had declared earlier this year he was "testing the waters" for a White House run.

Serving just one term allows Romney to leave with his record intact and focus on the presidential race, said Stuart Rothenberg, an independent political analyst in Washington.

"He doesn't want to run for reelection because he could possibly get beat," he said. "And he doesn't want to run for reelection because he could possibly win, and then have to turn around and start running for president immediately."

The governor said he sat down with his wife, Ann, to make a list of the things he wanted to accomplish as governor.

## Suspect tries to explain kidnapping

DANIELSON, Conn. (AP) — A man charged with kidnapping a jogger told investigators he accidentally hit her with his car and only tried to run because he was trying to hide the body, found in a shed owned by a "Sesame Street" performer, authorities said Wednesday.

Judith Nilan's husband reported her missing Monday when she didn't return from a jog. The 44-year-old social worker was found dead the next morning with her arms tied behind her back, her jogging pants pulled down and her head bloody where she appeared to have been beaten, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

Scott DeJoy, 36, was arrested Tuesday and charged with kidnapping. He appeared in court briefly Wednesday in Danielson and was ordered held on \$500,000 bail.

DeJoy is a handyman who had done work on the Woodstock property of Carroll Spinney, who plays Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch on the long-running children's public television show. Police said Spinney had nothing to do with the crime.

Prosecutors said they plan to pursue murder charges against DeJoy, but with the shed on the



DeJoy

Massachusetts state line, they were still sorting out issues of jurisdiction.

According to the affidavit, investigators found Nilan's headband near a bloody receipt signed by DeJoy for items purchased on Spinney's account.

Near the headband were skid marks, and on Spinney's property investigators found a blood trail leading to the shed, according to the affidavit.

"The victim had appeared to have been beaten about the head," investigators wrote in the affidavit. "Her hands were tied behind her back and the rope was passed across the front of her body and then wrapped around her neck and her ankles."

## Ford returns to work a day after hospital visit

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Former President Ford spent several hours at his office Wednesday a day after returning from a brief hospital stay for routine medical tests.

Ford, 92, was admitted Monday to Eisenhower Medical Center for what his office described as a regularly scheduled health exam. Ford had been fighting a stubborn cold at the time, but his feeling better, said

his chief of staff, Penny Circle. He returned Tuesday to his Southern California home in the Rancho Mirage desert. "He is at the office, doing all his normal things," Circle said.

Five years ago, Ford suffered two small strokes while attending the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia and spent about a week in the hospital. Doctors said there was no apparent brain damage.

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## 'Cat lady' pleads guilty

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Ruth Knuveen once had close to 500 cats. On Wednesday, she pleaded guilty to judge she would never own another one.

Knuveen, 83, was arrested in July after hundreds of cats were found in her home. She pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of animal cruelty in Fairfax County General District Court. As part of a plea agreement, prosecutors dismissed several other counts, and Knuveen must continue getting treatment for her hoarding problem.

Judge Donald P. McDonough fined her \$2,500, suspending all but \$500. He also gave her a 360-day suspended jail sentence, put her on probation for one year. Knuveen was barred from owning any animals.

Before sentencing, attorney Jonathan Frieden said Knuveen's stray cat problem developed some time ago when she started taking them in to protect them from the dangers of the streets.

"I loved these animals and thought they needed her," he said.

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# 'SURF RAGE' AND RACIAL FRICTION

## Elements combine to fuel riots in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A Muslim cleric in a gray robe and white skull cap sits down with a youth in a baseball cap and shorts for talks on cooling tensions. Lebanese members of a motorcycle gang and a group of surfers agree both sides need to calm down.

Some unlikely alliances are being formed to try to head off any escalation in the ugly fighting on beaches near Sydney this week that exposed racial divides and tarnished Australia's self-image as a nation of laid-back, sun-kissed beachgoers.

The clashes, some of the most ethnic violence in Australia in decades, are more racially motivated than religious. Only about 300,000 Muslims live among Australia's 20 million people, and many here with Middle Eastern ancestry are Christian. The country's history also has been tainted by abuse of dark-skinned Aborigines.

While deep-rooted antagonism between some whites and those of Arab descent was the driving force behind the unrest, the flashpoint was a turf war between surfers and weekend visitors to a shore that the surfers regard as theirs alone, analysts say.

Tensions have risen in recent weeks along with summer temperatures, drawing more casual visitors to beaches frequented mostly by locals and die-hard surfers in the off season.

On Dec. 4, a group of youths of Arabic appearance beat two lifeguards on the beach in the blue-collar suburb of Cronulla after an argument during which both sides hurled insults.

A week later, hundreds of whites flooded the area to "reclaim" the beach. After hours of drinking beer and shouting slo-



United Muslims of Australia spokesman Saed Kanawati, center in green hat, speaks at a meeting between Muslim leaders and representatives of the Maroubra surf gang dubbed the 'Bra Boys' held Wednesday in Sydney to help ease tensions in the country.

gans Sunday, some whites starting beating up people they felt looked Middle Eastern, setting off a riot that police quelled with clubs, dogs and pepper spray.

More clashes followed Monday, including bands of Arab-appearing youths rampaging through suburbs breaking windows in stores, houses and cars. Nearly 40 people were injured and 27 arrested over both days.

The riots exposed the dark underbelly of Sydney's outwardly easygoing surf scene, said Paul Wilson, a criminologist and forensic psychologist at Bond University.

"While we romanticize surf culture, there is a downside which is hard drinking, drug-taking and violence," Wilson said. "A lot of that downside explains what we saw in Cronulla."

The trouble will persist as long as "there are hot heads on both sides who are looking for violent confrontation," he said.

Far right groups have been accused of fanning tensions by haranguing the crowds that gathered on the beach Sunday.

Some Australians criticize the country's Middle Eastern communities, saying they don't do enough to assimilate into society. But most people seem intent on calming tensions.

Lebanese religious leaders met Tuesday at a Cronulla surf club with members of the beach fraternity to discuss ways to cool

who hang out at Maroubra beach near Cronulla, met with members of the notorious Comancheros hiker gang, which has many Lebanese members.

Bra Boys member Sonny Albertson said the meeting was the start of a dialogue "to try to ease some tension and calm the racial violence that can never be tolerated in Australia."

His group held a similar meeting with Muslim leaders Wednesday.

Muslim community leaders and surfers in Cronulla also met Wednesday in what they billed as "a mission of peace."

Brad Whitaker, who described himself as a representative of Cronulla's surfers, said the violence must end. "We would like to apologize for the behavior of some of our members on Sunday, Dec. 11," he told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

antagonisms. Also Tuesday, a group of surfers known as the Bra Boys,

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# Judge dismisses lawsuit over immigrants

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By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday tossed out a lawsuit against local employers accused of hiring illegal immigrants. The suit was an attempt to recoup money the county says it has spent on the workers.

The judge said Canyon County's claimed higher expenses for social services such as indigent medical care, schools and jails were simply the costs of being a government entity.

The lawsuit marked the first time a government tried to use the federal Racketeering and Corrupt Organizations Act to demand damages from businesses for the costs of allegedly illegal employees.

The county filed the lawsuit in July against four businesses: Syngenta Seeds, Sorrento Lactalis, Swift Beef and Harris Moran Seed, as well as against the former director of the non-profit Idaho Migrant Council.

The four companies, which together employ hundreds of people in Canyon County, were accused of knowingly hiring hundreds of illegal immigrants, partly through agreements with worker-recruiting companies.

In dismissing the case, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge said the county's contention that the hiring of illegal aliens posed a "public nuisance" was not grounded in state law. The

judge dismissed the case with prejudice, which means it cannot be refilled.

In addition, as a plaintiff in the RICO action, the county was not acting in a governmental capacity but as a private party to a civil lawsuit, Lodge wrote.

"Instead, by its own admission, it is asserting 'claims for the costs of municipal services,'" Lodge wrote. "This type of 'general injury' to a county's 'ability to carry out its functions' is not an injury to 'business or property.'" Therefore, Canyon County does not have standing to bring this action.

Republican Robert Vasquez, a county commissioner and congressional candidate, had championed the lawsuit as part of his battle against illegal immigration in Idaho.

"I've often said, when you step into a court of law seeking justice, all you will find is the law," Vasquez said. "I'm not making a legal analysis here, but from my prospective, the cost of indigent welfare and other costs increase because of the presence of illegal aliens. As those demands increase, businesses and property owners will see an increase in the cost of taxes to pay for it. That, too, would indicate a damage to them. But I'm not Judge Lodge, in his infinite wisdom."

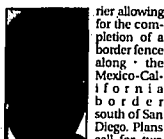
David Chambers, the vice president and general counsel of Sorrento Lactalis, said the company was happy about the ruling. Like all the defendants involved, Sorrento Lactalis argued that Canyon County's basic premise — that the companies were conspiring to hire

## Fox criticizes border enforcement

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — President Vicente Fox on Wednesday criticized the United States decision to strengthen its border security and complete a wall along the border, calling it "disgraceful and shameful."

"This situation we're seeing, a disgraceful and shameful moment" where walls are being built, security systems are being reinforced, and human and labor rights are being violated, more and more, won't protect the economy of the United States," Fox said.

On Monday, a U.S. federal judge lifted the final legal bar-



Fox is criticizing the completion of a border fence along the Mexico-California border south of San Diego. Plans call for two additional fences running parallel to the existing steel barrier, with sensors and cameras tracking any movement. The fences will run along the final 3.5 miles of the border before it meets the Pacific Ocean.

illegal immigrants — was false.

"It was a bit of a concerning case for us because it was so novel," Chambers said. "It's a novel issue of law as to the appropriateness as to the application of RICO as to alleged damage encountered by government. That question could possibly have gone either way."

Albert Pacheco, the former director of the Idaho Migrant Council and the only individual named in the lawsuit, said he was celebrating Lodge's decision. The lawsuit accused Pacheco of creating a policy of "willful blindness and harboring," providing medical and housing assistance for illegal immigrants.

"There was really no basis in fact in terms of this lawsuit,"

Pacheco said. "The ruling sends the message that what our problem is around immigration really can't be solved in this manner. It has to be solved in a way that is going to be fair and just for all concerned. Instead of 'grandstanding, basically.'"

Richard Leasia, the San Jose, Calif.-based attorney representing Harris Moran Seed, said he wasn't surprised by the ruling, even though it's unusual for a court to dismiss a lawsuit with prejudice so early in the case.

"I'm hopeful that it will discourage government entities from attempting to use civil damages actions as a way of protesting federal immigration policy, which is kind of what I think this was," Leasia said.

## Ada County, Boise split cost

BOISE (AP) — Ada County and Boise officials will split the \$40,000 cost of a study on adding a drug and alcohol treatment center to the Ada County Jail.

The study, to be completed in February, is expected to answer the questions of officials who hesitate to support the center because they don't know how much it would cost.

Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney, a proponent of the treatment center, estimated it would cost about \$3 million to add a 36-bed facility to the planned \$7 million expansion of the Ada County Jail's medical unit. Under Raney's proposal, the county, Boise and some non-profits would share the costs of construction.

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New rules set for Filer water

By John E. Swinze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Filer's water system will be required to meet new regulations for arsenic levels beginning in January 2009. Established by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2001, the revised standards call for a reduction in arsenic from the old 50 parts per billion (ppb) to only 10 ppb. The change was announced recently during a Filer City Council review of a recent Water System Compliance Study. Results showed that since about March 2000, city wells 1, 2 and 5 have consistently tested for arsenic levels from 10 to 25 ppb. In contrast, wells 3 and 7 have generally stayed within a lower: 5 to 10 ppb range. J-U-B Engineer Mark Holtzen suggested that the best short term option would be to design wells with lower arsenic levels as the city's main water source and those with higher concentrations as limited-use backup sources. In an effort to keep water

moving in a north-south direction, this plan could also include \$600,000 to construct a 10-inch dedicated line running between pump station 2 and storage tank 1. "The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) established a policy in 1994 saying that if backup wells are used for less than 60 days per year, you don't have to sample or monitor for inorganic contaminants unless they pose an acute health risk," noted Holtzen. "Most likely the arsenic levels you have don't pose an acute health risk." Backup wells would generally be used during the summer months when water use of 740-1,000 gallons per minute is the highest. Water use during the winter months drops down to about 100-180 gallons per minute. "J-U-B estimates that even with a 2 percent population growth the city would not see demand with backup wells." "It appears that at least up until 2017 — by using wells 2, 3, and 5 — you would be able to meet the maximum needs," Holtzen said.

It was also suggested that the council consider the possibility of building a water treatment facility within the next 20 years. Projected construction would take about 5 years and cost around \$15 million. "With the war and hurricanes inflating the cost of material, and less grant money available, these figures were good as of last week," Holtzen said. Council members approved the recommendations for backup wells and will be drafting a letter detailing their decision for the DEQ. In other business, councilman Bob Parent requested that the city start looking for grant money to construct a sidewalk along the north side of U.S. Highway 30 that would connect Fair Avenue and Stevens Street. "We need it for kids who are walking from this side of town to middle school or high school," he said. Times-News correspondent John E. Swinze lives in Filer. He can be reached by e-mail at [swinze@twonews.com](mailto:swinze@twonews.com).

Augustine Volcano showing signs of erupting, scientists say

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A sulfurous steam plume, hundreds of miniature earthquakes and a new swath of ash on snowy Augustine Volcano have scientists alerted to a possible eruption in the next few months. The 4,134-foot volcano hasn't shown such signs since it last erupted in 1986, when ash from a 7-mile-high column drifted over Anchorage, the state's most populous city, and kept flights out of the skies over Cook Inlet. "It's steaming more vigorously right now than it has at any point since 1986," Steve McNutt, research professor of volcano seismology with the Alaska Volcano Observatory, said Wednesday. The observatory has been monitoring the volcanic island more closely since bumping its status up to code yellow from green on Nov. 23. Code yellow means the volcano is restless and showing signs of an eruption. Steam mixed with sulfur diox-

ide gas has been billowing vigorously since late last week from a space between lava domes formed during Augustine's most recent eruptions, in 1976 and 1986. The presence of sulfur, one of the main magmatic gases, is a sign that molten rock has moved closer to surface, McNutt said. Residents on the Kenai Peninsula about 50 miles across Cook Inlet have reported the rotten-egg smell of sulfur fumes floating into their communities over the last few days. "On Sunday night I woke up with the taste of sulfur in the back of my throat," Kevin Seville, who lives in the Russian and Alutian village of Nanwalek, said. The number of earthquakes on Augustine, on the eastern end of the Aleutian volcanic arc, has increased tremendously in the past week. Seismometers have recorded

more than 170 small tremors over the last week, and 74 on Sunday alone. The average for the past 15 years has been about one to two per week. The jump is "very dramatic," McNutt said. But he noted that low magnitudes — less than 1 — were still smaller than the bulk of the earthquakes preceding the 1986 eruption. "You could picture it as a balloon expanding under a pile of sand," McNutt said. Scientists on a flyover earlier this week also spotted a swath of new ash on the snow-covered peak. The thin dusting indicates cracks have opened on the mountain to vent steam. The uninhabited volcanic island has a history of long periods of activity leading up to an eruption.

Fire

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overwhelmed with the offers made. In the midst of what was so horrible, it was great." Thomquist stated that the couple is beginning to think of their future. "It was just such a shock. They are just now able and ready to think about what they need to do," she said. "Right after the fact, people bombarded with them offers of help and they are just now

able to really think about what they need and how to get it." She explained that the family's Twin Falls church, Heritage Alliance, has been a big help. "They have organized so much from so many people," she said. And the Red Cross came out as well. They were on the scene early the next day and ready to help in any way possible. A fund at First Federal Bank raised thousands of dollars for the family, along with many dona-

tions made to the church. The Twin Falls Head Start, which Eli attended, has established The Davis Project. They have joined with the Safe Kids Coalition to help educate families about fire safety and to outfit homes with smoke detectors. Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at [blair\\_200@hotmail.com](mailto:blair_200@hotmail.com) or by calling 316-2607.

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# Director outraged at disclosure of face donor

PARIS (AP) — The director of France's organ donation agency said Wednesday she was shocked to find that newspapers abroad have identified the donor for the world's first partial face transplant, saying anonymity is vital for donors' families.

Britain's Mail on Sunday printed the name of the donor and her hometown in northern France. Newspapers outside France also have published the recipient's name.

"I find it extremely shocking. I find it absolutely scandalous," Carine Camby, director-general of French Biomedicine Agency, told The Associated Press.

She stressed that anonymity in transplant cases is vital.

"For many families, it is important to be able to mourn in peace, not to be disturbed by the neighborhood or the press or possibly the family of the recipient, or the recipient himself," she said.

Her government agency,

which manages waiting lists of transplant patients and allocates organs, said in a separate statement it was worried that the principle of donor anonymity was under attack.

It said 11,500 people in France require transplants each year and should be able to continue to count on the generosity of donors and their families.

Both donor and recipient in the face-transplant case were French women. The recipient — disfigured when her dog

mauled her earlier this year — underwent the operation Nov. 27 in which doctors grafted a nose, chin and lips from the donor onto her face.

Under French law, the donor and recipient cannot be fully identified by name. British and American newspapers have printed the name of the 38-year-old recipient, a divorced mother of two, though French media have limited themselves to just her first name, Isabelle, and the first initial of her surname.

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# Building coalitions seen as key in Iraq

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In the months of political negotiations that are bound to follow Thursday's vote for a permanent National Assembly, Iraqis will face a fundamental question: Will the nation stay together or tear apart in a civil war?

Iraqi and U.S. officials say the answer — which will define the Bush administration's legacy in Iraq — lies in Iraqi politicians' ability to set aside rivalries and old injustices and build coalitions after what's sure to be a fractious vote along ethnic and sectarian lines.

Army Gen. George W. Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said that while he's cautiously optimistic about Iraq's future, "if we get a government that's perceived as sectarian as working to its party's advantage, then it will be tougher."

Alaa Maki, a senior official in the Iraqi Islamic Party, an influential Sunni Muslim group, said the Shiite Muslim majority will be making a mistake if it pushes to form a government without Sunni participation.

"If the Shiites take the severe civil war," he warned.

The U.S. invasion precipitated a historic shift in control of the Iraqi government, away from the rise to power of a Shiite group formed by clerics with close ties to neighboring Iran. Before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Sunni Muslims, about 20 percent of Iraq's population, had long dominated the Shiites, who make up 60 percent of the population.

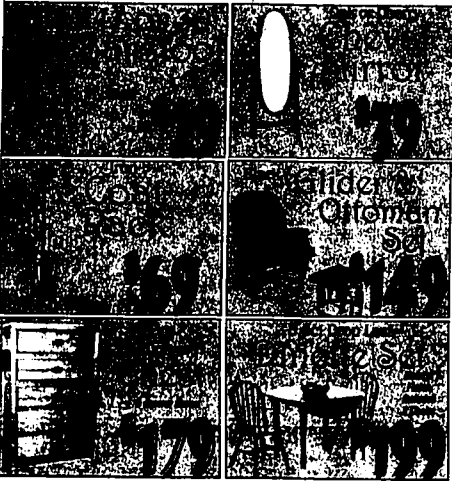
But after years of discrimination and persecution, the Shiites have moved to seize control of the nation. Thursday's elections for a four-year government built a chance for them to cement that position.

"It's a reality," Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari said at a luncheon this week. "The majority of the people in the parliament and those who participated in the elections are Shiite. ... If we get 50 percent (of the parliament), we can control the government."

Left hanging is whether a transition to Shiite domination will proceed smoothly or tear the fabric of a country that has three regions: the Kurdish north, the Sunni west and center, and the Shiite south.

A series of interviews with top Iraqi politicians during the past week suggested that Iraqis are a long way from coming together peacefully. If anything, in the years of interim national elections in January, Iraq's sectarian divisions have become more pronounced.

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## Gonzales remains in the groove

By Esteban Gonzalez  
Times-News correspondent

Grammy Award-winner Jimmy Gonzalez, with Grupo Maz, has recently released his fifth album via Freddie Records, "Mejor Que Nunca."

For five consecutive years, producer/songwriter Jimmy Gonzalez and Grupo Maz has taken the Latin Grammy for Best Tejano Album. However, the winning was one of numerous recognitions the group picked up after the separation of the original "bad boys" of Tejano music — Joe Lopez and Jimmy Gonzalez y Grupo Maz.

Over and over, the same question is asked: "Come si senties despues de tener tanto exito? (How do you feel having so much success with your music career?). My response to that is "Quien iba a pensar? (Who would have thought?)" Gonzalez said in telephone interview from Brownsville, Texas, where he is based. "It's a blessing I have received. I'm able to produce such great music. However, it's my fan base that encourages me to go on."

Jimmy Gonzalez y Grupo Maz recently received a nomination for Best Tejano Album at the sixth annual Latin Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. However, it was Polkas, Gritos, y Acciones that took home the Latin Grammy.

"What can I say? As a recording artist you realize that you can't win every time," Gonzalez said. "When I learned that David Lee (Garza), Sunny Saucedo, and Joel Guzman had picked up the Latin Grammy for their album, I telephoned them and congratulated them."

Evidence is building that the music produced by Jimmy Gonzalez is destined to become a music favorite. Focusing on the traditional Tejano sound, he has included a unique style that has carried him to becoming one of Tejano music's leading recording artists.

Jimmy Gonzalez is one of the most formidable names in Tejano music because he has regenerated a fusion of older styles of Grupo Maz with new, said by Trevino, the host of the "Tejano Gold USA Countdown," syndicated in more than 150 markets nationwide. "In doing so, he has kept his integrity and originality to Tejano music."

For his newest album, Gonzalez teamed with award-winning David Lee Garza and Freddie Martinez Sr. to include compilations of Tejano music classics.

"The experience was great. In the past, I have worked with David Lee Garza so working with him in this album was a reunion and a breath of us," Gonzalez said. "However, working with Freddie Martinez Sr. was something else. Nunca he tenido la oportunidad de trabajar con él y eso es algo muy especial para mí. (I have never had the oppor-



Jimmy Gonzalez become one of Tejano music's leading recording artists.

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Jimmy Gonzalez y Grupo Maz's new album.

tunity of working with him (Freddie Martinez) so this was very special to me."

Among its many surprises, "Mejor Que Nunca" offers a sentimental tribute to the fallen queen of Tejano — Laura Canales, who died of complications from bladder surgery. Fans, not to mention Tejano musicians, have been affected her death. During the 2005 Las Vegas Tejano Revue Showcase, Tejano divas (Shelly Lares, Eilda Reyna and Stefani Montiel) teamed for a tribute to the superstar.

"Losing Laura Canales was one of most difficult situations I have had to face," Gonzalez said. "I recall back in the days, when I would tour with her, I enjoyed

watching her perform (on stage). After her passing, I was determined to produce a tribute in her honor."

The tribute includes Canales' hits, "Oh Gran Dios," "Si Vivi Contigo" and "La Baraca de Oro." According to Gonzalez, every time he performs this piece he feels a chill run down his spine.

"Corazon de Fierro" is the first promotional single written and produced by Freddie Martinez, the single is similar to past Jimmy Gonzalez favorites, including "Corazon Dormido."

Fans across the nation have repeatedly requested the single — helping it top music charts on all Tejano-formatted radio stations.

### Did you know?

- Laura Canales, known as the queen of Tejano, died on April 16, 2005. Services were held in her hometown of Kingsville, Texas.

- The voice of radio personality, AC Cruz, is featured in the introduction on the album, "Grupo Maz: Live — Una Noche Juntos."

- Jimmy Gonzalez y Grupo Maz was recently awarded the Valley Choice Award by a Texas radio station for Best Tejano Album and Best Group on Valle de Texas.

"It's an awesome single," says AC Cruz of KJLI Club 98.3 FM in Corpus Christi, Texas. "The single has been on radio a little over two weeks and since then, it has remained in the station's top five. Fans love the single, 'Corazon de Fierro.' A lot of fan base can relate to the single, and I believe that is what bonds Jimmy to his fans."

"Mejor Que Nunca" is now available in stores. For more information on the band, check out the Web site [www.jimmygonzalezgrupomaz.com](http://www.jimmygonzalezgrupomaz.com).

Esteban M. Gonzalez, a Burley native, recently returned from Corpus Christi, Texas, where he worked as a writer and co-founder of Tejano Y Grupero News-Corpus Christi, which covers the music scene.

In the past, he has written about Gloria Estefan, Las Tigras del Norte, Amanda Perez, DJ Kane, AB Quintanilla 3rd y Los Kumbia Kings, to name a few.

## The stakes are higher when a ball's on fire

Ancient fireball game survives in Mexican town

Chicago Tribune



### Reporte de Mexico

PATZCUARO, Mexico — The night game is illuminating the ball itself. It is a pickup game in a parking lot that reenacts a pre-Hispanic myth of man's creation, while threatening to charbroil a few toes.

In a way it resembles field hockey, with the players racing up and down, swatting the ball with sticks toward two narrow goals. Except for one important detail: The ball is on fire. Foot-long flames trailing it through the air.

The ancient game of fireball survives in this beautiful market town in central Mexico that was the historic capital of the Purupucha empire, a civilization that rivaled the Aztecs when the Spanish first set foot in the New World.

Besides pickup games by local youths, other contests are arranged for tourists. That's the case with the monthly Saturday night game among the staff at the Hacienda Mariposas, a nature-conscious hotel that sprawls across several acres on the town's southern edge.

"The cooks, maids and receptionists all don the traditional white cotton garb of the Purupucha and assemble in the parking lot after dark. There, amid giggles, squeals and war cries, they bat around the ball for fun, dip and a sense that they are keeping alive a tradi-

tion that held deep religious meaning for their ancestors.

"It's to save the game," said Alberto "Beto" Garcia, a cook best-known to the guests as the guy who comes out of the kitchen in a hairnet to check whether they are enjoying the breakfast buffet.

The ball about the size of a volleyball, is made of bound rags or another material, sometimes roots or plant fronds. It is then doused in diesel fuel, which keeps it burning, although the two balls used in the game were watched disintegrated spectacularly after about 20 minutes each.

The game is just one form of the tlachtli ball games that abounded in Mexico at the time of the Spanish conquest.

An Internet check suggested that the Purupucha game can have different forms. The Mexican Federation of Autochthonic Sports and Games lists "Purupucha light ball" as one of 59 known pre-Hispanic sports. When Montreal was host of the 4th World Festival of Traditional Games and Sports in 2004, it listed "pelota purupucha (balls on fire thrown with the feet)" as one of the events.

## Hispanic Caucus supports far-reaching immigration reform

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Hispanic Caucus, a volunteer organization, has come out in strong support of comprehensive immigration reform.

"The Idaho Hispanic Caucus recognizes that our current immigration system is not working and should reflect our nation's values of family, hard work and fairness."

Comprehensive immigration reform should emphasize our principles by creating a path to citizenship for undocumented workers, our economy depends on, by ensuring workers' rights, reunifying families, restoring civil liberties, protecting refugees and by offering opportunities for safe future migration for hard working immigrants and their families," said Maria Gonzalez Mabbitt, Board chairman.

The Caucus reports that its mission is to promote the political empowerment of Idaho Hispanics through leadership, advocacy, communication and coordination to achieve justice and equality.

During the 2005 Latino Leadership Summit, the Caucus identified six priority issues to address in its future

work: Education, immigration and human rights, health, employment, social violence and access to services.

"The Idaho Hispanic Caucus believes that comprehensive immigration reform is needed which recognizes the value immigrants bring to our society and which benefits all Americans. We need comprehensive immigration reform that has the potential to open pathways not only for immigrants but for all community members, whose hard work, secure, stable, integrated society rests in creating a fairer, safer, and orderly system," Gonzalez Mabbitt said.

The Idaho Hispanic Caucus was formed in 1991 and incorporated in 1992 as a private, nonprofit political organization.

"We invite other individuals and organizations to support comprehensive immigration reform. The IHC will coordinate action on this issue with other organizations and individuals already working on this issue," Gonzalez Mabbitt said.

For more information, call (208) 230-2416.

## Report: Immigrants now 12.1 percent of population

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Immigration flows into the United States have reached historic highs over the last five years, according to a recent report by the Center for Immigration Studies.

Basing its findings on a March population survey by the Census Bureau, the center found the percentage of immigrants to the overall population is at its highest level in eight decades. Immigrants account for 12.1 percent of the total U.S. population, compared with 4.7 percent in 1970.

The center — a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that supports tougher enforcement of immigration laws and increased deportations — said nearly half the immigrants who came to the United States over the last five years crossed into the country illegally, on boats and rafts, or trekking across treacherous desert passages north of Mexico.

Lawmakers will debate hotly contested immigration legislation in coming weeks, including a border security bill expected

to go to a House vote today. Critics, meanwhile, referred to the report as a scare tactic, meant to play into the hands of conservatives seeking much more restrictive policies.

Immigration has grown into an awkward but pressing political issue amid conservatives' calls for tighter controls and more protections for low-skilled American workers.

"It means a lot more jobs competition, and that's not all bad," said Steven Camarota, the report's author, of the rising numbers of immigrants. "But our fellow Americans who have less education take it on the chin."

Camarota notes in the report that 31 percent of adult immigrants have not completed high school, more than three times the rate for native-born citizens. Immigrant-headed households are also more likely to rely on welfare, the report found.

The study found Florida still ranks fourth in the United States for the size of its foreign-born population. Only New York, New Jersey and California have more foreign-born residents overall.



This photo taken off the coast of San Diego, Calif., shows the single layer border fence with Borderfield State Park, Calif., on the left, and Tijuana, Mexico, on the right.

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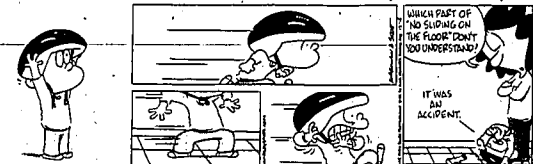
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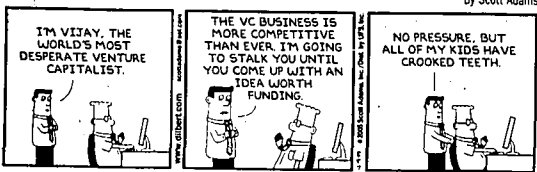
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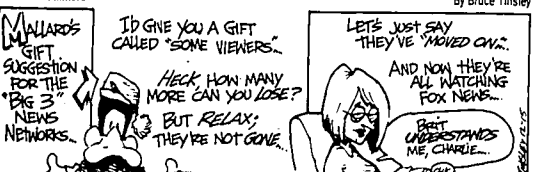
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# Set sights on success, Aquarius

IF DEC. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: What is most important to you may be transformed during the year ahead. An important change of heart can force you to seek greener pastures where work and career are concerned. You may feel as though you are cleaning your cosmic clothes as you abandon old habits and routines. Keep an eye out for a lucrative opportunity in September or a chance to create permanent improvements in your life. In late October avoid major decisions or initiatives, as there may be an unforeseen drawback to your plans.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Be an eager beaver. Whether it is business or pleasure you are full of enthusiasm and a delightful companion. In love you can boldly make the first move and win someone's heart.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Party animals might be on the prowl. Flirtatious glances could reveal underlying passions. Get down to the nitty-gritty with a significant other and explore shared feelings and desires.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Today's full moon could light up relationships and show you exactly what is of primary importance to a loved one or

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business partner. Don't let little power struggles spoil holiday cheer.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Benefit from an intense sense of purpose. A full moon lights up your ambition. Wrap up job related projects and take care of essential details so that you can enjoy free time over the holidays.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A big gamble could produce a show-down. Powerful celestial alignments may help you to pinpoint what truly brings happiness. Listen to your heart and be sure to do the most honorable thing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get an "A" for effort. An intense desire to improve your circumstances may be on the agenda. Responsibilities at home may be the motivating factor behind a renewed sense of purpose.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Hang some mistletoe. Never miss an opportunity to show off your seductive moves. Financial matters take center stage and, you may wish to re-

examine your portfolio of investments.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Go to the head of the class. You are in command of any important situation and can lead others to success. Poor timing or a lack of principles could be a whammy moment egg.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Do the right thing. Today's full moon may bring relationship matters to a head. Recent disclosures may cause you to ponder cosmic truths and search your soul for answers.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may lose a battle but win the war. Moral victories may come at a price. Determination will give you the edge where career or work is concerned. Enjoy playfulness with friends.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Draw a bead on success. Reckless determination is the best way to climb the ladder of success and win acclaim. If you know what you want to achieve it is easier to obtain it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Revelations and discoveries are likely to alter your attitude. Maintain momentum and your passion to succeed will bring you some eventual kudos. Don't overlook family obligations.



# Dad gets a dressing-down for parading around nude



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

daughters. Can I say one word here? Bathroom! — PAUL IN FAIRBORN, OHIO

**DEAR ABBY:** You should have advised "Disgusted" to tell her daughter to try once more to calmly and intelligently reason with her husband. And if that doesn't do the trick, the daughter should inform her mother-in-law about his behavior.

One call from his mother, and I'll bet the practice would stop!

—VIVIAN IN MASSACHUSETTS

**DEAR ABBY:** I'd get a video camera and film him without his knowledge. Then, when his family comes to visit over the holidays, I'd announce that I have a "special home video" to show.

Maybe when everyone has seen him like that, her husband will make an appointment with a surgeon to have those hemorrhoids removed.

—BERNIE IN AVLETT, VA.

**DEAR ABBY:** I had a small problem with my husband and son. Every night they'd come to the dinner table and eat their meal shirtless. Finally, I decided I'd had enough — so I calmly took off my shirt and proceeded to eat my meal. (They got the message!) — DAWNELLE IN ALTUS, OKLA.

are probably so used to it by now they think nothing of it. I suspect this is a power struggle between the husband and wife, and it's none of the mother-in-law's business.

—DISGUSTED IN CANADA

**DEAR ABBY:** The father's actions are criminal. He's sexually abusing the eyes and emotions of those unwilling witnesses. The wife and mother-in-law should document the times and dates of these assaults. With that documentation they can force Dad into therapy long enough to root out the evil beginnings of this perverse behavior.

—PSYCHIOTHERAPIST FROM NEW JERSEY

**DEAR ABBY:** I am European. For us, it is completely normal to see our parents naked. There is nothing abnormal or wrong about it.

—YASMINE (U.S. AIR FORCE)

**DEAR ABBY:** I almost spewed my coffee when I saw the letter about the guy letting his hemorrhoids air-dry in front of his

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter about the man who parades around naked in front of his daughters after his shower prompts my letter. His stated reason is he claims he's hot and needs to air-dry his hemorrhoids. Well, my advice for him is to wrap a towel around his waist, go straight to his bedroom, shut the door and do his "nirving" there. Then if he wants, he can stand on his head and air-dry them as long as he darn well pleases. When he's done, he can get dressed and join the family. And if this doesn't please him, send him to a shrink.

—SIMPLE SOLUTION, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

**DEAR SIMPLE:** The mail that pointed in regarding that letter — and scolding me for my light-hearted answer — was all over the map on this subject. Your solution is a good one. But read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** My father also did that, and I turned out just fine. I'm female, 37, happily married with no emotional scars.

Unless the wife has reason to think he's a predator, she should relax. Americans — and I am one — are far too hung up on nudity.

—BETTINA IN CROSSVILLE, TENN.

**DEAR ABBY:** Only people with dirty minds equate nudity (especially that of a family member) with sex. Those girls

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drain the water away, you can add the tiny frozen bubbles to ink and print it onto paper. When you scratch the printed spot, you break enough of the bubbles to release scent.

A study found that computers release 47 different chemicals as gas, most notably volatile hydrocarbons from adhesives. What, you thought that stench was seeping in through the Internet?

There are 120,000 children waiting to be adopted in the United States. Two out of three of them have been in foster homes for more than two months.

Americans drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year.

In the first 11 months of this year, reports the Homeland Security Department, airport screeners in the United States confiscated 3,041,218 sharp objects, 8,124,525 lighters, 1,650,894 knives, 819,450 tools, 19,499 box cutters, and 19,183 things that could be used as clubs, bats and bludgeons. We feel safer already.

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## Bandleader Glenn Miller vanished today in 1944

This day in history: On Dec. 15, 1944, bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared in a plane over the English Channel on his way to perform in Paris with the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. Evidence has surfaced that his plane may have been hit by Allied bombers dumping munitions into the channel after an aborted air raid.

The fastest land insect, the cockroach, can run about a foot per second. That's less than two miles per hour. Yeah, it seems a lot faster to us, too.

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## Suspects leave their pictures with police

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP) — Police in California say they had a lot of help nabbing a pair of car theft suspects — from the suspects themselves.

The men left behind not only fingerprints, but also photos of themselves sitting inside and standing outside the stolen 2001 Ford Mustang, police said.

The photos were taken with a disposable camera the suspects found in the Mustang, which they left behind when they abandoned the car.

"These are not the brightest people," said Carl Baker, a Redlands police department spokesman.

The fingerprints and photos led police to the Redlands home of Albert Engelsman on Friday. Police say he was wearing the same shirt he had on in the photographs.

"Once he was confronted with this evidence, he pretty much realized he was done in," Baker said.

Engelsman, 28, was charged with grand theft auto and possession of stolen property. Baker said. He is free on bail.

An arrest warrant on the same charges has been issued for his alleged accomplice, Matthew Montanez, 22, of Bialto, Baker said.

Both men have unlisted telephone numbers.

Bootle Balley

By Mort Walker



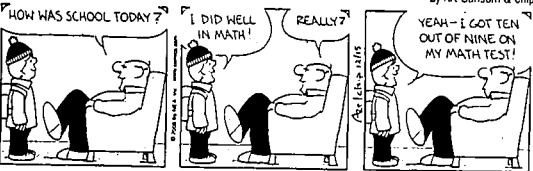
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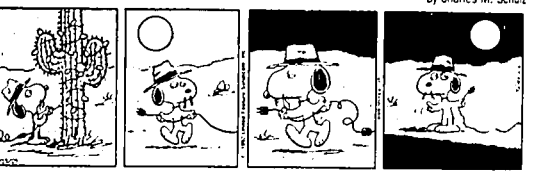
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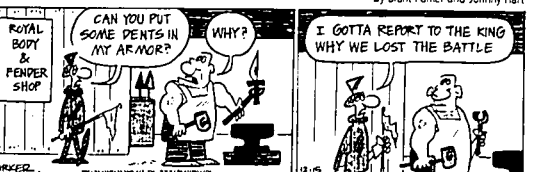
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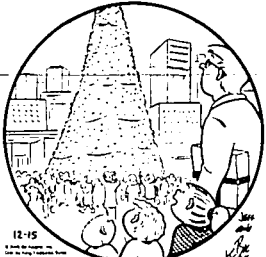
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# Uncle Tom's Cabin up for sale

Landmark was model for Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel

By Marc Fisher  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "Uncle Tom's Cabin" summons visions of racial brutality in another place and time. But Uncle Tom's Cabin stands today in Rockville, Md., shaded by a row of trees from the specificity that is Old Georgetown Road.

And the property is for sale. Its owner, Hildegard Mallet-Prevost, died in September at 100, and her family is selling the three-bedroom colonial (literally with the attached log cabin that was once home to Josiah Henson the slave whose 1849 autobiography was the model for Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin").

A century and a half later, an Uncle Tom has come to mean a black man who obsequiously seeks white approval or betrays his race. But the cabin is also a symbol of the strength and savvy that enabled Henson to rise from slavery to build a pioneering life of learning and achievement.

The cabin, where Henson lived during the time in which Stowe's novel takes place, served for many years as the home office for Marcel Mallet-Prevost, Hildegard's husband and a lawyer for the National Labor Relations Board who died in 2000. Their son Greg showed me around, pointing out the oak beams below, still covered in bark, the broad floorboards, probably original to the plantation house; the bedroom where he slept when he was home from college.

"My parents were history people," Greg said. "They accommodated anyone who wanted to take pictures of the outside, and people came by constantly, but my parents wanted to be left alone on the inside."

As a result, few historians have been inside the cabin. Those I spoke with could hardly contain their excitement. "This house basically fell between the cracks," said Judy Christensen, a historian who is preservation planner for the city of Rockville. "It's a site of national importance."

Planners for Montgomery County and Heritage Montgomery county's history and tourism agency, are trying to raise money to make a bid on the house, which is on Montgomery's list of historic sites. The cabin has not made it to the National Register of Historic Places because, as Greg put it, "my father felt it was his right to decide if it was historic."

Josiah Henson was born in Charles County, Md., in 1789. One of his first memories, he wrote in his autobiography, was the sight of his father "with his head bloodied and his back lacerated." The father had received a hundred lashes and had his right ear cut off for beating the white overseer who had brutally assaulted Josiah's mother. When the master of that Southern Maryland plantation sold off Josiah's family, scattering his parents and siblings to the highest bidders, Josiah and his mother ended up in Montgomery on a 3,700-acre plantation owned by Isaac Riley.

There, Henson rose to become superintendent of the farm operation, in charge of



Greg Mallet-Prevost and his siblings, who own the property in Rockville, Md., and which the original "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is located, hope to sell to an institution that will open it to the public.



"Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Rockville, Md., is for sale; the former slave quarters attached to a three-bedroom colonial now on the market was the home of Josiah Henson, a former slave whose 1849 autobiography was the basis for Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic novel.

production and sales at markets in Washington and Georgetown (then separate cities). As Henson wrote in "The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave," Riley was "quite incompetent to attend to the business himself. For many years I was his factotum, and supplied him with all his means for all his purposes, whether they were good or bad."

Riley's lousy business sense eventually landed him in big trouble. In 1825, the farmer arranged to send his slaves out of state so his creditors couldn't take them. Henson was put in charge of taking 18 slaves, his wife and two children to Riley's brother's farm in Kentucky. Henson wrote of leading his group through Ohio, a free state, where "we were frequently told that we were free, if we chose to be so. At Cincinnati, especially, the colored people gathered round us, and urged us with much importunity to remain with them: told us it was folly to go on."

By simply staying in Ohio, Henson could have lived relatively free, with no harm to anyone "except one whom we had none of us any reason to love, who had been guilty of cruelty and oppression to us all for many years."

Surely, Henson was tempted. "From my earliest recollection, freedom had been the object of my ambition," he wrote. "No other means of obtaining it, however, had occurred to me, but purchasing myself of my

master. The idea of running away was not one that I had ever indulged. I had a sentiment of honor on the subject."

Henson decided it would be wrong to run: "I had promised that man to take his property to Kentucky, and deposit it with his brother; and this, and this only, I resolved to do."

Henson's choice, as portrayed in Stowe's novel and the minstrel shows that kept Uncle Tom famous into the 20th century, morphed into a popular view of Uncle Tom as a traitor to his race. But many readers come away from both Henson and Stowe's books seeing the slave as a hero. "He is morally and intellectually superior to his white masters," said Christensen. "They're lazy where he is hardworking. He's true to his word where they are not. He rescues his master from debt and illness. At a time when people thought whites were superior in every way, here's a black man who proves himself capable and honest at every turn."

In Kentucky, Henson worked the farm, earned money as a preacher and saved toward traveling back to Rockville to buy his freedom. It is in the recounting of that return to Maryland that Henson describes the cabin that sits on Old Georgetown just south of Elden Lane: "At night was sent to such quarters as I had been accustomed to long enough, the cabin used for a kitchen, with its earth floor, its flint, and

its numerous occupants."

Today, with a fire crackling in that old kitchen, the cabin is toasty warm, a small, charming room in a house lovingly preserved by a family that cherishes history.

"My parents would have liked one of us three kids to keep the house, but it doesn't work with the way we conduct our lives," said Greg Mallet-Prevost. So his family hopes to sell to an institution that will open the place to the public. "The archeologists come through here and just go nuts," he said. "They see the dirt floor in the cellar, and it's like they're ready with their shovels."

Canada maintains Henson's house in Ontario as the home of Uncle Tom's Cabin, but Maryland historians say that title belongs here because this was Henson's home during the period Stowe describes. "This is where he lived as a slave," said Gwen Wright, acting chief of the county planning division. "This is really it."

The property on an acre of land, is listed for \$990,000, a relative bargain considering the McManis house now popping up nearby. The neighborhood was built in the 1940s on 500 acres of the Riley plantation.

Henson's return to Rockville ended badly. Riley stole his hard-won savings and reneged on his deal for Henson's liberty. In 1830, Henson and his family made for the border. For six weeks, they traveled by night through Ohio and New York, aided by sympathetic farmers and watermen along the Underground Railroad.

They made it to Canada, where Henson found work and a cabin on a farm. The farmer sent Josiah's son Tom to school, and the boy taught his father to read.

"The natural tendency of slavery is to convert the master into a tyrant, and the slave into the cringing, treacherous, false, and thieving victim of tyranny," Henson wrote in 1849.

But in Canada, Henson found a way out of those enervating tentacles. He wrote his book, lectured on abolition and, with other escaped slaves, started his own farm. Together, the former slaves created a settlement, with a school, in a town they named Dawn.

# Air marshals to expand work to trains, buses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of a plan to send undercover air marshals to patrol trains, buses and ferries say it will take scarce resources away from airplanes and get in the way of local police.

The Transportation Security Administration, in a little-noticed announcement on Tuesday, said teams of air marshals would begin counterterrorism surveillance on land as part of a small test program that also involves bomb-sniffing dogs and transit inspectors.

Beginning Wednesday, the teams were going out for three days at a bus station in Houston and at rail facilities in Baltimore, Washington, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Philadelphia.

Just hours before, the undercover marshals arrived, Philadelphia police were told about the patrols for the local transit system, according to Rep. Allyson Schwartz, D-Pa.

Schwartz, who was briefed by Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority law enforcement officials, said the TSA's failure to give advance warning was unacceptable.

"They said, 'We're coming in,'" Schwartz said. "They should at least have come in and said, 'How will it work best? Who do we call? How should we handle this?'"

TSA spokeswoman Yolanda Clark said the project was planned carefully and that local and transit police were notified about it last week.

James Canafano, a senior fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation, said the point of the exercise was to figure out how federal counterterrorism officials could work with local police if terrorists threatened to attack transportation targets other than airplanes.

"These are pilot projects designed to figure out how you do this," Canafano said.

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# Three children, man dies in trailer fire

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Flames engulfed a mobile home in a suburb west of Phoenix early Wednesday, killing an infant, two other children and a man, police said.

The children's mother discovered the fire when she returned home shortly after 1 a.m., said Mike Telfer, a spokesman for the Peoria Police Department.

The man killed was the woman's boyfriend and the father of the two youngest children.

Apparently, when the gas backed up the house and found the man on fire, she tried to break

a window to get in to the kids and had suffered some minor cuts to one of her arms," Telfer said.

The woman was treated at a local hospital, he said. The trailer was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, Telfer said. Officials said it was too early to determine the cause of the blaze.

Neighbor Susan Wallis said she woke up to popping sounds, got up to look and saw flames through the trailer's windows. She mother, Jessie Salas, 32, pulled up to about the same time, she said.

"She pulled up and started honking her horn, screaming 'my babies are in there,'" Wallis said. "She was running around, hitting all the windows, trying anything she could to wake them up."

Wallis said she tried to get into the trailer but failed, and the smoke hit me in the face," Wallis said. "There was no way I could get in."

The children were identified as Gabriel Sartan Salas, a 9-month-old boy, brother Eban Sartan Salas, 6, and their sister, Alexis Salas, 9.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Wal-Mart boosting presence

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. boosted its presence in Latin America on Wednesday...

Winnabego profits fall by 26 percent

DES MOINES, Iowa — Winnabego Industries Inc., one of the nation's largest motor-home makers, on Wednesday reported its fiscal first-quarter profit fell almost 26 percent...

Merc seeking stake in Nymex

CHICAGO — The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, flush with about \$630 million in cash, is expected within days to beat out a private equity firm with an offer to buy 10 percent of the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Greenspan: World living standards rising

WASHINGTON — The spread of free markets is driving the world's living standards higher, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday.

Diarrhea vaccine nearing market

WASHINGTON — A vaccine against a virus that hospitalizes thousands of children in the U.S. with diarrhea and kills millions of developing countries moved a step closer to the U.S. market on Wednesday.

DuPont will pay millions in fines

DOVER, Del. — DuPont Co. has agreed to pay \$120.25 million in fines and \$6.25 million for environmental projects to settle allegations by the Environmental Protection Agency that the company hid information about the dangers of a toxic chemical used to make the nonstick coating Teflon.

U.S. trade deficit hits all-time high

By Marlin Crutinger Associated Press writer. WASHINGTON — A surge in oil imports and a flood of Chinese televisions, toys and computers helped to drive the U.S. trade deficit to an all-time high in October.

gap between what America sells overseas and what it imports rose by 4.4 percent to \$68.9 billion, surpassing the record of \$66 billion set in September.

omment is certain to increase protectionist pressures in Congress, with many lawmakers already unhappy with the Bush administration's trade policies.

turn to overseas suppliers. Nigel Gaul, an economist at Global Insight, a forecasting firm in Lexington, Mass., said the sharp deterioration in the deficit would shave about 1.1 percentage points from economic growth in the final three months of the year.

year's trade deficit would reach \$730 billion, compared with the record of \$617.6 billion last year. He predicted next year's deficit would be an even worse \$760 billion, before the deficit finally begins to improve in 2007.

Charitable outpouring could break record nationally

Local agencies worried about meeting local needs

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even after the outpouring of donations for the Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, holiday giving is robust this season and 2005 could well set an overall record, U.S. charity officials are reporting.

To give locally

Salvation Army: To volunteer for bell ringing call 733-8720, ask for Becky. Donations can be dropped in kettles or mailed to PO. Box 166, Twin Falls, ID 83303. United Way of South Central Idaho: Mail donations to PO. Box 65, Twin Falls, 83302, call 733-4922 or go to www.unitedwaysci.org.

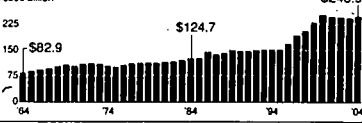


Red Cross volunteer Larry Walsh, right, comforts John Publica, left, after giving him some food near his destroyed home in Duraz, La., in this November file photo.

U.S. charity record set last year

In 2004, U.S. charitable giving totaled a record \$248.5 billion. That figure could be surpassed in 2005.

U.S. charitable giving, inflation adjusted, 1964-2004



SOURCE: Giving USA Foundation

"Even without Katrina, it's the nature of our business to be concerned until we see the numbers come in," he said. "We know a lot of our donors have sent funds to south (disaster assistance) ... We're expecting that to have some impact."

The local United Way is supporting 19 groups and have one anti-domestic abuse agency applying for funds, said Bruce. The groups include senior centers, youth development programs like the Boys and Girls Club, and those helping vulnerable families in the area.

In Omaha, Neb., the Salvation Army branch says it is running slightly ahead of last year's pace in seeking a record \$2.2 million for its holiday campaign — coincidentally the same amount the Army raised in Omaha in response to Katrina.

The holiday funds assist hometown poor with heating bills and provide them with mittens and winter hats.

"We had some donors say they couldn't afford to give much at the end of year because of Katrina, but we also have new donors because of it — who saw we were doing good work," said spokeswoman Susan Eustice.

The Salvation Army was among several national charities raising more in response to this year's hurricanes than for any previous disaster — \$295 million compared to \$86 million after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Catholic Charities has received \$133 million for hurricane relief, compared to \$32 million for Sept. 11.

All such figures were dwarfed by the hurricane relief fund of the American

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Niche cells coming for just about everyone

By Bruce Meyerson Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When Ion Grauer sits down for dinner or settles in to watch Desperate Housewives, or just about any other show on TV, he's sure to have his trusty new cell phone at his side.

"It may sound strange, but I do use the phone when I'm watching TV," said Grauer, a self-described "sports nut" who maintains his own sports-themed Web site with scores and news (as well as a link devoted to the singer Neil Diamond). "You don't want to take your attention too much away from the TV. You just want to get updates."

Ana Maria Ramirez, instead of signing up with her husband's cell company, bought a mobile phone from Movida, which caters to the nation's fast-growing Hispanic population.

service works. "And then I called again because I didn't understand how to send text messages. They were very patient, and they explained it very, very well."

Movida and Mobile ESPN are among the earliest of a new wave of specialized cellular brands expected to hit the market over the next year. These players say they'll win customers by catering to the customized interests or needs of distinct audiences who are underserved by the all-things-to-all-people approach of the major wireless carriers.

There's "Amp'd Mobile," expected to go live this month with an eye on the youth market, and Hello, which plans to launch by mid-2006 aimed at more affluent young adults. For members of the even younger set and their parents, ESPN parent Walt Disney Co. is planning a Disney cellular brand. Content such as music and video games all figure prominently in these plans, but few specifics have been disclosed.

Another service named Primus Wireless specializes in cheap overseas calls for immigrants. On the other end of the spectrum, a planned service called Voce is going for a luxury clientele with high-priced phones



Paul Marjuchin, a controller for Credit Suisse First Boston, holds his Mobile ESPN branded cell phone in New York on Tuesday.

New Mexico governor: Spaceport to transform state economy

More information released Wednesday

By Deborah Baker Associated Press writer

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson says a \$225 million spaceport the state will build for British entrepreneur Richard Branson's space-tourism venture is an investment that "will transform the economy in southern New Mexico."

The governor said he plans to ask Congress to allocate in January for \$100 million — to be generated from severance tax bonds — over three years to pay for spaceport infrastructure such as runways, roads, power lines, launch pads, a weather station and water and sewer systems.

"This investment in economic development and high-wage jobs will create a new industry that will transform the economy in southern New Mexico," the governor said.

Branson earlier announced in London that the spaceport in southern New Mexico will be the headquarters of his Virgin Galactic venture. Richardson and Branson released a joint statement of the venture in New Mexico news conferences Wednesday.

"We're about to embark on a wonderful adventure. ... We're going where no one has gone before. There's no model to follow; nothing to copy," Branson said.

Virgin Galactic officials said 100 people already have paid \$200,000 each to make the trip into space on flights that could begin as early as three years from now. They include actress Victoria Principal, who called it "an opportunity of a lifetime."

The company likely would launch 50 or 60 test flights before it began taking paying passengers, the officials said. Passengers will be 2.5 hours with about six minutes of weightlessness, during which tethered passengers will be able to leave their seats and float around while viewing the Earth through huge windows.

The company hopes to send 50,000 customers into space in the first 10 years of operation. It will be required to make the trip into space on flights that could begin as early as three years from now. They include actress Victoria Principal, who called it "an opportunity of a lifetime."

The state funding — \$13 million in 2006 and 2007 and \$14 million in 2008 — would be released as specific milestones are met. The state also would contribute an additional \$35 million, leaving \$90 million of the \$225 million to be raised from the federal government and local communities.

"We're in southern New Mexico looking at a new local option space receipts taxes for their share, said state economic Development Secretary Rick Homans. He said building the spaceport would send its initial flights up from Mojave, Calif.

Branson — a colorful billionaire tycoon whose Virgin Group began as a record label — formed Virgin Galactic after SpaceShipOne, designed by Burt Rutan and funded by Microsoft Corp. co-founder Paul Allen, became the first privately made rocket to reach space last year. Rutan is building five spacecraft for Virgin Galactic.

MONEY

Honeywell helps Dow, but Apple drags Nasdaq down

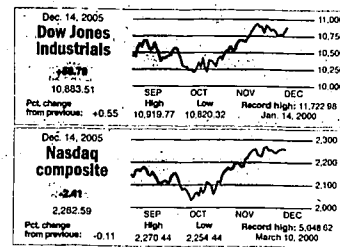
NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed mixed Wednesday as strong energy stocks and a strong advance by Honeywell International Inc. sent the Dow Jones industrial higher, but downgrades of Apple Computer Inc. dragged the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite lower.

The Dow got a lift from Honeywell, which rose by as much as 5.8 percent after it issued 2006-earnings guidance in line with Wall Street's expectations. Pharmaceutical stocks also rose with Pfizer Inc., which announced a 26 percent dividend increase.

"Big stocks are finally capturing more attention," said Philip S. Dow, managing director of equity strategy at RBC Dain Rauscher in Minneapolis. "A recent upward revision in the nation's gross domestic product, along with a positive outlook from General Electric Tuesday and Honeywell's guidance Wednesday are all things that say America is not lost its fall."

The Dow rose 59.79, or 0.55 percent, to 10,883.51. Dow Jones stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.31, or 0.42 percent, to 1,272.74, hitting a four-year high. The Nasdaq fell 2.27, or 0.11 percent, to 2,662.59.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.45 percent from 4.52 percent last Tuesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies. Gold prices



Crude oil futures, gasoline and natural gas prices all settled lower following a surprisingly strong report from the Department of Energy. A barrel of light crude settled at \$60.85, down 52 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Just how great an effect energy prices could have was evidenced by the trade deficit, which rose to an all-time high in October as imports soared and the United States set records with China, Europe, Canada and Mexico.

\$1 for soda on American Eagle flights

can of soda and a bag of cashews on flights into and out of Los Angeles next month. "It's a test to see whether customers would like to buy a can of soda or a can of juice," said spokesman David Jackson.

Cell phones

Continued from E1 and services. And IDT Corp. recently launched T-Mobile, which is targeting the Spanish-speaking community like Movida, a unit of the Cisneros Group.

In all, JupiterResearch counts roughly three dozen niche wireless plays that have been launched or announced in the United States alone.

Some of these companies operate their own wireless networks, though a handful are fully or partially owned by big telecom companies. Instead, they all rely on the big operators to connect to the same wireless towers as the national brands.

Sprint Nextel Corp. is the biggest carrier of traffic from the United States alone. It has more than 20 other brands with a combined 4.6 million subscribers. That doesn't include nearly 2 million customers of the company's wholly owned Boost Mobile brand.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Last, High, Low, and Change.

MARKET SUMMARY

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

INDEXES

Table showing 52-Week High, Low, and YTD % Change for various market indices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Price, and Change.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various commodities like Soybean, Corn, Wheat, etc.

BEANS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various bean types like Soybean, etc.

GRAINS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various grain types like Wheat, Corn, etc.

POTCATOES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists potato prices.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists sugar prices.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists livestock prices like cattle, hogs, etc.

MARKETS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various market commodities.

CHEESE

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists cheese prices.

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LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists livestock prices like cattle, hogs, etc.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

This is a list of unclaimed property of more than \$100 belonging to people in the zip codes 83318 and 83338. Lists names and addresses.

Fossil Fuels

Future trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists oil, natural gas, etc.

Light Sweet Crude

Future trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Lists oil prices.

Wheat

Future trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists wheat prices.

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Alberta Anderson, 183 South 200 West, Richland, UT 84303. Other names and addresses.

Jerome

Celestino Albarado, RT #1 Box 4704, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

Arthur L Anderson, 427 W 7th Street, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

Ed Evans, 1934 Overland Ave, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

John Fox, 1200 Dennis Circle, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

Pat Garner, 1416 Main St #3, Jerome, ID 83438.

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Ma Hogb, 1634 Burton Ave, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

Anna C Hutchison, 1559 Burton Ave, Jerome, ID 83438.

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Travis Dean Ingram, 437 S 50 W, Jerome, ID 83438.

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Kerthz Klen Kays, 100 East Main Street, Jerome, ID 83438.

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William Kendall, 464 E 200 S, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

Robert Cooper, 1417 1/2 Main Street, Jerome, ID 83438.

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Larry Chris Auto Body Inc, 130 Dennis Circle, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

Vicki Larsen, 1427 Miller Ave, Jerome, ID 83438.

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Wesley, 1025 S 17th St, Jerome, ID 83438.

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Robert Cooper, 1417 1/2 Main Street, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

D Nelson, 521 West 18th Street, Jerome, ID 83438.

Jerome

David S. Daniel, 364-217 N. Main Street, Jerome, ID 83438.

Charitable

Continued from E1. Red Cross, which has surpassed \$1.8 billion - a record for any U.S. charity for a specific disaster campaign.

Matthew Loebl, a vice president of development for the Red Cross, said Wednesday that some of the charity's chapters in hurricane-hit areas were facing shortfalls in regular donations, but the rest of the 805 chapters were reporting strong year-end giving.

"We're definitely hearing of sizable individual gifts that wouldn't have come otherwise," he said.

By Matt Loebl, charity experts are cautious. "This year could be a record year," said the Chronicle of Philanthropy's Stacy Palmer.

The question is how does 2008 gift giving see people who made million-dollar gifts to get the tax break may not so willing to give next year?"

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table with columns: Fund Name, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various mutual funds like Vanguard, Fidelity, etc.

Advertisement for A.G. Edwards, Inc. featuring a bird logo and the text 'DON'T LET YOUR NEXT EGG GET AWAY FROM YOU.' Includes address: 1435 Fillmore Street, Twin Falls, Idaho.



# COMMUNITY

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## Bake sale supports care center

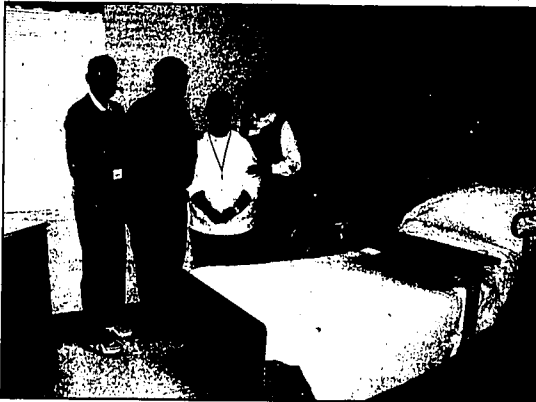
## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**BURLEY** — Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center volunteers, headed by Joyce Heinze, are planning a bake and craft sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the lobby of the center, 2033 Parke Ave.

Candy, cakes, cookies and other baked goods will be available. In addition, there will be hand-crafted items, including quilts. Raffle tickets will be sold for a Christmas quilt and other items.

To contribute items to the sale, call Heinze at the snack bar, 677-3073 or at home 679-0427 or bring them to the snack bar between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. any week day.

To join the volunteers, call Heinze. Hours, days and activities are flexible. All income from volunteers' fundraisers go back into items for the patients of the center, a nonprofit facility. Volunteers recently purchased four new electric beds for the patients. The volunteers also earn money from the snack bar and gift shop, bake and craft sales and an annual yard sale. Their next project is to make the Lena Martsch Memorial Rose Garden handicapped accessible and install a light on the flag pole.



Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center volunteers recently purchased four new electric beds for patients at the center. From left are Dale Pierce, Mel Heinze, Joyce Helnze, Leah Beck, Norma Cunningham, Carolyn Taylor, Sally Christian and Dahris Hanks.

### Santa visits Shoshone Library on Saturday

**SHOSHONE** — Santa Claus is visiting the Shoshone Library, 209 S. Rail St. W., from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Clicken Little" will also be shown for free at the Shoshone Theatre at 2 p.m. For more information, call the library at 886-2846.

### Santa also will visit the Burley Public Library

**BURLEY** — Santa will visit the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., for story hour on Friday.

He will arrive from the North Pole at 10:30 a.m. and read stories to the children. This is for all pre-7-year-old children.

For more information, call 678-7708.

### Santa announces hours in Rupert, Burley

**RUPERT** — Santa will visit his house on the Rupert Square from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

There is a mailbox for letters from children. If they want a return letter, make sure their name and address is included.

In Burley, Santa will stop by his house from 1 to 4 p.m. in front of the Cassia County Court House on Overland Avenue.

### Wendell man will celebrate 90th birthday

**WENDELL** — James Porter Lynch Sr. will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday.

Lynch was born Dec. 16, 1915, in Ethel, Mo., to Erskine and Ieta Ann Burns Lynch. They moved to Buhl in 1929, where he grew up on a farm and attended



James Lynch Sr.

Buhl schools. He joined the Navy in September 1937, and traveled to Ecuador, Panama Canal, Cuba, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Africa and Hawaii. On Aug. 28, 1943, he married Dorothy Pearl Holmes Lynch in Elko, Nev. They lived in Buhl, Washington and Wendell. She died on July 27, 2003.

Lynch worked as a mechanic for Andy and Bob's Motor and was a volunteer fireman for many years in Buhl. In 1964, they moved to Wendell where he worked as a mechanic for Zilaw Motors until he retired. He enjoys fishing, hunting

and camping. His children are James P. Lynch Jr., Donna, Buhl, Judy (Gary) Joyce of Twin Falls and Vickie (Randy) Martin of Shelo. He has 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters. Letters and cards can be sent to him at R.O. Box 573, Wendell, ID 83355.

### Buhl school choirs present holiday concert

**BUHL** — The Buhl Middle and High School choirs are presenting a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Monday in the new Buhl High School Auditorium, No. 1 Indian Territory.

There is a suggested donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens of \$5 per family.

For more information, call the high school at 543-8262.

### Jerome Optimist Club seeks Coats for Kids

**JEROME** — The Jerome Optimist Club is holding its annual Coats for Kids drive.

Drop off barrels are located at Kwik Service, Ridley's and Wal-Mart.

All coats are welcome. Repairs and washing will be provided by the club and students from Jerome High School.

For more information or to receive a coat, call Sheriff at 324-4953.

### Potter store throws ornament painting party

**TWIN FALLS** — Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., is hosting an ornament painting, milk and cookies party with Santa Claus from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The cost is \$5, plus tax per child. Ornaments and photos will be ready for pickup on Dec. 23.

For more information or reservations, call 736-4475.

### CSI offers class on weightlifting for women

**BUHL** — The College of Southern Idaho is offering a strength training class for women.

"Ladies Weightlifting on the West Side" will meet from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Jan. 2 through May 31, at the Buhl High School, No. 1 Indian Territory. The cost is \$100.

Students will learn exercises to improve muscle tone using circuit training with free weights and machines. For more information or to register, call 732-6288.

## MADRIGALS



The College of Southern Idaho Madrigals will perform at the Magic Valley Mall center court at 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday, 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 22, and 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 23. Members are, from left to right, Jenni Jones, Courtney Loftus, David Ketchum, Paul Young, Hannah Moses, Shea Larson and Tyler Thornton.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Port of Hope grateful for generosity, donations

Merry Christmas Magic Valley. I wanted to thank the people of Magic Valley for being so generous to us as the Port of Hope over the past year.

We are still in need, as we only exist on donations only. This Christmas season we are in need of laundry soap, shampoo, fresh fruit and, of course, we always need cookies and candy. We get no state funding, so what the people pay us for rent is how we get by. Most of the people here have no family members around, so we would be so grateful if the community would help us out again.

Thank you, **KAREN BACH** Manager Port of Hope Twin Falls

### Turkey shoot helps support young people

We would like to give thanks to the following businesses and organizations for helping the Twin Falls Optimist Club with the 20th annual Wynne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot. The Twin Falls Gun Club in its generous help and support every year and Red's Trading Post for the donations of the guns for the raffle.

We would also like to thank all the people who attended the event on Nov. 20. The money raised from this event will help the Optimists in their various

youth projects, including the Childhood Cancer Campaign, Coats for Kids, Respect for Law Week, Youth Appreciation Week, Easter egg hunt and the Youth Support Services helping any youth that is in need.

Thank you, **DENNIS J. BOWYER** JOHN HEAD Co-Chairmen Twin Falls

### Church appreciates Cantata coverage

On behalf of the Gooding United Methodist Fun and Fellowship Committee, I would like to thank Pat Marcantonio and The Times-News for the great coverage and articles you wrote on the Christmas Cantata.

We had good attendance and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us achieve the success of our program.

Thank you, **BEV HEUSTON** Chairman Fun and Fellowship Committee United Methodist Church Gooding

### Thanks for the scores of donated turkeys

All of us at Mix 103 radio station would like to say thank you, Magic Valley and South Central Community Action Partnership for all of your dedication, hard work and compassion for making "60 Hours to Fight Hunger" a huge success.

We received 1,600 turkeys this year for families here in the

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. To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

Magic Valley's eight-county region so that they were able to sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner. There is no other community more generous than the Magic Valley. Just to be a part of this community brings joy and warms the heart, knowing people really do care.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the holidays brighter, and may we continue to make this a great community to live in.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday and a wonderful new year from everyone at Mix 103! **KENT LEE** **BRANDEN RATHER** **COLLEEN BELTRAN** Jerome

### 'Jungle Book' successful thanks to sponsors

On behalf of the Magic Valley Arts Council, I would like to thank the sponsors, participants and volunteers who made the recent Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Jungle

Book" a success.

Thank you to our generous sponsors who make it possible to offer the Missoula Children's Theatre at no charge to participants: Farmer's National Bank of Buhl, Dell Computer Corp., Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, Mike and Jan McBride, Lee Family Broadcasting (Mix 103) and the O'Leary Junior High School Parent Teacher Student Organization.

Special thanks to the Missoula Children's Theatre committee: Rebecca Smith, Larisa Alexander, Jennie Brizze and Julie Whitehead for all their hard work.

I would also like to thank Linda Bauer, Jeanette Baker, Every Blooming Thing, Tom Owens, Patty Rietveld and Paula Gooding at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

**CAROLYN WHITE** Program Director Magic Valley Arts Council Twin Falls

### Thanksgiving dinners made possible by volunteers

All of us at Alaska Best would like to thank the many volunteers and businesses for making our Thanksgiving Day dinner a huge success.

Also, thanks to the generous people who donated time and money and delivered meals.

We served approximately 300 meals with 110 being delivered.

Thank you all again, **RON AND DEB ANDERSON** **LEONARD AND BETTY MARTIN** Twin Falls

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Julia's Danceworks' Christmas Concert' 2005 will feature students from ages 3 to 18 performing ballet, pointe, lyrical, tap, jazz, hip hop and tumbling to Christmas songs. The program will be held at 7 p.m. today at the King Fine Arts Center. Admission is free. Advanced lyrical students practice their dance to "Breath of Heaven" for the program. Dancers include Brooklyn Draper, Samantha Folles, Lyndie Gerratt, Kelly Goodfellow, Alessa Robinson, Amy Walker, Mattie Washburn, Paige Washburn and Kasee Wooten.

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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 132 Fairfield St., P.O. Box 5827, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule.

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

PUBLISH: December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2005

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-05-5201  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of BEVERLY J. HACKNEY, aka BEVERLY BECKNER HACKNEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOE G. (JGR) HACKNEY, JR. has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) 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 at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court. STEPHEN, KVANNIG, STONE & TRAINOR By: Russell G. Kvanvig Attorneys for Personal Representative P.O. Box 83 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083 Telephone: 208-733-2721

PUBLISH: December 15, 22 and 29, 2005

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2005, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

**GREAT N.W. DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
C/O PAUL BEDORTHA  
Requests the annexation of 40 acres (±) with a zoning designation of R-2, currently zoned R-2, for property located at the southeast corner of Grandview Drive North and Federation Road. Any and all persons desiring to comment may do so and be heard at the appointed time. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7269. Persons needing special accommodations at a public hearing are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.  
/s/ Glenda Dwight, Mayor

PUBLISH: Thursday, December 15, 2005

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. CV05-5013  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR PUBLICATION  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of NORMA MCADAMS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that C. EARL MCADAMS has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) 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 at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court. STEPHEN, KVANNIG, STONE & TRAINOR By: Russell G. Kvanvig Attorneys for Personal Representative P.O. Box 83 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083 Telephone: 208-733-2721

PUBLISH: December 1, 8 and 15, 2005

## NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703 or received by mail at P. O. Box 7129, Boise, IDAHO 83707. ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock P.M. on the 18th day of January, 2006, for the work of upgrading guardrail US-20 MP 145.77 to MP 151.54. Call C. Summit to Timmerman, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. STP-2340103-01-Camas County, Key No. 09220.

THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION Department, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to the invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for award.

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the District Engineer at Shoshone, Idaho.

**NON-refundable charge of TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) plus applicable sales tax is made for each set of plans, payment to be made by check, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. Plans may be ordered by phone (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430; or by internet request to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034.**

**COMPUTERIZED BIDDING DISKETTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.** The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho. This proposal, when accompanied by an acceptable bid proposal, this quantity must be in the form of a Certified Check or a Cashier's Check drawn on an Idaho bank in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five percent of the total amount bid. Bidders shall obtain a license from the Idaho Public Works Contractors State License Association. The license fee shall be \$100.00. As provided in Subsection 103.02 and 107.03 of the Idaho Standard Specifications.

Bidders will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates of the general wage decision for the project, as set out in the bid proposal. Such rates will be made a part of the contract covering the project. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-219, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project.

It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be insisted upon. Dated December 7, 2005  
STEVE C. HUTCHINSON, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

PUBLISH: December 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2005

**ORDINANCE NO. 2844**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED, PROVIDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR, AND ADOPTING THE NECESSARY AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Twin Falls has made application for annexation of property located west of the 800 block of Grandview Drive North, and  
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing as required by law on the 25th day of October, 2005, to consider the Zoning Designation and necessary Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map amendment upon annexation of the real property below described, and  
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has made a recommendation to the City Council for Twin Falls, Idaho, and  
WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a public hearing as required by law on the 21st day of November, 2005, to consider the Zoning Designation and necessary Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map amendment upon annexation of the real property below described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, that the following described real property be and the same is hereby annexed into and declared to be a part of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho:

A parcel of land located in the NE ¼ of Section 7, Township 10, Range 10, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being more particularly described as follows:  
COMMENCING at the northeast corner of said Section 7, also a common corner with Sections 5, 6, and 8.  
THENCE South 00°29'07" West 1252.94 feet along the east boundary of said Section 7 to the centerline of Grandview Drive North to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE Continuing South 00°28'07" West 626.48 feet along centerline of Grandview Drive North to the southeast corner of Castlewood Subdivision Block 2 of Castlewood Subdivision.  
THENCE Continuing North 87°54'38" West 425.68 feet along the south boundary of Castlewood Subdivision also the north boundary of Carter Subdivision to the northwest corner of Lot 3, Block 2 of said Carter Subdivision.

THENCE North 00°29'00" East 25.00 feet to a point 25.00 feet north of northwest corner of Lot 3, Block 2 of said Carter Subdivision.  
THENCE North 87°54'38" West 842.90 feet parallel to the south boundary of Castlewood Subdivision to a point on the west boundary of said Castlewood Subdivision 25.00 feet north of the southwest corner of Lot 25, Block 3, Castlewood Subdivision.

THENCE North 00°12'42" East 509.78 feet along the west boundary of Castlewood Subdivision to the northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 4, Castlewood Subdivision.  
THENCE South 87°32'59" East 1311.91 feet along the north boundary of Castlewood Subdivision to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Containing 18.461 Acres

**SECTION 2.** That the real property described in Section 1 hereof be and the same is hereby zoned R-2.  
**SECTION 3.** That the Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, be and the same is hereby amended to reflect the newly incorporated real property as hereby zoned.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Clerk, upon the passage and publication of this Ordinance as required by law certify a copy of the same and deliver said certified copy to the County Recorder's office for indexing and recording.  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, November 21, 2005  
/s/ Mayor Glenda Dwight, December 8, 2005  
/s/ Deputy City Clerk, Jody Hall

PUBLISH: Thursday, December 15, 2005

Twin Falls County, Idaho  
ELECTION CALENDAR 2006

Pursuant to Idaho Code 84-1405, notice is hereby given that the following taxing district will be conducting candidate and/or special elections in Twin Falls County during calendar year 2006.

Name and Address of Taxing District	Election Date	Declaration of Candidates
Hansen Free Library District 120 West Maple, P. O. Box 150 Hansen, Idaho 83334	May 23, 2006	March 17, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Castelford Community District 700 W. Jefferson, P. O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0080	November 7, 2006	Normal at Primary Election or held as an independent candidate by 5:00 p.m. March 17, 2006
County Clerk's Office 425 Shoshone Street North, P. O. Box 126 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0126	May 23, 2006 November 7, 2006	Normal at Primary Election or held as an independent candidate by 5:00 p.m. March 17, 2006
College of Southern Idaho 315 Falls Avenue Twin Falls, Idaho 83301	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Castelford Community Recreation District P. O. Box 607 Castelford, Idaho 83321	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Filer Community Recreation District 2043 E. 4200 N. Filer, Idaho 83328	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District 1441 Filmore Street, Suite A Twin Falls, Idaho 83301	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Snake River Soil & Water Conservation District 1441 Filmore Street, Suite A Twin Falls, Idaho 83301	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Twin Falls Soil & Water Conservation District 1441 Filmore Street, Suite A Twin Falls, Idaho 83301	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.
Castelford Rural Fire Protection District 1441 Filmore Street, Suite A Castelford, Idaho 83321	November 7, 2006	Sept. 1, 2006 5:00 p.m.

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition of Candidacy (one combined form) forms are available at the respective taxing district offices listed above or at the County Clerk's office, Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Following districts have provisions which allow them not to conduct an election if only one candidate is nominated and will be holding the election at the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Following districts have provisions which allow them not to conduct an election if only one candidate is nominated and will be holding the election at the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

On March 14, 2006, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M. of said day at the front entrance of the Gooding County Courthouse, County of Gooding, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all that certain parcel of real property, situated in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Township 8 South, Range 14, East of the Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho  
COMMENCING at the East and West boundaries of the SE ¼ of said Section 3, from which the Northeast corner of said Section 3 bears North 00°02'26" West 2634.02 feet.  
THENCE North 89°01'32" East along the East boundary of said Section 3 for a distance of 3954.11 feet to the Southwest corner of the SE ¼ NW ¼ of said Section 3.  
THENCE North 00°04'31" East along the West boundary of said SE ¼ NW ¼ for a distance of 660.76 feet (meas. North 00°05'02" East 660.81 feet rec.) to the following described real property, situated in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:  
THENCE continuing North 00°04'31" East along West boundary of said SE ¼ NW ¼ for a distance of 660.76 feet more or less to the Northwest corner of the SE ¼ NW ¼.  
THENCE North 89°01'32" East along the East boundary of said Section 3 for a distance of 134.90 feet to the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ NW ¼.  
THENCE North 00°03'04" West for a distance of 660.94 feet.  
THENCE North 89°35'48" West for a distance of 881.09 feet (meas. North 89°35'14" West: 662.37 feet) to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**TOGETHER WITH:**  
An access and utility easement for the purpose of ingress, egress and utilities, said easement being located across a strip of land that is encompassed by the following described boundary:  
COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of the SE ¼ of said Section 3 and along the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE North 89°29'26" East along the East boundary of said SE ¼ NW ¼ for a distance of 24.00 feet.  
THENCE North 89°29'26" West along an existing fence line for a distance of 353.60 feet.  
THENCE North 89°04'04" West along an existing fence line for a distance of 515.87 feet.  
THENCE North 89°02'52" West along the existing fence line for a distance of 440.93 feet to the point on the West boundary of said SE ¼ NW ¼.  
THENCE North 89°34'03" West parallel with the North boundary of the SW ¼ NE ¼ of said Section 3 for a distance of 1320.29 feet to a point on the West boundary of said SW ¼ NE ¼.  
THENCE North 00°01'17" East along the West boundary of said SW ¼ NE ¼ for a distance of 15.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said SW ¼ NE ¼.  
THENCE South 89°34'03" East (meas. North 89°37'43" Northwest rec.) along the South boundary of the SW ¼ NE ¼ for a distance of 2640.58 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**AND TOGETHER WITH:**  
A 50.00-foot-wide access and utility easement for the purpose of ingress, egress and utilities, said easement being on, over, under and across a 50.00-foot-wide strip of land that is centered on the following described line:  
COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of the SE ¼ NW ¼ of said Section 3, Thence South 00°01'17" West along the East boundary of said SE ¼ NW ¼ for a distance of 25.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE North 89°36'43" East (meas. North 89°37'34" West rec.) parallel with the North boundary of the SE ¼ NW ¼ for a distance of 660.76 feet (meas. 662.36 rec.).  
THENCE South 00°03'04" West (meas. South 00°05'00" West rec.) for a distance of 185.44 feet.  
THENCE South 27°03'40" West (meas. South 27°08'56" West rec.) for a distance of 134.31 feet.  
THENCE North 26°49'51" East (meas. South 26°52'28" East rec.) for a distance of 124.90 feet.  
THENCE South 00°03'04" West (meas. South 0°45'30" West rec.) for a distance of 540.98 feet to the radius point of a circle having a radius of 50.00 feet, said radius point being the terminal point of the line and said circle; said circle shall be included as a part of the easement.

**AND SUBJECT TO:**  
All that part of the before described 50.00-foot-wide access and utility easement, including the circle described around, that falls within the boundaries of the before-described real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy all obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from Trustee, September, and October, 2005, and all subsequent months, to Land Title and Escrow, Inc., Trustee and Farmers National Bank, Beneficiary, dated March 5, 2004, recorded November 9, 2004, as Instrument No. 705227, records of Gooding County, Idaho, for which TitleFact, Inc. has been appointed Successor Trustee by Appointment recorded November 4, 2005, as Instrument No. 213734, in the records of Gooding County, Idaho.  
The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.  
Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:  
Accumulated deficiency in payments of \$914.65 per month, for the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October, 2005, and all subsequent months, to \$5,487.90. The balance owing as of the date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$28,459.16, plus 8% interest and foreclosure costs.  
Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005  
TITLEFACT, INC.  
By R. Todd Blass, Vice President

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MEDIUM #28

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-12.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Honkers Storage will sell contents of Unit #50 belonging to Charlie Amonta, last known address is 205 East F Street, Jerome, Idaho for payments due.

PUBLISH: December 8 and 15, 2005

**Case No. 31885**  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On March 21, 2006, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock PM of said day at the lobby of Trustee, 183 Park Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITELIFE, INC., an Idaho corporation, as successor Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable 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 TOWNE, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the final and amended plat thereof recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 7, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

A right of ingress and egress over a portion of the above described property for the benefit of Lots 11 and 12 of Block 82 of TWIN FALLS TOWNE, as described as follows:

**COMMENCING** at the southwest corner of Lot 11, Block 82, Twin Falls Towne, and running Thence Westerly along Main Street 35 feet; Thence North 44°52' East 30 feet to the center of Thence Easterly parallel to Main Street 35 feet; Thence Southerly along the Westerly line of Section 35 for 35 feet to the center of the road. The above-described property is sometimes known as: 555 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 subject to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust from Paul's Merchandising Service, Inc., to First American Title, Trustee, and Farmers National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho, dated September 25, 2002, recorded October 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-015403, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, as modified by Modification recorded September 12, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003-040293, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, under which TitleLife, Inc. is appointed as Successor Trustee by Resignation of Trustee and Appointment of Successor Trustee, recorded November 17, 2005, as Instruments No. 2005-026104 and 2005-026105, respectively, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

**SUBJECT** Grantors do name to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, jointly responsible for the obligation secured. Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay.

The balance of note with balance due of \$204,243.46, due on December 7, 2004. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$204,243.46, a payable in full in cash currently at 8% interest and foreclosure costs.

The second-half of 2003, and all of 2004 have been discontinued in the following amounts, plus penalty and interest (T0001820029A).

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

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

**PUBLISH:** November 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 2005

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

Case No. CV 2005-3537  
**CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS**  
In the interest of:  
**ASHLEE PARRY**,  
d.o.b. 11-04-89,  
guardian of the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of the child, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of the child, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you, and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.

You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child.

You are further notified that the child and parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney appointed by the court. If you request to have an attorney appointed at county expense, you must appear before the date of the hearing given above, at which time the court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the child and inquire whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require the separate appointment.

You are notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the best interest of the child, less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of Adjudication, the District shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would be in the best interest of the child and their family, or that the child is placed permanently with a relative.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Magistrate Court this 8th day of December, 2005.  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
by Deputy Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 15 and 22, 2005

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has completed a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreement between the State of Idaho and FSA. FSA will accept public comments on the PEA through January 13, 2006. Copies of the PEA may be obtained at your local FSA office, or by contacting Tom Dobbin at (208)379-5671 or tom.dobbin@id.usda.gov, or view the document online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp/pea/peaassessment.htm>

**PUBLISH:** December 14 and 15, 2005

**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-05-597  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
**MARJORIE C. DIAMOND,**  
Deceased

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has appointed representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are to file and present claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED This 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.  
Clerk of the Court  
Linda Johnson  
C/O Jeff Stover  
PO Box 197  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1997

**PUBLISH:** December 15, 22 and 29, 2005

**NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Magic Valley Regional Medical Center intends to purchase one (1) LH 750 Hematology System from Beckman Coulter on the basis that Beckman Coulter is a sole source supplier. Currently, Beckman Coulter manufactures all of the Hematology Instruments (4) at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Beckman Coulter is the sole source for procuring the LH 750 Hematology System for the following reasons:

- (1) Having the same manufacturer and eliminate the need for different interfaces to the LIS system Meditech, which would all have to be maintained and up-to-date.
- (2) Having the same manufacturer will eliminate cross training to different systems, which include operations and maintenance.
- (3) Having the same manufacturer will eliminate duplication of correlation studies. All instruments can be calibrated to one another, and reporting of results will flow across the system the same from facility to facility.
- (4) Having the same manufacturer would eliminate duplicate supplies, such as QC and reagents.
- (5) Having the same manufacturer will eliminate the need for having an additional company providing service.
- (6) Having the same manufacturer will eliminate the need for having additional parts kept in stock.
- (7) MVRMC has had a long-standing working relationship with Beckman Coulter in acquisition and maintenance of laboratory instruments. MVRMC has been very satisfied with both their products and services provided.

Notice is given pursuant to Idaho Code 567-2806. A detailed description of the Beckman Coulter LH 750 Hematology System can be reviewed at the law offices of Taylor & Fritz, P.A., 450 Fair Avenue, Suite 201, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.  
Dated December 9, 2005.  
You are notified that the Equipment Buyer for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

**PUBLISH:** December 15, 2005

**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 2004-6251  
**CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS**  
In the interest of:  
**ASHLEY PRINGLE**,  
d.o.b. 04-02-89,  
a child under the age of eighteen

**THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO:**  
**GENE PRINGLE**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**  
Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children comes within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.

You are hereby notified to appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 2, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of the child, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you, and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.

You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child.

You are further notified that the child and parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney appointed by the court. If you request to have an attorney appointed at county expense, you must appear before the date of the hearing given above, at which time the court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the child and inquire whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require the separate appointment of an attorney.

You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDHW and was also in the care of the best interest of the child not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of Adjudication, the District shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would be in the best interest of the child and their family, or that the child is placed permanently with a relative.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Magistrate Court this 9th day of December, 2005.  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
by Deputy Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 15 and 22, 2005

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock, P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by **BAD MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN AND BDO PROFIT SHARING**.

Requests: The Vacation of a utility easement, approximately 955.83' x 15' of C land, located along the western boundary of Lots 1 through 12, Block 2 of the southern boundary of Lot 24, Block 2 of the High Plains Estates Subdivision, Phase 2.

**CANYON VIEW PROPERTIES**  
**C/O GARY BLICK**

Requests: the Vacation of approximately 1.5 acres of land, currently known as Canyon View Road, commencing at the intersection of Federation Road and Canyon Rim Road and running northerly 257' (±) along the existing roadway being parallel and adjacent to the Snake River Canyon Rim.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls County Planning and zoning administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7269. Persons needing special accommodations at the public hearing are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls, P.O. Box 7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

By: Glenda Dwight, Mayor

**PUBLISH:** Thursday, December 15, 2005  
Thursday, December 22, 2005

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**

Case No. CV-05-5234

A Petition to change the name of Lloyd Keith Robinson, born 02/12/28 in Ammanville, Idaho, residing at 779 Academic Dr. Twin Falls has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho, and will be heard on December 15, 2005, because the first name is disliked.

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

A hearing on the petition is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2006, 2006 at the County Clerk's Office. The names of the parties may be filed by any person, who can show the court a good reason for not appearing in person.

Date: December 6, 2006.  
By: Sheila F. Guim, Deputy Clerk  
PUBLISH: December 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2005

**101 Lost and Found**

**FOUND** 1 Poodle small, Near Rock Creek trail- Court on Grandview Drive. Call 733-529-5674

**FOUND** woman's wedding ring set. Call to identify 208-404-1707 leave message

**FOUND** dog, male black Lab West of Jerome. 208-324-4038

**FOUND** Lab, female, black, white, brown and Hwy 50 Call 438-8967 or 431-4758

**FOUND** prescription glasses in Jerome on Jerome. Call 733-599-5674

**FOUND** white cat, in vicinity of 167 & Miller Avenues. Call Please call 677-4054

**LOST** Australian Shepherd pup at Redley's in Rupert. Black, white, brown, and blue collar. Reward Call 208-260-1610

**LOST** Border Collie answers to 'Lolo'. Lost in Jerome and Hwy 50 North in West Call 208-324-8606

**LOST** cat, 6-7 mo old female, calico Off Washington on 12th Call 208-731-3498

**LOST** Chinese Shar-Pei near 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E and Madonna male, black. Reward Call 733-5167

**LOST** Golden Weimaraner band on 12-11-05 near AAW on Addison Reward for return Call 737-0026

**LOST** Red Heeler, male, no collar, 10-12 months old. Lost in Wendell/Tulsa area on 12-7-05 731-5447

**LOST** small reddish brown dog on 12/06 behind Sweetheart Manor, Burley Very friendly, 2-3 lbs. black between eyes with white chest and feet, neutered. Reward Call 478-8789 or 219-0357

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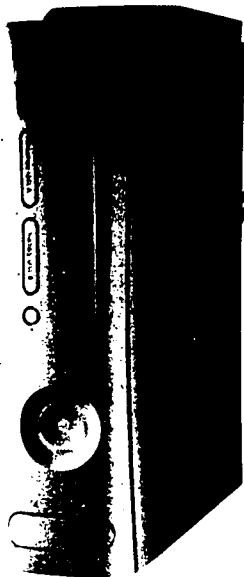
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## TOP 5

The week's most popular music recordings

### Television

- "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
- "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
- "NFL Monday Night Football," ABC.
- "Lost," ABC.
- "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.

—From Nielsen Media Research

### Movies

- "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Warner Bros.
- "Aeon Flux," Paramount.
- "Walk the Line," 20th Century Fox.
- "Yours, Mine & Ours," Paramount.
- "Just Friends," New Line.

—From Exhibitor Relations Co.

### Hot 5

- "Run It!" Chris Brown, Jive. (Gold—certified sales of more than 500,000)
- "Laffy Taffy," DAL, Delectable.
- "Good Digges," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx), Roc-A-Fella.
- "Photograph," Nickelback, Roadrunner/UMG. (Platinum—certified sales of 1 million units)
- "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy feat. Akon, Corporate Trugg/Del Jam/UMG.

—From Billboard magazine

### Albums

- "Now 20," Various Artists, Sony BMG.
- "Chris Brown," Chris Brown, Jive.
- "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood, Arista.
- "The Road and the Radio," Kenny Chesney, BNA.
- "Flicker Oral Vol. 2," Shakra, Epic/Sony Music, (Gold)

—From Billboard magazine

### Concert tours

- U2.
- Paul McCartney.
- Eton John.
- Nail Diamond.
- Coldplay.

—From Pollstar

### VHS/DVD rentals

- "War of the Worlds (Full Screen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "The Polar Express (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
- "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "The Skeleton Key," Universal Studios Home Video.
- "Christmas With the Kranks," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

### VHS sales

- "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
- "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "Christmas! Nickelodeon Video.
- "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

### DVD sales

- "War of the Worlds (Widescreen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "The Polar Express (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
- "The Polar Express (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
- "Madagascar (Widescreen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "Madagascar (Full Screen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

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### Top iTunes downloads

- "Rent (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)," various artists
- "Back to Back," James Blunt
- "Switch," INXS
- "Christmas Songs (iTunes version)," Diana Krall
- "Curbain Call (Deluxe explicit)," Eminem

—From Apple Computer, Inc.

### Best-selling books

- "Red Lily" by Nora Roberts (Sue) (fiction/paperback)
- "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dee) (fiction/paperback)
- "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor) (non-fiction/paperback)
- "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)
- "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)

—From USA Today

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW



A video image from Sony Computer Entertainment's \$500MC: U.S. Navy SEALs Fireteam Bravo." The PlayStation portable game, the newest incarnation of the SOCOM series, makes use of the handheld system's wireless multiplayer connected.

# Gotta-have games for handhelds

BY MICHAEL FELDERBAUM  
 The Associated Press

Since Nintendo Inc. upped the ante by bringing Wii-Fi to its dual-screen handheld, it has opened the game system up to a new world of gameplay.

Although the graphics remain sub-par to Sony Corp.'s PlayStation Portable, the Nintendo DS remains a great handheld game system that focuses on good, clean fun.

The more grown-up PSP has also taken the limelight with its multimedia functions and wide array of more realistic, sophisticated gameplay. Still, while both systems have not produced as many titles in comparison to console and PC games, that doesn't mean the offerings are as dry as some holiday fruitcakes.

If you are still feeling snowed under by what titles to buy gamers for either of these two handhelds, here are six that are sure to be hits for the holidays.

• **"SOCOM: U.S. Navy SEALs Fireteam Bravo."**

**Rated M, PSP, \$39.99, Sony Computer Entertainment**  
 If there's one title that should be in every gamer's stocking, it's the handheld version of Sony Computer Entertainment's SOCOM series. This military game puts you on the front line as a U.S. Navy SEAL, taking you through tactical missions while using the most high-tech weaponry. "Fireteam Bravo" shines in online multiplayer mode. The PSP's wireless con-

nection lets you pit your skills against players. Any given night there are upward of 25,000 users playing. Multiplayer missions are on a completely different tone than single-player mode by playing with other humans, rather than a computer. The new PSP headset is a must for multiplayer. For \$20, the headset lets you communicate with other players to coordinate objectives.

• **"Madden NFL 06"**

**Rated E, PSP, \$49.99, Electronic Arts**

This holiday, give your gamer the universal symbol of love — football. Although the NFL season ends about a month after the holidays, this handheld version of the "Madden" franchise is sure to keep the touchdowns coming. Aside from the usual team gameplay, players can take part in mini-games, testing the kicking, passing, and running abilities of some of the league's most talented players. Go head-to-head in multiplayer mode, and move up the ranks with EA Nation's leaderboard.

• **"Need for Speed: Most Wanted 5-1-0"**

**Rated E, PSP, \$49.99, Electronic Arts**

Some of the coolest cars can be bought, souped up and raced in the newest installment of the "Need for Speed" series. Although there hasn't been much ground-breaking in the recent rash of racing games, "Most Wanted," like its console

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cousin, puts a twist on the classic model. Not only are you racing to the finish line at speeds over 150 mph, you are eluding the law. And, the faster and more reckless your driving, the more intense the chase gets. You can also reverse roles and bust some illegal street racers in your police cruiser. This title takes advantage of the PSP's Wi-Fi connection.

• **"Mario Kart DS"**  
*Rated E, Nintendo DS, \$34.99, Nintendo*

Fans of earlier incarnations of "Mario Kart" will be very pleased with the new handheld version. Like the others in the series, the Nintendo DS version combines Nintendo's cast of recurring characters into a fun-filled racing game. While it doesn't take full advantage of the features that the game system offers, the game uses the bottom screen as a map of each course. In multiplayer mode, players can use the new Nintendo DS Wi-Fi capability to race against players all over the world.

• **"Tony Hawk's American Skateland"**  
*Rated E, Nintendo DS, \$39.99, Activision*

Skating fans can now take Tony Hawk with them everywhere they go, thanks to the Nintendo DS. Just make sure your favorite gamer doesn't try playing and skating at the same time. While the graphics aren't as good as the console and PSP versions of the games, "American Skateland" is a fun, never-ending landscape of skating, biking and inevitable crashing.

• **"Sonic Rush"**  
*Rated E, Nintendo DS, \$34.99, Sega*

Sega has done it again, bringing the blue dude with a 'tude to the Nintendo DS. The newest version maximizes gameplay by using the system's dual screens. Much like the original Sega Genesis games featuring Sonic the Hedgehog, "Sonic Rush," lets players roll, bounce and swing through multiple stages, while collecting coins and tracking down the evil Dr. Eggman — this time with an even more evil clone. The game also brings Sonic and his enemies into a three-dimensional world with enhanced graphics. While the game doesn't tap into the system's Wi-Fi mode, it is sure to please.



Photo courtesy of Activision

"Tony Hawk's American Skateland" (Rated T, \$59.99) is the latest game from skateboarding's only superstar.

# Xbox 360 games for the holidays

BY MIKE STAGLE  
The Associated Press

If you've scored an Xbox 360, some actual games are going to be the next logical purchase — unless you auctioned it off for thousands of dollars on eBay.

We've worn our fingers to the bone the past few weeks (just for you) playing through the 18 titles available when the system launched. While there's a diverse offering to choose from, many of the games are merely visually tweaked versions from the older consoles. Worse, Xbox 360 games can cost a whopping \$60 — roughly \$10 more than games for older systems.

Here's our take, from best to worst:

• **"Call of Duty 2"** (Rated T, \$59.99) — Emotional and intense, this World War II epic is the best first-person shooter available so far. In a recurring theme, it costs \$10 more than the PC version for no good reason

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other than it comes in an Xbox 360 lime-green plastic case. But it's an impressive display of the Xbox 360's power: It ran smoother on the \$400 console than it did on my \$2,500 gaming PC.

• **"Condemned: Criminal Origins"** (Rated M, \$59.99) — This unique, thrilling action title shows the true power of Xbox 360 with some incredible, groundbreaking graphics. As FBI investigator Agent Thomas, you spend most of your time cau-

tiously creeping through dank, abandoned subway terminals and other unsavory buildings filled with urban decay and murderous sociopaths who like to lunge at you from dark corners.

• **"Kameo: Elements of Power"** (Rated T, \$49.99) — Kid-friendly and graphically rich, this is the platformer Microsoft Corp. should have packaged with every new system. Instead, you get to pay \$49.99 for this short but fun action game starring heroine Kameo. She has the nifty ability to transform into dozens of nasty monsters, handy for battling monsters and overcoming obstacles.

• **"Perfect Dark Zero"** (Rated M, \$59.99 for "regular edition," \$39.99 for "limited collector's edition") — This futuristic shooter stars gadget-savvy secret agent Joanna Dark in a rather confusing tale of corporate espionage. Don't buy this for the solo mode — online multiplayer combat with a cool arsenal of weaponry is what makes this game fun.

• **"Project Gotham Racing 3"** (Rated E, \$49.99) — "Need For Speed Most Wanted" (Rated T, \$59.99); "Ridge Racer 6" (Rated E, \$59.99). This trio sports some of the best-looking sports cars available for any video-game system, with a slight edge going to the photorealism of "Project Gotham Racing 3." "Need For Speed Most Wanted" has a hackneyed story but uses a cool mix of computer graphics and full-motion video actors. "Ridge Racer 6" will appeal to those seeking a less-than-realistic arcade-game approach to high-speed pursuits.

• **"Peter Jackson's King Kong: The Official Game of the Movie"** (Rated T, \$59.99) — A long-winded title for a good but short game based on director Peter Jackson's new film remake. Films have a sordid history of translating into horrible video games, but this one manages to break the mold and even lets you play as Kong.

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# 'KING KONG'

## New 'Kong' surpasses previous renderings

BY CHRIS HEWITT  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Peter Jackson's new movie is the king of Kongs. The loud big-screen "King Kong" is the best for several reasons: Its special effects are stunning and soul-stirring — instead of cold, hollow tricks, the marvels in "King Kong" seem designed to spurt our imagination not cancel it out. Director/co-writer Jackson ("The Lord of the Rings" trilogy) also gives the story room to breathe and the characters time to affect us. And, improbably, he makes "King Kong" the year's most deeply satisfying movie romances.

Jackson had the wit to recognize that even a damn dirty ape needs love, but it is Naomi Watts — playing an actress named Ann Darrow (the same name as Fay Wray in the original "Kong") — who sells the love story. Jackson could have hired a bimboe like the one that was Bette or Alva, but Watts rewards his decision to pick a real actress. Her performance is genuinely fearful as Ann meets the ape when she and a film crew invade his Skull Island, affectionate when the two become prime pals and heart-seek show, is targeted for destruction.

In fact, the one flaw in the movie is that the romantic triangle at its core isn't as effective as it should be because the third side of the triangle, the Oscar-winning side — Adrien Brody — is so wan and indistinct that we can't think of any reason Ann would pick him over her hunka hunka burnin' ape.

You could accuse Jackson of going overboard with a 187-minute movie in which the title character doesn't show up for 70 minutes (detail-oriented Jackson could probably turn "Goodnight Moon" into a three-hour epic). But the movie's slow-and-steady first hour makes the final two seem to fly by, and it establishes the characters. Ann, the hungry actress, struggling to survive by treating Kong as a character, not an effect.



Photo courtesy of First Independent Pictures

In this photo provided by Universal Studios, Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) shares a quiet moment at sunrise with Kong atop the Empire State Building, whose heights he has scaled in his flight from the streets of New York City, in "King Kong."

Jack Black), a director who'll do anything to make a hit, even if it means traveling to the uncharted island where Kong lives; and Jack, the film's writer (Brody). Before these people reach Skull Island, we understand who they are and, as a result, the paths they take there make sense.

Ann, for instance, is no fan of Kong at first, but when she runs

into some actress-hungry dinosaurs and Kong has her back, she realizes the enemy of my enemy is my big hairy friend. That scene is a doozy; and it comes right after Jackson unleashes the film's most spectacular sequence, a

dinosaur stampede that ranks with the sinking of the Titanic and the "Matrix: Reloaded" freeway chase as one of the best effects scenes ever filmed.

Jackson respects the 1933 "King Kong" — he dedicates his film to the original creators and lets Black briefly consider Fay Wray before settling on Ann — but he takes the story further by treating Kong as a character, not an effect.

At one point, Jackson's script has somebody saying, "The whole world will pay to see this."

He's talking about King Kong, but he could just as easily be talking about this "King Kong."

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## Movie nuggets

• "Acon Flux" ★ — *Charlie Theron* plays an assassin in this achingly dull and empty futuristic flick. PG-13

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

animation)

• "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" No rating. — "Shrek" co-director Andrew Adamson makes his live-action debut with this adaptation of C.S. Lewis' literary classic about the adventures of four English siblings in a magical land. Tilda Swinton, James McAvoy, Rupert Everett, Jim Broadbent, Jaye Winstone and Dawn French star. Written by Anne Peacock and Andrew Adamson, Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. PG for battle sequences and frightening moments.

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

• "The Family Stone" Not rated. — This unruly pile of dovetailing stories about a dysfunctional family was obviously planned by writer/director Thomas Bezucha, but just doesn't feel contrived. It feels like the characters took control of the movie and sent it in directions that are surprising, complicated and genuine. With Sarah Jessica Parker, Diane Kraton, Rachel McAdams, Luke Wilson, Claire Danes Rated: PG-13, for language and drug use

• "First Descent" No rating. — Kevin Harrison and Kemp Curley's "First Descent" takes its title from a snowboarder as he trips down a pristine mountain peak. In this instance it is Mountain 7601, a craggy, awesomely steep peak in a spectacular, snow-covered mountain range near Valdez, Alaska, where five of the world's top snowboarders have come to spend two weeks expanding and testing their skills. Harrison and Curley seem needlessly driven to hard-shell snowboarding, which the film surveys from its roots in skateboarding to its emergence as an Olympic sport, as if there just dropping footage and the very likable and engaging snowboarders weren't more than

enough. "First Descent" is exciting, but less would surely have been more. With Shawn Farmer, Nick Perata, Terje Haakonssen, Susan White and Hannah Teiter, Written by Kevin Harrison (1-50) PG-13 for brief strong language and a momentary drug reference.

• "Fun with Dick and Jane" No rating. — A remake of the 1977

## 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

Jane Fonda-George Segal comedy in which Jim Carrey's years of hard work finally pay off when he is promoted to vice president at Globodyne, a worldwide leader in the consolidation of media properties. But after exactly one day in his new job, Globodyne is destroyed by an Enron-like calamity—and he is left holding the bag. Carrey and wife Tea Leoni watch in horror as their deluxe suburban home, their luxury cars and their status-conscious friends quickly vanish into thin air. But taking a lesson from his corrupt employer, however, Carrey has on a brilliant idea: If stealing was good enough for his boss, then it's good enough for him. Using his new-found skills, he and Jane Fonda hilariously revenge and teach big business a lesson. PG-13.

• "The Greatest Game Ever Played" ★★½ — Both the playoffs and the fairway-averse will be charmed by "The Greatest Game Ever Played," an inconsistent and endearing sports inspiration that aims to be "Chariots of Fire" for golf. While it doesn't achieve this goal, it's a movie from actor-turned-director Bill Paxton is affectionate ode to sportsmanship. PG (some brief mild language)

• "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" ★★ — This third film in the fantasy franchise is the most fun and most fraught with conflict, what with Our Hero battling both his nemesis Lord Voldemort and puberty. Mark 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; Ralph Fiennes as Voldemort; and Michael Gambon, replacing the late Richard Harris, as Dumbledore. Not recommended for those under 13. PG-13 (fantasy violence, suspense)

• "Jarhead" ★★ — Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Anthony Swofford, the real-life Marine who wrote memoir of his experiences in the first Gulf War makes for a sometimes ferocious combat pic. James Fox is strong as is the banking, bulling staff sergeant, and director Sam Mendes delivers some moments of real glory, but the narrative falters towards the



This image is a detail from the cover of "The High Cost of Low Price," a documentary decrying the activities of Wal-Mart.

## The trouble with Wal-Mart

BY KENNETH TURAN  
Los Angeles Times

### The High Cost of Low Price

"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" is an engrossing, muckraking documentary about the retail giant that's been called "the world's largest, richest and probably meanest corporation." But if you're expecting an angry diatribe, you're going to be disappointed.

Instead, the predominant feeling coming off the screen in the latest film from director Robert Greenwald ("Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," "Uncovered: The War on Iraq") is a kind of baffled frustration and sadness.

That's because Greenwald has shrewdly chosen not to go with classic talking-head types like economists, academics and journalists. Instead he talked to current and former Wal-Mart employees, including several with a dozen or more years with the company. The story they tell is not a happy one.

For these were people who had bought completely into the Wal-Mart mythology, the lure of working for a strong organization that offered opportunities for advancement and cash enough about its employees to call them associates. Realizing that the company they worked for was not the Wal-Mart of their dreams was about a shattering experience, a coming to terms with a god that failed.

Typical of these is Jim Bill Lynn, a nine-year company man who was a global services operations manager, charged with making sure that factories in Latin America that supplied Wal-Mart with its legendary inexpensive clothing were operated under humane conditions.

Someone who "believed in the mission" with a passion and "bled Wal-Mart blue," Lynn was so distraught to discover how dreadful

factory conditions actually were that he went back to his hotel room and cried. He expected the company to correct the numerous abuses, and when they did not he was crushed once again.

The people who speak out against Wal-Mart are hardly rabble-rousing anarchists. Greenwald's film takes pains to point out that they are often deeply patriotic conservative Republicans who swear by the capitalist system but feel that Wal-Mart's inordinate size and power give it unfair leverage in the marketplace.

Wal-Mart's influence begins before a store even goes on. Greenwald's film documents, often in large type that flashes head-on style on the screen, the subsidies Wal-Mart wrangles out of the communities it plans to build. In even worse, as happened in Cathedral City, the company occasionally decides to move just outside the city limits when the time comes for the metropolis to collect on promised revenue.

Perhaps the ultimate example of what the documentary presents as the company's penchant for looking at everything from the narrowest possible cost-benefit point of view is what goes on in the stores' parking lots. Despite numerous violent incidents in these huge areas, the company does not spend any money on security outside the building, concentrating its forces on the inside to curtail shoplifting.



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## New on DVD Washington Post synopses of films recently released for home viewing.

### "Bad News Bears" PG-13

The best thing about the new version of "Bad News Bears" is that none of today's idiots decided they could fix it.

They were smart enough to realize the original wasn't broke. So, with a few mild updates, it feels more like a tracing of the original 1976 film than a remake. The difference, of course, is that, while in the original the great Walter Matthau defined bitter old-guy squalor, torpor and pathology in one way, Billy Bob Thornton defines bitter old-guy squalor, torpor and pathology in another. So for connoisseurs of the reproducible lifestyle, its nuances and filigree, it's twisted little arroyos and backed-up sewers of broken dreams, one film is as good as the other.

Where Matthau was merely indifferent and beyond illusion, Thornton is actually seamy, with a kind of trailer-trash hostility undercutting his bite. There's a sexualized ugliness to his character, as he's a habitue of strip bars and isn't above a toss in the hay with the mother of a kid. Matthau was merely wistful, while Thornton, God bless his soul, rises to the actual level of sociopathic. I love it when that happens.

Presumably this was the contribution of Glenn Ficarra and John Requa, who wrote Thornton's "Bad Santa" and undercut just how funny it is. If Arkansas can be when infected with full-bore misanthropy, or should I say, funny to those of us who aren't Boy Scout troop leaders. Among stilet-wearing evangelists or other team-oriented, can-do, up-with-people-type personalities. (Those folks would probably fly away, and I do mean way away.) The late Bill Lancaster (the great Burt's son) also gets a writing credit for writing the 1976 original.

In any case, most people are familiar with both the story and the gimmick. The Bears are a Little League team of cast-offs and rejects, so lame they are the butt of the league's jokes and openly despised by all and sundry, including its coaches, their own parents. Only one person can be found to coach them, the neighborhood loser Morris Buttermaker, who had brief major league experience many years ago but now may seem lying lazily about the edges of polite society, usually with a drink in hand. In the '76 version he was a pool cleaner, in this an exter-



Paramount Pictures

Where Walter Matthau was merely indifferent and beyond illusion in the 1976 original "Bad News Bears," Billy Bob Thornton is actually seamy in the remake.

nator, so Ficarra and Requa have added a few especially tasteless dead animal jokes. Of course Morris agrees to coach (for a fee, of course; no noblesse oblige anywhere near him) and soon sees how hapless his charges are. He responds to this crisis by drinking, even more. Of course another coach tells him off (Vic Morrow in the original, Greg Kinnear, an improvement, here), and he decides to turn the team into winners by bringing in two riggers, his own ex-stepdaughter (Tatum O'Neal, at the beginning of her first run of stardom, in the first Samuel Kraft here) and a local hood (Jeffrey Davies), who happens to be a superb athlete, even if he'd prefer mescal acrossing the field as opposed to hitting dangers.

### "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" R

Fans of "The Daily Show's" Steve Carell who have long awaited the feature film break-out of this hilarious actor will have to wait longer and look further than "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," an attenuated sketch that, despite its occasional moments of comic genius, doesn't do justice to Carell's gift.

The film belongs to that genre that traffics in what might be described as narcissistic self-loathing, wherein men behave badly, comment self-consciously about how bad their behavior is and continue to behave badly. Measured on the scale of moral

evolution, they might be lower than whale spit — but they're the whale spit the world revolves around.

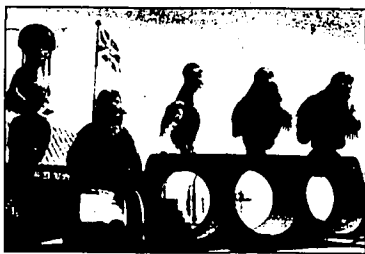
To be fair, Carell's character in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" — which indeed is a drawn-out version of a sketch Carell developed while he was with the Second City comedy troupe — doesn't behave badly. In fact, Andy Stitzer, a 40-year-old bachelor who works as an electronics store clerk, collects action figures and indeed has never had sex, is a great guy who respects women so much that, he explains at one point, he stays completely away from them.

As the sweet, lovable, innocently square leading character of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," Andy provides the same core of sweetness that allowed the Farrelly brothers' "There's Something About Mary" to rise above the slough of ill-faith, anxiety and misogyny in which post-adolescent sex comedies are usually mired. But "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" does adhere to the core values of its genre, delivering set piece after set piece involving yet one more take on poity humor, go-it-out jokes and sheer vulgarity. The movie's intentions — to up the ante by stooping lower and lower — are unmistakably announced in its opening sequence, an extended sight gag guaranteeing that, regardless of it, critical reception, this is one film that won't be described as "tacky."

But it won't be described as "great," either. The plot revolves around the efforts of Andy's colleagues — played by Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen and Romany Malco — to introduce him to sex, with their schemes inevitably ending with some slapstick misadventure. Meanwhile, Andy is pursuing a lovely woman named Tish (Catherine Keener), who runs a store across the street. Her business is helping people sell their stuff on eBay, and considering Andy's vast — and very sad — collection of toys, science fiction movie posters and obscure music memorabilia, viewers will be able to spot at least a financial happy ending a long way off.

### "Valiant" G

"Valiant" is a smart, marvelously drawn account of the bravery of homing pigeons during World War II. Unlike real British birds won the equivalent of the Victoria Cross for outstanding service. Indeed, the movie is so faithful to its histor-



Suma West Pictures

"Valiant" is smart and well done, but may be too scary for young children.

cal subject that it resembles an animated version of a walk-through London's somber Imperial War Museum; edifying, enlightening, rather humbling, but not what most kids would describe as a lot of fun.

Still, as long as expectations are properly managed, "Valiant" will be a tonic compared with some of the fluffier animated films usually offered to kids. The story — about a tiny wood pigeon named Valiant (voiced by Ewan McGregor) who enlists in the Royal Homing Pigeon Service and finds himself saving the day by going behind enemy lines — is engaging, even though the finer points of espionage, wartime sacrifice and the strategic role of the French Resistance may elude very young viewers.

There are those "scawy" parts, which usually involve surprisingly intense battle action and some grim bird-on-bird violence, especially when a group of German falcons swoops down on the stout British pigeons with bloodthirsty ferocity.

At one point, a British bird, voiced by John Cleese, is taken prisoner in one of the falcons' pillboxes, which the animators have endowed with doc monumentality worthy of Albert Speer. "He's the key of making you squawk," says Von Talon (Tim Curry), the preening chief falcon. In a typical example of "Valiant's" loving humor, Von Talon's secret weapon is to force his victims to listen to yodelling (a form of torture conveniently left out of the Geneva Conventions).

Meanwhile, Valiant, along with a new friend named Buzzy (Ricky Gervais, the brilliant star of BBC's "The Office"), joins up with the RHPS, and the two

endure the kind of classic war-movie training that always begins with a commander yelling, "Gentlemen, welcome to the . . ." Valiant and his — what else — gang gang of misfits may be the only soldiers who train by flying in and out of the structures at Stonehenge, but train they do, until they're unexpectedly called to France. That's when things become really dodgy: They are shot down, they barely receive a message from the French spies, they suffer a falcon attack and they infiltrate Von Talon's lair, finally returning to Britain with the message — something about the location of a landing being changed to Normandy.

Fans of classic World War II movies will appreciate "Valiant's" old-school aesthetic and storytelling sense, a return to core cinematic values that is made even more classy by a first-rate anti-British cast. What's more, first-time director Gary Chapman and his crack team of animators have done a terrific job with the graphics, rendering Valiant and his fellow birds with painfully detail, right down to the blue, green and violet iridescence of their feathers. The artistic team takes similar care with the pigeons' world, bringing to life such beloved landmarks as Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and the white cliffs of Dover. A soundtrack gleaned from 1940s classics and some authentic-looking newsreels (in which cartoon pigeons train and mug, just like human soldiers did back in the day) complete a production that for many parents will be a relief from the incessant pop-culture references and Top 40 hits that drive so many of today's animated features.

# Music

## KARAOKE CORNER

### THURSDAY

#### Twin Falls

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### FRIDAY

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#### Buhl

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

#### 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 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the

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## Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

### "See You on the Other Side"

Korn  
(EMI/Virgin)

Bad dreams don't fade easily. And Jonathan Davis isn't gotten over the traumas of adolescence, or the visions of death and abuse that have always fueled the confrontational music of Korn. The band's storm of rage and strangely tuneful hard rock has inspired a whole generation of listeners, for whom Metallica is just too soft and cuddly.

"Don't want to talk about politics," Davis shouts early during Korn's new album, "Let's use to talk about politics." He has his own agenda of sickness and anger, but there is also a bit of redemption here. And just not from the absence of guitarist Brian "Head" Welch, who quit after a rehab conversion. There is a new clarity to the sound, a nod to the direct, silver-tube melodies behind Korn's best early work.

While some recent Korn records sometimes got lost in the sludge, "Twisted Transistor" and other new tracks reach back to find harsh, and intimate, hard-rock hooks. The alarming presence of pop production team the Matrix on several tracks may have something to do with this, but the renewed focus on songwriting doesn't rob Korn of any fire or angst.

Guitarist James "Munky" Shaffer has no trouble filling the gap left by his former partner Welch. And the remaining players sound newly inspired, still obsessing over their creep-show effects, the baggy loops and heavy breathing and other weird interludes.

Korn remains comfortably outraged, morbid and confused—and that's without the politics.

—Las Angeles Times



Korn bassist Reginald 'Fieldy' Snuts' Arvizu.

Talib Kweli

### "Right About Now ..."

(Backsmith/WOCH)

Although Mos Def is the better-known half of rap duo Black Star, Talib Kweli is an equally talented artist, as he showed on the inspirational, Kanye West-produced "Get By," one of the best rap singles of 2002.

On his third solo album, the talented, politically minded Brooklyn rapper extends his impressive recording credentials with another strong batch of songs that are as entertaining as they are thought-provoking.

The heavy, brooding "Drug, Basketball & Rap," which features powerful guest turns from Janet Aron and Phil the Vamp, takes sensationalist rappers to task for their shallow boasts about violence and crime, while the bombastic, Justin-prodded "Supreme Squeenie" features Kweli and Mos Def trading verses about the power of taking charge of your life. "Ms. Hill" is an impassioned open letter to Lauryn Hill in which he offers to help the multiple Grammy-winner transcend her life in the treacherous waters of the music industry.

By offering her a helping hand and expressing his admiration for Hill's meaningful material, Kweli demonstrates why his music is as just as significant.

—Los Angeles Times

### "A Little More Personal (Raw)"

Columbia/Sony

What's a starlet to do? Several hit films, the undying affection of the paparazzi and a million-selling debut album last year are evidently not enough for Lohan. With her sophomore album, she wants to matter.

So how do you take it to the next level? For the true artist, there's only one way: hunker down for some serious soul-searching, then hire someone to write you songs with titles such as "A Little More Personal" and "If You Were Me."

OK, even if she didn't write all 12 songs she chose for her second album (in stores now), Lohan obviously must have felt some connection with them. As a 19-year-old multiplatform star, she's got to be feeling a lot of pressure and needs to vent, as in "Confessions of a Broken Heart" (which she did write, with Kara DioGuardi and Greg Wells).

In that song, she reaches out to her wayward father for the love she's so desperately missing, and some real hurt bleeds through. But for most of the album, she sounds like any other self-absorbed teen, yearning to be Alanis. Gwen and even



Lindsay Lohan is photographed at Premier Radio in New York. Dec. 5, 2005. Lohan turns introspective on her sophomore follow-up to her platinum-selling debut.

#### Steve Nicks

In the best track, "Fastlane," she stops working so hard to show she can out-grime Avril Lavigne and goes back to basics. It's more noteworthy for its bouncy rhythm and catchy melody than its "lonely at the top" message, but that's more

credible than the damaged-soul character in "Black Hole," sorting through old love letters: "I even got a paper cut/Trying to figure out/What to do with all these memories."

A paper cut?

Yes indeedly: Love hurts.

—Los Angeles Times

### King Kong

It's never been better, critic says.

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## STUCK IN A MOMENT

# Like popularity, controversy endures for Bono, U2

The Hartford Courant

Few figures in pop culture are more divisive than Bono.

The U2 frontman is revered, of course. His band has sold millions of albums in the past 25 years and has played to capacity crowds on every date so far on this year's tour.

Yet Bono is reviled by a fair number of people, too — even the most beloved rock star takes plenty of knocks from the inevitable ranks of detractors. But Bono is more than just a rock star. He has put himself forward as a humanitarian, a statesman even, according to the headline of a September cover story in The New York Times Magazine. He's the most visible component of a wildly successful multinational business conglomerate (U2, that is), and he has been known to come off as, well, a bit self-righteous from time to time. (See: "Rattle and Hum," the band's 1988 documentary.)

All of those things are fodder for people who think rock stars ought to keep quiet when they're not on stage singing, or who can't abide the outsized personalities that mega-stars seem to develop when they have access to world leaders, wear a perpetual layer of scruff and never appear without their annoying tinted sunglasses.

Bono gives the impression of not worrying about any of that, and it makes him more effective in his various roles.

(As for the omnipresent sunglasses, Bono told Rolling Stone he never considers them a liability. If somebody takes my photograph, I will see the flash for the rest of the day. My right eye swells up, and I have to go to the doctor. My eyes get so red. So it's part vanity, it's part privacy and part sensibility.")

There's no question Bono is among the biggest stars to arise from the 1980s. Aside from Madonna, in fact, no one else even comes close. Like Madge, Bono and his mates — the Edge on guitar, Adam Clayton on drums and Larry Mullen Jr. on bass — worked ceaselessly to build their career, and U2 has established a strong record of consistent quality over the years.

Bono recently told Rolling Stone that U2's mission as a band is to "Not be crap." He continued: "Going to a whip the hell out of yourself — it's expensive. A lot of bands understandably get to a level of comfort that they want to stay at. U2's still ready to go there, and we feel there's a lot to prove."



U2's Bono performs during a concert in Montreal on November 26.

## Coming to Salt Lake

U2's 7:30 p.m. Saturday concert in Salt Lake City's Ballpark will be a double bill with the band's new album, *Rattle and Hum*.

Aside from the occasional misfire, like 1997's "Pop," U2 continues to prove itself on albums full of songs that must earn their way into the band's live set. Shows on the current tour have included four tunes from last year's "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb," which stand alongside classics from "The Joshua Tree" and "Rattle and Hum."

Bono has raised his name to raise awareness of issues including Third World debt forgiveness and AIDS in Africa, which has earned him a fair bit of scorn. Not for his choice of issues, one presumes, but for the hectoring tone his advocacy sometimes takes.

Yet even Jesse Helms, the super-conservative retired Republican senator from North Carolina, came away from a 2000 meeting with Bono pledging to help the singer and his cause after Bono appealed to him with scripture and called AIDS the leprosy of the modern age.

"He's a religious man, so I told him that 2,103 verses of Scripture pertain to the poor, and

Jesus speaks of judgment only once, and it's not about being gay or sexual morality but about poverty," Bono told the Guardian newspaper in England in 2002. The observation reduced Helms to tears during their meeting, Bono said. "He was really moved."

Despite his obvious abilities as a political coalition-builder, Bono has come under fire for hypocrisy from Elizabeth Pendleton, a little-known Celtic musician possibly gunning for free publicity. In an e-mail sent to reporters last month, Pendleton harangued Bono and U2 for exploiting an Irish tax loophole, for allowing their products to be sold in Wal-Mart after Amnesty International criticized the company, and for investing in a private-equity company that bought a pair of gaming corporations instead of giving his money to charity. (Pendleton did not

respond to a request for more information.)

It's unclear how much of his income Bono pours into his causes, but it's irrelevant. Given the amount of time and energy he devotes, it seems churlish to criticize him for not doing more.

"You'll never see U2's music in car commercials or routing fast food, the musicians claim, but the band last year surprised more than a few people when it struck a deal with Apple. The computer company released a special-edition U2 iPod, and the band agreed to sell its entire catalog of work on the company's online music store, iTunes, for \$149.

"We thought it was an opportunity to be taken with both hands," Paul McGuinness, the band's manager, told The New York Times this week. As columnist David Carr noted, U2's stance was unique among big acts, most of whom were busy disparaging music downloaders (that is, their fans) instead of figuring out how to make the most of technological advances.

U2 also took advantage of the Internet in other ways, creating a Web site full of tour news, band information and even a compendium of song lyrics. There's also a members-only portion. For \$40, fans get a two-CD set of live songs, video and interactive material as well as streaming audio and audio discounts to the U2 online store and first crack at concert tickets, although that part went away earlier this year when scalpers managed to dominate the market. The band apologized to fans.

"We always said it would be pathetic to be the good as the music and the bad," Bono said.

McGuinness told the Times. The band has demonstrated repeatedly that it's good at both, and even the band's most committed detractors can't help but acknowledge the professional and committed way U2 conducts itself. And after all, what's a rock 'n' roll band without a little self-assurance?

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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.

Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar on Sixth E. Idaho St.

## SATURDAY

Twin Falls

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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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Kroakers 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 197W Highway 30.

Idaho

Rock Star Karaoke competition with 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. A dart tournament also will be held. No cover charge. Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

Rupert

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.

Declo

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 19 E. Main.

## SUNDAY

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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# Events calendar

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**Comedy/Twin Falls**  
Comedy Night will be featured at 8 p.m. at Oasis. Cover charge is \$3. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

**Variety/Twin Falls**  
DJ Night will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Phat Edgy's. Cover charge is \$3. Ages 18 and older. Phat Edgy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

**Planetarium/Twin Falls**  
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**Rock/Jerome**  
Relatively Rock will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's. No cover charge. Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

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**Theater/Halley**  
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**Theater/Twin Falls**  
West End Theater Company will present Jeff Goode's adult comedy "The Eight Reindeer Monologues" at 9 p.m. at Woody's. The band Cruffy Bastards will play after the monologues. Tickets are available at the door. Woody's is located at 215 Fifth Ave. S.

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**Humblog**  
Halley's Comedy of Fools will present Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner" at the Liberty Theater.

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

**Dance/Utah**  
Ballet West is dance Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. in the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$17, \$25, \$32, \$45, \$55 and \$65, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

**Pop/Idaho**  
Neil Diamond will sing at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$45.50 and \$78, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tax at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

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**THURSDAY-SATURDAY**  
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Twin Falls' Mad Hatter Theater Company's production of the satirical romp "The Farnside Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol" continues at the Black Currant Theatre downtown.

**FRIDAY**  
**Shiny Diamond**  
Best-selling '70s tunesmith Neil Diamond will sing at the Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City.

**FRIDAY**  
**Comedy/Boise**  
Jeff Seinfeld will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on JAN. 6. Tickets, which are \$46.50, \$51.50 and \$76.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1764, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

**Classical/Utah**  
Utah Symphony will perform Maurice Ravel's "Bolero" at 8 p.m. on JAN. 6, 7 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$22, \$28, \$38 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Theater/Twin Falls**  
West End Theater Company will present Jeff Goode's adult comedy "The Eight Reindeer Monologues" on DEC. 29-30 at 7 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater. Tickets are available at the door. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

**Theater/Twin Falls**  
The Mad Hatter Theatre Company presents "The Farnside Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol" at 7:30 p.m. on DEC. 29-31 at the Black Currant Theatre for the Community. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by calling 734-ARTS. Black Currant Theatre is located at 157 Main Ave. E.

**Rock/Boise**  
Reel Big Fish will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. JAN. 9. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Alkison's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Comedy/Buhl**  
Second City Productions will present the Second City Comedy at 8 p.m. on JAN. 10 at the Eighth Street Center. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY**  
**Naughty and nice**  
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**Rock/Utah**  
Reel Big Fish and Zebrahead will play Club Ice in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on JAN. 10. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tax at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>. Club Ice is located at 108 South 500 West.

**Country/Boise**  
Robert Earl Keen will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on JAN. 12. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Alkison's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Classical/Utah**  
Utah Opera will present Puccini's "La Rondine" at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 14, 16, 18 and 20 and at 2 p.m. on JAN. 22 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$24, \$40, \$55 and \$70, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Classical/Utah**  
Utah Symphony will present "Brahms Alive," dramatic music and scenes from the life of composer Johannes Brahms, at 7 p.m. on JAN. 21 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$11, \$13, \$15 and \$17, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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**Dance/Twin Falls**  
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**TUESDAY**  
**Holiday**  
for strings.  
The Burley-based Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will hold its Christmas concert at the King Center.

**Country/Boise**  
Toby Keith with guests Joe Nichols and Danielle Peck will perform at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 27 at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Tickets, which are \$46.75 and \$61.75, can be reserved by phoning (208) 442-2322 or online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>. The Idaho Center is located at 1600 N. Road in Nampa's east end.

**Show tunes/Utah**  
Utah Symphony will present "Three Days of Broadway" with Jodi Benson, Debbie Gravitte and Christine Noll, at 8 p.m. on JAN. 27-28 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$20, \$28, \$36 and \$48, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Country/Utah**  
Toby Keith, Joe Nichols and Danielle Peck will perform in the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 28. Tickets, which are \$44.75 and \$59.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

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## Food

## THE FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT

## Good food by the side of the road in Wendell

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

WENDELL.—Ten years ago, the Farmhouse Restaurant was the hottest thing on the road.

In 1995, the freeway cafe just south of here was rated No. 1 in the best food category in a nationwide survey of truck stops by New York-based CSI Group. Business boomed, and the owners at the time expanded the seating capacity to 160.

The farmhouse caters as much to dairy farmers as to long-haul truckers nowadays, but some things haven't changed. Everything is still homemade, the servings are still trucker-sized and it's still pretty hard to get a bad meal.

I stopped by on a recent morning just at opening time—7 o'clock. I've found that roadside eateries often bring their "A" game to breakfast, since the meal such a big part of their business.

I ordered an omelet, one of the two entrees for which the Farmhouse is most famous—the other being chicken-fried steak—and I wasn't disappointed.

It was a Spanish omelet, made from three eggs, and it was so big that I could only eat about an egg and a half worth.

Omelet-making has long since become mechanized, using special pans and pre-mixed ingredients. That's a shame, because a good omelet is more art than science.

Above all, an omelet is supposed to be fluffy, but in restaurants it usually isn't because they use milk instead of cream and don't beat the mixture long enough.

The other problem is that omelets nine times out of 10 are overcooked in cafes, leaving them rubbery. If you don't think so, take the back of your fork and press down gently on the top of the omelet on your plate. If the fork doesn't leave an impression, your omelet's overdone.

My eggs weren't fluffy at the Farmhouse, but they weren't overcooked either.

The omelet filling—a homemade mixture of diced ham, fresh tomatoes, onions and peppers—was delicious, and was actually folded inside the omelet, not just laid over the top.

And the hashbrown potatoes were unusual: They were adequately cooked.



Photos by AMELIE SMITH/The Times-News

Misty Talbert, a waitress at Farmhouse Restaurant in Wendell, buses a table Tuesday afternoon.

### About the Farmhouse Restaurant

**O**n Exit 187 off Interstate 84, Wendell — Steak, seafood, prime rib, espresso, \$4.95-\$17.95. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Perry and Courtney Holthorst, owners. 536-6868.



A chicken-fried steak meal.

I ordered an omelet, one of the two entrees for which the Farmhouse is most famous—the other being chicken-fried steak—and I wasn't disappointed.

It amazes me how readily Idaho restaurants serve up hashbrowns that are barely warmed through. Eating raw potatoes never much appealed to me, so when I cook hashbrowns I keep them in the pan until they're crispy, so, thank-

fully, does the Farmhouse. The place is famous for inch-thick slices of Basque toast, but I knew in advance that I would get enough food to feed the 116th Cavalry Brigade, so I opted for whole-wheat instead. It topped off a good meal—

## Movies

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end. R (violence, profanity, adult themes)

• "Just Friends" \*\*\* stars — In high school, Ryan Reynolds was a tubby loser with a giant crush on Amy Smart. Ten years later, he gets a second chance at love with his ex-girl in this frothy but funny romantic comedy. PG-13 (sexual situations and references)

• "The Legend of Zorro" \*\*\* stars — Martin Campbell's sequel to his brazenly enjoyable 1998 flick, "The Mask of Zorro," is a movie-movie—a big, lush and sexy. And formulaic, saddled with more plot than it needs, but still ... PG (sequences of violence/peril and action, language)

• "Pride & Prejudice" \*\*\* stars — Joe Wright's fresh and spirited account of the most frequently filmed Jane Austen novel is the essential version. Starring Keira Knightley as Lizzie and the Implicable Matthew MacFadyen as Darcy. PG (mild adult themes)

• "Rent" \*\*\* — 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/cruder, sexual suggestiveness, brief nudity)

• "Shoggt'r" \*\*\* — Claire Danes, Steve Martin and Jason Schwartzman star in this epic, glistening love story—or hot-quiete-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" \*\*\* — Wong Kar Wai's quasi-sequel to his exquisite "In the Mood for Love" is fragmentary, impetuous, toggling between the past, present and future as Tony Cheng, playing a pulp writer, meets and imagines a series of beautiful women (Song Li, Zhang Ziyi, Maggie Cheung and more). It's terribly atmospheric, and if you're in the mood for atmosphere, this reverie about memory and desire delivers. R (sexual content, adult themes)

— Sources: Knight Ridder Newspapers, Los Angeles Times

not fancy, but worth getting up early—for seven bucks. The coffee was strong, plentiful, and most importantly, fresh; there's nothing worse than stale truck-stop coffee.

As I was leaving, I overheard the two guys in the next booth giving the waitress their orders. I tell you, anybody who can walk down a half-acre-sized Farmhouse chicken-fried steak at 7:26 a.m. has my undying admiration.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at [scrump@magvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magvalley.com)

# South-central Idaho dining guide

## HAGERMAN

• **Larry & Mary's Cafe**, 141 State St. — Steak, prawns, chicken fried steak, country style breakfasts, \$7.99-\$17.99. Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sundays, 5 a.m.-3 p.m. *closed Mondays. Larry and Mary Goodwin, owners. 827-6475.*

• **Riley Creek Restaurant**, 171 State St. — New York/buff-style steak, finger steaks, shrimp, fresh salads, \$5.95-\$20.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. *Terrence and Dennis Nipper, owner. 837-4333.*

## HAZLETON

• **Segebrush Landmark Cafe**, 325 Main — Chair-topped burgers, prime rib, fish and chips, \$3.85-\$16.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; closed Sundays. *Karen Lay, owner. 829-5308.*

## HEYBURN

• **Connor's Cafe**, Exit 208 off Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 27 — Turkey with homemade dressing, liver and onions, grilled trout, chicken-fried steak, \$3.75-\$14.95. Hours: Open daily, 5:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. *Kelly Worthington, Connie Paslay and Karen Felzer, owners. 679-9367.*

## KETCHUM

• **Apple's Bar & Grill**, 215 Picabo St. — Rotating specials, burgers, soups, salads. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Hank Miner, owner. 726-7067.*

• **Back Mountain 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. *Alex Chandler, owner. 726-838-.*

• **Chandler's Restaurant**, 200 S. Main, Ketchum — Black Canyon elk, Hawaiiahi steak, Yankee pot roast,

## JACKPOT

• **Canyon Cove**, Cactus Petes Resort Casino — Buffet featuring Italian, Mexican, American and Chinese cuisine, oysters on the half shell and crab cakes; Friday night seafood feast. Breakfast: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$9.99. Brunch: Sunday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$12.99. Dinner: Monday through Thursday, 5-9:30 p.m., \$9.99. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$14.99 per person. Sunday, 9-9:30 p.m., \$9.99.

• **Desert Room**, Cactus Petes Resort Casino — Home-style pot roast, chicken-fried steak and gravy, sandwiches and salads, honey-roasted turkey melt, \$6.29-\$17.99. Hours: Open 24/7.

• **Pancho Villas**, The Horseshu

\$18.95-\$34.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily, 6-10 p.m. *Alex Chandler, owner. 726-1776.*

• **Ketchum Grill**, 520 East Ave. N. — Fruit-wood smoked meats and game, pizza, pasta, \$7.95-\$19.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily, 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. *Scott McMillan, owner. 726-4660.*

• **Lifty's Bar & Grill**, 219 E. Sixth St. — Hamburgers, fresh-cut fries, grilled-chicken salads, \$5-67. 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 Hauserman, owner. 726-*

## JAILEY

• **KJB's South**, 121 N. Main — New breakfast burritos, tacos, fish, \$8.25-\$8.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. *Brian Kriester, owner. 788-7217.*

• **Red Elephant Saloon**, 107 S. Main

— Pork tenderloin, prime rib, lumber-jack pasta. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 5 p.m.-11 p.m. *Sal Cardona, owner. 786-6047.*

• **Viva Taqueria**, 411 N. Main — Pork carnitas, burritos, fish tacos, \$5-\$15. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed

Sundays. *Rob Conyn and Brendon Bentley, owners. 788-3697.*

• **The Wicked Spud**, 305 N. Main — Teriyaki chicken, hamburgers, pasta with cheese, \$4.45-\$7.95. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. *Mike Brown, owner. 786-0009.*

## JEROME

• **Choate's Family Diner**, 400 W. Main — Fish and chips, chicken-fried steak, fountain shrimp, \$5.19-\$7.39. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Ron and Sandy Choate, owners. 324-4642.*

• **Dino's Burger & Brew**, three miles north of junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 25 — Chef salad, chili burgers, clam chowder, \$5.50-\$8.25. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Randy Bryant, owner. 324-6591.*

• **El Sombro Restaurant**, 153 W. Main — Tacos, fajitas, enchiladas and other American dishes, \$4.75-\$10.95. Hours: Tuesdays through

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Mondays. *Rosa Patz, owner. 324-7238.*

• **The Double A Cafe**, 200 W. First St. — Steak, shrimp, prime rib, \$4.75-\$14.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m. *Al Abbott, owner. 324-2311.*

• **T-Box Jerome Country Club**, 649 Golf Course Road — Scampi shrimp, lobster, Swiss chicken, rib-eye steak, \$4.29-\$32.99. Full bar. Hours: Sundays through Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. *Jay and Terri Holstine, owners. 324-5081.*

## 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 be in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at [crump@magicalvalley.com](mailto:crump@magicalvalley.com). It's a free service.

## 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.*

• **New China Town**, 222 N. Rail — Family style dining, Mandarin chicken, stir-fry, fried rice, \$2.50-\$9.75. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. *Jing Wu, owner. 886-7169.*

## TWIN FALLS

• **Applebee'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 Voyalty, manager. 733-0230.*

• **Chill's**, 1890 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 Ger-*

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• **Panda Chinese Restaurant**, 515 North Ave. — General's chicken, fried rice, mixed veggie deluge, Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. *A Juliana Tsai, owner. 726-3591.*

• **Warco Springs Ranch Restaurant**, one mile off Warm Springs Road — Steak, seafood, ribs, \$8-\$24. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. *Bob Durr, manager. 726-2608.*

ard, manager. 734-1167.

• **Depot Grill**, 545 Shoshone St. S. — Country sausage, burgers, hot open-faced roast beef/sandwiches, seafood, steak, \$4-\$14. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 24 hours; Sundays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. *Steve and Tim Soran, owners. 733-0170.*

• **Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery**, 602 Second Ave. S. — All-you-can-eat pizza, salad bar and select sandwiches, \$3.25-\$5.25. Wine, beer. Hours:

## PAUL

• **Becky Ann Cafe**, 323 E. Ellis — Country-style breakfasts, chicken-fried steak, fish platter, \$5.25-\$7.25. Hours: Mondays through Fri-

days through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *Kevin Owings, owner. 736-9110.*

• **Hart's Cafe**, 835 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — All day breakfasts, burgers, steaks and shakes, \$5.99-\$12.99. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. *733-7007.*

• **Idaho Joe's**, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Burger/ry/pie special, fish

days, 6 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m.-11 a.m.; closed Sundays. *Gloria and Brent Robinson, owners. 438-8165.*

platter, steak, \$4.95-\$12.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m. to midnight. *Joe Aguirre, owner. 734-9403.*

• **Jade Restaurant**, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Jade-fried rice, Cantonese chicken, General's too chicken, Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. *Tony Lee, owner. 734-3100.*



Photo courtesy of Magic Philharmonic Orchestra

Members of the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will perform their annual Christmas concert Tuesday night in the King Fine Arts Center.

## Magic Philharmonic presents its annual Christmas concert

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — It's the simplest of premises:

The 54-member Magic Philharmonic Orchestra gets together once a year to play Christmas music — carols and classics — for a packed King Fine Arts Center. Santa Claus shows up, and holiday conviviality ensues.

"It's a traditional Christmas concert," said Michael Chesley, the orchestra's guest conductor this year. "A lot of fun for both the musicians and the audience."

The music will include Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," Peter Wilhousky's "Carol of the Bells" and the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

"We have no soloists at this concert," Chesley said. "It's just everybody's music."

The 22-year-old orchestra, solely supported by donations and concert subscriptions, is made up mostly of musicians from Cassia and Minidoka counties. Some of them have played with the Phil-

### Listen to the music

• **What:** The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert.

• **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley.

• **When:** Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
• **New music:** Tickets, which are \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$2 for seniors and \$7 for families, are available at Welch Music and the Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Rupert.

harmonic since the beginning. "Our first concert was in April 1983, and there were only 23 members," said trombonist Wayne Hurst, an original.

Val Harrison, who taught in the Minidoka County School District and has since retired to Utah, was the original conductor of the Magic Philharmonic. He started with the group in 1982

and led it until 1984.

Jim Keezer, who taught music in Oakley schools, conducted the symphony from 1984 to 1994. He took a sabbatical to travel the country and play jazz in New Orleans before taking a job with the Focattello School District, where he still teaches.

Eugene Soulsby, a Burley chiropractor, led the orchestra from 1994 to 2000 when the group chose to go exclusively with guest conductors.

Chesley, the superintendent of the Cassia County School district, is the latest. A 1965 graduate of Burley High School, he earned degrees at Weber State University and Brigham Young University. A clarinetist, he taught band at Burley High from 1970-73 and music at Deelo for four years and served as superintendent of the Murtaugh schools throughout the 1990s.

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### Meet the orchestra

Members of the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra include:

- **Violinists** — Nancy Ady, Carol Badger, Carla Carson, Eliza Christensen, Heather Davis, Matthew Dibb, Mary Groener, Pat Hadorin, Maggie Harris, Rue Hinchley, Audrey Hobson, Jolene Hobson, Donna Matabiche, Elizabeth McFadden, Shaya Price, Marie Putnam, Lee Ann Turner, Lindsey Turner and Emily Woodland.
- **Violas** — Dianne Baker, Bob Dean, Deyna Halverson, Brianna Harsen, Marika Holbrook and Anna Saury.
- **Trumpeters** — Bob Deyley and Walt Graham
- **Baritone** — Bonnie Birk, Dixon Hale and Lynette Hale
- **French horn players** —

Roger Turner, Jason Tilby, Toni Garner, Sam Christensen and Melinda Barboza.

- **Flutists** — Amy Christopher and Colleen McCall
- **Bassists** — Jo Deyley.
- **Clarinetists** — Linda Studer and Debbie Hieb.
- **Oboeists** — Carolyn Firth and Susan Nelbaur.
- **Tromboneists** — Ross Spackman, Tom Pierce and Wayne Hurst.
- **Cellists** — Jennifer Coeman, Troy Halverson, Nicole Hieb, Leslie Nelbaur and Janice Pilling.
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MORE NAUGHTY THAN NICE

# 'Reindeer Monologues' produced in Twin Falls

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Leave the kids home.

Bull's West End Theater Company will stage Jeff Goodie's ribald satire "The Eight Reindeer Monologues" this weekend and the week after Christmas. It's wicked satire.

"The dialogue is for adults," said David Blaszkiewicz, the show's director.

The premise is simple. Some of Santa Claus's eight reindeer — Rudolph is absent — are not entirely satisfied with their boss' character. It seems that scandal has struck Santa's workshop, with accusations and counter-accusations and reputations on the line.

As the media descends upon the North Pole, the other members of the sleigh team demand to hear their stories, and a tale of corruption and perversion emerges that seems to implicate everybody in Santa's workshop. With each deer's 10-minute confession, the truth behind the shocking allegations becomes clearer and clearer ... and murkier and murkier.

"I found this script eight years ago and I have been aching to perform this piece in a 'bar' setting," a Bull's schoolteacher who founded the West End Theater eight years ago. "Then some of my former students suggested that we do it."

Dather (Jack Southwick) — although still sulking about the Christmas Eve that Rudolph got to lead the sleigh — remains a Santa loyalist ("the only thing that has kept me from being just another road kill." And Comet (Bonnie Berka) was a "troubled



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## If you go ...

• **When:** The West End Theater Company will present Jeff Goodie's "The Eight Reindeer Monologues."

• **Where:** Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S., and the Lamphouse Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

• **When:** Friday and Saturday (at Woody's), 9 p.m., and Dec. 29-30 (Lamphouse Theater), 7 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets for Friday's and Saturday's performances are \$2; tickets for the shows on the 29-30 are \$10, available at the door.

deer" until rescued by St. Nick. The self-promoting Prancer (Janie Larsen) is more concerned with Hollywood than Santagate ("I was a reindeer ever since nominated for an Oscar")

But the other five are confirmed Santa critics. Cupid (Jeff Presley) tells his story of "wink and a leer, and the strident feminist Blitzzen (Rebecca Southwick) declares that "We're treated like livestock!"

Donner (Mark Goodman) turns out to be Rudolph's father, and Dancer (Courtney Kendall) and Vixen (Maya Goodman) are purport victims of Santa's indiscretions.

Not even Mrs. Claus escapes scratting.

"It turns out she may not be the saintly woman we think she is," Blaszkiewicz said.

Still, it's obvious that Santa's accusers all have their agendas, and uncertain that all is what it seems.

This is not a play for those with a sentimental view of Christmas.

"Jeff Goodie's series of monologues is tasteless, of course," wrote the Los Angeles Times, "but it's also wickedly funny for those who can drop their defenses."

Born in Maryland and raised in Iowa, the 39-year-old Goodie has written more than 50 plays has become one of the most produced playwrights in America. He's also the creator and producer of the Disney animated television series "American Dragon: Jake Long" and created the MTV series "MTV UnDressed."

"This will be a new theater experience, not just for the audience but for the actors as well," Blaszkiewicz said.

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## Jensen, Seattle Jazzmen play Java on Friday night

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Workshop will present a special performance to announce the release of CSI faculty member Brent Jensen's latest Origin Records release, "Trios," from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at Java coffeehouse, 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The public is welcome; admission is free.

The performance will feature Seattle musicians Jeff Johnson on bass and John Bishop on drums, along with Jensen on sax playing selections from the new CD.

Johnson has worked with jazz musicians such as Philly Joe Jones, Chet Baker, Charlie Hulse, Bud Shank, Annie Ross, Barney Kessel and Mark Murphy, to name just a few. He is one of the most all-call working musicians in the competitive Seattle music scene, and his contribution to jazz is substantial and continuing. He leads various small groups, composes, goes on the road frequently, and is involved in numerous projects

and recording dates around the world. He received a 2004 "Golden Ear" award for "Best Outside Jazz Group" from Earshot (Jazz at Seattle-based jazz organization).

Bishop has been one of the primary voices in Northwest jazz for more than 20 years. His drumming is a regular feature at all of the leading music festivals, clubs, and studios in the Pacific Northwest. He has performed with Bobby McFerrin, Sade I Lampton, Kenny Werner, Joanne Brackeen, Carla Bley, Steve Swallow, Kenny Rankin and countless others. He's appeared on more than 60 albums and videos with projects including CD sessions with Ilyd Van Gelder, Ralph Towner and Leo Macero; a Grammy-nominated CD with Mark Murphy for RCA and educational videos for Warner Brothers.

For more information about Johnson and Bishop, visit [www.jazzbassist.com](http://www.jazzbassist.com) and [www.johnbishop.net](http://www.johnbishop.net). For more information on the workshop series, Jensen at 732-6765 or [jeff@csid.edu](mailto:jeff@csid.edu) visit [www.csi.edu/jazz/](http://www.csi.edu/jazz/).

## Dunn, 7 other musicians to play classical concert Saturday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls-bred violinist Jennifer Call Dunn and seven other musicians will present a program of classical music Saturday night in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The free 8 p.m. concert will include the music of Domenico Scarlatti, Franz Schubert, Niccolò Paganini and Bela Bartok.

Dunn, who now lives in Boise, teaches violin at her home, plays in the first violin section of the Boise Philharmonic and performs with various chamber ensembles. A graduate of the University of Utah, she has performed with a variety of orchestras.

She'll be joined by violinists Judy Call of Twin Falls and Kimberlee Dodds Dray of Boise; violist Debbie Hynes of Boise; guitarist Ben Call of Twin Falls; cellist Kaylie Steel of Boise and pianist Jonathan Call of Pocatello and David Dunn of Boise.

They'll perform Schubert's Rondo in A for violin and string quartet; Scarlatti's Sonata in E major; Paganini's Sonata No. 4 in A minor for violin and guitar; Sonata No. 6 in E minor for violin and guitar and Cantabile for violin and guitar; Mily Balakirev's "The Lark"; Bartok's Rhapsody No. 1 for violin and piano and Jules Massenet's Meditation from the opera "Thais." The public is invited.

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## A SKI TRIP TO COLORADO

## Falling (hard) for Telluride



Telluride's main street recalls its mining days of the mid-1800s — though its restaurants and shops are now upscale.

BY SCIENCE WRITER  
The Washington Post

When it comes to my ski trip in Telluride, everything has to be divided into two categories: Before the Fall and After the Fall. BTW: I was in a state of innocence, an unspoiled Adam of the slopes, steadily sharpening my edge cuts and S-turns on Telluride's vast mileage of beginner and intermediate trails. On every day of a five-day visit last March, I morphed a little more from tentative green run novice to cocky blue run demon. I started out trembling on the lift, terrified it would spit me out like a hairball in front of Telluride's expert clientele. But by Day Three, I was basking my face in chili bowl steam at the slopeside Gorrono restaurant, lying about my mogul skills, being reckless with the Tabasco and covering this one dude's totally sick Zeal Detonator goggles.

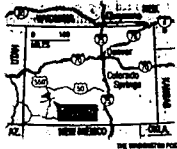
I would have swaggered, if ski boots didn't make me walk like a penguin with vertigo.

That was me Before the Fall.

And after?

A jellyfish in a fleece cap. Telluride, in southwest Colorado, is the perfect graduate from crabbed, day-trip skiing to the see-forever views and ski-for-ever trails of the Rocky Mountain West. The town itself sits at the base of the steep slopes like a model train village, an impossibly quaint hamlet of Old West storefronts and gingerbread cottages. Higher in the hills — a gondola ride away in a ritzy modern development called Mountain Village — are all the overpriced boutiques, celebrity watering holes and Lincoln Log palaces that any glam magazine gawker or real estate fetishist could ever wish for. Oprah has a house here. So does Tom Cruise.

But Telluride thrives on a rep as a friendlier, lower-key resort



than some of its Western fellows. Many of the free shuttle buses pump Marley tunes into the mountain air and are driven by tie-dyed slacker types. Lift line protocol is chatty and polite (to the extent there are any lines — I never waited more than five minutes). The markets lean toward organic cheese and local bread, and the hot society ticket is an annual AIDS benefit fashion show that this year featured racy yoga babes.

While the town proper retains some of the crunchiness, New Age sensibility from its 1970s heyday as a hippie hangout, there's no shortage of that particular CEO ski species that haunts Aspen and Beaver Creek. Almost every lodge and cafe features at least one table headed by a portly, red-faced man with lionine hair brushed back by wind and gel, surrounded by the jaded, text-messaging offspring of at least two marriages and an impeccably toned "mother," fitter and prettier — and often younger — than any of the children. Nothing says trophy wife like ermine-trimmed spandex.

But best of all for us mortals, the 1,700-acre Telluride Ski Resort recently opened a huge new basin of moderate-but-porgous trails, giving fledglings some world-class terrain of our own on which to perfect our moves before merging into the

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hot dog traffic of the main runs. Thanks to the high-speed quad lifts, I got more snow time in one morning on a green called Galloping Goose (nearly five miles from top to bottom) than an entire weekend at Canaan Valley, W.Va.

"What's really remarkable is how much easy stuff we have," says Michael Saffler, a sometime rabbi and part-time ski instructor who's lived in Telluride since 1974. Out of 84 trails, the resort ranks 62 percent of them as suitable for beginners and intermediates. "To have that much terrain that is blue or double green is almost unheard of."

Of course, the rest are advanced or expert runs, killer-sweep black diamonds I would have no business getting near. No business at all. Nope, nope, nope.

Saffler is also a Realtor. In Telluride, almost everyone is "also a Realtor." Real estate seems to take up five of the town's 102 Yellow Pages. Your water isn't an aspiring actor — he's working on his broker's license. With strict historic preservation laws protecting the picturesque HO-gauge of the place and limited room for sprawl, Telluride's booming popularity has produced a huge real estate bubble. There is not a bungalow in town that would go for less than seven figures.

"It's changed remarkably since I got here, but it's still a small town," says Saffler. "It's still surrounded by big mountains and there's still the same energy in this valley that supersedes all the petty stuff, all the development and greed mongering."

He's right. It just feels nice to be in Telluride on a clear, cold day. It's more remote — and less crowded — than other major ski towns. The town of Silver Lake-Lake on a 3,700-foot fold of the San Juan Mountains, an hour by turboprop from Denver. Pilots need special training to dive over the ridge and make the short runway on a narrow bench above town. (A final approach that feels more like a strafing run and the airport's frequent weather closings are two reasons some people prefer to fly to jet into Montrose, Colo., and then shuttle the hour to Telluride.)

Imagine, then, the old miners who humped their gear up here by hand and made — more than 5,000 of them at the height of gold fever in the 1890s. Up alongside frozen waterfalls, their ruined tram wheels and shaft beams are visible from town. Telluride has a deep instinct for preservation; Butch Cassidy might well still recognize the main street where he pulled his first bank job in 1888.



Washington Post photo

The 1,700-acre Telluride Ski Resort recently opened a huge new field of moderate-but-gorgeous trails.

The stores now are all margarita bars, trendy restaurants and custom boot shops. My favorite was Bounty Hunter, a great place to get carried away and buy a cowboy hat to put in the closet next to that aloha shirt you'll also never wear.

Outside, the jingle-jangle spurs of an approaching gun-slinger grew louder and louder on the hushed street. Finally a young ski bum stomped into my view, heading for the lifts with his hat down and his boots un buckled.

Just about every house, including the many condos and relatively few hotel rooms, are within walking distance of the lower lifts. The condo where I stayed, which belongs to my brother- and sister-in-law, was steps from Lift 1. The afternoon I arrived, after I'd dumped my bags and rented my skis, I stomped over to conduct an experiment. It was only an hour or so before the lifts closed, and I wouldn't have paid the \$64 for a half-day pass just to catch the

last run down. But an old Telluride hand had told me that some lift operators would let you on for free at the end of the day if you flashed an airline boarding pass that proved you had only just arrived. Sure enough, a friendly twentysomething girl surreptitiously waved me on, and I instantly began a delightful routine I repeated every day: ski the sun down, uncoil in the condo hot tub and sample Telluride's ample dining options each evening.

I progressed quickly. But it was when I called on Saffler — as a ski instructor, not as a rabbi or Realtor — that I vaulted to the next level. Standing on the wide slope of Lower Boomerang, he eyed my form, said a few words about my hips and my downhill foot, and voilà! He was like a faith healer, laying Gore-Tex gloves upon me and curing demons I didn't know I had. By the end of the day I was chewing up the blues, catching a bit of air on my sharpest turns and even nibbling at the edge of the mog

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though not nearly enough.

• "NBA 2K6" (Rated E, \$59.99) — "NBA Live 06" (Rated E, \$59.99). By now you've heard about the gee-whiz special effects on Xbox 360 basketball games, like realistic sweat and characters who look like the real thing. "NBA Live 06" looks a bit better, but gameplay is what matters most in a sports title. By that measure, "NBA 2K6" is the champ while "NBA Live 06" is the last-place loser.

• "Madden NFL 06" (Rated E, \$59.99) — Visually, it's as if you're controlling a real NFL game on the television screen. But don't let the dazzling graphics fool you: "Madden NFL 06" sacrifices many features found in versions for older-generation consoles, yet costs more.

• "Quake 4" (Rated M, \$59.99) — The creators of the monster-infested "Doom" games offer a similar blood-soaked, first-person shooter. "Quake 4" looks great, of course, but there's nothing new here.

• "Amped 3" (Rated E, \$59.99) — "Amped 3" presents snowboarding as a cutting-edge lifestyle instead of a mere sport. The sensation of sliding down steep, powdery slopes is convincing. I just wish the controls weren't so, um, flaky.

• "Tony Hawk's American Wasteland" (Rated T, \$59.99) — This latest game from skateboarding's only superstar looks a bit better on the Xbox 360 than it does on older systems. Otherwise, it's the same game, just costlier. Are you seeing a pattern here yet?

• "NHL 2K6" (Rated E 10+, \$59.99) — Another pre-existing sports franchise gets a glossy Xbox 360 makeover and not much else. The version for older consoles is only \$19.99 and there's nothing here to justify the \$40 price hike.

• "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 06" (Rated E, \$59.99) — Great looks again collide with sub-par gameplay. The gorgeous, shimmering water hazards don't make up for the fact that there are only six courses available.

• "Gun" (Rated M, \$59.99) — If you own an older system, there's really no reason to buy this Western-themed take on "Grand Theft Auto" for the Xbox 360. Beyond some exciting horse-back action, "Gun" isn't much fun.

• "FIFA Soccer 06 Road to the 2006 FIFA World Cup" (Rated E, \$59.99) — A pretty but disappointing and overpriced game that has rush job written all over it.

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