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State wants to kill up to 51 wolves

Fish and Game officials say it will help elk herds

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE—Idaho wants to kill as many as 51 wolves in north-central Idaho, according to a plan introduced Wednesday that state Department of Fish and Game managers say will help boost the region's elk herds.

The killings would take place

on the state's mountainous border with Montana, near State Highway 12. Biologists estimate there are between 43 and 69 wolves there, but too few elk for hunters.

The plan is to initially kill 75 percent of the area's wolves.

This would be one of the first actions taken by the state since assuming management last week of about 600 federally

protected wolves in Idaho.

Because wolves are still under Endangered Species Act protections, the federal government has final say over whether they can be killed to help wildlife such as elk.

State officials plan to give their proposal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by late February or early March, following public meetings in

Boise and Lewiston. Federal officials say science, not politics, will govern whether it wins approval.

"In a good proposal, a person should see why (state Fish and Game officials) reached this conclusion that control actions are needed," said Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Helena, Mont. "If they try to give us some political garbage that's just a ploy we're going to give them the thumbs down."

Bangs' agency isn't opposed to wolf control actions. Since 1995, when wolves were reintroduced to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park, Wildlife Service game managers have shot more than 300 wolves that preyed on livestock.

Idaho's plan, however, would be the first time that wolves would be killed by agents based on concerns over wildlife populations.

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FOR TRAVIS

Scores turn out to help a Marine

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—People started arriving at 8:30 in the morning to give blood in the name of the young Marine.

In the first hour alone, 28 people had given blood. People who hadn't scheduled appointments were put on a waiting list which had grown to more than 30.

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene's community really came out for him Wednesday at a blood drive at Twin Falls High School, his alma mater. There were students and alumni and neighbors who've known him since he was a kid. And there were a whole lot of strangers, too.

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, just west of Baghdad, and is now recovering at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were badly injured and are recovering at the same hospital as Greene.



Samantha Strunk, a senior at TFHS, listens to instructions from a Red Cross phlebotomist after she gave blood Wednesday at the blood drive organized by TFHS for Marine Cpl. Travis Greene, a former student at the school who was injured while serving in Iraq.

Find a blood drive.

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"We are just so happy," Terry Greene said. "We're delighted. We're thankful for everyone's generosity in doing that for our boy."

Sharla Warren, the local Red Cross blood drive chairwoman, called the turnout "excellent."

"Everyone — It just touched their hearts," Warren said.

The Marine's uncle, Steve Greene, said he was moved that so many people showed up to help his nephew.

"It's really neat our community comes together to help someone like Travis," Steve Greene said.

Sherry Drummond has known Greene since he was 10 years old.

"It's the one thing we can do for him," Drummond said as she waited to give blood. "I've

been really overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, concern and care."

Joyce Grady of Wendell sat on a gurney waiting for her turn to give blood.

"My boyfriend's son has just gone into the Marines," she said. "If anything happened to

Sean, I would hope people would turn out like they have for Travis."

Larry Ames of Kimberly is a retired Air Force man. His wife, Naomi, makes quilts for wounded troops through a program called "Quilts of Valor." She sent one off to

Greene Tuesday. They both gave blood on Wednesday.

"It's the least we can do for these soldiers," Larry Ames said.

The Marine's brother, Chris Greene, is a student at Twin Falls High School. He said his

Gitmo prison turns four

The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Four years after the first detainees in the U.S. war on terrorism were brought to makeshift jails at Guantanamo, construction workers in hard hats are putting up a two-story complex modeled after a mainland maximum-security prison.

This one will have air conditioning, a health clinic, recreation yards — and arrows pointing toward Mecca, the direction Muslims face while praying.

Officials at Gitmo, as American soldiers and sailors call the base, say the prison will make life better for detainees. But critics fear it underscores that for many prisoners, attention is apt to be a very long road.

"The U.S. government would like to turn Gitmo into a permanent prison camp with no legal recourse for detainees and to create a permanent legal black hole in which hundreds of individuals are held without ever being charged with crimes," said Anthony D. Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

When U.S. authorities flew the first 20 prisoners to Gitmo, they were taken to a two-story complex modeled after a mainland maximum-security prison.

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Guantanamo Bay prisoner status

About 500 detainees of the nearly 750 brought to Guantanamo prison in 2002 remain. Some have been released, while some were transferred to other countries.

Approximate number of detainees

Through Nov.

MAJ/JASD/06/JF/MAJ/JASD/06

2004 2005

SOURCE: Department of Defense AP

Snow boosting business, optimism

But avalanche danger remains 'considerable' in places

By Chris Baldus
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In normal years, snow on the south slopes of Bald Mountain comes and goes. The sun is most intense there.

But this year, with 114 inches settling on top of the mountain as of Wednesday morning, these slopes have remained covered since Christmas, said Jack Sibbich, spokesman for Sun Valley Resort.

"There's asking all over the mountain," he said.

Snowfall in the mountains has people feeling optimistic about business and the water supply. But it's also stressing wildlife and heightening ava-

lanche danger in places.

"It looks like a very good winter (ahead)," said Sibbich. The resort already has 25 percent more guests making advance bookings for January than it did last year, and 10 percent more for February, he said.

"The amount of snow we have this year is as good as it's

been" since at least 1978, when he started with the resort, he said.

Advance bookings at Pomerelle Mountain Resort in Albion are about 10 to 15 percent higher than last year, said owner Woody Anderson. Snow on top of the mountain was 115 inches deep as of Wednesday morning, according to the resort Web site.

"It's been great. It's been tremendous," he said. "And by the amount of snow we're getting, it looks like it will continue to be great."

For the second consecutive year, Pomerelle wasn't able to open in time for Thanksgiving skiers, but the weather looks to

Elsewhere in the nation, warm weather spoiling winter activities

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Unseasonably warm weather and a lack of snow in parts of the country that usually are covered in white this time of year have wreaked havoc with winter recreation events.

The cold weather season got off to a robust start, with low temperatures and heavy snowstorms. But because of the warm weather of late, the snow did not stick around.

The general weather conditions have pretty much done a flip-flop," said Tom Nkolol, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Buffalo, N.Y. "Typically, we'd have a foot

and a half to two feet of snow in some of our snowbelt areas, and we're essentially seeing no snow cover across the western part of New York state, and that is exceptional this time of year."

High temperatures in Chicago forced the postponement of Fran Yola's popular Snow Visions sculpting contest.

Organizers of the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race in Alaska and Canada may have to detour or cancel participants on a detour or give them a lift by truck.

And warm weather is also putting a damper on winter sports in the Northern Plains, where ice fishing is popular.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rain and snow showers	A few rain and snow showers	Partly to mostly cloudy	A mix of rain and snow	Partly cloudy with snow	Partly sunny
High 39	Low 23	33/24	37/30	39/29	37/23

BOISE VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain and snow showers. High in the upper 30s. Tonight: A few snow showers early. Lows in the upper 20s. Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy and cool. Highs mid to upper 30s.

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

The valley will have a slight chance for mostly rain showers. Some snow may mix in, especially this evening. The surrounding mountains will see occasional snow showers.

BOISE Temperatures will remain mild allowing for many rain showers to fall during the day. Some snow could mix in this evening. Precipitation will remain on the light side.

NORTHERN UTAH Snow will continue in the mountains with some heavy accumulations. Mostly rain will fall in the valleys.

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ALMAHA - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today: 39 / 23	0.00 in	67%	30.08 in	6:38 AM / 5:28 PM
Tomorrow: 39 / 23	0.00 in	67%	30.08 in	6:38 AM / 5:28 PM

MOON PHASES

Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Tomorrow
Moonrise: 6:58 PM Moonset: 6:04 AM	Moonrise: 7:08 PM Moonset: 6:14 AM

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	42 to 49	40 to 48	Phoenix, AZ	40 to 50	40 to 49
Albuquerque, NM	42 to 48	34 to 40	Portland, ME	42 to 45	42 to 47
Anchorage, AK	53 to 62	63 to 68	Raleigh, NC	52 to 58	52 to 57
Ann Arbor, MI	34 to 42	33 to 38	San Antonio, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57
Asheville, NC	42 to 48	42 to 47	San Diego, CA	52 to 58	52 to 57
Austin, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57	Seattle, WA	52 to 58	52 to 57
Baltimore, MD	42 to 48	42 to 47	Tampa, FL	52 to 58	52 to 57
Birmingham, AL	52 to 58	52 to 57	Vancouver, BC	52 to 58	52 to 57
Boise, ID	39 to 23	33 to 24	Washington, DC	52 to 58	52 to 57
Boston, MA	42 to 48	42 to 47	Yonkers, NY	42 to 48	42 to 47
Buffalo, NY	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Butte, MT	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Charlotte, NC	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Chicago, IL	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Cincinnati, OH	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Columbus, GA	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Dallas, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Denver, CO	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Des Moines, IA	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Detroit, MI	42 to 48	42 to 47			
El Paso, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Fort Worth, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Galveston, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Houston, TX	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Indianapolis, IN	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Jacksonville, FL	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Las Vegas, NV	52 to 58	52 to 57			
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Madison, WI	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Memphis, TN	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Miami, FL	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Minneapolis, MN	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Mobile, AL	52 to 58	52 to 57			
New York, NY	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Oakland, CA	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Omaha, NE	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Oxnard, CA	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Philadelphia, PA	42 to 48	42 to 47			
Phoenix, AZ	40 to 50	40 to 49			
Pittsburgh, PA	42 to 48	42 to 47			
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Vancouver, BC	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Washington, DC	52 to 58	52 to 57			
Yonkers, NY	42 to 48	42 to 47			

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London, UK	42 to 48	42 to 47
Paris, FR	42 to 48	42 to 47
Rome, IT	42 to 48	42 to 47
Tokyo, JP	52 to 58	52 to 57
Sydney, AU	52 to 58	52 to 57
Mumbai, IN	52 to 58	52 to 57
Delhi, IN	52 to 58	52 to 57
Bombay, IN	52 to 58	52 to 57
Calcutta, IN	52 to 58	52 to 57
Manila, PH	52 to 58	52 to 57
Hong Kong, HK	52 to 58	52 to 57
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NATION

Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito reaches for a glass of water Wednesday during questioning by Senate Judiciary Committee members on the third day of confirmation hearings on Capitol Hill in Washington.



Judge Alito

Alito turns aside criticism; wife leaves hearing in tears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito turned aside Democratic attacks on his judicial record and credibility at contentious confirmation hearings Wednesday, declaring his impartiality and saying, "If I'm confirmed, I'll be myself."

Alito, named to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor for a swing vote on the court, was unflappable for hours on end during a second day of marathon questioning.

But his wife, Martha-Ann Englehart, left the hearing room in tears near the end of a day in which he had been questioned sharply.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., was voicing for her husband's character at the time, and as she left, he said, "Judge Alito, I'm sorry that you've had to go through this. I am so sorry that your family has had to sit here and listen to this."

She later returned, challenged by Democrats about his membership in a controversial Princeton alumni group. Alito repudiated the opinions expressed in articles in the magazine's magazine.

There is not my views ... I don't want to be said of writing that ... material that was ... in the ... of ...

Under persistent questioning, Bush's decision to authorize

abortion. "For 45 years, Senator Durbin was adamantly pro-life, and he wrote multiple, multiple letters expressing that up until 1989," said Republican Coburn.

Later, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy pressed the committee's chairman, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., to subpoena records at the Library of Congress that might shed light on Alito's membership in Congressional Alumni of Princeton.

"If I'm going to be denied that, I'd want to give notice to the chair that you're going to hear it again and again and again and we're going to have votes of this committee again and again and again until we have a resolution," said the Massachusetts Democrat.

Specter, bristling, said, "I'm not concerned about your threats to have votes again, again and again. And I'm the chairman of this committee ... And I'm not going to have you run this committee."

The tempest proved short-lived. Specter later announced the committee would have access to the records.

Kennedy questioned Alito sharply about the organization, which drew notice for opposing admission practices that resulted in rising numbers of 90th and minority students at the Ivy League school.

High court debates the introduction of new evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Wednesday weighed its desire to bring closure to criminal cases against growing concern over how raised concerns among civil libertarians, prosecutors and Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens that an innocent person may be executed, or already has been.

House, who was on parole for a sex offense in Utah, was convicted of luring Muncey from her home by telling her that her husband, Hubert, had been hurt in a car accident. Her body was found the next afternoon in an area where witnesses had seen House.

Attorney Stephen Kissinger, who currently represents House, said House's original lawyer had failed to locate several witnesses who said years later that Hubert Muncey had abused his wife, had fought with her the night of her murder, and had confessed later to killing her.

Had the jury had the benefit of the DNA test results, Justice Antonin Scalia said, "I would agree it would have been a much closer case."

But in his questioning, Scalia, a proponent of curbing inmate appeals, kept the focus on one of the strongest pieces of evidence remaining against House: specks of Muncey's blood found on his jeans.

Kissinger contended Muncey's blood got on House's pants when it was spilled during testing by the FBI. Jennifer Smith, Tennessee's attorney, said the blood got on the jeans during the murder.

Bush: Eavesdrop hearings will be 'good for democracy'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday said expected congressional hearings to investigate his secret domestic eavesdropping program will be "good for democracy."

Bush defended the program during a campaign-style town hall meeting, saying he understands concerns about it but monitoring the phone calls of affiliates of the terrorist network al Qaeda is necessary to protect the United States.

"There will be a lot of hearings to talk about that, but that's good for democracy," he said. "Just so long as the hearings, as they explore whether or not I had the prerogative to make the decision I make, doesn't tell the enemy what we're doing. See, that's the danger."

the National Security Agency to monitor — without warrants — people inside the United States

He said he made sure he had the legal authority to allow the program before he did so.

In the days after the program's existence was revealed, Bush cautioned against hearings, arguing that the appropriate members of Congress were being consulted privately and offering assurances that he was working within the law to authorize the eavesdropping.

"Any public hearings will say to the enemy, 'Here's what they do — adjust. This is a war,'" Bush said at a December news conference when asked about expected hearings on Capitol Hill.

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Biotech not stopping world hunger

But more farmers are using genetically modified crops

HONOLULU (AP) — Last year set records for the growth of genetically engineered crops, as more farmers in Europe and the developing world embraced biotechnology, an industry-supported group reported Wednesday.

Yet anti-biotech activists and other observers still complain that the industry isn't helping alleviate world hunger as it has long promised. None of the commercially available genetically engineered crops last year were nutritionally enhanced. Much of the output is for animal feed.

Some 8.5 million farmers in 21 countries grew engineered crops on 222 million acres last year, an 11 percent increase over 2004, according to a report released by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications.

Nearly 8 million of those people were considered subsistence farmers, the report concluded.

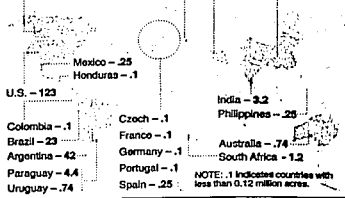
The report was paid for by two philanthropic groups, the Rockefeller Foundation and Italy's Fondazione Bussolera Branca.

In 1996, the first year genetically modified crops were commercially available, about 4.3 million acres were under biotechnology cultivation. Now genetically engineered crops are grown throughout the Americas, China and India. Last

2005 was a record year for biotech crops

The billion acre of biotech crops was planted by one of 8.5 million farmers, in one of 21 countries, making 2005 a record year.

Countries with genetically-modified crops in millions of acres



SOURCE: Clive James, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech

year the technology began to be used in Iran.

"The technology has been very important for us," said Jose Manuel Pomar, who joined a conference call announcing the report and said his 250 acres of corn in Spain were saved from a deadly pest because of biotechnology.

Many papaya farmers in Hawaii, which supplies 90 percent of the United States' supply, credit biotechnology with saving the industry from a ruinous virus 10 years ago.

However, opponents note that no new or innovative genetically engineered crops have been introduced in the last decade. Much of the worldwide growth last year was attributed to soybeans genetically engineered to resist weed killer and

corn spliced with bacteria genes to resist bugs, traits that directly benefit farmers, not consumers.

So far, no one has introduced crops with added nutrients and other attributes that could fight hunger in the developing world, as the biotech industry often promises. What's more, few biotech versions of crops such as rice that are widely consumed in poor countries have been distributed on a large scale. The four most popular biotech crops are soy, corn, cotton and canola.

"While the acreage continues to grow, it's driven by technology that was developed 10 years ago," said Greg Jaffe, biotech director for the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest. "It would be nice to see others in the food chain aside

from farmers benefit."

Clive James, author of the report and founder of the group behind the study, said he expects more diverse biotech crops to hit the market in the next three to five years, including drought-tolerant corn and rice engineered to resist pests.

"Rice is the most important food crop in the world," he said, noting that Iran recently expanded commercialization of biotech rice, grown on about 100,000 acres. Some 250 million farmers grow rice, and it's a staple for more than 1.3 billion of the world's poorest people.

China could disrupt the global market if it decides to commercialize genetically engineered rice. The country is experimenting, but Chinese government officials have given mixed signals when — or if — the world's most populous country plans to grow biotech rice on a larger scale.

The three biggest biotech crop producers in 2004 were the United States, Argentina and Brazil, which struck a deal last year with biotech behemoth Monsanto Inc. to officially allow genetically modified soy to be grown there. Nearly all the soy grown in the U.S. and Argentina is genetically engineered. Soy is a key ingredient in many packaged foods.

The 124 million acres grown in the U.S. in 2005 represents a 5 percent increase over 2004. Soy and corn were the dominant crops and United States accounted for 55 percent of all biotech crops grown last year.

Houston about to tie teacher pay to test scores

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston is about to become the biggest school district in the nation to tie teachers' pay to their students' test scores.

School Superintendent Abel Saavedra wants to offer teachers as much as \$3,000 more per school year if their students improve on state and national tests. The program could eventually grow to as much as \$10,000 in merit pay.

The school board is set to vote on the plan today. Five of the nine board members have said they support it.

"School systems traditionally have been paying the best teacher the same amount as we pay the worst teacher, based on the number of years they have been teaching," Saavedra said. "It doesn't make sense that we would pay the best what we're

paying the worst. That's why it's going to change."

Opponents argue that the plan focuses too much on test scores and would be unfair to teachers outside core subjects.

Other school districts have adopted such programs in recent years. Denver, with 73,000 students, took such a step in November, becoming the biggest district to do so. Houston, with more than 200,000 students, is the nation's seventh-largest district.

Denver's program and others measure teacher performance not just on standardized test scores, but also on their subject certifications and other factors.

Traditionally, Houston teachers' experience and education levels have determined their pay scale. Starting teachers make about \$36,000 a year.

Volcano sends ash plume 5 miles into air

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A volcano on an uninhabited island erupted early Wednesday, spewing ash about five miles into the sky and prompting air traffic authorities to warn planes to steer clear of the cloud.

The ash from Augustine Volcano was not expected to reach Anchorage, the state's most populous city nearly 200 miles to the northeast, meteorologists said.

Flights was restricted temporarily in a five-mile radius around the volcano and for

50,000 feet above it, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Mike Ferguson. The ash can clog jet engines.

Cargo or passenger traffic from Asia usually fly through the area to Anchorage but could be easily rerouted, Ferguson said. "It's not posing any significant traffic problems, he said.

The cloud, moving at about 20 mph, appeared to have low concentrations of ash, said Bob Hopkins of the National Weather Service office in Anchorage.

Residents on the Kenai Peninsula, east of the volcanic island, reported seeing ash, said geologist Jennifer Adleman of the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

The few residents in the area were warned to reduce outdoor activity, keep windows and doors closed, and avoid outdoor exercise.

The 4,134-foot volcano last erupted in 1986. Ash from a seven-mile-high column drifted over Anchorage and forced flights to avoid the skies over Cook Inlet.

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Operator says coal mine was safe

Exec says firm spent heavily on safety

The Associated Press

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — The operator of the Sago Mine said Wednesday that the company had spent heavily on safety improvements in the weeks before an explosion that led to the deaths of 12 miners.

Ben Hatfield, chief executive of International Coal Group Inc., said the company rebuilt two miles of primary escape-way, upgraded the mine's rail transportation system and implemented employee safety training that exceeded legal requirements.

In the last six months of 2005, there was a 60 percent reduction in lost-time injuries at the mine.

"In my opinion, the Sago Mine was a safe operation," Hatfield said.

Hatfield's comments came a day after the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration released documents showing that 17 of the 208 alleged safety violations at the mine in 2005 were for "serious" problems, including the accumulation of "combustible materials" such as loose coal and coal dust.

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should be a concern.

"This type of violation indicates that the operator knew the condition existed and didn't do anything to fix it," he said. "It shows an indifference to safety or an extreme lack of care."

In the last citation issued before the accident, dated Dec. 14, an MSHA inspector said a failure to address dust and an excessive amount of loose coal — in some places 23 inches deep — "showed a high degree of negligence for the health and safety of the miners."

But the inspector who issued the citation did not think the violation would lead to a miner's death or permanent disability — the two most severe risks that could have been cited. None of the 17 citations listed death as a

risk, and only one violation was considered highly likely to lead to injury.

Most of the 17 citations found that the violations were "reasonably likely" to result in "lost workdays or restricted duty."

Ronald Grall, a 40-year veteran of coal mining, worked at the Sago mine for four months before the accident as an inspector of the mine's air intake system, escape passageways and water pumps.

"They have made vast improvements in the ventilation since I've been here," Grall said. "This company, IGC, really does go safety first."

The 208 violations — a number higher than normal for a mine of its size — were up from just 68 citations the year before.

Tainted Abramoff cash gets steered to needy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine families on a South Dakota Indian reservation will get help paying their heating bills this winter and heart disease research will get a little extra boost, thanks to a stampede by members of Congress to rid themselves of tainted money.

Lawmakers in both political parties are steering cash they got from disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff to good works.

The once high-flying Abramoff recently pleaded guilty to federal charges of fraud, tax evasion and winning and dining public officials "in exchange for a series of official acts," in a fall from grace that has turned into a windfall for the nation's charities.

Nationally known groups including the Salvation Army and American Heart Association as well as local organizations such as the Crossroads Safehouse, a shelter for battered women in Colorado will share more than \$450,000 in now-unwanted campaign contributions from Abramoff and his associates.

On the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, 1,300 miles from the federal courthouse in Washington where Abramoff admitted guilt, his largesse will help an additional 90 families stay warm this winter.

Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., said he would donate \$8,250 to the Billy Mills Running Strong for American Indian Youth organization, a charity that for nine years has run a heating assistance program on the Connecticut-sized reservation that is home to 28,000 people.

More than 950 families were helped last year, said Molly Farrell, spokeswoman for the organization run by Mills, a 1964 Olympic gold medalist in track and field.

Johnson's donation comes during a winter that got off to a

frigid start after an ice storm and blizzard in November, followed by below-zero December weather, Farrell said.

"Especially now, right after the holidays when money is so tight, this is going to do a world of good," she said. "We're excited to see that we can help so many more families this year."

At the Crossroads Safehouse in Fort Collins, Colo., \$1,000 from Rep. Mary Musgrave will help.

It-Colo. will buy food and medicine for domestic abuse victims, said executive director Vicki Lutz.

Lutz learned of Musgrave's donation after returning from a business trip to Florida and reading a newspaper her husband had saved for her.

"I said, I should go away more often," Lutz joked.

Charities are happy for the contributions, despite the scandal involving Abramoff.

"With government funding being cut back, charities are being hard-pressed to turn away money that's legal," said Diana Aviv, president and chief executive of the Independent Sector, a nonprofit that represents more than 500 charities.

"We don't get into why people give money."

Neither does the William Byrd Community House, a Richmond, Va.-based social services organization that it is to get about \$10,000 from Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va.

"We look at it all as resources to help us achieve our goal," said executive director Reginald Gordon. "No one ever questioned the source."

More Americans find being overweight isn't so unattractive

The Associated Press

This is still in, but apparently fat is nowhere near as out as it used to be.

A survey finds America's attitudes toward overweight people are shifting from rejection toward acceptance. Over a 20-year period, the percentage of Americans who said they find overweight people less attractive steadily dropped from 55 percent to 24 percent, the market research firm NPD Group found.

With about two-thirds of U.S. adults overweight, Americans seem more accepting of heavier body types, researchers say. The NPD survey of 1,500 people representative of the U.S. population also found other more relaxed attitudes about weight and diet.

While body image remains a constant obsession, the national preoccupation with being thin has waned since the late 1980s, said John Crowley, associate professor at Cornell University's College of Human Ecology.

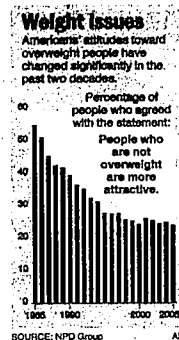
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THINNING OF THE ICE

Rapidly shrinking Arctic ice could spell trouble for world

By Robert S. Boyd Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Alarmed by an accelerating loss of ice in the Arctic Ocean, scientists are striving to understand why the speedup is happening and what it means for the globe.

If present trends continue, as seems likely, the sea surrounding the North Pole will be completely free of ice in the summertime within the lifetime of a child born today. The loss could point the way to radical changes in the Earth's climate and weather systems.

Some researchers, such as Ron Lindsay, an Arctic scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle, fear that the polar region already may have passed a "tipping point" from which it can't recover in the foreseeable future.

Others, such as Jonathan Overpeck, the director of the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth at the University of Arizona in Tucson, think the Arctic ice pack is nearly a permanent return but hasn't reached it yet.

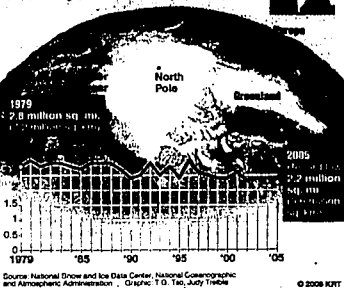
The National Science Foundation, a congressionally chartered agency, last month announced an urgent research program to determine what these changes mean for both the Arctic and the Earth.

The pace of Arctic change has accelerated in the past decade, declared. "Because of the Arctic's pivotal role in the Earth's climate, it is critical — perhaps urgent — that we understand the system in light of abundant evidence that a set of linked and pervasive changes are under way."

The concern has heightened because last summer brought a

Thinning Arctic Ice

How floating Arctic ice, a major factor in global climate change, has been shrinking in recent years.



record low in the size of the northern ice pack. "The degree of retreat was greater than ever before," said Ted Scambos, chief scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colo. Previous lows were set in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Since 1980, satellite observations taken each September, the warmest month of the year in the Arctic, show that the ice cover has been shrinking by an average of almost 8 percent a year. During that time, the polar ocean lost 540,000 square miles of ice — an area twice the size of Texas, Scambos said.

Scientists say the great Arctic thaw will have effects all over the world, not just in the frozen north. It will magnify the global warming trend that's been recorded for the last quarter-

century. It'll reshape the Earth's weather systems in unknown ways. It could alter the pattern of ocean circulation, drastically changing Europe's climate. "Loss of ice on land is also taking place at an accelerating rate, and this means sea levels will rise globally," Lindsay said. "Places like New Orleans will become even less viable."

There are two main reasons for the loss of Arctic ice, one external and one internal. The external cause is the rise in the Earth's temperature, aggravated by increased emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases, which trap the sun's heat.

Since 1978, the Arctic atmosphere has warmed seven times faster than the average warming trend in the southern

two-thirds of the globe, John Christy, the director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, reported last week.

Satellite data show that average temperatures over the Arctic spiked upward by 2.1 degrees Fahrenheit over the past 27 years, Christy said, while inching up by less than three-tenths of a degree in southern climates.

"I believe the retreat of sea ice in the Arctic is very likely a manifestation of human-caused global warming," Overpeck said. "Global temperature increases are accelerating, and so is sea-ice retreat. Humans are almost certainly the cause of the change in the Arctic."

The internal cause for the loss of sea ice may be even more ominous, scientists say. The polar ice pack will continue to be in trouble whether or not global temperatures continue to rise.

"Even if temperatures and conditions went flat from this point forward, we anticipate that Arctic ice would eventually disappear," Scambos said. The reason is that ice and snow, like any light-colored surface, reflect heat from the sun. As the ice shrinks, it leaves more open, darker water to absorb the sun's heat. More open water slows the formation of fresh ice in the fall and leads to a still earlier, more extensive melt the following summer.

"One of the big factors is the increasing melt in summer and the increasing amount of heat absorbed by the ice-free portions of the Arctic Ocean," Lindsay said. It's a "self-reinforcing feedback process."

Synagogue stabbing wounds 8

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — A 20-year-old man wielding a knife stabbed eight people, four of them seriously, in a central Moscow synagogue Wednesday evening, in an attack that Russia's chief rabbi said was part of a growing fascist "plague" in the country. Police identified the assailant as Alexander Koptsev, a Muscovite. He was eventually subdued by the son of the synagogue's rabbi and held until police arrived. The chief Moscow prosecutor, Anatoly Zuyev, said an American, an Israeli and a Thai citizen were among the wounded. "I will kill Jews," shouted the man, according to witnesses interviewed by the Russian press.

Where fascist ideas are proscribed, they eventually manifest themselves, as it happened in Moscow today," said Chief Rabbi Berel Lazar, speaking to the Russian news agency Interfax from Israel.

Xenophobic and anti-Semitic violence is on the rise in Russia. Human rights groups say that at least 60 people, many of them foreign students from the developing world, have been killed in racially motivated attacks by neo-Nazis and skinheads in Russia in the past year. A report by the Israeli government ranked Russia among the worst places in Europe, after France and Britain, in terms of anti-Semitic violence.

The attack Tuesday at the Bolshaya Bronnaya synagogue came during an evening prayer service. "I heard some shouts," said Rabbi Yitzhak Kogan. "I ran out and saw an unknown man trying to escape. Then I saw three or four slashed people down the corridor." Koptsev, described as having a shaved head, apparently set off an alarm at a metal detector when he entered the building. But he showed security guards a large belt buckle and was not searched any further, according to a spokesman for the Russian Federation of Jewish Communities. Boruch Gorin, Koptsev's neighbor, said he was randomly attacking people who crossed his path.

Moscow prosecutors said the incident would be investigated as an ethnically and religiously motivated crime. In other cases, Russian prosecutors have drawn criticism from human rights groups for refusing to categorize attacks on foreigners and minority groups as hate crimes.

Quake victims celebrate holiday in prayer

MUZZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Sweet-scented incense smoke rose from newly decorated graves Wednesday as mourners paying respects to those lost in the South Asian earthquake marked the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice.

"This Eid is not being celebrated happily," businessman Ibrah Shakh said at the grave of his aunt and her two sons, which were laid with strings of pink, gold and silver tinsel. Dozens of new rectangular cement graves marked the resting places of those killed by the quake.

The somber mood in the regional capital, Muzaffarabad, lifted later in the day as residents ritually slaughtered sheep, cows and camels, cutting the animals' throats to send streams of blood into the rivers running through the city. Survivors across the city carried plastic bags of meat to prepare holiday meals for Eid al-

Adha, which falls at the end of the pilgrimage to Mecca and honors Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son as a test of his faith.

"A lot of Kashmiri people died in the quake, my their souls rest in peace," said Gazi Mianur-Rahman, leading a prayer service in an open field attended by soldiers, aid workers and residents.

An 8.1-magnitude aftershock rattled northern Pakistan and was felt in the capital Islamabad Wednesday. But there were no reports of damage or injuries from the jolt, one of more than 1,500 aftershocks to hit the region in the months since the Oct. 8 disaster killed some 87,000 people.

Across the region, aid groups gave extra food to earthquake victims to mark the holiday.

British-based charity Oxfam said it was handing out cash and vouchers for meat and clothes to more than 30,000 victims in and around the devastated town of Balakot.

Military commanders and a visiting Japanese lawmaker handed out toys and food to residents at one camp run with support of the Japanese government.

"Before this Eid, we gave rupees to help the needy people. But this Eid, we ourselves have become the needy people and are being helped," said Jangir Butt, 25, sitting with his wife and three children in the camp on the outskirts of the city of Muzaffarabad.

An artist whose home and workshop was destroyed, Butt said he would try to rebuild as soon as possible. "I pray that God will give us the ability to reconstruct our houses — and that God never sends an earthquake to any city," he said.

The three-day official Eid holiday prompted the United Nations to warn of a slowdown in aid relief to quake-hit zones by workers taking time off to celebrate.



Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, the leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, prays with party members on the second day of Eid al-Adha on Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq.

Leading Shiite politician asks for God's help to counter insurgency

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A leading Shiite politician marked Islam's feast of sacrifice Wednesday by asking for God's help to smite the insurgency, and warned his governing religious bloc would not allow substantive changes to Iraq's new constitution — a key Sunni Arab demand.

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make up the core of the insurgency. The cleric also heads the governing United Iraqi Alliance, a Shiite religious bloc with a strong lead in the elections, according to preliminary results. But the 130 seats of parliament's 275 seats it is expected to receive will not be enough to avoid forming a coalition government with smaller parties.

Al-Hakim said any amendments to Iraq's new constitution would have to leave provincial governments strong, adding that Shites would reject efforts to weaken the federalism embodied by the charter, approved in an October referendum.

A key Sunni demand is weaker federalism and a stronger central government. The constitution now gives most power — including control over oil profits — to provincial governments. The Shites in the south and the Kurds in the north control nearly all of Iraq's oil.

To win their support, Sunni Arabs were promised they could propose amendments to the constitution in the first four months of the new parliament.

But, al-Hakim said: "We do not accept any change in the essence of the constitution. There are forces working to change the constitution, we will stand in the face of those who want to change the essence of the constitution."

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RED HOT DEBATE

Immigration proposals may turn heated in Congress

By Pat Marzantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Immigration will be a hot issue this new congressional year.
That's the prediction of Mike Mathews, the regional director for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig.

For Immigration
For more about immigration bills, check out the Library of Congress Web site at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

"It's a dynamic issue to talk about because it's changing all the time," Mathews told a meeting of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network on Monday.
The Senate majority leader has announced that there will be a full debate on immigration, allowing all the proposals to come to the table, Mathews said. And,

there are several out there.
One issue that Craig predicts will come up again is his Ag Jobs Bill, which would streamline the federal guest worker program and give workers who meet certain criteria a one-time legal residency adjustment, the Center rep said. The bill was introduced in the spring of 2005, and garnered 53 Senate votes but failed to proceed in Congress.
Craig proposed the measure because he saw that agriculture was not getting enough workers, Mathews said. There are about 1.6 million agriculture workers in the U.S. and of those, 50 to 75 percent are estimated to be illegal workers. The current guest worker or H-2 program places 20,000 to 50,000 workers per year.
"He knew there was a problem that needed to be fixed," Mathews said.
The Ag Jobs bill does has bipartisan support, including

from Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York, he added.
Another immigration-related bill that may be discussed is the Dream Act, which was introduced in November 2005. The bill would allow young undocumented residents — who have graduated high school or have an equivalency degree and have resided in the United States for a certain time — a residency adjustment to go to college. Craig was an original sponsor of the bill.
President Bush also has come up with an immigration proposal but will have to find a senator to introduce it, Mathews said.
There also could be debate on the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, which has been introduced. The bill would tighten enforcement along the borders to prevent unlawful entry, including bolstering up

surveillance, communication, personnel and physical infrastructures, such as additional checkpoints and vehicle barriers. In addition, Homeland Security must submit a comprehensive plan for the systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States.
Jesus Torrez of Paul asked whether a wall will be built separating the United States and Mexico.
"I'm against it," Torrez said of the issue, and asked Mathews his feelings.
"My immediate reaction, I wouldn't support it," Mathews replied. Constructing a wall along the thousands of miles of U.S. borderlines would be expensive.
While Mathews didn't know where Craig stood on the wall issue, he said the senator is concerned about protecting the borders, but also providing for a stable agricultural work force.
"It's quite a balance," he said.

Judge Gutierrez speech included in CSI Human Rights week events

TWIN FALLS — Sergio Gutierrez, Idaho's only Hispanic judge, will speak at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Fireside Lounge of the College of Southern Idaho Student Union Building.
The Gutierrez presentation is sponsored by the CSI Diversity Council and the Access and Leadership Project and is free and open to the public.
Gutierrez grew up in poverty as a farm worker. Among the other challenges of his youth were a broken family, his mother's health problems, alcohol, drugs and gangs in his neighborhood, and a serious speech impediment. CSI reports, He dropped out of high school and joined the Job Corps. To this day, Gutierrez considers the high school equivalency he received while in the Job Corps to be the diploma of which he is most proud.
"It gave me a new start in life," he said.
Gutierrez was named by Hispanic Business in 2002 as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in America. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed Gutierrez in 2002 to serve on the Idaho Court of Appeals. He also serves on the Governor's Criminal Justice Commission and the Coordinating Council for Families and Children. He has received many awards for service to youth and the community.
Also planned for students during the week will be a candlelight vigil at 11:30 p.m. Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day; the movie, "Crash" will be shown Tuesday evening in the Eagle Hall dorm; an Open Mic-Slam Poetry Night on Jan. 18 in the Student Union; and the Human Rights Breakfast on Jan. 21.



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ready in the core curriculum, but now with a material focused on diversity issues.
The goal of the program is to give students a critical perspective of the culture with which they are most familiar and to help them appreciate the elements common to human beings across all cultures, to encourage students to graduate with the knowledge needed to work and live in an increasingly diverse world, the university reports.
Students may select from dozens of courses that provide a foundation for ongoing exploration of differences. Some of the courses are: "Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology," "Botany, Plants and Society," "English, African-American Literature," "Sociology, Urban Sociology," "Special Education: Exceptionality in the Schools" and more.
"The members of the Faculty Senate's diversity committee are pleased to have participated in the development of the diversity requirement," said committee chairman and anthropology professor, Bob McCarl. "This program has taken a number of years to complete. We look forward to assisting students and faculty in creating curricula that directly address issues of cultural exclusion and oppression in our society."
Among those with diversity requirements already in place are the University of Michigan, Cultural Anthropology, "Botany, Plants and Society," "English, African-American Literature," "Sociology, Urban Sociology," "Special Education: Exceptionality in the Schools" and more.

Guns flow South from U.S. across border

Los Angeles Times

NUÉVO LAREDO, Mexico — The most popular instruments of robbery, torture, homicide and assassination in this violence-racked border city are imported from the United States.
"Warning," reads the sign greeting motorists on the U.S. side as they approach the Rio Grande that separates the two countries here. "Illegal to carry firearms/ammunition into Mexico. Penalty: prison."
The signs have done little to stop what U.S. and Mexican officials say is a steady and growing commerce of illicit

firearms in Mexico, from 9-millimeter pistols through .38 AK-47s to grenade launchers. An estimated 95 percent of weapons confiscated from suspected Nuevo Laredo residents were first sold legally in the United States, officials in both countries say.
Guns are the essential tool of a war between competing underworld crime syndicates that claimed between 1,400 and 2,500 lives in 2005, according to tallies by various newspapers and magazines.
The biggest criminals in Mexico are engaged in an arms race, with an armor-piercing mag-

azine gun the new must-have weapon for the cartels fighting each other for control of the lucrative trade in narcotics, U.S. and Mexican officials say.
In 2005, Nuevo Laredo residents endured the specter of more than 100 suspected drug-cartel executions in their city, and the release of a horrific videotape in which a suspected drug-cartel gunman executes a "prisoner." The city has become a tragic symbol of the gun violence sweeping through the border country.
"It's obvious where all the arms are coming from," said Hidalgo Ibarra Murillo, a Nuevo

Laredo business owner in the city's historic downtown district. "We don't make any guns or rifles here" in Mexico.
"Buying a weapon legally is extremely difficult in Mexico. The country's defense secretary issues all gun licenses — the wait is a year or more, and the cost is about \$1,000. Licenses must be renewed every two years.
There are fewer than 2,500 registered gun owners in the entire country. By contrast, Mexican police confiscate an average of 256 weapons per day from suspects, officials from the Attorney General's office said recently.

DEVISING A GAME PLAN

Ariz. governor proposes \$100 million plan to combat illegal immigration

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Gov. Janet Napolitano on Monday proposed spending \$100 million in state money to fight illegal immigration, including a crackdown on businesses that intentionally hire illegal immigrants.
Napolitano also is asking the federal government to pay for more National Guard troops along the state's porous border with Mexico.
"We are going to step up and protect our citizens when the federal government falls short," but this is a federal problem, and we expect the federal government to do its part," Napolitano

told lawmakers on the opening day of the Legislature.
Napolitano said she would clear how much the added troops would cost the military. A Defense Department spokesman said the state is on the status of the contract.
Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point along the country's southern border, serves as a hub for smugglers who transport illegal workers across the country.
Even though immigrants provide the economy with cheap labor, Arizona and other border states shoulder huge health care and education costs for illegal workers and their families.

Public pressure is mounting for state politicians who face re-election 2008 this year to confront the problem, even though immigration has long been considered the sole province of the federal government.
The state already has about 170 National Guard troops stationed at the border, assisting federal and state officers.
Napolitano provided few details of her other immigration plans, but proposed "substantial fines and penalties" for businesses that intentionally hire illegal immigrants.
Thousands gathered Monday outside the Capitol to protest what they said was an anti-immigrant

sentiment at the Legislature, which last year considered a dozen immigration proposals. Only a few became law.
Elías Bermudez, chief organizer of the protest, said putting more money into border enforcement won't fix the problem, which he believes can be overhauled only by the federal government.
"Our people are not going through the fences at the border because they don't want to come here legally," Bermudez said. "They are going through the fences because this country doesn't have the law that allows them to come through the port of entry."

Health care disparities worsen for Hispanics

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hispanics are falling further behind non-Hispanics in getting quality medical care, while other minority groups are closing the gap, federal officials said Monday.
The areas where Hispanics were slipping include treatment for diabetes, mental illness and tuberculosis. Officials also found growing gaps for Hispanics in getting regular dental visits for their children and speedy care for injury or illness.
Officials say they don't know why disparities in health care are widening for Hispanics but narrowing for blacks, Asians and American Indians.
"The fact that we know it exists prompts a lot of local communities to say, 'What's going on here?' and to figure out also why it matters," said Carolyn Clancy, director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Clancy said people who have less access to care are more likely to be admitted to a hospital for a condition that could have been avoided, "costing all of us a lot more money."
The government, using data mostly from 2002 and 2003, measured 40 types of disparities in the quality of health care between whites and minorities. Among blacks, 58 percent of those disparities were becoming smaller and 42 percent were becoming larger.
In contrast, among the disparities between whites and Hispanics, 41 percent were be-

coming smaller, while 59 percent were growing.
The government also measured access to health care. In all categories, disparities narrowed for blacks, Asians and American Indians. But the gap worsened for Hispanics in live out of six categories, including access to health insurance.
Dr. Elena Rios, president and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, said two out of three Hispanics don't have insurance, and that group contains both legal and illegal immigrants.
"Whole communities and families that come from Latin America, where they've had health care as a right, don't know you have to apply for insurance," she said.
Clancy cited language barriers as one potential contributor to health care disparities. The report showed that the quality of patient-provider communication as reported by patients declined among Hispanic adults (67 percent to 84 percent), even as it improved among white adults (83 percent to 94 percent). Clancy said she did not know how much illegal immigration contributed to the growing gap. The data does not take the legal status of a patient into account.
"All of our data sources need a lot better information on sub-groups of the Latino population, because we're lumping in obviously different groups like Mexican-Americans who have been here for a while as well as people who have immigrated more recently," she said.

BOOT MAKER



Boot maker Eduardo Ramirez forms the bottom of a custom made boot at Boot Maker Espinoza in Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 7. For generations, Latino craftsmen such as Ramirez have sewn cowboy boots for the wranglers of the Southwest, long before they became this season's hottest style and fashion on absees at Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. But the stocked frenzy passes by shops like Boot Maker Espinoza, where real boot makers work through changes in fashion and society.

ESL program will begin at CSI next week

The College of Southern Idaho is offering free English as a second language (ESL) classes for adults in south-central Idaho.
In Twin Falls, there are day and evening classes offered at four levels, including computer instruction.
Evening classes are held two nights per week in Buhl, Burley, Gooding, Hagerman, Halley, Jerome, Ketchum, Kimberly, Rupert, Valley and Wendell. The classes are free of charge and no identification is required to register.
For more information, call Judy or Melissa at 732-6540 or 1-800-680-0274.
Classes begin next week in most locations.

Diversity requirement goes into effect at BSU

BOISE — A new requirement for graduation from Boise State University seeks to expose students to the cultural diversity in the world around them.
The Diversity Requirement, which goes into effect with the fall 2006 semester, requires critical examination of differences such as gender, sexual orientation, class, race, culture, ability, nationality, religion and ethnicity.
This requirement will not affect the number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree. Many of the diversity courses are al-

Commission, legal fund present school program

BOISE — The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs in partnership with MALDE, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund from Los Angeles will present the National Parent School Partnership program.
Those invited to attend include school administrators, community organizers and parents. The program will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, Jan. 17 to 20 in Boise.

Session participants will learn techniques in reinforcing parent involvement research, the importance of parent involvement and how it relates to student achievement, and methods to include families and communities in educational planning. Parents' legal rights in relation to classroom observation, testing and access to information from a campus level to the district level information will also be provided on programs such as Title I, gifted and talented, bilingual, special education and migrant programs.
For more information, call Marge Gonzalez, 334-3776.

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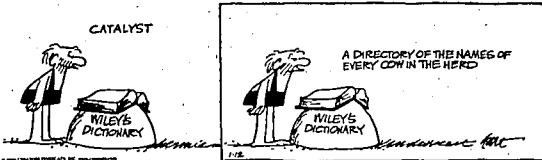
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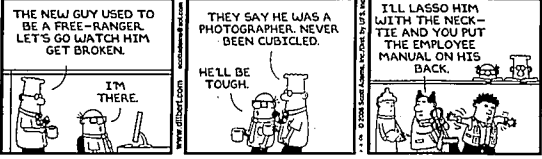
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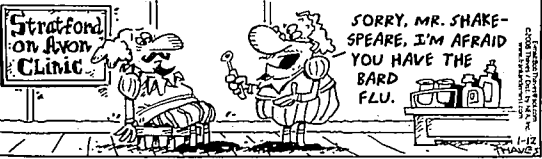
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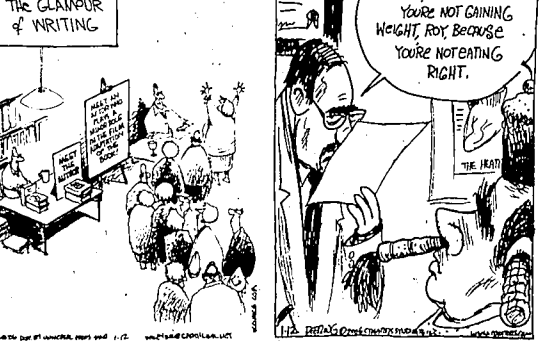


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By Wiley

Strange Brew

By John Deering



Don't block the way, Aquarius

IF JAN. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: There is ample time and opportunity to stop and smell the flowers in the upcoming 12 months. Your slow and steady progress could be impeded by unforeseen agitation or situations outside your control in May. Don't fight changes as whatever falls away or alters your life may free you from restrictions. A stroke of good luck or assistance from others may bring lasting prosperity in August, so launch new initiatives then or ask for favors. Expect a slowdown in October when your energies could falter and you will be fighting an uphill battle to stay on top of things. Avoid initiating anything of importance at that time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Only a flip of the wrist separates a helping hand from an outstretched palm begging for help. Your challenge this week may be to learn to tell the difference and avoid overreaction.

TARDES (April 23-May 20): Be a pleasure seeker. Take joy in making money or making whoopee. Whatever turns you on or manages to give you pleasure is likely to give you the necessary motivation to succeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be wiser than you think. Tasks that require quick

strive to look your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Seek your noggin. You can find ways to collect a trifecta of rewards that improve your financial health, love life, and spiritual well-being. Acquire valuable information for future benefit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sometimes there are more players than coaches. Hold a confab with a trusted advisor and get valuable ideas to make business matters boom. Be precise rather than vague.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get a tit-for-tat discussion going. If you are generous with your knowledge, someone may teach you something important. The more you give, the more you will gain in the end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The buzz surrounds business. You can better make your ends meet if you don't stand in the middle and block the way. Confer with cronies and be prepared to join the winning team.

FISCHES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you play hard ball in big leagues, don't throw a marshmallow. Your casyness may eventually anger those who are engrossed in a major undertaking. Go to bat for your team.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

thinking will not be a problem. Concentrate on being a busy little bee as your business intuition will lead you to the honey.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Urban legends are a joke even if they hold a grain of truth. What you want to find is the truth with a grain of humor in it. Expect to engage in a battle of wits with a client or partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be discriminating. The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing a thing exactly right. Examine all the pieces of the puzzle before you begin to put it together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Play business chess. Success is one must sacrifice unimportant pieces in order to capture the queen. Employ strategies that will clear the clock of opposition so that you can make a profit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Desire is the key to making money. First you must think about what you want — then you go after it. Your physical attractiveness can be used to an advantage so

Wife has nowhere to turn to escape abusive husband



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

of times a day. He arrives late one day, stays the next two nights and leaves early the third morning. Her other children live in other states and rarely visit.

Betty is beginning to rely more and more on us neighbors to get things done for her. While we don't mind helping out in emergencies, we feel someone else should take care of her everyday needs. She is adamant about not going to a nursing home — which is agree-with — but there are less-confining possibilities that I think would be better for her and would relieve us of the responsibility and liability of tending to her.

Should we contact her son, or just start to let things go until things become serious? —**WORRIED ABOUT BETTY, GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.**

DEAR BETTY: I'm so sorry. Absolutely contact your neighbors' son and tell him exactly what you have told me. His mother may need the help of a visiting nurse, or even a case worker to make sure she has what she needs and her property is well-kept. You appear to be a caring neighbor, but this should not be your responsibility. If Betty's son doesn't know where to look for help, please tell him to contact a local senior center or the Colorado state agency on aging, which should be listed in the phone book.

of a woman who needed to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, it is you, dear lady. The toll-free number (which won't show up on your phone bill) is 800-799-7233 (SAFE). The people on the hotline can help you to formulate a safe escape plan from the drug-addicted bully you married. If this seems harsh, he qualifies. Please make the call today, not only for your own sake but also for your children's.

DEAR ABBY: The "Smiths" and our family live on either side of Betty, an 84-year-old widow. Betty is a wonderful, caring neighbor most of the time. However, she is beginning to deteriorate mentally and physically. She has a cleaning service that comes in, a teen-aged cleaning neighbor and a MedicareAlert necklace, but she has problems grasping and remembering the major things that need to be done outside her home as well as setting up her medication regimen.

Betty's son lives 250 miles away, but he visits only a couple

DEAR ABBY: I am 30 years old, married seven years, the mother of three children, and I'm at the end of my rope. My husband has quit or been fired from numerous jobs because of his "poor attitude." He calls the woman he works with "fat b—es" and blames everyone else for his problems. He's addicted to weed and alcohol, and gets extremely upset if I don't partake of these things with him.

When he does work, he calls me an average of 15 times a day, one instant-message me constantly — and he's only gone a few or seven hours. If I don't answer the phone or respond to his e-mail immediately, he'll drop everything and race home to accuse me of cheating or betraying him in some way. On three different occasions he has slapped me in the face, then immediately denied doing it. He has also grabbed me around the throat a few times. He says very hurtful things to me, and then denies saying them. He is verbally abusive to my eldest son from a previous relationship.

I have no friends or family I can turn to. I am extremely depressed and at the point of either running away or killing myself. I'm scared all the time. I'd leave, but he tells me he will hit me or take my kids away and never let me see them if I do. Can you help me?

DEAR NANCY: If ever I heard

190 proof is as high as it goes

You can't get a drink higher than 190 proof (95 percent alcohol), that's not because of the laws of man, but of chemistry — at higher proof, the alcohol quickly dilutes itself by drawing moisture from the air.

This is a history. On Jan. 12, 1866, a small group of 19th century British futurists founded the Royal Aeronautics Society with the hope of encouraging the development of heavier-than-air flight. It would be 37 more years before a couple of Yanks rolled up their sleeves and accomplished it.

If the minimum wage had kept pace with the rise in executive salaries since 1990, America's poorest-paid workers would be making \$23.05 an hour, instead of \$5.15.

Have you ever had strozzapreti pasta? It's interesting in that it's shaped like a rolled-up towel and the name means "priest choker" in Italian.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESSE
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Want to buy a house in San Francisco? Good luck. The median price is \$705,000, requiring a yearly income of \$223,576 if you go by the standard financial formula of paying no more than 28 percent of your salary for mortgage payments. A typical elementary school teacher in San Francisco makes about \$53,476.

When the United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867, we paid two cents per acre, or \$7,200,000. At the time opposition politicians and newspaper editorialists derided the deal as an extravagantly foolish purchase.

The man who arranged the purchase of Alaska, William H. Gannett, had been by Abraham Lincoln's secretary of state. He was wounded by one of John Wilkes Booth's accomplices on the night that Lincoln was assassinated. Several months later he recovered enough to arrange the Alaska deal for the new president, Andrew Johnson.

Hassbro claimed that it used a cadaver that came out of 23 Grand Junction, Colo., winners to design the first GJ Joe "action figure."

There are more than 7,000 species of wheat in the world. You can find an array of different types: rice, alfalfa, corn, barley, oats and wheat.

Auto dealers make more of their profits from selling vehicles than from selling them.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factinoneers@mingo-barrett.com

7-year-old leads police on chase

Odds & Ends

that he had sent belts on," Daniel said. "Then to come find out it was a child. I was really shocked."

Blue paint gives away hotel robbery suspect

ANCHORAGE — Memo to robbers: If you disguise yourself as a Smurf, make sure your yupe behind your ears afterward.

A man who pointed his face blue and tried to rob a hotel was arrested when officers spotted residual stains on his neck, ears and forehead that hadn't washed off. Daniel Peter Clark, 19, was charged with robbery and assault, authorities said. He was being held with bail set at \$3,000.

A Super 8 motel clerk said a man with a blue face walked into the motel Saturday and asked for money. When the clerk saw no, the man pulled out a knife and waived it at the clerk, authorities said.

The clerk retreated into a hotel office and locked the door. The suspect fled on foot without any money.

Police believe Clark ran from the Super 8, washed his face somewhere and walked to the other hotel, where he was checked in.

Police said they recovered a knife sheath from Clark's room along with an ink blotter commonly used at bingo parlors for stamping cards.

"He appears to have cut it open and emptied the contents into an ice bucket," said police Lt. Paul Honeman. "He painted himself blue."

Mask-wearing student acquitted of trespassing
READING, Penn. — A teenager who donned a gorilla mask

and climbed onto his high school roof as a senior prank has been acquitted of disorderly conduct and trespassing charges.

Matthew Pattison, 19, climbed onto the roof of Oley Valley High School on Feb. 15, prompting police, the FBI, a bomb squad and a state police helicopter to respond. About 650 students were evacuated as Pattison was taken into custody at gunpoint.

Berks County prosecutors told the jury that Pattison had created a dangerous and potentially deadly situation, but Pattison's attorney argued that it was a harmless prank. Pattison was acquitted last week.

After serving a 10-day suspension, Pattison graduated with honors and is studying architecture at Pennsylvania State University's Harrisburg campus in Pennsylvania.

"His intent was in no way criminal. His intent was to make his friends laugh," said his attorney, Kenneth L. Millman.

Reports of rat meat in soup hurts vendors

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Dozens of soup vendors rallied outside an Indonesian TV station Wednesday over a news report that alleged some sellers were using rat to make meatballs for their broth.

The protesters complained that the report was hurting their business.

"Trans TV allowed five of the protesters into the building to hear their complaints — but then they threw them out," which was aired on Dec. 31.

"We said it was true and backed up by our findings in the field," said Trans spokesman Edwin Murni. "We have a duty to inform our viewers about the facts."

— compiled from wire reports

Beetle Baby
By Mort Walker

WHAT DID YOU DO IN CIVILIAN LIFE, ROCKY?
I SOLD USED CARS

WHERE DID YOU GO TO THAT?
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE JUNKYARD

Blonde
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WANNA GO OUT FOR A FEW DRINKS, DAGWOOD?
YEAH, BUT I'M HAPPY HOUR

SORRY, CAN'T MAKE IT, GUYS

THIS HAPPENS TO BE MY HAPPY HOUR

The Born Loser
By Art Sansom & Chip

HELLO, SON! WHERE'S MOM?
WATCHIN' MARSHA STEWART COOK SOMETHIN'!

WONDERFUL! LEARNING A DELICIOUS NEW RECIPE FOR DINNER TONIGHT, NO DOUBT!

SHE SAID SHE'S SPENT SO MUCH TIME WATCHIN', WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO ORDER PIZZAS!

Garfield
By Jim Davis

IT'S THE "ALL-REMOTE" CHANNEL!
CLICK

SO PUT THAT REMOTE DOWN, GUY! WE CLICK THAT EVERY CHANNEL FOR YOU!
CLICK-CLICK

FINALLY A CHANNEL THAT TAKES ALL THE WORK OUT OF BEING LAZY!
CLICK-CLICK-CLICK-CLICK

Hagar the Horrible
By Chris Browne

HELGA KEEPS NAGGING ME ABOUT MY DRINKING.
DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
I'M SO UPSET I'M GOING TO STAY HERE ALL DAY AND BROOD ABOUT IT!

Hi and Lois
By Chance Browne

WHAT ARE YOU GOING WITH MY GOLF CLUBS, DITO?
I'M TRYING TO FIND THE PERFECT "GOLF-BALL LAUNCHER"

Classic Peanuts
By Charles M. Schulz

DO YOU LIKE DOGS CHARLIE BROWN?
THAT'S NOT FAIR!
YOU HAVE TO ANSWER!
OH GOOD GRIEF.
YES I LOVE DOGS. I THINK HAVING DOGS WITH US HAS MADE THIS A BETTER WORLD.
FREE!

The Wizard of Id
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

YOUR PROBLEMS ARE ALL IN YOUR HEAD
I WANT A SECOND OPINION

OK, YOU'RE CRAZY

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EDITORIAL

Tighter sex offender laws need backup from feds

It may take years for the shock, disgust and anger to wear off from 2005's child abduction and murder case involving suspect Joseph Edward Duncan III.

But state leaders and lawmakers will have no time to strengthen the laws involving sex offenders. And the list reformers who are going even to her against criminals is growing longer every week.

If these proposals appear excessive, they may have to be Idaho officials are sending a message in the aftermath of last summer's child abduction murders. It's better to be safe than sorry.

We find nothing wrong with tougher laws ensuring public safety. But more will be necessary. The state must also push for more help from the federal government on sex offender laws in order to make its own laws more effective.

Some of those early ideas from the Legislature include:

- **Tougher registry laws** — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wants to force released violent sex offenders to register with local law enforcement every quarter, instead of once a year. He also will require them to verify their address with the State Police monthly.

And when sex offenders move to Idaho from out of state, Kempthorne wants them to notify authorities within 48 hours of their presence.

- **Longer sentences** — Attorney General Lawrence Wasden will propose mandatory lifetime sentences for repeat offenders by registered sex offenders.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Groed, R-Coeur d'Alene, also favors a minimum 25-year sentence for sex crimes involving a victim under the age of 12.

- **Creation of safe zones** — Groed may also push a proposal creating a new classification of sex offenders as well as safe zones around schools and parks, and banning sex offenders from living near areas where children are present.
- **Reporting abuse** — Rep.

Donna Boe, D-Pocatello, wants to eliminate a statute that allows for reporting and prosecuting child sex abuse, and will also advocate laws requiring clergy to report suspected abuse.

Legislators will have plenty of motivation to push these bills as a result of the Duncan case. Duncan is accused of killing three people so he could kidnap and sexually abuse young Shasta and Dylan Groene from a Coeur d'Alene home.

Shasta escaped, but Dylan was found dead. K e m p - thorne's plans requiring offenders to register more often should be a slam dunk. As part of their parole, violent sex offenders must submit to right registry laws. Duncan's case included a number of violations of registry laws across the country.

But therein lies an even greater need with those violent offenders. Until the federal government provides nationwide registry laws, offenders will move away, start new lives, and momentarily escape state monitors.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Butte, has indicated that sex offender tracking may require a federal solution. Idaho congressman Mike Simpson agreed in a meeting with *The Times-News* editorial board.

"You've got to have some kind of federal registry because if they go from California to Idaho and California isn't telling us, you don't know where they are until the voluntarily register," Simpson said.

It's easy to think state leaders are overreacting with these laws in light of prison overcrowding. Idaho Department of Corrections Director Tom Beauclair says many (not all) sex offender prisoners deserve a second chance.

"We want to put them all into a box," Beauclair said. "That's not a much-incremented number, but a significant number can be treated."

Idaho's correctional system will eventually have to figure out what determines a rehabilitated sex offender ready to re-enter society. But until that day comes, Kempthorne and state legislators have every reason to enforce tougher rules for those outside prison walls.

Judge Samuel Alito is a reactionary — at least according to feminists horrified by his notion that a woman does not require to notify her husband before an abortion. But Alito's critics in the Senate face two big obstacles this week if they try to make that label stick.

**JOHN TIERNEY**

The first is public opinion. Most Americans are convinced that they think a husband should be notified before an abortion, and the Pennsylvania law that Alito approved was hardly a draconian version of that principle. It merely required a woman to say, without presenting any proof, that she told her husband. If she said she feared physical abuse, she was exempted.

The second obstacle is the logic of feminism. Spousal notification has been denounced as retrograde by the same advocates who have been demanding gender equality in the workplace and at home. If men are expected to be parents with equal responsibilities, shouldn't they at least be allowed to discuss whether to have a child?

This is an easy question for those on the pro-life side of the abortion debate. They'd like to see no restrictions on what parents are expected to be responsible for. This is an easy question for those on the pro-life side of the abortion debate. They'd like to see no restrictions on what parents are expected to be responsible for. This is an easy question for those on the pro-life side of the abortion debate. They'd like to see no restrictions on what parents are expected to be responsible for.

Being pro-choice, I don't agree with that position, but I admire the logic. It's a gender-neutral policy: If either parent thinks it's wrong to end the pregnancy, then the pregnancy must proceed.

If the pro-choice side adopted a gender-neutral policy, then either the man or the woman would have the right to say no to parenthood. I don't know of anyone advocat-

**THE ALITO HEARINGS IN SESSION.**

ing that a woman be required to have an abortion, but there's another right that could be given to a man who impregnates a woman who isn't his wife. If the woman decided to go ahead and have the child, she would have to notify him and give him the option to abort.

This option to have a "financial abortion" has been advocated by a few iconoclasts — not all of them men with child-support paychecks. The term was coined by Frances Goldscheider, a professor of sociology at Brown University who studies family issues. She compares the current campaign against "deadbeat dads" to the punishments once given to "wayward women" for having illegitimate children.

Free Trade Agreement and the Central American Free Trade Agreement, the cost of which is estimated at \$2.1 billion per day of \$8.212,642,023.964.70. Given our population of about 298,185,589, each citizen owes \$29,744.15. At present, the debt interest is \$2 billion per day.

Bush says our economy "is the envy of the world." Do other nations really wish for such a deluge?

For a detailed understanding of corporate crime without punishment, one may Google up and read Pissell Mokhiber and his former colleagues' "Top 100 Corporate Criminals of the Decade."

Finally, letters to editors may not change a politically corrupt culture, evidenced by unchecked corporate crime. But letters of opposition bear witness to wrongs done by politicians and executives at the behest of their corporate masters to the government and by the people, by the people and for the people.

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had claimed for women: "Every child a wanted child." Goldscheider, who's a pro-choice Democrat, has found that her proposal provides a rare bipartisan consensus.

"Neither the left nor the right like my egalitarian ideas," she said. "The right's response is that men should be manlio and pay for playing — unless they've gotten burned themselves. The left's response is that men should pay, period — unless it's their sons."

There is, of course, one big physical inequality between the sexes in this regard: It's the woman who must either have the abortion or go through the pregnancy. But as Goldscheider points out, women also have more power than men to prevent the pregnancy because they have exclusive control over some forms of contraception.

It's not fair, she says, for a woman who lies about being on the pill to be able to trick a man into marrying her or making child-support payments for 18 years.

If we just a question of the woman's rights versus the man's rights, I'd go along with Goldscheider's proposal. But if the man gets a financial abortion and the woman goes ahead with the pregnancy, someone else's rights still need to be considered: The child would be suffering because of the parents' decisions.

Goldscheider's solution to that problem is for the government to provide financial support in place of the father. But would this new public subsidy encourage more single-parent homes? To avoid that risk, I'd rather stick with the current system, unfair as it is. But there's no reason that it couldn't be a little fairer. As Alito ruled, it's not an undue burden for a wife to notify her husband as soon as she decides to abort. And it's not unfair, as Goldscheider proposes, for a single woman expecting child support to be required to tell the father as soon as she decides to keep the baby. If men are going to pay to play, they should at least know the score.

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LETTERS

Corporate crimes leave the public as victims

The Justice Department's spin that Abramoff and Scanlon guilty pleas proves our government is not for sale leaves unsaid government obligations to the public.

For example, the FBI yearly reports a grisly litany of murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, arson and hate crime at a cost of about \$18 billion recorded in 2002.

Petitioners continue falsely promising relief from such crime to gain high office. But they say nary a word about corporate crime's more pernicious form of death: injuries at much greater costs than those reported. Consider Enron, alone which cost employees, pensioners and investors \$60 billion, three times the \$18 billion recorded above.

Compare also 16,000 criminal murders in 2003, to about 67,000 deaths resulting from injuries on the job and occupational diseases. That's not counting deaths from pollution, defective products, bad food, etc.

Corporate crime appears pandemic — out of control. Corporate flounders before the national court, fly to aises free of legal restraint and then join with homebound brethren to debase the middle class and strip democracy of its social programs, especially Social Security.

They include Tyco, Global Crossing, Enron, WorldCom, Xerox, Schering-Plough and health care outfits by the hundreds and more.

Public library must build on past success Feb. 7 will be an opportunity for the residents of the city of Twin Falls to continue a tradition of civic excellence.

In 1907, a group of interested citizens from our young city met to establish a reading room. To fund the project, the committee sold baked beans and hot urnage sales. For two years, the first reading room was set up in the Harder building and stocked with donated materials which had been collected by a Shetland pony driven cart.

A century later, much has changed. There are no baked beans and no urnage sales or Shetland ponies, but rather the funding will come from a \$5.2 million bond. If approved by voters, the bond would be paid back over 15 years and would cost the owner of a \$15,000 home about \$26 a year.

What hasn't changed from a century ago is the fact that "interested citizens" are driving their interest library expansion.

We are doing it not just for the present Twin Falls residents but for future residents as well. The additional 20,000 square feet will meet the needs of our growing population as well as the needs of a 21st century library.

For benefit today from the efforts of 1907; it is our turn now to ensure that those who follow us will also enjoy a Twin Falls Public Library.

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Please join me in continuing this tradition of civic excellence and vote for the Twin Falls Public Library expansion bond on Feb. 7.

I thank you and future residents will thank you. KARA KRAL Twin Falls

Media bias for Bush? Coverage shows otherwise Regarding the media advisory to Bush, Jan. 5.

The author seems to believe that the mainstream media take to Bush. Nothing could be further from the truth.

For example: National Security Agency tapping into calls from terrorists out of the country to people — citizens or not — in the country has been upheld by numerous supreme times. If the media want to impeach Bush, then all living presidents will have to be impeached. This includes George Clinton and Carter. The top party members of both parties on the Senate Intelligence Committee were briefed on all of the wire taps on a regular basis. Absolutely no problems expressed by the Democrats until *The New York Times* article. This right has been exercised by presidents from George Washington on. All one has to do is review the appropriate Federalist Papers. Yes,

George intercepted mail. Maybe the author would rather see citizens die rather than stopping the help prevent scandal has been portrayed as a Republican problem; the fact is that about half of the recipients are Democrats, including Harry Bell, Library Clinton, Schumer, and on and on. The forged documents about Bush's service in the National Guard about 18 out of 20 political cartoons published in *The Times-News* are anti-Bush. The distortions and lies go on daily. They are very hard to miss.

McCain must not have been too upset; he supported Bush in that election. Kerry never offered any proof that the Swift Boaters were wrong. In fact, evidence supports their case. All Kerry had to do was release his military record.

Our left-leaning *Times-News* cannot be considered balanced as along as all of its political news comes from the Associated Press, USA Today, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, etc. All card-carrying members of the Democratic Party. DARRELL HAMPTON Twin Falls

Brave citizen makes a stand against crime

On Jan. 9, there was a story from Kootenai County urging caution after man falls robbery.

Kootenai County Sheriff Randy Watson advises people to use caution when attempting to stop a crime. "There's nothing in the smoko shop warning you," Watson said. "I do think that the lady or young girl's life that was being put in harm's way made it a very good reason for Randy Watson to help prevent the robbery and may have saved a life also. Thank you to Randy Naccarato for helping when I was asked. The police cannot be there all the time, but people like Randy may be." MICHAEL SCOTT Hegerman

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LETTER

Pheasants have habitat, but predators prevail

Don't blame the farmers for the lack of pheasants. Blame the Endangered Species Act. When I was a boy growing up on the farm, I was out by the haystack and there was a Plymouth Rock chicken hen with her young chickens and I wish — a chicken hawk split the mother's head wide open, killing her among her chickens. After that, I killed every bird of

prey I could get my 22-pow-rim fire too. Also, there was a bounty on magpies, coyotes and most predators. There were no foxes. Hegerman Valley has more cover now than I had when we had lots of pheasants. There are now game refuges, parks and hunting lodges where farms used to be. If you want game of any kind, you have to take care of the predators. GEORGE H. LEMMON Hegerman

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Beware the dangers of cussing like a sailor

Navy Lt. Bryan D. Black, a U.S. Naval Academy faculty member, thought he was just reporting the breeze when he told a midshipman that getting on a battleship turned him on. Such was the sentiment, at least, though the language was saltier than the Chesapeake Bay, where an inspired Black Bay, where an inspired Black Bay, where an inspired Black Bay was serving as safety officer on an oceanographic cruise aboard a "yard patrol craft."

Unfortunately for Black, among the midshipmen was at least one sensitive female. He also made some other equally spicy comments about his ex-wife, of whom he apparently is no longer fond, but that was overheard by, but not spoken in front of, female midshipmen.

Now he faces a special court-martial and three criminal charges.



KATHLEEN PARKER

to obey a lawful general order or regulation; (2) conduct unbecoming an officer; and (3) indecent language.

His court-martial is unusual even by today's strict sexual harassment standards, according to Black's attorney, Charles Gittins, who says Black is being sacrificed on the altar of victim advocacy to appease critics still complaining about previous service academy scandals.

Other recent trends and events also have conspired to make Black's firing as unfortunate as his vocabulary. Perfect storms

sink more than ships. Black's case surfaced last fall at the same time that U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a member of the Naval Academy's Board of Visitors, was asking academy leaders why sexual harassment persists after years of studies, surveys, investigations and recommendations. (Hint: Years of studies, surveys, investigations and recommendations that pose women as victims and men as abusers? Just a thought.)

Under such pressures, Naval Academy superintendent Vice Adm. Rodney K. Rempt has announced a zero-tolerance campaign against sexual harassment. Last week, Rempt urged midshipmen and staff to attend for the third consecutive year a production of "Sex Signals," an adults-only play ironically billed as realistically graphic, about how mixed sig-

nals between men and women can cause misunderstandings. Let's see: Salty language in real life but salty language in play depicting real life good. No wonder sailors sometimes get confused.

Meanwhile, didn't playwright David Mamet already cover that in "Oleanna"? Of course Mamet's play brilliantly shows how words can be twisted out of context to suggest sexual harassment where there is none. The service academies probably will invite that production to campus about the time Donal Rumsfeld gets his ear pierced.

Despite ongoing concerns about sexual harassment, complaints are, in fact, down, according to recent surveys, including, by the Department of Defense (Service Academy 2005 Sexual Harassment and

Assault Survey). Moreover, a 2004 report by the Defense Department Inspector General found that fraudulent complaints are considered a problem by 73 percent of academy women and 72 percent of men.

This is not necessarily good news if you're in the business of victim advocacy — and it is a business, perhaps soon to become a career choice if Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.) has her way. Slaughter is the sponsor of a 95-page bill that would create a Pentagon Office of Victim Advocacy (OVA). We may never win the war on terror, but we'll by golly win the war on hurt feelings.

Slaughter's bill has met with little success thus far, but the Pentagon is working on the idea. Elaine Donnelly, president of the Center for Military Readiness, reports that the

Pentagon contracted with the Wellesley College Centers for Women to study the idea of an OVA and make recommendations. Wellesley has submitted a report for which it was paid \$50,000, but the Pentagon has not released it.

Meanwhile, we'll have to wait until Jan. 30, the court-martial date, to learn what really happened as Black waxed poetic and fell, because Foster and Whisenhunt have declined to be deposed under oath. Why? Because they "just don't wanna," says attorney Gittins. Those who lament that boys will be boys will have to concede that sometimes, girls will be girls.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com.

I can't write what Black specifically said, but suffice it to say I've heard worse walking the half-block from my office to Gruchos's Deli without need of smelling salts.

Not so Samantha Foxton, apparently, who complained that Black's remarks bothered her. Once prolonged. At that point, Black thought the matter had been put to rest, as did the first investigating officer, who recommended that Black receive a letter of reprimand and counseling.

That sounds reasonable, but these are not reasonable times. One Foxton's superior, Lieutenant Commander Michelle Whisenhunt, caught wind of Black's rich commentary on the seductive powers of warping vessels that began. Whisenhunt conducted her own investigation, interviewing only women, and now Black is charged with (1) failure

— LETTER —

City property taxes fall to improve roads

I am writing in agreement with Bart Fedale's letter which appeared in the Jan. 7 Times-News regarding street repairs.

Our street on Palmsider Drive, along with some others in our neighborhood, was repaved about two years ago and the job was certainly not a finished proper street. We had rocks all over our sidewalks, which we still get from the loose and uneven pavement on the street.

I called the city manager's office twice to question this and was told that as it was late in the summer by then, they could not get a shipment of final paving material before winter so the street would have to wait until the following year for a finishing procedure which led us to believe that they would eventually be finished properly.

It has now been close to two years and our streets never have been "finished," and they look worse than the streets in the surrounding neighborhoods which never received the new paving procedure.

This is just another reason to make me wonder that the city of Twin Falls gives us for the extremely high property taxes we pay. We live here in Twin Falls, but I have many questions as to how our city is run and wonder what is going to happen as more people keep moving into the area. Maybe it is time to look for some more caring and thoughtful city officials for our great town who will spend more time and thought on how our hard-earned tax dollars should be spent and what they get for the money they spend.

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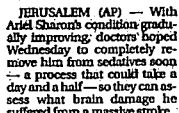
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WORLD

Sharon's condition improves as Israel turns attention to politics



Sharon

JERUSALEM (AP) — With Ariel Sharon's condition gradually improving, doctors hoped Wednesday to completely remove him from sedatives soon — a process that could take a day and a half — so they can assess what brain damage he suffered from a massive stroke.

New polls indicated Sharon's Kadima Party would easily win March 28 elections and had even gained strength since the ousted prime minister fell ill a week ago. With Sharon in critical but stable condition, the fight to choose his successor began in earnest.

Kadima officials floated the idea of giving Sharon the top slot on the party's election list, while keeping acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as its candidate for premier. The unlikely proposal was strongly debated by Israeli politicians Wednesday in a sign that the country's vibrant political life was reviving after grinding to a halt because of Sharon's stroke.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu ordered his party's cabinet ministers to resign from the government Thursday, a long-planned move that he put off after Sharon's stroke, Israeli media reported. Israeli radio reported that some or all of the ministers planned to ignore the order, which would require them to step down on the same day as Likud primaries to choose candidates for the parliamentary elections.

Sharon's doctors said his condition had improved slightly and they were trying to wean him off the sedatives that kept him in an induced coma, though he remained on a low dose of sedatives Wednesday afternoon. Sharon, 77, has been unconscious for a week, since suffering a massive stroke Jan. 4.

Dr. Yoram Weiss, one of the prime minister's doctors, told Israel's Channel 2 TV that after the sedatives are stopped it would take several days to determine the extent of brain damage Sharon sustained. "We're talking about a long."

Iran defiant despite threats of sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The U.S. and Britain said Wednesday that Western countries will likely seek Iran's referral to the U.N. Security Council after it restarted nuclear activity. Iran's prime minister said Wednesday that he would not be bullied and would push ahead with the program.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said he could not rule out the possibility that Iran will face economic sanctions. International impatience with Iran was growing after it broke U.N. seals at a uranium enrichment plant Tuesday and said it was resuming nuclear research after a two-year freeze.

Enriched uranium can be used for both nuclear energy and nuclear weapons. "I think the first thing to do is to secure agreement for a reference to the Security Council, if that is indeed what the allies jointly decide, as I think seems likely," Blair told the House of Commons in London, adding that he was in close contact with Washington on the issue. "We obviously don't rule out any measures at all," Blair said when asked about possible sanctions. "It's important Iran responds honestly to the international community treats it."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said "It is more likely than ever" that the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, will refer Iran to the Security Council. The council could then impose sanctions. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday if Iran continued on its present course, "there is no other alternative but to refer the matter to the Security Council."

slow and draw-out process and we hope that it will always develop positively. It's very hard to say what the pace will be," he said. Israel Radio said it would take 35 hours for the drugs to exit Sharon's system. But hospital spokesman Ron Krumer said it was impossible to give a precise timetable. As of 11 p.m. Wednesday, Sharon had been unconscious for a week — 168 hours. As the sedatives are stopped, doctors will be watching Sharon. One of his neurosurgeons, Jon Cohen, said most patients open their eyes within three weeks after sedation and the sooner this happens the better. However, Sharon was certain to have sustained some cognitive damage, he said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Area fundraiser set for Jan. 29

TWIN FALLS — The fifth annual James Moulson Wild Game Food scholarship fundraising dinner will be held Jan. 29 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Honoring Officer James Moulson, who died in the line of duty in Jerome County, the event raises money for CSI Law Enforcement scholarships and to meet the needs of Magic Valley police officers.

Dishes will include Cantonese duck and pheasant, elk finger steaks, moose and deer sausage lasagna, blue lake moose steroganoff, buffalo meatballs, deep fried turkey, and many more. Donated game is available. Recipes will be available.

A no-host bar will open at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the College of Southern Idaho, Dick's Pharmacy, Kelley Garden Center and Rock Creek Restaurant.

For more information or to make a donation, call Bob Moulson at 732-6296.

Stamp club meets Monday in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The South Central Idaho Stamp Club will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. North in Twin Falls. Anyone interested in stamp collecting is welcome to attend.

Filer Centennial will begin on Saturday

FILER — The city of Filer will kick off its 2006 centennial celebration on Saturday with a bingo tournament, chili supper and potato bar at the Filer Senior Home 222 Main Street, between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. The supper is free to the public but the Filer Centennial Committee does ask that you consider a donation.

Bingo players will be charged 50 cents per game or 3 games for a dollar. Area merchants have donated dozens of prizes, including fishing tackle from the Twin Conventions Center, Filer, a Beanie Baby from Primrose Lane Florist in Filer, sugar from Amalgamated Sugar Company in Twin Falls, \$25 gift certificate from Advantage Archery in Twin Falls and bowling gift certificates from Cedar Lanes in Filer.

This will also be an assortment of centennial items available for purchase during the evening, including shirts, calendars, postcards, logo buttons, coffee mugs and mugs more.

Transportation will be provided by Western States Bus Service for seniors who contact their driver Haven at 732-1717 at between the hours of 3-9 p.m. at 326-4660.

From 1-3 p.m. on Saturday the Filer Public Library will hold a youth scavenger hunt.

English as second language classes set

TWIN FALLS — Community "English as a Second Language" classes, offered free through the College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education Center, will start the week of Feb. 17 at sites throughout the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Classes will be held days and evenings in Buhl, Burley, Gooding, Shelley, Jerome, Shoshone, Kimberly, Rupert, Shoshone, Wendell, at Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls and at the Meyersfield building on the CSI campus.

For more information, including times and locations, call 732-6540.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of peak**
Baltwon	124%	59%
Big Wood	146%	71%
Little Wood	153%	71%
Big Lost	142%	65%
Little Lost	107%	51%
Upper Hell/Fulton	137%	62%
Upper Snake Basin	124%	60%
Oakley	161%	71%
Salmon Falls	146%	72%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
**The percentage of basin snowpack for this day, relative to the peak snowpack.

Picabo Street returns home



Courtesy photo of Picabo's Kid Witness News

Olympic gold medal skier Picabo Street talks with students from Ernest Hemingway Elementary on Tuesday in Ketchum. Street, who attended the school as a child, presented the students with Panasonic digital video equipment as part of Panasonic's Kid Witness News program.

Olympic gold medalist touts education program

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

HAILLEY — Picabo Street did a 350 on Tuesday, but it wasn't on the ski slopes. It was her return to her old elementary school.

She visited Ernest Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum to promote Kid Witness News, a video education program that gives digital video equipment to schools so students can create their own productions.

Picabo Street, who was raised in Triumph, but was named after a small town near Carey, returned to her school after

travelling around the globe as an Olympic skier.

Street won the silver medal in the downhill at the 1994 games in Lillehammer, Norway, the gold in the super-G in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, and the world downhill title in 1998. She'll be at this year's games in Turin, Italy, as a correspondent for NBC's "The Today Show."

"It was so cool to check out my old school," Street said. "Everything seemed so small and tiny now."

Street said she enjoys working with youth, something she's doing working with the Kid Witness News program, she is also a

spokeswoman for the National Children's Alliance.

"The bottom line in having Picabo do this is the idea of her giving back to her community," said Don Haisley, the school principal. "It's a nice thought that when she became aware of this that she thought about getting her old school involved in it."

Street now lives in Park City, Utah, and has a 16-month-old son.

She said her dream is to create a retreat where kids can obtain the skills necessary to do whatever they want to do in the future.

"I want it to be that broad,"

Street said. "I want it to teach a different way of thinking, but still help kids no matter what they choose to do. I really have an appeal for the younger generations, and so I'm just trying to capitalize on that."

If you're wondering which ski area she prefers, well, she said Sun Valley will always remain special to her.

"It will always be my favorite place," Street said. "Park City embraced some of the equal opportunity ideas that I have, but this is where I grew up, so it will always be a part of me."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Kempthorne stumps for State of State vision

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two days after casting an ambitious vision for the state, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was in the Magic Valley to start drumming up the grassroots support needed to make his vision come true.

Kempthorne spoke with The Simpson with The pitches editorial board on Tuesday at a number of issues of concern to people in the Magic Valley.

Kempthorne wants to spend \$5 million to fund a new statewide community college system that he says would make college not only more affordable, but more attractive to those who might not feel comfortable in a traditional college classroom. No new brick and mortar would be involved. Instead, the system would make use of classrooms in public schools as well as other public meeting places. He said three



Kempthorne

are brand new high schools that sit empty after 3 p.m., and the taxpayers are already footing the bill.

"We have a janitorial staff reserved to 11 p.m. anyway and they're paying overhead," Kempthorne said. "Somebody ought to utilize it."

The system would reach out to rural areas with classes being taught by adjunct professors, public school teachers and others in the community, he said.

The \$5 million in start-up funding would be divided through the State Board of Education in collaboration with college institutions throughout the state. The system would not require local tax dollars and colleges would still be run locally.

"You have built what I think is a model community college," Kempthorne said. "And one of

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Shoshone schools laud grant potential

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — It may not be a surprise that when big things happen in Shoshone, they are intended to prevent delinquency and juvenile crime in the school.

On Wednesday evening, the school administrators announced during a Parent Group Organization meeting that the Shoshone School District was awarded a \$28,471 grant to organize youth activities in the community. The grant — funded by the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission — will provide activities for academic tutoring and personal competency skills designed to promote positive development.

Mark Ingram and Joanna Petrone, coordinators for Lincoln County Community Justice, wrote the grant with hopes that it will bring two departments together to benefit Shoshone.

"We think this will be a cooperation between the justice side and the school," Ingram said. "But mostly it gives kids things to do so they won't get into trouble."

The school was awarded one of three grants offered throughout the nation, which are intended to prevent delinquency and juvenile crime in the school.

It will provide tutoring, homework assistance, healthy snacks and competency skill improvement," Petrone said. "We also hope to have recreational time, such as sports and playing games with the younger kids."

Although the grant may seem like a small amount, it is large and desperately needed infusion of cash for a town that has a relatively high poverty rate.

"When someone's talking about crime, there is usually an educational point that precedes it," Ingram said. "So we can see that crime prevention really does dovetail with the schools in terms of education."

Ingram said the schools were an obvious place to organize and operate the activities because "the amount of phosporous in the proposed clean wastewater, noting the Department of Environmental Quality's earlier predictions of increased phosphorous levels in the county's water table were coming to pass."

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Brockman won't seek re-election

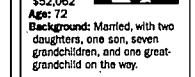
Commissioner wants to spend more time with his family

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bill Brockman is appointed to the position in 1999 by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Brockman has dealt with several key issues, including the overcrowded jail population, increased property taxes, planning and zoning issues, the environmental impact surrounding the coal sector and perished pollution, water rights and juvenile drug and alcohol abuse.

About Bill Brockman

Name: Bill Brockman
Position: Twin Falls County commissioner for the 3rd District
Salary: \$52,062
Age: 72
Background: Married, with two daughters, one son, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild on the way.



He will finish his term, which expires Jan. 9, 2007.

Appointed to the position in 1999 by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Brockman has dealt with several key issues, including the overcrowded jail population, increased property taxes, planning and zoning issues, the environmental impact surrounding the coal sector and perished pollution, water rights and juvenile drug and alcohol abuse.

Brockman, a former cattle rancher, decided to run for county commissioner at the age of 66 after realizing retirement didn't suit him.

"I can't handle this," he said. "When the commissioner resigned in my district, I jumped in with both feet."

Brockman said he used to have a "dim view of government inefficiency" but that after more than six years with the county he has developed a new appreciation for hard-working county employees.

Tom Mikessel, 2nd District county commissioner, said, "Working with Bill has been incredible. He's a wonderful man and a real asset to the community."

Mikessel said he's always thought of Brockman as a mentor because he is even-tempered and analyzes everything.

Some of the most difficult challenges awaiting the next commissioner in the 3rd District have to do with the county's problems and making sure people get the biggest bang for the buck at the county level.

Brockman said he will miss the people on the committees and at the courthouse he's worked with over the years because "they are the ones that make the wheels turn."

After leaving office, Brockman plans to travel, help his daughter make saddles, and work with his son, who is a gunsmith.

The deadline to file for the vacant seat is March 10. The primary election will be May 23 and the general election will be Nov. 7.

Jerome Cheese Company, Gooding officials bury the hatchet

By Cathy Roemer
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Jerome Cheese Company's renewed proposal to pipe wastewater to their farm in Gooding County may have gained ground as a result of a meeting Monday afternoon with the Gooding County commissioners.

Rep. Minchey, Jerome Cheese Company's maintenance manager and Bill Riebesehl, plant manager, asked commission-ers Carolyn Elepuxuri and Tom Bingham to consider their plan to pipe treated wastewater for winter storage and crop application to the Gooding property. The water would be treated at the company's future wastewater treatment

plant in Jerome.

Riebesehl said the exact location of the water treatment plant has not been determined.

"Right now we are just looking at all our options," he said. "It wouldn't do us any good to go ahead with the treatment facility if the commissioners turn us down on this."

Jerome Cheese has been at odds with Gooding County officials after being denied a special use permit to construct a Reclaimed Water Project on the company's 300-acre farm located in the county. The case was appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court and the court upheld the county commission's decision to bar a water treatment facility at the site.

In addition, Elepuxuri said

she still had concerns about the legality of plant waste being trucked to the site on a daily basis.

But both Minchey and Riebesehl assured her that the waste taken to the farm was in the 100 percent compliance with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture under a Registered Soil Amendment.

Idaho requires soil amendment applications to identify "waste-derived products" stating "the concentration of metals or metalloids" and the level of those substances in the plant amendment product being applied. The state may then test the product and require additional data about the soil amendment from the applicant.

Wayne Hoffman, ISDA public relations officer, said he understood the commissioners' concerns but added, "Jerome Cheese has had a Registered Soil Amendment in place for 11 years."

Minchey explained that most

of the phosphorous would be removed before the water got to Gooding. The remainder would be absorbed by crops. Regular soil and plant tissue testing would further track phosphorous levels, he said.

Minchey and Riebesehl offered a tour of the farm to help dispel any commissioner concerns.

Commissioner Bingham said "opening communication up" between the two parties would be a step in the right direction.

"Let's put the problems behind us, have a good relationship and move forward," he said.

Cathy Roemer lives in Jerome and can be reached by e-mail at cmer@emcr.com.

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Earl William Staley



BURLEY — Earl William Staley, a 75-year-old resident of the Burley-Oakley area, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

Earl was born in Adelanto, Calif., on Feb. 10, 1930. He was the son of William Harry and Venus Deen Harris Staley. He graduated from West High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. Earl furthered his education on the GI Bill, attending San Francisco City College and the University of California in San Francisco, majoring in pre-med, dental and biology. Earl proudly served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He fought in the infantry at Heart Break Ridge. He was reassigned days prior to the final massacre. Earl was always troubled when he was spared from the fate of his brothers.

Earl married Mitzi Lu Salmon in California. They had two children and were later divorced. Earl wore many hats during his lifetime that gave him the opportunity to travel all over the world. He worked as a station attendant, postal worker, brick-tile setter, private investigator and an insurance adjuster, just to name a few. He held three positions that gave

him the most pride. Earl was a safety engineer and training director for the Khan Island (an oil station in the Persian Gulf. He held this same position as safety engineer and training director for the startup building program of BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) in San Francisco. For his final project, he was the safety engineer and training director for the San Francisco Waste Water Program.

At the age of 50, Earl retired and moved to Idaho to start a new life. He married Judy Carter. They had one son, Steve. They were later divorced. Earl loved to fish and enjoyed the great beauty of Idaho. He was an avid reader and was often reading several books at one time. Earl had a great mind and loved to share his knowledge with others. In his later years, he especially enjoyed listening to talk radio. Earl was a member of the LDS Church.

Earl is survived by three sons, Brian (Sara Kersey) Staley of Wood Acres, Calif., Erik Staley of Phoenix, Ariz., and Steve Staley of Phoenix, Ariz., and his daughter, Victoria Staley Douglas of Grand Island, Calif. He also is survived by his former wife, Judi Staley of Burley, and his brother, Neil (Deon) Staley of Alpine, Utah. Earl was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Dale Staley of Keams, Utah; his sister, Rodello Hunter of Salt Lake City, Utah; and his former wife, Mitzi Staley of California.

To honor Earl's wishes, he was cremated and there will be no funeral service. There will be a Celebration of Life gathering at a later date. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Shriners's Hospitals for Children. In the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.



Margaret Felton

TWIN FALLS — Margaret Teresa Felton, 76, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

She was born Nov. 12, 1929, in Buhl, Idaho, the daughter of Harry and Brigitte McGovern Savelberg. On May 14, 1948, she married the love of her life, Carl Felton. Together they had two loving daughters, Carla and Peggy. During her working life, she worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a personnel manager. Prior to being stricken with Alzheimer's disease, she enjoyed fishing, camping and sage hen hunting. The highlight of her life was always her family. She enjoyed family gatherings and family dinners, along with attending sports events with her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carla Wilson of Kimberly and Peggy (Greg) Peterson of Pocatello; one sister, Mary Pinkston of Buhl; five grandchildren, Denise (Otnar) Hofstetter, Lana McKenzie, Troy (Christy) Wilson, Jason (Christina) Wilson and Sarah Wilson, along with five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl; one sister, Helen Bue; and three brothers, Ed Savelberg, Bill Savelberg and Bud Savelberg.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Man accused of shooting horses will be arraigned

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — A Drummond man accused of shooting four horses in October is due to be arraigned at the end of this month on four felony charges.

Dirk W. Parkinson, 40, is scheduled to enter a plea Jan. 31 in District Court.

According to prosecutors, Parkinson shot four horses belonging to St. Anthony resident Virgil Bang in October after the horses were reported running loose earlier that day. The animals' bodies were found Oct. 14.

In a fax sent by his attorney Oct. 18, Parkinson pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of cruelty to animals, but Judge Keith M. Walker did not accept the plea. The next day, the Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office charged Parkinson with four felonies.

The charge is a misdemeanor when someone abuses his own animal, Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor Paul Buttkofer said. But it is a felony when the animal is worth more than \$150 and belongs to someone else.

Kolby Hendrickson



TWIN FALLS — Kolby Scott Hendrickson, beloved infant son, brother, nephew and grandson, born on Dec. 19, 2005, passed away Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, after fighting a courageous battle.

Kolby was only here for a short time but touched so many lives.

Survivors include his parents, Justin and Jackie Hendrickson; his sister, Keeli Hendrickson; grandparents, Jim and Cheryl Blankesole and Gary and Teresa Miller; great-grandparents, Leis Jorgensen and De Wayne Thauberger; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends

may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kolby Hendrickson Fund at any Wells Fargo Bank.

Robert L. Strickling

BUHL — Robert L. "Bob" Strickling, 75, formerly of Buhl, Idaho, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at his home in Las Vegas, Nev., following a terminal illness.

Surviving Bob is his wife, Fumiko of Las Vegas; and his sister,

Dee Strickling of Twin Falls, along with several cousins.

At his request, no services will be held. Private Interment will be held at a later date in the Twin Falls Cemetery under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Carl M. Lindh
RUPERT — Carl M. Lindh, 73, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at home.

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

Roger W. Evans
SUN VALLEY — Roger Wayne Evans, 62, of Sun Valley, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at his home in Sun Valley.

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

Betty L. Jones
TWIN FALLS — Betty L. Jones, 98, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lawrence J. Stiens
BURLEY — Lawrence Joseph Stiens, 75, of Burley, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at his home.

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

Frances J. Keller
RUPERT — Frances Jenkins Keller, 85, of Rupert and formerly of St. George, Utah, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at the Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center.

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

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Bill Ramsey



HEYBURN — William Ray "Bill" Ramsey, born in Twin Falls, Idaho, May 26, 1929, died peacefully in his home Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

Bill was the fourth son born to Lillie Freestone and William B. Ramsey. He grew up in the Burley area, learning from his parents the love of horses and the cowboy life, the value of work and honest living. On March 27, 1946, he married Glenna Loveless, the love of his life, at the ages of 16 and 19, a couple that fell just short of 60 years. She became his eternal companion in 1963 when they were sealed in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Though they are now apart physically, they will always be together spiritually. Bill and his bride eventually settled in Heyburn, where they raised four of their six children on a 40-acre farm. In 1972, they moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where they continued raising their family while building a successful ranching business. Bill, Glenna and their children worked together to run the business. Throughout his life, Bill worked as a butcher, a logger, a cowboy and a handyman. He was well known by family and friends as a man who could fix almost anything, make anything he needed from scratch and get things done quickly and with very little effort. Bill was a wonderful father, someone who cared deeply for his children and his grandchildren enough to give them a family learned tolerance, how to work to pray and, most of all, how to serve.

Bill loved his horses. There was never a time in his life that he didn't have at least one to call his own. He worked with all kinds of animals but was best known for his great love and friendship and was asked more than once, "Is that your best horse because you use him the most or do you use him the most because he's your best horse?" Bill often said he was born about 100 years too late. He spent most of his spare time riding horses through the mountains, hills and deserts of Idaho and personified a son of this great land. He was well known throughout Idaho as the teamster who celebrated the centennial by taking a team and wagon the length of the state. He took the same team on the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail in 1993, pulling a wagon for the Bureau of Land Management. He knew nearly every square inch of the state of Idaho and could explain its geography and features. He truly gave reason for the people, mountains, deserts and valleys to mourn the loss of such a great man. Don't be surprised if the next time you see a great fir tree on the mountainside to see Bill standing there, looking up to see the grand creation and marvel at its maker. He did a great job tending his part of the Lord's vineyard, and in his words, "I'm finished, now it's your turn to take my lessons and continue on."

He was a giant of a man in both body and spirit. His life has been somewhat of an endurance test with his life being spared miraculously many times, and he attributed those miracles to the Lord. He had a strong will and a strong faith. Bill

Richard C. Calvert



TWIN FALLS — Richard (Dick) Charles Calvert, 84, passed peacefully away Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1921, in Wood River, Utah, to Roy and Myrtle Heath. For unknown reasons, he and his four siblings were placed in the Boise Children's Home in May 1925. He was adopted by Charles and Bertha Kimball Calvert when he was 4 years old. A year later, he and his mother made a trip to Boise. He was given the privilege of choosing his adoptive brother, Jerry.

Dick graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1940. He married Margaret Dougherty, and this union, two boys were born, Alice Joanne and Richard Steven. Dick and Peg later divorced. He served during World War II in the Army Corps. He later married Diana Brush. They had one child together, Connie. He spent his working life in the automobile and trucking companies, and as a mechanic and as a finish carpenter. As a young man, he was an accomplished tennis player, winning the JCC 1953 First Doubles Tournament with Charles Koch. Dick developed a love for the game of golf, scoring a hole-

in-one on April 20, 1958. He played golf until arthritis prevented it. He spent many of his weekends enjoying East Magic Reservoir, where he and Diana had a summer home.

Dick leaves behind his wife, Diana Calvert of Twin Falls; children, Joanne Bishop of Hillsboro, Ore., Rick and Robin Calvert and Connie and Doug Lively, all of Twin Falls, Idaho; six grandchildren, Brent Bishop, Brenda (Steve) Gordon, Brady and Alex Calvert, and Erica and Douglas Lively; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Jared Gordon; brothers and sisters-in-law, Joyce

Calvert, Margaret Brush, Annetta and Rick Peterson, Gil and Lee LePelle, David and Marie Brush; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Bertha Calvert; his siblings, Jerry Calvert, Robert and Rossella Nelson, Atrop Bonnor, Dorothy Bradshaw, Barbara and Charles Lively; two great-grandchildren, one brother-in-law, Doug Lively; two sisters, Thea and Nina Brush; Ted Brush and Lorna Jean McGill.

A family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Flight disruption forces landing in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman who scuffled with flight attendants and another passenger and then claimed a bomb was on board United Express Flight 6066 when it was diverted to Salt Lake City Wednesday has been charged with interference with a flight crew.

Bogdana Georgieva, 35, a resident of Bulgaria, is scheduled to make her first appearance in U.S. District Court on Thursday in Salt Lake City. A conviction on the charge carries a penalty of up to 20 years in federal prison.

Georgieva was on board the United Express/Skywest flight, which left Eugene, Ore., early Wednesday morning and was headed for Denver, normally a 1 1/2-hour trip.

She seemed agitated early in the flight, court documents said. When she took a bottle of water from the passenger sitting next to her, the passenger asked flight attendants to be moved to another seat, court papers said. When the female passenger got up to move, Georgieva allegedly threw the woman into the aisle, charging

papers said.

Georgieva then began yelling that "she had a baby named Jesus, she was impregnated by her uncle, and President Bush was behind it all," charging papers said. She then attempted to take off her shirt and started to throw items at other passengers, the charging documents said.

The pilot diverted the plane to Salt Lake City International Airport. During the landing, Georgieva ran toward the cockpit and was stopped by flight attendants, with whom she got

in another scuffle. She was eventually subdued by passengers, according to the court documents.

After the plane landed, Georgieva tried to run from Salt Lake City Airport police and said there was a bomb on board the aircraft, court documents said.

No bomb was found, said FBI Agent Patrick J. Kiernan.

The plane was evacuated and checked for explosives. Passengers were allowed back on board and the flight continued to Denver, he said.

Education Department appeals \$104,000 fine

BOISE (AP) — The state Education Department is appealing a \$104,000 federal fine, contending that the review that prompted the penalty was handled incorrectly, and that the Board of Education, not the department, should be liable.

The U.S. Department of Education informed the state board in December that it would penalize the department because Idaho hasn't conformed with all of the federal standardized testing requirements. The fine will come out of the \$416,000 budget that the department uses to run its office in Boise.

Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, on Monday wrote to Henry L. Johnson, an assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Education.

"The key to the penalty is noncompliance with quality assessment requirements, and that is an area over which the (department) has had no control whatsoever for the past few years," she said.

In a long and detailed letter that related many steps in the complex development of Idaho's school testing system, Howard argued that her office, which she is the elected leader, had tried to get the board to come into compliance.

"All of these events are listed simply to give you a sense of the frustration and even angst felt by the staff here ... as we watched, powerless, from the side as the accountability centripetal, standards-based testing — was failing," she wrote.

School's business manager charged with grand theft

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Falls for the Jefferson School District has been charged with seven counts of grand theft in connection with money missing from district funds.

Derek Tingey has worked for the district for 12 years. His arrest last week followed a two-month investigation, Jefferson County Sheriff

Blair Olsen said. Investigators would not release how much they claim Tingey stole.

"I can tell you it's a significant amount, and I can tell you

that this activity has been going on for several years," Olsen said.

The district has hired an accounting firm to conduct an audit, officials said.

BSU offers degree in Lewiston

LEWISTON (AP) — Boise State University will begin offering a master's of social work degree in Lewiston this summer.

The classes will be held on the Lewis-Clark State College campus.

"We're still working with BSU on some of the fine details," said Provost Anthony Fernandez, LCSC's chief academic officer. "But it really is a BSU degree."

The program will be the only master's degree available at LCSC. Through the school program a master's in teaching

degree to the State Board of Education in 2004, the board said it was beyond LCSC's mission to offer anything besides a four-year bachelor's degree.

Under BSU's plan, the master's program will be a 10-month course that includes traditional instruction and sending students to gain practical experience with established social workers. LCSC will not spend any money for the program, but will provide office space for BSU's program coordinator, Fernandez said.

Simpson: 'Sunshine' is best campaign reform

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer



Simpson
funding scandals which Simpson said has put the GOP "in disarray." He said he was completely surprised when California Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham resigned from Congress in November after pleading guilty to taking more than \$2 million in bribes from at least three defense contractors. He said the decorated

Navy fighter pilot who came home from Vietnam a hero was the last person he thought would be involved in a scandal.

But when it comes to Texas Rep. Tom DeLay, who resigned last week as Republican majority leader of the U.S. House after being indicted on campaign finance charges, Simpson said all he could say is "the spirit of the law" he did not break any Texas laws.

"Ultimately I think DeLay will be found not guilty on the charges brought against him," Simpson said.

Simpson said the remedy to the problem is not more complicated campaign finance laws, but to simply "let a little sunshine in." Lawmakers should

to report every dollar coming in and every dollar going out, he said.

"As long as people know where the money is coming and going, that's the best kind of campaign finance law," Simpson said.

Simpson said that in 2002 he received \$1,000 from Jack Abramoff, the high-powered lobbyist with connections to DeLay who pleaded guilty to conspiracy fraud and tax evasion and has agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors. Simpson said he recently donated \$2,000 to the Salvation Army.

SERVICES

- Alvin J. Junior* Hepworth of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.
- Iva L. Burgess McCoy of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
- Jim A. "Sonny" Lee of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; visitation at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.
- Kerna Young of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2626 Highland Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home).
- Opal Pearl Kirtland of Hagerman, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hagerman Cemetery (Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Gemma).
- Glen Dale Dewep Jr. of Boise and formerly of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Wendell American Legion Hall.
- Floyd Donald Schwab of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Eden, graveside service scheduled for Saturday has been postponed and will be announced later (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).
- Elda Bigelow Bruvold of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

- Fumiko Kusaba Tanaka of Spokane, Wash., funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 237 N. Water Ave., in Idaho Falls (Wood funeral Home in Idaho Falls).
- Russell D. Callen of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Buhl First Christian Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).
- Marvin Lee Daniels of Soda Springs, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sims Funeral Home in Soda Springs; friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.
- Betty Vert of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.
- Luella Williams Olsen of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W. Entombment at 3 p.m. Saturday in the mausoleum at the Jerome Cemetery; viewing one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.
- Lauretta E. Christian of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.
- Norman Lund Hintze of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Kempthorne

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to the assets is your governance and because you pay 50 percent, you're entitled to that money.

But that \$5 million is just seed money. Should colleges within the system want to expand programs, they might need to raise the money to do that, and rethink the governance structure.

Kempthorne defended his belief that property taxes are a local, not a state issue.

"If people think the state sales tax is too high, would the feds step in and send you a check?" he asked.

An interim legislative committee wanted to reduce the property tax levy from 3 mills to 1.5 mills. Kempthorne said that

adds up to \$182 million which is exactly what a one cent sales tax brings in.

"I don't think anyone is debating the full picture," Kempthorne said. "Again, the drums are being by legislators claiming local property tax relief, but doggone it, where is their legislation for the one cent sales tax increase or their proposal on when they're going to cut education and health care?" he asked.

And when it comes to Sempra's proposed coal-fired power plant in Jerome, should the decision be left to three Jerome County commissioners when it can impact air quality beyond the county lines?

"We have federal standards

that must be met and state standards that must be met," Kempthorne said.

"The standards are there, so you have air quality."

But when it comes to sitting, Kempthorne stopped short on saying the state should be involved.

And when it comes to bugging Medicare and Medicaid programs, Kempthorne says one of the solutions is to simplify, simplify, simplify.

Kempthorne said instead of having 57 different categories in which to place people, there should be three — young children, people with disabilities and the elderly. And the focus should be on preventing illness and catching

problems early on, before health problems reach the acute stage and treatment becomes more expensive. Children should have health assessments upon being entered in the program, and the elderly shouldn't have to wait until they are so sick they have to go into a nursing home before getting assistance from the state. Helping the elderly early on would allow them to stay in their own homes, he said.

When it comes to health care, the focus should be on prevention.

Grants

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cause it is the center of the community. Showdown: School District Superintendent Mel Wiseman told attendees that the community's help would be needed to provide the services.

"This school is a place where students and kids can come together in the community," Wiseman said. "The need is there, and I know we're busy, but hopefully there is a place for you in our school."

The meeting discussed the organization of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that could help with school activities — including those activities that will be provided through the grants.

Last night's discussion follows years of political turmoil that has deteriorated previous parent and teacher organizations, here, than four years ago, a small

group of parents formed a PTO; however, disagreements over authority between parents and school administrators created a divide that eventually led to the removal of the organization. Two years later, a group of parents formed the Volunteer Connection, which promoted educational opportunities and organized community cooperation with the schools.

"There have been some successful parent/teacher organizations, and then there have been some that have not been so successful," said Sue Cenarrusa, co-chair for the Volunteer Connection, who also has children enrolled in the school district.

Tara Hagen, co-chairwoman for the Volunteer Connection, said the meeting was only to help parents and community members with the information that would need to make an informed decision. She said the

next step will be to decide between a Parent Teacher Organization and a Parent Teacher Association — the difference being that an association is part of a national group, while an organization is more of a community-based effort.

"What it's about is a group of people we can call for extra help," said Don Pugaogao, Shoshone Elementary School principal. "I really hope you will support it because all we have to remember is that this is our school."

School administrators, parents and community members will meet in the next parent/teacher meeting on Feb.

8 to discuss the future organization of the parent and teacher system. Meanwhile, activities paid for by the grant may begin as soon next month.

Administrators said the community has always been supportive of school activities. They are hopeful it will see the grant activities — as well as the parent and teacher system — as another opportunity to be a part of the community.

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Capitol renovation approaches \$100M

BOISE (AP) — Higher construction costs are driving the price tag for renovations and additional meeting rooms at the Idaho Statehouse to around \$100 million.

The state decided to renovate the Statehouse in 2001, but Gov. Dirk Kempthorne halted the project amid a 2002 economic slump that cramped state tax revenue and forced a temporary sales tax increase. Now that the state has a \$214 million surplus, Kempthorne says it is the right time to fix up the building.

Originally pegged at \$64 million, inflation has added \$10 million to the renovation costs. On Wednesday, lawmakers discussed further remodeling that could boost the costs by another \$16 million to \$36 million.

The increases bother House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

Jaquet don't have a district in Boise, so my constituents ask why we are spending so much money on the Capitol," Jaquet said.



She acknowledges the high cost of the house renovation work, but said she wants to talk further with House Speaker Brad Little about the remodeling proposals.

"We're not trying to build a palace, just a building that will last for the next few generations," Jaquet said.

Renovations to the 100-year-old building would include larger and faster elevators, new sprinkler systems, safety upgrades and improvements to outdated electrical and communications systems.

"Essentially, it's rebuilding the entire infrastructure," said Tim Mason, administrator for the Public Works Department.

Kempthorne made the restoration a priority in his State of the State address Monday, noting that construction needs to start before construction

costs climb further. For every year the restoration is delayed, state estimates another \$5 million will be added to the project.

Kempthorne's office said the governor would like to use money from the tobacco tax passed last year to pay for the work.

On Wednesday, legislators in the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee were presented three proposals for additions to the Statehouse, and were told of the rising costs.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said legislative leaders have informally agreed on a proposal to add two single-story underground wings on the east and west ends of the Capitol. The \$24 million proposal would add 66,000 square feet, primarily to increase committee hearing space.

During last year's legislative session, a task force was selected to explore the possible options for the restoration. It suggested, after a narrow vote, a

different proposal that would add 30,000 square feet of space underneath the front steps of the Capitol. It is the least expensive of all the proposals at \$16 million.

That plan comes with higher per square foot costs, said budget analyst Eric Milstead. The solid cement steps would have to be removed during construction, as well as the portico. That would increase costs to \$350 per square foot, versus \$304 for the other proposal.

Removing the steps on the south side would also hamper interior restoration of the Capitol, Milstead said, because construction crews would use the south doors as a primary entrance.

A third plan is a combination of both proposals, with single-story wings underground in the front, east and west of the Statehouse, adding 96,000 square feet and costing \$36 million. Legislators haven't been warm to that idea because of the higher cost.

Senate bill would allow use of public money for preschool

BOISE (AP) — A northern Idaho lawmaker is trying again this year to pass a bill that would allow the use of public money for preschool.

Sen. Gary Schroeder's bill would actually allocate any money, but it would change the minimum age requirement for schoolchildren from 5 years to 4, which would allow local districts to spend money on preschool programs.

Schroeder thinks paying for preschool would save money in the long run. "When children are ill-equipped to be successful in life, it costs all of us," Schroeder, R-Moscow, said Wednesday. "We can send people to Harvard cheaper than having them in the juvenile justice system."

There are a few other states that decline, as Idaho does, to contribute state money to preschool programs. Barracough might be the only one in the

country that actually prohibits school districts from doing so, said Adele Robinson, who directs public policy for the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C. Robinson said children's advocates are watching closely to see what happens with Schroeder's bill.

"We've never had a situation before that we've encountered where there is an actual prohibition — as opposed to a lack of political will," Robinson said.

Opponents of allowing public preschool include the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, whose lobbyists have said it would cost too much. Some citizens worry about the cost of preschool and whether it takes children out of the home too soon, said Rep. Jack Barraclough, D-Idaho Falls and chairman of the House Education Committee. Barraclough said he's open to the idea.

Boise-area college could open by fall

BOISE (AP) — The president of Boise State University says the school could open a community college here this fall if lawmakers approve a proposal by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to create a \$5 million state fund for a statewide community college system.

Bob Kustra said classes could start with up to 600 students and be held at the BSU-West campus and in buildings in the Meridian and Boise school districts. Students would pay \$120 per credit hour, a third less than the cost at BSU.

Kustra called Kempthorne's plan a "real breakthrough for us." He said that not only would college be more affordable, but it would serve students who don't meet academic requirements for a university.

BSU is already serving 600 prospective students at the start of this school year. "It looks as if we are not being fair to the young people in Idaho by not giving them access" to education, Gary Michael, former Albertson's Inc. CEO and a member of the Boise Business College of Excellence in Education, told The Idaho Statesman.

Michael was among a number of business leaders who said they liked the community college plan.

"It's an economic development issue, an educational issue and an (educational) access issue," Michael said.

A community college also would provide an opportunity for people who left school to return to their education.

Currently, only 44.9 percent of Idaho high school graduates go directly to a college — the fourth-worst rate in the United States. That has prompted the effort to expand community college offerings.

Idaho has two community colleges: North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene and College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Under Kempthorne's plan, communities where the colleges are located would contribute up to \$500 for each student attending the college. The maximum a community would pay would be \$3,000 per student.

The BSU college would offer basic classes in English, history, sciences and more.

Kustra said instructors hired at the community college would teach a class or two but not be full-time professors.

"We don't need to pay Ph.D. research faculty to teach community college," he said.

Boise and Meridian districts are working on plans to make buildings available for the BSU community college.

Governor tours flooded state

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Gov. Christine Gregoire got a bird's-eye view of mudslides and washouts on Western Washington highways Wednesday as the waterlogged region entered its 24th consecutive day of rain.

Riding aboard a Blackhawk helicopter, Gregoire was flown over State Route 107 and U.S. Highway 101 in Grays Harbor and surrounding areas that were being flooded by the overflowing Chehalis River.

She was joined by Doug MacDonald, state transportation director, and Maj. Gen. Timothy Lowenberg, head of the Washington National Guard and director of the state's emergency management division.

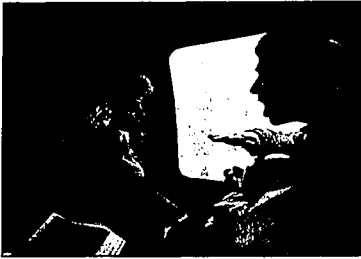
At State Route 107 near the city of Raymond, Gregoire saw a portion of road that had moved out of alignment due to the unstable ground beneath it. That road has been shut down.

"It looks more like an earthquake," she said after she returned to the Capitol. "The road sunk, buckled."

Gregoire said transportation officials were drilling to find a stable area and were hoping to get a temporary fix that would last through the wet winter.

She said the closed roads and others with lane closures were causing traffic headaches. "This is the lifeline for people to commute to wherever they're going for their jobs, or school or church," she said. "We've got a situation out there that is tenuous."

The rain let up over parts of Washington on Wednesday, but more was in the forecast as the National Weather Service



Washington state Gov. Christine Gregoire, left, talks with Tom Badger, a geologist with the state Department of Transportation, on Wednesday while viewing a flooded area over southwest Washington from a helicopter.

warned of more flooding in the lowlands and snow in the mountains from storms on the way.

Seattle was closing in on a record set in 1953, when it rained for 33 days straight. More than 11 inches have fallen since the back-to-back rainy days started Dec. 19.

The record is one day less not eager to beat, even though the regular downpours all but erase the threat of drought that state endured last year.

"We can't afford a lot more rain or else we'll face much worse problems than road washouts," she said.

Several rivers had flooded Wednesday, including the Columbia, Cowlitz, Chehalis, Skookumchuck, Skokomish,



Washington state Gov. Christine Gregoire, left, talks with Tom Badger, a geologist with the state Department of Transportation, on Wednesday while viewing a flooded area over southwest Washington from a helicopter.

Snoqualmie and Puyallup rivers. So far, officials said none of the flooding has been severe.

The weather service said flood watches would remain in effect for rivers in King, Lewis, Pierce, Thurston and Grays Harbor counties because more heavy rain was in the forecast.

In Skagit County, a Tuesday afternoon mudslide closed all lanes of State Route 20, a half-mile east of Concrete. The highway reopened Wednesday afternoon.

State Route 166 near Port Orchard remains closed Wednesday — five days after a mudslide prompted the closure. Transportation officials had no estimate for when it might reopen.

Darrington gets involved with human trafficking issue

BOISE — A state senator told legislative leaders Tuesday that human trafficking is an issue that needs to be addressed in Idaho.

The U.S. Attorney General's office in Boise estimates that between 1,500 and 17,000 people enter the United States from Canada each year as wives of Idaho polygamists. Some of these wives are children.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, co-chaired an interim committee charged with researching the issue and recommending legislation.

Darrington and the committee proposed a maximum 25-years sentence for anyone found guilty of human trafficking who is also found guilty of aggravated assault, felony injury to a child, sexual exploitation of a child or other serious crimes.

The committee's co-chair, Rep. Debbie Field, R-Boise, said she will introduce legislation reflecting those findings in the next few weeks.

State senator takes aim at eminent domain

BOISE — Sen. Skip Brandt, R-Kooskia, is trying to get out in front of an expected public outcry over eminent domain issues. He proposed eight bills Wednesday to prevent local governments from seizing private

Legislature in brief

vate land for business development.

Brandt said he has been researching eminent domain laws in Idaho since the Kelo v. City of New London decision was handed down by the Supreme Court in June. Brandt said he spent time in Washington, D.C., after the decision and met with Suzanne Kelo, whose home was seized by the City of New London.

"The right to protect and control one's home and property is a fundamental right and an essential tenet of our free society, which I will fight to protect," Brandt said in a news release.

— compiled from wire reports

Woman accused in death was subject of earlier suit

POCATELLO (AP) — A woman charged with felony injury to a child in the death of a 2-year-old last December was a defendant in a multimillion-dollar lawsuit filed in 1986 that stemmed from allegations she mistreated a 4-year-old at a day care in central Idaho.

Police allege that Michelle Bott-Graham, 39, hurt 2-year-old Cameron Hamilton when she was treating him for autism at her home in Pocatello on Nov. 29. She was an unlicensed counselor working at Achieving a Better Life, a day care in Chubbuck, police said.

Bott-Graham's hearing on the felony charge was held last week in Pocatello. Conviction

on the charge carries a maximum of 15 years in prison.

Police said Bott-Graham, whose counseling license was revoked because of a drug arrest in 2003, returned Cameron to the day care in an unresponsive state, and that day care workers then called authorities.

Officials in Chubbuck revoked ABL's business license for various violations, including not conducting a background check before hiring Bott-Graham.

The 2.5-million-dollar suit filed in 1986 was dismissed after two years with prejudice, meaning it couldn't be refiled.

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“ We’ve had our ups and downs. That’s for sure. ”

— U.S. Olympic skeleton racer Noelle Pikus-Pace on sexual harassment claims against coach Tim Nardello and gold-medal favorite Zach Lund being barred from racing over a drug test that showed a masking agent

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who was the youngest woman’s player ever to win tennis’ U.S. Open?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High School

BOWLING
Jerome at Wendell, 4 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL
Community School at Twin Falls Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Camas County at Bliss, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
Highland at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
Magie Valley Christian at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.
Murtough at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
Wood River at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Buhl at Kimberly, 7 p.m.
Community School at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
Dietrich at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Filer at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Gooding at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Idaho receiver declares for draft

MOSCOW — Idaho wide receiver D.J. Smith will skip his senior season and make himself available for the NFL draft. Smith, a second-team all-Western Athletic Conference pick, played in 10 games and caught passes for 1,001 yards and seven touchdowns. Smith finished second in the WAC in receiving yards per game and 12th nationally. He was third in receptions per game in the conference and 18th nationally.

Buhl High School gym dedication is Jan. 21

BUHL — Buhl High School will be holding an official dedication ceremony for its new gymnasium during the halftime of the Saturday, Jan. 21 boys basketball home game against Declo.

Castleford youth hoops holds sign-ups

CASTLEFORD — Castleford youth basketball will hold its registration for boys grades 2-4 at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at the high school gymnasium. Call 543-5011 for more information.

Snowmobile drag races planned

FAIRFIELD — The Northside Region will be sponsoring snowmobile drag races on Sunday, Jan. 15. The site is one mile north of Fairfield, then turn right. For more information, contact Ben Holland at 358-1123 or Tina Holland at 334-4016. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a drivers meeting set for 11:30. Races begin at noon. Cash and trophies will be awarded.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tracy Austin, 16 years old, in 1973.

Buhl woman celebrates 50 years as hoops scorekeeper

By Nathaniel Garrabrant
Times-News writer

BUHL — Draw up a list of things to which people manage to stay dedicated for over half a century and you won't run out of paper. And then there's question of how Buhl resident Nelda Reynolds offers a simple answer from her experience at the scores table, a task dating back to 1955.

"The young people," she said, "you never run out of friends if you get to know young people." The current season marks Reynolds' 50th year as an official high school basketball scorekeeper, the last 33 for the Buhl Indians.

"To me, we shouldn't be categorized as young people or senior citizens," said Reynolds. "We're all just friends of different ages. And then, for instance, I know coaches from other towns and their friends that I wouldn't have otherwise known. And then the referees, believe it or not, I've had lots of good lifetime friends that were referees."

Reynolds began keeping score in Castleford, where her former husband was the junior varsity coach before he headed up with 10th grade teams in Twin Falls.

Over her three decades in the Buhl High gym, which have seen 10 varsity coaches come and go, Reynolds' books have logged stats for a son, a future son in law, and five grandchildren.

"I've been very blessed," said Reynolds, who retired Dec. 31, 2004, from Farmers National Bank in Buhl after 24 years. "How many people get to see all their grandkids grow up and play and all of them live in the same town? That's a real blessing."

Her son, Allyn Reynolds, now the Twin Falls High athletic trainer, sees his mother's commitment from a similar perspective as her own.

"I think she just enjoys young people," he said. "I think it keeps her thinking young just being around kids, being connected and feeling like she has a role. I think as we get older, we sometimes feel like we lose touch with the younger people. And my mom hasn't. It's allowed her to stay young. She calls me all the time. I still feel like I'm 16."

A multi-sport standout, Allyn played for Buhl's 1978 state runner-up basketball team and was named MVP in the Indiana's varsity program by two sons, 1999 graduates Adam and Aric, and a daughter, current Buhl senior Albe.

Allyn credits his family's penchant for athletic commitment to his mother's example. "I can remember back in seventh grade when I went out for track, I didn't like track and I was going to quit," he said. "She was going to have nothing of that. She said, 'You're going to stick it out and I don't care if you don't go out next year, but you're going to finish seventh grade track.' Those are the things I think my mom taught me about lessons of life. You just stay with things and finish them. If you start things, you finish them. And those are the things that I've tried to instill in my kids and the kids that coach."

For Nelda, the sports-life analogy is more than just play. "To me, sports — if they're played and they're taught like

Keeping score



Nelda Reynolds looks on during a recent boys basketball game. Reynolds has kept score at Buhl High School basketball games for the past 33 years, 50 including Castleford and Twin Falls.

they should be — prepare you for the game of life," she said. "But you must go out and play to win. I don't think you go out just to be there. You go out and do your best. And that's the way I look at it."

In addition to keeping the basketball books, Reynolds has also kept score for Buhl's American Legion baseball off and on for 40 years. She says she's unsure of how much longer she'll continue, but she "can still read the number of fingers on the referees' hands" and has no plans to give up her seat at the scores table anytime soon.

Nor does anyone expect her to. "She loves doing it and Buhl High School loves her doing it," said Buhl High athletic director Tom Chivers. "We don't pay her

very much for doing it, so she's basically doing it out of the goodness of her heart. I think it is very impressive — 50 years. But I bet Nelda could do it for another 20. Wait until they give her her 70-year celebration."

Much of the decision hinges on her interest once there are no more grandchildren to watch on the court. Grandson James Osterkamp will graduate this spring, but his brother Patrick is still a sophomore, while Reynolds awaits a grand-daughter currently in the sixth grade.

"Right now it's hard to even think about all of them being gone," she said. "But I've already learned that secret — love other people's kids and you'll never run out."

After Washington, D.C.-based image maker Morris Reid heard Miller's comments, he issued a statement: "With the ... Winter Olympics quickly approaching and Americans' interest at an all-time low, someone needed to create some hype. Bode Miller is exactly what the Olympic team needs right now to garner some attention in the U.S."

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Why, after all, do you think we're hearing that there are the Torino Winter Games rather than the Turin Winter Games? NBC decided it sounded more exciting to call the city the host (Italian city by its name that conjures up thoughts of that cool cat Staryk and Hutch once they're called the Olympic team that only remains of that mysterious linen cloth.

What Miller just did for NBC and Torino was provide some much-needed advance publicity that neither the network nor the town could have purchased, and on another network, to boot.

Miller offers cure for those Winter TV blahs

DALLAS — A quick Winter Olympics primer: Biatlons, which combine what Donald Trump would probably term the "slog" of cross-country skiing with target practice. Curling. It adds the thrilling drudgery of sweeping off the porch with bowling on a frozen pond.

KEVIN B. BLACKSTONE
Dallas Morning News

Luge. It's sliding supine downhill on your flexible flyer instead of prostate.

Wake up out there! Yet U.S. ski coach Phil McNichol wondered aloud Tuesday whether his downhill sensation, Bode Miller, who once called for doping to be legal in sports, should remain on the Olympic team after telling 60 Minutes on Sunday that he didn't find it easy skiing while drunk.

Over Dick Ebersol's frozen tush! College football may not need Marcus Vick. The NFL proved it can get along without Terrell Owens. The NBA made it just fine sans Ron Artest.

But the Winter Olympics, which NBC paid more than \$500 million to broadcast next month, needs its bad boy, Miller. It can't thrive on sequins and your grandmother's flesh-colored support hose alone.

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Why, after all, do you think we're hearing that there are the Torino Winter Games rather than the Turin Winter Games? NBC decided it sounded more exciting to call the city the host (Italian city by its name that conjures up thoughts of that cool cat Staryk and Hutch once they're called the Olympic team that only remains of that mysterious linen cloth.

What Miller just did for NBC and Torino was provide some much-needed advance publicity that neither the network nor the town could have purchased, and on another network, to boot.

Delivering the pizza

Senators fans can rely on free slices of late

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — The Ottawa Senators are delivering for their fans. Fans at every home win in which the Senators score, or more goals get free pizza, a seemingly safe idea for the restaurant chain that negotiated the promotion. Then Ottawa reached the mark in four of its last five home games.

"I didn't sign the deal," said captain Daniel Alfredsson, who along with Dany Heatley and Jason Spezza stars on a Senators top line now known by monikers such as the Pizza Line or the Delivery Boys because of its scoring prowess.

A spokesman for the restaurant said about half of the fans redeem their ticket stubs for a pizza slice at participating restaurants the day after victories in which the Senators score at least six goals. He estimates it costs the company an average of \$250 in free pizza each time Ottawa reaches the magic six-



Ottawa Senators forward Dany Heatley (facing camera) celebrates his goal with teammates Daniel Alfredsson, left, and Jason Spezza, foreground, during first-period NHL hockey action in Ottawa, on Dec. 17.

goal mark. "We love it," said Pat Finelli, vice president of marketing for the Toronto-based Pizza Pizza chain. "It's great. They've got a spectacular team and they're doing phenomenal this year."

Senators' president Roy Mikluk said it is one of the most successful promotions he has been involved with in more than 30 years in professional sports.

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NFL Playoffs
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doing what is best for the team."

During the offseason, coach Mike Shanahan knew Plummer had to improve. He sat down with his quarterback, turned on the tape machine and reviewed every pass Plummer threw during his first two tumultuous seasons in Denver.

The conclusion was that the Boise native didn't have to do as much as he thought. Surrounded by a strong supporting cast for the first time in his career, he simply had to get used to making the obvious throws that came out of Shanahan's well-designed offense. He had to hand off avoid interceptions, left-handed throws and other silly mistakes that seemed to define his first three years in the league.

Simply, he only had to manage. See PIZZA, Page C2

SPORTS

Burley girls sweep T.F.

BURLEY Jessica Brice's lead lay in with 123...

The victory gives Burley a season sweep of the Bruins...

Sophomore Nicole Tulman added two free throws with 21.8 ticks left to clinch...

Bruins freshman Megan Crist made it 36-35 with five seconds left but their girls were unable to stop the clock...

Burley travels to Minico while Idaho Falls visits Idaho Falls, both on Friday.

Idaho Falls 44, Minico 38 IDAHO FALLS — Idaho Falls pulled away in the fourth quarter...

Boys basketball Richfield 50, Butte County 40, 4T

ARC — Richfield picked up a tough overtime win, downing 2A Butte County 50-44...

Butte county scored the final five points of regulation to force overtime...

Richfield 50, Butte County 44 OT

Jerome 62, Burley 13 JEROME — Jerome took advantage of some fouls in the first half...

Results Jerome 62, Burley 13

Filer sweeps triangular FILER — Filer defeated Wendell 39-34 and Wood River 57-24...

Results Filer 39, Wendell 34

Filer 67, Wood River 34

"Never doubt that a group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world..."

Local sports

Wendell 54, Wood River 32

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Bowling Minico boys, girls sweep Filer

FILER — The Minico boys varsity prevailed 9-4 behind a high score of 202 pins...

Kimberly girls edge Wendell

IDAHO FALLS — The Kimberly girls varsity defeated Wendell 7-6 behind a high score of 166 pins...

Burley boys, Declo girls prevail

BURLEY — The Burley boys varsity downed Declo 12-1 behind a high score of 168 pins...

Late Tuesday Girls basketball

Castleford 36

Malta — Lindsay Hutchison pumped in 14 points and Nicole Harper 10 led Raft River past Castleford 55-36...

Hagaman 40, Oakley 32

CHAMBERLAIN — Shell Smith scored 15 and Chaucer Axelson 10 to pace Hagaman past Oakley for a 40-32 road win...

Wrestling Gooding grapplers sweep Valley triangular

HAZELTON — Gooding defeated Valley 53-31 and Buhl 48-23 Tuesday night to pick up two dual meet victories...

Results Hazelton 53, Valley 31

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Flamboyant Portis faces MVP Alexander

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — As someone who knows both Shaun Alexander and Clinton Portis...

Both are fun, they're just different," said Springs, a teammate of Alexander's...

Well, Portis dressed as an angel two weeks ago, one of his costumed appearances that have become a weekly highlight at Redskins Park...

"He might think I'm the devil, but Shaun Alexander is a great back," Portis said. "For the longest time, people said he was soft and couldn't do this and couldn't do that..."

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Clinton Portis Height: 5-foot-11 Weight: 205 Age: 24 Experience: 4 years College: Miami (Fla.) Carries-yards this season: 352-1,516 TDs: 11

one," he said. "I had to come out and show my beautiful face."

Alexander set an NFL record with 28 touchdowns, led the league in rushing with 1,880 yards and helped lead the Seahawks to an NFC-best 13-3 record...

Portis set a Redskins record with 1,513 yards, including five straight 100-yard efforts in the season-ending five-game winning streak that got Washington into the playoffs...

to mind while he was discussing the "extra pounding" he said Alexander avoids.

Both have more or less toed the party line this year, and both have enjoyed better seasons. Although he might come across as a clown during his dress-up time...

"I actually have learned to become more patient, just knowing what the guys are doing around me," Portis said.

Jazz beat 76ers to win third straight road game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mehmet Okur scored 25 points and Andrei Kirilenko added 23, helping the Utah Jazz overcome Allen Iverson's 46 points in a 110-102 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Milt Palacio had 17 points, Jordan King scored 16 and Okur had eight assists and eight rebounds as Utah won its third straight game on the road.

The NBA Eastern Division-leading Jazz have won eight of nine, improving to two games above .500 for the first time since starting 4-2.

Chris Webber scored 21 points and Samuel Dalembert had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the struggling Sixers, who have lost six of nine.



The 76ers beat Milwaukee Tuesday night. Portis had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Raptors, who have won six of eight.

Knicks 117, Mavericks 115 OT NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury scored 28 points, Antonio Davis provided a spark in overtime, and the Knicks blew out Dallas for their fifth straight win.

Raptors 95, Bobcats 86 TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 29 points and 10 rebounds and Mike James added 24 points for the Raptors in a victory over injured-ravaged Charlotte.

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At one point midway through the year, he was being touted as a Most Valuable Player candidate. He laughed at that and tried to deflect it, insisting that Denver's center, Tom Nalen, was more deserving than he was.

Of course, he didn't end up as an MVP or anything close. In fact, despite what was arguably the best of his nine NFL seasons — maybe not statistically, but in the overall result — he was only voted as a second-team candidate for the Pro Bowl.

At least publicly, Plummer has been badly boring most of the season, willing to accept — or at least keep up — the fact that he is one of 111 cops in an offense that has ranked very well.

Philadelphia 76ers Allen Iverson has trouble getting a shot off on the wings into Greg Oden's Utah Jazz in the first half of their NBA basketball game Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Timberwolves 99, Bulls 93 MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 28 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists to lead the Timberwolves over Chicago.

Garnett's 34th career double-double helped snap a three-game losing streak and Wally Szczerbiak added 25 points and nine rebounds for Minnesota.

Andres Nocioni scored 16 of his 23 points in the fourth and Kirk Hinrich had 17 points, a career-high 17 assists and eight rebounds for the Bulls.

Kings 88, Rockets 80 HOUSTON — Mike Bibby and Corliss Williamson scored 15 points each for the Kings past short-handed Houston.

Mike Miller had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who won for the second time in five games.

Jwan Howard had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Rockets, who have lost four in a row and 11 of 14 home games this season.

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Pizza

Continued from C1

ing Senators accomplished that in each of their first three games at the Core Center — which will be renamed Scotiabank Place on Friday.

Ottawa failed to score five goals in its next three home games, but the Senators soon mustered to the new stadium and resumed their pizza delivery service. In their next 14 home games, the Senators had six wins in which they scored at least six goals.

"I'm sure they had a great plan in the beginning," says Senators center Bryan Smolinski, who has suffered for the injured Spzera on the top line recently and delivered the "pizza" goal twice this season. "It's not going to happen all year."

He threw up his hands in one of attending a Senators home game and hearing fans start to chant, "Pizza! Pizza!" once Ottawa reaches five goals. The feeling, he said, is worth all the

average of 4.65 goals per game. Even still, the restaurant chain has no intention of adjusting the promotion again.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION
Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and Ordinance No. 2945 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 6:00 o'clock p.m. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote upon the following question, to wit:
ELECTION: 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 library facility, and such other furnishings, equipment, and other capital items 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 of such series which may be less than but which shall not exceed twenty (20) years, as more fully provided in Ordinance No. 2945 adopted January 3, 2006.

- Said election shall be held at the following polling places:
- First Precinct: Twin Falls City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Avenue East
 - Second Precinct: Twin Falls County Court House, 425 Shoshone Street North
 - Third Precinct: Church of the Brethren, 4th Floor Avenue West
 - Fourth Precinct: Robert Stuart Junior High School, 644 Caswell Avenue West
 - Fifth Precinct: Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive North
 - Sixth Precinct: D.A.W. Hall, 459 Shoshone Avenue
 - Seventh Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street
 - Eighth Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street
 - Ninth Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Flair Avenue East
 - Tenth Precinct: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flair Ave E
 - Eleventh Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Flair Avenue East
 - Twelfth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Avenue East
 - Thirteenth Precinct: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flair Ave E
 - Fourteenth Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Flair 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 East
 - Eighteenth Precinct: Oregon Trail Elementary School, 650 Park Avenue East
 - Nineteenth Precinct: O'Leary Junior High School (multifunction building), 2350 Elizabeth Boulevard
 - Twentieth Precinct: Agape Foursquare 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 registrars the County 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 for the precinct in which the individual maintains residence, by completing a registration card, making an oath in the form prescribed and providing proof of residence as called for under Section 34-408A, 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. 2945. The ballot proposition and question to be voted upon shall be separate from any other measures or candidates being voted upon at 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 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 such election assent to the issuing of said general obligation bonds and the incurring of the indebtedness thereby created for such purposes stated in the election question and Ordinance No. 2945, such general obligation bonds, in one or more series of bonds, shall be issued for such voter 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 50-102b, 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 29/100 percent (4.29%). The range of anticipated rates is from three and 25/100 percent (3.25%) to six and 45/100 percent (6.45%). The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the proposed general obligation bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$6,100,000.
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 in the Council Chambers of 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.
/s/ Sharon Bryan
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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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, 305 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's Annual Report, and the transacting of any business that may properly come before such meeting.
/s/ Jason A. Meyer-Chaffee, Secretary
PUBLISH: January 5 and 12, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the emergency response plan for chemical accidents developed for the Twin Falls County area, and extremely hazardous substance notification, material safety data sheets, chemical inventory forms and accidental release notifications submitted by facilities are available for public review at the Office of the Twin Falls County Emergency Services Coordinator at 112 6th Ave. North, from April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007, 9 AM - 4 PM regular week days. For more information please contact the Twin Falls County Emergency Services Coordinator, Jackie Frey at 736-4234.
Twin Falls County Local Emergency Planning Committee is required to publish this notice pursuant to section 3 24(b), U.S.C. Section 11044 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.
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IN THE COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA
Case No. 2005-1144
NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT
2020 PRODUCE SALES, INC. Plaintiff
vs
JULIE LINDAUER DOUTHETT and
MARK BARNETT DOUTHETT wife and husband; JOHN DOES AND JANE DOES 1 - 10 Defendants

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF an Order of this Court for a Writ of Attachment issued on the 30th day of December, 2005, out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court, I am commanded and required to provide notice of the attachment of the property described in said Writ of Attachment, said property being more particularly described on Exhibit attached hereto.
1. BANK ACCOUNT
D.L. Evans, 397 North Overland, Burley, Idaho
Account #: 543775641004560
Account #: 543775641004450
Account #: 5417775641003029
Account #: 5417756410025068
D.L. Evans, 318 Oneida, Rupert, Idaho or 127 E. 11, Burley
Account #: 94108578
Account #: 200151812
Account #: 50016818
First Federal Savings Bank, 2059 Overland, Burley, Idaho;
Account #: 800506359

2. Personal Property
Vehicle:
2005 Ford F350 (last 6 digits of Vin No.: 835331)
2001 GMC Truck (last 6 digits of Vin No.: 109440)
2004 Mazda RX8 (last 6 digits of Vin No.: 111515)
1985 Nissan Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No.: 350193)
1995 Chevrolet Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No.: 114518)
1968 Ford Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No.: E93351)
1988 Ford Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No. B10685)

Miscellaneous
Any and all interest, shares or stock or other ownership which Defendants may hold in Agra-Air, Inc., an Idaho Corporation.
Any and all accounts and/or assets maintained at Chase, Burley office.
3. Real Property
1691 Fleetwood 14680 mobile home and real property situated at 359 South 350 East, Burley, Cassia County, Idaho
1974 Concord 1461 mobile home and real property situated at 243 West 200 South, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any creditor of the Defendants herein who, within thirty (30) days after the first posting and publication of this Notice, shall commence and thereafter diligently prosecute in final judgment of law proceedings against the Defendant and shall share pro rata with the attaching creditor in the proceeds of Defendant's property where there is not sufficient proceeds to pay all judgments in full against them.
Dated this 30th day December, 2005
CLERK OF THE COURT
Diana Smith
Account #: 200151812
Account #: 50016818
Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: January 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13th, 2006

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT

WILLIAM AOR VICTORIA WOLFE OF PO BOX 398, GRANDVIEW ID 83624 filed an Application for Transfer for a Snake River water right with a 1953 priority date totaling 38 cfs. The right originally part of the Bell Rapids Main Irrigation system, provided irrigation for 260 acres. The right has been diverted west of Hagerman to irrigate 260 acres about 1 to 2 miles north-east of the intersection of Elmore, Cuyhose and Twin Falls Counties. The location of the transfer is to retire 33 acres of irrigation and relocate that portion to 33 acres south of Hwy 70 about 1 mile west of Grandview. Water for the proposed change will be diverted from the river near Flyer 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 209-338-2100 or www.idwr.idaho.gov to see a scanned copy of the application under water right no. 2-10283 (priority numbered 2-10224). Fees may be submitted in accordance with 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 83705-5292 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

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Notice of Trustee's Sale
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 27, 2005 Sale date and time (local time): Monday 2006 at 10:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 509 8th Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83318 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, 2059 Overland, Burley, WA 99009-0957 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust Information Original grantor: Linda Lee Loehr, an unmarried person Original trustee: Original American Title of Twin Falls Original beneficiary: First Security Bank, N.A. Recording date: February 22, 1999 Recorder's instrument number: 1999-0355 County: Twin Falls Legal description on the obligation: as of December 27, 2005: \$29,354.83 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. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, the change in amount necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address above. Payment may be provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-1113 but is not identified to comply with the property legal description in Lot 6 in Block 64 of Buhl Township, Twin Falls County, Idaho according to the Official Plat recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as recorded in the sale procedure as viewed at www.northwesttrustee.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or any kind. (TS# 7023.11224) 1002.51605-FEI

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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CITY OF TWIN FALLS ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2005

This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Auditor as required by 40-706, Idaho Code. Dated this 29th day of December, 2005. Gladys Evans, City Clerk Gladys Dwight, Mayor

Beginning Balance as of October 1 Previous Year RECEIPTS	\$2,478,412
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax (for roads, streets & bridges)	5,303
Interest income	78,839
Fund transfers from non-highway accounts	59,785
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	532,205
Total Local Funding	676,137
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	1,420,335
Total State Funding	1,420,335
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,536,442
DISBURSEMENTS	
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Roads (rebuild, resurf, or "2" overlay upgrade)	1,391,338
Total Reconstruction/Replacement	1,391,338
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	443,210
Other routine maintenance	14,937
Total Routine Maintenance	458,147
EQUIPMENT	
New equipment purchase-automotive, heavy, other	103,079
Equipment lease - Equipment purchase	1,185
Other equipment	208,467
Total Equipment	512,731
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	687,834
OTHER	
Street lighting	307,748
Fund transfers to non-highway accounts	213,202
All other local expenditures	2,430
Total Other	523,380
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,249,281
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(812,839)
CLOSING BALANCE	1,624,573
Funds obligated for specific future projects	1,624,573
Funds obligated for general funds and operations	0
OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	
ENDING BALANCE	0

PUBLISH: January 12, 2006

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

Case No. CV 2005-0037
ANOTHER SUMMONS ON CROSSCLAIM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING, INC.
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
DARREN D. BELIN; BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC.; RAYMOND A. BELL
 and **LAUNDA L. BELL; and JIM KITCHENS, INC.**
 Defendants.

JIM KITCHENS, INC.,
 Courtclaimant 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 HAS ENTERED JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. You are hereby notified that you must file an answer, an appropriate written response, and 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 may enter judgment against you as defendants by default. The amount of judgment is \$3,070,000. Crossclaimants seek Judgment against Cross defendants as follows:
 1. For Judgment in the amount of \$3,070,000;
 2. For attorney fees in the amount of \$2,185,000;
 3. For prejudgment 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, to be null, 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 herein in the First Amended Crossclaim;
 7. For such other and further relief as the Court may determine to be appropriate.

You are to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) of the Rules of the District Court 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 or denials of the separate allegations of the Crossclaim and other defenses you may claim.
 3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.
 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Crossclaimants' attorneys registered with the Court.
 A copy of the Amended Crossclaim can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Crossclaimants.
 5. Your other file in the District Court.
 DATED this 14th 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. 113, Twin Falls, Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Republic Mortgage, a lender of money, and as Grantor to the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:
 Lot 2 in Block 68 of Twin Falls Townsite, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 1 of Plats at Page 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 45-1508(1), THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 433 3rd Ave. North, Twin Falls, ID 83401 and 483 3rd Ave. North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

In successful bid 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. 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 previous sale, will be rejected, all and only bid with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Daniel E. Green and Bhanu M. Green, Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Republic Mortgage, a lender of money, and as Trustee for the Ralph Bowman Trust also shown or recorded as Ralph L. Bowman and Elva M. Bowman as trustees for the Ralph, as Beneficiary, recorded November 22, 1997 as Instrument No. 1997-010357. Mortgage records in Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1508(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR 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 in said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$56,000.00 together 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 \$443.00 per month and continuing each 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. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charge, ad valorem, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$42,062.32, excluding interest, costs and expenses incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and other reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
 Dated: November 18, 2005
 Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
 Ralph L. Bowman, Trust Officer
 (877) 947-1553

PUBLISH: December 22, 29, 2005, January 5, and 12, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, The Idaho State Brand Inspector is holding one grey broke cow with a right hip brand and one grey broke calf found in the Shoshone Basin Area. May be claimed with proof of ownership. Twin Falls Fair Exposures at the Twin Falls Brand Office, 733-8270.

PUBLISH: January 12 and 19, 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 2005-00785-M
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE Matter of the Estate of:
NELLIE JEAN SNOW,
 Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.
 DATED this 30th day of December, 2005.
 Gladys Snow
 c/o Jeff Stoker
 PO Box 1597
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1597

PUBLISH: January 12, 19 and 26, 2006

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASSIA MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2005-00785-M
NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
 IN THE Interest of:
TYRAE LYNN SHAW
 c/o J. Stoker
 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age.

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on February 10, 2006 at 1:30 PM in the Magistrate Court, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho. The following individual shall personally appear in said hearing:
DEBRA M. SHAW, Mother of above-named child.

The above-named individual is further notified that she is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If she is financially unable to retain an attorney, she may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.
 December 22, 2005
 Magistrate
 (877) 947-1553

PUBLISH: January 12, 19 and 26, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on January 31, 2006, a Tuesday, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the Planning and Zoning Commission chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:
TODD WATSON
 Requests a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-PUD to develop a duplex housing development on a 1.2 acre parcel of property located on the west side of the 100 block of Morningside Drive. The applicant made a preliminary P.U.D. presentation before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at 7 p.m.; and the public hearing will be held before the Commission on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers.

FEDERATION POINTE, LLC
 Requests a Zoning Title Amendment which would allow the modification of Title 10 for the Twin Falls, Idaho, City Code by adding a process whereby additional building height may be allowed through the PUD process on properties located within that portion of the Canyon Rim Zoning District and adjacent to the Canyon Canyon Rim, between Rock Creek Canyon and the center line of county road 3300 East and by adding a definition of commercial use. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Planning and Zoning Department, 263 Second Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Persons needing special accommodations at a public hearing are requested to contact the City of Twin Falls at 733-2827 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.
 City of Twin Falls, Caraway, Acting Planning & Zoning Director

PUBLISH: Thursday, January 12, 2006

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Idaho Code 45-1508 Today's date: December 27, 2005. Sale date and time (local time): 10:00 AM, 2006 at 10:00 AM Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Property reference: 1940 Alta Drive Twin Falls, ID 83301 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trust Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, P.O. Box 977 Bellevue, WA 98008-0977 (425) 435-9906 Deed of Trust Information Original grantor: Donald K. Barkes, an unmarried man and Amy W. Wessmers, an unmarried woman, together with their children, Republic & Escrow Company Original beneficiary: Republic Mortgage Corporation, A Utah Corporation Recording: August 27, 1998 Recorder's instrument number: 1998-015643 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 27, 2005: \$20,414.68 Basis of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information or to call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with Idaho Code but is not warranted, it is correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 3 of Royal Crest Subdivision, Twin Falls recorded in Book 10, Page 1, MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 3 of Royal Crest Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho. According to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of plats, Page 41, records of said county. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrust.com. The sale is made with representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307,21815) 1002.51806-FE1

PUBLISH: January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 2006

ATF4900503397-AAE AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Wednesday, April 27, 2006 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock AM, of said day in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers 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 equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable 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 68 of Twin Falls Townsite, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 1 of Plats at Page 7, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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3	7	9	1	4
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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-05-8202
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
BARBARA G. WHEAT, 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.

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 3:00 P.M. of said day, the offices of the Falls Title & Escrow Company, located at 905 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all of the real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Lot 1 and the adjacent vacated 10 ft of 2nd Street West and the adjacent vacated 10 feet of 3rd Street West in Block 2, Township 34N, Range 12E, T34N, R12E, Idaho, according to the plat of that record recorded in Casson 1, official page 93, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

This 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 address is 316 Half Railroad Avenue West, Hansen, Idaho 83334, is someone 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 power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Phillip E. Mulcahy and Betty L. Mulcahy, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Daniel E. Whitney, as Trustee of the Idaho State Bar Association, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Washington Federal Savings, Beneficiary, said Deed of Trust having been recorded in Instrument S-1938 as Instrument No. 1098-014256, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The above Grantor(s) are intended to cede to the Trustee all rights of 45-1506(4)(e). No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this claim.

The nature of the default for which this sale is to be made is the failure of the Grantor(s) to pay monthly installments in the sum of \$350.00 per month for the period of October 2005 through December 2005, in accordance with the provisions of the Promissory Note of even date, dated by said Grantor(s) and Trustee.

The original loan amount was \$67,880.00, with interest thereon at the initial adjustable rate of 7.25% per annum commencing January 1, 1998. The unpaid balance of said Promissory Note, including accrued interest through December 31, 2005 is \$82,419.00. Interest accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.14% per day, until paid, late charges of \$49.56, and attorney fees and court costs of \$690.00.

All subsequent amounts due and payable, along with all accruing late charges, and all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure. Due on the 4th day of January, 2006.

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
By/Daniel E. Whitney
Attorney at Law
PO Box 817
Boise, ID 83701

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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

IN THE INTEREST OF: Angel Miralles, d.o.b. 10-23-91, CASE NO. CV 2005-1478

THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETING TO ROBERTA COUCH.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT: A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Protesting Attorney, alleging that the above-named children come within the purview of the Child Protection Act and you are the biological mother of Angel Miralles, are hereby directed to appear personally before the court for an Adjudicatory Hearing at the County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln or the Jerome County Judicial Annex, 233 W. Main Street, Jerome, Idaho on each day of January, 2006 at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

You are hereby notified that service of such petition upon you and attorney of your choice or guardian of the respective children, does confer the personal jurisdiction of the court upon you and does not confer jurisdiction upon the provisions of the Child Protective Act. You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child.

You are further notified that the child and the parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by and attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent the child or parent(s), guardian, or custodian at court proceedings. You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the department and is not placed in the home care for a period not less than three (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the department shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights would not be in the best interest of the child(ren) or reasonable efforts have not been provided to reunite the child(ren) with their family or the child(ren) is placed permanently with a relative.

Thomas H. Dorson, Magistrate Judge

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. A copy of the application is available at the Planning and Zoning Commission, 321 Second Avenue East, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1907 (208) 735-7245

Requesters a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment from Urban Residential to Professional Office at the southeast corner of Falls Avenue East and Eastside Drive. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7259. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7257 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

PUBLISH: Thursday, January 12, 2006
Thursday, January 19, 2006
Thursday, January 26, 2006

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-05-5194
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 estate. 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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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-05-5194
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
LLOYD 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, Fitzhugh & Robertson, 195 2nd Avenue East, Boise, Idaho 83702, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

PUBLISH: January 5, 12 and 19, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are outlined in this public notice. They are of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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PO Box 548
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Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

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-05-5295
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
MIRANDA UPTAHL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JENNIE SOBOTKA-TILLEY is hereby appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her 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.

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BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2006 CANYON SPRING REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Deputy City Clerk at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 27, 2006, at which time they shall be publicly opened and read in the City Hall Conference Room of the Twin Falls City Hall. Bids will be received for the sewer line replacement project. Specifications with specifications and/or plans are available at the office of the City Engineer, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) contract fee plus a TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$25.00) mailing fee is required. Sharon M. Bryan, Deputy City Clerk, City of Twin Falls, 321 Second Avenue East, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907 (208) 735-7245

PUBLISH: January 12, and January 19, 2006
Open: January 27, 2006

FOUND and FOUND

FOUND cat, female, gray & white. In the Wendell area. Call 208-536-5870.
FOUND dog, female, Border Collie, English brown & white. Salt 177 on Blue Lakes Valley Rd. Call 208-731-8170.
FOUND dog, male, White/Yellow with blue collar. Found in Buell. Please call 208-643-4771.
FOUND gold bracelet with name and address. Found in parking lot. Call to identify 404-6818 or 842-5626.
FOUND key on neck strap on 5th Street. Found in Buell. Please call 208-320-1370.
FOUND set of keys in Paul, ID. Call to identify 208-439-5598.
LOST Black Lab mix. 1 year old, answers to "Flowly". Wearing a blue collar. Lost 0103 vicinity 302 Washington N. Reward offered \$173-4895 or 371-0453.
LOST Boxer, brindle, female, spayed, collar. Reward call 731-2093 or 371-3098.
LOST cat, large neutered male, dark brown, black stripes, yellow mustache on white face. Lost near 1408 S. 2nd. Reward call 876-6543.
LOST CRP trailer, silver Verizon 133 model. Lost near Twin Falls. Please call 326-3473.
LOST Chinuausa black with long hair at 251 N. Nickel. Reward call 678-0919 or 678-1340.
LOST diaper bag, navy blue, in Holyburn area. Call 208-438-0488.
LOST digital camera, Nikon Cool Pix FE somewhere between Meridian and Twin Falls. Reward call 208-724-8745 or 404-504-3040 for Taylor or Jamie.

Asking Questions?

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"The lion and the lamb shall lie down together, but the lamb won't get much sleep."

—Woody Allen

The tension has been growing steadily at the Dwyers Club's rubber game. West, a seasoned duplicate player, has been co-opted into the game, and he has been getting on South's nerves, not only by his success there, but by his ability to put one over on South in both the play and the post-mortem. Today's deal was another such example.

West started off with king, queen and another club against South's no-trump game. Declarer won, played a heart to dummy's king, a diamond to East's king and the ace, followed by the diamond queen to confirm the position in that suit. At this point South's chances looked hopeless, but declarer spotted a glimmer of hope. Since West appeared to have nine cards in the minors, that might leave East holding the baby in the majors.

So South ducked a diamond to West. He hoped that West would win, cash his long club, and exit safely with a diamond. South would take the diamond jack, squeezing East in the majors in the process. In the four-card ending South would have the heart ace and three spades, dummy would have two spades and two hearts, and East would be unable to keep both his guards.

West was awake, however, and refused to cash the club, simply exiting with a diamond first. Now declarer had to go one down. He could not throw West in to cash a winner and squeeze his partner, as that player had a winner in each minor ready to cash.

NORTH 01-12-A
 ♠ A 8 5
 ♥ K 7 5 4
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ 9 8 3

WEST ♠ Q 9
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ 10 9 7 5 4
 ♣ K Q J 5

EAST ♠ J 10 7 6 2
 ♥ J 10 6 3
 ♦ K
 ♣ 10 7 2

SOUTH ♠ K 4 3
 ♥ A 9 8
 ♦ A Q J 6 3
 ♣ A 6 4

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

01-12-B
 South holds:
 ♠ Q 2
 ♥ 10 9 7 5 4
 ♦ K J 3
 ♣ A 6 4

South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 ?

ANSWER: Raise to four spades. Your partner's auction suggests a 6-4 pattern, or a very good five-card major. Either way, your spade support on the auction is remarkably good, so you should not hesitate to raise to game in spades. There may easily be three top losers in both spades and clubs, with four spades the only making game.

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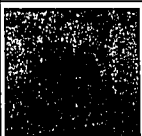
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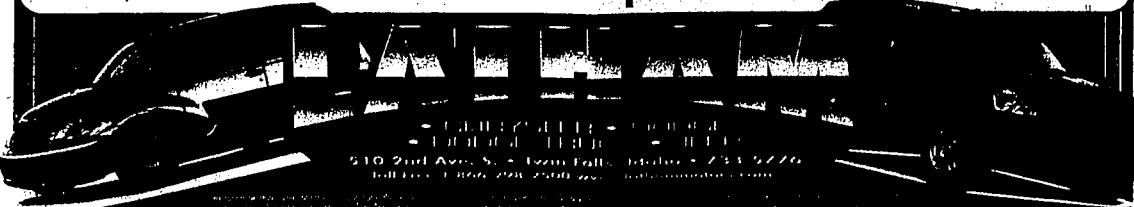


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Dow Jones Industrials	11,043.44
Nasdaq Composite	2,331.36
Standard & Poor's 500	1,294.19
Russell 2000	711.39

Stocks of local interest

Albermarle	\$21.84	▲ .11
Con Agri	\$20.24	▼ .11
Dell Inc.	\$39.24	▲ .10
Idacorp	\$30.97	▲ .10
Midcon	\$14.75	▲ .38

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Commodities

Oil (Feb.)	\$63.95	▲ .57
(Feb., light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$54.22	▼ 2.32
Gold (Feb.)	\$554.90	▲ 4.5

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Workshop covers

Intellectual property

TWIN FALLS — A one-evening workshop on "Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks: Intellectual Property for Small Business" will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday in Room 248 of the Student Union building at the College of Southern Idaho. Boise patent attorney Ken J. Pederson will conduct the class. The workshop will take business people through the process of applying for patents and offer information regarding the protection of rights. Cost is \$29 per person, which must be paid in advance. For more information, contact Sherry Rust of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at 732-6455 or srust@csid.edu.

Business start-up

camp will be monthly

TWIN FALLS — Business Start-up Boot Camps sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center of the Southern Idaho will be monthly in Twin Falls and Burley. Sherry Rust, the training facilitator for the ISBDC, said the sessions are designed for those who would like to start a business but don't know where to begin. Trainers teach participants how to create a business plan, the basics of business regulations, the importance of preparedness and how to create a personal business survival kit. Admission is free, but participants must pre-register due to seating limitations. Sessions are held at the CSI Bergerson building in Twin Falls and in the conference room at Idaho Commerce and Labor, 127 W. Fifth St., North in Burley. For more information or to register, contact Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csid.edu.

Apple shares hit

a record high

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer Inc. shares leapt to an all-time high on Wednesday, boosted by its decision to use Intel Corp. microprocessors to help it build a bigger share of the desktop PC market. Apple is tapping not only the latest chip technologies that rival makers of Windows-based computers will use but also its marketing power that Intel, the world's largest semiconductor company, delivers. — compiled from staff and wire reports

Pennsylvania judge: Wal-Mart employees can sue over hours

Lawsuit alleges company pressured its employees to work off the clock

By Marjalea Dale
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — A judge approved a class-action lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. by employees in Pennsylvania who say the company pressured them to work off the

clock, claims that mirror those in suits filed around the country. A California jury last month awarded Wal-Mart workers \$172 million for illegally denied lunch breaks, while Wal-Mart settled a similar Colorado case for \$50 million.

In Pennsylvania, the lead plaintiff's suit alleges she worked through breaks and after quitting time — eight to 12 unpaid hours a month, on average — to meet work demands. "One of Wal-Mart's undisclosed secrets for its profitability is its creation and implementation of a system that encourages off-the-clock work for its hourly employees," Dolores Hummel, who

worked at a Sam's Club in Reading from 1992-2002, charged in her suit. The suit was approved for class certification late last month by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Mark I. Bernstein. The class could include nearly 150,000 current or former employees who worked at a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club in the state since March 19, 1998. "We strongly deny the

Please see WAL-MART, Page D3

Plastic generation

Young consumers are shunning cash and checks

By Michael Ledtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Erica Jostedt loves to shop, but she hates paying with cash or a check. There's rarely more than \$20 in her wallet and she doesn't carry around her checkbook because she usually needs it just once a month to cover the rent at her San Francisco apartment. "I get so annoyed when I go into a place that only takes cash that usually I end up going somewhere else," she said. Jostedt, 24, was born in the 1980s, the leading edge of a generation that is shunning paper payments like no other before it.

These young consumers so consistently reach for debit and credit cards that Visa USA has anointed the age group "Generation Plastic," or "Gen P."

Their habits are driving even more merchants to accept debit and credit cards, fueling legal battles over the fees underlying the cards and raising more concerns about the nation's shuffling savings rate.

Plastic payments — including online commerce — now account for 50.4 percent of the spending among consumers ranging from 18- to 24-year-olds, with cash and checks making up 41.1 percent of their spending. Consumers 25 to 34 years old spend about 45 percent either way, while everyone older still uses cash and checks at least half the time, according to Visa, the nation's largest payment network.

"All paper-based payments are in retreat," said David Robertson, publisher of The Nilson Report, a newsletter that's been following spending trends since 1978. "People of a certain age don't even know where their checkbook is." Judy Jostedt, Erica's 55-year-old mother, can't so sure that's a good thing. Although she uses debit cards more frequently, Judy still writes about a dozen checks each month, partly because she can't cancel checks help her monitor spending.

"I guess I'm a dinosaur," she said. "I worry that kids today don't even know when all their money is going every month." As a whole, Gen P isn't using credit cards any more frequently than other age groups, but depends more heavily on debit cards. Gen P uses debit cards to pay for 28.2 percent of their purchases compared to just 21.1 percent among those older than 45, according to Visa.

Debit cards — which avoid debt by withdrawing the purchase amount from a

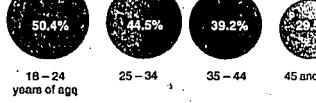


Erica Jostedt of San Francisco walks through Union Square on Dec. 13 in San Francisco. In the background is the Macy's store. Jostedt loves to shop, but she hates paying with cash or a check.

The young lead the charge toward credit

Plastic payment now accounts for just over half the spending among consumers ranging in age from 18 to 24 years old.

Share of dollars spent using plastic



SOURCE: Visa USA
consumer's bank account — were used to pay for an estimated 23.1 billion transactions nationwide during 2005, surpassing the estimated 20.3

billion transactions paid by credit card, according to The Nilson Report. But consumers tend to spend more with credit cards.

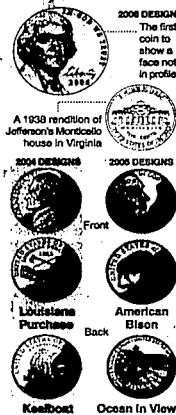
Even though they aren't directly adding to consumer debt, debit cards are diminishing the nation's already paltry savings rate, said Howard Dvorkin, president of Consolidated Credit Counseling Services. That's because consumers paying with a plastic card tend to spend substantially more than someone paying with cash or check, Dvorkin said.

So even if they aren't increasing their debt by buying with a credit card, consumers who use debit cards might wind up

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A nickel's profit

New series of coins are sold to collectors prior to release for general circulation. The Westward Journey Nickel Series netted \$169.4 million, returning \$19.1 million to the Treasury General Fund.



SOURCE: United States Mint AP

Here's lookin' at you, Tom

Shiny new nickel debuts today

By Martin Crottsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Coming soon to a cash register near you — a smiling Thomas Jefferson looking straight at you from a new nickel that will end nearly a century of tradition for U.S. coins.

The Mint plans to begin shipping 80 million of the new five-cent coins on Thursday to the 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks. They will be the first of an estimated 1 billion new nickels which will be put into circulation over the next year.

Since 1909 when Abraham Lincoln became the first president depicted on a circulating coin, all the presidential images have been in profile.

But in a break with that tradition, the new nickel has an image of Jefferson taken from a 1805 Rembrandt Peale portrait in which the nation's third president is looking forward, with just the hint of a smile. The word "Liberty" in Jefferson's handwriting is also shown as is the phrase "In God We Trust."

On the opposite side, the nickel features Monticello, Jefferson's Virginia home. Jefferson and Monticello had been on the nickel without change for 66 years until 2004.

In that year, the Mint began the "Westward Journey Nickel Series" to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase and the exploration of the new territory by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

For two years, Monticello was replaced with Images commemorating their journey including a keel boat, a buffalo and a view of the Pacific.

The new nickel with a smiling Please see NICKEL, Page D2

Permit leaders

In terms of the numbers of permits issued by the city of Twin Falls for single family homes, these are the top 10 businesses in 2005.

169 — Waberton
71 — TWD
63 — Neiseth & Co.
63 — Willis Inc.
60 — James Roy
19 — Jim Field
18 — Top Cowboy
14 — Joe
12 — Home Custom Homes
10 — Edna
10 — Hoopes
9 — Magic Valley Builders Association

Telecommuting can be the antidote when flu strikes a small business

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press writer

SMALL TALK

NEW YORK — The arrival of flu season can decimate the ranks of small-business owners. But some advice: planning and taking advantage of technology can help lessen the impact when several employees are out at once. High-tech innovations such as help-desk software can make it possible for employees to do at least some of their work

at home when they're not feeling 3000. And knowing in advance how your company will run when its short-staffed will also make a hard situation easier. "It's Michael McCann, president of McCann Protective Services in New York preparing for this season is no different from preparing for any other problem that might disrupt business. Technology has en-

abled his core staff of five to work from home, and he maintains a network of people willing to fill in for his employees on a per-diem basis. "If there's one particular crisis you're planning for, and reviewing your plan and updating it ... when another issue comes up, you just pull it off the shelf," McCann said. Along that line, McCann said, it's also important that no one in the company be indispensable — the rest of the staff should be able to step in and do about workers' tasks.

Of course, there's a human side to the flu season, one that presents a dilemma to business owners. They want to get the work done, but they also need to be concerned about everyone else on the premises, catching the same bug if an employee shows up sneezing and coughing. Presuming them to come to work is a mistake. "If a person is really sick, you don't want them in the office because you don't want the whole staff to go down," said Reed Baker, owner of Sophist

Productions, a New York-based music label and production company. Moreover, someone with a fever probably can't concentrate on what he or she is doing. And leaning on staffers to come to work when they really don't feel may well generate a morale problem — not only will sick workers be resentful, but so will all the other employees they complain to. One reason why workers in some countries might be reluctant to come in sick is because they'd be Please see SMALL TALK, Page D3

MONEY

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Costless free D1
With less money to save than they would if they paid for things with cash.

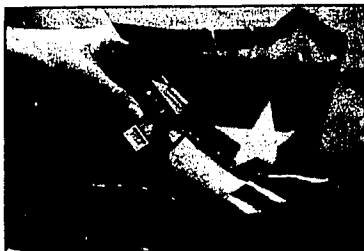
There's no pain involved when you pay with plastic, Devolet said. "But there is a pain when you go out and you have to part with cash. You worked hard for that green stuff and you aren't as apt to spend it."

That's not how Alicia DeVittorio sees it. The 24-year-old living in San Francisco believes her credit card is helping her to save more money because "if you are walking around with some cash in your wallet, you are going to spend it."

Devolet has analyzed how debit card usage affects consumer saving rates, but one of the nation's largest banks is trying to address the issue. American Express now offers a service that automatically rounds up each debit card transaction to the nearest dollar amount. Bank of America matches the amount contributed to savings during the first three months.

Under the program, a Bank of America customer who uses a debit card to buy a sandwich for \$4.24 would have 76 cents transferred into a savings account. As an incentive to sign up for the program, Bank of America matches the amount contributed to savings during the first three months.

That's just one of the many ways banks have been encouraging younger consumers to pay with plastic. Visa touts a prepaid "Buxx" card with a strict spending limit as a way to help teach kids about personal finance, while American Express efforts to connect with younger consumers include an "in" card that provides special privileges at nightclubs and bars in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.



Erica Jostad shows off a couple of her cards next to a new pair of shoes she bought with a debit card at Union Square in San Francisco.

credit cards, propelling a recent push to lower the fees paid to card companies. Fees for processing these transactions average \$1.74 for every \$100, according to The Nilsson Report.

Merchants have filed dozens of class-action lawsuits against the companies, and judges have ruled they are illegal. Visa and MasterCard have steadfastly denied the allegations.

Driven by the demands of younger consumers, more money payment options are likely to be introduced in the next three to five years, said Elizabeth Buse, Visa's executive vice president of product development and management.

The innovation and demographic trends won't necessarily push checks into obsolescence. People are going to continue to repay their credit card (balances), Robertson of The Nilsson Report said. That means checks will increasingly become a means of repayment for everything people buy on their credit cards.

There's no pain involved when you pay with plastic.

Howard Dravkin, president of Consolidated Credit Counseling Services and its tech-savvy Blue Card.

MasterCard, meanwhile, has been aggressively expanding its PayPal program, which relies on radio frequencies to allow consumers to pay by tapping a credit or debit card on a terminal. MasterCard is setting up PayPal terminals in fast-food restaurants, convenience stores and vending machines.

The penchant for plastic has intensified the pressure on merchants to accept debit and credit cards.

Stocks rise as inflation worries ease

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks resumed their advance Wednesday after New York Fed President Timothy Geithner said a speech that core inflation is "quite moderate." All three major indexes reached multi-year highs for the second time this week.

Since fighting inflation is the U.S. Federal Reserve's top concern, investors interpreted the remarks by New York Fed President Timothy Geithner as another sign that the Fed might soon halt its year-plus streak of short-term interest rate hikes.

Anything that makes investors feel comfortable with the inflation level and the way short-term interest rates are going to change is a positive sign for the market, said J.P. Morgan analyst Stephen Saperstein.

Earlier in the session, stocks were pushed lower by a quiet warning from DuPont Co. and BP PLC's announcement that its fourth-quarter oil production slipped.

its fourth-quarter oil production slipped. DuPont is the second of the 30 Dow Industrials to disappoint Wall Street after Alcon Inc. kicked off four-quarter earnings season Tuesday with lower-than-expected profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 31.05, or 0.29 percent, to 11,083.44. It was the index's best close since June 2001.

Broader stock indicators were higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 4.49, or 0.35 percent, to 1,294.18, its best finish since May 2001. The Nasdaq composite index rose 11.04, or 0.46 percent, to 2,331.36, its highest close since February 2001.

Bonds fell after a weak auction of five-year Treasury bills. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 4.45 percent Wednesday. The U.S. dollar fell against other major currencies. Gold prices were mixed.

Crude oil futures rose. A barrel of light crude settled at \$83.94, up 57 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Wall Street saw strong advances in the first quarter of the year but after the Dow Jones industrial average crossed 11,000 Monday for the first time in more than four years, stocks paused, closing nearly flat Tuesday.

Stocks remained in their torpor Wednesday until Geithner's speech, in which he said overall inflation pressures have risen, while "inflation excluding food and energy, however, has been quite moderate, in part due to very modest growth in unit labor costs."

The market reacted because the speech contained "no overtly hawkish sign and some positive signs about currency and productivity trends," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist, the investment strategies group at Bank of America.

Geithner's remarks, however, like this suggests that perhaps future increases won't be too aggressive."

Nickel

Continued from D1
Jefferson is the second to take the series-officially being U.S. Mint Director David Lebryk.

This nickel featuring a forward-looking Jefferson was designed by the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark expedition would expand our horizons in numerous ways, Lebryk said. "It is a tribute to our nation's history, emblematic of a bright future for our nation."

The redesigned nickel is expected to be around for quite a while with no current plans for further changes. The new nickel will be honored each year.

On the Web

U.S. Mint: http://www.usmint.gov
Free teacher lesson plans on the new nickel: http://www.usmint.gov/kids

culating coin that will undergo design changes. The new nickel will be the Sacagawea dollar. Beginning in 2009, two-thirds of those coins produced each year will feature images of deceased presidents in place of the ones they held office. Four past presidents will be honored each year.

Congress has also directed the Mint to bring out a redesigned penny in 2009 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The image of Lincoln on the coin will remain in profile, although the other side will be replaced with various images of Lincoln's life. The coin will be produced in the Lincoln Memorial on the other side will be replaced with various images of Lincoln's life. The coin will be produced in the Lincoln Memorial on the other side will be replaced with various images of Lincoln's life.

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 125 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are in 11th, 18th and 24th columns. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

Point Names: Names of mutual fund and family.

Sea: The asset value, or price at which fund would be sold.
Chg: Daily net change in the fund.

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POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau

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There's a lot of electronic evidence, that when you examine it shows that these people aren't getting breaks...

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Small talk

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At Circle of Friends, a Santa Monica, Calif.-based maker of children's bath products, owner

Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund or commodity that's not in our report, give us a call and we'll try

Wal-Mart's policy is to pay associates for every minute they work.

Wal-Mart settlement

The California jury award - which includes \$115 million in punitive damages - covers about 115,000 class members. That suit involved unpaid lunch breaks.

Hummel's suit cites a Wal-Mart corporate policy that gives hourly employees one paid 15-minute break during a shift of at least 3 hours and two such breaks, plus an unpaid 30-minute break, on a shift of at least 6 hours.

The company's break policies can vary according to state law, spokesman Kevin Thornton said.

Shares of Wal-Mart rose 24 cents, or 2.4 percent, to close at \$10.14 on trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Eleanor Keare encourages employees to stay home even if they just have a cold and are taking over-the-counter medication.

Most companies don't have policies for workers to stay in touch from home, she said. Her 11 employees have long commutes by car, she'd rather they stayed home and logged into work using the company's Web-based system.

Every aspect of our company's operations is in that system, Keare said. The sale of the business is certainly a challenge, but said the ability for workers to stay in touch from home has made staff illnesses less of a disruption.

At Arment Dietrich, a Chicago-based public relations firm, exercise counts toward part of the billable hours each of us works, account executive Amanda Peterson said.

Arment Dietrich has five employees, all of whom are able to work from home using the Internet. So they're able to check e-mail and to work for clients when they're out with an illness.

Please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

Relaxing art

Deputy says photography offers needed respite

Kelly Kast
For The Times-News

GOODING — Aaron Stolzman had no idea photography could be so fun, or so relaxing. Last year, when the sheriff's office sent him to crime scene photography school, Stolzman thought he would be learning just one more element of law enforcement.

Instead, he completed the class with a passion for photography that took him by surprise. "Before the class I'd never really picked up a camera much," he said. "After reading the manual for the class I discovered a lot of interesting things and it became a hobby I enjoyed."

Stolzman says his photographic skills are completely self-taught.

"Since I've gotten into photography it's kept me pretty busy, but it's not work to me. It really relaxes me, and I've found it's a great way to unwind after a tough day. One of my favorite things to do is experiment with manipulating light. I found a way to take pictures of cop cars coming through lights after reading something on light manipulation. The pictures turned

out awesome and are now hanging in the Gooding County Sheriff's Office.

Stolzman says his career in law enforcement is still priority, but adds he would like to incorporate his photography more with law enforcement.

"Recently I was asked to sign on as the POST photographer, which would include taking the official pictures of POST graduating classes and other official POST functions," he said. "I really enjoy law enforcement and although I'm not looking to change careers, it would be nice to have a secondary career in photography. I know my parents would like to see me succeed with my photography. They've been very supportive of my career choices and have enjoyed my photographic work."

Since his first experiments with photography, Stolzman says he's learned the value of paying attention to lighting and to look around."

"Law enforcement can be so stressful sometimes and I think all of us in law enforcement forget to slow down and look for the positive. The nice thing about photography is that it can be up-

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Right now, I'm just having fun with it.”

— Aaron Stolzman

lifting. I've had to learn to slow down and appreciate what's going on around me. Sunsets are really my passion and I've learned in order to get a great picture, I have to be patient and willing to wait for the prime moment. I've found doing this actually reduces stress."

Stolzman graduated from Gooding High School in 1994. He has been in law enforcement for eight years and also owns Stolzman Trucking.

"Since I've gotten into photography I've thought about someday selling my truck," he says. "I enjoy that business too, but I would like to spend more time on photography. I've had such a great response to my photographs that I feel I could make at least a secondary career out of photography."

One of his more recent projects was taking photographs of

the Peace Officers Memorial. "I experimented with different ideas for these pictures," he said. "Because the pictures turned out so nice, I donated them to the director of POST. All the work that is done on the memorial is donated, so in hoping POST can sell the pictures I've taken to help raise money for the memorial."

Stolzman has done family portraits, weddings, individual photographs and landscapes. He won Best of Amateur division for his photography at the Gooding County Fair and would like to increase his skills by taking more photography classes.

"Right now, I'm just having fun with it," he said. "It really makes me feel good when someone sees a photograph I've done and enjoys it."



Adam "Hutch" Hutchins from the Idaho Auction Barn and member of the Delta Kappa Gamma chapter meeting.

Delta Kappa Gamma will meet on Saturday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma International will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building, Room 276, 315 Falls Ave. Members Nancy Tucker, Betty Shannon, Brenda Schickel and Carolyn Lancaster will present a program on quilting.

At December's meeting, the Bel Canto Choir from Robert

Stuart Junior High, directed by Xi Chapter member, Karen Goodrich, performed holiday music. A sing along with the members was also held.

Holiday decorations, donated by the members, were auctioned to raise money for the Teacher Stipend Fund. Adam "Hutch" Hutchins from the Idaho Auction Barn donated his services.

Members brought items to donate to La Posada Ministry for holiday gift baskets.

NEW KIWANIS



The Rupert Kiwanis Club inducted new members on Dec. 6 at its regular meeting. From left are David Miller, Partio Hanson, club president Greg Harwood, Harwood Insurance, Paul, and Jeff Hare, Christiansen Implement of Burley. The Rupert Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rupert Elks. New members are welcome. For more information, call Patti Hansen at 438-0481.

QUILTS FOR KATRINA SURVIVORS



Carleen Clayville and Linda Seaver made about 30 quilts and sent them to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Much of the fabric for the quilts was donated by members of the community. Carleen's fabrics donated almost \$200 worth of batting and fabric. Amelia Beadle from Amelia's Quilt Shop in Baton Rouge, La., was collecting the quilts and distributing them to the hurricane survivors. A few remaining quilts were donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council to help needy families in the area.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Veterinary office services comfort owners

I would like to thank a very special group of people who show above and beyond their duties.

Dr. Jackson, Dr. Clark and their staff at the Kimberly Pet Care Clinic helped my husband and myself through a very difficult time of losing our two beloved dogs. This was the most painful thing we have ever had to endure, and these people didn't just acknowledge our pain, they felt it. I know doctors and veterinarians must carry an emotional distance, but these very special people hurt with us and for us, so to my husband and me, that only meant that they are special indeed. They were very gentle with our dogs and tried to ease our pain.

I recommend the services of this animal clinic to anyone who wants the best for their animals.

Kimberly Pet Care Clinic: Thank you, and God bless you all.

PENNY KISSINGER
Kimberly

Junior Club appreciates assistance with tour

On behalf of the Junior Club, we would like to extend our appreciation to all who had a hand in the annual Holiday Home Tour.

We would especially like to thank the home owners: Robert and Marianne Griffith, Danny and Sherry Marone, Joe and Dana Brooks, Al and Trace Nichols, Gene and Donna Schultz, Chris and Kaylin Hickman, Matt and Tammy Harr and Sam and Suzanne Holtan. All of the houses were outstanding.

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words here.

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

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

To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call the Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

We also appreciate all of the businesses that assisted us with ticket sales.

Thanks to all who attended the tour as we were able to raise more than \$4,200 for Camp Rainbow Gold and the Idaho A-Wish Foundation of Idaho.

ANDREA DAVLEY
JENNIFER CLUFF
Junior Club of Magic Valley Twin Falls

Support for Christmas Council aids families

As we close out another year of distributing gifts, food, clothing, etc., the Christmas Council express our deep feelings of gratitude for your support. You at the Mini-Cassia area have again shown your love, charity and concern for others. Your generous donations of time, money and other goods are appreciated by the ones who have benefited. Your support has enabled us to assist 564 families with quality items in all categories. We owe it all to you.

Thank you,
VERLEE FROST
Mini-Cassia Christmas Council Inc.

CSI Jazz professor Brent Jensen says the weekly events will provide more performance opportunities for those involved in the jazz combo program in the past.

The session will feature Theo Montrose and Sarah Lincoln on saxophones, Gene Conley on

Search, Rescue Unit thanks volunteers

The Snake River K-9 Search and Rescue Unit would like to thank everyone who helped us with another great year.

Areas to practice and volunteer victims are very important to our work. For this, we thank the Girl Scouts of America, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds and the Clear Lakes Country Club.

We also appreciated all of the opportunities to participate in community safety and educational events. Thanks to Wal-Mart, Kimberly Nurseries, Jay Bryan, employees of Idaho Power, Lifesight, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Costco, PetSmart and all of the 2005 raffle contributors and participants.

Special thanks to LJI Kaster and her family, Jerome County Search and Rescue, Dr. Szanto at the Twin Falls Veterinary Clinic and Hospital, and all other supporters.

DONNA JACOBSEN
Medical Officer
Snake River K-9 Search and Rescue Unit Twin Falls

Safe Harbor Inc. thanks businesses for donations

Safe Harbor Inc. would like to thank the following businesses for recent donations:

Gyrons, Mike and Piz's, Price Distributing, Ace Printing, Signature, Con Paulos, First Christian Church, Jade's Restaurant, First Presbyterian Church, Piz's Construction, First United Methodist Church, Magic Valley Friends Helping the Community, Castleton United Methodist Church, Cold Stone Creamery, and K & T Steel.

Their generosity is appreciated.
PHYLIS BERG
Safe Harbor Inc.
Twin Falls

Event is success thanks to donations

"To quote Dave Woodhead, "How'd we pulled it off again." I'd like to personally thank everyone who braved the weather to attend the Ball Drop in Old Towne, as well as KNAV and The Times-News for coverage of the New Year's Eve event."

The boxes of donated food have gone to the senior center and the ball has returned to its place of honor in Woodley's. Special appreciation is also due the Renter Center, Barry Rental, Silo Square merchants and all of the volunteers and concert-sponsors involved.

While it may be true that the annual Ball Drop lacks the organization of a Laurel and Hardy adventure, we're still hoping to have as much fun again next year.
EARL MITCHELL
Twin Falls

Locals help Community Action Network

The Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Community Action Network wants to express its heartfelt appreciation to the businesses and community for the wonderful response to donations and contributions made to this organization during the past year.

Many families benefited from their generosity and we are grateful to each one of you!
VIRGINIA BIRKEY
Co-Chairman
ICA Board
Twin Falls

Fairfield society will hold bingo fundraiser Sunday

FAIRFIELD — The Historical Society of Fairfield is holding a bingo fundraiser from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Legion Hall. Cards are three for \$1. Sloppy jeans and pie will be sold.

For more information, call Nancy at 764-3906.

Melody Masters perform at Senior Citizens Center

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Stone St. W., is having a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The Melody Masters will provide the music. The cost is \$4 per person.

For more information, call the center at 734-5084.

Snake River Elks Lodge offers 'Omelet in a Bag'

WENDELL — The Snake River Elks Lodge is having an

"Omelet in a Bag" breakfast with hashbrowns, biscuits, fruit, orange juice from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the lodge, 412 E. 200 S., on Highway 93.

The cost is a suggested donation of 68¢ per person. Proceeds will go to various charities.

For more information, call 539-7609.

CSI jazz workshops become weekly events

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Programs workshops will be held for jazz students at 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the Fireside Lounge of the Student Union Building. There is no charge.

CSI Jazz professor Brent Jensen says the weekly events will provide more performance opportunities for those involved in the jazz combo program in the past.

The session will feature Theo Montrose and Sarah Lincoln on saxophones, Gene Conley on piano, Michael Frew on guitar, David Beus on bass and Tony Bowler on drums. Audience members will see the techniques, methods and tools of the trade used by jazz musicians. From 6 to 7 p.m., the workshop will become an open jam session featuring musicians from CSI and the Magic Valley.

"This will be an important extension of the jazz lectures," says Jensen. "Jazz is considered live performance and improvisation. Experiencing this music live is the only way a person can fully grasp its impact as an art form."

For more information, call Jensen at 732-6765 or visit www.csledu/jazz.

CSI begins semester of senior exercise program

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's "Over 60 and Getting Fit" program begins this week.

Tuesday classes will begin

Jan. 17. Wednesday classes will begin Jan. 18. Sessions last about one hour, three times a week starting at 9 a.m. in Gooding, classes run from 10 to 11 a.m.; in Buhl from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and in Burley from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants should check on the days of the week the classes are offered in their area.

In Twin Falls, classes will be held in the CSI gym. Other classes will be held at the Jerome Recreation Center, Filer Elementary School, the old Shoshone High School gym, Gooding HS gym, Buhl Junior High School gym, the CSI Mini-Cassia Center gym in Buhl, Blaine County CSI campus gym, the Rupert Civic gym, and the Hagerman Prince Memorial Gym.

"Over 60 and Getting Fit" is sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho, the Idaho Office of Aging, area school and recreation districts. There is no charge for anyone age 60

or older to take the class. Students will earn one college credit for each semester they are enrolled.

For more information and days, call 732-6475 or 732-6488.

Free ESL classes will begin at CSI next week

BURLEY — Free community "English as a Second Language" classes will start the week of Jan. 17 throughout the Magic and Wood River valleys.

The classes are offered through the College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education center. They are held days and evenings in Buhl, Burley, Gooding, Halley, Jerome, Ketchum, Kimberly, Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls, Rupert, Shoshone, Wendell and at the Meyerhoeffer building on the CSI campus, 315 Falls Ave.

Adult ESL classes are free and open to people age 18 and older. Students with children age 4 and older can bring them to the

children's classes, which are held at the same times.

Assistance with English, conversation, citizenship skills, reading, writing and computer skills is provided.

For more information, call the center at 732-6540.

Elks Lodge holds hoop shoot on Saturday

EDEN — The Snake River Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot will be held Saturday at the Valley School gym, located north of the Valley interchange between Eden and Hazelton. Registration will start at 1:30 p.m.

The event is open to all those age 8 to 13 from the Twin Falls and Jerome area.

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

Television

- "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
- "NFL Monday Night Football: New England Patriots at N.Y. Jets," ABC.
- "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC.
- "CSI: Miami," CBS.
- "The 07," Fox.
— From Nielsen Media Research

Film

- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Disney.
- "Kung Fu Panda," Universal.
- "Fun With Dick and Jane," Sony.
- "Chopper by the Dozen 2," Fox.
- "Rumor Has It...," Warner Bros.
— From Exhibitor Relations Co.

VHS sales

- "Frosty the Snowman," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
- "Miracle on 34th Street," FoxVideo.
- "Madagascar," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
- "A Christmas Carol (1984)," FoxVideo.
- "The Three Stooges (2 Pack)," GoodTimes Home Video.
— From Billboard magazine

DVD sales

- "The 40-Year-Old Virgin (Widescreen Unrated Version)," MCA Home Video, Inc.
- "Four Brothers (Widescreen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- "The Brothers Grimm," Miramax Home Entertainment.
- "Four Brothers (Full Screen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- "Serenity (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
— From Billboard magazine

Hot 5

- "Luffy Tuffy," D4, DeeMooey.
- "Run It!" Chris Brown, Jive, (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
- "Photograph," Nickatback, Roadrunner/DJANGO, (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
- "Gold Digger," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx), Roc-A-Fella.
- "Gritz," Nelly (feat. Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp), Def.

— From Billboard magazine

Albums

- "Unpredictable," Jamie Foxx, J. Getten.
- "The Breakthrough," Mary J. Blige.
- "Certain Call: The Hits," Eminem, Shady.
- "Duets: The First Chapter," The Notorious B.I.G., Bad Boy.
- "Some Hearts," Carrie Underwood, Arista, (Platinum)

— From Billboard magazine

Concert tours

- The Rolling Stones.
- U2.
- Paul McCartney.
- Eagles.
- Aerosmith.

— From Pollstar

VHS/DVD rentals

- "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," MCA Home Video, Inc.
- "Four Brothers," Paramount Home Entertainment.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



'Call of Cthulhu: Dark Corners of the Earth,' a game for Xbox, captures the sense of dread found in H.P. Lovecraft's stories.

DREAD RECKONING:

Fear creeps in with low-key horror games

BY LUC KESTER
 The Associated Press

What's scary? Horror aficionados have been debating the subject for decades. Some prefer graphic bloodbaths like "The Evil Dead" or George A. Romero's zombie epics. Others like more low-key chills, as seen in the ascendancy of Japanese horror movies, like those that inspired "The Ring" and "The Grudge."

Video gamers lean toward the gory side, making smashes out of games like "Resident Evil 4," the zombie-hunting festival that capped many critics' top-10 lists for 2005. But there are more subtle fright-fests for those of us who don't need to see heads exploding to get scared.

The epitome of such games would have to be the "Silent Hill" series, which rattles the nerves with an oppressive sense of foreboding rather than buckets of blood. Such games may not appeal to the player who needs to find action around every corner; they can be deliberately paced, making their terrifying moments all the more shocking when they do happen.

The following kept me on the edge of my seat, just like telling yourself: It's only a game.

• "Call of Cthulhu: Dark Corners of the Earth" (XK Games, for the Xbox, \$39.99)—Along with

Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft pretty much invented the style of horror in which a looming sense of unease gives way to the realization of some unspeakable monstrosity. In "Call of Cthulhu," private eye Jack Walters is sent to the foggy New England town of Innsmouth to look for a missing person, but soon discovers that most of its residents have been infected by a plague that has turned them into lumbering, murderous thugs. To combat the dangers, Jack himself has a history of mental illness and can't remember what he's been doing for the last six years. Jack's investigations, both of the Innsmouth plague and his own past, lead to some truly terrifying revelations and nerve-racking gameplay. Jack is more hard-boiled than the typical Lovecraft protagonist, but otherwise his game beautifully captures the sense of dread in the Cthulhu mythos.

• "Condemned: Criminal Origins" (20th Century Fox, for the Xbox 360, \$39.99)—FBI Agent Ethan Thomas is on the trail of a serial killer, but it's not long before the killer turns the tables and frames Thomas for the murder of two cops. Thomas goes on the lam, running from the police while chasing the killer through a dark, urban underworld. These are some mean streets, with a pipe-wielding junkie lurking around

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Photo courtesy of Sun Valley Center for the Arts

Andrew Schoutz's artwork is on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Ketchikan.

Modern artists transition from graffiti to galleries

BY KAREN BOSSICK
The Wood River Journal

KETCHIKAN — Andrew Schoutz has had run-ins with the police over his art.

It wasn't so much over what he was painting, but where.

Schoutz used to be a guerrilla artist, climbing buildings under the cover of darkness and hastily painting a rooftop or wall in psychedelic graffiti.

His intent was not to vandalize but to express his opinion on walls that had already been tagged with graffiti or were about to be knocked down.

"What a difference a few years makes."

Now Schoutz is expressing himself on the walls of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in a show that demonstrates how art like his has moved from the gritty rebellious streets to take its place on trendy T-shirts and in reputable art galleries.

The show, titled "Paradise Paved," runs through Wednesday.

Schoutz has received San

See it now

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will present "Paradise Paved," a multidisciplinary show about art, design and movies inspired by street culture of the '70s and '80s, through Wednesday. It's free. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sun Valley Center is located at 1411 1/2 St. in Ketchikan.

Francisco's Neighborhood Reunification Award for his public murals. And his art even has a name now — "Neo-Graffiti" — to describe art that stems from the legacy of the 1980s graffiti movement.

"I had no idea this would go so far — it's huge," said Schoutz, who has a degree in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. "The kind of art I do is on MTV, in Sprite commercials... Everybody wants to do it now because it's

"I wanted to do nice-looking things. But it's hard to do as nice a job as you'd like if you're trying to do it in a hurry because you're really not supposed to be there."

— Andrew Schoutz, on graffiti art

cool."

Schoutz is one of three artists tagged to produce work for the center. All three were influenced by the rebellious nature of the skateboarding and surfing culture and underground comics that surfaced in the 1970s and 1980s.

All three also grew up when Coca-Cola aired "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" and when slogans like "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute!" were being impressed on young minds.

"They thought we were going to make a difference," said Jennifer Gately, who put together this exhibition for the Sun Valley Center. "They were certain that

recycling would change the planet. And now, of course, that optimism has turned sour."

As a result, Schoutz often paints social commentary into his work.

An elephant falling flat on its face, for instance, presents his take on the dot-com crash. The words "U.S. For REIGN policy" add food for thought to work he did when the United States invaded Iraq.

And rust-colored smokesacks that resemble volcanoes spewing toxic waste into the air often appear in commentaries on recycling.

"I learned that most of the materials we recycle in the Unit-

ed States are sent to China," he said. "And I learned that one city produces enough recyclable waste in a week to keep a Chinese plant busy for a month."

Schoutz wore a hooded sweatshirt, a cap turned backwards over his scraggly brown hair and jeans that were frayed around the bottom from dragging on the ground as he presented a slide lecture on his art for students at the Wood River Middle School in Halley recently.

A former skateboarder on the national circuit, he had hoped for them how he had been into art since he was a kid.

"Skateboarding informs my art," he said. "You get to notice your environment, see things on a skateboard that you don't see if you're driving in a car. I also love clip art, detailed wood block art of early 1900s and Picasso — I love Picasso."

Schoutz said he doesn't recommend graffiti. "I wanted to do nice-looking things. But it's hard to do as nice a job as

'Outside the Loop'

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts is partnering with the Magic Lantern Theater to offer a four-day Indie Film Series Thursday through Sunday.

The series will feature such films as "Lone Star," "Crumb," "Man with a Plan," "American Movie," "City of Ghosts," "Bad Santa," "Ghost World" and "Mossy Parker."

An opening-night party will be held from 5 to 8:30 Thursday at the center. It will feature Terry Zwigoff, director of "Bad Santa," "Crumb" and "Ghost World," and John O'Brien, director of "Mossy Parker" and "Man with a Plan."

The two will participate in a free directors' forum focusing on "Personal Expression in the Age of Market-driven Film" from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Lantern.

They'll also participate in another director's forum focusing on "Politics and American Film" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Center for the Arts.

For more information, call 728-6491 or check out www.sunvalleycenter.org.

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- "Holes"
- "Kung Fu"
- "Memoirs of a Geisha"
- "Munkiz"
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- "The Ringers"

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- "The Last Holiday"
- "Fido & Frisco"
- "Helen and Jackie"
- "Walk the Line"
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The Orphan

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- "The Kiss, Bang, Bang"
- "The Last Holiday"
- "Memoirs of a Geisha"
- "Ozzy"
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Big Wood Classics

- "Fun with Dick and Jane"
- "Hoodwinked"
- "Holes"
- "Memoirs of a Geisha"

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- "Brokeback Mountain"
- "Hush"

BURLEY

Century Classics

- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Fun with Dick and Jane"
- "Hoodwinked"
- "Glory Road"
- "The Last Holiday"

Burley Theater

- "The Legend of Zorro"

JEROME

Arcton Classics

- "Chaperon by the Dozen 2"
- "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- "Fun with Dick and Jane"
- "Hoodwinked"

'BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN'

Acclaimed film is lost in love's rocky terrain

BY ANN HOERNAGY
The Washington Post

It's hard to know what to make of "Brokeback Mountain," one of this season's most buzzed-about — and, this week at least, award-nominated — movies. On the one hand, it's high-toned and refined, an impeccably pedigreed literary adaptation of a short story by Annie Proulx that was first published in the New Yorker. On the other hand, it's a potential camp classic, larded with unintended humor and "Saturday Night Live"-ready fodder for instant pop culture parody. The story of two cowboys who fall in love in the 1960s, it's a genre-subverting exercise similar to Todd Haynes's 2002 "Far From Heaven," although some theorists might argue that it's redundant, the idea being that all Westerns have a whiff of lavender about them, at least subliminally.

A sweeping, solemn, self-serious chronicle of the men's relationship over several decades, "Brokeback Mountain" possesses handsome and sympathetic lead players, magnificent scenery, heartbreaking melodrama, righteousness and a cultural import. But as a testament to the importance of following one's passion, it's devoid of one crucial thing: passion.

This isn't to say that things don't get physical. Because "Brokeback Mountain" has been marketed as a breakthrough movie in its portrayal of homosexual relationships, from the moment Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) first meet while herding sheep for jobs heading sheep in Wyoming, it's just a matter of



AP Photo

Ennis Del Mar, left, played by Heath Ledger, and Jake Gyllenhaal in the role of Jack Twist are two cowboys from very different backgrounds who meet and fall in love while working together in "Brokeback Mountain."

when, not if. The consummation of their relationship is a brief, violent, loveless episode that over their first summer together becomes an idyll of half-naked wrestling, nuzzling by the campfire and fistfights that inevitably end in an embrace. They won't meet again until four years later — by which time Ennis has married Alma (Michelle Williams) and had two daughters. But when Jack shows up on his doorstep, the attraction clearly hasn't waned.

Jack and Ennis's highly charged reunion inspires Jack to suggest that the two run away and start a ranching operation together, a suggestion Ennis dismisses out of hand. Over the next several years, the two men will have to be satisfied with fishing trips on Brokeback Mountain during which no fish will be

As a testament to the importance of following one's passion, the film is devoid of one crucial thing: passion.

caught. (Their subterfuge is often what sparks the unintentional humor in "Brokeback Mountain," such as when Alma finally confronts Ennis by pointedly asking him why he never brought home any trout.) Meanwhile, Jack gets married to a nice girl (Anna Hutchings) down in Texas, sublimating his desire for Ennis in furtive, dangerous assignments across the Mexico border.

As a tragic evocation of the costs of homophobia — not just to closeted gay people but also to their families and loved ones — "Brokeback Mountain" is indeed a watershed movie, an alighting of taboos and secrets that can only be seen as welcome and deeply humanist. (And, in its depiction of the violence that threatens Jack and Ennis should their relationship come to light, it's a sensitive, empathic homage to those who have died of hatred, including Matthew Shepard, who seems to haunt the production from his Wyoming grave.)

But director Ang Lee — who knows his way around gay love ("The Wedding Banquet"), confining social structures and rituals ("Eat, Drink, Man, Woman,"

Brokeback Mountain

Starring: Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal, Anna Hutchings
Rated: R for sex scenes, nudity, profanity and some violence.
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"Sense and Sensibility") and the wings of repression ("The Hulk") — treats the source material with such deference that it's as if the entire movie were made in New Yorker typeset. Lee and cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto frame and shoot everything for maximum grandeur: The Wyoming vistas are flawlessly manicured, Ledger and Gyllenhaal perfectly costumed and coiffed; even Ennis and Alma's sad little apartment-world leandromat seems to have been designed to death. Even more oddly, the two men are never pictured without speak at a larger life, whether it's Ennis's Wyoming town or an America undergoing seismic social and political changes. Instead, Jack and Ennis are hermetic, shielded pargons atop their Bighorn Olympus.

Given such a limited range to play in, Lee, Gyllenhaal and Ledger deliver fine performances, and they make "Brokeback Mountain" memorable, not as a stunner or as a love story, but as a good, old-fashioned love story. Both are more complicated men than their terse personas suggest, and that's fortunate. Indeed, it's never clear just how surprised either man is by that first encounter in the tent.

Ennis is especially impressive as the withdrawn, emotionally stunted Ennis who, if homosexuality is the love that cannot speak its name, cannot speak at all. (Ledger seems to have looked to Billy Bob Thornton's dialect in "Sling Blade" as inspiration for Ennis's rock-jawed dullitude, and he's got it off with impressive authenticity.)

It's Ledger's Ennis who ultimately overcomes the pall of self-loathing and sanctimony that hangs over so much of "Brokeback Mountain." In the film's wrenching final scenes, he provides what has been needed all along — an immediate, shattering sense of sadness and longing and loss. It's as if the movie has finally shifted its focus from the mountain to the man.

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
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Movies

Idaho film in Gooding

Idaho filmmaker Michael D. Gough will screen his new movie, "Autumn Angles," Friday night at the Schubert Theater in Gooding.

Proceeds will go to the Western States Alliance for the Performing Arts.

Gough's film is about a troubled young man trying to escape a family curse.

The screening is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The theater is located at 402 Main St.

Movie nuggets

"Brokeback Mountain"

★ "Ang Lee's heartbreaking film starring the incomparable Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal as Wyoming cowpokes who encounter bliss on a now-lost mountain in the rocky 1800s and the unforgetting hard place of 1960s society. With Michelle Williams as Ann Hathaway, 2 hours, 14 minutes (nudity), 2

★ "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" No rating. Many families are likely to find this sequel to the 2003 hit a holiday treat. Steve Martin, affable father of two, has a great opening partner in Eugene Levy, cast as a super-successful film, 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 Brooke Langton, Carmen Electra, Hilary Duff, Peter Onorati, (1:34) PG for some crude humor and mild language.

★ "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" ★★½ The heasties in "Narnia" don't seem quite genuinely, three-dimensionally real. That's not to say this "Wardrobe" isn't worth climbing into. Only the first detective Bill S. Putter (Anthony Anderson) investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's (Glenn Close) cottage, involving a karate kid (Riding Hood) (Anne Hathaway), a sarcastic wolf (Patrick Warburton) and an oddish Woodsman (Bill Hader). The characters are many, breaking and entering, intent to eat, wielding an axe without a license, but these unusual suspects live their story to tell. PG.

★ "The Family Stone" ★★½ The "Tapsick" weeper is a holiday lung detour, brightened by diamond-sharp performances. Sarah Jessica Parker comes to meet her guy's parents (Diane Lane, Greg Kinnear) and she finds the family that prizes itself on its tolerance completely intolerant of her. Notable also by Keaton, Nelson, Luke Wilson and Rachel McAdams. 1 hour, 42 minutes. PG-13 (drug and sex references)

★ "Fun with Dick and Jane" ★★½ In this brick bat flat face, a rant of a 1977 film, Jim Carrey and the Leoni play a couple who turn to crime when their luxuriant, white-collar existence goes low on the toilet. 1 hour, 36 minutes. PG-13 (mild profanity, sexual references)

★ "Glory Road" No rating. The true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, who won the NCAA's first all-African-American starting lineup of players, that won the 1966 NCAA

tournament title. Josh Lucas stars as Don Haskins, the passionately dedicated college basketball coach that changed the history of basketball with his team's victory in the time of innocence. With Antwone Fisher and Jon Voight. PG-13.

★ "Grandma's Boy" No rating. —A comedy starring Allen Covert as an average professional video-game tester forced to move in with his grandmother and her two octogenarian friends. With Linda Cardellini, Doris Roberts, Shirley Knight and Shirley Jones. Nick Grossert directed. If for drug use, strong language, crude and sexual humor, and nudity.

★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" ★★½ This fourth film in the fantasy franchise is the most fun and most fraught with conflict, what with Our Hero battling both his nemesis Lord Voldemort and his secret wife, Mike Newton. The first rift to helm the series — is the guy you want to escort it through Harry's awkward age, the usual suspects: Ralph Fiennes as Voldemort; and Michael Gambon, replacing the late Richard Harris, as Dumbledore. Not recommended for those under 8. 2 hours, 37 minutes. PG-13 (fantasy violence, suspense)

★ "Hoodwinked" No rating. This animated fable begins at the end. Chief Grizzly (Zebib) and his detective Bill S. Putter (Anthony Anderson) investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's (Glenn Close) cottage, involving a karate kid (Riding Hood) (Anne Hathaway), a sarcastic wolf (Patrick Warburton) and an oddish Woodsman (Bill Hader). The characters are many, breaking and entering, intent to eat, wielding an axe without a license, but these unusual suspects live their story to tell. PG.

★ "Hosts" No rating. Jay Hernandez and Derek Richardson play adventurous U.S. college students backpacking through Europe who find themselves in an ominous situation in a Simonski town. Written and directed by Eli Roth ("Cabin Fever"). R for brief scenes of torture and violence, strong sexual content, language and drug use.

★ "King Kong" ★★½ Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings) has remade "King Kong," the one about the five-foot blonde and four-foot gorilla who fight for each other, literally and figuratively, and it's a doozy. With Naomi Watts as Ann Darrow and Andy Serkis as the model for Kong's facial and physical move-

About the rating system

The ratings in these capsules are by Knight-Ridder News Service writer, 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor.

ments, 3 hours. PG-13 (marauding lion, creepy creatures, violent deaths)

★ "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang" No rating. Perry the Pink Panther Downey Jr., posing as an actor, is brought to Los Angeles for an unlikely screen test and finds himself in the middle of a murder investigation along with his high-school dream girl (Michelle Monaghan) and a detective (Val Kilmer) who's been training him for his upcoming role. R.

★ "The Last Resort" No rating. Georgia (Queen Latifah) lives a small life tucked inside big dreams. A shy cookware salesperson for a New Orleans retail outlet, she handles knives and skills with the flair of a master chef. But when Georgia learns her days are numbered, she throws caution to the wind and embarks on a dream that leads her vacation to a grand resort in Europe. PG-13.

★ "Memoirs of a Geisha" ★★ Pretty as a picture and soulless as a Hollywood producer (OK, a cheap jacket), this big studio adaptation of Arthur Golden's best-seller is a lush, lovely nonstop set in the enigmatic world of Japanese geishas. Zhang Ziyi stars as the fishing-village urchin-turned-geisha; peeks in Kyoto of the 1930s and 1940s. 144 minutes (adult themes)

★ "Munich" ★★½ Set in the wake of the 1972 massacre of the Israeli Olympic team, Steven Spielberg's tall thriller chronicles the covert operation to hunt the seven who still live. He tries to have mastered the terrorist operation. Eric Bana stars as the Israeli agent who heads the covert hit squad, crisscrossing Europe on a mission of vengeance. With Geoffrey Rush, Clara Fins and an international cast of 65 actors, 44 minutes. R (violence, profanity, nudity, sex, adult themes)

★ "Pride and Prejudice" No rating. In Joe Wright's exhilarating new version, the first feature film adaptation of "Pride & Prejudice" is set in 1813. Lizzy has been liberated from period fashion victimhood, scuffed up a little and let loose on the wily, windy moors. And Keira Knight-

ley animates Lizzy's laser-like wit (without damping her righteous frustration from which it springs). It would be tempting to call Knightley's Lizzy a little heroic. If modern critics weren't such vapid sops. (2:07) PG for some mild thematic elements.

★ "The Producers" No rating. Creative force Mel Brooks, stars Nathan Lane and Gene Wilder Brodcrick, along with director Steven Soderbergh, making her feature film debut, bring "The Producers" to the Great White Way in the form of a Broadway school movie musical. But whereas Brooks' original 1968 comedy (starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder), in which the stage version is based, is delightfully crass and energetically paced, the movie musical, which is a Broadway-style, 100-hour-plus, is bloated and self-satisfied. Whatever spectacle it possessed to make it such a box-office success seems far from here to the screen, and the new film will likely be enjoyed mainly by those who hold fond memories of seeing it on Broadway. Uma Thurman, Will Ferrell, plus Broadway mainstays Gary Beach and Roger Bart. (2:14) PG-13 for sexual humor and references.

★ "The Ringier" No rating. — Think of "The Ringier" as a Farrelly brothers movie, neutered. It still might peep on the carpet or chew up the furniture, but it won't get the neighbor's dog. It's a comedy by brothers Billy and directed by Barry W. Blaustein, but produced by Peter and Bobby Farrelly (along with John Dahl, a former star of the film stars Johnny Knoxville as a farmer who school athletes with unfulfilled thespian aspirations who feels a physical deficiency in order to fix the Special Olympics. (1:34) PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and some drug references.

★ "Rumor Has It" R No rating. Wrong-footed from the get-go, the movie stars Jennifer Aniston as a 30-year-old New York Times obit writer who returns home to her tennis-playing Pasadena family for the wedding of her younger sister. It's a high-concept movie that never transcends the pitch stage: "Young woman married in 65 years, 44 minutes. R (violence, profanity, nudity, sex, adult themes)

★ "Syriana" No rating. This is a film of chances as confidants and complications. It's a political



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New on DVD

"The Constant Gardener"

John Le Carré, the great British espionage novelist, is an expert on betrayal. And why shouldn't he be? Movie-makers have betrayed him endlessly.

Happily, that is not the case with "The Constant Gardener," which Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles has turned into a swift, disturbing and powerful, as driven by great performances.

What an adult pleasure: Never cheap, wise in the ways of the heart, able to keep a number of balls in the air without letting them blur into incoherence, evocative of a hellish, desperately damaged place and gripping as a pinched nerve, "The Constant Gardener" is certainly the best movie of the summer for select moviegoers.

Good heavens, it even has a car chase, a gun battle and an upper-class twist getting royally reamed on the way toward Winedale, England. It's the most fun Le Carré has had at the movies since his little light "Spy Who Came in From the Cold," which became a flicker back in 1965.

Meirelles's film — from a script by Jeffrey Caine that ably tames the novel's many tendrils into a straight-ahead progress — watches the gardener's progress. The gardener is Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes), better known as Poor Justin. Poor Justin, a minor figure in British diplomatic circles in Africa and a constant titter in the mud and rain of the continent, is in actual fact, is poor because of that awful woman he married, the flamboyant gaddy Tessa (Rachel Weisz), who is, of course, "concerned" in the most possible way and — how shall we put this delicately — involved with others of the British High Commission in Kenya (an ex-British colony) in certain ways that produce unsavory rumors.

Just as poor Tessa, and one of her many presumed lovers, the African doctor Arnold Bluhm (Hubert Kouonde), have been murdered way up-country, on some feckless do-gooder's mission that, even if successful, wouldn't have amounted to a hill of beans against the great mountain of despair, corruption, violence and indifference that is so great of today's Africa. Actually, shouldn't dear old Justin count himself lucky to be shed of such a clearly inappropriate life mate? If he's just quiet down, keep the old upper lip stiff as a piece of gum, which would have the additional benefit of keeping his

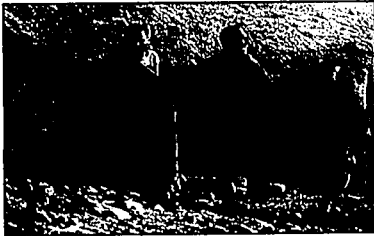


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Ralph Fiennes and Peto Postiwethwa are chased by a conspiracy of corruption involving Big pharmaceutical companies in Africa in "The Constant Gardener."

mouth shut, things would be just fine.

But of course Justin can't keep his mouth shut, or his upper lip stiff or his eye on the ball or his foot to the pedal or any of that stuff that really is of no help to him but gratifies each the awkwardness felt by everyone else. Before you know it, timid, quiet, pale, decent, polite Justin is off on a crusade.

This is certainly the best role that Fiennes has played since "The English Patient." Never a tower of masculine power and a violence, he's instead based his career on more cerebral roles, but here, showing us a passive man seized by trauma into action, he's excellent, growing incrementally in strength, finding courage he never thought he had, and finally, cunning and clever, forging ahead to confront a heart of conspiracy.

The idea of his journey, of course, is knowledge. He begins with everyone's theory of Tessa, which is that she was a little daff in her need to fix the unlikable world or die crying, and that a function of her dysfunctionality was promiscuity. Justin accepts that most pathetic of male stereotypes, the public cuckold; it seems that it was the price he paid for the love of the untamable Tessa. (Le Carré, by the way, is a specialist in that kind of a betwixt, too; remember that it is so here George Smiley, of "Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy," was the most famous cuckold in modern literature.)

Justin starts going through Tessa's things, investigating the nature of her relationships, and makes an awful discovery that suggests that his own view of Tessa was sentimentalized, other

views of Tessa were cynicized, and that people — driven by jealousy, anger and the no-holds-barred internal ecosystem of a diplomatic mission that is sealed shut and unloved by its host country — had the need to be even the worst about her, and the best about themselves. But possibly they're the ones who are deluded and he's the one, a naive and sentimental lover, who sees the truth.

In this book, and in Meirelles's version of it, he finds a new enemy that seems to animate him and the story profoundly: big pharmaceuticals. The conspiracy turns on a plot that links a seemingly generously donated drug to an experimental drug with a higher-than-expected mortality rate. It's all based on the cynical idea that death rates among Africa's uncounted and possibly uncountable millions mean little against what might be a greater good.

As a device for a story, and the context for a conspiracy, the charge is effective and the story based upon it crumbles. It follows as Justin essentially, like Kipling's Kim before him, goes underground and is hunted by thugs to keep him from discovering a truth that the British establishment — represented by Bill Nighty at his effete-WASPY best — wants buried.

This leads to all sorts of global huggemugger, near-run escapes, clandestine night meetings, all the traditional espionage elements. But one thing that sets the film apart is Meirelles's extremely empathetic feel for the squalor and the tragedy of the bloody Third World. His great film was "City of God," which captured the vitality and vio-

lence of a great slum in Rio. He brings that same concern and roughness of vision: His Africa is tragic, except when it's beautiful, and savage except when it's grotesque, and an indictment of exploitation for shrapnel of every color and shade and also a land of hope and love.

"The Constant Gardener" isn't quite a great espionage movie or a great Africa movie, but it's the next best thing.

"Red Eye"

Wes Craven, the man who gave us Freddy Krueger, a villain with a face like chewed-up bubble gum and a set of Ginsu knives for a hand, has a new villain to haunt your nightmares, but this one has the sapphire-blue eyes and baby-soft stubble of a boy-band singer. As Jackson Rippper, the impossibly pretty sweet-talking bad guy with "Red Eye," Craven's tall, air-plane-seat thriller, Cillian Murphy goes from charming to creepy in about three seconds — and so soon as the plane he's on has left the runway, and the woman sitting next to him has nowhere to run.

Up until then he's been simply dreamy, dazzling his seat-mate, Lisa Reisert (Rachel McAdams), with his gallantry and shy, boyish smile, which he's been flashing ever since the two first bumped into each other — far from coincidentally, as it happens — while flying "Red Eye" the ticket line. Before long, Lisa's going to wish she'd been assigned the seat next to the crying baby or the guy with the red eyes and goggles hanging out of his mouth. Anyone but Jackson Rippper, whose name (if it's his real one) isn't the only thing that evokes the famous serial killer.

In short order, Jackson, who describes himself innocuously as a "manager," has made it clear to Lisa that he needs something from her and that he will go to great lengths to get it. Pick up the phone, he tells Lisa, who runs the front desk of a five-star hotel in Miami, and tell your underling.



Photo courtesy of Dimension Films

Cillian Murphy makes Rachel McAdams an offer she can't refuse in "Red Eye."

Cynthia (Jayma Mays), to transfer the room assignment of a particular VIP guest (Jack Scoble). Do it or the hit man who's sitting outside your daddy's house cleaning his silencer.

The thing is, the reason for the room change isn't because the toilets backed up, as Lisa tells Cynthia, but so that several of Jackson's associates can get a better shot at the man, who just so happens to be deputy secretary of Homeland Security, with their surface-to-air missile.

Talk about turbulence. A simple setup, and one made all the more intense by the fact that the main characters are stuck inside a metal can several thousand feet in the air, with not much room to maneuver, except psychologically. That, and the fact that Lisa, unlike most movie damsels in distress, is one smart, tough and resourceful cookie.

It's a gripping, suspenseful journey over what is, essentially, a well-traveled route. Working from a script from first-time feature screenwriter Carl Ellsworth (whose writing credits include such-yo-guy TV fare as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Xena: Warrior Princess"), Meirelles masterfully orchestrates the cat-and-mouse mind games played by Lisa and Jackson.

In fact, "Red Eye" is at its best when it has nowhere to go except inside the characters' heads.

"Red Eye" will keep you awake, jittery and perched on the edge of your seat pretty much the entire flight.

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Events calendar

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Comedy/Twin Falls
Spilt Second will be featured at 7 p.m. at The Oasis. Cover charge is \$3. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Phat Ed's. No cover charge. Ages 21 and older. Phat Ed's is located at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Country/Boise
Robert Earl Koen will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

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

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

Country/Declo
The Fugitives will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herritt 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 families, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for adults. Children under 4 are not admitted.

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SUNDAY

Dance/Twin Falls
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. at the senior center. **The Melody Masters** will provide the music. Cost is \$4 per person. Ladies not escorted will be admitted free. The Twin Falls Senior Center is located at 530 Sheehane St. W.

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Jazz/Twin Falls
Bob 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.

Rock/Idaho Falls
Kris Kristoferson will perform at 8 p.m. in the Colonial Theater. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 493-A St.

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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 Tax at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>.

Rock/Boise
Pub Ring and The Panic Division perform at the former Imparts store building at 7 p.m. on JAN. 19. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Halley and Ketchum. The Imparts store is located at the corner of 16th and Grove.

Theater/Twin Falls
The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Anthony Shaffer's "drama

THURSDAY-SATURDAY

"Beauty"-ful music
Two Fall Music Valley School Bands for the Performing Arts will present the Alan Menken/Howard Ashman/Tina Turner musical version of "Beauty and the Beast" Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday afternoon in Roper Auditorium.

Rock/Boise
Q. Love & Special Sauce and **John Brown's Body** will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 22. 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 or Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Opera/Utah
Utah Opera will present Puccini's "La Rondine" at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 20 and at 2 p.m. on JAN. 22 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12, \$24, \$40, \$5, \$50 and \$60, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Bluse/Boise
Ana Popovic will play the 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 Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Theater/Boise
Leslie Briscusse and **Fred Willmore's "Jekyll and Hyde in Concert"** will play the Marion Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on JAN. 21. Tickets, which are \$24 and \$35.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotheater.com>, or at Robertson's in Twin Falls.

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Theater/Twin Falls
The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Anthony Shaffer's drama "Slouch" with Tony Manon and Bob Davidson, at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 26-28 in the Lamphouse Theater. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Rock/Utah
Tommy Stinson 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 Tax at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>.

Dance/Twin Falls
FLY Dance, a Houston-based company that combines classical and modern dance, breakdancing and hip-hop, will perform at 8 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center for the performing at 7:30 p.m. on

JAN. 27, at Magic Valley Arts in Tour de France, which are \$14 for adults and \$10 for children, are available at Everybody's business, Kurts Pharmacy and Hallmark, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the CSI Community Education Center, all in Twin Falls at South Broadway in Boise; at Jerome's Flowers in Jerome, and at the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Halley and Gooding.

Country/Boise
Toby Keith with guests **Joe Nichols** and **Danielle Peck** will perform at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 27 at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Tickets, which are \$46.75 and \$61.75, can be reserved by phoning (208) 442-2322 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Idaho Center is located at 16200 Garden Road in Nampa's east end.

Show tunes/Utah
Utah Symphony will present "The Silphias of Broadway" with **Joe Benson**, **Debbie Gravitte** and **Christiane Hall** at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$20, \$28, \$35 and \$48, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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Country/Utah
Toby Keith, Joe Nichols and **Danielle Peck** will perform in the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on JAN. 27. Tickets, which are \$44.75 and \$59.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787 or 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. 27. Tickets, which are \$39.75, \$59.75 and \$79.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Rock/Boise
Hinder will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on FEB. 3 and at 4 p.m. on FEB. 4. Tickets, which are \$28, \$38 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 123 West South Temple.

Comedy poetry/Elko, Nev.
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FRIDAY-SATURDAY

"Quality"
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herritt Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present the Alan Menken/Howard Ashman/Tina Turner musical version of "Beauty and the Beast" Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday afternoon in Roper Auditorium.

JAN. 27, at Magic Valley Arts in Tour de France, which are \$14 for adults and \$10 for children, are available at Everybody's business, Kurts Pharmacy and Hallmark, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the CSI Community Education Center, all in Twin Falls at South Broadway in Boise; at Jerome's Flowers in Jerome, and at the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Halley and Gooding.

Cowboy poetry/Elko, Nev.
The 22nd annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering starts JAN. 29-31 at sites around the region. Prizes 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 can be reserved by phoning (775) 738-7508, Ext. 222, or online at <http://www.westernfolklore.org>.

Bluse/Boise
Ana Popovic will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on JAN. 29. 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 Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

Reggae/Boise
The Wallers will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on JAN. 29. Tickets, which are \$15, 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.

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. 2. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tax at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>.

Classical/Utah
Utah Symphony will perform **Mahler's First Symphony** at 8 p.m. on FEB. 3 and at 4 p.m. on FEB. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$22, \$38 and \$42, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Bouquet is located at 1010 W. Main St.

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wraps up FEB. 1-4 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 can be reserved by phoning (775) 738-7508, Ext. 222, or online at <http://www.westernfolklore.org>.

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Rock/Boise
Punchline will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. on FEB. 5. 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 Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

Variety/Burley
The Coats will play the King Center at 7:30 p.m. on FEB. 8. 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 Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

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Rock/Boise
Punchline will play the Venue at 7 p.m. on FEB. 17. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

Rock/Boise
Clumsy Lovers will play Bouquet at 8 p.m. on FEB. 17-18. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 1010 W. Main St.

Rock/Utah
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Rock/Utah
Less Than Jake will perform at the Venue in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. on FEB. 18. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tax at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstax.com>. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

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Bleeding Through will play the Venue at 6 p.m. on FEB. 21. 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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Classical/Twin Falls
Magic Valley Symphony will perform **Borodin's Second Symphony** at 8 p.m. on FEB. 24 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$9 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, are available at Everybody's business, CSI Bookstore, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the door.

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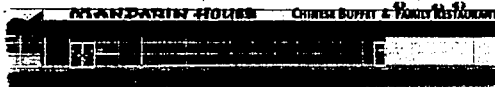
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Food

A meal at Peking is pleasant and practical

BY VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In most Chinese restaurants, I shy away from anything drenched in sweet and sour sauce.

Too red and luminous. Too aggressively sweet. Too downright mysterious.

Not so, however, at Peking Restaurant in Twin Falls, a favorite destination for my husband, Mark, and me.

I've learned to trust Peking's sweet and sour. It's a pleasantly mild sauce in a hue that's not at all frightening.

So Mark and I ordered the Crab Rangoon appetizer with confidence. The \$9.99 ryoan is six deep-fried wontons with a pinch of cream cheese and imitation crab inside each, served with that thoroughly agreeable sweet and sour sauce on the side.

There's not much substance to those six morsels, but they're a tasty way to take the edge off while you wait for a meal.

Of course, we've never long to wait at Peking. The restaurant is as remarkable for speed as it is for unfailing, consummate courtesy. (We've found that the Peking staff remains pleasant even when we've had a run in with friends and the size of our party grows a couple of times.)

For an entrée, Mark and I split a chef's special wai wai (fried before, Four Seasons combines scallops, shrimp, chicken breast and sliced roast pork, sautéed with mushrooms and green vegetables, for \$9.75. It comes with rice, and the restaurant charged nothing extra to substitute fried rice.

The Four Seasons vegetables were served crisp (pea pods, for example), and we were happy to find that the kitchen didn't skimp on the mushrooms. But the pork and chicken were a good deal more plentiful than the shrimp — a bit of a disappointment to Mark.

The dish's flavor was pleasant if not terribly exciting. Mark kicked it up a bit with red chili paste.

We both ate our fill of the split entrée and still took home left-



MIKAL THOMPSON/The Times-News

At Peking Restaurant in Twin Falls, the Crab Rangoon appetizer, left, is six deep-fried wontons with a pinch of cream cheese and imitation crab inside each. The Four Seasons entrée combines scallops, shrimp, chicken breast and sliced roast pork, sautéed with mushrooms and garden vegetables.

About Peking Restaurant

624 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls — Appetizers from \$3.80 to \$6.25. Soups from \$1.85 to \$5.60. Pork, poultry, beef, seafood and vegetable entrees; combination platters; and chef's specials, from \$5.25 to \$9.75. Chow mein, fried rice and lo mein from \$5.55 to \$8.15. Lunch specials from \$4.65 to \$5.55. American dishes (a few basic sandwiches and sides) from \$1.50 to \$4.25.

Three wines by the glass, \$2.35. Five wines by the bottle; from

\$11.25 to \$14.25. And an assortment of beers, from \$2.35 to \$2.90.

Peking also will prepare your wild game, and the menu urges diners to ask about "the many dishes that we are able to prepare that are not listed on the regular menu."

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 8:30 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. Phone: 733-4613. *John Maloney*

overs.

(No dessert, we found. Fortune cookies are the only option. But perhaps enforced restraint is better for us, anyway.)

Peking — particularly popular for Sunday lunches — bustles on weekdays, too. Some people dine alone. Peking provides a pleasant-yet-practical atmosphere in which a solo sit-down meal is perfectly comfortable. (Servers are cheerful and thorough but don't linger.) On many nights, take-out customers arrive in a steady stream, too.

The attraction? Dependably good Chinese food at quite reasonable prices. Of course, speedy service and a polite staff can't hurt, either.

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• **Chili's**, 1880 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Baby back ribs, Stuzzing fajitas, rib-eye steak, \$7.95-\$14.95. Full bar. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. *Charlie Gerard, manager* 734-1167.

• **Cuzzoni's Pizzeria and Pasta**, 1485 Poline Rd. E. — Pizza, pasta, salad combos, \$2.15-\$8.29. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 736-1907.

• **Crowley's Soda Fountain**, 144 Main St. S. — Mushroom burgers, BLT and cub sandwich wraps, shakes with real fruit in season, \$2.25-\$5.39. Hours: Mondays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Leti Lewis, owner* 733-1041.

• **Depot Grill**, 545 Shoshone St. S. — Country sausage, burgers, hot open-faced beef/pepper sandwiches, seafood, steak, \$4-\$14. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 24 hours; Sundays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; *Steve and Tim Stone, owners* 733-0770.

• **Garden Cafe**, 2221 Addison Ave. E. — Steak, seafood, South Western meat bowls, specialty salads, \$5.50-\$19.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Randy and Jara McCarron, owners* 735-0722.

• **Dante's Brick Oven Cooking**, 602 Second Ave. S. — All-you-can-eat pizza, salad bar and select sandwiches, \$3.25-\$5.25. Wine, beer. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. *Kevin Owens, owner* 735-9110. *Lee Ann Owens, manager* 735-9110.

• **Golden Corral**, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Roast Beef, pizza, steak-and-shrimp weekend specials, \$3.19-\$9.99. Senior rates. Hours: Monday through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. *Dean Rieff, manager* 733-1820.

• **Harb's Cafe**, 835 Blue Lakes

About the dining guide

Each week, TNT will publish a rotating list of restaurants in south-central Idaho, along with their hours, food specialties and price ranges. For reasons of space, not every restaurant will be listed every week, but they will be listed on a regular basis.

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• **MaJo Joe's**, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Brunch/dry special, fish plate, steak, \$4.95-\$12.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m. to midnight. *Joe Aguilar, owner* 734-9403.

• **Jade Restaurant**, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Jade-fried rice, Cantonese chicken, General's Bo chicken, Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. *Tony Tao, owner* 734-3100.

• **Jahara's**, 1508 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Almond-crusted halibut, steaks, pasta, Singapore Swing entrees, \$3.99-\$29.99. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 10:30 p.m.; Sundays noon to 9 p.m. *Jack Jones, owner* 733-8400.

• **Johnny Carlino's**, 1821 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Soups and salads, spicy shrimp and chicken, pasta, and lasagna, \$5.99-\$13.99. Full bar. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. *Fred Irlin, owner* 734-4833.



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Twin Falls-bred gospel singer is finding success in Nashville

MVYO looking for young musicians

BY JAMI WHITED
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — She's come a long way from singing in church, ball games, rodeos and karaoke, but country gospel singer Rachel Williams hasn't forgotten the things that have kept her grounded — her love for family and community, her faith and hope.

"I didn't expect how much family and community support I got," said the Twin Falls native. "I just keep praying and know that God is guiding me."
Her first single, "Calvary Painted a Picture of Grace," off her first album, "Unvelled," reached No. 1 on the Country Gospel International Top 100 chart when she moved to Nashville, Tenn., in October.

"It's probably the strongest song on the CD," she said. "It's got a really strong message and it's really powerful."

The song remained at No. 1 on Nashville and December charts, but for Williams, the fame and fortune aren't what's important. The most important thing for her is reaching out to others.

"I never dreamt I'd be able to touch people's lives," said the 25-year-old. "I never thought I would have something to say to young people and be a role model for them."

She grew up in Twin Falls, singing in church and school. While working with talented musicians and in a large studio has been exciting, she has a deep desire to continue to grow this far. Experiences of being on her own may have helped her become independent and problem-solved her, but she wants to realize her dream, but support and help from music teachers, friends and family were equally



Rachel Williams' music has topped the Country Gospel International Top 100 chart.

Photo courtesy of Rachel Williams
by Jami Whited

'Unvelled'

Rachel Williams' album, "Unvelled," is available at **Close Office Supply, Sam Goody, Music Center Inc.** and **Crowley's Soda Fountain**. Letters can be sent to her at **318 Blue Laka Circle, Antioch, Tenn. 37013** or visit her Web site at www.rachelwilliams.net.

important, she said.

"I didn't realize how much I was learning and growing at the time," she said.

And her hard work has paid off. She was recently honored as the new female vocalist of the year from Country Gospel Connection and received letters of commendation from Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Sen. Mike Crapo. In Idaho.

Her lip still quivers when she gets nervous, which is once in a while, but Williams said she feels better singing in front of 1,000 people rather than five. One of her favorite songs on "Unvelled" is "It's Her Father's

Love," a song she wrote with her father and sister.

"Every time I sing it someone comes up to me crying and says it reminds them of their dad," she said.

With all the success she's had that for her it means future and hope, a message that she signs with Jeremiah 29:11 with every autograph.

"I don't feel peace like that anywhere else except when I'm up there," she said. "Every time I sing I get a message."

Back in Nashville, she plans to work on another album that will have the same feel, but she would like more orchestra in it.

She is also going to be on the "Country Gospel Review Road Show." As for branching out to other venues in country music, as long as she can keep her faith and morals, she didn't rule it out. "I want to make it though it is simply have a future touching lives and making music."

Times-News writer Jami Whited can be reached at 735-3278, or write to her at jwhited@magic-valley.com

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra has sought rehearsals for the winter 2006 season. The orchestra consists of young musicians

from around the Magic Valley, and it is under the direction of Diane Davis.

Rehearsals are typically on Saturdays. For more information, contact Judy Clark at 734-7335.

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you'd like if you're trying to do it in a hurry because you're really not supposed to be there."

Now property owners pay artists like himself to paint over walls that have been tagged with gang graffiti or plastered with corporate posters, even in Van Nuys, a Los Angeles affluent Nob Hill neighborhood.

Schultz received one commission from a private family who wanted the children to be able to watch him as he painted his art on a wall of their home. It proved so popular that the family now permits strangers into their yard to see the mural from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. And he is also was part of an exchange program that took him to Indonesia to paint two 15-foot-tall walls bordering sidewalks.

Now paint stores are even eager to give him mismatched paints they can't sell.

"I've moved on to do something better — something permanent that can possibly inspire other people," he said. "And I'm careful to consider the environment I'm working in. I want to make it something the community will like."

"Andrew is the quintessential question-authority skateboarding," Gately said. "Yet he's very focused on the career of the artist. He's serious about what he's trying to convey, and he believes in making good relationships with the people who will see his art."

Schultz has been painting

the walls of the Sun Valley Center, a monastic blind school. He symbolize his take on man's attempts to domesticate nature by building houses. A treehouse-like apartment building comprised of dozens of weathered boards was inspired by his visit to Indonesia where the people recycle every bit of scrap material into building their homes.

And a pruned tree copped by a flurry of life shows nature's resilience in face of man trying to tame it.

"I'm being realistic about what our situation on the planet is like. But I'm not giving up hope at the same time. To me the tree is still beautiful even though it's been tamed."

That said, Schultz prefers to let his art talk for itself — Dr. Seuss-like images and all. He insists on letting viewers decide for themselves what his art's all about.

He also tries not to shove a too-obvious message in people's faces — that takes away the incentive for viewers to think about it.

"What viewers get from my art may be just as important as what I have to say," he said. "If a viewer gets something I didn't intend, that's just as valid. And it's just as valuable."

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every corner. You have to find weapons — usually nothing more sophisticated than a 2-by-4 — to fight back and escape. As you'd expect from an Xbox 360 title, "Condemned" looks and sounds great, with incredible attention to detail. Unfortunately, that quality is the service of bland level design, with each new environment looking pretty much like the last. "Condemned" is good spooky fun for a little while, but its intriguing mystery soon gives way to repetitious gameplay.

• **Fatal Frame III: The Tormented** (Vicrome, for the PlayStation 2, \$49.99) — The "Fatal Frame" series is as fine a distillation of the Japanese horror technique as any of the movies or manga that have come out of Japan in recent years. Like previous entries, "The Tormented" is a haunted house yarn. Photographer Rei Kurosawa stumbles upon the house in her dreams, and she can only exercise his ghosts by taking their pictures. The use of the camera as a

weapon, rather than, say, a machine gun, is typical of the game's subtlety, in which much of the fear comes from things half-seen or half-heard. "The Tormented" has some debilitating technical issues: Rei, for example, moves very slowly, and the puzzles won't challenge anyone who has ever played a "Resident Evil" game. But its thought-provoking, brain-twisting plot (a somber consideration of survivor's guilt) makes it a must for any horror buff.

Music

KARAOKE CORNER

THURSDAY

Twain 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 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.

Friday

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

Twain 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.

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.

Burley

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.

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Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

Blackalicious

"The Craft"

(4/4)

Gift of Gab is an apt name for Blackalicious MC Timothy Parker, who spits out rhymes with the flow and self-aware wit of someone who loves to hear himself talk. Fortunately, he's well worth listening to on "The Craft," Blackalicious' third album.

Like the California duo's previous albums, "The Craft" is loaded with sophisticated lyrics and creative backing tracks from producer/DJ Chief Xcel, who augments synthesizers and programmed beats with looped piano vamps, meaty guitars and strings. Gift of Gab rhymes with a socially conscious air on "Supreme People" and visits the creative process on "My Ten

and Pad." Although Gift of Gab makes plentiful use of his gift for gabbling, he's generous about sharing the microphone, too. George Clinton raps on "Lotus Flower," Floetry shows up on "Automatique" and LL Cool J saves help out on "Four Move."

That's a lot of potential mool uplift for one record, but Blackalicious never lets things get too serious. The comedic "Side to Side" bounces on bass chords from a piano as Gift of Gab and guest MCs Lateef and Pigeon John recount a night at the club fending off a sketchy drunk girl.

In a refreshing twist, Gift of Gab also declines to take credit for his skill as a rapper. "God writes these rhymes through



Blackalicious MC Timothy Parker, is well worth listening to on "The Craft," Blackalicious' third album.

me/I just listen to him," he raps on "World of Vibrations." It's a humble notion that shows how

seriously Blackalicious takes "The Craft."

—Hartford Courant

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thriller that thrives on misdirection, on hiding information just as it hides glamorous George Clooney behind a rumpled exterior and a full beard. Even its title is a puzzle: the meaning is critical, but no one on screen so much as says the word let alone explains it. Written and directed by Stephen Gaghan, "Syriana" is a fearless and ambitious piece of work, made with equal parts passion and calculation, an unapologetically entertaining major studio release with compelling real world relevance. Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright,

Chris Cooper, William Hurt, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet and Christopher Plummer also star (1:40) R for violence and language.

• "Tristan and Isolde" No rating. Literature's original doomed romance earns a rigorous and period-detail-obsessed retelling from the director of "Waterworld." It's less heart-breaking than the centuries of poems or the tragic Richard Wagner opera would have had us hope. But it has passion and pathos and some pretty serious sword-on-

sword combat. With James Franco, Sophia Myles and Rufus Sewell. PG-13.

• "Walk the Line" No rating.—Based on Johnny Cash's books "Man in Black" and "Cash: The Autobiography," and developed for seven years with the help of Cash and June Carter Cash, James Mangold's "Walk the Line" toes it pretty well, too. Named for one of Cash's biggest hits, it also describes the linear progression of the story, which moves briskly from milestone to milestone, pausing along the way to photo-

graph the monumental moments in the life of the legend, and more or less making a moral beeline for redemption. Cash's work requires no explanation or justification, but artist biopics do. So we get the artist-creation myth as moral allegory: A wayward soul is saved by the true love of a good woman. From hard-core beginnings and early trauma to sudden fame, infidelity, addiction and romantic salvation, the movie is less an uncharted journey than a 2 p.m. bus tour through a music industry legend. But as an expert tour guide, Mangold shepherds the story with enough grace, energy and skill to make it worthwhile. (2:16) PG-13 for some language, the male material and depiction of drug dependency.

• "Yours, Mine & Ours" No rating. A clumsy, crude, grossly exaggerated remake of the delightful and surprisingly sophisticated 1968 original visits the little chit-chatting between Dennis Quaid's widower with eight kids and Rene Russo as a widow with 10 who impulsively elope only to discover their children, unprepared and raised very differently, do not mesh well. Quaid, Russo and others deserve better than this strained, synthetic clunker. (1:32) Rated PG for some mild crude humor.

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KING OF POP?

At 16, R&B singer has galloped to the top of the charts

The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA—A No. 1 pop single is not served a la carte. It comes with stuff, as music phenom Chris Brown recently discovered.

Hordes of squealing fans, for instance. A bejeweled Charlie Brown pendant. The cover of *Vibe* magazine. And an entourage that includes a Yale-educated tutor, road manager, career manager, manager's assistant, a spaniel wearing a knitted wool sweater and two bodyguards — each roughly the size of Tappahannock, Va., the tiny town where Chris Brown grew up.

But a No. 1 single does not come with this: a sleek new Range Rover.

Not even when it's a No. 1 single that catapults a 16-year-old R&B newbie into the rarefied air atop the Billboard chart, as with Brown's "Run It!"

For that, you need approval from the person who really runs it: your mother. And Chris Brown's mother had another, more sensible idea when her son said he really wanted a Range Rover.

"He got a Ford Expedition," Joyce Hawkins says. "It was a business decision."

Hawkins is dishing in the bowels of the Wachovia Specter Center, where her sudden-teen-idol son has just performed a 15-minute set before thousands of under-21 fans. At one point, he is seen while singing the slow jam "Ya Man Ain't Me." Brown mocked said "man" by noting that the guy wasn't even drive, and he was in the kitchen, provided backstage by Hawkins: Her son doesn't have a license.

"He can't drive, so it wasn't going to make a difference," she says of the decision to buy the more reasonably priced of the two SUVs. But, she adds, "at least I get to see him around in it."

Welcome to the glamorous life of pop music's hottest newcomer.

This is Chris Brown's world after his chart-topping, crunkish hit "Run It!" (produced by A-list hip-hop beatmaker Scott Storch) came last this fall. He has a posse of Kanyes and Nicklebacks of the world.

Brown's staggeringly successful debut attracted up to the buzz that the kid may be the next Usher. If not the next King of Pop, and landed him a show-closing radio festival slot at sold-out Madison Square Garden. There was also the near-instant



Washington Post photo

Singer Chris Brown's staggeringly successful launch has led to comparisons with Usher and even the King of Pop. He's not halting it.

"He's the new wave and he hasn't even fully tapped his potential. When he does, it's going to be ridiculous."

— Andre Harris, a co-producer of one of Chris Brown's songs

gold certification of Brown's eponymous PG-rated debut album, which has sold 548,000 copies in less than a month, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Not bad for a guy who might otherwise have spent his winter break hanging out in Tappahannock, whose residents — all 2,000 or so of them — couldn't fill even a section of the steps on Brown's Holiday Jam tour, a youthful R&B/hip-hop caravan also starring Clara, Bow Wow and Omarion.

The album is doing incredibly, Brown says softly. "I'm sur-

prised. I never thought it was going to take off this quick."

Indeed, he's something of a celebrity cliché come to life: Brown, who moved to New Jersey this year with his mother (his parents are divorced) is to closer to the nerve center of the music industry, says he went shopping for Christmas presents back in Virginia and had to flee the mall with a security escort.

"People were trying to run up and grab me," he says. "I didn't want to be rude, but the whole mall was following me." Still, he says, almost robotically, as if reciting from a script, nothing's changed (even if everything has).

"My personal life is the same," he says. "At the end of the day, this is just a job. I love what I do, and it's a great job. But it's like my alter ego. There's Chris Brown the singer, and there's Chris Brown the singer. And there's Chris Brown the down-home Tappahannock boy that plays video games and basketball and hangs out."

But Chris Brown the singer isn't just any singer. He's the kind whose rare combination of talent, charisma and teen-idol looks makes label executives weak in the knees and crank up

the hyperbole.

the hyperbole. "Chris Brown, music director of the Top 40 New York radio station Z100, says Brown "has massive crossover appeal that goes beyond the urban audience. To be a star, you need the songs and you need a look.... He'll be here to stay, with plenty of hits. I'm seeing the same thing from him that I saw when Usher first came out."

As are Andre Harris and Vidal Davis, who are in a good position to know. The songwriting-production duo, known as Dre and Vidal, have made hit records with Usher, perhaps the most successful male R&B performer since Michael Jackson. Jackson, too, has worked with Dre and Vidal, as have Clara, Destiny's Child, Lil Scott, Arlene, Alicia Keys — and now Brown, whose second single, "Yo (Excuse Me Miss)," is a Dre and Vidal production.

"He's the new wave," Harris says, "and he hasn't even fully tapped his potential. When he does, it's going to be ridiculous," says Davis. "He's a good songwriter already, and he's got a voice. Plus he can dance. He's a triple threat."

Brown's manager, Tina Davis, came across him more than a year ago the old-fashioned way: The kid who used to sing in a church choir had been hanging around Tappahannock, about 100 miles due south of Washington, with some local producers, and he had impressed some people who knew some people who got Def Jam's attention. Davis, then a senior A&R executive at Def Jam, was about to sign Brown when he might be the last she'll get.

She became Brown's manager a day later. Within a week, Brown had a deal with Jive Records, which launched the careers of Britney Spears, the Backstreet Boys and "N Sync." That was last December. Now Davis says Brown might be "the biggest thing since Michael Jackson."

Brown himself says the comparisons would just go away. Especially the ones to Usher, which have become de rigueur.

"I'm not gonna say that I hate it, because I really respect Usher and I was influenced by him," Brown says. "But so many people compare me to him, and I don't think I'll ever stop. I just want to be my own artist."

Even so, Brown's show begins with a flashy entrance set to Jackson 5 "Blower" — the obvious indication being that it's time to get that old King of Pop throne warm.

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SATURDAY

Twins Falls

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Burley

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.

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.

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

Twins 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

Twins 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 Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

Travel & Movies

SUNDANCE
Stars and slopes foreverBY ILLI MCGEESE
The Washington Post

For an ab-fab time on the slopes, head to Park City during the annual Sundance Film Festival, this year scheduled for Jan. 19-29.

Oh, sure, it's gridlock for 10 days as members of the movie elite—15,000 a day—schmooze, deal and see and get seen in the flesh and on the many screens set up all over the small mountain town. But approximately none of these people ski.

What's more, the locals aren't on the slopes much either during Sundance. Some are going to screenings and parties. Some are picking up extra work with the festival. (A bonanza for bouncers!) Others have hunkered down to wait out the invasion.

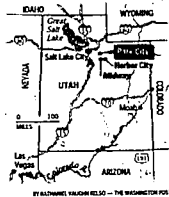
This leaves the mountains' majesty to the minority that comes to Park City in late January for the snow, which, by the way, is usually super, at an average yearly fall of 350 inches. Park City also has enough terrain to get a skier on board in a very minute busy—a combined 8,600 acres at Park City Mountain Resort, Deer Valley and the Canyons.

And, thanks to the film festival, skiers and boarders can enjoy an apres-ski that is as way more widespread than the typical hot tub, hot toddy and hot meal. Just walking down Main Street is a show, with all the stars from Planet Hollywood out and about. Last year, the long list included Kevin Bacon, Jeff Daniels, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Sidney Poitier, Jerry Seinfeld, Chevy Chase and Anne Heche. Paris Hilton almost caused a drunken riot. And, say, was that Frodo Baggins slipping out late? This year's galaxy of stars expected to attend includes directors Jonathan Demme and Wim Wenders and actors Ashley Judd, Lucy Liu, Sam Shepard, Bruce Willis, Sharon Stone and Jugo Timberlake, and rocker Neil Young. Plus Ralph Nader and Al Gore.

I spent a week in Park City during Sundance and the vibrant company of the Ski Club of Washington D.C., which makes the trip an annual outing.

The first nice snow out of Park City was, believe it or not, the bus.

Unless you have a limo, the bus is the way to get to the Park City, because the traffic is



just rotten. Even if you have a rental car, it is better to park and ride once in town. Park City buses are frequent and free, and they take you to all three ski areas as well as to the movies, the market, the massage and the medical clinic, if need be.

Next to the hot tub, they are also the place to pick up info on cool parties and hot screenings—lots of buzz last year about "Hustle & Flow" and "the Penguin movie" ("The Emperor's Journey," aka "March of the Penguins"). People unload extra tickets to screenings on the bus, too, sometimes for free or for a generous face value (e.g., \$10 in 2005). And chatting with seatmates who turn out to be publicists, aspiring actors and production assistants gives me new insight into the L.A. wilds.

On our first morning in town, a dozen ski clubbers could be found at the bus stop in front of the condos the club had rented, which were just a couple of blocks from the action on Main Street.

We were headed for the Park City Mountain Resort to get started on a free mountain tour. The garrulous guide there dispensed a bucket load of tips—where to go for the morning sun, trails not to be missed, best places to find powder—as he deftly sketched the area's history and ecology.

The ski runs at Park City are honeycombed by 200 miles of tunnels, he told us, and are punctuated by the ruins of the town's Sundance heyday, with the town in the 19th century.

As a like-trail skier, I found lots to like about Park City. The well-planned layout offers beautiful views, some steep but groomed black slopes for the morning before the legs got mushy and a well-planned layout offers that meant almost no plowing.

For the double-black diamond crowd, Park City has screamingly steep bowls. The resort also coats snowboarders with four terrain parks crammed with boxes and rails.

On the lifts at Park City, conversations typically veered between slope and screen. I thought, I cried. One boarder told me as we rode the newly redesigned King Con lift. He sounded strangely familiar. It was an old Bette Davis movie as he raved about "The Real Dirt on Farmer John," a Sundance offering.

Sundance is a cheeky alternative film festival that runs concurrently with Sundance. It sees itself as Sundance before Sundance sold out and went Hollywood. I had seen "Farmer John" Peterson himself on Main Street that morning, promoting his biopic. He had been driving a tractor while dressed in overalls, a bowler hat and a feather. The movie is about how he literally sold the farm.

"A must-see," the boarder proclaimed. My lift companion was plenty handsome, but his looks would never get him past the ski patrol at Deer Valley, where I'd killed later in the week. That's because Deer Valley is one of the last board-free zones in the country.

Ski magazine readers voted Deer Valley the No. 1 ski resort in North America in 2005, partly because its slopes are better groomed than Pieter Bronk's, and No. 1 ranking is no joke. Deer, about lifts and layout and terrain, though. It's also about ambiance and amenities. Where else do ski valets greet you at the base and offer to help carry your equipment?

At tiny, cozy Cushing's Cabin at the top of Stagstaff Mountain (elevation 9,100 feet), where I adjourned one morning after making seven or eight turns, the views were unmarred by the telltale grooves that snowboards leave, the hot chocolate came lathered in whipped cream with a frottola of miniature marshmallows along in the froth.

The luncheon buffet at Silver Lake Lodge was fresh and surprising, and the meals at Deer Valley's fancier eateries, such as the Snowpark Lodge, are discussed in gourmet magazines.

This well-kept ski area of multiple peaks and glades offers lots of entertainment for black and blue skiers and boarders, though not much for the greens, blues or beginners.

New on DVD

"Hustle & Flow"

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"Hustle & Flow" is being advertised as a tough, urban drama full of macho posturing and grim, testosterone-fueled brio, but don't be fooled. After 10 minutes of this gritty portrait of Memphis street life, it's clear that the only thing writer-director Craig Brewer will sacrifice his realism for is escapism.

Though unsurprising in its portrayal of the lives of prostitutes, pimps, petty criminals and harem-ites, "Hustle & Flow" is also a rapturous valentine to such enduring values as pluck, enterprise and loyalty. Its setting and aesthetic may be rooted in the harsh realism of the independent and exploitation cinema of the 1970s, but it possesses the gumption and spirit of the breeziest gotta-dance fable.

Such disparate sensibilities are difficult to reconcile, but Brewer does it with the ease of a matter. He also shows us he is at home with his characters and their story. As "Hustle & Flow" features a pimp named D'Jay (Terrence Dashon Howard) in delivering what will become a familiar motivational speech to his top-calling prostitute Nola (Tyrin Manning). As the hard-credible pair sit in D'Jay's dilapidated car in the middle of a rainy Memphis summer, D'Jay advances his argument—that what defines a human being is his or her inner sense of morality and dignity in a surprisingly convincing monologue.

In the course of that brief, usually fascinatingly over-the-top, Bryner accomplishes the next-to-impossible, which is making even the most mainstream viewer sympathetic with an essentially unattractive character and care deeply about what happens to him. And a lot will happen to him in the course of "Hustle & Flow," starting with the acquisition of a small electronic keyboard and ending with a desperate bid at success as a rapper. D'Jay begins to doodle with the keyboard at home, where he lives with Nola, a pregnant hooker named Shelly (Theresa Lyons) and a stripper named Lexus (Paula Pat Parker).

In time, he begins to develop some confidence and has a chance encounter with an old schoolmate named K-Jay (Anthony Anderson). D'Jay begins to harbor hopes of runs, and Shelly, too. What's more, a big opportunity is on its way, in the form of a

Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures



Terrence Dashon Howard, pictured with Terrell Henson, pursues the American dream in a reality bad Memphis neighborhood in 'Hustle & Flow.'

Fourth of July visit to Memphis by top star named Skinny Black (Ludarius). If D'Jay and K-Jay can record a demo tape to slip into Skinny's hands at just the right time, their lives could be changed forever.

Moviegoers may be familiar with Howard, most recently from fantastic dramatic turns in "Ray" and "Crash." The porly, jocular Anderson, of course, is well known as a reliable presence in comedies such as "Barbershop." As solid as their supporting work has been over the years, neither actor has gotten a chance to shine as a lead actor as they do in "Hustle & Flow," which features the kind of breakout lead performances that can catapult both actors into deserved stardom. Anderson, here playing a stolid, if slightly henpecked, family man who enters D'Jay's world with a combination of fear and fascination, provides predictable laughs—most often in the form of a bemused, indulgent take—but also a benevolent presence in an atmosphere that, without the ballast of his character's rock-solid morality, would not be nearly as appealing.

For his part, Howard simultaneously radiates a humanistic blend of determination, danger and soul as the pimp with a heart of gold. With his flashing eyes and mumbling drawl, he often broods off the same kind of seductive heat as Benicio Del Toro. And he handles the movie's more lighthearted repartee with aplomb as well.

Humor, however hard-bitten, bubbles all the way through "Hustle & Flow," which quickly takes on a sense of joyful fun. As D'Jay and K-Jay assemble their backup players—who include the wide-eyed, reticent Shug Nola, and a white, pot-smoking musician from KJ's church named Shelly (DJ Qualls)