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# Heartbreak

## Trapped miners hung on to hope until the end

By Vicki Smith  
Associated Press writer

TALLMANVILLE, W.Va. — The miners relied on their training and trusted their safety equipment. But it wasn't enough.

Trapped by heavy smoke that blocked their escape routes, most of the 13 miners caught in an explosion did just as they were trained, retreating deeper into the mine and hanging a curtain-like barrier to keep out toxic gases while they waited for rescue, officials said Wednesday.

Their efforts may have bought them some time. But all except one were found dead more than a day and half after the blast.



### Note to our readers

About half of the newspapers published Wednesday by The Times-News incorrectly reported that 12 of the miners trapped in a West Virginia coal mine had been found alive.

We stopped the presses shortly after 1 a.m. and updated the story as news broke about the miners' deaths. The story was updated throughout the day on our Web site.

We regret that some editions of Wednesday's Times-News reported this story incorrectly — a reminder that life changes in an instant. Chris Steinhilber, Editor

The miners' families learned of the 12 deaths during a torturous night in which they were mistakenly told at first that 12 of the men were alive. It took three hours before the families were told the truth, and their joy turned instantly to fury with one man hanging at coal company officials.

It was the nation's deadliest coal mining accident in more than four years.

The sole survivor, 26-year-old Randal McCoy Jr., lay in critical condition, suffering from dehydration, a collapsed lung, and heart, liver and kidney problems.

McCoy, the youngest miner in the group, showed no sign of carbon monoxide poisoning but may have suffered a brain

A woman mourns at a candlelight memorial service for the 12 miners who died in a mine explosion in Tallmanville, W.Va.

injury because of lack of oxygen after being trapped in the mine for more than 42 hours, a doctor said. "There is an opportunity for recovery," Dr. Lawrence Roberts said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Ben Hatfield, chief executive of mine owner International Coal Group Inc., said that the company did the best it could under extreme stress and exhaustion, and that officials "sincerely regret" the fatalities were

left to believe for so long that their loved ones were alive.

"In the process of being cautious, we allowed the possibility to go on longer than it should have," a choked-up Hatfield said. Please see MINERS, Page A2

## Pina now faces first-degree murder charge

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A grand jury has filed a first-degree murder charge against Juan Carlos Pina in the shotgun slaying of Jesse J. Naranjo.

In an indictment handed down Tuesday evening, the Twin Falls County grand jury alleged Naranjo was killed during a kidnapping that was initiated by Pina.

The indictment does not allege Pina pulled the trigger. But under Idaho law, a homicide committed during a kidnapping can qualify as murder in the first degree.

"If you begin a violent felony, and as a result of that somebody

dies, you're on the hook for that even if you didn't mean to hurt anybody," Prosecuting Attorney Grant Leeb said Wednesday.

Pina, 32, was charged earlier with accessory to murder. Leeb said Pina could possibly be prosecuted on both charges.

The grand jury also indicted 17-year-old Johnny A. Shores on a charge of voluntary manslaughter. Shores, who is accused of shooting Naranjo,

was charged with the same offense in an earlier criminal complaint.

Naranjo, 33, was killed Nov. 29 by a shotgun blast to the abdomen at 325 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

According to Twin Falls police affidavits, Pina was holding Naranjo captive with a sawed-off shotgun. Shores ended up with the gun after a scuffle started. Naranjo tried to leave by the backdoor but was followed by Pina who continued to fight with him. Shores shot Naranjo after he thought he saw Naranjo pull a pistol, the affidavits allege.

The grand jury indictment alleges that Pina detained Naranjo against his will and "that during the course of the kidnap-

ping, Jesse Naranjo a human being, was unlawfully killed."

The indictment against Shores alleges he killed Naranjo in "a sudden quarrel, but without malice aforethought and premeditation."

Pina and Shores are being held on \$500,000 bond each in the Twin Falls County jail. Arraignments on the grand jury indictments had not been scheduled but will likely be held next week, Leeb said.

Leeb said he hasn't decided whether or not to seek the death penalty. The grand jury did not indict Pina on aggravating circumstances, which are necessary for a death penalty, but Leeb said the prosecutor's office can seek those charges.

## Sharon near death after stroke

Power transferred to his deputy

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon underwent hours of surgery after suffering a massive, life-threatening stroke, but he was returned to his deputy, Ehud Olmert, Tuesday after a brain scan revealed he required more treatment. Powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert, Tuesday after a brain scan revealed he required more treatment. Powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert, Tuesday after a brain scan revealed he required more treatment.

midnight that lasted throughout the night. Doctors said Thursday morning the operation would last several more hours. "Surgery" apparently has been complicated by blood clots that have been given following a mild stroke on Dec. 18, and the medical team may also have contributed to Wednesday's stroke.

Neurosurgeons not involved in Sharon's surgery said a full recovery was not likely

following such a massive stroke. It usually takes at least a day after the surgery to determine the extent of any damage.

Olmert was to convene the Cabinet for a special session. An spokesman brought Sharon to the Jerusalem hospital only hours before the heart-charging, overnight, 77-year-old Israeli leader had been scheduled to undergo a procedure to seal a hole in his heart that contributed to a mild stroke on Dec. 18.

Leifall, Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger called on Israelis to read Psalms and pray for Sharon. "We are very, very worried," he said, and prayed for "miracy from Heaven."

## Lawmakers may push for stronger sex offender laws

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The worst of Idaho's registered sex offenders must check in with authorities once every three months. The new law, which takes effect in 2007, would require sex offenders to check in with authorities once every three months. The new law, which takes effect in 2007, would require sex offenders to check in with authorities once every three months.

that would add new classifications of sex offenders, and he's considering an effort to create so-called safe zones around schools and parks, prohibiting sex offenders from living near areas where children congregate. He's also proposing life sentences for second-time sex offenders, banning sex offenders from school property, setting a minimum bar requirement of \$50,000 for people accused of a sex crime, and imposing a minimum 25-year sentence for sex crimes involving a victim under the age of 12.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today Morning fog possible, then partly cloudy. Highs 40s.
Tonight Partly cloudy with areas of late night fog
drizzling. Lows upper 30s.
Monday Partly to mostly cloudy and comfortable. Highs 40s.

TRIPLE MOUNTAIN FORECAST
Today Partly cloudy to sunny, breezy at times and nice. Highs low 40s.
Tonight Partly cloudy with fair skies and light winds. Lows 20s.
Monday Partly to mostly cloudy, then increasingly cloudy this afternoon. Highs low 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Dry and pleasant winter weather will start out the week.
BOISE
Mostly dry weather will stick with us through week end. A chance of rain on Monday.
NORTHERN IDAHO
Dry and pleasant winter weather will hold through week end.

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Sunday Fair, mostly sun. High 50.
Monday Showers, drizzle, then clearing. High 47.

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Goedde is not alone in the fight against sex crimes. Democratic Rep. Donna Bree from Pocatello has proposed eliminating the statute of limitations for reporting and prosecuting child abuse, and requiring clergy to report suspected sex abuse.

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He said the initial mistake resulted from a miscommunication among the rescue crews. Another ICG executive, vice president Gene Kitts, suggested the misunderstanding resulted because the rescuers who reached the victims were wearing full-face oxygen masks and were unable to report their findings to the base.

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Lockyer spokesman Nathan Bannink insisted the state has a strong case. "With the state of California expects to recover as a result of our lawsuits goes well above and beyond the resolution that was reached today," Bannink said.
CORRECTION
No record set for electrical use
Idaho Power customers did not set a new record for winter electricity use typically caused by buildings of naturally occurring methane gas or highly combustible coal dust in the air.

# Another deadly day in Iraq

## Bomber detonates explosives among Shiite mourners, killing 32 at funeral

**BAHGADAD, Iraq (AP)** — Dozens of mourners shuffled alongside the coffin of a 14-year-old killed by an assassin's bullet when a "strange" person joined the procession. A moment later, the suicide bomber struck.

Wednesday's attack at the cemetery killed 32 people, wounded more than 40 and staked the tombs with blood.

The mourners were chanting a ritual Islamic prayer. "There is no god but God," as they followed the pallbearers in Muqaddiyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, for the burial of a nephew of a Shiite politician whom attackers had tried to kill the day before. The boy died in the attack Tuesday.



The bodies of victims from a bomb attack on a funeral service arrive at the Muqaddiyah hospital morgue on Wednesday. Attacks across Iraq on Wednesday killed a total of 53 people, making it the deadliest day since the Dec. 15 elections.

"We were walking in the funeral when a strange person joined the crowd. Suddenly, there was a strong blast and we were turned upside down," said Amel Khaym. "I saw many legs and hands flying all over the place."

The bombing was part of a surge of violence Wednesday as Iraqi leaders try to form a coalition government. Altogether, 53 people died in the day's attacks, which included two car bombings in Baghdad and a mortar ambush on a convoy of 60 oil tankers heading from Iraq's biggest refinery to the capital.

The general bombing, both killings of a Shiite politician's group such as al-Qaida in Iraq. Politicians said the attack was an attempt to hinder a broad-based government, or force the dominant Shiite alliance into further compromises. Shites were said to be close to a deal on a coalition with Sunni Arabs and Kurds nearly three weeks after parliamentary elections.

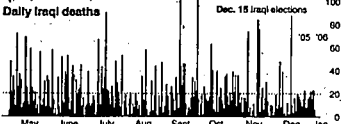
A mourner, Jabur Thamer, said the crowds had just entered the cemetery alongside the pallbearers.

"Afterward, many people were very scared, while others were busy checking the injured before the arrival of the ambulances," he said.

The uncle, Ahmed al-Bakka, was not at the funeral, police said. Al-Bakka is the director of a hospital and head of the local branch of the Dawaa party. Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari leads the Dawaa party, which is a main partner in the country's largest

### Violent incidents followed Iraqi elections

Iraq's Interior Ministry reported that more than 7,000 Iraqis, mostly civilians, were killed in violence in 2005. An AP count compiled since April 2005, shows nearly 5,000 Iraqis died.



NOTE: This number includes civilians, government officials and police and security forces, and is considered only a minimum based on AP reporting. In addition, nearly 1,000 Shiite pilgrims were killed on August 21 by a bridge stampede caused by someone shouting there was a suicide bomber in their midst.

Shites should be released within two weeks, and are expected to show the United Iraq Alliance with about 130 of parliament's 275 seats. That figure is well short of the 194 needed to form a government.

A partner in the largest Sunni Arab political group denounced the attack.

The Islamic Party condemns such ugly acts that are aimed at dividing the country," said Nassir al-Ani. "The perpetrators want to cause divisions and hinder the political process in Iraq, but they will fail and we will establish a national unity government."

Shites have been targeted by extremist Sunni Arab groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Jordanian-born terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. His organization wants to force Iraq into a sectarian conflict to force U.S.-led coalition forces to leave.

The year 2005 saw 2,880 terrorist attacks target Iraqi security forces and civilians, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday. Some 1,225 policemen and 475 soldiers were killed, along with 4,021 civilians and 1,709 insurgents. It said overall, 7,430 Iraqis were killed, according to the figures.



President Bush appears at a news conference Wednesday at the Pentagon after he participated in Department of Defense briefings on Iraq. At left is Vice President Dick Cheney.

## Bush: New year will bring progress in war on terror

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney tried a one-two punch Wednesday in defense of the Iraq war, a domestic spying program and the terrorism-fighting Patriot Act they want Congress to renew.

At the Pentagon, Bush gave an upbeat assessment about Iraq's work to form an inclusive government of Shites, Sunni Arabs and Kurds, but he offered no concrete details about bringing U.S. troops home.

"Later this year, I Iraqis continue to make progress on the security and political sides that we expect we can discuss further possible adjustments with the leaders of a new government in Iraq," Bush said.

Bush lauded the performance of newly trained Iraqi troops and security officers who helped secure the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections. The president also sought to brace Americans for continued violence.

Cheney, speaking at a conservative think tank in Washington, defended the domestic spying program, which he says does not violate Americans' civil liberties.

A presidential order, which is the subject of upcoming congressional hearings, gave the National Security Agency permission to eavesdrop without a warrant on communications between suspected terrorists overseas and people inside the United States.

The vice president said leaders of Congress were briefed more than a dozen times. He said the program is reviewed by the executive branch every 45 days and that Bush has reauthorized it more than 30 times.

Cheney said the domestic surveillance is "totally appropriate and within the president's authority under the Constitution and laws of the country."

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## Hundreds stream into Egypt through breach in border

**RAFAH, Gaza Strip** — Hundreds of angry Palestinians streamed into Egypt on Wednesday after militants with stolen bulldozers broke through a border wall, and two Egyptian troops were killed and 30 wounded by gunfire in the rampage.

About 3,000 Egyptian Interior Ministry troops who initially had no orders to fire swarmed the border but were forced to withdraw about a half-mile, said security forces Lt. Sameh el-Anabihyan, who announced the casualties.

Gen. Essam el-Sheikh said Egyptian forces later began firing back.

The scene was one of utter chaos. An Egyptian armored vehicle was burning and hundreds of Palestinians could be seen crouching in farm fields just inside Egypt.

The militants' rampage through the southern Gaza town of Rafah underscored the growing lawlessness in Palestinian towns, especially in Gaza, and represented the most brazen challenge to the authority of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

### World in brief

can manage on the money they've got, and that most survivors are getting safely through the freeze.

"The issue of the funding remains, but we have just decided to focus on the survivors and figure out what we can do for them with what little we have been given by the international donors," Ben Maller, the U.N. spokesman in Pakistan, told The Associated Press.

The United Nations says it has received \$249.7 million in quake relief, with an additional \$19 million in pledges. That's just 47 percent of the \$550 million it said it needed to get survivors through to the April thaw in the high Himalayan mountains of Pakistan-held Kashmir, and the nation's rugged North West Frontier Province.

— compiled from wire reports

### Pakistan: Money finally flowing to quake victims

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan** — Nearly three months after South Asia's deadliest earthquake, the U.N. has received less than half the money it requested to get millions of Pakistani survivors through the winter, and the government has received just a fraction of the billions pledged for long-term rebuilding. Yet officials are being remarkably optimistic. They say they

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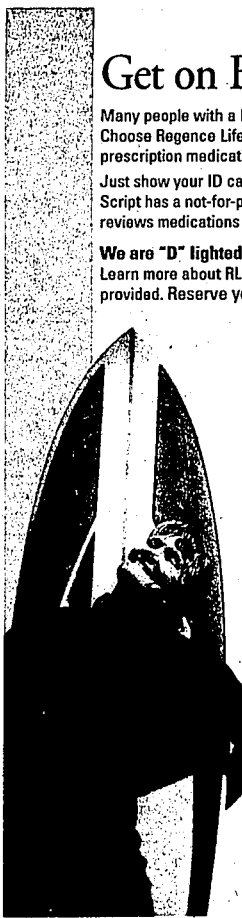
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# NATION/WORLD

## GOP scrambles to shed Abramoff funds

### Bush, Frist and Delay dump money connected to lobbyist

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — From the Oval Office to Capitol Hill, prominent Republicans scrambled Wednesday to shed campaign contributions linked to disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, as his guilty pleas in fraud and corruption cases opened a painful debate within the party over its leadership and direction.

President Bush, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and DeLay's temporary successor in that post, Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., joined a beleaguering group of legislators whose campaign committees have returned or donated to charities money they received from Abramoff, his associates and his clients.

More lawmakers were expected to follow suit in what was becoming a stampede by lawmakers to distance themselves from a lobbyist who once enjoyed easy access to Washington's corridors of power. The cloud surrounding Abramoff grew Wednesday when he pleaded guilty in Miami to federal fraud charges arising from his purchase of SunCruz, a Florida gambling act first. On Tuesday, he pleaded guilty in Washington to three federal felonies stemming from his lobbying activities.



Jack Abramoff arrives at the federal justice building in Miami Wednesday shortly before pleading guilty to fraud charges in connection with his purchase of SunCruz Casinos in 2000.

Amendments on Capitol Hill are mounting because Abramoff — once a key player in the vaunted K Street lobbying project that DeLay built into a powerful tool to help maintain Republican majorities in the House and Senate — is cooperating with federal prosecutors in a wide-ranging corruption investigation. The probe is focused on whether at least a half-dozen members of Congress and several federal elected legislative action in return for lavish trips, gifts and campaign contributions orchestrated by

Abramoff. Although some Democrats received Abramoff-linked contributions from the lobbyist — a Republican activist since college — focused most of his attention on helping the GOP. Records have shown he helped funnel at least \$100,000 to Bush's reelection campaign. Tracey Schmitt, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, said Wednesday the campaign had decided to donate to the American Heart

Association \$6,000 connected to Abramoff. She said that amount covered separate \$2,000 donations from Abramoff, the lobbyist's wife and a Michigan Indian tribe he represented.

A spokesman for DeLay, who had close ties to Abramoff, announced he would donate \$15,000 given to his campaign committee by Abramoff and his wife to charities in Texas.

A spokesman for Frist said a \$2,000 contribution from the Michigan Indians that Abramoff represented would be given back to the tribe, and Blunt's office said that he would be donating \$6,500 his campaign received in Abramoff-linked money to charity.

The spreading Abramoff scandal is considered so politically toxic that some Republicans said broad changes must be made if the party hopes to preserve its control of Congress in November's elections. These moves include the quick selection of a permanent House majority leader — which would block DeLay's efforts to return to the position — and a party commitment to champion ethics and lobbying reforms.

"If they don't take fairly dramatic action and reclaim the mantle of reform, (Republicans) are going to lose the House," said John Heiter, a GOP lobbyist and former House member from Minnesota with close ties to the White House.

## Abramoff downfall may plague both houses

By Ronald Brownstein  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The downfall of prominent Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff dropped like a bomb into the early weeks of the 2006 congressional campaign. But the scandal's political impact will depend on how far the radius of the blast extends.

Abramoff's guilty plea to several felonies Tuesday and Wednesday are likely to compound the electoral headaches for those senators and House members most directly linked to him. Republicans with close ties to the lobbyist — including Reps. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., — have come under quick fire from Democratic opponents.

But many analysts in both parties believe that the Abramoff investigation will significantly change the 2006 political landscape. It helps Democrats portray the GOP congressional majority as enmeshed in a "culture of corruption."

Such a portrait could magnify the controversy's impact by threatening even legislators only tangentially involved with Abramoff — much the way the Republican focus on congressional scandals in the early 1990s weakened a broad swath of Democratic incumbents.

But framing that picture won't be easy for Democrats, partly because members of their party also received contributions from Abramoff clients and part-

### Analysis

ly because polls show most Americans see both parties as equally prone to corruption.

"It could change, but at this point Democrats dream of corruption being a central theme are not there in public opinion," said GOP pollster Glen Bolger.

The GOP does face the risk that if the Abramoff case results in indictments of Republican lawmakers, voters could come to see the scandal in more partisan terms that damage the party's image.

Now are likely to have a very public, very lengthy discussion of exactly how corruption has worked among Republican lobbyists and Republican members of Congress," said Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster. "I think that portrait will have an impact much broader than on just the people who got a buck — two or 25,000, from Abramoff."

Democratic congressional leaders have signaled for months that a central theme of the party's 2006 campaign will be that Republicans have focused more on the interests of lobbyists and special interests than on ordinary families. Indeed, several recent national surveys show that when it comes to corruption, the public sees the partisan contention much like an argument between the pot and the kettle.

In a poll for NBC and the Wall Street Journal, 79 percent of

Americans termed corruption in Washington "actually a problem among both parties." In a survey for National Public Radio, more than 60 percent said corruption in Washington today was no greater than usual.

Democratic pollster Stanley B. Greenberg, who conducted the NPR survey with Bolger, the GOP pollster, said the results show that Democrats are not positioned to benefit from disillusionment over Washington ethics. "Democrats will not get heard unless they are reformers," he said.

Hoping to claim that mantle, congressional Democrats are expected to champion lobbying reform this year. But Republicans are likely to seek to blur that difference by advancing their own reform proposals.

Seeking to diminish the contrast on another front, Republicans are emphasizing the support Abramoff clients provided to Democrats.

According to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, the \$204,253 in personal contributions from Abramoff since the 2000 election all went to Republicans. But Indian tribes he lobbied for contributed more than \$1.5 million to Democratic candidates and party committees over that period (as well as about \$2.65 million Republicans).

Brian Kirk, spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said that too many Democrats have received funding from Abramoff-related interests for the party to dis-

tance themselves from this guy." Democrats counter that it will be difficult for the GOP to present Abramoff as an "equal money dispenser" between the parties, as President Bush put it in an interview last month. A former chairman of the College Republican National Committee, Abramoff was a major fundraiser for Bush, who worked most closely with Republicans on Capitol Hill.

And Mellman, the Democratic pollster, argued that as the majority party, Republicans have the most to lose if the controversy simply deepens the pox-on-both-houses attitude toward Congress evident in many polls.

"Even if there are some Democrats caught up in it, the reality is if people are negative about the whole institution, (Republicans) get hurt disproportionately because there are more of them," he said.

Veteran Southern-based GOP strategist Warren Tompkins agreed that his party should not discount the threat posed by the Abramoff scandal. "The Republicans in Congress have got to deal with all this greed and corruption and sleaze they've got going," he said. "I know it's a problem when I go down to my hunt club and they're mad."

## Afghan teacher who taught girls beheaded

AP

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Militants broke into the home of an Afghan headmaster and beheaded him while forcing his wife and eight children to watch, the latest in a spate of attacks blamed on the Taliban that have forced many schools to close.

The insurgents claim that educating girls is against Islam and they even oppose government-financed schools for boys because they teach subjects besides religion.

Four armed men stabbed Malim Habibullah, 45, eight times before decapitating him in the courtyard of his home in the town of Qalat late Tuesday, according to provincial government spokesman Ali Khalil and a cousin of the victim, Dr. Esmatullah.

Habib was slain after he refused to go with the militants to meet their commander, said Esmatullah, who like many Afghans uses one name.

The assassins made Habib's wife and four sons and four daughters, aged 2 to 22, watch but did not hurt them physically, Khalil said.

The militants then fled, and Habib's wife called the police. He said, investigators were questioning three people who were guests in the victim's home.

The government condemned the killing. Masood Khalili, the Afghan ambassador to Turkey, where President Hamid Karzai was visiting Wednesday, called the attack a "disgraceful action by the enemies of Afghanistan."

Habib was the headmaster and a teacher at Shaikh Mauli Baba high school, attended by 1,300 boys and girls. It is located in Zabul, a remote mountainous province popu-

lated mainly by Pashtuns and bordering Pakistan. From that is a hub of Taliban militancy. Zabul province's education director, Nabil Khushal, blamed the Taliban for the killing, saying the insurgents have put up posters around Qalat demanding that schools for girls be closed and threatening to kill teachers.

"Only the Taliban are against girls being educated," he said. "The Taliban often attack our teachers and beat them. But this is the first time one has been killed in this province."

Esmatullah said Habib resumed his more than 20-year teaching career two years ago, after the Taliban threatened him while he was working for a group helping the disabled. Since then, the Taliban told him twice to stop teaching.

Hundreds of students and teachers attended Habib's funeral Wednesday.

Taliban spokesmen and commanders in the region, one of the most volatile in Afghanistan, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Dozens of schools have been attacked and burned since U.S.-led forces ousted the Taliban in 2001 for sheltering terror leader Osama bin Laden. Most of the attacks have come at night and caused fatalities, but in October, gunmen shot and killed another headmaster in front of his students at a boys' school in Kandahar province, the former stronghold of the Taliban regime.

Before the Taliban were forced from power, they prohibited girls from attending school and forced boys to study only Islam as part of their drive to establish what they considered a "pure" Islamic state.

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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.

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DATED this 9th day of December 2005.

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# Comunidad

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## Breaking the cycle

### Culture, resident status affect Hispanic domestic violence

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Three nights a week Estelle Romero leaves her comfortable home to let her husband to sleep at the Crisis Center in Twin Falls.

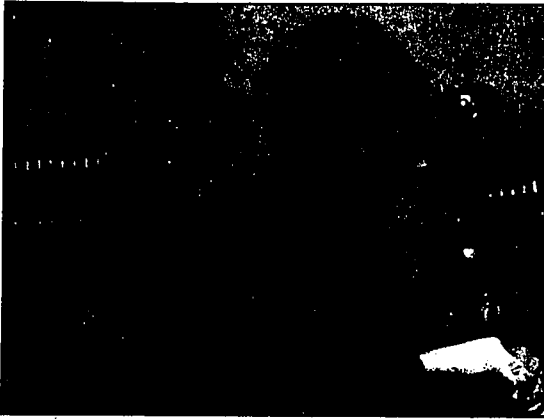
She does this volunteer work to help Latinos who are facing the kinds of frightening issues she once confronted: Domestic violence.

Left home when I was 16," said Romero, a third-generation Mexican-American with such stunning looks that she could pass for someone in her 30s. "I had had enough abuse there, and so I ran away."

These days, she can joke about her childhood, referring to the plates, toasters and TV sets that a relative sent flying as " UFOs," or unidentified flying objects. The problem with running away, however, was that Romero ran right into a abusive situation with a man.

"I remember one time hiding behind a car while he was shouting at me," she said.

Romero says the violence she experienced in her youth is not uncommon within the Latino culture, especially if people have just come to the United States.



Estelle Romero, a third-generation Mexican-American, styles hair and does nails in Jerome. She says she endured abuse earlier in life and now volunteers for abused Latino women through with the Crisis Center of Magic Valley, which shelters victims of abuse.

### Reflecting census numbers

Deborah Gabardi, who is the director of the Crisis Center of Magic Valley, a local haven for victims of domestic abuse, said that over the past year about 20 percent of the women who came through the center were Hispanic.

Meanwhile, Hispanics make up about 9 percent of the Twin Falls County population, according to census data. But Gabardi did say that the center also gives shelter to victims from surrounding areas where the Latino population is markedly higher.

Nancy Howell, who works as a victim advocate through the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, said the number of Latinos seeking help from the agency reflects the census numbers.

"But, that doesn't mean that it's not happening," Howell said.

Many Latino women are not in the United States legally, and that usually means they do not afraid to reveal themselves to a government agency by asking for help, she said.

Romero agrees that exactly how Latinos are afraid of U.S. law officials, but women may be particularly vulnerable to becoming abuse victims if they do not speak English or know how to read well or know how to drive. And to make matters worse, the only kind of money-generating skills many have developed come from field work.

"They are so reliant on their husbands," Romero said.

The emphasis on "machismo" in the Mexican culture is at the root of the problem, she adds.

### Machismo

Lupe Cisneros, a Jerome paralegal who has helped Mexican immigrants for 30 years, is quick to clarify that the word "machismo" has positive, as well as negative connotations.

"Machismo can mean being responsible for your family, which includes treating your wife well and taking care of your children," Cisneros said. "But a guy who has machismo in the negative sense is overly aggressive."

Cisneros also explained that in Latino cultures, machismo tends to have different definitions according to the "class" into which people are born, similar to a caste system. Usually, the "higher class" or more-educated men with machismo take pride in caring for their families in a respectful way, and their wives help them make decisions. In the "lower class" or less educated, poorer families, women are not decision makers. And it's in these latter families where the abuse tends to take place more often, she said.

Unfortunately, the people who come to the United States are poor because they don't have anything else back home, Cisneros said.

"If they are illegal — these women who work in the fields — the only rules they have is through their husbands. So, if he is going to be abusive, he will take advantage of that," Cisneros said.

Latino women who enter the U.S. illegally can call upon the Crisis Center for help, but about the only thing officials can do is arrest the perpetrator and help the woman and her children find another home, Cisneros said. But if both the husband and the wife are illegal residents, these families — with the excep-

### Domestic violence and immigrants

Barriers to seeking help include:

- Language barriers
- Negative perception of law enforcement or the legal system because of negative experiences with law enforcement in their country of origin or distrust of the American legal system because of misinformation from abusers.
- Fear of deportation if the victim complains, leaves or calls the police.
- Cultural and religious issues, where there may be strict guidelines for gender roles, or victims may feel alienated or alone in emergency shelters.

Source: The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

### For more information

Call the Crisis Center of Magic Valley at 733-0100 or 800-882-3236.

tion of their children born in the U.S. — do not qualify for financial aid from the government or protection under immigration laws. As a result, a woman who has called upon law enforcement or sought shelter at the Crisis Center almost always goes back with her husband after the violent episode.

"It's a survival thing," Cisneros said. "If the husband has entered the U.S. legally, while the wife has entered illegally and has established a record of abuse with law enforcement, she can ask federal immigration officers for protection. But even then, she has to be taking steps to learn English and acquire an education in order to keep that status."

### Respect for women

Rev. Dago Martinez, who ministers to a Latino congregation in Rupert, instructs families that have just arrived in the U.S. and joined his congregation — half of which he estimates are undocumented — on how women should be treated.

"When I grew up, I thought women were only to cook and

for sex," he said. "When he converted to his evangelical faith in the 1970s, he said he learned to treat women with more respect."

Estelle Romero champions education as the key for Latino women to escape the cycle of violence. When she was 30, she enrolled in beauty school and seems to have excelled in it. If a woman can support herself, then she can work toward a life of respect and security, she said.

These days, Romero is in a marriage with a man whom she says treats her with complete respect, and she is happy. But, her road to breaking out of the violence began years before with the mother of someone who had abused her.

"She had nothing but second-hand furniture and memories of abuse," Romero said. "One day she stood me up in front of a mirror, and I looked at my two black eyes, and she said, 'Look at you. Look around. If you don't leave, you will be me.'"

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## Craig rep talks about immigration proposals

TWIN FALLS — Mike Mathews, the regional director for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, will discuss current and upcoming immigration proposals and bills in Congress, at a meeting on Monday of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network. The no-host lunch will be held at noon at the Azlun Restaurant.

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



### Group talks applications for scholarships

BOISE — Image of Idaho, an Hispanic advocacy group, is accepting applications for scholarships.

The objective of the Image of Idaho Scholarship is to promote the educational development of Hispanic students in the state of Idaho. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500. Recipients will be notified by

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early May. Scholarship applications for the 2006-2007 school year must be postmarked no later than March 3, 2006.

All scholarship materials must be mailed in care of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs. For an application form, visit [www.imageofidaho.org/education.html](http://www.imageofidaho.org/education.html), or for more information, email Image of Idaho at [info@imageofidaho.org](mailto:info@imageofidaho.org).

## Merlina is one of the nation's few Hispanic women magicians

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Magic happens when one discovers a passion in life. If you doubt or are otherwise skeptical — about magic or passion and how the two might intertwine — you obviously have never met Merlina.

Merlina, known to some by her other name, Maria Ibanez. "The reaction of children to magic is, for me, magical," says Ibanez, with the vivid voice of the true believer. "You have to see them (the audience) from the magician's point of view. It's amazing, their faces, the look in their eyes."

Ibanez, 53, has been performing magic of many different kinds for 27 years at schools, libraries, hospitals, company picnics, nightclubs, birthday parties — anywhere, quite frankly, they will have her.

Ibanez is one of maybe a handful of female magicians in Florida, and the only Hispanic woman to do this full time. While many party trunks may also do magic tricks as part of their routine, few of these women performers rely solely on a magic show.

"I've always been a rarity, but I don't mind," she says. "It didn't close doors for me at all, either. It helped me. The men in the business really tried to help me."

She recently became the first vice president for the Society of American Magicians, the second-largest magicians' organization with 7,000 members and the world's oldest, having been founded by the famed Houdini in 1902. She is

slotted to take over the presidency in 2007, only the third time a woman has held that post. The responsibility isn't new: She was the only woman to be president of the Florida Magicians Association.

The national society's new goal is to grow membership, to attract young magicians, women and minorities because the business of magic has traditionally been male and white — and no one seems to know why.

Many believe that the jovial presence of Ibanez has traditionally been overlooked, but probably do much for the cause.

"I think that when young girls see her perform, they'll say, 'I want to be like her,'" says Juan Goodsell, the last female president of the society in 2000. "I think it's a matter of showing them there's the possibility."

Until recently, Goodsell added, women played an auxiliary role in magic shows. They usually were the assistants who handed out hats or disappeared in big boxes. "Maria," she adds, "is going to be a great role model." And not only because of her tricks but also because of her vivacious personality. "She's hyper and so into it!"

Ibanez charges \$225 for each 45-minute show and figures she does four to six a week. She's performed for some moneyed bigwigs — members of the Saudi royal family, for instance — but she actually prefers to do shows for sick and terminally ill children.

"To work with children who are terminally ill and to make them laugh for just a little — that's worth a fortune to me," she says.

## Yolanda Perez moves between two worlds

Knight Ridder News Service

In many ways, Yolanda Perez is a totally typical Los Angeles child: a 22-year-old daughter of tradition-minded Mexican parents, she grew up speaking Spanish and listening to Mexican regional music at home.

But when school she speaks English, hung out with black and white and Asian and Middle Eastern kids, listened to hip-hop and rock. Also like many from her generation, Perez has a boyfriend of a different race and a baby. And she struggles to reconcile her life with the expectations of her family and culture.

What makes Perez atypical is that she is also a rising star of Mexican regional music. And her life in dual worlds has made her a sometimes uncomfortable symbol of a new generation of Latinos for whom mixing languages, musics and cultures is as natural as flipping the dial on Los Angeles' wildly varied radio spectrum.

After winning a talent contest at age 11, Perez performed on a number of radio shows on the Mexican-American radio circuit and

recorded for small labels. But her early hits, on her first two CDs for powerful Mexican regional label Fonovisa, in 2003 and 2004, captured the attention of bi-culturalism. On "Estoy Enamorado (I'm in Love) and "La Reyna del Mall" (Queen of the mall) recorded with Los Angeles radio personality Cheto Cheto, Perez is a rebellious Americanized daughter arguing with Cheto's conservative Mexican father about her boyfriend and her music-shopping habits.

"Out here in L.A., I'm the girl who represents all the young ones who go through all the stuff that goes on in these songs," Perez said recently by phone from L.A. On her third album, "Esto es amor," she delivers a captivating mix of reggaeton and salsa on "Quieras Quieras, Como Quieras" (When you want, the way you want), and a blistering Spanglish rap tell-off of a no-good boyfriend on "Hoy to digo adios."

"We're in America, but our parents or family is from Mexico," Perez says. "The culture is mixed, and that's what I'm doing with the music, mixing

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both cultures, the traditional banda and the hip-hop. If you sit in a car with my friends they listen to urban station Power 106 and then they change to Mexican regional station Quieras. This is just making it easier for them."

Josh Kun, a freelance writer who profiled Perez for Los Angeles magazine, believes her ability to move between worlds could put her in the vanguard of Latin music.

"There is a new generation of Mexican-Americans who are forging different styles that

belong to them for the first time, and feel like they have the freedom and right within American culture to mix these styles together. The question is how much room is there for that in the Latin music industry?"

Perez isn't just crossing borders in her music, but in her personal life. Her boyfriend is African-American, and the couple have a 9-month-old daughter, Mya. For a teen idol to have a child out of wedlock with a black man is a double taboo to some in the Mexican-American community.

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## EDITORIAL

### New T.F. city positions add more vision for future plans

**T**win Falls has seen a lot of changes in the past few years. So changes to city government shouldn't take anyone by surprise.

Some reforms are apparent with the hiring of a new city engineer, and they'll be more obvious when the city hires a new community development director in the coming year.

The shifts are all part of a level-headed focus on city growth and long-term planning. Members of the City Council approved the appointment of Jackie Fields as the city's new city engineer after a search from among 20 candidates. Fields is currently the project development engineer for Region IV of the Idaho Transportation Department in July, is a little rickier. The opening attracted few applicants, so city officials chose to redraw the position as well as that of city manager.

Now, the position is community development director. That individual will not only oversee planning and zoning and building, but also economic development efforts and the parks and recreation department. The annual salary was also bumped up from \$54,756 to \$80,868.

**Our view: Reforming certain positions in Twin Falls city government will provide more long-term planning for the future.**

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

between \$60,228 and \$88,944.

Redesigning the job appears to have paid off. City Manager Tom Courtney said around 40 applicants have put in for the job. And city officials are impressed not only with the quantity of applications, but the quality as well.

The restructured positions should pay off for Twin Falls.

The expansion of the community development director's post narrows the span of control over the engineer and city manager. Each position will have no more than five areas to oversee. Whereas the former city engineer had eight areas to manage, Fields will oversee three.

We're trying to improve efficiency, provide better oversight and move day-to-day decisions further down in the organization," Courtney said.

That may seem like a system that feeds bureaucracy. But really it focuses top management to do the job most needed in Twin Falls—shaping a vision for long-term issues facing the city. "This will help us deal with issues on a planned basis proactively rather than on a reactive crisis basis," Courtney said.

If there's anything missing from Twin Falls' successful pattern of growth and expansion, that ability to plan long-term may top the list. The reorganization of city government assignments appears to be a good start toward that improvement.

## Nothing personal, just business

**T**he sight of Jack Abramoff striding out of federal court here Tuesday, looking like a stocky gangster from a '40s movie in black fedora and trench coat, seemed like the strongest evidence so far of how graft and hubris have overwhelmed the capital.

It could have been a scene from "The Godfather," a favorite film of the felonious lobbyist. The Washington Post reported that he "did business with people linked to the underworld," bilked Indian tribes of tens of millions, and then lavished a bundle in tribal gambling profits on greedy members of Congress.

The Post said Abramoff loved to amuse colleagues by imitating President George W. Bush. He rejected a corrupt politician's demand for a share of Mafia gambling money. "Senator, you can have my answer now, if you like. My offer is this: nothing."

But just because this is a scale of amorality and blatant self-interest, it doesn't excuse even Washington cynics, who look on the dark side.

The Abramoff plea bargain may have left his former business partners and political pals panicking, wondering if the rat will rat them out. The Republican congressman Tom DeLay and Bob Ney are among the sleazy solons caught up in the scandal, and the House speaker, Dennis Hastert, scrambled Tuesday to launder \$69,000 in dirty Abramoff contributions, donating the wad to charity.

And then there's Ralph Reed, the choirboy Bible thumper who used to like to chastise Democrats for immorally playing Indian tribes off against each other.

But looking at the big picture, in some ways the imperial presidency is working out quite well for everyone.

Think about it: All those congressmen don't really need to do their jobs anymore. With the president able to make war more or less as he chooses, treat the enemy as he sees fit and snoop on Americans at will, the president has more time for the duty many are clearly best suited to: playing



now as quaint as the Geneva Conventions. Congress is complicit in putting its thumb on the scale for the executive branch.

The Post reported that W. had taken advantage of an innovation started years ago by Samuel Alito Jr. to shove up executive privileges. As a young justice department lawyer in the Reagan administration, Alito created a strategy that has the president declare what laws he will enforce when he signs them. Alito wanted the courts to focus as much on the president's interpretation of a law as on what he called "legislative intent."

W. has issued at least 108 such statements. The Post said, rejecting "provisions in bills that the White House regarded as interfering with its powers in national security, intelligence

policy and law enforcement." And since the imperial presidency is run by the vice president, he has a lot of free time to do the things he likes to do. Confined with his wife and mother-in-law at the Crawford ranch, he spent his Christmas vacation mountain-biking and clearing brush.

He left the ranch for a brief visit at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where he kidded in a way that again showed his jarring lack of empathy with the amputees from Iraq and Afghanistan: "As you can possibly see, I have an injury myself — not here at the hospital, but in combat with a cedar. I eventually won. The cedar gave me a little scratch. As a matter of fact, the cedar asked if I needed first aid when she first saw me. I was able to avoid any major surgical operations here, but thanks for your compassion, Colonel."

W. also used the occasion to defend the Nixonian even-though program that even made John Ashcroft and his deputy, James Comey, admit. As The New York Times reported, Andy Card and Alberto Gonzales had to make an emergency trip to see the reluctant Ashcroft in the hospital in May 2004 to get the program re-certified because Comey had balked.

You know you're in trouble when John Ashcroft is worried about overreaching.

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### Media play to advantage of coniving Bush

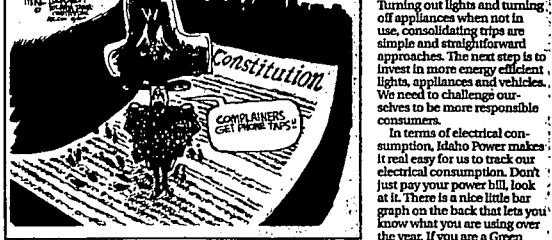
"See, in my line of work you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda." — George W. Bush, May 24, 2005

In attempting to reveal the not-so-hidden agenda of this presidency, I am only too aware of those who continue to wade down country roads yelling about "socialist Democrats" in blissful ignorance. This fight has nothing to do with Democrats, Republicans or Independents. It has everything to do with recognizing what is happening to our country and trying to stop it.

It is ludicrous to suggest that mainstream media are an accomplice of Democrats. BushCo has manipulated the media endlessly; inviting editors to the White House, claiming a threat to national security if domestic spying were revealed before the 2004 election; repeating the effort when the issue surfaced again in December 2005; paying columnists to write favorably about administration programs; abridging government agency reports to minimize negative aspects while enhancing their own agenda.

Only recently have the media begun revealing some of the truth of the past few years. It is treasonous to object to the president disregarding our basic constitutional rights? Is it treasonous to protest against administration war crimes? BushCo spies on America for its benefit—not ours, as when it used the National Security Agency to spy on U.N. delegates hoping to gain leverage in their race to

## LETTERS



war. No thinking person can possibly believe all of this surveillance is for protection from terrorists. With this group, it's far more likely for blackmail.

Let's talk about the politics of personal destruction: Review the slander aimed at John McCain when he came to South Carolina after a 19-point win against GWB in the 2000 New Hampshire election. Immediately, there was a concerted push instituted which suggested that McCain's adopted Bangladeshi daughter was his own illegitimate black child. The same method was used by the Swift Boaters during their merry bob in sewage. Truth is not a basic ingredient in BushCo.

This GOP Congress has been complicit in every underhanded, preferential legislation passed during this administration. It's time to impeach the originator of the feat. So pull your head out and do a little investigating. Start with a few General Accounting Office reports. If you really want to keep America

free, you'll go on from there. AMEE NEW Gooding

**Conservation begins with decisions at home**  
There have been lots of letters to the editor concerning the coal plant being proposed by Sempra in Jerome County. While I oppose the plant, as I have said before, I believe the debate is taking place in too narrow a context.

As important as the environmental and health impacts are, and they are enormous, they don't exist in a vacuum, separate from our consumption lifestyle. Be it electricity or fuel for our cars, trucks and recreational vehicles, there are impacts. A lot of people care, and I am often asked how to have an impact.

There are sophisticated technologies such as hybrid cars and net metered solar which are good but more expensive. If one can afford them, that is a great approach, but there are other options.

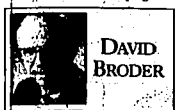
You can do the math, see how you are doing and, if you are a Green Power customer, how much of your use is coming from renewables.

We are just beginning to see the impacts of our energy consumption and production. These impacts cover the full range of economic and environmental issues, and they are serious. But just as in a government of, for and by the people, we are not powerless. We do have a choice. We are not powerless in terms of energy issues unless we choose to be.

BILL CHISHOLM  
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## Study tea leaves with governors

With the return this week of the 109th Congress after last year's bruising session, it is open season for speculation about November's midterm election. The collapse of President Bush's landmark Social Security plan, the battles over Supreme Court nominations, the scandals real and threatened involving Republican leaders, all the signs of feuding inside the GOP coalition have raised the stakes in the coming House and Senate campaigns.



DAVID BRODER

While Democrats remain underdogs to capture control of either chamber, the exceptional unity they have displayed on a variety of domestic and economic issues has bolstered their hopes for gains.

Let me suggest that the most significant results of 2006 will not involve the Senate or House but instead will be found in six Midwestern governors' races.

The campaigns in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and will tell us more about the direction of the country and the shape of the 2008 presidential battleground than any of the battles for Capitol Hill — where incumbent advantages in both money and gerrymandering are likely to skew the results.

Governors are closer to their constituents than most senators or representatives, and they exert more influence on presidential politics than their federal counterparts. In part because the nominees themselves often come from the stateshouses.

Republicans are likely to consolidate their current strength among governors across the South from Florida through Texas. Democrats are poised to solidify their grip on the state capitals in the Northeast, with strong candidates available to challenge in New York and Massachusetts, where Republican incumbents are not well liked.

But the Midwest is a real battleground, with one open seat in each party and three Democrats and Republicans facing tough re-election battles.

No state is more up in the air than Ohio, the crucial battleground in the 2004 presidential race. Retiring Republican Gov. Bob Taft rated in one end-of-the-year survey as the least popular incumbent in the country, with a 17 percent job approval. Rep. Ted Strickland now has an open path to the Democratic nomination, while Republicans face a possible primary battle among three statewide officials, Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, Attorney General Jim Petro and State Auditor Betty Montgomery.

In Minnesota, Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty has battled the opposition Legislature over budgets and other issues but was credited with a 59 percent approval score. Attorney General Mike Hatch, state Sens. Becky Lourey and Steve Kelley and House Speaker Kelly Doran are seeking the Democratic-Farmer-Labor endorsement.

In Michigan, Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm is personally popular but her state's continuing economic woes have left her with a shaky 41 percent job approval. The Republican challenger is likely to be Dick DeVos, the former head of the Aflac (Amway) sales network.

In Illinois, Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich has accumulated a huge campaign war chest but also a slew of investigations and open controversies as he bids for a second term. The weakened Republican establishment has rallied behind state Treasurer Judy Bauer Topinka, but she has opposition from state Sen. Bill Brady, securities executive Jim Oberweis and Ron Gidwitz, a businessman-philanthropist.

In the last presidential race, Ohio went narrowly to Bush; Michigan, Minnesota barely held for John Kerry; Illinois was the only one of these four states that did not see a solid Democratic majority.

Those states figure to be just as important in 2006, which means that what happens there this year will be well worth watching.

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## Here's yet another apology to Maureen Dowd.

JOEL STEIN

Maureen Dowd doesn't like me. This is not unusual. But unlike a lot of people, The New York Times columnist has a good reason.

Despite her new book, "Are Men Necessary?" it's not just because I'm male. And I have no argument with her book, either. The way I see it, perhaps men aren't necessary, but we are very entertaining.

Dowd apparently doesn't see it that way. Her hatred began with a column I wrote several years ago about singer Robert Goulet, who had sent me a letter asking to be my pen pal.

The next time I was in Las Vegas, I visited Goulet. That's when I discovered that I wasn't the only columnist he enjoyed. Goulet read Dowd's column to me out loud, in a Broadway burlesque that made it sound like the tale of the knights of the Round Table. Next to nearly every sentence he had jotted "Wow!" Unfortunately, in my

column I described Goulet's outpouring of love as "giving her more wows than Michael Douglas ever did." Douglas is Dowd's ex-boyfriend and current legal guardian to Catherine Zeta-Jones.

This, as you probably noticed, was not a particularly clever joke. It was not that nice. These are things that Maureen Dowd noticed as well.

She immediately called a colleague of mine and complained. She thought it was patently sexist and revealed a long history of sexism at my then-publication, Time magazine. I could see her point since it was a publication that, for a long time, chose a Man of the Year.

My colleague then told me to apologize to Dowd. Being a man of very little pride, I called

her immediately. It is surprisingly easy to reach Maureen Dowd. It is, however, surprisingly difficult to apologize to her. I started by admitting the joke was a cheap shot, to which she granted in agreement.

Mostly though, for the entire conversation, she did the reporter trick of not talking so I'd keep babbling and saying more incriminating things. By the time I hung up, I was pretty sure I'd made things worse.

Fearing how I'd struck out, my friend at Time suggested that I send her flowers. Although I don't remember specifically reading this in Simone de Beauvoir, sending flowers to a feminist accusing you of sexism seemed to me about as good an idea as telling her she looked good in a sweater.

But when I went online to pick a fruit basket, I found out they were very expensive. Was I

a \$150-caliber sexist? And more important, could I expense that much quill? I decided to ask an editor.

The editor wisely suggested a good bottle of wine. Then he called her friend, New York Times writer Alessandra Stanley, to find out what kind of wine Dowd liked.

The next sentences I heard were: "Actually, in person, he's a really nice guy... Well, he makes more fun of himself than anybody else... Joel, how about you pick out a case of really good California chardonnay?"

A few days later, the really good case showed up in my own office, returned unopened with a note that said, "Mr. Stein, keep the wine."

Luckily, just a few weeks later, I saw Art Cooper, then the editor of GQ, at a restaurant where, he told me, he was meeting Dowd for lunch and would straighten things out for

me. She showed up nearly an hour late for their lunch. I saw a really good bottle of chardonnay to their table. Then I went over to re-apologize.

The GQ editor gave me a look that could have been interpreted either as "Go away as fast as you can," or "Go away as fast as you can, ma'am." I left. Quickly. Apparently, she did not accept the wine.

I will not rest until I get Dowd to stop hating me. Maybe it's male to pursue the one who rejects you, but I think it's just that I don't want to be dismissed by someone I respect.

She may believe, as she says in her book, that men are put off by women in power — that her Pulitzer cost her dates. But to me, it just makes her hotter. I know that's going to cost me another bottle of chardonnay. But it's worth it.

Joel Stein is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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NATION/WORLD



President Bush watches Judge Samuel Alito, right, speak after he is announced Alito as his new nominee for the Supreme Court in this Oct. 31, 2005 file photo.

# ABA gives Alito a 'well-qualified' rating

WASHINGTON (AP) — Judge Samuel Alito on Wednesday gained the American Bar Association's highest rating for a Supreme Court nominee, giving him a boost before next week's Senate confirmation hearings.

Interest groups now will try to help or hinder Alito's chances by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on television, radio and Internet ads nationwide and in the states of key senators, before and during the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearings.

This is the second time the ABA, the nation's largest lawyers' organization, has rated Alito, who was

nominated by President Bush on Oct. 31 as the replacement for retiring justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"The well-qualified" rating—the highest—is the same one that Alito earned in 1990 when George Bush's father, President H.W. Bush, nominated him to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Embracing the latest rating, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said, "Leading Senate Democrats have said in the past that the ABA is the—quite—gold standard for evaluating judicial nominees."

Democrats, the Senate's minor-

ity party, contend Alito is too conservative and could undermine abortion rights. They are expected to be Alito's toughest questioners at the hearings that begin Monday.

"The ABA ratings do not take into account whether a judge's judicial philosophy and views are in or out of the broad mainstream," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "That is the \$64,000 question with Judge Alito and we will have to wait for the hearings to get a better answer."

For more than 50 years, the ABA has evaluated judicial nominees' credentials, though the organization has no official standing in the

process. In 2001, Bush ended the ABA's preferential role in vetting prospective nominees and refused to give the group advance word on names under consideration.

The ABA's Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary came up with the rating after confidential interviews with hundreds of Alito's colleagues and a review of his writings. Their options were well-qualified, qualified and not qualified.

The committee is of the unanimous opinion that Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr. is well-qualified," said Stephen L. Tober, chairman of the ABA panel.

# Russia, Ukraine reach gas deal

New agreement ends dispute that rattled Europe

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia and Ukraine reached agreement Wednesday on restoring natural gas supplies to Ukraine, ending — for now at least — a dispute that ripped an even larger chasm between the two former Soviet republics, rattled European consumers of Russian gas and called into question Moscow's reputation as a reliable energy provider to the West.

Almost a week after negotiations collapsed amid accusations of blackmail, sabotage and thievery, both Moscow and Kiev claimed victory in the complicated, five-year deal that involves a complex pricing plan, gas from Central Asia and a Russian-Swiss trading business that had been under investigation.

"Two nations won — Russia and Ukraine; Europe won; it is common sense that won," Ukrainian Prime Minister Yuriy Yanukovich told reporters in Kiev.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said the deal would reflect positively on the whole range of relations between Moscow and Kiev, saying it would create "stable conditions for deliveries of Ukrainian energy carriers to our Western European partners many years into the future."

Europe gets about a quarter of its gas from Russia, some 80 percent of that arriving in pipelines that cross Ukraine. While Ukraine buys a third of its gas from Russia, Moscow is also its key supplier.

Analysts had mixed reactions to the deal, which has Ukraine buying gas from the RosUkrEnergo trading company for almost twice what it had been paying, but still lower than the fourfold increase Russia originally sought.

"The deal is a very powerful blow which threatens Ukraine with catastrophe," said Mykhaylo Podrebinsky, a Kiev-based analyst.

Chris Weafer, chief strategist with Alfa Bank in Moscow, called it a "face-saving compromise" for both countries, but he blamed Russia's state-controlled gas monopoly, OAO Gazprom, for the impasse.

"What started out as a commercial dispute turned into a political dispute, because it was badly handled," he said.

The heads of Gazprom and the Ukrainian state-controlled company Naftogaz announced the deal in Moscow on Wednesday, three days after Russia stopped gas deliveries to Ukraine and two days after European customers reported a sharp drop-off in their own gas supplies, which crossed Ukraine.

Under the complex deal, Gazprom will sell gas to RosUkrEnergo for the same price it had demanded Ukraine pay before, \$2.20 per 1,000 cubic meters. Ukraine will then buy gas from the company for \$36 — nearly twice what it had previously been paying Gazprom.

The deal also makes RosUkrEnergo the sole provider of gas to Ukraine. Little is known about the company, however, except that it is owned by a Gazprom bank and a Swiss subsidiary of Austria's Raiffeisen Bank. Wolfgang Putschek, a member of the executive board of Raiffeisen Invest, said Centragas was acting as a custodian for a group of international investors in the gas business.

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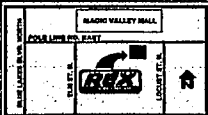
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Wendell council meets tonight

**WENDELL**—A special meeting of the Wendell City Council will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. to discuss the city's financial matters.

During the regular 7 p.m. meeting the council will discuss the water/sewer master plan. Other agenda items include irrigation water rates and the swearing in of newly elected officials.

Both meetings will take place at 375 1st Avenue East.

For more information call 536-5161.

### Action delayed in Rupert attorney case

**RUPERT** — Attorney Raymond G. Pena will have to wait longer for his day in court.

A pretrial conference scheduled for Wednesday was continued until at least mid-January, according to Minidoka County Magistrate Court records. Pena is charged with two misdemeanor counts of violating a no-contact order for allegedly talking to a potential witness in a felony case when he's charged with procurement of prostitution.

The trial in the felony case against Pena also has not been rescheduled. It was earlier set for Dec. 13. In that case, Pena is charged with three counts of procurement of prostitution and one count of attempted procurement. Grand jury indictments against him allege he bartered, or tried to barter, legal services for sex.

Pena also is being investigated by the Idaho State Bar because of a complaint filed by one of the alleged victims in the procurement of prostitution case.

Pena remains free on his own recognizance. He is a partner in the Pena Law Offices in Rupert.

### Castleford council meeting tonight

**CASTLEFORD** — The Castleford City Council has called for a special meeting at 7 p.m. today for the purpose of interviewing those interested in being appointed to the open council seat.

The meeting will be held at J & D Printing located at 300 Main Street.

For more information call 537-6544.

### Home buyer classes will take place

**BOISE** — Finally! Home Buyer education courses will be offered two Magic Valley locations in the Magic Valley area and also will be available online statewide for the first time.

Administered by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association Inc., classes designed for first-time home buyers or those wanting home-buying information cover topics ranging from qualifying for a mortgage and choosing a real estate professional to making an offer and closing. Course graduates may be eligible for up to \$3,000 for down payment or closing cost assistance.

Specifications on the Finally Home Buyer program and schedules are available on the IHFA Web site at [www.ihfa.org/nonprofit/homebuyer](http://www.ihfa.org/nonprofit/homebuyer).

The online courses can be accessed at [www.ihfa.org/FinallyHomeOnlineCourse](http://www.ihfa.org/FinallyHomeOnlineCourse). The fee for the online class is \$49.

The regional training partner for the Magic Valley-area classes is the College of Southern Idaho, call 733-0824, ext. 2228, for class location, to register or for more information.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

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Salmon	122%	62%
Big Wood	182%	63%
Little Wood	108%	62%
Big Lost	108%	62%
Little Lost	119%	62%
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Snake/Basin	154%	63%
Oakley	141%	67%
Salmon Falls	141%	67%

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Vocational grants help support program costs, which include industrial-grade machines for the students to use.



Ninth-grader Gody Wright uses a mallet and chisel while making a table during woodworking class Tuesday at Gooding High School. Wright says he enjoys woodworking because 'I like building stuff.'

## Going against the grain



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

## Woodworking program is a best-kept secret

By Joshua Palmer  
 Times-News writer

**GOODING** — These are teachers who emphasize sensitivity towards student needs, but Bill Perry is not one of them.

"Hey, basketball," Perry said, calling on a student wearing a Boise State basketball shirt. "What are our specifications?"

It's the beginning of Perry's Wednesday morning woodworking class, and the students are learning about corner joints.

"Turn," the student mumbles while searching for a piece of paper with the specs written on it.

"Turn is not the answer," Perry said. "Now, who can tell me what they are?"

One of Gooding High School's best kept secrets is its woodworking program that is

taught by Perry — who owns his own woodworking company, which is considered one of the best in Idaho. In a state where many school districts are slashing vocational programs to free-up resources for Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), Gooding has gone against the grain by investing in its woodworking program.

Inside the woodshop, students create ornate wood projects with high-priced industrial-grade equipment. But these end tables, chests and dressers are not anything you would expect from a high school shop class.

The projects are constructed from hickory oak and other hardwoods. They are assembled with wooden pins and joints instead of screws, and they are protected with more than 10 coats of varnish. They are heavy, sturdy and they

## Jerome County officials reject zoning change

By Cathy Roemer  
 Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Jerome County commissioners said resident Lee Halper's proposal to change a zoning ordinance was "too narrow in scope."

Halper requested "fossil fuel-based energy generating facilities" be limited to heavy industrial (I-H) areas only and be governed by special-use permits requiring all material expenses be kept inside of an enclosed building and all work

## With strength, honor: Woman worked hard to overcome struggles

By Jenn Whitton  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Looking back at her mother's life, Alice McIntyre said she was a woman of strength, of morality and of values.

It is with these traits that Zelda Wiseman was able to overcome obstacles and difficulties that are not as common today. She died Dec. 26 at the age of 98.

Her early years were spent in a tent while her father helped build the dam and canal in an area northwest of Wells, Nev., called Metropolis.

With five brothers and two sisters, the large family learned quickly to get along without a lot of things before building a house on the property and setting up a dry farm. They still didn't have

## Blood donations save lives

**Local blood drives to honor injured Marine**

By Sandy Miller  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The Marine might be recovering in a hospital on the other side of the country, but there is something you can do for him right here.

You can donate a pint of your blood in his name.

No, the blood won't go directly to Cpl. Travis Greene. It will help replenish the blood supply. And a card will be sent to Greene to let him know how much you care.

"It's a nice gesture in that it represents the community's supplies," said Lance Stutzman, blood donor recruitment supervisor for the Lewis and Clark region of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho. "It's a way for them to be involved."

Upcoming blood drives are scheduled in Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl, Wendell, Gooding and Ketchikan. Cards will be available to donate in Greene's name or in any other person's name.

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, lost both of his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, an insurgent hot spot west of Baghdad, and is now recovering at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Greene has had more than 100 pints of blood since he was injured.

As of Wednesday, Greene's condition continued to improve and he might even be moved out of intensive care soon, according to the Greene family's CarlingBridge Web site.

People who donated blood in December will not be able to donate blood until February, Stutzman said. There needs to be 56 days between blood transfusions.

So who can donate? Anyone age 17 and older who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good general health. And donors must bring some form of identification to a blood drive, Stutzman said.

Donors also should prepare themselves physically to give blood.

"It's a good idea to drink lots of fluid and eat before donating," Stutzman said.

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**Learn more**

To read more about Marine Cpl. Travis Greene, or to write a message in his guest-book, visit <http://www.carlingbridge.org> and click on "visit" in the first box, type "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."

**Listing of area blood donor recruitment**

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**aLife remembered**

**Zelda Bako Johnson Parker Wiseman**

Born: Jan. 16, 1907.  
 Died: Dec. 26, 2006.  
 Survived: Daughter, Alice McIntyre; grandchildren, Elaine (Derry) Crossman, Kathleen McIntyre (Charles Ford), Christine (Lester) Holmes, Jack (Mellisa) McIntyre and Paul (Brenda) McIntyre; 19 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

**Photo of Zelda Bako Johnson Parker Wiseman**

Photo of Alice McIntyre

Photo of Elaine (Derry) Crossman

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Photo of Jack (Mellisa) McIntyre

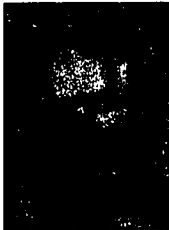
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Max W. Carver



**TWIN FALLS** — Max Wendell Carver, MD, peacefully completed his life's mission on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, due to heart failure and causes inflexible to age. In the presence of his devoted children, Maxine, Jim and John.

His life began at 63 N. Main St. in Brigham City, Utah, on June 9, 1911, as a newborn infant to Heber C. and Clarinda Christensen Carver. They nurtured their only boy and two sisters with childhood homes in Nevada, California and Utah. As a teenager in Sparks, Nev. he was a hustler and apprentice fireman at the rail yards and had a lifelong love of trains. He met his sweetheart, Hazel Janetta James, at a dance at Ogden High School, where he played cornet in his band. They were married in 1934. Their courtship culminated in eternal marriage on Dec. 18, 1936, in the Salt Lake Temple. Her life on earth ended on March 24, 1994, after years of illness, and Dad provided attentive and loving care for her. He was married to Grace B. Saunders for the years 1956 to 1974. As his health declined, he elected to live alone.

He graduated from the University of Utah College of Medicine when it was a two-year institution and subsequently from the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Institute of Living, following of both schools. After obtaining an internship at Dee Hospital in Ogden, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1940. He was a major and then a captain and was sent to the Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was then promoted to major and held full command of the 320th Medical Battalion.

In the 95th Infantry Division after training in Washington, D.C., Texas, Colorado, West Virginia and California. He was shipped to England and landed on Omaha Beach in 1944. He was at Metz, the Battle of the Bulge, crossed the Moselle, Saar and the Rhine, was promoted to full colonel, saw and lived much of the war, which forever changed his life. He was awarded five Bronze Service stars, the French Croix de Guerre and seven other com-

mentations, ribbons and medals. Toward the end, he was a division surgeon and being considered for promotion to general and a career. However, Dad wanted a non-military life with his growing family and, in 1947, moved to Idaho.

He was a family doctor for more than eight years in Filiz, working with Ivan A. Anderson, MD. He moved to Santa Monica, Calif. in 1956 for a residency at UCLA in Urology. When he returned, he entered practice in Twin Falls and continued until age 75, when his family finally prevailed upon him to consider retirement. Dr. Carver was a dedicated general practitioner with thorough experience in cardiac-thoracic surgery, orthopedics, OB-GYN, ENT, urology, general surgery, internal medicine and even oral surgery in the early days. He read extensively and each day would find him with another medical journal in hand. He had learned the new German technique of placing steel rods inside long bones following trauma during the war from captured surgeons and brought this home as one of few who even knew about it. As more specialists moved to the area, he transitioned care to them but remained very active. Whenever he walked the streets of Twin Falls, former patients people whom he had delivered as babies would come up and greet him. No greater honor could be paid to him for a long and successful career than the gratitude those many people sincerely expressed. He had, in fact, gone to their homes on house calls.

stayed up until the early hours with them in illness and death, sacrificed his vacations and spare time to save their lives at surgery and deliver their children. His profession fulfilled the measure of his creation.

We knew him as our adventurous Dad who took us camping and fishing (we went to Redfish Lake when it was a dirt road from Ketchum), hunting and exploring in his Jeep. Some of his happiest days were with his red hand saw we traded along and he showed us how. He was an expert finish carpenter, auto mechanic, marksman, welder, electrician, musician and our friend. He loved our mother and made home a welcome and safe place for us all.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Rae Dec. 17, 2000; his younger sisters, Iris Elaine Bennion (Aug. 5, 2004) and Melba Buck (Sept. 1, 2005). He leaves behind his daughter, Maxine Kay Boehm (James WO of Twin Falls, Idaho); sons, James Richard Carver (Darlene) of Meridian, Idaho, and John Alan Carver (Deann) of Provo, Utah, along with grandchildren, James D. Boehm (Teresa), Susan K. Webb (Doyle), Amanda L. services (Dee), Katrina E. Carver, Joey (Cory) Carver (Gretchen), Rachel C. McKinlon (Greg), J. Spencer Carver (Brittany), David M. Adams Carver (Karin) of Provo, Utah.

A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho (with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m.). An additional viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at the same location, which will commence at 1 p.m., also at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" Grave dedication and interment services with military rites will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Ogden City Cemetery. All are welcome to attend any of these services.

The family requests any donations be forwarded to the Max W. Carver, MD, Memorial Medical Library at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, which he established to continue excellence in medicine.

Thomas Franklin Wright



**BUHL** — Thomas Franklin Wright, 61, of Buhl, bravely went home after a vigorous battle with cancer Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

Thomas was born, April 21, 1944, in Carson City, Nev., to Thomas H. and Amy Blondine Wright. The family moved to Delta, Utah, where Thomas grew up and graduated from high school. After leaving home, he moved to Idaho. Thomas loved to work outdoors and was drawn to the mountains of Idaho. He proclaimed himself the "Great American Fisherman" and went fishing every weekend he could. He also enjoyed camping and hunting.

A great day for Thomas was spent exploring nature for no reason in particular. If he had to stay inside, he was sure to be watching a NASCAR race.

He was able to fix anything, even if it required using duct tape and super glue. In 2002, wanting to live in a smaller town, the family decided to move to Buhl and have been there since.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and recently by his beloved daughter, Annie. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Wright; sons, Ryan (Heather) Wright, Chris (Shannon) Bobbit, daughter Amber (Mort Thompson) Wright, Kimberlee Wright, grandsons, Derek and Thomas Wright, Andrew Garcia, Tyler Robins, and one unborn grandchild; and a special friend, Nina Hawkins.

Thomas met Jackie Presnell in the early 80s; they fell in love and were married on Nov. 1, 1983. To that union they had four children. Thomas and his family lived in Twin Falls while their children were in school. He worked in a variety of jobs.

Leona Bess Meliza



**RAFT RIVER** — Leona Bess Meliza, a 90-year-old resident of Raft River, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Leona was born May 11, 1915, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the oldest of 11 children born to Charles and Gould Higley, and Leona May Bess Miller. She attended schools in Salt Lake City, Utah, and later in Bakerfield, Calif. In 1942, she married Walter J. Ferguson in Bakerfield. Together, they had four children. Walter died in January of 1982. On June 17, 1982, Leona married the late Perry Meliza. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Oakland LDS Temple. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in various callings in the church including stake missionary, Relief Society president, Sunday School teacher and beloved Primary teacher. Leona was a kind and compassionate individual who was always serving those around her. She enjoyed baking, sewing, crocheting,

needle work and embroidery. She loved music and could often be found singing her favorite songs or hymns. Above all else, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her four children, Gloria Simpson of Salt Lake City, Utah, Leona "Buttons" Meliza of Idaho City, Thomas Joseph "Skip" Ferguson and his wife, Debra Bills, of Meridian, and James Vern Ferguson and his wife, Jodi, of

Boise; two brothers, Thomas Gould Higman and his wife, Barbara, and Hyrum Bess Higman and his wife, Gloria; and a sister, Mary and her husband, Barry Bridger, all of Salt Lake City; numerous nieces and nephews. Including Kathryn Higman and her son, Kace, with whom Leona lived for a time in Raft River; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, and seven brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be held under the direction of Bishop Milo Call of the Raft River Ward at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1820 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at a later date at the Green Crest Memorial Park in Idaho Falls.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff and management of Parke View Center Rehabilitation for their dedicated and loving service to Leona.

DEATH NOTICES

Archie Miller

**TWIN FALLS** — Archie "Dick" Miller, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Glen A. Taylor

**WENDELL** — Glen A. Taylor, 72, of Wendell, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by De-murray's Wendell Chapel.

Mallon Barlow

**APPLE VALLEY, Utah** — Mallon Arlin Barlow, 78, of Apple Valley, Utah, and former of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at his home after a long illness.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the Hurricane LDS Church, 274 S. 100 W. in Hurricane, Utah. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church. A full obituary will appear in the Friday newspaper.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heiderman Mortuary in St. George, Utah.

Walter Reyes

**PAUL** — Walter Duane Reyes, 43, of Paul, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the lower boat launch at the Minidoka Dam, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, call 438-5194 for more information.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Elda Bigelow Bruvold

**BURLEY** — Elda Bigelow Bruvold, 87, of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Gladye Nylander

**BUHL** — Gladye Nylander, 98, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. An obituary will be published later.

Joseph Maccarrillo Jr.

**HAILEY** — Joseph Paul Maccarrillo Jr., 65, of Hailey, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

DeMar Madsen

**RUPERT** — Melvin DeMar Madsen, 68, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

SERVICES

Floyd T. Fox of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Gordon R. Hagler of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Mary E. Euel of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Roy "Zuke" Adamson of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Madlan Mary "Mattie" Martinson of Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, viewing from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Bernice Trply of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Buhl First Christian Church; friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Robert (Bob) Le Bretton Beck, formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert Methodist Church; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Alan Wayne "Chappy" Chapman of Winnemucca, Nev., memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seaton St. (off Eastman Drive South) in Twin Falls; celebration of Alan's life from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the legion hall (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Norma C. (Weaver) Smartwilde of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N.; visitation beginning at noon Saturday at the mortuary.

OBITUARY

Eugene D. Larsen



**TWIN FALLS** — Eugene D. Larsen, 84, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at his home with his bride and son beside him.

He was born Sept. 20, 1921, to William and Doris Larsen in Clifton, Idaho. He attended schools in Jerome and Burley, graduating from Burley High School in June 1945. He married Verda Freer in the Salt Lake City Temple and, from this union, five children were born, Lann (Larry) Sims of Gooding, Pat (Doyle) Pugmire of Boise, Idaho, Larry Larsen (deceased), Gene (Stephanie) Larsen and Sheri (Lamar) Sytlen, both of Twin Falls.

During his lifetime, he challenged several different occupations, including owning and operating the Gooding Fort Auditorium and Emporium. He was co-owner of Stockgrowers Livestock Commission Co. and he spent many successful years in Idaho where he owned and operated mostly farms and ranches and was also an auctioneer. His love for work and lifelong passion of farming and ranching began as a young man and continued throughout his life, even feeding his cattle the morning he passed away. In 2003, he was honored by being inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame.

Beides family, his greatest loves were sports, music and people. Watching his children and grandchildren perform in sports was a pleasure that brought him great happiness. Blessed with a God-given talent for music, he could play guitar, piano and harmonica by ear and wrote and sang his own songs. All his life he loved to be around people and enjoyed the satisfaction of a good laugh. He had a natural ability to influence and reinforce positive thoughts in young people through his unconditional love for them.

One of his most memorable accomplishments was when he decided to move a cabin from Obidiah to the top of a mountain near Redfish Lake, crossing the Salmon River in the process without a bridge and only the help of his family. He left a legacy of love for his children. His memories that were made, doing the impossible.

Gene was preceded in death by one son, Larry; his parents; six brothers and four sisters; he is survived by his wife of 60

years, Verda; one son; three daughters; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, Idaho. Visitation will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the Church. Interment will be held immediately following the service at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Services are under the direction of De-murray's Gooding Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to a favorite charity are encouraged.

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The John W. Reynolds family would like to thank everyone for their kindness at our loss. The flowers, cards and prayers were greatly appreciated.

# Idaho officials want to use helicopters to help track wolves

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho wants federal permission to land helicopters in the Frank Church-River of No Return wilderness this winter to place radio collars on wolves that have roamed the remote mountain region since their 1981 reintroduction.

The request to the U.S. Forest Service to allow motorized transport into a federally protected wilderness other than at designated airstrips conflicts with the state taking over management of the endangered predators from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The state wants to formally take over management at a Thursday ceremony in Boise with Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Most of the helicopters are attempting to sue if the Forest

Service acquiesces, saying such flights are banned by rules governing the 2.4-million-acre wilderness. They also fear state game managers will use information from the radio collars to eventually track and kill wolves, which now number 500 in Idaho.

Wolf managers with the state Department of Fish and Game said using helicopters to collar wolves — the aircraft have been flying since December to count elk — is vastly more effective than trapping them on foot.

Information gathered from the collars will underpin the state's effort to lift Endangered Species Act protections from wolves by providing information on their habits and their behavior, they said.

The collars will help biologists "learn where the wolves are denning, where their rendezvous sites are, so we can go in at a later date and count

them," Steve Nadeau, Fish and Game's top wolf manager, said in a Wednesday interview. "A proposal is to improve our knowledge of wolves in the wilderness."

Idaho game managers want to use helicopters to collar as many as 16 gray wolves that are members of about six packs.

State biologists, already flying on helicopters on big-game counts that occur every three to five years, would shoot tranquilizer darts from the air. The helicopters would hover over the stunned animals, while the biologist springs to the ground to collar the wolf, then administer a tranquilizer antidote before climbing back aboard the aircraft.

"We may not land once, if we don't see a wolf," Nadeau said. "The plan is to collar each wolf collar, which could require three landings."

# Idaho Supreme Court allows groups to join appeal of closed meetings

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Environmental, civil rights and voter education groups are joining the legal fight of an Idaho media club asking the state Supreme Court to stop lawmakers from closing legislative meetings to the public.

The Idaho Supreme Court has granted a request by the Idaho Conservation League, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Idaho Foundation and the League of Women Voters of Idaho to submit arguments in support of the Idaho Press Club's appeal of a district judge's ruling that found the legal fight of an Idaho media club asking the state Supreme Court to stop lawmakers from closing legislative meetings to the public.

All three of these organizations represent groups of Idaho citizens who are concerned about their ability to actively participate in the legislative process if the business of the

Legislature is done in closed committee meetings," said Sara Shepard, a Boise attorney who is representing the three organizations as "friends of the court" in the case.

The state's high court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the appeal Monday, the opening day of the 2006 Idaho Legislature. The Supreme Court order allowing the three groups to submit arguments in support of the Idaho Press Club petition was issued Friday.

The Press Club sued the Legislature in 2003 for closing meetings of official committees, arguing that the state Constitution requires that all business of the lawmaking body must be conducted "openly, and not in secret session." But in successive rulings, 4th District Judge Kathryn Sticklen determined the framers of the Idaho Constitution intended only the general sessions of the House and Senate always to be open,

not the committee hearings.

The groups challenge that conclusion in briefs filed with the Supreme Court, noting that the framers of the Idaho Constitution's 1889 and 1890 show that delegates intended that all deliberations undertaken by state legislators — not just the debates on the floor — were to be conducted in public.

"I want the electric light of publicity turned upon every legislative act," not just the debates on the floor — were to be conducted in public.

The groups note in court documents that open government is a core principle of the framers that they hired professional stenographers from Denver to record verbatim the entire debates of the Idaho Constitutional Convention.

# OBITUARY

## Esther Rynearson



TWIN FALLS — Esther Ina Rynearson, 87, a Twin Falls resident, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at the Gooding Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Dec. 26, 1918, in Alma, Kan., the daughter of John and Jessie Tillman May. She was reared and educated in Kansas. She married John P. Rynearson on Feb. 16, 1942, in Grand Island, Neb. They moved to Twin Falls and, in 1961, moved to Reno, where they resided until returning to Twin Falls in 1982. Throughout her life, Esther was a sales clerk, restaurant owner and waitress, but the joy of her life was her family. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John Rynearson (of Wendell); two sons, Jim (Darlene) Pratt of Kimberly, Idaho, and John (Mary) Rynearson (of Wendell); two daughters, Joan (Wayne) Reisenauer of Spanaway, Wash,



and Sherrill (Steve) Puleo of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Harold May of Seattle, Wash., Jim May of Jerome, Idaho, Duane May of New Mexico; four sisters, Wanda Fouts, Gerry Valline and Juanita Jones, all of Seattle, and Naomi Tupper

# Grant will help create reactor thermometer

IDAHO FALLS — A University of Idaho engineering professor and an Idaho National Laboratory engineer got a \$400,000 federal grant to create a thermometer capable of withstanding higher temperatures in new nuclear reactors being developed at the laboratory.

John Crepeau, of the UI, and the INEL's Jay Rempe received the money from the U.S. Department of Energy. They're using it to develop a so-called "thermocouple" to measure high temperatures during irradiation tests at the laboratory's test reactor near Arco.

Existing thermocouples measure temperatures up to 2,012 degrees Fahrenheit inside existing test reactors.

The Idaho team aims to develop a thermocouple capable of measuring up to 3,272 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Currently the U.S. govern-

## Idaho/West in brief

ment is trying to develop a new generation of reactors to operate at higher temperatures, Idaho, Duane May of New Mexico are needed to verify the performance of the new fuels and materials that will be used in these reactors."

The DOE's National Energy Research Initiative is giving out \$12 million this year to universities doing nuclear energy research and development programs.

**Police find gun used to shoot missionaries**

CHESEAPEAKE, Va. — Police said Wednesday they have recovered a gun they believe was used to shoot two Mormon missionaries going door-to-door and have identified

"persons possibly involved."

Morgan Winslow Young, 21, of Bountiful, Utah, died Monday evening. Police have declined to identify the second man, who remained hospitalized, but church spokesman Dale Bills and Michael Purdy said he was Joshua Heidebrink of Greeley, Colo. Police said he is 19.

According to a statement released Wednesday, police believe the men were shot because they witnessed a crime as they went door-to-door.

Family members said Heidebrink ran toward a nearby nursing home for help after checking on Young. Several more shots were heard as Heidebrink approached the nursing home.

Police said the missionaries were not victims of a hate crime. — compiled from wire reports

# Life

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enough for living expenses and childcare, so she sent her 3-year-old to live with her parents in Michigan.

During this time, Wiseman attended beauty school and, after marrying Richard Parker in Elko, Nev., McInyre returned to her mother and they lived at Spruce Mountain.

Wiseman's love of reading was shared with McInyre, who moved to his family's property and lived in a mobile home while refurbishing the house.

"She was very independent," McInyre said. "She didn't ask for help unless she really needed it."

After her 1999 stroke, Wiseman

until she had her first stroke in 1999.

"She used to even take old clothes, tear them apart and make new clothes out of them," McInyre said.

Wiseman and Parker eventually divorced and she moved to Denver, Calif. Four years later, she met and married her first husband's best friend, Emmett Wiseman.

When Emmett died, she moved to his family's property and lived in a mobile home while refurbishing the house.

"She was very independent," McInyre said. "She didn't ask for help unless she really needed it."

After her 1999 stroke, Wiseman

man moved to Twin Falls and lived with her daughter until another stroke left her disabled.

She really loved her family, McInyre said. She especially enjoyed visiting with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and watching them grow up.

"She was a strong woman who came from a strong family," McInyre said. "She had a strong sense of morality and values and a real strength in how she coped with all the difficulties she had."

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# Blood drives

The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho has scheduled blood drives throughout the Magic Valley this month and in February. If you would like to donate, please call the contact person in your area to schedule an appointment.

**Burley**  
Noon to 6 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the National Guard Armory, Call Lori Barlow, 878-4140.

**Twin Falls**  
Twin Falls High School:  
A special blood drive in the name

of Marine Cpl. Travis Greene will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school at 1615 Fire Ave. E. Call Shari Warren, 734-4568.

**First Presbyterian Church:**  
1 to 7 p.m. Feb. 6; Noon to 6 p.m. Feb. 7; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8 at the church located at 209 Fifth Ave. N. Call Shari Warren, 734-4568.

**Ketchum**  
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the LDS Church, Call Kay Marston, 622-4750.

**Buhl**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Moose Hall, Call Judy Quillen, 543-8289.

**Jerome**  
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, Call Karen Lopez, 324-5602.

**Gooding**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at the War Memorial Building, Call Carolyn Dewitt, 934-5409.

**Wendell**  
1 to 6 p.m. Jan. 30 at the LDS Church, Call Patti Anderson, 5366584.

# Wood

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learn to produce or off their fall."

Cook Wright, freshman at Gooding High School, is taking his second year of woodworking.

"So far I've pretty much learned how to use all the tools," Wright said. "But before this I could basically only use a screwdriver."

When asked what he thought about Perry's strict teaching style, Wright said, "It's probably for the best so we know what

not to do, and it's a great way to learn discipline."

Some of Perry's students move on to woodworking careers for firms in Boise and Sun Valley, and most leave with the skills to craft wood with the quality and detail of a professional production.

But it comes at a cost.

Because Perry's woodworking program qualifies as a vocational program, it's eligible for federal and state vocational grants. The Gooding school ad-

ministration also supports the program financially, as well as politically within the community.

But for many students, such as Wright, who plan on pursuing a career in woodworking, it's all worth it — even Perry's disciplinary teaching methods.

"I'm not out here to make friends, or to be somebody's parent," Perry said. "I'm out here to teach them skills that will help them contribute something to society."

# Blood

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January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. According to American Red Cross Blood Services, the need for blood is constant and volunteer donors give

life-saving blood that is vital for patient care across the United States. In addition to helping wounded troops, blood also saves the lives of people undergoing treatment for cancer, accident

victims and even premature babies.

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**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

ACTUALLY, I LIKE MAMA ROSAS BEST. THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU HAVE HER TRUCK DELIVER? FRONT PIZZA HAS A CHOPPER!

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

ARE YOU WOOF? IT'S A GOOD THING I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT HAD TO BE SIGNED FOR.

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

CHIEF, I WORRY THAT YOU ONLY LOOK AT LIFE AS IT RELATES TO YOU MONETARILY. HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THE VALUE OF JUST STOPPING TO SMELL THE ROSES? YES - I PAY SOMEONE TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES FOR ME!

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

LOOK, GARFIELD! A RUBBER MOUNDIE! FETCH IT! FETCH IT, GARFIELD! FETCH, FETCH, FETCH-FETCH! FETCH! DO YOU HAVE ANY DIPPING SAUCES?

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

WHAT'S GOOD TODAY? I DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE OF MY FOOT! WHAT DOES YOUR DOCTOR HAVE TO DO WITH IT? HE WON'T LET ME EAT HERE!

**It and Lo** By Chance Browne

IT'S MELTING ALREADY. WHAT KIND OF A SNOWSTORM WAS THAT? GLOBAL WARMING IS A DIRECT CAUSE OF FEMEROL CLOSINGS. BETTER GET DRESSED OR YOU'LL MISS THE BUS!

**Classico Pearns** By Charles M. Schulz

A TRUE OR FALSE TEST? YES, MAAM. DO YOU MIND IF MY QUES TAKES THE TEST? YOU KNOW JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT... IT'LL GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DO. HOW DO YOU MAKE "F'S" AND "F'S"?

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THIS YEAR I RESOLVE TO INCREASE THE FIBER IN MY DIET. TUNNEL OUT THROUGH THE WHEAT FIELDS INSTEAD OF THE SWAMP. HOW?

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

I MUST BE GETTING OLD, GINA. MY PARENTS GOT UP BEFORE I DID THIS MORNING.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bill Keane

"Daddy, will you open up this radio to show PJ there aren't any little people inside?"

# Parents' opposition puzzles gay man wanting to adopt

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 43-year-old gay male who has always wanted to be a father. Last night I informed my parents about my decision to adopt a boy who is 7.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

My parents reacted as if I'd walked in and told them that I had murdered someone. My mother said she was disgusted and became almost physically ill. My father was less dramatic but no less displeased.

I have no past history that would cause them to react this way nor do I have any criminal past (or present) that would cause my parents to be openly against adoption. I don't understand what their problem is.

I know they worry that the child will come with familial baggage and I'll be expected to support others—or that any inheritance I receive will go "outside the family." However, my blood family ends with me, whether or not I adopt.

My parents are considerably older. Is there something I am not aware of from the World War II era that would cause my folks to be so opposed to adoption? I'd appreciate some advice as I navigate this difficult time.

**—TAKEN ABRACK IN GEORGIA**  
**DEAR TAKEN ABRACK:** Your mother could still believe the old myth and mistaken notion that a gay man adopting a boy means he will molest the child. That would explain her

extreme negative reaction to your good news.

My advice is to talk frankly with both of your parents and make sure they understand that according to an article published by the American Academy of Pediatrics back in 1994, "Most child abuse appears to be committed by situational child abusers who present themselves as heterosexuals." (The italics are mine.)

Also, "Children raised in gay or lesbian households do not show any greater incidence of homosexuality or gender identity issues than other children."

Further, according to the American Psychological Association, "There is no evidence to suggest that lesbians or gay men are unfit to be parents or that psychosocial development among children of gay men and lesbians is compromised in any respect relevant to that among offspring of heterosexual parents."

Indeed, the evidence to date suggests that same environment provided by gay and lesbian parents are as likely as those provided by heterosexual parents to support and enable

children's psychosocial growth.

(I think the basis of your parents. I don't know the limits of their beliefs. However, it might be helpful if you were to contact PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and get their literature to share with your parents. You can contact PFLAG by going to [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) or writing to 1726 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Please don't put it off. While it's not impossible to teach an old dog new tricks, it can take time to broaden the horizons of people who've been closed for half a century or more. My advice is to start ASAP. I wish you luck.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my father and I are in his car and he's taking me somewhere, he tries to scare me by touching my knee and saying, "Becky!" I have told him I don't like it and asked him not to do it anymore, but he keeps on doing it. He thinks it's funny, but I don't. Am I overreacting?

**—UNCOMFORTABLE IN MONMOUTH, ILL.**

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** No, you are not. Your father's behavior is inappropriate and a little sadistic. He shouldn't be touching you in a way that you have asked him not to. Tell your mother that he's touching you in an uncomfortable, and if that doesn't end it, tell a trusted teacher or counselor at school.

# Cat holds on for 70 miles

**VOORHEES, N.J.** — Curiosity didn't kill one cat on a wild ride on the New Jersey Turnpike.

The feline, now known as Miracle, hitchhiked a ride on the underbelly of a sport utility vehicle just before Christmas. The gray and white cat traveled some 70 miles on the turnpike Dec. 23.

"I'm just amazed that the cat didn't just fall off or get blown off," said Karen Dixon-Aquino, director of the Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees. The association is caring for Miracle and plans to put him up for adoption.

The SUV's driver didn't know about the stowaway until another motorist saw the cat through a wheel well and flagged down the driver.

Dixon-Aquino said Miracle probably climbed under the SUV's door when the journey began. Somehow, the cat avoided being mangled by fan blades and other moving parts as he hung in there. "He was pretty freaked out," Dixon-Aquino said. "His paws were burnt, one claw was missing and his fur was singed."



AP Photo

**Veterinary technician Samantha Bossa holds Miracle, a male cat which hitchhiked a ride on the underbelly of a sport utility vehicle just before Christmas.**

these days you smile." Each note is signed, "Love, the Flower Fairy."

Some believe the lack of deliveries during the summer was due to longer daylight hours — "the flower fairy" works by night.

**Everybody needs it:**

**Church sends toilet paper**

PENDELTON, Ore. — With parishioners tired of traditional fundraisers such as bake sales and car washes, the Rev. Ed Oliver is flush with good ideas.

Oliver, pastor of the First Church of God, decided the church would sell toilet paper to raise money to send 18 people on a mission to Costa Rica.

"We wanted to provide something that everybody would need," he said.

Oliver had heard about a baseball coach on the East Coast who successfully sold the product.

His church is selling toilet paper either by the roll or the box, and offers free delivery with the purchase of a case or more.

## Odds & Ends

The brand, of course, is Angel Soft. A Portland distributor delivered a truckload of it to the church two weeks ago.

Oliver now is practiced hand with his sales pitch.

"The rolls are larger than the standard, with 450 sheets per roll, and it's soft," he told The East Oregonian. "We've heard all the jokes. People really enjoy that it's Angel Soft, but what else would a church sell?"

## It's another tie: City has history of close elections

**MOUNTAIN PARK, Ga.** — It all came down to one vote in a city council election that divided this small northern Atlanta suburb Tuesday.

Frank Bala received 69 votes Tuesday to best Joseph E. Barnett in an election that hinged on absentee ballots.

At Mountain Park, Bala ran for one of four city council seats, they were deadlocked at 96 votes apiece.

A runoff election a month later yielded a tie at 51 votes.

"The third time around, pink signs on utility poles and in front yards challenged residents in the hush of 955: 'Will you be the deciding vote?'"

"The campaign was about the power of one voter. Unbelievable," Bala said after the results were announced.

Barnet gave a relieved concession speech. "We've had a fine run and I had a good time," he said.

So what if the third election had resulted in yet another tie? "We'll settle this over an arm-wrestling contest at the gym," Bala said beforehand.

"Or thumb-wrestling," Barnet added.

— compiled from wire reports

# 'Yoicks' is for dogs, 'Tally-ho' for hunters

"Yoicks!" It's a word that fox-hunters shout at their dogs to encourage them. Not to be confused with "Yo-yo," which is shouted to encourage other hunters.

This day in history: Not only was Wyoming the first state to allow women to vote, it was the first to elect a female governor. Nellie Taylor Ross was sworn into the office on Jan. 5, 1925.

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Why will the 2005 automobile new year? Credit Franklin Roosevelt. During the 1930s Depression, the president asked Congress to move their pro-

## RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS

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January is named for Janus, the two-headed Roman god of beginnings.

January is the month when our car leaders are encouraged to also the incident that the lowest couples many.

It took the ancient Egyptians about 70 days to turn a newly deceased corpse into a fully fledged mummy.

This may help explain modern-day pop culture: Ancient Roman leaders encouraged gladiatorial sports because they

thought a violence-besotted population would make good warriors.

Did you know the guy who invented the Tom Thumb locomotive — Peter Cooper — is the same guy who invented powdered gelatin and the stuff that made jelly-O possible.

According to a recent survey, 52 percent of Americans prefer the flavor chocolate over all others.

Vanilla and "berry" tie for second, each with 12 percent of the vote.

Before eventually becoming a classic, Thor Heyerdahl's ill-fated "Kon-Tiki" was first selected by an editor in this way: "The idea of men adrift on a raft does have a certain appeal, but for the most part this is a long, solemn and tedious Pacific voyage."

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WEST

# Avalanche season keeps crews busy

Several people have died in recent weeks

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Storms that blanketed some high peaks in the West with more than 7 feet of snow since Christmas are keeping avalanche control crews busy and triggering warnings across the region for anyone who's considering backcountry travel.

While heavy snow and deadly avalanches aren't unusual here, the recent rapid increase in snow depths contributed to a spike in slides, avalanche experts said Wednesday.

A Utah snowshoer is presumed dead after he was lost in an avalanche on Saturday; an avalanche killed two snowmobilers in Colorado on New Year's Day, and a backcountry skier in Alaska was killed in an avalanche Tuesday. In Wyoming, a man died in an avalanche northeast of Jackson Hole on Dec. 27. A snowboarder in Colorado was also killed in an avalanche in early November.

"It's been a wild week for avalanches, so far, in terms of how many deaths," snowshoer and snowmobiler expert Steve Wainwright said Wednesday.

"Our concern is that as the winter progresses we'll come to a point where we just get that last inch of snowfall and wind-blown snow, onto primarily north- and northeast-facing slopes, that will be the straw that breaks the camel's back," said Scott Toepfer, a forecaster with the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

In Wyoming, officials cautioned that a return to warmer, sunnier weather forecast for Thursday and Friday brings considerable avalanche risks. "The potential for very large dangerous slabs to be human-triggered and run long distances persists," read an avalanche report for Thursday for the Bridger-Teton National Forest. "Sunshine and warm temperatures will increase the sensitivity of these slabs to human triggers as the dry progresses and could trigger



An avalanche set off by a charge from a Utah Department of Public Safety helicopter slides down the back side of Mount Timpanogos near Emerald Lake, Utah, on Sunday.

avalanches while snowshoeing with a friend high up in the mountains. His friend was able to ride out the avalanche and call for help.

"Most people have been very responsive," said Loyal Clark, spokesman for the Uinta National Forest. "But unfortunately, it takes a tragedy like this to make people aware of the really severe danger."

The two snowmobilers killed in Colorado were in a wilderness area where motorized vehicles are prohibited, the U.S. Forest Service said. Slides continued to cover the area where Higgins went missing, and officials say it may not be safe enough to search there again.

"The higher likelihood is that it will be months before we could do anything," said Sgt. Spencer Cannon, spokesman for the Utah County sheriff's office.

Last season saw eight avalanche deaths in Utah, the highest number since record-keeping began in 1951. Colorado avalanches killed five, and four people were killed in Idaho slides. National

there were 28 deaths last season, according to the U.S. Forest Service National Avalanche Center.

Bruce Tremper, of the Utah Avalanche Center, said a break in the weather will likely slow avalanche activity for the next few days. But a storm is forecast to bring more snow to the higher peaks this weekend.

The weight and depth of the recent snows, which were heavier and wetter than the West's famous powder, created ideal avalanche conditions. "We just had so much snow the last few days," Tremper said. "And snow is just like people — it doesn't like a whole lot of change in a short amount of time."

gathering scheduled to begin Jan. 30 at Utah's Snowbird ski resort. The event is expected to draw avalanche experts and winter backcountry enthusiasts from across the West.

Also in Utah, the Uinta National Forest closed an avalanche-prone area to the public Tuesday. The area, near Provo Canyon, is where Marshall Higgins, 33, of Salt Lake City, disappeared in an av-

elizable soft slabs, loose snow shafts and sunballs and pin-wheels on steep sunlit aspects.

Alaska avalanche officials said Tuesday's fatality shows that serious risks remain.

"Yesterday's large avalanche sumps up the stability at high alpine elevations," wrote Carl Skistad, a forecaster for the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center.

Advisories were also issued for the Montana mountains.

"The southern mountains could sure use a rest from all the snowfall recently," wrote Doug Chabot, a forecaster with the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center. More than 3 feet of snow fell there since last Thursday, causing widespread

Recent avalanche reports prompted a jump in visits to avalanche awareness Web sites and drew increased interest in a weeklong avalanche aware-

# Group fights to bar some services for immigrants

**DENVER (AP)** — Citing mounting frustration at a perceived lack of government action, Republicans and Democrats in Colorado separately announced Wednesday they will push to crack down on illegal immigration, setting the stage for what could be a bruising political battle.

A Democrat-led advocacy group, Defend Colorado Now, said it would start gathering signatures to put a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to deny many government services to illegal immigrants in the state.

Republican legislators outlined a series of bills designed to enlist local law enforcement agencies to enforce immigration laws, punish companies that hire illegal immigrants and require school districts to record students' immigration status.

Several states are working to limit services for illegal immigrants while others appear to be expanding services, said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, a think tank that supports tighter immigration controls.

"The reason for this is a poll-y vacuum from Washington," he said.

he said. "The states and localities are holding the bag because the federal government isn't enforcing the law, so they're making decisions all over the map." Frustration is understandable, but enacting a patchwork of local and state immigration policies before Congress can complete broader bipartisan legislation does not solve the root problem, said Flavio Jimenez, an immigration policy analyst with the National Council of La Raza in Washington.

"It's extremely inadequate responses to a very complicated set of problems and I'd setting up an environment and conditions that are contrary to what the United States stands for as a nation of immigrants," she said. "Immigrants are not going to decide to go home; they're just going to be driven further underground."

Former Gov. Dick Lamm, a Democrat who is helping campaign for Defend Colorado Now's proposal, acknowledged that lawmakers already have the authority to deny services to undocumented immigrants.

"This is a referendum on whether or not (illegal immigrants) is acceptable to Coloradans," he said.

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# COMMUNITY

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Section C

## Committee seeks sponsors for stage

The Times-News

**BUHL** — The Buhl Parks and Trees Committee is seeking donors to complete the stage at McChusky Park.

Phase one of the project included the construction of a cement pad and the electrical connection for performances. Free public concerts have been performed at "The Stage" during the summer months of 2004 and 2005.

Phase two will include a cover for the cots for the final phase.

"The graceful cover with dramatic lines is made of fire-retardant vinyl laminated polyester, supported by structural steel tubing," said Michael Aland, chairman of the Buhl Parks and Trees Committee.

The stage cover will remain in place during the summer months and be removed during

the winter.

A total of \$13,897 is needed to cover the cots for the final phase.

"We are offering a Ten Grand Sponsorship to a business or an individual willing to donate \$10,000," Aland said.

The committee will have the donor's company logo or individual's name engraved on the stage cover and the sponsor will be allowed to name the stage. The cover has a life expectancy of about 15 years. The sponsorship agreement would be for 10 years or the life of the cover, whichever is longer.

The committee wants to have phase two completed for Buhl Centennial events during the summer of 2006.

Donations to the project fund may be sent to the committee, 255 N. Broadway, Buhl, ID 83316, or donations can be made by calling Aland at 543-5576.

## NEW DISPLAY



From left, Ken Hughes, treasurer of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, and Sharon Huestig, RN Case Manager for 2 North, show the new display rack donated by the auxiliary for the second-floor lobby area. The rack will display discharge information, for long-term care, home health, nursing home information, hospice and advance directives for public use.

## Boys and Girls Club thanks sponsors

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley wish to thank all those who sponsored and participated in the Holiday Memory Tree.

Twin Falls tree: White Mortuary, Reynolds Sunset Chapel, Courtney Buggs, Rod McMillen, staff at Sunset Memorial Park, the Rev. Jerry Kester, Magdichors, Layne DeBorja and Treasure Valley Coffee, Rex Lytle and Lydia Signs, Western Waste Disposal, Janet Goortung and Inspired Living, Boys and Girls Club staff, decorative artist for Twin Falls and Buhl.

Buhl tree: James Funeral Chapel, Florence Pierce, Buhl Senior Center, Bill and Susanne Roof, Lauren and Holly Legend, Bob and Barbara Glazer, Cleve Electric, Buhl City Employees, Mimib Flowers, West End Men's Club, Claudia Snyder, Mike and Marie Heath, the Rev. Marilyn Butler, Karen Sisters, Wm. Schob and the Jazz Singers, Blazkiewicz, Buhl Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

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

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
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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.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**DON HALL**  
Executive Director, and Board of Directors  
Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley  
Twin Falls

### Jerome Food Pantry appreciates support

I would like the Magic Valley community to know what an awesome job it did helping the Jerome Food Pantry's benefit on Dec. 20.

We would like to thank the fair board and the committee members — Al Lee, Pastor Peter Page, Sheila Lewis, Carolyn Graham, Beverly Meyers, Dawn Hansen, Wendy Davis, Kim and Kirk Woodbury, Faye Gubler and Barbara Arrington.

To all who gave dinners, blankets, food, money, tools and many miscellaneous items, thank you so much. Thank you to the South Central Community Action Partnership and the Idaho Food Bank in Boise; they help keep us going!

Without all, this would not be possible. With every dollar donated we are able to obtain \$10.50 worth of food, so the money was just as important as the items. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, you have helped more families than you realize.

Thanks again,  
**LINDY MEYERS**  
And the Food Pantry Crew  
Jerome

### Idaho Auction Barn helps chapter of educators

The XI Chapter of Delta

Kappa Gamma gives many thanks and much appreciation to Adam Hutchins of the Idaho Auction Barn.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a society of key women educators, and one of XI Chapter's projects is our Teacher Stipend. By auctioning Christmas ornaments and decorations at our December meeting, we were able to greatly increase our funds to this chapter project. Members apply to receive a stipend to be used in their individual classrooms. Use of the stipend is varied. Ink for printers, supplemental reading books, supplies for a classroom of physically challenged students, cultural videos, supplies for physical education and leadership training for youth are only a few of the uses of this important stipend.

Because of Adam's talent and personality, XI Chapter is now able to offer the stipend for many deserving applicants.

**SUE REMALEY**  
XI Chapter President  
Twin Falls

## COLORING CONTEST



Photo courtesy of JIM BRYANT

The Mindoka County Cooperative Extension Office offered a coloring contest for preschoolers through sixth-graders during National 4-H Week to promote and publicize 4-H. First-place winners received a \$20 gift certificate to King's and a 4-H wristband and second-place winners received a \$10 gift certificate to King's and a wristband. The winners were, preschool to first grade: Maure Merrill, first, and Park-er Copmann, second; second and third grade: Maie Merrill, first, and Kylie Gutierrez, second; and fourth through sixth grade: Powell Olson, first, and Andrea Artega, second. From left, arto: Maure Merrill and Parker Copman; back: Maie Merrill, Powell Olson and Andrea Artega. Not pictured is Kylie Gutierrez.

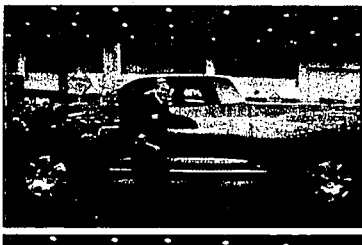
## CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



Photo courtesy of South Central District Health Department

Randy Paulino, left, president of the Southern Idaho LGBT Community Center, and Mitch Silvester, member-at-large, deliver giant Christmas stockings to the South Central District Health Department for patients with HIV or AIDS. The community center delivered 25 Christmas gift stockings on Dec. 20. Because of patient confidentiality, community center delivered the canned food and personal care items to the health department where the items were distributed. The donations will help the low-income HIV/AIDS patients have a merrier Christmas and a little extra money with which to buy presents, according to the health district.

## GLIMPSE OF FUTURE



Continued photos

David Gochnour below of Burley and Chad Anderson of Albion stands next to Toyota's FTX Concept Truck during the 2005 National Future Farmers of America Convention in Louisville, Ky. Gochnour and Anderson are members of the Burley FFA chapter. The convention centered on community service at Toyota's display booth and other sponsorship areas. Non-profit groups American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, National Center for Family Literacy and Special Olympics joined in this effort, offering advice and ideas for FFA members on how to start community service projects. The concept truck, which is powered by a V-8 hybrid gas-electric engine, provides a hint to the direction in size and styling of future Toyota full-size pickups.

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## Coming up in Community

### Getting a diploma

UI releases names of local graduates  
Coming in Sunday in Community

### Office on Aging offers caregiver classes Monday

**TWIN FALLS** — Caregiver classes will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Annex Building next to the Office on Aging, 598 Washington St. N., on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave.

The topic will be setting up a plan of care with guest speaker Tommy Becker, team leader of Case Management at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

For more information, call Sherry Cunn at 736-2122, ext. 308.

### Grandparents as Parents support group meets

**TWIN FALLS** — The Grandparents as Parents support group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N.

Kathy James of Family and Children's Services program manager from Health and Wel-

fare will speak. The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging is sponsoring the meeting.

For more information, call GAP president, Fern Warren at 736-8856 or 404-4174.

### UI offers 'How to Become an Master Gardener'

**JEROME** — The 2005 University of Idaho Extension Service Master Gardener Training classes start Thursday. The classes include basic botany, home vegetable gardening, tree and shrub care, insects and diseases, soil and water management and lawn management. Classes will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 12 through March 16, in Twin Falls and from 1 to 4 p.m. in Mini-Cassia. Students may sign up for either site. The classes are held at U of I Extension offices.

The cost is \$80 per person and includes an Idaho Master Gardener manual. A volunteer

intern commitment of 30 hours is a required part of the class.

For more information on how to enroll in the Master Gardener Training, call the Jerome County Extension office at 324-7578. In the Mini-Cassia area, information is available from the Mindoka County Extension at 436-7184 or the Cassia County Extension at 878-9461.

### Kimberly Library adds new books to shelves

**KIMBERLY** — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W. has added several new books to its shelves.

Juvenile fiction: "A Rose for Melinda" by Lucretia McDaniel; "Working Hard With the Busy Fire Truck" by Jordan Horowitz; "Horrible Harry" and "The Duncun" by Suzi Kline; "Genius Games" by Martin Gardner; and "Johnny Tremain" by Esther Forbes.

Juvenile non-fiction: "Textiles" by Susan Niner James,

"Egyptian Pyramids" by Sheryl Peterson, "The Boy Homestead," True Stories of Children of the Boise Valley During The 1840s" by Mabel Rosamund Brose, "Skyscrapers: Super Structures to Design and Build" by Carol A. Johann, "The Super Joke Book" by Cyles Daubney Brandreth and "Ancient Greece: 40 Hands-On Activities to Experience This Wondrous Age" by Avery Hart.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

### CSI offers classes on Russian art

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho is offering several Russian courses this spring. The classes will be held from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 18 through May 10, in the Fine Arts Building, Room B4. The cost is \$40 per section or \$100 for all three.

"East Meets West — Russian Music, Ballet and Cinema," a se-

ries of classes designed to introduce students to various aspects of Russian Art and Culture. "Russian Music," students will listen to Russian folk songs and rock songs, ballad and classical music. Class will be held from Jan. 18 to Feb. 15. "Russian Ballet," students will learn more about Russian ballet dancers, including Anna Pavlova, Rudolf Nureiev and Michael Baryshnikov and watch ballets from Kirov and Bolshoi theaters. The class will be held from Feb. 22 to March 22.

"Russian Cinema," students will learn about the lives and works of such Russian film directors as Eisenstein, Chukhrya, Turrovsky, Mikhalov and others. The class will be held from March 29 to May 10.

For more information or to register, call 732-6200 or 732-6288.

### District Boy Scouts Annual Recognition Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at East Mindoka Jr. High School.

Scout leaders and their spouses are welcome to attend. The cost is \$3 and a potluck side dish or dessert. The committee will provide the turkey, ham, potatoes and rolls.

Three district Awards of Merit will be awarded. The round table will be held after the banquet at 8 p.m. The Scout Merit Badge Arena will start their choice of citizenship in the nation or reading.

Scouts may choose one merit badge and need to bring blue cards and a paper and pencil. Parents should pick Scouts up at 9 p.m.

### Mindoka Boy Scouts holds recognition dinner

**HURLEY** — The Mindoka

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NATION

Study brings big advance against ovarian cancer

Pumping drugs into abdomens first significant development in a decade

By Ueda A. Johnson Associated Press writer

Pumping heavy doses of chemotherapy drugs right into the abdomen boosted survival of women with advanced ovarian cancer by 16 months in what experts call the first big advance in more than a decade against one of the most lethal cancers in women.

There's a high price, though: The treatment is so tough that nearly 6 in 10 women in a study could not endure it and switched to standard intravenous chemotherapy. Side effects included abdominal pain from bloating and problems with the catheter used to infuse the drugs.

Still, the National Cancer Institute is urging doctors to begin using the procedure, its first endorsement since 1959. Six medical groups focused on

ovarian cancer joined in the recommendation. The study was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Steven A. Cannistra of Harvard Medical School wrote in an editorial that the 16-month jump in survival "is one of the largest benefits ever observed" from a new therapy for gynecologic cancers.

About 80 percent of women are diagnosed after ovarian cancer has spread because early symptoms are so mild. It is the top killer among gynecologic cancers in this country. Last year, about 22,200 American women were diagnosed and about 16,200 died from it, according to the cancer institute. Fewer than half its victims survive five years after diagnosis.

To improve on that, doctors at dozens of U.S. hospitals, led by Dr. Deborah Armstrong at

Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, compared chemo regimens in 415 women. Each had surgery to remove ovarian tumors, but some had to reach cancer cells remote in the abdominal cavity. It's tough for IV chemo drugs to reach those cells, and there's a limit to how high a dose can be given through the bloodstream.

Half the women in the study got standard intravenous chemotherapy with Taxol and cisplatin. The others got IV Taxol, then abdominal infusions of cisplatin and more Taxol at high doses.

The drugs were given through an implanted seal with catheters or tiny tubes, hanging down into the abdominal cavity. The women rolled back and forth to bathe all the cancer cells in the mixture.

Median survival was about four years and two months for women who received only IV chemotherapy, but was just over 5.5 years for women who also got at least some of the abdominal chemotherapy. But only 42 percent could

tolerate all six cycles of abdominal chemotherapy.

"It's not perfect, but it is certainly a major improvement in outcome," the biggest in ovarian cancer since Taxol was introduced nearly 15 years ago, said Dr. Richard Barakat, chief of gynecologic oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Barakat was not involved in the study, but based on its results is now offering the treatment as standard care. But it's not a walk in the park, with some women faring poorly and others unsuited for it.

Armstrong, associate professor of oncology, gynecology and obstetrics at Johns Hopkins, said she believes that the results can be improved, and new studies are trying different chemo drugs, dose schedules and catheter types.

Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, president of the American Cancer Society and a gynecologic cancer specialist who gives the treatment, said blockages and

other catheter problems can be resolved and that this study — the third major one with similar results — will lead to more advances.

While more women on the abdominal treatment survived, their quality of life was significantly worse until weeks after treatment ended.

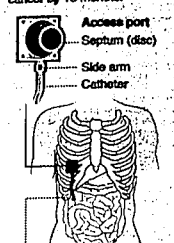
Mary McEachan, a 59-year-old retired secretary from Ocean Pines, Md., near the end of the abdominal treatment, said Tuesday she has been too exhausted to do any household chores, has weak legs and is occasionally nauseous. She also has to urinate every four during treatment.

"My husband's been doing everything" at home, she said. Ann Henricks, 45, of Nyack, N.Y., who also is nearly done with her treatment, said she has to recline for days after the abdominal infusions because of abdominal pressure and has suffered acid reflux and aches in her joints, but it has never been "intolerable."

"It's going to save lives. I think it saved mine," she said.

Cancer therapy

Pumping heavy doses of chemotherapy drugs directly into the abdomen boosted survival of women with advanced ovarian cancer by 16 months.



Anti-cancer drugs are delivered directly into the abdominal cavity through the access port and catheter placed beneath skin.

SOURCE: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

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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-2005-0005384 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. § 15-9-801 In the Matter of the Estates of GEORGE MENCL, SR. and BARBARA S. MENCL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JOHN S. MENCL has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or their estates 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.

STEPHEN K. KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR By: Russell G. Kwanyig, Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 83 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083 Telephone: 208-733-2721

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PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

WILLIAM & OR VICTORIA WOLFE of PO BOX 398, GRANDVIEW ID 83824 filed an Application for Transfer for a Stock Water Right with a 1963 priority date totaling 4.38 cfs. The right, originally part of the Bell Rapids Mutual Irrigation system, provided irrigation for 260 acres. The right has been diverted west of Hagerman to irrigate 260 acres about 1 to 2 miles northeast of the Intersection of Elmore, Owyhee and Twin Falls Counties. The purpose of the transfer is to retire 33 acres of irrigation and relocate that portion to 33 acres south of Hwy 78 about 1 mile west of Grandview. Water for the proposed change will be diverted from the river near River Road about 0.25 mile downstream from the bridge crossing the river near Grandview. For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov to see a scanned copy of the application under water right no. 2-10283 (previously numbered 2-10224). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec. 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5682 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before January 23, 2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. KARL J. DREHER, Director

PUBLISHED in The Times News on January 5 and 12, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CONTESTED CASE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

On December 22, 2005, Rick Onida, an individual and LMR, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company (Petitioners) filed a petition for a Contested Case with the Board of Environmental Quality (Board). Petitioners are requesting that the Board review the Department of Environmental Quality's proposal to revise the approval issued in February 2003 to operate a Tier II facility located in Lincoln County, Idaho. The Department of Environmental Quality issued the proposed revocation in November 2005. The Rules of Administrative Procedure Before the Board of Environmental Quality (IDAPA 56.01.23) allow persons who claim a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding to file a petition with the Board for an order granting intervention to become a party. Pursuant to IDAPA 56.01.23, all persons who claim a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding to file a petition with the Board for an order granting intervention to become a party. Pursuant to IDAPA 56.01.23, all persons who claim a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding to file a petition with the Board for an order granting intervention to become a party. Pursuant to IDAPA 56.01.23, all persons who claim a direct and substantial interest in the proceeding to file a petition with the Board for an order granting intervention to become a party.

Copies of the documents filed in this contested case can be obtained by contacting Paula Wilton, Hearing Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hillen, Boise, ID 83706, (208)373-0418.

PUBLISH: January 5, 2006

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and Ordinance No. 2845 of the City of Twin Falls, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, notice is hereby given that a special general obligation bond election will be held in the City on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, beginning at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and closing at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote upon the following question: QUESTION: Shall the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of providing for the acquisition, construction, improvement and installation of an addition to the City's existing municipal building and related improvements and costs incidental thereto, in an aggregate principal amount for all such bonds of no more than \$5,200,000 payable from ad valorem taxes, over a term for each such series which may be less than but which shall not exceed twenty (20) years, as more fully provided in Ordinance No. 2845 adopted January 3, 2006.

- Said election shall be held at the following polling places: First Precinct: Twin Falls City Council Chamber, 305 3rd Avenue East Second Precinct: Twin Falls County Court House, 425 Shoshone Street North Third Precinct: The Center of the Brothman, 481 Fillet Avenue West Fourth Precinct: Robert Sluagh Junior High School, 664 Caswell Avenue West Fifth Precinct: The Idaho Reformed Church, 1631 Grapeview Drive North D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Avenue Sixth Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street Seventh Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 1400 Harrison Street Eighth Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street Ninth Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Fillet Avenue East Tenth Precinct: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Fillet Avenue Eleventh Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Fillet Avenue East Twelfth Precinct: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Fillet Avenue East Thirteenth Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Fillet Avenue East Fourteenth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Avenue East Fifteenth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Avenue East Sixteenth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Avenue East Seventeenth Precinct: Oregon Trail Elementary School, 650 Park Avenue Eighteenth Precinct: Oregon Trail Elementary School, 650 Park Avenue Nineteenth Precinct: O'Leary Junior High School (auditorium building), 2150 Elizabeth Boulevard Twentieth Precinct: Agape Fourquare Church, 181 Morrison Street

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the City, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who have legally resided in the City for thirty (30) days or more, and who are properly registered as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election. Pursuant to Title 34, Chapter 4, Idaho Code, as amended, any person desiring to vote must register with the Clerk of Twin Falls County, the City Clerk, or with any other registrar(s) the City Clerk has appointed, not less than twenty-five (25) days preceding the date of the election. An individual who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place to be voted upon and providing proof of residence as required by law. In the form prescribed and providing proof of residence as called for under Section 24-406A, Idaho Code.

Absentee voting will be permitted for the above-described election in the manner prescribed by law. Any registered elector of the City may make written application to the City Clerk, or other proper officer charged by law with the duty of issuing official ballots for said election, in accordance with law for an absentee ballot; provided that an absentee ballot must be returned to and received by the City Clerk or issuing officer by 8:00 o'clock P.M., on the day of the election in order to be counted.

The voting at said special election shall be by ballot on a separate ballot page. The ballots or separate ballot page to be supplied the voters for their use at said special election shall be in substantially the form set forth in Ordinance No. 2845. The ballot proposition and question to be voted upon shall be separate from any other measures or candidates to be voted upon on any other election being held or conducted in conjunction with the special general obligation bond election. Only those qualified City electors casting valid ballots upon the bond proposition and question set forth above will be counted in determining the number of qualified electors voting at or participating in the special election.

If at said Special General Obligation Bond Election two thirds (2/3) or more of the qualified registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older voting at or participating in the issuing of said special election question and Ordinance No. 2845, such general obligation bonds, in one or more series of bonds, shall be issued for such voting purpose in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Idaho. Said general obligation bonds, or any series thereof, shall mature over a period commencing at the expiration of one (1) year or more from their date and ending not more than twenty (20) years from their date and shall bear interest and be payable from ad valorem taxes, in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 1026, Idaho Code, and the Municipal Bond Law of Idaho, Title 57, Chapter 2, as amended.

The following information is required by Section 34 439, Idaho Code: The total existing general obligation indebtedness of the City of Twin Falls is \$0.00. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed general obligation bonds is four and 2/100 percent (4.25%). The range of anticipated rates to be paid over the life of the proposed general obligation bonds is four and 2/100 percent (4.25%) to six and 45/100 percent (6.45%). The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the proposed general obligation bonds is \$5,200,000. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mayor and Council will hold a special meeting on February 13, 2006 (said date being within six (6) days of the date of said election), at the hour of 5:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the Mayor and Council Chamber of the City Hall in Twin Falls, Idaho, for the purpose of canvassing the results of the Special General Obligation Bond Election. DATED at Twin Falls, Idaho, this 3rd day of January, 2006. Art Deen Mayor DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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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**

**Case No. CV-05-0202**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **MARIE K. BROWN MESSERSMITH**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Barbara M. Barker and Betty K. Willard have been appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate 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 co-personal representatives' attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 21st day of December 2005.

**VOORHEES LAMURE LLP**  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
Attorneys for the Personal Representative  
112 Shoshone Street East  
PO Box Z  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090

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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**

**Case No. CV-05-0068**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **MARIE R. McGUIRE**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Norman E. McQuinn has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate 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 personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 9th day of December 2005.

**VOORHEES LAMURE LLP**  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
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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**

**Case No. CV-05-0021**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **EDWARD MORROW**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Linda J. Morrow has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate 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 personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 6th day of December 2005.

**VOORHEES LAMURE LLP**  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
Attorneys for the Personal Representative  
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Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090

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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-2005-0005102**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of **GERALD E. HEIDEMANN**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that DAVID H. HEIDEMANN and MARTHA A. HACKER have been appointed co-personal representatives 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, KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR**  
By: Russell G. Kvanvig  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
PO Box 83  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083  
Telephone: 208-733-2721

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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-05-1180**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of **ELMER K. PICKENS**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that MARVIN D. CHAMBERLAIN 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, KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR**  
By: Russell G. Kvanvig  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
PO Box 83  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083  
Telephone: 208-733-2721

**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-2005-0218**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **GARY L. KREFT**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate 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 at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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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-05-0295**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of **LYDD K. REED**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 firm of Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 150 2nd Avenue West, PO Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0055.

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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-05-0295**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of **MIRIAM RUTH UPTAIN**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that JEANNE SOBOKTA-TILLEY 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 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, KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR**  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Idaho Code 45-1506 (Date of sale: December 22, 2005. Sale date and time (local time): April 26, 2006 at 10:00 AM. Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Property address: 389 Washington Drive Twin Falls, ID 83301. Successor Trustee: Northwest Trust Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 897 Deed of Trust Information Original grantor: Daren B. Amundson and Catherine D. Amundson. Trustee: The wife of Original trustee: Twin Falls Title and Escrow Official beneficiary: First Security Bank, N.A. Recording date: February 11, 2005. Recorder's instrument number: 2000-020284 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 22, 2005, \$100,015.64. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. However, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information, call or write the Successor Trustee at the address of telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Notice of sale notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. This property is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 22, in Block 2 of Kingsdale, a subdivision of said block is subject according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Book 9 of Plats, Page 46, in the Office of the County Recorder of said county. The sale is made under conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrust.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777-2114) 1002.61372-FE

**PUBLISH:** January 12, 19, 20, 2006

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Depositors of First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls will be held at the Main Office of First Federal Savings Bank, 383 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho on Wednesday the eighteenth day of January 2006, at 2:00 PM, for the purpose of electing two Directors - each to serve a term of three years, the presentation of the Management Accounts Report and the transacting of any business that may properly come before such meeting.

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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-2005-0005095**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
I.C. § 15-3-901  
In the Matter of the Estate of **LUCILLE GUESNELL, aka O'NEILL GUESNELL**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that RICHARD GUESNELL 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, KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR**  
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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-05-5194**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **CLAYTON HARVEY NEWKIRK**, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his 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 either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 23, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by: **THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS** Requests a Zoning Title Amendment to amend the City Code, Title 10: Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. A complete description of the 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 meeting should contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7267 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

**PUBLISH:** Thursday, January 5, 2006

**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 2004-4690**  
**ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING**  
In the Interest of **JESSICA BERAMAN** d.o.b. 8/6/89  
A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age.

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Act of the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on January 19, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the Magistrate Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: **KEVIN BOPP**, Father of Child. The above-named individual is further notified counsel, if he is financially unable to retain attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel. The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is unable to do so, he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Adult Services, 1000 State Street, Boise, Idaho. Such purposes from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed Affidavit to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed and witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your being barred in your attempt to act as a father to establish paternity of the said child and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 16-2005 of the Idaho Code. **Notary Public** 1/5/2005 /M/Magistrate

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING**

**Case No. CV 2005-00037**  
**ANOTHER SUMMONS ON CROSSCLAIM**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PLUMBING, INC.**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**DARREN D. BELIN; BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC.; RAYMOND A. BELL and LAUNDA L. BELL; and JM KITCHENS, INC.**  
Defendants.

**JM KITCHENS, INC.**  
Counterclaimant and Crossclaimant,  
vs.  
**RAYMOND A. BELL and LAUNDA A. BELL**, Crossdefendants.

**RAYMOND A. BELL and LAUNDA L. BELL**, husband and wife, Crossclaimant,  
vs.  
**BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, an Idaho corporation, and **DARREN D. BELIN**, Individually, Crossdefendants.

**NOTICE TO CROSSDEFENDANTS DARREN BELIN and BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC.** YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED CROSSCLAIMANTS. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. You are hereby notified that in order to defend the lawsuit, an appropriate written response in the proper form must be filed with the above-designated Court within twenty (20) days after the last date of publication hereof. If you fail to so respond, the Court will enter judgment against you as demanded by the Crossclaimants in the First Amended Crossclaim.

Crossclaimants seek Judgment against Crossdefendants as follows:  
1. For Judgment in the amount of \$8,070.00;  
2. For Judgment in the amount of \$60.00;  
3. For pre-judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law;  
4. For an order declaring that Belin's claim of lien recorded July 3, 2004, in Gooding County, Idaho, is void and of no further effect;  
5. For attorney fees in the amount of \$2,500 if this matter is not contested, not prejudging further amounts if the matter is in any way contested;  
6. For Costs Incurred by Crossclaimants hereon;  
7. For such other and further relief as the Court may determine to be appropriate.

If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written responses, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and the rules of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

- 1. The title and number of this case.
  - 2. If your response is an Answer to the First Amended Crossclaim, it must contain admissions, denials, and separate allegations of the Crossclaim and other defenses you may claim.
  - 3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature of your attorney, and the name and address of your attorney.
  - 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Crossclaimants' attorney, as designated above.
- A copy of the Amended Crossclaim can be obtained by contacting either: the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Crossclaimants. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above court.

**DATED this 29th day of December, 2005.**  
**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**  
By Kay Nelson, Deputy Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 29, 2005, January 5, 12 and 19, 2006

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On Tuesday, the 2nd day of May, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock AM of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave. E., Ste. 1316, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee of the above-named decedent, 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, Idaho, and described as follows: **PARCEL 1** Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. Section 8: A parcel of land located in the NW1/4NE1/4 of said Section: Beginning at a point on the West boundary of the NW1/4NE1/4 of said Section: 1/4 mile South of the Northwest corner of the NW1/4E1/4 of said Section: Thence South 89°44' East 215 feet; Thence South 21°08' West 91.3 feet; Thence East 89°44' West 262.4 feet; Thence North 85 feet along the West boundary of the NW1/4NE1/4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

**EXCLUDED** therefrom a strip of land 25 feet in width along the West side of the above described tract. **PARCEL 2** Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. Section 8: A strip of land located in the NW1/4NE1/4 of said Section: Beginning at a point 428.8 feet South of the North Quarter corner of said Section: Thence South 89°44' East 243.5 feet; Thence South 21°08' West to a point which is 486.8 feet South of the North line of said Section, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 89°44' West to a point on the Highway centerline 486.8 feet South of the North Quarter corner of said Section; Thence South to a point 504.4 feet South of said quarter corner; Thence South 89°44' East 215 feet; Thence North 89°44' East to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**EXCLUDED** therefrom a strip of land 25 feet in width along the West side of the above described tract. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-named real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3900 N. 2220 E., Filer, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the deed of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by KERRY E. RENNAKER, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of REPUBLIC MORTGAGE, recorded November 9, 2000, as instrument No. 2000-017500. The Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho; and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 13, 2000, as instrument No. 2000-017581. **IT IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1604 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENT, OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.**

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated November 9, 2000, in the amount of \$547.00 each, for the months of April through November, 2005, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now being accumulated and charges plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.99% per annum from March 1, 2005. The principal balance owing as of this date on the above-named real property is \$53,177.29, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.95% per annum from March 1, 2005. **DATED THIS 28th day of December, 2005.**

**Charles W. Fawcett**, a member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

**PUBLISH:** January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2006

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**AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On Wednesday, April 27, 2006 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403.  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, certain check, certified check or letters check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equal to the lawful money of the United States, to be paid at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:  
Lot 2 in Block 65 of the subdivision known as the above-captioned official plat thereof filed in Book 1 of Plats at Page(s) 7, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 453 3rd Ave. North, Twin Falls, ID 83401 and 453 W. 3rd Ave. North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above, if the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the provider shall be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502-03. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, and without recourse or satisfaction of the mortgage securing the application pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Daniel E. Green and Shana M. Green, Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Ralph L. Bowman, and Elva M. Bowman, as Beneficiary, recorded November 20, 2005 in Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(a)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note No. 1697-205 in amount of \$5,000.00 per month with interest thereon at the rate of 7.5% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated November 20, 1997. Payments are in default for the months of March 2005 through and including July 2005 in the amount of \$1,000.00. The last payment was made on February 24, 2005 for the full amount due or reinstatement. The principal balance as of August 5, 2005 is \$42,062.32 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.5% per annum, and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of August 5, 2005 is \$42,062.32 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.5% per annum, and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of August 5, 2005 is \$42,062.32 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.5% per annum, and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of August 5, 2005 is \$42,062.32 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 7.5% per annum, and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement.

Costs of advertising as set forth on this obligation incurred by said deed or trust is \$42,062.32, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the deed of trust executed by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 18, 2005  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.  
By: Michael Ambroz, Trust Officer  
(877) 947-1553

PUBLISH: December 22, 29, 2005, January 5, 12, 2008

**STATEMENT OF TWIN FALLS AND TERRY AS TO ADEQUACY OF SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2845**

The undersigned, Fritz Wendorlich in his capacity as City Attorney of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, hereby certifies that he is the legal advisor of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, and has reviewed Ordinance No. 2845 of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, and has found the same to be true and complete and provides adequate notice to the public pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-2-101.

DATED this 3rd day of January, 2006.  
Fritz Wendorlich  
Twin Falls City Attorney

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2845 OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, adopted at the Twin Falls City Council regular meeting on January 9, 2006, that Ordinance No. 2845 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-ELECTING THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, THE PROPOSITION OF THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$5,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTERS AND THE HOURS WHEN POLLS WILL BE OPEN; ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL BALLOT; CERTIFYING THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY WILL BE CERTAINLY PAID; CALLING FOR THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS AND FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE SAMPLE BALLOT AND NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS UPON THE SUCCESSFUL PASSAGE OF THE ISSUE BY THE VOTERS; CALLING FOR A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE ELECTION OF THE RESULTS; CALLING FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX TO PAY SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICERS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS APPROPRIATE TO THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

In accordance with Section 50-901A(c), Idaho Code, Section 11 of the Ordinance provides that the bonds excepting in part to the extent that other available revenues or funds shall have been applied to or set aside in a special fund to be irrevocably held for the payment of principal and interest on said bonds, shall be made, through the issuance of taxes on all taxable property in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, including taxes on all taxable property in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, and also to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest on said bonds and to constitute a sinking fund sufficient for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds, and also to establish and to provide for at the time and in the manner as general taxes for said City are levied in each year; provided, however, the aforementioned taxes shall never exceed the cost of the full tax as the Ordinance is available at the Office of the City Clerk, 321 Second Ave. East, in Twin Falls, Idaho 83401. Examination may be requested in writing or in person during regular business hours of the Office of the City Clerk, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. pursuant to the Open Records Act, Idaho Code Title 9, Chapter 3.

Effective date of the Ordinance is the date of its passage, approval and publication. The cost of the full tax as the Ordinance is available at the Office of the City Clerk, 321 Second Ave. East, in Twin Falls, Idaho 83401. Examination may be requested in writing or in person during regular business hours of the Office of the City Clerk, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. pursuant to the Open Records Act, Idaho Code Title 9, Chapter 3.

ATTEST: Sharon Bryan, City of Twin Falls, Idaho  
By: Lanco W. Glow, Deputy City Clerk  
MAYOR

PUBLISH: January 5, 2008

**CITY OF TWIN FALLS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008, 6:00 P.M.**  
**TWIN FALLS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**305 THIRD AVENUE EAST, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO**

For the Purpose of Hearing Public Comments Regarding the Increase in License Fee for Independent Garbage & Rubbish Collectors

Beyond the Limits Prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A

The Proposed Fees Exceed 105% of the Fees Last Collected

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of a proposed increase in the license fee to be held at Twin Falls City Council Chambers, Twin Falls, Idaho at 6:00 p.m., on January 9, 2008.

The City of Twin Falls is proposing to increase the license fee for independent garbage and rubbish collectors by an amount not to exceed five percent of the current fee. The proposed increase would have the following impact on the current rate:

FEE	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
License Fee for Independent Garbage & Rubbish Collectors	\$15.00	\$50.00	233.33%

The increased revenue is necessary to offset administrative costs. At said hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed increases should not be adopted. Dated this 19th day of December 2005.

PUBLISH: December 29th, 2005 & January 5th, 2008

**Do-It-Yourself Ideas**

**FOUND** **COOKER**  
Stove, 6-9 months. Found near Windfall Heights. Call 208-733-8128.

**FOUND** **DOG**  
German Shepherd, older, female. On Highway, heavily, camouflage collar. Has chain collar and no tags. Call Ben 208-733-8128 or 208-880-1855.

**FOUND** **DOG**  
dark, grey by CSI on 1229 1/2 Hwy. Very nice. Call Cindy to identify 530-9127/326-6037.

**FOUND** **DOG**  
white, female, Pit Bull. On Washington Blvd. Call 208-734-0935.

**FOUND** **DOG**  
white and white coat with long hair by century. Call 208-734-0935 or 431-1011.

**FOUND** **KITTEN**  
adorable, grey, approx. 3 mos. old. Found on Jefferson St. in Kimberly. Call to identify at 423-5371.

**FOUND** **LAB**  
Lab cross near NW of Jerome, Black, friendly, camouflage collar, male. 324-5910

**FOUND** **SCHAUER**  
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Part time Bartender must be 21 or older. Apply at 600 Main St. Twin Falls, 4pm-6pm

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Hiring for a Medical Receptionist in a busy medical office. Bilingual Spanish/English and at least 1-2 years experience preferred. Competitive salary based on qualifications. Send resume and cover letter to: FRIS, Attn: Ms. Cain 794 Eastland Dr Twin Falls, ID 83301

**CHILD CARE SERVICES**  
SAFE HAVEN Child-care 8:00am-5pm. No. has openings. Call 208-733-1513.

**200 Employment**

**DRIVER**  
Experienced Fuel Driver with Class A Hazmat & tanker endorsements. Apply to C & Custom 1987 Highland Ave. E. Drug Free Workplace

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Intermittent Drivers. Need immediate drivers. Radius of 500 miles. Weekly settlements. Holiday & Vacation pay. Paid Health Insurance. 401k. Sunrise Express, Inc. Twin Falls, Idaho 1-800-635-0825

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Kimberly School District is looking for a J.V. Baseball Coach. This position will run February 24 through May 13, 2006. Applications are available at www.kimberly.edu, 141 Center St. W. Kimberly, or by calling Cathy at 423-4170 ext 3308

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### TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who is the career rushing leader in the NFL?  
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### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College
- MEN'S BASKETBALL  
CSI at College of Eastern Utah, 7:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
CSI at College of Eastern Utah, 5:30 p.m.
- High School
- BOWLING  
Minico at Declo, 4 p.m.
- BOYS BASKETBALL  
Castelford at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
- Hagerman at Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Gooding at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
- Gayley at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
- Raft River at Magic Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL  
Carey at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
- Castelford at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
- Filer at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
- Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Jerome at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
- Minico at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
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- WRESTLING  
Jerome/Gooding/Spring Creek, Nw at Kimberly, 4:30 p.m.
- Filer/Valley at Declo, 5 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Soccer club holds sign-ups today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is seeking boys and girls ages 8-18 to participate in its spring soccer program.

Registration for new and returning players who have not yet registered will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, from 5-7 p.m. in the KMVT Community Room, located at 1100 Lake Lakes Blvd. N.

For more information, contact Peter Rietveld at 734-7637 or Sasha Pavlovic at 733-9411.

#### Jerome boosters meet Monday

JEROME — The Jerome High School boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 101 of the high school.

#### 'Cadillac' Williams runs away with honor

TAMPA, Fla. — Carnell 'Cadillac' Williams ran away with the Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year award. Williams, who rushed for 1,178 yards and six touchdowns, drew 47 votes Wednesday from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. Ronnie Brown of the Dolphins received one vote, as did tight end Heath Miller of Pittsburgh and offensive lineman Logan Mankins of New England.

#### 'Lights Out' Merriman wins defensive award

NEW YORK — Shawne Merriman's relentless style of play made an immediate mark in the NFL, earning him The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year award. The San Diego linebacker received 28.5 votes Wednesday. He easily beat Seattle linebacker Lota Totupu, who got 16.5.

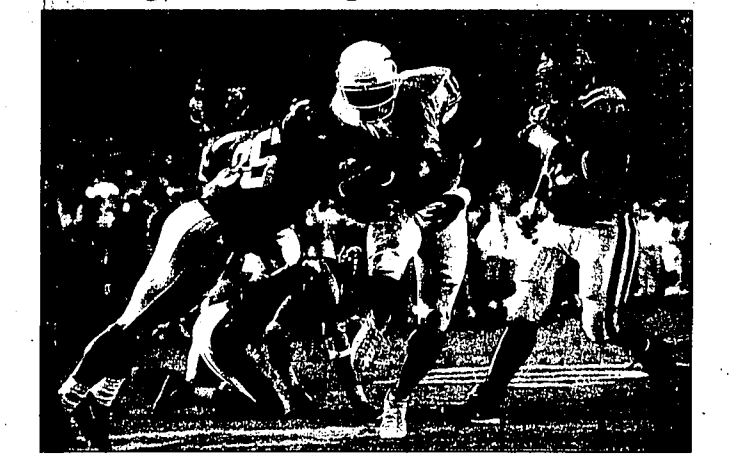
Compiled from staff and wire reports.

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Emmitt Smith, with 18,355 yards.



# Dynasty denied



Texas quarterback Vince Young (10) runs into the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown past Southern California's Josh Pinkard (38) during the fourth quarter of the Rose Bowl, Wednesday, in Pasadena, Calif.

## In-Vince-ible: Down 12, Young rallies Texas past USC for title

By Todd Greenstein  
Chicago Tribune writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Another team might have panicked. Another team might have folded. But USC is like no other team in the history of college football. The Trojans, who play in the shadow of Hollywood, view comecomics as an integral part of the show.

So when they trailed the mighty Texas Longhorns by nine points in the first half of the national championship game at the Rose Bowl, it was merely a method of spicing up

the script.

But after USC rebounded to take a 12-point second-half lead, Texas fired back, helping the matchup of monolithic winning streaks. Heisman Trophy finalists and jumbo offenses live up to its billing in a 41-38 Longhorns victory.

After the Longhorns stuffed LenDale White on a fourth-and-2, Texas got the ball trailing by five points with 2 minutes 13 seconds to play. That's when Longhorns quarterback Vince Young added to his legend by taking the Longhorns 56 yards for the go-ahead score.

But it didn't come easily, or without drama Wednesday, on a perfect Southern California night before 93,988 fans.

Facing a fourth-and-5 from the 8 with 19 seconds to play, Young scrambled to his right and sprinted into the end zone, thrilling the Texas fans who had swarmed the Rose Bowl.

Young's scamp gave him 200 rushing yards on 20 carries and three touchdowns for the game. He also completed 30 of 40 passes for 267 yards.

Young then ran in a two-point conversion to put his team ahead 41-38, and USC could not get the ball down the field.

The sensational performance gave Texas its fourth national championship and extended the Longhorns' winning streak to 20 games.

USC's streak, meanwhile, ended at 34.

The Trojans were keyed by a phenomenal running game that featured the blinding speed of Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush and the bruising, efficient power of White, who scored three touchdowns.

The two were at their best during third-quarter drive that gave USC a 31-23 lead. After White burst up the middle for a 15-yard gain, Bush flew around the right corner and somersaulted into the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown.

Then it was Matt Lelant's time to emerge. The 2004 Heisman Trophy winner completed 14 of his first 15 passes in the second half for 142 yards. He finished with 29 of 40 for 367 yards.

## Moore of everything

### Do-it-all freshman taking charge at CSI

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — See that short girl in the headband? Yeah, she's better than you.

Not only is she better than you, but everybody knows it. See her smile when you take your silly little defensive stance? Hear the laughter in the crowd when she crosses you up, leaving you off balance or on your butt as she glides to the hoop?

Yep. If you're a Scenic West Athletic Conference guard, you probably know that College of Southern Idaho freshman Maria Moore is better than you. The real problem is that she knows it, too — and she's coming back to you next time down the court.

"She does know that," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "That's part of that, 'I know I'm better than you.' Sometimes she gets in that one-on-one. 'I show you I'm better than you.' She takes us out of the team game sometimes. Sometimes she's

successful and sometimes she's not.

"As a coach, you have to say, 'Do we take that away from them? Do we let her have that sometimes, or do we give her that green light to go at anytime she wants to go?' I do, because what we've generalized sometimes we get twofold the positives.

Moore brought a shortage of positives with her from Reno, Nev. The numbers tell a big part of that story. She's averaging 19.6 points and over eight rebounds, five assists, with the steal for the 12-3 Golden Eagles. She's first in the SWAC in scoring, steals, and steals. She's third in 3-pointers made, assist-to-turnover ratio, and offensive rebounding. She's fifth in overall rebounding percentage, and sixth in both field-goal percentage and three-point percentage.

"I truly believe she's one of the better — if not one of the top five — point guards in the country in junior college basketball," Rogers said.

Were talking about a five-foot-nothing (actually 5-foot-5) freshman here, and we're talking about numbers that are comparable to the best in the country. Add in a win over Oregon State. How has she put up at Reed High School. How has this understized

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Freshman guard Maria Moore looks to dribble around the defense during a recent home game at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

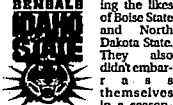
## Idaho State men open Big Sky play tonight

By Mark Liptak  
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Most people say the college basketball season is divided into three parts: nonconference games, the conference slate and the postseason. Part 2 for the Idaho State University men's basketball team begins Thursday when the Bengals open Big Sky Conference play at Montana.

It's a huge opener for ISU which for the most part, hasn't played like a team pegged to finish dead last by both the coaches and the media and they are playing the hottest club in the league. The Griz check in at 10-2, having had their 10-game winning streak, including a win over Stanford, snapped last week when they lost to Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Idaho State went 7-4 in the nonconference run up, beat-



ing the likes of Boise State and North Dakota State. They also didn't embarrass themselves in a season-opening loss at Kansas. Fans were evident in the two losses last week to Binghamton and Arkansas-Little Rock. But overall, ISU has the talent and the depth to lock down one of six postseason tournament slots.

As the Bengals head into conference play, nine players are averaging at least 10 minutes a game. They have three players in double figure scoring led by post player 'Slim' Millian at 16.5.

'Slim' also is among the conference leaders in blocked shots. ISU may have turned around a glaring weakness from last season, rebounding, since they

have grabbed 42 more boards than opponents in 11 games.

An additional benefit has been the play of freshman Matt Rogers. The 6-foot forward from Pocatello is seeing his first start in three years after a red-shirt season and two-year mission. Stuck is averaging 12 minutes per game, with six points, three rebounds and an endless number of floor burns.

"Matt has played very well," said head coach Doug Oliver. "He's earned the right to get more floor time in the coming weeks and we're going to give it to him."

ISU opens conference play with five of the first seven games on the road. Included in that is the always killer trip to Montana and Montana State as well as the home opener with Sacramento State, a team that features terrific athletes who can run and jump all over the floor.

If the Bengals can near the 500 mark in the conference when January ends, the bulk of their remaining slate is at Reed City. Home has been very kind to ISU. They haven't lost there this season.

A couple other teams look to be in the title hunt this season. Montana State, one of the preseason favorites, has lost two of its top guards this season and Portland State. The Vikings went into Oregon and beat the Ducks 54-52 last week. Add in a win over Oregon State and the Vikings have plundered Oregon already.

With a hot Montana and Portland State, a down Montana State squad and an improved Bengals team, there are four schools in the hunt for the top seed and right to host the Big Sky Conference tournament. Barring injuries, the Bengals have as good a chance as any.

## CSI teams continue road trips

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams share identical 12-3 records and predictably identical goals for this week's two-game Scenic West Athletic Conference road swing in Utah.

Both teams are striving for road wins over the College of Eastern Utah on Thursday and Division College on Saturday. Identical records, and identical goals, but there's nothing similar about the Golden Eagles' supporting cast of players. Eagles teams are to keep their undefeated SWAC streaks alive, they'll have to travel different paths down the same road.

### Men

Head coach Barrett Peery and the 12-3 Eagles men begin their week's work against sophomore forward John Rogers and a 9-3 CEU team that will look to push the pace. Led by Rogers, 15.1 points per game, the Golden Eagles average a 94.3 point-per-game scoring clip. Rogers' supporting cast of Mike Blings, Tate Sorensen, Mike McCarty, and Tyler Kephay average over 10 points per game. Each CSI will have to play solid team and transition defense to keep CEU from improving to 3-1 in the SWAC standings.

"It all comes down to coming into the game and playing hard-nosed defense," CSI sophomore guard Jermaine Calvin said. "Being aggressive and playing with passion for 40 minutes, which will take care of everything."

"Life won't get any easier on Saturday, as the Eagles defense will have to be just as aware against the 12-3 Golden Eagles. That is predicated on great ball movement. Jon Judkins' Rebels average over 16 assists per game and have averaged 12.3 assists per game, plenty enough to keep seven players averaging over nine points a game. The Rebels are led by Ben Murdoch's 23.3 minutes per game and 10-foot-8 freshman Parker Thomas gives them an inside presence.

"The biggest challenge, I think, will be the two games are different styles," Peery said. "We'll have to adjust in 48 hours and change our mentality as far as our gameplans are concerned."

The Eagles tested their road legs with mixed results in December, going 2-1 in Arizona. Most of that was under learning experience. If the Eagles play like they did against Central Arizona College and Phoenix Community College, they should have no trouble claiming on the SWAC lead at week's end.

### Women

Unlike the uterpero attack the CSI men face, the women face off against Dave Paul's patient spread offense. Led by the low-post duo of sophomores Kristyn Wallace and Whitney Fardig, along with talented freshman point guard Elisha Harris, CEU is a formidable opponent, despite its 1-2 SWAC record.

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### Eagle eyes

Tonight: CSI at College of Eastern Utah, Price, Women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m. The best-of-3 series is at St. George, Utah on Saturday to face the Dixie State Rebels.

On the radio: All games will be broadcast on AM 1270 KTFI. The best-of-3 series is at St. George (12-3, 3-0 SWAC) will have to rely on solid team defense against a 9-3 (2-1 CEU) team that boasts five players averaging double-digit points per game. The key matchup could be CSI's Reggie Lary against CEU's John Rogers. Both average over 15 points and eight rebounds per game at present. Women's matchups: No. 10 CSI (12-3, 3-0) faces a 10-4 (1-2) CEU team led by sophomore post Kristyn Wallace and point guard Elisha Harris. Harris is a good point guard, but may lack the speed to contain CSI's Maria Moore. If Moore can get out in transition, look for her to put up huge numbers.



SPORTS

Trojans handle Buhl

By Nathaniel Garrahan  
Three-News staff

**BUHL** — You'd think Wednesday's game between the Wendell Trojans and Buhl was a district championship from the atmosphere in the Indians' gym — at times a seething, hawkeyed Wendell crowd, four quarters of hotly contested calls, a pair of technical fouls, and a combative nosebreaker.

It was just a nonconference game in early January. But neither team treated it as such. The Trojans pulled it out late, holding the Indians scoreless for a five and half minute period in the fourth to take the game 53-47.

"We have a pretty long history," said Wendell guard Zac Davis. "We know we're not going to slack off in the game and they're not going to slack off just because it's nonconference. We've got a lot of pride in our two programs."

As usual, Davis was instrumental in the Trojans victory, following up a 31-point performance against Hogerman on Tuesday with 20 points in the second half to finish with a game-high 24 Wednesday.

Down by a bucket in what had been an even contest, Wendell (7-2) used the Indians' late foul to go on an 8-0 run to take the lead 46-40 with 1:13 remaining.

Buhl junior guard Austin Laing hit a pair of clutch 3-pointers with 39 and 26 seconds remaining to keep the Indians within reach, but the hosts were forced to send Davis to the line three times in the final 30 seconds.

With Davis going 10-for-12 from the charity stripe and draining his last four attempts, Laing's late game heroics weren't quite enough.

"We had some tough battles with Buhl the last few years," said Wendell head coach Allen Kelsey. "They're a tough team. We feel fortunate to get out of here with a win. Zac Davis being able to hit clutch free throws down the stretch, that really pulled it out."

Davis broke out early in the second half, opening the third with back-to-back threes. With 10:30 remaining in the quarter, in what may have been the play of the game, Davis drove the point for a left handed lay in and brought the ball over his hip in mid-air, swinging it out to senior Matt Myers in the corner.

Myers promptly drained the undefended three to make it 32-29 Wendell.

Myers finished with the game's only double-double, pouring in 12 points and snagging a dozen boards.



Wendell's Zac Davis, center, passes the ball while under pressure from Indian defender Will Chivers, left, Wednesday during the third quarter of their game in Buhl.

"They were pretty tough," he said. "They always play us tough. They came out played some good D," but we just fought back, ran through our offense, and that guy over there, Zac, he tore it up for us. I just get in there when I can."

Junior Will Chivers paced the Indians with 15 points.

Buhl won the junior varsity game 54-33. Wendell opens conference play Friday with a home game against Valley, Buhl (6-2, 2-0) returns to action Friday the 15th, hosting Jerome.

Wendell HS, Buhl 47  
Wendell (7) 10-18 31-47  
Buhl (10) 10-18 17-35  
Wendell 2-12, 1st Half 2-0-4, 2nd Half 10-12-14, 1st Qtr 2-0-0, 2nd Qtr 3-0-0, 3rd Qtr 3-0-0, 4th Qtr 4-0-0  
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Buhl 11-18 17-35

BSU professor will compete in Olympics luge

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — For nearly four decades, Werner Hoeger has dreamed about the Olympics. As a child, gymnast in Venezuela, he was fascinated by the summer games in Mexico City. As an adult, he was captivated by the Venezuelan flag displayed in honor of a countryman competing in Nagano.

Now the flag will fly in his honor, as the 52-year-old Boise State University professor competes in the luge during the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy. He'll be the oldest luge racer in the competition, Hoeger said.

"I feel you have to have goals in life. Goals keep you motivated," Hoeger said. "We have to be realistic — in the sport of luge, we don't have a chance of medaling."

Those honors will likely go to some of the world's top lugging nations, he said: Germany, Italy, Austria, Canada and the United States. Still, just competing in the Olympics is enough for Hoeger. "I love to compete, and I'm drawn because I missed out on the opportunity as a youngster," he said.

The competitive drive began early for Hoeger, who as a child growing up in Merida became one of the nation's top luge racers in Venezuela's history. He was the nation's all-around champion from 1970 through 1975, and though as an individual he was skilled enough to compete in the Olympics, his hopes were dented when the Venezuelan squad failed to qualify as a team. At the age of 16, he won a gymnastics scholarship to Brigham Young University and moved to the United States.

Hoeger's U.S. and Venezuela have a big difference as far as skill level, and I didn't do as well," Hoeger said. He put his Olympic dreams aside, getting a degree and eventually finding work at Boise State University as a professor in the kinesiology department.

Hoeger's thoughts didn't turn to lugging until 1998, when he watched Iglna Boccalandro of Venezuela compete in the event at the Winter Olympics in Nagano. When he heard her after the Olympics, she encouraged him to try lugging.

Hoeger's teenage son, Chris Hoeger, with him to a lugging clinic and the sport became a father-son thing. After a few practices were followed by a few competitions, and eventually the pair qualified for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. Hoeger came in 46th, and Chris 31st. This time



In this photo courtesy of Boise State University and Werner Hoeger, BSU professor Werner Hoeger practices for the 2006 Winter Olympics in an unattended photo.

they were the athletes marching beneath the Venezuelan flag.

Now Hoeger hopes to do it again, only this time, he'll be alone. The family an devout Mormon and his son has just returned from a two-year mission to Germany. Missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints typically do not compete in sports.

"My goal is to have four clean runs," Hoeger said. "There is a certain amount of risk involved in the sport, and though the injuries are seldom serious, you do take a pounding."

Hoeger isn't sure if this will be his last Olympics, though he admits at some point, his age will require new goals.

"But I'm coming off the best season I've ever had and I'm still getting better. We'll just have to see," he said.

The gymnastic training of his youth is largely responsible for his skill at the luge, he said.

Both sports require a tremendous amount of body awareness. In gymnastics you have to know exactly where to start the twist, stop the twist, when to open up for landing," Hoeger said.

Now Hoeger uses that awareness in luge. He used to know exactly when to begin his turns by gently sliding either foot along a runner built into the sled.

CSI

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"They like to spread the floor on offense and go into their four corners and I think that's not into our benefit," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We'll probably go full-court a lot, and we probably run and shoot at them a lot and make them go out of that four-corners."

The game's key matchup will be between Harris and CSI's second-leading scorer at 9.3 rebounds per game. Harris is a second-best penetrator in our league, I'll probably put take someone else on her to start and say, 'You know what, if we have to take a couple fouls early, we'll take them there and not with Maria.' The Eagles will need to force

Reporter's notes

The CSI men added two players for the 2006-07 season. Sam Warren, a 6-10 transfer center from the University of Virginia, and Shelby Jordan, a 6-3 guard out of Chicago.

Both will attend classes a practice with the Eagles for the remainder of the season along with fellow redshirt Joseph Ben-Jamin. Warren played at Cherry Creek High School in Englewood, Colo., while Jordan hails from Chicago's Hillcrest High School.

The CSI women will be without reserve forward Kylee Benke for the rest of the season. The freshman from Caldwell's Valhalla High School left the team after the fall semester. She played in seven games for the Eagles, averaging 2.4 points and 1.4 rebounds in 6.6 minutes played.

Bruins overpower Burley

The Three-News

**BURLEY** — Twin Falls ticked the twins for 13 3-pointers, including three apiece by leading scorers Brandon Stokes and Brady Jardine, as the SA Bruins overwhelmed 4A Burley, 96-43, Wednesday night in nonconference boys basketball action.

Jardine poured in 24 points while Stokes added 21. Senior Blake Nielson sank three 3-pointers as well for nine points. Senior Brock Harding also scored nine in the win.

Burley (3-4) was paced by junior post Chris Turvey with 14 points.

Twin Falls (9-0, 1-0) hosts Idaho Falls on Friday. The Bobcats travel Saturday to Mini-Cassia rival Minico.

Tule Falls HS, Burley 43  
Tule Falls (9) 22-19 92-43  
Burley (3) 11-22 43-96  
Tule Falls 22-19, 1st Half 11-11-22  
Burley 11-22, 1st Half 5-11-11  
Tule Falls 22-19, 1st Half 11-11-22  
Burley 11-22, 1st Half 5-11-11

**Wood River 62, Jerome 65**  
HAILEY — Wood River took a hard-fought Class 4A Great Basin Conference West game from Jerome on Wednesday, 62-55.

The Wolverines and Tigers battled in a close first quarter, but Wood River's zone defense stifled Jerome in the second.

The Wolverines were led by two points while the Wolverines netted 15.

But some third-quarter adjustments nearly evened the balance back to the Tigers, who outscored Wood River 32-25 in the second half. But that second quarter would haunt them as it wasn't enough for the win.

"We just didn't convert and Wood River did a great job taking care of the boards," Tigers coach Marty Espinoza said.

The Wolverines were led in scoring by David Sibrhan with 14, while Zack Dietz put up 16 for Jerome.

Wood River (5-4, 1-1) travels to Pocatello tonight, Jerome (6-5, 0-2) plays at Declo Saturday.

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Community School (4) 11-22 60-65  
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Local sports

"It hurt them a bit when I fell over their kids fouled-out," Dill said.

The resulting free throws sealed the game for Dietrich. Pittman's 20 led Dietrich in scoring, while Fabriciano Venegas led rebounds with eight. For The Community School, Max Whitington netted 17 points and played strong on the boards for 16 rebounds.

Dietrich (3-6, 2-3) plays Richfield on Saturday.

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**Rigby 48, Minico 38**  
RIGBY — The Rigby defense splayed in a tactical effort for the first three quarters in a 48-38 win Wednesday night.

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Minico (5) 11-22 38-48  
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Bowling

**Twin Falls girls down Wendell**  
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Eggleston's score was punctuated by rolling six strikes in a row at the Bowldrome.

Wendell's Wendell Adrian Harbaugh led the Trojans with a 162.

The TFHS junior varsity won 13-0 behind Tiana Coates' 143. Wendell's high game was 114, scored by forfeit. The Bruins travel to Jerome Bowl Friday.

Twin Falls 50, Wendell 162  
Twin Falls (10) 11-19 50-162  
Wendell (6) 11-19 162-50  
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## Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	10,880.15
Nasdaq Composite	2,283.48
Standard & Poor's 500	1,273.48
Russell 2000	609.25

## Stocks of local interest

close change	
Kodacorp	\$30.08 ▲ .20
Con Agra	\$20.59 ▲ .07
Dell Inc.	\$30.76 ▲ .15

## Commodities

close change	
Oil, by barrel	\$63.42 ▲ .28
(Feb., light sweet crude)	
Live cattle	\$96.47 ▲ .10
Cheese	\$1.34 no change
blocks	\$1.3975 no change
Gold (Feb.)	\$537

## Kmart officials plan layoffs

Kmart is tinkering with the staffing levels at its 1,400 stores and will lay off an unspecified number of employees around the country, Chris Brathwaite, a Sears Holdings spokesman, confirmed Wednesday.

The discount retailer has been reviewing its staffing for the past several months in an attempt to improve customer service, the company said. Some stores will be losing employees, others will be gaining them, and some will not see any change at all.

Those being laid off are being informed this week. They are hourly workers who do not qualify for severance payments under Kmart's employment policies, Sears said.

## Chevy takes the lead in U.S. market

DETROIT — Chevrolet was the best-selling brand in the U.S. market in 2005, oupacing Ford for the first time in 18 years, General Motors Corp. said Wednesday. But that was where the good news ended for GM and other U.S. automakers, who continued to lose ground to foreign rivals. The Big Three U.S. automakers' sales were down 2 percent overall, while Asian brands' sales climbed 7 percent and European brands led 3 percent, U.S. automakers' U.S. market share fell to an unprecedently low 51.5 percent, from 61.7 percent just three years ago, according to Autodata Corp. Asian brands' U.S. market share rose to 36.5 percent, up from 34.6 percent. The total number of vehicles sold in the United States was nearly 17 million, about the same as the year before.

## Auto show reveals mini car comeback

Automakers will pull a curtain on new cars for 2006 and beyond Jan. 8 at the annual Detroit Auto Show, the industry's equivalent of a debutante ball. When they do, a few trends will be obvious in more than just the hardware. These vehicle intros also will say a lot about the direction of the industry.

The mini car is making a comeback and the numbers of SUV/wagon "crossovers" will be along with gas/electric hybrids.

Yet even the continued uncertainty over the direction of gas prices can't stop the arrival of the redesigned sport utility vehicles on which General Motors is pinning its return to profitability.

## Washington Post launching radio station

WASHINGTON — Washington Post Co. said Wednesday it is launching a new radio news station that will begin broadcasting in the nation's capital in March, saying the move could boost interest in its flagship newspaper. The company is creating Washington Post Radio in an agreement with Bonneville International Corp., a Salt Lake City-based media firm that owns radio stations around the United States.

— compiled from wire reports

# NOT ENOUGH?

## Experts criticize defense against mad cow

By Libby Quaid  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Researchers and the nation's No. 1 burger seller say the government is not fully protecting animals or people from mad cow disease.

Stronger steps are needed to keep infection from entering the food chain for cattle, the critics write in comments to the Food and Drug Administration.

The group includes McDonald's Corp., seven scientists and experts and a pharmaceutical supplier, Serologicals Corp.

### On the Net

Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov>  
American Meat Institute: <http://www.meataml.com/>

The government proposed new safeguards two months ago, but researchers said that effort "falls woefully short" and would continue to let cattle eat potentially infected feed, the primary way mad cow disease is spread.

"We do not feel that we can overstate the dangers from the

insidious threat from these diseases and the need to control and arrest them to prevent any possibility of spread," the researchers wrote.

McDonald's said the risk of exposure to the disease should be reduced to zero, or as close as possible. "It is our opinion that the government can take further action to reduce this risk," wrote company Vice President Dick Crawford.

In people, eating meat or cattle products contaminated with mad cow disease is linked to a rare but fatal neuro disorder, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

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A longhorn steer owned by rancher Orren Mixer eats hay in front of a homemade sign in Hammond, Okla., in this April file photo. To ranchers' dismay, however, the nation's planned defense against mad cow disease won't fully protect animals or people, researchers tell the government.

# Mini cattle a small alternative



Two young cows graze in a paddock of Bill Bryan's 50-acre spread in Trappe, Md., on Dec. 14. New breeds of small heifers and bulls allow people to raise cattle on just a few acres of land.

## Pint-sized livestock make it easier for small famers

By Alex Domiguez  
Associated Press writer

TRAPPE, Md. — If you're a suburban cowboy hankering to raise a herd and short on ranch land, mini cattle may be for you.

New breeds of pint-sized heifers and bulls are making it easier for small farmers to raise cattle for milk, meat or just fun.

Bill Bryan, who operates a 50-acre spread on Maryland's Eastern Shore, sold seven calves last year.

"We've sold the vast majority of our calves to people who have these little three- to five-acre farmettes and they'll fence in an acre, buy a calf and more or less keep 'em for pets," Bryan said. Two mini cattle calves stood nearby, contentedly munching on grass in a small fenced-in area, skittering away if visitors got to close.

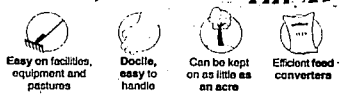
Bryan is among a group of pioneering breeders raising miniature cattle that can be as little as a third of the size of the larger breeds.

The reasons are many, they

### Small herd easier for small farms

Breeders are raising miniature cattle that are ideal for small farms. There are currently 28 breeds, sold for small-scale milk production, breeding and as pets.

A human-friendly breed



SOURCE: International Miniature Cattle Breeders Society and Registry

say. You don't need the back 40 acres to raise these breeds; the back four will do. Mini cattle eat about a third as much as a full-sized steer, are less destructive of pasture land and fencing, and are easier to handle.

"I'm 56 years old, and you want to know something? I can handle them better," Bryan

Full-size steer 68 inches to hip

Mid-size mini 48"

Full mini 40"

While some people look to save money by buying an entire cow or a side of beef, it can be difficult to store the hundreds of pounds of meat from a 1,200- to 1,500-pound steer, of which about 40 percent makes it to the freezer.

Miniature cattle, which often are between 500 and 700 pounds, provide enough meat to last a family of four six months. That's just about the freezer shelf life of beef, said Bryan. And the meat tastes the same, depending on how the cattle has been raised and fed.

Bryan, who runs a construction business, said his wife, Donna, does most of the farm work, spending about two hours a day taking care of their animals.

"Women can raise these steers just as well as men can," Bryan said.

Bryan said most of his calves will die "of old age" because of a limited life span. Consolidation also allows borrowers to lower payments by stretching out the loan, though that lengthening generally means paying more in total interest.

## Statistics: Renters face more risk

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Did you know people renting homes have more often been victims of property crimes than homeowners?

Renters are also twice as likely to have their cars stolen.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Criminal Statistics, in 2004 rented households experienced 201 property crimes per 1,000 households compared to the 143 property crimes experienced per 1,000 owned households.

Renters can protect themselves with insurance, but not enough do, say local business people. Insurance agents and landlords encourage the practice, however.

Dave Robinson, property manager for Brantley Realty in Twin Falls, wishes that more of their renters purchased insurance.

"Just last week I had two tenants call about frozen, broken water lines," he said. "And neither had insurance."

Robinson explained that when people rent homes Brantley manages there is a line on the lease that states they were informed about renters insurance. He said that explaining that the landlord will not be responsible for losses up front helps with confusion later on, but still not enough take the initiative to buy it.

"We suggest to everyone coming in to buy a policy," he said. "And for about \$15 dollars a month it is well worth the money."

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### Which coverage is right for me?

Policies for replacement coverage is either for "replacement cost value," or "actual cash value." Actual cash value will pay for lost property based on what it is worth at the time minus the deductible. Replacement cost coverage will provide a cash benefit for what it will cost to replace the items you lost at today's cost minus any deductible. Discuss any questions with your insurance agent.

# Loan and medical insurance advice for the new year

WASHINGTON — The dawning of each new year brings with it a fresh round of opportunities and perils. Increasingly for families, the new opportunities and perils are economic, to which the best response often isn't obvious. Nonetheless, meeting these challenges is the key to security in a society in which people are far more dependent on their own resources than they have been in decades.

Americans this year can expect to see interest rates continue to rise off the historic lows they hit in 2005 — a trend that affects borrowers and savers alike. Changes in medical insurance, begun in the past couple of years and involving an odd combination of more gov-

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ernment and more individualism, will accelerate.

If there is a theme to the coming year, it is uncertainty, making the decisions families have to make tougher than ever. Here are some suggestions for the new year.

#### Mortgages and other loans

The market is sending up warning flares to homeowners who bought or refinanced using one of those interest-only adjustable or other brave new

mortgages that seemed like a good idea at about this time last year. Fortunately, the warnings are coming when there's still time to do something.

Thanks to unusual conditions, rates for long-term and short-term loans are about the same. For now that means that mortgage rates are continuing to hover in the vicinity of 6 percent even as rates on credit cards and home equity lines of credit and similar borrowings are rising. In these circumstances, homeowners with exotic loans have a chance to grab a good, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and lock in one of the lowest interest rates seen in decades.

Rising short-term rates also are a mistake to get rid of other kinds of debt. Holders of variable-rate

home-equity lines of credit have likely noticed their monthly payments rising. Since many of these are interest-only, such rises may seem painless, but consider: At some point these borrowers are going to have to repay the principal, and if they plan to do that with more borrowing, such as refinancing it into a bigger mortgage, they need to think about what conditions will be like at that point. With long-term rates still low, now may be a good time to do that.

Those who have the cash to pay the loan off now should consider that. Having a line of credit at 3 or 4 percent is one thing, an opportunity to invest and do better, perhaps, but at 6 or 7 percent, the chances of winning at that game are great-

ly diminished.

Holders of student loans should consider consolidating them. Consolidation is tricky, and should be explored carefully, but does allow borrowers to lock in a fixed rate. Consolidation also allows borrowers to lower payments by stretching out the loan, though that lengthening generally means paying more in total interest.

Finally, if you are carrying credit card debt, paying it down is always a good idea.

#### Health Insurance and Medicare

Cost pressures from medical insurance continue to rise. Please see CRENSHAW, Page D6





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severe or keep them as pets. Miniature cattle are more expensive than the standard size because they are still relatively rare. Bryan said he is getting \$1,500 for female calves and \$2,000 for males, compared to \$500 to \$600 for normal calves. But he expects prices to drop as the mini varieties become more common.

Richard H. Gradowh, who has developed a number of small breeds at his Happy Mountain Miniature Cattle Farm in Covington, Wash., said six niche markets have developed for the miniature breeds. Miniature cattle are primarily sold as pets, for small-scale production, for breeding, showing, organic beef production or for the farm-grown market, which produces cattle on smaller farms.

Another factor driving the popularity is that mini-cattle do not have enough land for full-sized cattle, which need five acres for two cattle, compared to an acre for a pair of miniatures.

"The years where we had people with three, four, five hundred acres are gone," Gradowh said. "If you have five acres with miniature cattle, the concentration is about two per acre, so you can raise 10 miniature cattle on five acres quite well."

Those 10 mini cows will provide about 6,000 pounds of beef, compared to as much as 3,000 pounds that could come from two full-size cattle, Gradowh said.

While the true cause of the feed efficiency of the animals, and their hooves are smaller so they won't wear up the pasture, which helps maintain the grass, they feed on, he said.

Cattle that can be raised easier on grass only is also an increasingly desirable trait because grass-fed beef is said to contain higher levels of heart-healthy Omega 3 fatty acids, breeders say.

However, finding growers who raise miniature cattle for beef is still fairly difficult because of the rarity of the breeds and the fact most are raised as pets.

In Felton, Del., the Zebus — miniature humpedbacked Brahmans — which he says are the only true miniatures because they are naturally smaller than other breeds down to their size.

Warren, who works for Kraft Foods in Dover, Del., keeps the five cows and one bull as a hobby. He said he has added other small animals on his 25-acre property.

"They're like a pet more than anything, like them because they're oddities," Warren said.

Warren said he has eaten every or sold any for slaughter, with most going to breeders and some to petting farms.

"My wife won't eat anything we grow on the farm. She says if it doesn't come on a Styrofoam tray we don't eat it."

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employers, causing them to consider the government's new prescription drug benefit to save. Workers will be, if they haven't already been, asked to bear more of the costs through copayments, co-pays and deductibles.

But more companies agree as they can, and a growing number are turning to consumer-driven health plans. These involve the combination of a high-deductible insurance plan and a savings program funded by the company, or worker, or both. In theory, the insurance prevents disaster, while the savings program is tapped for routine expenses. Workers are allowed to keep unspent savings, encouraging them to shop wisely for health care, the government says.

Workers offered one of these plans should think long and hard about accepting it. Young and healthy workers would likely benefit, but the chronic illness might exhaust the savings each year but get little benefit from the high-deductible policy.

Companies are dropping or cutting back on health benefits for retirees, putting more pressure on the government's Medicare program. At the same time, the government is pushing a new prescription drug benefit to Medicare, called Part D, and more people eligible for Medicare have until May 15 to sign up for it. After that, it's too late to sign up to get a new prescription drug benefit.

But two points you need to consider. Many employers who provide retiree drug coverage now plan to continue it, at least for this year. If that coverage is as good as Medicare's, the employer is supposed to give you a certificate to that effect. In that case, you can stay on the employer's plan until you're 65. But keep that certificate. With it, you can sign up for Part D penalty-free later on if your employer drops the coverage.

Retirees without employer drug benefits face a complicated array of choices, which seem to be paralyzing many. But if the deadline looms and you can't decide, the chronic illness might exhaust the savings each year but get little benefit from the high-deductible policy.

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# TOP 5

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

## Television

- "CSI: Miami," CBS.
- "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
- "Two and a Half Men," CBS.
- "Out of Practice," CBS.
- "Without a Trace," CBS.  
 — From Nielsen Media Research

## Film

- "King Kong," Universal.
- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Disney.
- "Fun With Dick and Jane," Sony.
- "Cheaper by the Dozen 2," Fox.
- "Memoirs of a Geisha," Sony.  
 — From Exhibitor Relations Co.

## Hot 5

- "Don't Forget About Us," Mariah Carey, Island.
- "Run It" Chris Brown, Jive. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
- "Gritz," Nelly (feat. Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp), Dirty.
- "Laffy Taffy," D4L, DonMoney.
- "Photograph," Nickelback. (Album runner-up). (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)  
 — From Billboard magazine

## Albums

- "The Breakthrough," Mary J. Blige, Geffen.
- "Unpredictable," Janelle Fox, J.
- "Duets: The Final Chapter," The Notorious B.I.G., Bad Boy.
- "Oursin Cali: The Hits," Eminem, Shady.
- "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood, Arista. (Platinum)  
 — From Billboard magazine

## Concert tours

- U2.
- Eagles.
- Paul McCartney.
- Elton John.
- Neil Diamond.  
 — From Pollstar

## VHS/DVD rentals

- "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," MCA Home Video, Inc.
- "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," FoxVideo.  
 — From USA Today

## VHS sales

- "Frosty the Snowman," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
- "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
- "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "Miracle on 34th Street," FoxVideo.
- "Ice Age," FoxVideo.  
 — From Billboard magazine

## DVD sales

- "The 40-Year-Old Virgin (Widescreen Unrated Version)," MCA Home Video, Inc.
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- "The Island," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "March of the Penguins (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.  
 — From Billboard magazine

## Top iTunes downloads

- "Photograph," Nickelback
- "Laffy Taffy," D4L.
- "Dance, Dance," Fall Out Boy
- "Check On It," Beyonce and Slim Thug
- "Gritz (Dirty)," Nelly featuring Paul Wall, Ali and Gipp  
 — From Apple Computers

## Best-selling books

- "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)
- "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage) (fiction/paperback)
- "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor) (non-fiction/paperback)
- "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dell) (fiction/paperback)
- "Rachael Ray 365: No Repeaters" by Rachael Ray (Clarkson Potter) (non-fiction/hardback)  
 — From USA Today

# VIDEO GAME REVIEW



In 'Civilization IV,' players must make many decisions as they try to expand their empires in historically fictional surroundings.

# Strategy games let you build an empire

BY MATT SLASLE  
 The Associated Press

Even in a video game, global domination is no easy feat. Religion, politics, culture and geography are among many interwoven factors that can be a help and hindrance.

We tested our sociopolitical savvy in two new titles for personal computers — "Age of Empires III" and "Civilization IV" and found they both provide a compelling, highly addictive challenge.

Both titles fall in the historical strategy genre. Your task involves taking a paltry band of settlers and building an empire through various means. The similarities end there.

Combat is the only real tactic in single-minded "Age of Empires III" (Rated E, \$49.99).

It's straightforward, sometimes mind-bending real-time strategy game which features the era of European expansion in the New World as a backdrop.

You start out creating a town center, then use some townsfolk to gather resources. These minions fuel the engine of your empire and create specialized structures like barracks for armies and docks for ships.

Winning usually comes down to controlling the most resources, building the largest army and having an answer to anything your foes may throw at you. This tricky balance some-

times gets bogged down in micromanagement, but winning is a rewarding experience nonetheless.

It's a significantly different feel from "Civilization IV" (Rated E-10+, \$49.99).

Like a chess game, you take turns adjusting tactics, positioning forces and constructing cities in a quest to rule the world. There's just so much more depth here that can be squeezed into a short review.

Fans of the enduring series, which spans the Stone Age to the Space Age, will find a lot to like in this new version from game guru Sid Meier. Novices, consider yourself warned: Once you get past the game's somewhat steep learning curve, prepare for many sleepless nights.

Dile-hardy will find the core gameplay has received some welcome tweaks that really streamline the incredible complexity here.

A major plus (and no doubt my wife will concur) is the ability to adjust game speed. Though I still enjoy the occasional eight-hour marathon session, you can now speed things up and win the world (or lose) in as little as an hour or so.

I can't say enough about the excellent soundtrack and superb voiceovers by none other than Leonard Nimoy. Spock of "Star Trek" fame.

Both games offer online modes for endless replay value.



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"The Family Stone"  
"King Kong"

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"King Kong"

# 'MUNICH'

## Steven Spielberg's circle of death

BY STEPHEN HAUNTER  
The Washington Post

Steven Spielberg's "Munich" is not so much about war as about war's smallest, most inevitable and ugliest component: killing. It's about the psychological and political meaning of pointing the gun, pulling the trigger and watching — through the recoil and the muzzle flash — as a penetrated human begins to squirt blood, stagger, stumble and fall toward eternal stillness.

What then? A feeling of triumph? Exaltation at the slaying of the enemy? We win, we win, we win! Chalk up another one, boys. A good meal? A hoodie? According to Spielberg, the consequence is quite the opposite: despair, self-doubt, self-loathing, loss of purpose, paranoia, hysteria, nightmare — in short, what is called post-combat stress syndrome. Moreover, one suspects he means to generalize from this specific example, suggesting that what is true for the haunted individual is also true for the nation and the culture. They become kill-haunted too.

The film arrives at, politically, today's classic liberal end: the cowering against the war in Iraq; it's taking too long. There's no plan. It's too violent. It's degrading us. We can't be like them. Too many people are dying. It'll never end. How did we get into this mess? Make it go away.

Spielberg focuses on a small Israeli killing team: five men more or less ordinary, drawn with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich massacre of 1972 — in which 11

## 'Munich'

Starring: Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoff Rush, Robert R. Rintoul for intense violence and sexual content.  
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members of the Israeli Olympic team were held hostage and then killed — across Europe and the Middle East in the fall and winter of that year. They still kill the old-fashioned way, by bomb and gun, and almost says they're close enough to see the blood in lakes on the dirty floors, or the limbs hanging as if meat-hooked to the ceiling after the detonation. It's not pretty. It's not Hollywood. It has the scabrous, dirty feel of reality. Nobody gives any speeches; the dead look like wet sacks of grapes that fell off trucks at high speed. And the killers, being human themselves and not bull-goose loonies, get sick and tired of it.

Spielberg is working, in some fashion, from a book by George Jonas called "Vengeance: The True Story of an Israeli Counter-Terrorist Team," though many doubts have been raised about its authenticity, and I note that it's being re-released in conjunction with the movie. Other books, such as the just-published "Striking Back: The 1972 Munich Olympics Massacre and Israel's Deadly Response" by Aaron J. Klein, tell other stories of these events. (Jonas ascribes the Israeli action to one team; Klein suggests a much wider operation with teams combining



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

As a Mossad hitman, Eric Bana is taking no prisoners in Steven Spielberg's "Munich."

and recombining as circumstances warranted over the course of months.) But both books agree: Israeli assassins went hunting and hunted hard.

The movie, with a screenplay by Tony Kushner ("Angels in America"), chronicles a few months in the life and near-death of Avner Kauffman (Eric Bana), a former Gold Meir bodyguard then Mossad agent who is chosen to lead the unnamed unit (again, nothing cool and code-wordy like "Team Red" or "Alpha-Niner" or "Tiger").

Avner is, naturally, an idealist. His guys are far from the command types usual to movies about Special Operations (and to actual Special Operations themselves). One is a wall toker whose circuitry skills lend themselves to bombs as well; another is a Brit; thus who happens to be Jewish (Daniel Craig, who will shortly play James Bond, but here is content to be an ensemble professional); there's a reluctant ex-soldier and mild-mannered guy who could be an accountant (the wears bow ties and sweater vests). No tattoos, no Seal or Delta machismo, no eight hours a day spent on firing ranges or in shoot houses or hoisting iron in a gym, no funny haircuts, no sexy specialist weapons, no throat or ear nukes — just skilled technicians with clean backgrounds as unearched by Israeli intelligence (represented by Jeffrey Rush as Avner's case officer).

Each has a fraudulent identity and access to a secret bank account, but other than that they are on their own, not only in killing, but in administering travel and logistics, and in uncovering intelligence. Thus the most

provocative relationship in the film is not between Avner and his men or Avner and his case officer — and frankly, hard to believe — French freelance agent who represents an equally curious private intelligence network which, for a high price, can find anyone.

That's pretty much the movie: The team seeks, finds, plans, kills, flees; and then it begins again. The names are supplied by Israeli intelligence; the team members take it on faith that they are serving justice, not vengeance, but the doubt begins to wear on them. Are these lugs really directly involved in Munich or are they subsidiary people, killable more because of their accessibility (all are "soft targets") than their actual guilt? That gets a guy down, worrying about stuff like that.

Spielberg has attracted, even before the fact, a great deal of criticism for the crime of moral equivalency that is, he shows how at the ground level, the ideologies tend to vaporize, and you are left with the squalor of violence. You can hate a man, yes, for what he has done and what he represents, but at a certain point, it's difficult to bear that in mind. If you shoot him in the head, he reacts exactly as a man who is innocent would react: There's really only one way to react to a bullet in the head. The movie is about the cost of such repetition, and how it kills the soul.

In the end, Avner becomes a self-imposed, bitter exile. At one point, when two young Israeli soldiers express admiration for what he's done, he recalls in

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# Movies

## Movie nuggets

• **"Cheaper by the Dozen 2"** No rating. Many families are likely to find this sequel to the 2003 hit a holiday treat. Steve Martin, the affable father of two, has a great sparring partner in Eugene Levy, cast as a super-successful life-long rival, and the two face an inevitable showdown at a Wisconsin summer resort. The film's good-natured humor is deftly shaded by the awareness of the inevitability of change and the passing of time as Martin rounds up his family of 12 for one last family vacation before his oldest children strike out on lives of their own. With Bonnie Hunt, Carmen Electra, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo. (1.34) PG for some crude humor and mild language.



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• **"Chicken Little"** No rating. Disney's first foray into homemade computer-generated animation, "Chicken Little" is a frenetic movie that won't touch the original fairy tale with a 10-foot pole. Instead, it offers a completely disjointed story about a chicken who becomes the town laughingstock after claiming the sky is falling, then redeems himself through baseball and by preventing an alien invasion apparently orchestrated by Steven Spielberg. The same can't be said for the movie, which ignores the basic principles of narrative and relies on strangely out-of-date pop culture references for fun and substance instead. Will be a year-old video to scary "War of the Worlds" references? How about gay-themed allusions to Barney Stinson? To paraphrase another piece of bygone pop ephemera, survey says no. With the voices of Zach Braff, Gary Marshall, Joan Cusack, Don Knotts, Harry Shearer, and Steve Stewart, Fred Willard, Catherine O'Hara and Adam West. (1.21) (G)

• **"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the**

Wardrobe" \*\*\* This film is a faithful adaptation of C.S. Lewis' second book in the Narnia series, in which four siblings in World War II-era England discover a portal to a magical world populated by evil witches, messianic lions, friendly fauns and talking beavers. George Henley and Skandar Keynes are especially appealing as the younger Pevensie children, Lucy and Edmund. As the lion, Swinton is fabulously Terry Smart. Ten years later, he gets a second chance to face with his dream girl in this frothy but funny romantic comedy. 1 hour, 30 minutes. PG-13 (sexual situations and references)

• **"King Kong" \*\*\*** Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings") has remade "King Kong" the one about the five-foot blonde and the 50-foot gorilla who fall for each other. Literally and figuratively. "King Kong" is a sequel to Naomi Watts as Ann Darrow and Andy Serkis as the model for Kong's a facial and physical movement. PG-13 (marauding dinosaurs, creature creations, violent deaths)

• **"Memoirs of a Geisha" \*\*\*** Pretty as a picture and soulless as a Hollywood producer (Ook, a cheap joke), this big studio adaptation of Arthur Golden's best-seller is a lush, lovely one-of-a-kind set in the enigmatic world of Japanese courtesans. Zhang Ziyi stars as the fishing-village-urchin-turned-geisha-geisha in Kyoto of the 1890s and 1940s.

• **"Fun with Dick and Jane" \*\*\*** In this brisk but flat farce, a

## About the rating system

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remake of a 1977 comedy, Jim Carrey and Ten Leoni play a couple who turn to crime when their luxe, white-collar existence goes down the toilet. 1 hour, 30 minutes. PG-13 (mild profanity, sexual references) — David Hillbrand

• **"Grandma's Boy" No rating.** Allen Covert plays a video-game tester fallen on hard times who moves in with his 80-year-old grandmother and her two octogenarian roommates. R

• **"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" \*\*\*** This fourth film in the fantasy franchise is the most fun and most fraught with conflict, what with Our Hero battling bow with his nemesis Lord Voldemort and puberty. Mike Newell's first Brit to helm the series — it 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 8. 2 hrs. 37 PG-13 (fantasy violence, suspense)

• **"Just Friends" \*\*\*** In high school, Ryan Reynolds was a tubby loser with a giant crush on Amy Poehler. Ten years later, he gets a second chance to face with his dream girl in this frothy but funny romantic comedy. 1 hour, 30 minutes. PG-13 (sexual situations and references)

• **"Pride & Prejudice" \*\*\*** Joe Wright's fresh and spirited account of the most frequently filmed Jane Austen novel is the essential version. Starring the exuberant Keira Knightley as Lizzy and the implacable Matthew MacFadyen as Darcy. 2 hours, 7 minutes. PG (mild adult themes)

• **"The Ringers" \*\*\*** Johnny Knoxville stars as an average man trying to rig the Special Olympics by posing as a mentally challenged athlete. A surprisingly funny and thoughtful film, hamstringing by some stiff and preachy moments. 1 hour, 33 minutes. PG-13 (crude and sexu-



American traveler Jay Hernandez makes a point to some Slovakian nobles in 'Hostel'

## 'Hostel'

The story of two adventurous American college buddies (Jay Hernandez and Derek Richardson) who backpack through Europe eager to make increasingly hairy travel memories with an itinerant they've met along the way. They are eventually lured by a fellow traveler to what's described as a nirvana for American backpackers — a particular hostel in an out-

2 hours, 14 minutes. PG-13 (adult themes)

• **"Munich" \*\*\*** Set in the wake of the 1972 massacre of the Israeli Olympic team, Steven Spielberg's taut thriller chronicles the operation to hunt down and kill the men believed to have masterminded the terrorist operation. Eric Bana stars as the Israeli agent who heads the cover hit squad, cross-casting Europe on a mission of vengeance. With George Clooney, Channing Tatum and an international cast. 2 hours, 44 minutes. R (violence, profanity, nudity, sex, adult themes)

• **"Syriana" \*\*\*** Stephen Gaghan's feverish and urgent political thriller maps the New Oil Order. With George Clooney as a CIA agent, Alexander Siddig as a progressive Middle Eastern prince, and Matt Damon as an energy analyst. 2 hrs. 6R (violence and profanity)

• **"Walk the Line" \*\*\*** A blazing biopic about American music legend Johnny Cash and his stormy relationship with June Carter Cash, with Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon at the top of their games as the couple in the middle of some historic music biz craziness. Phoenix and Witherspoon do their own singing, and they pull it off. 2 hours, 16 minutes. PG-13 (adult themes, sex, drugs, violence)

of humor, profanity and some drug references)

• **"Rumor Has It" \*\*\*** Cringe-worthy comedy with Jennifer Aniston as a gal who thinks her family inspired the intergenerational sex comedy "The Graduate." With Shirley MacLaine and Kevin Connolly. 1 hour, 36 minutes. PG-13 (sex and drug references, profanity)

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## New on DVD

Synopses of films recently released for home viewing

### "Wedding Crashers"

R

Some men will do anything to get a date: good lord, some of them will even become to other people's children.

It's pretty much the technique of Jeremy Klein (Vince Vaughn) and John Beckwith (Owen Wilson) in "Wedding Crashers." Jeremy and John aren't so much wedding crashers as wedding vixens. They're raiders who swoop in, eat, drink, carouse, suck up to whoever is paying for the spread, dance with old ladies, make balloon hats for kiddies—no the horror the horror!—play on the sentimentalized weaknesses of those on the other side of the gender line, then score and flee. The best that can be said of them is: They don't pillage or burn, and they appear to have acceptable hygiene.

Based on that alarmingly cynical premise, the film chronicles the end of the two casts, as each is tamed by that which he fears the most, that dog from hell called love. It doesn't matter which that Vaughn's Jeremy is or which that Wilson's John is, but that Jeremy's ultimate match (Claire, played by Isla Fisher) is a lot more interesting than John's ultimate, Claire (cute, bland Rachel McAdams). It also helps that the movie is half an hour too long and has bad third-act troubles.

None of those things helps; but bad hurts more, so "Wedding Crashers" is so lung-blowingly funny.

"Wedding Crashers" has the distinction of being the rare R-rated comedy from an industry that has of late much preferred the somehow smuttier but less explicit hard-PC. "Crashers" is pure, hard R for Raunch and arrested development, to say nothing of Ruthlessness and Responsibility. It's rational primitive, and the scene where Jeremy is, um, put through an excellent adventure under the dinner table in a dining room full of otherwise cold-blooded WASPy types should have everyone talking about it by Monday.

The movie has a good time in the early going in the two fellows—really cynicism is well-earned as professional divorce attorneys—who are used to seeing marriages come unglued in rancor, greed and ugliness—shunt through a variety of marriages and receptions. They become what they must become, Jewish, Italian, even Asian; they're so infectious in their enthusiasm



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Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson are delightfully smarmy as "Wedding Crashers."

they fit in anywhere. They have mastered ethnic dances and wedding customs, they have a litany of jokes for each audience, and the balloon trick for the kids is sheer genius as is the can't-miss-at-Impulscan-weddings line, "We lost a lot of good men over there but [smiles, sniffs] I don't want to talk about it." At each reception, they're always the life of the party, the first to dance, the most generous, attentive and sporting. It's just that they're, you know, complete phonies. They've learned that the secret to success is the ability to fake sincerity and they take sincerity really well.

Their accomplice is cleverly engineered. The setting is near Washington, D.C., they decide to crash, as a last hurrah, the summer's biggest event, the nuptials of the children of the secretary of the treasury, William Cleary (Christopher Walken). One of his blond daughters—new cast member Claire—is marrying a blond hunk who is named Chad, Tad, Nick or possibly Stone or Brick, something like that.

This is the big enchilada of weddings, and so the boys feel duty-bound to get in. And they do, too. Then a terrible thing happens: Each falls for a different Cleary daughter.

For John, it's Claire, who attracts him because she Sees Through It. That is, when her sister and the new hubby recite vows they're written for themselves, Claire thinks it's so stupid it's funny. It is stupid and funny; the only problem is Claire's boyfriend, a thug in a polo shirt who isn't so stupid and funny, just stupid.

Meanwhile, big Jeremy picks up on Gloria, who is putting out certain easy-to-get signals that

most guys will recognize but pass on. It being akin to shooting fish in a barrel. Not Jeremy, who never met a fish in a barrel of whom he wouldn't take a shot.

The real discovery of the film is Fisher, who plays the presumably naive-to-see-Gloria-in-a-Phase-5-slinger. She's not only a girl who can't say no, but who won't hear no when it is said to her. She gloms limpet-like to Jeremy, who wants nothing more than to escape. Neatly, by that time John has fallen for Claire, so the movie is motivated by an interesting conflict of motives: Jeremy yearns to flee, John to stay, thus their partnership is sorely tested.

It's also this circumstance that yields the movie's most hysterical sequence, a long weekend at the Cleary manse somewhere on the Chesapeake. The Clearys, as any family headed by Christopher Walken would surely be expected to be as magnificent as anybody's, is a kind of compilation of old-family pathologies out of Eugene O'Neill and Cleopatra. John, who is the super-hero Gloria, there's her mother, played at a pitch of high watt by Jane Seymour in a refreshingly not-goody-goody tone, there's a bitter gny son, the angry boyfriend, a twisted granny and, of course, ever magnificent the strange man on Earth, Walken, as head of this menagerie.

In the end, "Wedding Crashers" sees its nerve. After having said nothing good about anybody, it suddenly says everything good about everybody. The ending is so long in coming, it's like delimiting moment in the classical Don Rickles can when, after tearing the world collectively a new cast member passage, he says Johnny and say, "But you know, we're really all brothers under the skin blah blah blah blah."

Ugh. When Jeremy and John quarrel, break up and get mopey and then figure out how to get back together, and everything turns out happily after all—what a bummer.

### "The Cave"

PG-13

"The Cave" isn't just a bad movie, it's a very, very bad movie, so bad that it can't even redeem itself by turning into high camp.

It's supposed to be scary, but we weren't scared, not for a moment, not even when we finally saw the big, bad creature stalking all the pretty people. OK, we were scared when we saw

Morris Chestnut (furrow his brow and we thought for a minute that meant he was going to act, but we realized that he was probably calculating how long it was going to take for the check to clear.

The basic premise is this: Deep in a Roman forest, a bunch of scientists/bounty hunters/who-sides (doesn't matter because they won't be around for long) stumble upon a 13th-century abbey. On the floor of the abbey is a tile mosaic of an exceedingly nasty-looking critter. If you've seen a horror movie before, you know that this can mean only one thing: Get the hell out of Dodge. The scientists/bounty hunters/who-sides quite naturally ignore the ominous music swelling in the background and crack open the floor, whereupon they discover a hidden cave.

Surprise, surprise: Very bad things happen.

One the soundtrack cut to Mexico, where a team of cave divers is splunking through the azure depths of the Caribbean. Back on the boat, they get a call from a grizzled Roman scientist who tells them that he's found a cave and he's got some money, so why don't they come on out and do a little diving.

What are they looking for? A new ecosystem, people. (Oooh, sexy) But does it matter, really? The whole film is just an excuse to shoot some cool underwater scenes and put some hotties in harms way. And kill them off, one by one.

About the hotties: On the diving side, there's Jack (Cole Hauser), the arrogant leader, who will undergo a dramatic transformation; his brother, Tyler (Eddie Cibulka), the dimpled guy; the gung-ho chick, Pamela (Piper Perabo); and Buchanan

(Chestnut). And there's a sexy scientist, Katherine (Lena Headey).

But all this pulchritude, male and female, is wasted. It's just too darn dark down in that cave, and they spend all their time zipped up in trendy diving suits that hide the physique. Everything's shot in a haze of gloom. It's not artistic gloom, it's just gloom, gloom, too dark and dim for the viewer to discern who's chopping on whom. And with horror movies, you want to see who's being seen for all dinner.

Even the monster, for gawd's sake, is a disappointment, cut and pieced together from bits of movies past: "Aliens." "Creature From the Black Lagoon." "War of the Worlds." Take your pick. You've seen this creature before.

So just how bad is "The Cave"? Directed by first-time director Hunt/Let us enumerate the ways. There are gratuitous displays of testosterone. See: colleagues throw punches—and miss. They do not do this to advance the plot, but just to show each other who's boss! There's sibling rivalry that gets miraculously resolved when one of the brothers is infested by a hideous parasite, and there's sexual tension that gets absolutely nowhere. (The only kiss in the cave is a bit of hot mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.)

There is astonishingly bad dialogue. "This cave is a very serious piece of work. It's already got one life. Respect the cave." And there are unintentional moments of high hilarity (see aforementioned dialogue). But to be fair, there is one very positive thing to say about "The Cave": Clocking in at just over an hour, it's a bad, bad movie, but not in no time. And that's good.

Cole Hauser takes a dive in "The Cave."

Photo courtesy of Screen Gems

## Food

## RAISE A GLASS — EVEN IF IT'S ROOT BEER

## Enjoy comfortable dining at O'Dunkens

BY MIRO COOPER  
Times-News writer

Whether you're new to Twin Falls, or a regular on the downtown scene, a visit to O'Dunkens Draught House is to revel in a familiar place.

Located at the nexus of the downtown universe, O'Dunkens, as it's commonly known to regulars, sports a well-worn look that warms the appetite and caters to most midtime moods.

If the name doesn't give it away, Irish and Gaelic themes provide the background, along with decor that mixes the past and present of Twin Falls and the Gem State. If you've ever dropped by Main Avenue for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, you already know O'Dunkens serves as the home base for lunch-time meals and early day celebrations.

The bar started under Tim Jones in 1990, with a restaurant to follow in 1992. Current owners Bev and Steve O'Connor purchased the restaurant in 2003 from Frank and Crystal Hegy.

By rearranging the menu and catering to non-smokers, the O'Connors welcomed more of the lunch crowd in recent years. The switch to a completely smoke-free policy earlier this year has been a boon for business, said Bev O'Connor.

The high vaulted ceilings give O'Dunkens a welcoming ambience that rivals any East Coast or San Francisco sports bar and grill. The open windows to the downtown scene provide just the right urban tinge to your meal or casual conversation.

For the beer and ale aficionados, O'Dunkens leads a long list of studs with various brewery flav-

ors. Beers on tap are switched to accommodate summer and winter selections. Budweiser and Coors are on tap, but so are 20-some other more exotic beers such as a Moose Drool, Fat Tire and Stella Artois — served in specially designed glasses.

But even if you're a teetotaler, there's plenty to fill your stomach and put a smile on your face.

The menu is short but decent with the traditional lunchtime fare and list of appetizers. With winter now in its frosty prime, O'Dunkens' homemade lunch soups and sandwiches do the trick for a warm belly and a tight checkbook.

In fact, if you're looking for the genuine delicatessen-type subs,



The Jerry Special with salad.

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Courtney Showmaker, left, and Stacie Anderson, both of Twin Falls, chat before digging into their food Friday at O'Dunkens Draught House in Twin Falls.

O'Dunkens may be your best bet in Twin Falls. Traditional Italian sandwiches (between \$6 and \$8) such as the New Orleans Muffaletta and New York Stromboli are more than filling and loyal to the traditional tastes their named for.

Since this is a European-style deli, however, you can never go

wrong with a Reuben sandwich, served on marble rye, with sauerkraut, thousand island dressing, and Idaho-raised past-tram. The soups are hearty and hot, just as they should be in January. But the dill-flavored potato salad never disappears, either.

O'Dunkens' also serves up a

## About O'Dunkens Draught House

**W**here: 102 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. Various appetizers, full-meal sandwiches, soups and salads, pizza. Appetizers: \$3.25 to \$6.99. Sandwiches: \$3.75 to \$7.99; Pizzas: \$5.75 to \$12.99.

More than 25 beer drafts on tap; wines are from \$3.75 to \$6 a glass; \$17 to \$27 a bottle.

Hours: Mon. through Thurs. 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., food closes at 8 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. food closes at 10. Saturday, noon to 1 a.m. (10 p.m. food close).

Steve and Bev O'Connor owners, 733-8114

short list of pizza combinations (\$7 for individual, \$13 for a large) with unique selections. The Shout is spicy mustard, two cheeses, polish sausage and a layer of sauerkraut. Don't wince: It's not that bad: But if you're dining with a larger party, you may want to try this one on

an individual pizza first.

If a more traditional brick-oven pie is your forte, try the barbecue chicken with barbecue sauce, cheddar, chicken, red onion and bacon. It goes down well.

The service is quick and kind at O'Dunkens, but give yourself more time if you're eating during the busy lunch hour. If you're in a group or by yourself, you can pass the time studying days of Idaho's politics or waking up the echoes of Notre Dame football. (My favorite decoration: the iron-bar tribute to former Congressman George Hansen and O.J. Simpson.) And if you're looking to watch the big game, four TVs including one flat screen, are up to the task.

The friendly banter and historic charm are an easy lure to O'Dunkens. The atmosphere and the good eats will bring you back under the shamrock for more.

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# South-central Idaho dining guide

## ACORN

**Acorn Restaurant, 200 N. Main**  
 • **Breakfast:** 7 a.m.-11 a.m. (weekdays); 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekends).  
 • **Lunch:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekdays); 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Dinner:** 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekdays); 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Happy Hour:** 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekdays); 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Reservations:** 208-333-1111.  
 • **Website:** www.acornrestaurant.com

## BELLEVE

**Belleve Country Club, 401 N. Miller**  
 • **Breakfast:** 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekdays); 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekends).  
 • **Lunch:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekdays); 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Dinner:** 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekdays); 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Happy Hour:** 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekdays); 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Reservations:** 208-333-1111.  
 • **Website:** www.bellevecountryclub.com

## BLISS

**Bliss Cafe, 1688 East Highway**  
 • **Breakfast:** 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekdays); 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekends).  
 • **Lunch:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekdays); 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Dinner:** 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekdays); 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Happy Hour:** 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekdays); 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Reservations:** 208-333-1111.  
 • **Website:** www.blisscafe.com

## BURL

**Burlfield's, 113 Broadway S.**  
 • **Burritos, tacos, chinchangas, shrimp fajitas, \$4.25-\$11.75.** Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. **Primitivo Perez, owner.** 543-6268.

• **Grandstands Sports Bar and Restaurant, 1003 Main** — Finger steaks, shrimp/chicken baskets, sandwiches, \$3.50-\$6.96; chicken wings appetizers, \$3-\$9. Wine, beer.

Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **Mark and Debra Lang, J.R. and Sheri Ann, owners.** 543-8355.

• **Home Town Cookery, 1000 Burley Ave.** — Steak, shrimp, specialty pies, prime ribs and coffee specials. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Terry and Kay Sheaffer, owners.** 543-2262.

• **Jackson's Kountry Koffee, 1101 Broadway N.** — Steak, jumbo shrimp, halibut, chicken-fried steak, homemade biscuits and gravy, \$3.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 5 a.m.-11 p.m. **Lee and Linda Jackson, owners.** 543-5570.

## BARLEY

**Barley's Backside Salads**  
 • **Breakfast:** 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekdays); 7 a.m.-10 a.m. (weekends).  
 • **Lunch:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekdays); 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Dinner:** 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekdays); 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Happy Hour:** 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekdays); 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (weekends).  
 • **Reservations:** 208-333-1111.  
 • **Website:** www.barleysbackside.com

Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. **Tom Jones, owner.** 678-2248.

• **Barley's, 610 N. Overland Drive** — Tacos, burritos, chinchangas, hamburgers, \$3.75-\$11.75. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. **Jose Garcia, owner.** 678-2117.

Hours: Mondays and Saturdays, noon-8 p.m.; Tues- Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. **Steve Hutchison, owner.** 678-9173.

• **Backside's Mexican Restaurant, 282 Overland** — Tacos, burritos, fajitas, \$4.95-\$12.25. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. **Andra Arac, owner.** 678-6685.

• **Chico City Restaurant, 502 Scott Ave.** — Pork/chicken fried rice, \$3.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Pete Mc, owner.** 436-8339.

• **George K.W. 325 E. Third St.** — Wet-cooked steak, ribs, Centrose chicken, stir-fry and lobster, \$4.95-\$19.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

• **Private Cafe, 2444 Overland Drive** — Hot melt/steak sandwiches, finger steaks, meals for small groups, \$4.75-\$10.49. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Derek Anderson, owner.** 678-5143.

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• **Jahar's Over the Top, 232 North Highway 77 (Take Exit 216 off Interstate 84)** — Burgers, chicken tenders, fresh fruit shakes in season, \$2.30-\$6.49. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Deby Kavan, owner.** 684-9891.

## GOODING

• **El Comedor, 127 3rd Ave. E.** — Enchiladas, burritos/bozo combo plates, Mexican food buffet, \$3-\$11.50. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; closed Saturdays and Sundays. **Debbie Lagunas, owner.** 684-5852.

• **Machino Cafe, 116 4th Ave. N.** — Chicken-fried steak, finger steaks, burgers and soup, \$4.95-\$10.95. Hours: Mondays through Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed weekends. **Eldon Ciss, owner.** 934-4059.

## About the dining guide

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reasons of space, not every restaurant will be listed every week, but they will be listed on a regular basis. If your restaurant is not listed and you would like to

have it in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at [scrumpp@timesvalley.com](mailto:scrumpp@timesvalley.com). It's a free service.

## TWIN FALLS

### Twin Falls

• **Perkins, 1504 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — "Hot roast" steak, salmon, \$8.25-\$13.99. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m. to midnight; Sundays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. **Mike Nelson, general manager.** 736-6417.

• **Phil Eddy's, 233 Fifth Ave. N.** — Cajun roast pork, Crawfish Sables, Louisiana crab fish cakes, \$2.95-\$23.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; closed Sundays. **Frank and Joelle Sable, managers.** 735-5141.

• **Prize's Thai Cuisine, 428 Second Ave. E.** — Stir-fried chicken over a bed of spinach, sushi cooked in special curry sauce, lobster, \$5.95-\$26.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Rick and Prasad Johnson, owners.** 733-2222.

• **Prizebox Sports Bar, 1749 Kimberly Drive** — Finger steaks, sandwiches, homemade soups, \$4.95-\$7.95. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 10-11 a.m. **Tom Barr and John Kalkas, owners.** 736-2427.

• **Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W.** — Prime rib, fresh seafood, prime-grilled steaks, \$2.95-\$23.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (dining 5:30 p.m.)-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 4:30-10:30 p.m.; Sundays 5-10 p.m. **Stan Thomas, owner.** 734-4154.

• **Senior Cassara Royal Restaurant, 645 Glen Ave.** — Burgers, chicken fried fillet, chicken broccolini, cheese steak, chicken Macaroni, \$4.50-\$12.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Greg Smith and Tom Olson, owners.** 733-9716.

• **Sherry's, 1601 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.**

Steak, seafood, lemon-dill salmon, pies, \$7.29-\$12.99. Hours: Open 24/7. **Shari's Corp, owner.** 734-2110.

• **Shiner, 719 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Steaks, shrimp, chicken and all-you-can-eat shrimp, Malibu chicken, salad bar, \$5.99-\$17.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Shane McEwan, general manager.** 733-6650.

• **Shoppie's, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Pre-dusted new halibut basket, cod specialties, shrimp, \$4.95-\$9.95. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. **Jim Jackson, owner.** 733-6377.

• **Tab-Bar Canyon Springs Bar & Grill, 193 Canyon Springs Dr.** — Burgers, Philly steak sandwiches, ale-battered cod, crispy chicken salads, \$4.29-\$8.33. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. **Jay and Tammie Hobson, owners.** 735-9194.

• **Tomato's Macaroni Grill, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Steak, pasta, gourmet pizzas, \$6.45-\$19.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Max Humphries, owner.** 733-9100.

• **The Restaurant, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — General's Top Chicken, Macaroni beef, oyster puffs, \$4.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Lan Tsa, owner.** 736-6282.

• **Wicken Grill, 1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Chicken almond-dill, Mandarín chicken, Macaroni beef, \$4.50-\$14.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. **Ken Tan, Tanya Gosh, owners.** 733-6282.

## WORLDWIDE

• **El Torito, 805 N. Main St.** — Full bar, breakfast, \$4.99-\$12.00. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Patricia, owner.** 636-5684.

• **Farmhouse Restaurant, Exit 157 off Interstate 84** — Steak, seafood, prime rib, appetizers, \$4.95-\$17.95. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 7 a.m.-10 p.m. **Perry and Courtney, owners.** 636-6688.

# Events calendar

## THURSDAY

**Pop/Halley**  
**Chad and Jeremy** will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at Adkinson's Markets in Halley, Garnett and Ketchum, 788-7864.

**Theater/Twin Falls**  
 The Performing Arts will present the Disney musical version of "Beauty and the Beast" at 7 p.m. in the Roper Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

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**Jazz/Buhl**  
**Buckshot**, **Brent Jensen**, **Tony Bowler** and **Sarah Lincoln** will perform from 7-9 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center. Admission is free, and there will be no-heat snacks and refreshments, with proceeds to benefit the Buhl Arts Council. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

**Jazz/Twin Falls**  
 The **Older Fox Group** will perform from 8-9 p.m. at First Friday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise. The music is free, and food, wine and beer are available. Rudy's is located at 147 Main Ave. W.

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

**Country/Declo**  
**The Fightwits** will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

**Country/Boise**  
**Jeremy Searstead** will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7 p.m. Sold out.

**Classical/Utah**  
**Utah Symphony** will perform **Maurice Ravel's "Bolero"** at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$22, \$28, \$38 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Planetarium/Twin Falls**  
 The Faidor Planetarium

at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Mysteries from the Depth of Space" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors citizens, \$2 for students and \$3 for families. Ages 21 and older. Phat Edgy's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

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## MONDAY

**Rock/Boise**  
**Rock Fests** will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Comedy/Buhl**  
 Second City Productions will perform at the City of Arts and Culture 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 Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
**Rock Fish and Zebrahead** will play Club Ice in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Club Ice is located at 108 South 500 West.

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## WEDNESDAY

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**Jazz/Twin Falls**  
**Jazz Nora Band** will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

## NEXT WEEKEND

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 The Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts will present the Disney musical version of "Beauty and the Beast" at 7 p.m. on JAN. 12-13 and 1 p.m. on JAN. 14 in the Roper Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

**Opera/Utah**  
**Utah Opera** will present Puccini's "La Rondine" at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 14 at Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$24, \$40, \$55 and \$60, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY

**Summer George**  
**1960s rock** and **Chad and Jeremy** will perform benefit concert at 7 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at Adkinson's Markets in Halley, Garnett and Ketchum, 788-7864.

at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Star Signs" at 2 and 4 p.m. "Mysteries from the Depth of Space" at 7 p.m. and "Lead Zeppelin Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors citizens, \$2 for students and \$3 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

## THIS MONTH

**Opera/Utah**  
**Utah Opera** will present Puccini's "La Rondine" at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 16, 18 and 20 and at 2 p.m. on JAN. 22 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12, \$24, \$40, \$55 and \$60, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

**Rock/Idaho Falls**  
**Rick Kristerson** will perform at 8 p.m. on JAN. 18 in the Colonial Theater. Tickets, which are \$38, can be reserved by phoning (208) 352-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 438 A St.

**Rock/Utah**  
**The Pavement** will play the Venue 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 Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

**Rock/Utah**  
**Perseus and No Use for a Name** will play Saltair Resort in the Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 23. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-100X or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Saltair Resort is located 16 miles west of Salt Lake off Interstate 80, Take 104 West to Exit 104 and turn right.

**Rock/Boise**  
**Rob Ring** and **The Panic Division** will perform at the former Imparts store building at 7 p.m. on JAN. 18. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Imparts store is located at the corner of 16th and Gene.

**Theater/Twin Falls**  
 The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Anthony Quinn's drama "Class" with Tony Marpan and Jo Davidson, on 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 19



at 27 and 28-29 in the Lamphouse Theater. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 First Ave. S.

**Theater/Boise**  
**Leslie Broussard** and **Fred Widdow's "Jekyll and Hyde"** will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on JAN. 21. Tickets, which are \$34.50 and \$39.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (800) 426-1494, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Comedy/Utah**  
**Bill Maher** will perform in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on JAN. 21. Tickets, which are \$45, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-100X or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

**Dance/Twin Falls**  
**FLY Dance**, a Houston-based company that combines classical and modern dance, brocade and hip-hop, will perform at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 27. Tickets, which are \$14 for adults and \$10 for children, are available at Everybody's business, Pharmacy and Hairmart, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the CSI Community Education Center, all in Twin Falls; at Saw-Mor/Duhy in Burley, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, and at the CSI Outreach Center in Burley, Halley and Gooding.

**Country/Boise**  
**Joe Nichols** and **Barbara 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) 442-3232 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Idaho Center is located at 18200 Open-Field Road in Nampa's east end.

**Blues/Boise**  
**Anna Popovic** will play the

## THURSDAY-SATURDAY

**Bole's beau**  
 The Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts will present the Disney musical version of "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday afternoon at Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls. The production continues Jan. 12-14.

**Show tunes/Utah**  
**Utah Symphony** will present "Three Dishes Broadway" with **Jodi Benson**, **Debbie Gravitte** and **Christine Noll**, at 8 p.m. on JAN. 27-29 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$20, \$28, \$38 and \$48, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Classical/Utah**  
**Utah Symphony** will present "Brazos Altos," dramatic music and scenes from the life of composer Johannes Brahms, at 7 p.m. on JAN. 24 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.

**Rock/Boise**  
**HEAVY** will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on JAN. 28. Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Cowboy poetry/Elko, Nev.**  
 The 22nd annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering starts JAN. 29-31 at sites around Elko. Ticket prices for the evening shows, traditionally the most popular events at the gathering, vary in addition to the ticketed shows, many performances require the purchase of a single day pass or a three-day guest pass, which includes the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering Program Book. The three-day guest pass is \$50 and single-day passes are \$18. Children under 12 are admitted free to non-ticketed daytime events. Tickets are available by phoning (775) 738-7508, Ext. 222, or online at <http://www.westernfolklore.org>.

**Country/Boise**  
**Tony Keith** with guests **Joe Nichols** and **Barbara 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) 442-3232 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Idaho Center is located at 18200 Open-Field Road in Nampa's east end.



Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on JAN. 24. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

**Raggae/Boise**  
**The Wallers** will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on JAN. 29. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Pop/Utah**  
**Cher** will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 31. Tickets, which are \$39.75, \$59.75 and \$79.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-5247 or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

**Classical/Utah**  
**Utah Symphony** will perform **Mahler's Fifth Symphony** at 8 p.m. on FEB. 4 and at 8 p.m. on FEB. 3 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.

**Rock/Utah**  
**Punchline** will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on FEB. 4. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-100X or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

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**Kozak** will play the Venue at 7 p.m. on FEB. 11. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

**Rock/Boise**  
**Zao** will perform at the Venue at 8 p.m. on FEB. 2. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. Bouquet is located at 1010 W. Main St.

## FRIDAY

**Jazz**  
**Boh's Own Jazz Band** will perform along with **Brent Jensen**, **Tony Bowler** and **Sarah Lincoln** at the Eighth Street Center. The music is free, and food, wine and beer are available.

**Rock/Boise**  
**Frong** will perform at the Venue at 8 p.m. on FEB. 7. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. Bouquet is located at 1010 W. Main St.

**Rock/Utah**  
**In Flames**, **Trivium** and **Zao** will perform at Saltair Resort in the Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7:15 p.m. on FEB. 3. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-100X or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Saltair Resort is located 16 miles west of Salt Lake City off Interstate 80, Take 104 West to Exit 104 and turn right.

**Rock/Boise**  
**Bleeding Through** will play the Venue at 8 p.m. on FEB. 27. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

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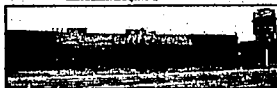
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## THURSDAY

### Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruger's Night n' Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge. Kruger's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

### Barley

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 197 W. Highway 30.

## FRIDAY

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Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

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.

### Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

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

# A GOOD YEAR

## Robert Earl Keen: Still keen to be a little different

BY MICHAEL D. CLARK  
Houston Chronicle

Robert Earl Keen is nothing if not authentic. Much like the subtle narrative barroom minutiae that comprises his two decades of music, any excitement the singer-songwriter might have about the past year is delivered in the same Droopy Dog monotone he injects into a favorite ballad like "Feelin' Good Again."

"We had a really good year," Keen states simply. "Farm Fresh Onions" (his 2003 release) had gained steam by the beginning of the year, and I've been on the road a bunch since."

OK, what about those dates opening for the Dave Matthews Band? Or a more recent jaunt with acoustic bluegrass darlings the Greenacres? Or Keen's inclusion in the inaugural CD and DVD series of performances from the longtime concert show, "Austin City Limits"?

What about the upgrade and reissue of three classic albums during the summer or the recording of a new album, "What I Really Mean," that will be released early in 2006?

"Oh yeah, we did all that," Keen admits.

In the past Keen has come home to Houston for the holidays for one of his trailer-trashy " Merry Christmas From the Family" holiday bashers. Last weekend, he celebrated one of the best years of his two-decade recording career (whether he admits it or not) by ringing in

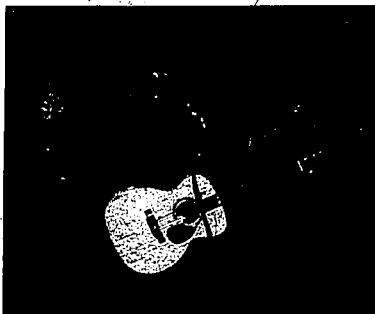


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After aggressive forays into roots rock and even funk on "Farm Fresh Onions," the idea of a home-cooked approach sounded pretty good to Robert Earl Keen and his right-hand man guitarist/producer, Rich Brotherton.

2005 at Sarofim Hall.

Not since the mid-'80s when he was a mainstay at Anderson Fair has Keen been on stage in South Texas for New Year's Eve.

"It felt like a good idea to play Houston on New Year's," says Keen. "It was just an effort to mix it up."

That Keen would get back to his singer-songwriter roots is not surprising. After aggressive for-

ays into roots rock and even funk on "Farm Fresh Onions," the idea of a home-cooked approach sounded pretty good to him and his right-hand man guitarist/producer, Rich Brotherton.

One saga to hold out for is a three-part piece of theater that he calls "A Border Tragedy." As described by Keen, it starts with the banjo-led prelude "El Juugo

## Concert in Boise

Robert Earl Keen will perform at Boise's Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on Jan. 12. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4627, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adams' Markets in Hillyard and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Se Fun ("The Toy Went Away") before moving into a middle tale, "Virgin of Ciudad Acuna," and wrapping up with country legend Ray Price singing guest vocals on "Streets of Laredo."

Those looking forward to a grand tribute to Hank Williams on the new song "The Great Hank" better be ready for a twist on the sacred. According to Keen, the song is actually an ode to a transvestite he once ran into on a street corner who was singing the country patfather's music. Other songs on the album include guest gospel singers and mariachi players (no word on if either will be at Sarofim Hall for New Year's).

"What I Really Mean," like "Farm Fresh Onions," was recorded with Keen's touring band led by Brotherton.

"It's a big ol' grocery basket full of stuff," he says. "We wanted to record it with them now so that by the time the record comes out, we know how to play them real well."

## Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

### Jamie Foxx "Unpredictable"

J-Records

The best thing about "Unpredictable," actor Jamie Foxx's musical bid to become a multimedia as J.La, is how strongly it justifies his Oscar for Ray in that movie, Foxx boldly channeled the late, great Ray Charles in body, mind and voice. That's even more impressive now, seeing as how Foxx's "real" voice turns out to be as exciting as Prince Charles'.

Despite the presence of such bold-faced stars as Ludacris, Snoopy Dogg, Mary J. Blige and Common, "Unpredictable" is usually a blah, low-energy R&B

affair that cruises along almost begging not to be noticed. There's no killer club track, the midtempo grinders neither hook nor catch, and the slow, sappy stuff is more old-school than old-school.

Foxx, a phenomenal pianist who shows off very little of his ivory skills here, would have been better suited for a stripped-down, jazz-heavy vibe. Perhaps something that highlights his high, Duttery falsetto (heard best on Kanye West's 2004 hit "Slow Jamz") or his affected Ray-esque groove (heard on West's 2005 hit "Gold Digger").

Instead, when anchoring his own material, Foxx relies mostly on a milquetoast, middle-of-the-road delivery. It doesn't help that the songs themselves are all

pretty unexciting as well. Foxx got his start as a comedian, but there's very little humor to be found on Unpredictable. He wants to make a serious, sexy album, but he was more persuasive as a paramour in the movie *Boyz n the City*.

"I Did a Love Song" is a labored attempt at recreating the success of "Slow Jamz," all the way down to a cameo by Twista, the Chicago speed rapper who shows up on both tunes. A slow-groove duet with Blige, "Love Changes," mutes the flammable energy of the Queen of Hip-Hop Soul.

Foxx is a major Hollywood player, so he has the star power to get fancy friends to help out. Sometimes a special cameo boosts a song's appeal.

But more often than not, even normally reliable talents fail to bring their "A" game to Unpredictable. Superproducer Tim "Timbaland" Mosley writes and helms "Can I Take U Home." Usually a master of banjo club cuts, "Imbaland" has given Foxx a so-so slow-groove that almost disappears like a pepped bubble.

— *St. Petersburg Times*

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# GIVING SOMETHING BACK

## Chad and Jeremy plan benefit concerts this week

BY KAREN BOSSICK  
The Wood River Journal

**HAILY** — Blame it on a group of school kids. Chad and Jeremy have moved millions with their sweet harmonies on such songs as "Summer Song" and "Willow Weep For Me."

But it was listening to a group of students from Bellevue Elementary School that moved Chad Stuart to arrange two concerts to benefit Habitat for Humanity as it tries to rebuild lives that were upended by Hurricane Katrina.

Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde will present "An Evening with Chad & Jeremy: Benefit for Habitat for Humanity" at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Liberty Theater.

Tickets for the Thursday and Friday shows are \$25, available at the Wood River Valley's three Atkinson's stores.

Stuart presided upon to record a CD that the elementary school students were doing for Katrina relief and I dragged my equipment down to the school," Stuart said. "And as I was listening to them singing 'This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.' It was an epiphany for me."

"The fact is: That's a powerful message. If you're not going to let your light shine, what are you doing here on earth? I decided, Jeremy's coming for Christmas. Let's put him to work."

Stuart said the duo searched their souls as they tried to record the charity work they had done and the times they'd given back to the community during the 1960s when they recorded a string of soft-rock hits that included "Yesterday's Gone" and "If I Loved You."

"I agreed we were literally spinning out of control and we really didn't do a lot of that sort of thing," he said.

Stuart decided: Let's make this an annual event, sort of like tithing. I think it'll be cool that the community can come together, give up \$25, laugh with us, cry with us, sing with us and at the end of the evening, a fat check will go to a great cause.

Joining the duo for part of the evening will be the Bellevue Elementary School children's choir and Stuart's daughter Beth, a polisher singer in her own right, as they sing on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

The nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing organization has built more than



Photo courtesy of Chad and Jeremy

Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde, circa 2004.

175,000 homes in 100 countries for people who would not have a home otherwise.

"I mean what a marvelous precedent Jimmy Carter has set forth for us," Stuart said. "He could have been golfing but instead he has put so much time into Habitat for Humanity and other causes. And Bill Clinton has done the same thing. They both have contributed so much after leaving office."

Stuart said the two concerts will be much like a wedding. "That is, audiences can expect something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue."

"That about sums it up," he said. "We'll play all our old hits and some of our new hits. And Lord knows we've borrowed enough in our time. We'll have something blue, obviously — some sad songs — and we'll have a lot of laughs when we take people down memory lane."

Stuart escaped to the Wood River Valley in 1990 from Los

Angeles where he was working as a record producer. He says he feels lucky to have survived the music industry "when so many of us died."

While he and Clyde, now 61, don't do a lot of touring now due to Clyde's acting commitments in London, Stuart says he is appreciative to the audiences when he does go on the road.

"We recently played a gig in Washington D.C., and it was a wonderful gig because it was my birthday. I said, 'In case you're

If you go ...

- **What:** 1960s rock duo Chad and Jeremy will play two benefits concerts for Habitat for Humanity.
- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Haily.

- **When:** Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m.

- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25, are available at all three Atkinson's Markets in the Wood River Valley. For more information, call 788-7884.

wondering how old I am, here's a hint: 'And I played The Beatles' 'When I'm 64.' And then I told them that two hours earlier I had received the news that my fourth grandchild had been born on my birthday."

"We used to joke about being performed at our age," he added. "But what we forgot was that so many of our fans were going to grow old with us. What did we think? That our fans were going to be frozen in time?"

The singing duo hears two repeated refrains from their fans. Stuart added: "I didn't know you guys could play so well." And "Your concerts are just like being in your living room."

The first comment was music to my ears because all a 60's mop-top needed to do was strum a guitar and they had it made. And I love the second comment even more," he said.

"I hope people will come into our world for one and one-half hours," Stuart said. "We'll make you laugh and we'll make you cry. And we'll just have a good time together."

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# KARAOKE CORNER

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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

Karaoke with Lono Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

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 9 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.

## MONDAY

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.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside Lounge. No cover charge. The Riverside Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

# Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

## Disturbed "Ten Thousand Fists"

(Reprise Records)



Photo courtesy of Warner Records

Vocalist David Draiman.

If Disturbed's latest CD, "Ten Thousand Fists," were released as a gatefold LP then you could better appreciate its cover art. Created by comic artist Greg Chullo and producer-artist Todd McFarlane, the image depicts a sea of people — black, white, old, young, disenfranchised — with fists up in the air, united. The unity, the individuality captured in the drawing is as striking as the music inside.

"The cover is supposed to symbolize unity from every walk of life. That's what the music is basically about," says drummer Mike Wengren. Disturbed's available spokesman, who's calling from New York City. The rest of the band is guitarist Don Dokken, vocalist David Draiman and bassist John Myung.

When "Ten Thousand Fists" appeared in September, it

entered Billboard's pop album chart at No. 1 with first-week sales of 238,000. It was an impressive showing for the follow-up to Disturbed's last album, 2002's platinum-selling "Believe." This time around, the Chicago band resists the heavy-metal title.

"We don't pigeonhole ourselves in metal," says Wengren, 34. "We think our music is more rhythmic. There's a lot that gets attached to metal — the look, the weird vocals that really don't fit our music."

So what you get is straight-up hard rock, visceral and aggressively rhythmic. The songs on "Ten Thousand Fists" are power-

ful but melodic and radio-friendly for the most part. It is perhaps the band's most fluid album. "The Sickness," Disturbed's 2000 debut, was strong, if a bit tentative in spots. "Believe," the group's sophomore effort, was more ambitious with sweeping choruses.

"On the first two records, we were trying to find ourselves," Wengren says. "(On) this record, we combined the two. The first was more aggressive, and the second was more melodic. And we put those elements together on the new record."

During the three-year gap between "Believe" and "Ten Thousand Fists," the band went through some changes. Fuzz, the original bassist, left and Donagan took some time off to marry and start a family.

"We never intended to spend so much time between records," the drummers says. "But things happen. It gave us more time to work on the songs."

The first single, "Stricken," is a cut from 2006's "The Sickness." Elsewhere, the acts feel like hard-hitting anthems,

music meant to unite and drive the kind of crowd depleted on the album cover. The propulsive title track feels as if it belongs on a soundtrack to a movie about a group of teenage misfits. Instrumental solos are noticeably missing on the new album. The guys mostly surrender to the groove.

"We pumped the hell out of everything," Wengren says. "We spent more time nurturing the songs."

About midway through "Ten Thousand Fists," the energy dips. Draiman's dark, intense narration on "Overburdened" feels a little pretentious and overly dramatic. But his monstrosity mutterings on the second half of the record never mar the solid musicality, a hallmark that has distinguished Disturbed from other alternative-metal bands over the past five years or so.

The other success are bands like Black Sabbath and Pantera and Metallica," says the Chicago native. "We try to honor their legacy with our musicianship."

—Baltimore Sun

has a few seedy aspects. For one thing, it's strangely obsessed with... food? Yeah, food. Amer, a cook, is continually preparing giant meals for the army and as they discuss killing the Iraqis in September and that, they peel potatoes, dice celery, beat eggs. It's very odd.

Then there's a Black, in a somewhat crude attempt to impose a suspenseful structure, the narrative memories of the Munich massacre are inserted throughout, climaxing in intimate scenes where the Black September terrorists blow up one helicopter and machine-gun the hostages at point-blank range. Problem: Those memories are these? The cinema grammar of the film places them in Awe's head, though he wasn't there, so who, exactly, is doing the remembering? But Spielberg has done this before. "False memory" is the central structural device in "Saving Private Ryan." The bigger problem is the question of appropriateness. It seems almost disrespectful to weave in a provocative re-creation of the killings — somehow a massacre of unarmed innocents that shocked the world — when there's more than just fodder for ginning up the tension at the end of a commercial movie.

Then there's a strange, even troubling, episode where the boys hunt down and execute a contract killer — who has taken out one of their own — apparently under the purview of the Russians, who are ticked off that the team accidentally whacked a KGB agent when they were blowing a target in a Cyprus hotel room. The contract killer is, in fact, a beautiful woman and she is, in fact, naked when her expurgated name arrives with silences. 22a disguised as bicycle pumps.

The scene plays out with weird, sadomasochistic sexual overtones that will remind aging boy baby boomers of their most salacious prepubescent memories (guilty) of the commingling of sex and violence in the famous, near-pornographic ending of Mickey Spillane's "I, the Jury." Spielberg may be arguing that, in this case, the hit was not ordered by the army, but by the CIA. The initiative of the surviving members: the team had become Thee. The Jury. Nevertheless, the weird, almost pornographic, sexual vibration of the sequence is itself completely uncharacteristic of Spielberg and completely gratuitous.

The problem with "Munich" is simple: It asks hard questions and finds easy answers.

## Movies

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• "Wolf Creek" \*\*\* Inspired by real events, this grisly, seat-squirming scare pic depicts two friends — a guy and two girls — on a road trip from western Australia to Sydney. They stop at a famous meter hole in a Cyprus hotel room. The car breaks down, and the horror starts. Chilling. 1 hour, 35 minutes. It (violence, gore, profanity) duh! meters.

• "Work and the Glory 2: American Zion" No rating. Adapted from Mormon author Gerald N. Lund's best-selling series, "The Work and the Glory" is a love story set against the backdrop of religious intolerance on the American frontier of the early 1800s. PG. • "Yours, Mine & Ours" No rating. A clunky, crude, grossly exaggerated remake of the 1948 program, but punchy and sophisticated 1958 original starring Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda whitens the terrific chemistry between Dennis Quaid's widower with eight kids and Rene Russo as a widow with 10 who impulsively elope and discover their children, unprepared and raised very differently, do not mesh well. (1:32) rated PG for some mild

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horror. It's worth repeating, however, that this is a theme Spielberg didn't sound in "Saving Private Ryan." In that film, he argued quite eloquently: Kill them until they're all gone.

But killing, like it or not, is an important issue. Right now, in the sandboxes, young Americans are killing in extraordinary numbers. Read David Zucchino's "Thunder Run: The Armored Strike to Capture Baghdad" and realize that in the rush to the Iraq capital, American gunners spray-painted literally hundreds of men bright red. The killings, of armed combatants, were all legal and sanctioned at the highest levels of government. And nobody cares. Nobody wonders: What of those machine-gunned? Do they just go back to civilian life with 150 kills on their memory at the age of 21? What's the long-term cost? What's the cost, in short, not of dying, but of killing? How many times can you pull the trigger before you begin to sour? We owe it to our guys to contemplate the issue.

So give the movie credit for its rigor in facing this depressing problem, and not covering it in Shinola and the other stuff, as do most movies on war or armed conflict. That's very impressive, but at the same time, "Munich"

# KARAOKE CORNER

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## TUESDAY

**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.

**Paul**  
Karaoke Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Stamped Bar and Grill. No cover charge. The Stamped Bar and Grill is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

## WEDNESDAY

**Twin Falls**  
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

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.

**Paul**  
Karaoke Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar on Sixth E. Idaho St.



## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

O'Dunkens offers comfortable dining.

See page 8.



# Seinfeld's secret: It's nothing really

BY TOM SHALES  
The Washington Post

Jerry Seinfeld began at least one of his recent sold-out comedy concerts at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., by materializing suddenly in the dark and, as the lights came up, sliding across the stage to the microphone. The imagery was obvious: a baseball player sliding victoriously into home, though remaining graciously on his feet the whole time.

From that opening moment on, Seinfeld scored and scored run after run, demonstrating the highest batting average in modern comedy. But the heck with the sports analogies; here, ladies and gentlemen, we have a philosopher-comic with the defiance of Hemingway, the wit of Wilde, the eloquence of Malraux and the momentum of Proust. Or so it seemed at least one happy camper laughing himself hysterical in the Cortez Hall.

Not me. Good grief, are you kidding? No, I sat there stony-faced and semi-suicidal. The happy camper was some dumb guy in the 43rd row. He even managed to make those insane literary comparisons as he laughed. The point is — well, the point is simply (in fact, quite simply) that Jerry Seinfeld remains unmistakably the master of his domain.

He's a comedy giant unspooled by nearly unimaginable, arguably insufferable success. Those "Seinfeld" reruns just keep rerunning along, episode after episode standing up handily to repeated viewings, be it the pig-man, the soap Nazi, the re-spliff, the sponge-worthy, the marble rye, the Woody Woodpecker, the contest, the puffy shirt, or even be it the hitch of Little Ricky. (We just threw that last one in to see if you are still there. And you must be, or you wouldn't have read it. Please accept my thanks.)

Now it's true that roughly 75 percent of Seinfeld's act during this visit consisted of the same material — then new — that he delivered during his last Kennedy Center gig a year ago. It doesn't matter, because much like the sitcom episodes,

## Coming to Boise

Jerry Seinfeld's Friday night concert at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University is sold out.

"A thought occurred to me," began a rant by Jerry Seinfeld at the Kennedy Center. And in those occurrences lie his comic greatness.

The jokes merit and even thrive on repetition. Besides, we're there not just for the content but also for the style, the crisp and dry delivery that is among the most limited of its time. Seinfeld's performances are that rare anomaly, perfection that keeps being improved upon.

His remarks about the situation in Iraq seemed new this time out; he is not, of course, a political comic or one who gets into lots of topical material. But as with most things, his observations about the war homed in brilliantly on the central absurdities of the situation. It's not easy to joke about terrorists, but Seinfeld earned big laughs (huge!) by suggesting that somebody follow the guy who supplies TV news with all that footage of terrorists in training camps. If we know where the camps are, why in hell don't we know where the terrorists are?

And why do we always see, in all these films, terrorists training on monkey bars? It is expected that eventually a crucial battle is certain to be fought on a children's playground!

Seinfeld's usual subject matter leans more toward the social and cultural: "People are stopping for coffee on their way to Starbucks," he says as part of a very funny riff on Americans and their beverage fixations. If manufacturers can be so presumptuous as to

name a cereal "Life," Seinfeld wonders, then why not go the next step, throw caution to the wind and just call it "Almighty God"? (A devoted cereal eater himself, or maybe he just played one on TV, Seinfeld speculated that the escalation of the raisin wars among makers of raisin brans could lead to the ultimate insanity: "all raisins, one flake.")

"A thought occurred to me," Seinfeld said in setting up one segment of the show, and that's the crystal essence of his persona and the cornerstone of his humongous popularity. A thought occurred to him.

And then another. And, over the years, dozens and hundreds and perhaps thousands of observational thoughts, many of them having also occurred to us, only in non-funny form. Seinfeld shapes them into comedy, plunking them on that biblical responsive chord with the skill of a great musician. Perhaps we should refer to him as "The Maestro."

The thoughts are about cell phones, one-click ordering on the Internet, answering machines, and that infernal little strip that runs along the bottom of the screen under the guy who is ostensibly giving us the news of the day: "Which is the news — the strip or the guy?" Seinfeld professes that one of his most uproarious and on-target spels, about the agony and ultra-agony of weddings, by referring to himself as "Your strange little TV friend," and so he is, a man who recognized his own strangeness and found an ingenious way to capitalize on it.

In a question-and-answer session that followed the crowd's standing ovation, Seinfeld said his favorite "Seinfeld" episode is probably the one in which George Costanza pretends to be a marine biologist and rescues a whale by pulling from its blowhole a golf ball hit into the ocean by Cosmo Kramer. If none of these names or details mean anything to you, you have managed to miss one of the great communal comedy experiences of our time. Apparently, the reruns will go on forever, so there's plenty of hope of catching up.

Photo courtesy of Shoshana Glickstein

Much like his sitcom episodes, Jerry Seinfeld's jokes merit and even thrive on repetition.

## Travel

## A Wynn-Wynn situation in Las Vegas

BY BILL GOSWICK  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The Bellagio, Steve Wynn's opulent casino that opened in Las Vegas about seven years ago, ingeniously brought its grand sophistication to the masses.

The place graciously invited guests to experience its most stunning features in communal ways — watching the now world-famous fountains from the public promenade, strolling through the oft-photographed botanical conservatory. Its welcome was obvious.

Wynn's latest resort, the eponymous Wynn Las Vegas, which debuted in April, is something quite different. Its spas are demurely kept under wraps. And if you want to become intimate with this new Wynn beauty, you'll have to work at it a bit.

It is a place that you discover, Wynn Las Vegas president Andrew Pascal said. "It's not like walking into (the Bellagio) conservatory and being there immediately. The more you wander through this resort, the more you find places that we know will delight you."

Wynn, the casino maestro, built Wynn, the resort, after he was forced to sell the Bellagio and other holdings, including the Mirage Hotel-Casino, in 2000 to rival MGM Grand Inc., now MGM Mirage.

Almost immediately, Wynn purchased the Desert Inn, a Vegas landmark with the only remaining golf course on the Strip; tore down that casino-hotel, and built his new, 2,700-room resort for \$2.7 billion — more than a billion over the cost of the Bellagio.

In contrast to the Bellagio's salutatory lake and water show, the immediate distinguishing characteristic of the Wynn is a man-made, pine-tree-covered, 140-foot-tall mountain that shields the property from the Strip.

"The idea of the mountain is to have that much more control of the environment and the experiences we offer to our guests, not to limit access," Pascal said. "People know that we've done some extra-special things in the past, so they can expect this place to be full of fun, wonderful experiences, and we want them to come in and enjoy it."

Once inside the Wynn, what visitors will find is indeed a superbly grand resort with a wide range of extravagant restaurants, imaginative entertainment, upscale retail, an

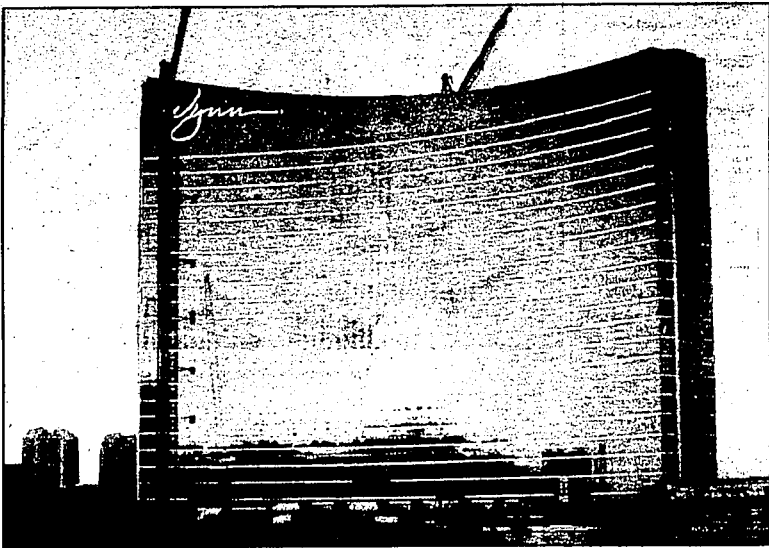


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expansive swimming area, more than 2,700 tastefully restrained guest rooms and suites, and, naturally, a casino that happens to be reminiscent of its counterpart at Steve Wynn's Bellagio resort.

### Wynning ways

**T**he new South Coast Casino-Hotel, south of the Strip, will have an amenity unique even for Las Vegas — an equine center. It will feature horse shows, cooly in Western riding disciplines, such as reining, cutting (showjumping, cutting), and barrel racing. Other horse, pony and Arabian are also expected. The first show, for cutting horses, is scheduled for Feb. 24.

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The hallmark feature is the exhibition Lake of Dreams and its water wall with a light and sound show in the evening that can be viewed from several vantage points.

As Pascal points out, the casino is a place that needs to be discovered. So, here are a few shortcuts.

While the water show can be seen from a pair of double-decker cocktail lounges, Parasol Up and Parasol Down, those two spots can get crowded. But flanking the upstairs bar are balconies with tables and chairs frequently overlooked by folks craning for a good view.

Many of the best views of the resort's grounds and water-scapes are from one of the pricey restaurants. But an informal dining spot — currently called

Sugar and Ice but about to get a new name — offers alfresco dining with great views that can be had for the price of a pastry or sandwich.

The spectacular 18th green of the Wynn Las Vegas' redesigned golf course features a 37-foot waterfall.

Few visitors may be able to afford the \$500 greens fee or be able to wager enough at the gaming tables for a comped round, but the Country Club grill, a clubby room with carved wood and plaid carpeting, offers diners a good look at the finishing hole.

In truth, the Wynn may be an acquired taste — and you may need more than a couple of visits to acquire it. "You can make a loop around Bellagio and experience everything in that place,"

Pascal said. "You could make a loop around this place and never find all the wonderful things that are here."

For those able to afford some of the more expensive of the resort's approximately 15 dining offerings, the culinary work of Alessandro Stratta, who operated a Mobil five-star restaurant at the Mirage, is now featured at Alex — they list many things after the name's first letter. Having already opened an AAA five-star destination, Alex has fixed-price menus for three-course dinners for \$134 per person to a seven-course feast, including a potato gratin with ossetra caviar for \$425 and Kobe-style beef entree along with wines for each course for \$375 per person.

# BAND IN THE BOX

BY NANCY CHRISTENSEN ■ Times-News writer

## Heads like this

### Bandhood

They've been together for nine months.

### Home

Twin Falls

### Beginnings

Jeff, 33, Karl, 39, and Luke, 28, are holdovers from another band, Wanda's Place. The three met, of all spots, on a soccer field. "All our kids play soccer," Luke said. "And we kinda got to know each other that way."

That's also how they met Sean, 30. The drummer was looking for a group to jam with, and he knew Karl, Luke and Jeff had something going.

At the first few games, Jeff shrugged him off — plenty of wannabe musicians had already come and gone. But finally, Sean cornered him.

The drummer lugged his kit to the next jam session. They were impressed.

Sean is in Twin Falls taking a break from a 10-year stint on the road with different acts — including Grammy-winning country artist Delbert McClinton. And Heads Like This is keeping him sharp.

The foursome recently landed a regular gig at Woody's Sports Bar, and they play shows here and there around Magic Valley when they can get them.

### The tunes

"Eclectic tones fused with eccentric energy," the bands' press materials say. What does that mean? They're a jam band with a funk influence and ethereal edge. The group's originals are built around Karl's catchy riffs, embellished by Luke's percussive stylings and held steady by Jeff and Sean's funky rhythms. Most of the songs feature upbeat lyrics and fun, head-nodding beats.

The jam-band mentality



Photo courtesy of Heads Like This

Bass player Jeff Coats, guitarist/vocalist Karl Steth, percussionist Luke Tracy and drummer Sean Carr make up Heads Like This.

### The band

Jeff Coats  
Bass and vocals  
Karl Steth  
Guitar and vocals  
Luke Tracy  
Hand percussion, harp and drums  
Sean Carr  
Drums and vocals

allows for lots of improvisation — making for live shows that teeter between disaster and transcendence. The tunes are more palatable live than on CD. In short, they're fun to watch.

### Musical-writing philosophy

If there is one word to describe this band, it's autono-

my. Each member brings his own style to the songs. Somebody starts with a riff or a rhythm, then everyone else fills in. The approach makes for interesting interplay between any two instruments — let alone the whole band. Luke and Karl write most of the lyrics, though everyone has input.

### The name

They tossed around several names before coming up with one all four could live with. "It takes heads like this to make this kind of music," Jeff said.

### Influences

Anything and everything. Each member comes from a different musical school: Sean

from jazz and grunge. Jeff from classic rock. Luke from psychedelic rock and Karl from jazz and country rock. Think: Wide-spread Panic meets the Clash.

### Discography

They've got one self-recorded CD out, though they insist it's not an album. They're calling it "Just to Get You By." Listen to it "until we can give you something better," Sean said. They're planning to record a live album when they scrape together enough money.

### Catch them

At Woody's Sports Bar in Twin Falls, 9:30 p.m. until close, Jan. 20-21. Cover charge is \$3. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

## Wynn

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Since its opening, some elements of the resort have hit some rough patches. The signature show, *Le Reve* (tickets \$90-\$110), is a Carmen Dragone water production that will certainly remind folks of Dragone's *Cirque du Soleil* show, O, at the Bellagio.

But despite a theater design that has not seat farther than 42 feet from the performance area, *Le Reve* got a tepid response and its schedule was curtailed. It's now back to two shows a night, five nights a week, as Dragone continues to fine-tune.

The Broadway musical *Avenue Q* (tickets \$60-\$90), an irreverent take on twentysomething puppets and real actors who struggle to make it in New York, is designed to reel in a younger audience.

But the show reportedly has played to less than full houses as it tries to cultivate its target audience.

And the resort's initial attempt at a dance club flopped, so the Wynn has engaged club veteran Victor Drai to operate a new nightclub, *Tryst*, opening New Year's Eve.

Despite those bumps, Pascal said the resort's room bookings have been strong and the company's third-quarter financial report revealed robust casino revenues.

A check of mid-February room rates showed midweek prices for the standard resort room at \$259 and for the weekend, \$399. Mid-range suites were \$49 to \$489. The resort's sales were \$750 to \$1,050.

"We're not overwhelming (visitors) with scale," Pascal said of the resort's design. "It's about making them comfortable...."

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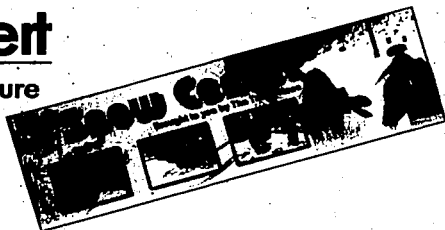
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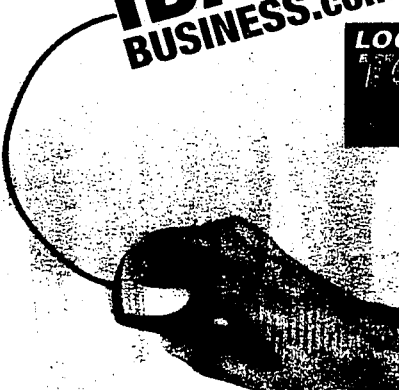


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