

THE ONES LEFT BEHIND



Matthew Geske, a licensed clinical professional counselor, is starting a free support group for friends and family whose loved ones committed suicide. Geske's father committed suicide when Geske was 5.

Moving on is difficult when loved ones commit suicide

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

"Many deaths leave survivors with unfinished business, but few may be said to create more of it than suicide." — Bruce Conley, author of "Suicide and Its Aftermath: Understanding and Counseling the Survivors."

TWIN FALLS — He still remembers the night he had to go to the neighbor's house. He was 5 years old.

"When I came home the next day, all these relatives from out of town had come and my mother was in bed,"

said Matthew Geske, a licensed clinical professional counselor.

It was on that night 38 years ago that Geske was dealt one of life's cruellest blows. His father, a gifted chemist and professor at the prestigious Cornell University in New York, had shot and killed himself in his office. His father was 31 years old.

"My world changed," Geske said.

There was a memorial service, but no one really talked too much about it. It was 1967, and things like mental illness and suicide were still subjects of whispered conversations.

"That was a very confusing thing," Geske said. "It was very much shrouded in mystery."

So by the time he was a teenager, Geske had many unanswered questions.

"I had to fill in a lot of blanks as to who he was and who I was," he said.

The mystery of why his father did what he did put Geske's grieving on hold.

"It's much more difficult to grieve because many questions will go unanswered," Geske said.

So he began his quest for answers, and he found a few. He discovered his father had

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Salmon Falls' mercury levels now in question

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — The news is bad, just not quite as bad as once thought.

Mercury levels in the waters at Salmon Falls Creek are still high — but not to the extreme indicated by preliminary testing.

Last autumn, state officials found levels of mercury roughly 180 percent higher than what is considered healthy in the waters at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir. However, contaminated sampling equipment used in two of the tests gave erroneous, inflated readings of mercury.

DEQ, together with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has launched a year-long monitoring program at the reservoir for mercury, a neurotoxin especially harmful to pregnant women and infants. Since the state has no major source of mercury emissions, officials have been curious about the cause of high mercury

NewsTracker

■ **Last we know:** Water testing at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir revealed levels of mercury roughly 180 percent higher than acceptable.

■ **The latest:** Errors in some of the tests led to inflated results, state officials say. However, levels are still considered high.

■ **What's next:** Monitoring for mercury will continue at the reservoir. Several state legislators are considering bills designed to keep other sources of mercury, such as coal-fired power plants, out of Idaho.

ry levels in the reservoir. "This is still a concern for us," said Michael Dulce, air quality analyst with DEQ. "We're still

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WORKING FOR LESS

Study: Idaho has too few living wage jobs

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Carlos Benavides works hard every day as a maintenance man at a local hotel. He brings home about \$630 every two weeks and one of his checks goes entirely to rent.

His wife, Minerva, peeled so many potatoes during her 23 years at the old Simplot plant that she ended up with carpal tunnel syndrome. Other health problems rendered her disabled and brought her working days to an end. She gets a \$500 disability check, but with two of their three children still living at home, their combined income doesn't go far.

"Sometimes we have to go without our medication because we can't afford it," Carlos Benavides said.

When summer comes, Benavides works another part-

time job mowing lawns so they can afford to catch a movie or go out to dinner once in a while.

The Benavides and many other families in the Northwest are finding that working hard simply is not enough, according to the "Northwest Job Gap Study: Living Wage Jobs in the Economy." The study found that less than half of the existing jobs in the region pay a living wage for parents with two children, even when both adults are working full time and contributing equally to the household budget. Single parents and families with one wage earner are even less likely to have living wage jobs, the study said.

When it comes to a household with two adults, one working, with two children, only 25 percent of Idaho jobs pay a living wage of \$18.96 an

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Living wage jobs in Idaho

Only 21 percent of jobs in Idaho are paying a living wage for single parents raising two children, according to the "Northwest Job Gap Study: Living Wage Jobs in the Economy," a study released today by the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations.

Here is a glance at the living wage in Idaho and the percentage of jobs that pay a living wage.

Household	Living wage	Pct. of living wage jobs
Single adult	\$9.30	76%
Single adult w/one child	\$16.07	32%
Single adult w/two children	\$20.28	21%
Two adults, one working, with two children	\$18.96	25%

Source: The Northwest Federation of Community Organizations



Catch today's TNT

Twin Falls' Random Acts of Theatrical Players will present Anthony Shaffer's two-actor drama "Sleuth." In Burley, the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will stage the Disney music version of "Beauty and the Beast." And in Ketchum, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Ariel Byboe will headline the Sun Valley Opera's season-opening concert.

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: A few rain and snow showers. High 38, low 27.

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Former gold medalist Picabo Street of Sun Valley talks about the U.S. Ski Team's chances at gold.

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Judge throws book in Wendy's finger case

Wife, husband get nearly the maximum punishment

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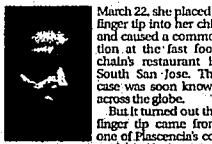
SAN JOSE, Calif. — The couple who schemed to defraud Wendy's restaurant chain by planting a severed human finger in a bowl of chili received nearly the maximum punishments possible Wednesday.

Santa Clara County Judge Edward Davila sentenced Anna Ayala to nine years in prison and her husband, Jaime Plascencia, to 12 years, four months behind bars.

"Greed and avarice overtook this couple, and they lost their moral compass," he said.

Ayala was facing a maximum of nine years, eight months in prison. Plascencia could have received up to 13 years for his role in the scam and other crimes.

Ayala, 43, and Ayala, 39, concocted a scheme to defraud Wendy's. On



Ayala

Las Vegas and sold it to Plascencia.

In September, Ayala and Plascencia pleaded guilty to two felony charges arising from the scam: conspiracy to bid a false insurance claim and attempted grand theft with damages exceeding \$2.5 million.

Before, Davila announced his sentence, a tearful Ayala read a statement apologizing to Wendy's, which also said was one of her family's favorite restaurants.

"I do take responsibility for my actions and offer my most sincere apologies, especially to Wendy's in San Jose and its employees," Ayala said. "I'm truly sorry."

In a prepared statement, Plascencia said he too was sorry for the harm his actions caused.

"I am paying the ultimate price with my dignity," he said.

In the courtroom were several Wendy's employees, representatives of the fast-food chain's corporate office and the owner of the Monterey Highway franchise where the fingerprint was planted, Hector Pineda, who for 15 years has made the chili at that Wendy's, said Ayala's crime led to a cutback in his work hours and caused him personal embarrassment.

"When this happened, I got scared," he said through a translator. "People who I thought were my friends accused me of doing things I had nothing to do with."

Wendy's representatives estimate the restaurant has lost more than \$21 million overall as a result of the crime. The San Jose franchise owners claimed losses of almost \$500,000.



A bowl of chili is shown at the Wendy's restaurant in San Jose, Calif., where Anna Ayala and her husband cooked up a scheme to plant a severed finger.

TWIN FALLS WEATHER

Today: A few rain or snow showers at times. Highs in the mid and upper 30s.

Tonight: Snow showers ending in the evening. Partial clearing towards dawn. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of a snow shower late in the day. Highs in the 30s.

NORLEY/RUPERT WEATHER

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snows will continue today, tapering off early tonight. Driver will move in for Friday and the weekend, but passing disturbances will give a slight chance for a few snow showers.

BOISE
Snow showers with gusty winds, the day today and into tonight as the upper level moisture is pushed up. Drier northeast flow with embedded disturbances will keep things mostly dry.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 39 Low 27	High 38 Low 27	High 39 Low 27	High 35 Low 26	High 32 Low 22	High 37 Low 19

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Temperature: 39/27 Today, 38/27 Tonight, 39/27 Friday, 35/26 Saturday, 32/22 Sunday, 37/19 Monday

Precipitation: 0.00 Today, 0.00 Tonight, 0.00 Friday, 0.00 Saturday, 0.00 Sunday, 0.00 Monday

Humidity: 65% Today, 65% Tonight, 65% Friday, 65% Saturday, 65% Sunday, 65% Monday

Barometric Pressure: 30.1 Today, 30.1 Tonight, 30.1 Friday, 30.1 Saturday, 30.1 Sunday, 30.1 Monday

Sunrise and Sunset: 6:52 AM Today, 6:52 AM Tonight, 6:52 AM Friday, 6:52 AM Saturday, 6:52 AM Sunday, 6:52 AM Monday

MOON PHASES

Today: Waxing Crescent (10%)

Tomorrow: Waxing Crescent (20%)

Friday: Waxing Crescent (30%)

Saturday: Waxing Crescent (40%)

Sunday: Waxing Crescent (50%)

Monday: Waxing Crescent (60%)

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Boise	39/27	38/27	39/27
Idaho Falls	39/27	38/27	39/27
Meridian	39/27	38/27	39/27
Payette	39/27	38/27	39/27
Shoshone	39/27	38/27	39/27
Twin Falls	39/27	38/27	39/27

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Atlanta	65/45	65/45	65/45
Boston	45/35	45/35	45/35
Chicago	45/35	45/35	45/35
Denver	45/35	45/35	45/35
Houston	65/45	65/45	65/45
Los Angeles	65/45	65/45	65/45
Miami	65/45	65/45	65/45
Minneapolis	45/35	45/35	45/35
New York	45/35	45/35	45/35
Phoenix	65/45	65/45	65/45
Portland	45/35	45/35	45/35
San Francisco	65/45	65/45	65/45
Seattle	45/35	45/35	45/35
Wash. DC	45/35	45/35	45/35

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
London	55/45	55/45	55/45
Paris	55/45	55/45	55/45
Tokyo	65/45	65/45	65/45
Sydney	65/45	65/45	65/45

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Calgary	39/27	39/27	39/27
Edmonton	39/27	39/27	39/27
Halifax	39/27	39/27	39/27
Manitoba	39/27	39/27	39/27
Montreal	39/27	39/27	39/27
Ottawa	39/27	39/27	39/27
Quebec	39/27	39/27	39/27
Regina	39/27	39/27	39/27
Saskatoon	39/27	39/27	39/27
Vancouver	39/27	39/27	39/27
Winnipeg	39/27	39/27	39/27

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Islamic group pleads for U.S. journalist's release

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American Muslim advocacy group is traveling to the Middle East to plead for the safe return of a journalist facing death at the hands of her kidnappers.

The group, the American-Islamic Relations is planning to hold one news conference Thursday in Amman, Jordan, and another in Baghdad.

The group hopes to reach Arab television audiences and convince the captors of Jill Carroll, a freelancer for the Christian Science Monitor, to release her.

Mercury

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Most of the sampling in and around Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir is accurate, said Michael McIntyre, surface water programs manager with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Only the equipment used to sample water from the surface of the water body and from the bottom proved faulty, and these were the highest readings recorded at the reservoir. Different tools were used to sample surrounding creeks and streams — therefore, those results aren't suspect, McIntyre said.

"We're testing for such unbelievably small particles," DuBois said.

The sampling equipment used, then, must be very sensitive in order to detect the mercury, McIntyre said. So sensitive, in fact, that just the tiny amount of mercury found in the dental fillings of the person using the equipment could alter the results.

After identifying the problem, McIntyre said the DEQ selected another method for testing mercury levels in the reservoir. They will be conducting a first round of sampling using this new equipment beginning next week.

The mercury monitoring effort by DEQ and EPA involves testing both the air and water for mercury content. The U.S. Geological Survey also collected sediment samples from the reservoir for testing.

When mercury enters water, it can transform into methyl

Suicide

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was suffering from depression when he ended his life. Geiske said he went through several stages of grieving and he did find some closure. In his mid-30s, he established a scholarship fund in his father's name for promoting chemistry students at Warburg College in Iowa, where his father earned his undergraduate degree. Family, friends and colleagues gathered to celebrate the opening of the scholarship fund.

"It was a public way of acknowledging his life," Geiske said. "It's a way that he can still overshadow their life."

Today, at 43, Geiske said he still wrestles with some of those feelings commonly experienced by suicide survivors. It gets easier, but they still pop up now and again.

"I realize I still struggle with the death and my own feelings of helplessness and despair," he said.

And he realizes he's not alone, especially in Idaho. In 2002, Idaho had the ninth-highest suicide rate — 37 percent higher than the national average. It is the second-leading cause of death among people between the ages of 15 and 34, just behind accidents, according to the Suicide Prevention Action Network of Idaho. And all those people had the ninth-highest number of people who still grieving their deaths. That's one of the reasons Geiske is starting a monthly support group for suicide survivors, sharing all those uncomfortable feelings like sadness, guilt, anger and shame is healing in itself, Geiske said.

Geiske said the first thing survivors must do is learn to grieve.

"A good grief is a period of

Support group for suicide survivors

A support group for survivors of family members and friends who have committed suicide will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Sage Conference Room, located in the former Norco building just east of the hospital's Addison Avenue campus.

The free support group is open to anyone who has been affected by the suicide of a family member or friend. The first meeting will be Monday, Jan. 23. It will be facilitated by Matthew Geiske, a licensed clinical professional counselor and suicide survivor. For more information, call Geiske at 735-0090.

Suicide survivors: The ones left behind

A survivor of suicide is a family member or friend of a person who died by suicide.

Survivors of suicide represent the largest mental health casualties related to suicide.

There are currently almost 32,000 suicides annually in the

Jobs

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Health insurance is often the first trade-off that families make, according to the study. Fewer employers offer affordable health insurance and families are finding themselves one serious illness or injury away from financial ruin. Rising utility rates also are a concern, especially during the winter months.

What is the solution? The study recommends establishing job quality standards for employers that receive public economic development and business assistance resources and using living wage figures to set wage policies. Other recommendations include promoting apprenticeship programs

Donors pledge \$1.9 billion to fight bird flu

BEIJING (AP) — After a year of unprecedented appeals for money to cope with the Asian flu, the United States and South Asia, the world dug deeper Wednesday, pledging \$1.9 billion to fight bird flu and prepare for a potential pandemic.

The United States alone came up with \$334 million that will largely be used to help poor countries in Southeast Asia,

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United States. It is estimated that for every suicide, there are at least six survivors. Some experts believe this to be a very conservative estimate.

Approximately 5 million Americans became survivors of suicide in the last 25 years.

The loss of a loved one by suicide is often shocking, painful and unexpected. The grief that ensues can be intense, complex and long-term. Grief is not an extremely individual and unique process; each person will experience it in their own way and on their own pace.

There is no time frame for grief. Survivors should not expect that their lives will return to their prior state. Survivors aim to adjust to life without their loved one. Common emotions experienced in grief are depression, anxiety, guilt, anger and helplessness. These feelings are normal reactions and a natural part of grieving.

Source: American Association of Suicidology

Support group for suicide survivors

time with immense feelings of loss, confusion and despair that is supported by your community, your friends and family," he said.

And grieving a suicide is much more complex than grieving for someone who died a natural death.

"Along with the death also comes the trauma," Geiske said. "Suicide is when your loved one is both the victim and the murderer."

He said survivors need to know it wasn't their fault a loved

Support group for suicide survivors

one took his or her life.

"They need to know the person responsible for the suicide is the one who committed it," Geiske said. "You cannot control someone's actions."

There is one especially important thing Geiske wants people in the support group to see. "You're not alone," he said. "Other people have survived!"

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Support group for suicide survivors

and expanding educational opportunities. The study says the government should use living wage figures to determine who is eligible for help with food, housing, health care, transportation and child care.

Benavides realizes that while the minimum wage is being \$5.15 an hour, there are others out there with bigger struggles than him.

"They need to raise the minimum wage because it's hard for people to make a living in this country," Benavides said.

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Supreme Court acts unanimously on abortion question

States may require parental notification

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, in a rare unanimous decision on abortion, said Wednesday that states may require girls under age 18 to tell a parent at least two days before having an abortion so long as the law also permits doctors to act quickly in medical emergencies.

The ruling resolves, for now, a New Hampshire case without making a significant change in the law.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, in what may be her final opinion, set out a compromise solution that gives both sides most of what they asked for.

State lawmakers wanted to ensure that a pregnant girl would speak to her parent and then wait at least 48 hours before going ahead with an abortion. O'Connor unquestionably gave her the right to require parental involvement when a minor, considers terminating her pregnancy," O'Connor said.

Forty-four states have laws on the books that give parents a role in the abortion decision, she noted.

However, the New Hampshire Legislature did not provide exemptions for medical emergencies.

"In some very small percentage of cases, pregnant minors, like adult women, need immediate abortions to avert serious and often irreversible damage to their health," O'Connor said. "A state may not restrict access to abortions that are necessary, in appropriate medical judgment, for preservation of the life or health of the mother."

O'Connor described both principles as "established" and not necessarily in conflict.

However, two lower courts voided the entire New Hampshire law because it did not include the exception for medical emergencies. O'Connor called this a "blunt remedy" that went too far. "We agree with New Hampshire that the lower courts need not have invalidated the law wholesale," she said.

The justices sent the dispute back to the lower courts and told the judges to fix the law in the law. The state Legislature could amend its law to make clear its required waiting period did not apply in cases of medical emergencies. Or the judges themselves could issue an order saying the law permitted doctors to act immediately in emergencies.

The New Hampshire case marked the first time in six years the court had taken up an abortion case, and many had predicted the justices would be sharply divided.

But on a closer look, it became clear the dispute could be settled without changing the law.

During the oral argument in late November, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. proposed a middle-ground solution that would save the law by fixing it slightly, and the idea apparently met with the approval of all the justices.

"We do not revisit our abortion precedents today," O'Connor began her opinion, making clear this would not be a major ruling.

Abortion battles unfolding state by state

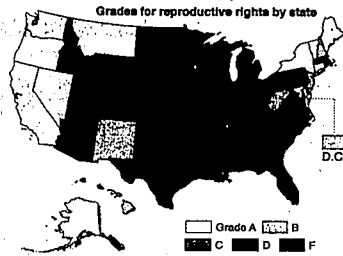
NEW YORK (AP) — Though it may be years before the Supreme Court reconsiders the Roe v. Wade decision, liberal activists say the ruling that established abortion rights already is eroding steadily under state-by-state pressure from the anti-abortion movement.

In two states, lawmakers are proposing broad abortion bans they hope will eventually win approval from a reconfigured, more conservative Supreme Court led by new Chief Justice John Roberts and including pending nominee Samuel Alito.

Legislators elsewhere are meanwhile seeking to tighten a range of abortion restrictions, part of a persistent national campaign that prompted one leading liberal group to give 19 states a falling grade on reproductive rights in a report issued Wednesday.

States graded on reproductive rights

NARAL Pro-Choice America, a leading liberal advocacy group, gave 19 states a falling grade on reproductive rights in a report based on restriction of access to contraception and abortion.



Nancy Keenan, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Anti-abortion activists "are using the states as laboratories," she said.

Among the states getting F's in NARAL's status report are Indiana and Ohio, where conservative lawmakers are introducing bills to ban abortion outright. They hope their meas-

ures become law and then face legal challenges that lead to a Supreme Court reconsideration of the 1973 Roe ruling.

"It is time to return the abortion issue to the states," said Mark Harrington, executive director of the Center for Bio Ethical Reform Midwest and a supporter of the proposed Ohio ban.

Those getting F's were Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. NARAL predicts that most of these states, and probably some others, would ban abortions if Roe were overturned.

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U.S., Europe reject Iran's request

Process moves one step closer to U.N. Security Council referral

PARIS (AP) — Europe, backed by the United States, on Wednesday rejected Iran's request for talks on its nuclear program, cranking up international pressure on Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment.

The Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said "there's not much to talk about" until Iran halts nuclear activity. But Iran's president accused the West of acting like the "lord of the world" in denying his country the peaceful use of the atom.

The quick dismissal of Iran's request for a ministerial-level meeting with French, British and German negotiators focused attention on the next step: the U.S. and European push to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose economic and political sanctions.

Russia and China, which have veto power on the council, appeared to remain the greatest obstacles. Both nations are opposed to sanctioning a country

with which they have strong economic and strategic ties. In recent days, they have expressed reluctance even to the idea of referral.

The national security adviser of France, who strongly supports halting Iran before the Security Council, was in Moscow on Wednesday to make his country's case, as was the French foreign minister. Tehran's ambassador to Russia urged the Kremlin to resist what he called pressure from other countries.

Even if there were consensus on sanctions, the five permanent Security Council members would be faced with a dilemma. Placing an embargo on Iran's oil exports would hurt Tehran, which earns most of its revenues from energy sales, but also roll world crude markets, spiking prices upward.

Europe halted talks after Iran resumed uranium enrichment research this month. The West fears the nuclear program will

lead to nuclear weapons, though Iran insists it is only for civilian use.

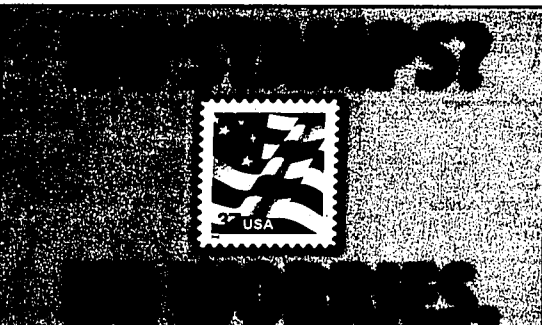
Iran must return to a complete suspension of these activities," said French Foreign Ministry spokesman Denis Simonneau. He said Iran's decision to resume the research "means that it is not possible for us to meet under satisfactory conditions to pursue these discussions."

Simonneau said discussions are not possible either among ministers or "at the level of civil servants" as long as Iran pursues nuclear activities.

In Washington, Rice and the European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, also rejected any return to talks. France, Germany and Britain led the talks with Iran on behalf of the 25-member European bloc.

Rice condemned Iran's decision to resume its nuclear program, saying the international community is united in mistrusting Tehran and its present leadership with such technology.

Britain, too, refused to consider renewed talks.



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NATION/WORLD

Comatose girl now responding to medical stimuli

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A comatose girl beaten with a baseball bat is responding to medical stimuli, officials said Wednesday, a day after Massachusetts' highest court ruled the state could take her off life support.

The state, which has custody, had asked that Haleigh Poutre's ventilator and feeding tube be withdrawn after doctors said she was in an irreversible vegetative state.

But state officials wanted

more tests of the 11-year-old girl's condition before life support was withdrawn.

"There's a possible change in her condition," Denise Monteiro, a spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services, said Wednesday. "She's having some responses."

Monteiro would not say how Haleigh was responding or what tests she was responding to. She said doctors will perform more tests Thursday "to see what the movements mean."



Haleigh Poutre

The girl's stepfather, Jason Strickland is already charged with beating the girl and could face a murder charge if she dies. He has fought to keep her on life support, but the Supreme Judicial Court ruled against him Tuesday.

Haleigh has been in a coma since September when she was hospitalized with a damaged brain stem.

Doctors have said she will die within a few days without the feeding tube.

Haleigh's aunt and adoptive mother, Hollie Strickland, also was charged with assault.

But less than two weeks later, she was found dead alongside her grandmother in what authorities are describing as a possible murder-suicide.

Supreme Judicial Court ruled against him Tuesday.

Pakistan seeks bodies of militants killed in U.S. airstrike

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani intelligence agents hunted Wednesday for the graves of four al-Qaida militants believed killed in an airstrike near the Afghan border — including one authorities suspect was a high-ranking al-Qaida figure.

ABC News reported that a nuclear bomb maker and chemical weapons expert for al-Qaida was killed in the attack on the village of Damadola last week. He was identified as Midhat Mursi, also known as Abu Khabab al-Masri, who ran an al-Qaida training camp and has a \$5 million reward on his head.

According to ABC, Pakistani officials also said two other terrorist network officials were killed: Khalid Habib, the al-Qaida operations chief for Pakistan and Afghanistan; and Abdul Rehman al Maghrabi, a senior operations commander for the group.

Pentagon officials said they had no information on the report. A Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he's not authorized to speak to journalists, said authorities still did not know the names of the dead foreign militants but suspect one was a ranking al-Qaida figure.

"We have no names. We know one of them had value in al-Qaida. He had intelligence value in the network, but we are still checking his name," said the official.

However, Pakistani Interior Minister Aftab Sherpao told The Associated Press the government does not know the identities of the foreigners believed killed in the missile strike Friday, which officials have said targeted Osama bin Laden's top aide, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

"We are still investigating. There's a possibility that some foreigners were there, but we still do not know," said Sherpao, who was in New York with visiting Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz.

Sherpao said the government had not retrieved the bodies of any of the four foreign militants reported killed in the raid. He said the bodies may have been taken by a local pro-fallah cleric, Maulana Faqir Mohammed, who also is being hunted by authorities.

The U.S. government refuses to discuss the airstrike, which has been condemned by Pakistan.

Provincial authorities say the attack killed 10 residents of the Pashun village, and they also say they believe sympathizers took the bodies of four or five foreign militants to bury them in the mountains, thereby preventing their identification.

Intelligence officials say the dead foreigners could be aides of al-Zawahiri, who is thought to have sent them in his place to an Islamic holiday dinner to which he'd been invited in Damadola on the night of the attack.

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'Premio Lo Nuestro' lights up the night with music

The highly anticipated 16th annual "Premio Lo Nuestro" is just around the corner. Kicking off the festivities leading to the event was Ana María González and El Gordo-Tau de Molina. The two joined Dec. 12, 2005, during the televised, "Despierta America" on Univision to release the list of nominees for this spectacular event.

Scheduled to take place Feb. 23 at the Miami Airlines Arena in Miami, "Premio Lo Nuestro" is guaranteed to be an extravagant night, recognizing and honoring the leading names of Latin music.



LATIN RITMO
Esteban Gonzalez

Topping the list with five nominations is Dominican Bachata duo Monchy y Alexandra for their album, "Hasta El Fin."

Norteno sensation, Intocable, comes in second, picking up four nominations. Including the category, Regional Mexican Artist of the Year. Along with Intocable, names like Los Huracanes del Norte, Los Tigres Del Norte, Conjunto Primavera and the Duranguense group, K-Paz de la Sierra, have been included in the sub-categories.

It has been an immaculate year for the reggaeton movement. Reggaeton is a mix of reggae, urban hip-hop and Latin rap. And any collection is not complete without music hits, "Gasolina," "Ven Bailando," "Rakata" and the list continues.

Leading the list of nominees for the Urban Genre category is Daddy Yankee. Yankee, for the first time in his career, will have three singles under the sub-category, Reggaeton Song of the Year: "Lo Que Paso, Paso," "Mayor Que Yo" and

New mix of Latin salsa, reggae dancehall and hip-hop is 'not a fad'

Knight Ridder News Service

From the Lambada to "Livin' la Vida Loca," American pop music is dotted with holly hyped Latin crossover successes that were supposed to remake the mainstream in their multicultural image.

Is reggaeton any different? Fired up by Daddy Yankee's addictive hit single, "Gasolina," reggaeton had a breakthrough year in 2005.

The mix of hip-hop, reggae dancehall and salsa has roots in 1980s Panama, where descendants of Jamaican immigrants working on the canal began rapping over reggae rhythms in Spanish. After building in popularity over the last decade in Puerto Rico, its home base, reggaeton has become the linchpin of a radio format often called "urbano."

All Spanish FM stations in New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Denver and Washington gave U.S. exposure to longtime Puerto Rican stars like Tego Calderon, who became the first reggaeton artist signed by the pop division of a U.S. major label (Atlantic), and Ivy Queen, the foremost female diva in the male-dominated genre.

With 42 million Spanish speakers in the United States, signs abound of reggaeton's growing influence. Amid an industry-wide slump, Latin-



Reggaeton singer Daddy Yankee performs on stage during MTV's 'Total Request Live' show at the MTV Times Square Studios, Jan. 12 in New York.

CD sales grew 8 percent last year. Reckon will launch a Daddy Yankee sneaker in March. Latin pop stars like Ricky Martin and Enrique Iglesias have hopped on the reggaeton train, as have R&B acts such as R. Kelly, who collaborated on "Burn It Up" with Wisin & Yandel, the up-and-comers whose grabby "Rakata" is the heavy-rotation reggaeton hit of the moment.

"This is not a fad, this is a movement," said Daddy Yankee by phone on his way to perform on MTV's "Total Request Live."

"Mirame."
"Pues muy contento con recibir estos nominaciones," says Daddy Yankee. "Es un orgullo, y pues les doy las gracias al publico porque por ellos nosotros (las artistas) estamos en donde estamos."

"(Having received these nominations for Univision's Premio Lo Nuestro is an honor. However, all credit goes to my fan base

because it is they who continue supporting my music.")

The Corpus Christi-based A.B. Quintanilla III y Los Kumbia Kings picked up two nominations for their album, "Fuego."

However, this Latin pop group fell shy of Shakira, who earned four nominations for her album, "Fijacion Ombi," which includes the historic

Hispanic TV viewing

"Premio Lo Nuestro" was the highest-rated annual special among Hispanics in the United States. In 2005, it was viewed by more than 9 million Hispanics, beating all other English or Spanish language awards programs. Year to year, it consistently beats the Academy Awards, Latin Billboard Music Awards, Emmy Awards, MTV Awards and Golden Globe, among all major demographics. The Univision Network recently worked with the Latin Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences to host and produce the sixth annual Latin Grammy Awards. The event attracted 1.8 million more viewers than when the show was hosted and produced by CBS.

The Quintanilla family and the network also teamed up to host and produce Selena Vive! An event that achieved a record-breaking 35.9 household rating.

The event became the highest rated and most viewed Spanish-language television special ever and was the No. 1 program, regardless of language, among adults ages 18 to 34 in Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco while trying for first place in New York.

Source: Univision Networks.

world-wide hit, "La Tortura." The 16th annual "Premio Lo Nuestro" will be broadcast live on the Univision Network. For more information about the performers, presenters and a complete list of nominees, visit www.Univision.com.

Esteban Gonzalez, a Burley native, worked as writer and co-founder of Tejano Y Grupero News in Corpus Christi, Texas, which covered the music scene. He has written about Gloria Esteban, Los Tigres del Norte, AB Quintanilla III y Los Kumbia Kings to name a few.

La Posada Ministry offers free tax help

TWIN FALLS — Low-income people can obtain free tax help at the La Posada Ministry's Low Income Tax Clinic.

Services will be provided year round at the ministry office, located at 134 Hansen St. E.

The services provided include helping obtain individual tax identification numbers for taxpayers and dependents who are not eligible for Social Security numbers, explaining what people can and cannot do on their tax return, preparing tax returns for non-filers, helping with Internal Revenue Service audits and examinations, requesting Innocent Spouse Relief, filing Injured Spouse claims, appealing Earned Income Tax Credit denials and other changes the IRS has made to tax returns, stopping tax liens and levies, settling tax debts, obtaining legal help for those who need to go to tax court and making referrals to a free-income tax preparation site.

There will be Spanish speakers available at the clinic. There will also be free tax preparation at the ministry.

The La Posada Tax Clinic is a

nonprofit organization. Financial support has been provided by the La Posada Ministry, the IRS Therapy Advocate Services, Wells Fargo Foundation and contributors.

For tax help information or to schedule an appointment, call La Posada Ministry at 734-8700.

Clinic planned on how to help Latino children excel

POCATELLO — The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs is offering training that targets increasing protective factors and academic achievement for Latino students.

Protective factors are conditions that buffer young people from the negative consequences of exposure to risk by either reducing the impact of the risk or changing the way a person responds to the risk.

Examples include Respect for self, family, and others; and cultural awareness. The training is to help Latino students excel in school and life, the commission reports.

Training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23 at the Idaho State University campus. Registration cost is \$25 per day and the agenda is available for review at www2.state.id.us/icha. Training is for school staff, counselors, administrators and volunteers. Registration is limited to 50 people.

For more information, call Zoed Olivo at 334-4565.



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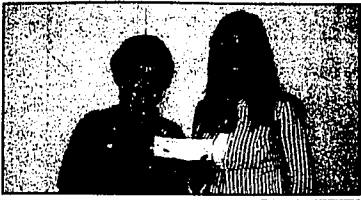
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Woman appreciates care for mother

I would like to thank Gooding Rehab, Mountain View Care Center and Sunbridge for the loving care that they gave to my mom, Dorothy Goldberg Martin, while she resided at those residences. It was so appreciated.

I would also like to thank the intensive care unit at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (especially Matt) for the kindness, love and support during her dying hours. I appreciate her doctors and nurses who cared for her while living.

Your love and kindness (which was so very generous) will never be forgotten. Thank you all for everything!

SHERRY JOHNSON
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Retirement center thankful for gift donations

On behalf of the residents of Springa Plaza Apartments, the board of directors and staff would like to sincerely thank the Burley Soporotomists for the

very fun and festive Christmas party on Dec. 14.

This is the second year that they have provided the residents with gifts, refreshments and a visit with Santa Claus. (Thanks to Santa, too!)

We very much appreciate them and all they do for our residents.

NANCY WHITAKER
Property Manager
Springa Plaza Apartments
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Christmas baskets filled thanks to helpful citizens

The Valley Community Helpers would like to thank the people in the Eden and Hazelton communities for their support of cash and/or food donations for the annual Christmas baskets.

We would also like to thank the Valley School District,

guides kindergarten through eighth, for their canned food drive, which was unbelievable, and Mrs. Brock and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America for the wrapped Christmas presents for the children.

To the Silver & Gold Senior Center and American Legion for the use of their buildings. Thanks to Valley Service Convenience Store (Nick and Julie Fife), Wal-Mart in Jerome, Boise Canada, Falconhurst Dairy, Wonder Bread, McKain Foods, Stevenson Farms, Sun Valley Pointo Co., Trish and Bernam Conida Seed and to our local churches for their community support.

A big thank you to our volunteers for their tireless help. Without you, we would not be able to do this year after year.

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CSI schedules events, scholarship competitions

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering several special events and scholarship competitions to introduce students to areas of study, involvement and enrichment opportunities available at CSI.

Feb. 7: Business Day and Scholarship Competition will feature sessions on accounting, business knowledge, economics, finance, total quality management, marketing and technology. Scholarships will be

awarded in each of the areas to students in attendance at this event.

Feb. 16: Fine Arts Day topics will include art, theatre and music. Students will choose one area and spend the day in workshops sponsored by CSI faculty. It is a great opportunity to get scholarships and meet the faculty and students in your area of study, organizers say.

Feb. 28: The Multi-Cultural Day and Scholarship Competition event is open to all high

school students. Students will learn about the college transitioning process and the available financial aid. CSI has made this one of the largest of the scholarship competitions. Ten students who attend will receive scholarships.

March 10: Trade and Industry Day will provide hands on experience within CSI's Trade and Industry Department. Programs included are automotive, body, welding, heating and

air conditioning, law enforcement, cabinetry, electronics, drafting and diesel technology.

Equine Day and Scholarship Competition will be announced at a later time. The event will provide students with an overview of the equine program and student club at CSI. Scholarship opportunities will also be available, organizers say.

For more information on these events, call Eric Studer, director of coordination of new student services, at 732-6224.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mindoka senior center holds dinnerfest Saturday

RUFFERT — The Mindoka County Senior Center is holding a dinnerfest at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the center, 702 11th St.

The cost is \$6 per plate. The menu includes vegetable soup, meat or Alfredo sauce, tossed green salad, garlic toast and dessert.

For more information, call the center at 436-9107.

Former T.F. resident celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Elmo Wendell Green will celebrate his 80th birthday today. He lived most of his younger years in Twin Falls.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific and engaged in battles for Saipan, Tinian and two Ijima. He was a member of the 2nd Armored Amphibian Division.

As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he has served in many capacities including scoutmaster, bishop and high counselor.

Green married Agnes Elish Daniels on Feb. 14, 1949, in Ft. Meigs. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

His children are Lollie Green, Elmo Wendell Green II, Gary Green and Ronald Green (Gabe). He has nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Birthdays wishes can be sent to him at 1224 W. 450 N., No. 42, Clearfield, UT 84015.

Kimberly High School presents 'Showtime'

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High School Choir will perform "Showtime," featuring music

from Momma Mia and Wicked, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Kimberly Middle School, 144 Center St.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

For more information, call 423-4170.

Free antique appraisal takes place Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office is offering free antique appraisals from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Second Time Around, 689 Washington St.

Writers' League meets at Idaho Joe's on Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers League will meet at noon Saturday at Idaho Joe's, 593 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The group will discuss this year's events, including the annual conference in the Arroyo center of members work. Anyone interested in writing is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 732-6297 or email twinfallswriters@yahoo.com.

Hagerman Masonic Lodge holds annual dinner

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Masonic Lodge No. 78 is holding its annual wild game dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 281 N. State St.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the Snake River Grill, on State and Hagerman avenues, Buffalo and salmon by the Snake River Grill will be served. Proceeds will go to local Masonic charities.

For more information, call 843-8262, ext. 102.

Clear Lake Country Club, 403 Clear Lake Lane.

Hos d'ouevres and a no-host bar will be available from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday. The cost is \$27.50 per person.

Brent Reinke of Filer will speak. Reinke is director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections and has guided the department in implementing the Juvenile Corrections Act of 1995, organizers say. He oversees the department's juvenile institutions in St. Anthony, Nampa and Lewiston.

Space is by reservation only. Tickets are available at 543-6682.

Mothers Inc. holds parenting class

TWIN FALLS — American Mothers Inc. of Magic Valley is holding a free positive parenting class each month for anyone interested. This month's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 791 Sunrise Blvd. N.

Participants do not need to be members of American Mothers to attend.

For more information, call 732-8337.

H.S. Juniors, hold parent class about college options

BUIH — High school juniors and their parents can attend a college night from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Buhl High School, No. 1 Indian Territory.

Information on PSAT results, college testing, college planning applications, financial aid, millage options, athletics and more will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 843-8262, ext. 102.

Productions of 'West Side Story' in March. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer in July and "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" in November.

The cost is \$2. Tickets for "West Side Story" will be available on Feb. 2 and to members until season pass holders on Jan. 26. Ticket hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 677-4415.

Mini-Cassia Christmas Council prepares history

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council is preparing a history of the council. Informants on names, dates, early newspaper articles or anything else regarding the council is needed.

For more information or to submit an item, call 678-7340.

Local woman celebrates 90th birthday Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Lucie Elizabeth James will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls Care Center, 674 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

The second of six children, she was born to Fredrick and Lucie Burkhardt on Jan. 20, 1916. She attended Poplar Grove School near Castelford and married John H. James in 1934. He died in 1995. She worked in the sales department at J and K Appliance in Buhl for 10 years.

Lucie has always enjoyed cooking for family and friends, the companionship of dogs, and reading her Bible. She is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Buhl.

The open house is given in her honor by her four children; Fritz James of Buhl, Ilene (Linda) James of Alpha, Ill., Paul (Paul) James of Jones, Ore., and Edna (Edna) Swazy of Filer. Her presence is requested but no gifts, please.

CSI offers slate of enrichment classes

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering several zero-credit enrichment classes this spring.

"Beginning German" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 through May 8, in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is \$65. The class will help adults learn the language without the pressure of a grade, organizers say.

"Intermediate German" will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 through May 8, in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is \$65. The class will discuss how success in higher-level conversations and language uses.

"Life Skills" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 through March 13, in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is \$75. The course will show students how to be happier and more effective people. Participants will discuss how success in life is determined by how people handle feelings and emotions, frustrations, anxiety and anger. Students will learn to increase their coping skills through enhanced self-confidence and courageous self-honesty and will discover how to use their strengths, listen and communicate more effectively and how to make healthier life choices, organizers say.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

"Beginning Stained Glass — Copper Foil Technique" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 through March 13, in the Art Building, Room 112. The cost is \$110 for instruction, plus materials. Students will learn all the basic techniques necessary to complete a 20- to 25-piece flat panel design. Instruction includes how to prepare a pattern, glass cutting and fitting, types of stained glass, applying copper foil, soldering and finish patinas. Glass grinders will be available for use during class, but participants will be required to purchase their own equipment and supplies. Costs will vary depending on the size and design of the pattern selected and sophistication of the tool desired.

"Intermediate Stained Glass — Lead Came Technique" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, April 3 to May 1, in the Art Building, Room 112. The cost is \$85 for instruction, plus materials. Students will learn how to lead came in constructing a stained glass panel. A choice of simple patterns will be provided at the end of class. Participants must be proficient in glass cutting, as all glass will be cut at home between classes. The use of zinc came for reinforcement will be discussed. Students will be expected to have basic stained glass equipment, but items necessary for lead came construction will be available for purchase at class.

For more information or to register, call 732-6441.

"Russian Culture and Language" will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 24 to

May 9, in Room 83 of the Fine Arts Center. The cost is \$100. Students will learn about the land, history, thought, religion, social customs, marriage and family, education, cuisine, fashion, housing, holidays and transportation. The class will benefit travelers, businessmen and even readers of Russian novels in English, organizers say.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

"Beginning Spanish" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 25 through March 15, in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is \$90, plus an optional \$45 fee payable to the instructor for a book and CD. Students will learn basic speech, communication, writing of words and phrases, reading and some customs.

"Intermediate Spanish" will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 25 to March 15, in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is \$90, plus an optional \$45 fee payable to the instructor for a book and CD. Students will learn to use the language through music, conversation and customs and will be able to communicate, know customs and hold conversations for home and travel.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

"Eight Weeks to More Dramatic Photography" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 26 through March 16, in the Shields Building, Room 83. The cost is \$59. Participants will learn the foundations of taking a great picture. Subjects covered include lenses, light meters, shutter speeds and composition. Students should have a camera with a fully adjustable shutter. They will be expected to shoot a minimum of one roll of film per week during the class.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

"A Makeover Workshop for Women" will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Shields Building, Room 104. The cost is \$40. Students will learn about hair style, hair design and what makes a great haircut. They will study make-up application techniques to enhance their face, how to choose jewelry and what clothes work best for body types and personal style. Students should bring the make-up they have and a stand-up mirror.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

"Computers for Seniors 1" will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 28 to Feb. 15, in the Shields Building, Room 101. The cost is \$60, plus a \$3 manual fee paid to the instructor at the end of class. This is a specially designed for seniors who want to get started with computers but feel a need to learn extra basics. Students will learn computer basics slowly and easily.

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SERVICE NEWS

Reese finishes up USAF training at Lackland

Air Force Airman Jason W. Reese has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Ted Reese of Twin Falls.

The airman is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School.

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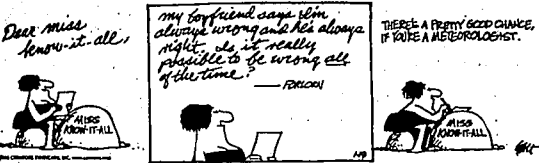
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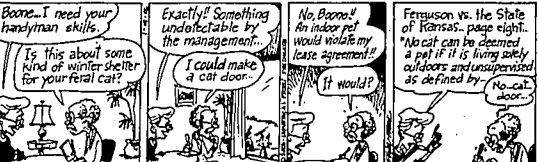
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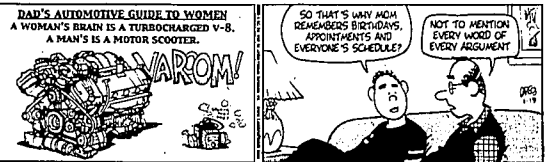
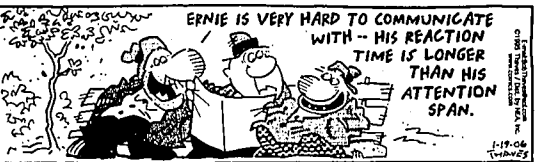
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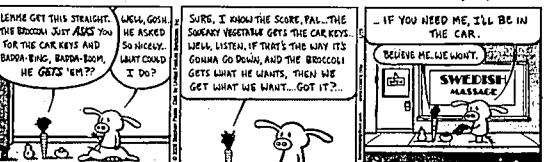
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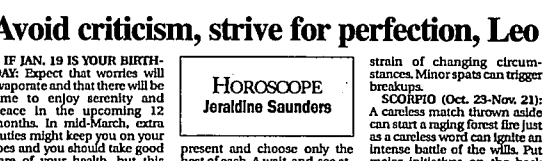
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By John Deering



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Avoid criticism, strive for perfection, Leo

IF JAN. 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Expect that worries will evaporate and that there will be time to enjoy serenity and peace in the upcoming 12 months. In mid-March, certain duties might keep you on your toes and you should take good care of your health, but this minor slowdown is unlikely to cause serious problems. November and December are months when the rose future everyone talks about can become a reality for you. Put imports to ride out ups and downs. Things that have outlived their usefulness may fall away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid criticism by striving for perfection. It may be wise to consider changing your habits if they cause you to lag behind. Be open to implementing technological advances in your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Flexibility is your best asset. New conditions have to start tomorrow and you are just the person to lead the way by being innovative and creative. Make a break with the past while possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The tree that bends with the wind will spring back unharmed after the storm. Some relationships may not withstand the

present and choose only the best of each. A wait-and-see attitude is better than acting on impulse.

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Bertie Bailey By Mort Walker

1. CHOW, ZERO, IT'S JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION. **UM... UM... UM...**

2. I KNOW IT! THE ANSWER IS ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE... **UM... UM...**

3. WELL? **NOW I THINK IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY FINGER.**

4. **GREG & BOB (LAUGH)**

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. YOU'RE DOING WHAT AT NIGHTMAY? **I'M BUYING A NEW BOWLING BALL.**

2. **UM, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR OLD ONE?**

3. **IT'S HARDLY COME IN CONTACT WITH WOOD!**

4. **YOU COULD SELL IT ON EBAY AS NEW!**

5. **IT'S IN GREAT CONDITION.**

6. **GO! GO! GO! I'M TALKING OUT HERE!**

7. **GO! GO! GO! I'M TALKING OUT HERE!**

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1. **RUF RUF RUF**

2. **THIS NEW TREADMILL IS WORSE TO RUN ON THAN A BRICK ROAD!**

3. **NEXT TIME, TRY PLUGGING IT IN!**

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. **I'M READY FOR MY DATE! WHADDA THINK?**

2. **OH, WEAR!**

3. **YOU SURE IT'S NOT TOO MUCH?**

4. **NO WAY! YOU'D BETTA GO GET HIM ATTA BOY!**

5. **SLAM**

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. **I UNDERSTAND YOU RENTED A ROOM IN TOWN.**

2. **YES! I PAY 3 GOLD COINS A WEEK FOR ROOM AND BOARD!**

3. **HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?**

4. **THE ROOM IS NICE... BUT THE BOARD IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE TO SLEEP ON!!**

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1. **I'M DOT-THE ELDER TWIN.**

2. **AND I'M DOT-THE FIVE HUNDRED-PUNGER AND-A-MILLION-TIME-COOLER TWIN.**

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

1. **AND THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE IS HEARD IN OUR LAND.**

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

1. **THE SPOOK HAS ESCAPED!**

2. **QUICK! TO THE KENNELS!**

3. **RELEASE THE SWILL-SNIFFING HOUNDS!**

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

1. **DO YOU LIKE MY NEW HAIRSTYLE? I TEASED IT.**

2. **TEASED IT? LOOKS LIKE YA TORE IT CRAZY!**

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

1. **"I don't care if you tell, I'm already grounded."**

Man could endanger girlfriend by requesting airport pickup

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Stressed-Out Driver," whose boyfriend wants her to drive him to and from the airport — you blew it! That boyfriend — and you — are out of touch with current reality. No one in his right mind would permit, much less encourage, his girlfriend to travel alone by car, cab, bus or subway during the hours of darkness as a "romantic gesture." It could result in her suffering severe mental or physical injury as a result of a car-jacking, assault, rape or kidnapping.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Personally, I think she'd be better off finding a boyfriend who is more concerned with her personal safety.

DEAR JACK: Although other readers disagreed with my reply, I think you may have overstated your case. If your thesis is that all women must remain inside after dark due to threat of car-jacking, assault, rape or kidnapping, allow me to point out that those crimes also happen during daylight hours. Would the solution be that women not be allowed out without permission from, and escorted by, a male relative? (Just kidding.) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The woman who wrote you is an example of modern women today. They expect everything but aren't willing to put forth any effort, sacrifice, or give back to their partner. She should be ashamed of her attitude. I hope her boyfriend recognizes her letter and dumps her, because this is just the tip of the iceberg!

— TONY IN TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your answer to the woman who doesn't like to drive at night, yet her boyfriend wants her to meet him at the airport after a business trip. He should use a car service and charge it as a business expense. Why should she subsidize his business travel?

What he calls a romantic gesture sounds more like a gesture of control to me. If he hired a car service, they could help him enjoy the ride, giving each other their full attention, without having to watch the road.

— ARTHUR IN OSSINING, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: What's roman-

tic about dragging yourself out of bed at midnight to make a stressful trip to the airport? Alert cab drivers get paid to do that. I think his attitude is controlling and selfish. Pampered men don't make good husbands. She should get rid of him, or she'll be cutting the grass every week for the rest of her life.

— FRED IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My story is a little different from "Stressed Out's," but it applies. I live near a beautiful trail in California. If you take the path to the left, it takes about an hour and a half to walk, and it is beautiful and peaceful. My husband always wanted me to walk that way. On the occasions when I agreed to walk, I'd insist we go the opposite way, which took only 45 minutes and wasn't nearly as pretty. I had too much to do and not enough time to do it, considering the kids, the car errands, the house, etc.

Now I walk that trail the long way almost every day, but I'm doing it alone. My husband died two years ago. Now I ask myself what was so important I couldn't take the extra 45 minutes to go the longer and more beautiful way with him. It's the little things I miss the most, Abby. Life is so short, and there are no guarantees.

— ALONE NOW IN CALIFORNIA

Microscope inventor lacked science training

Anton van Leeuwenhoek invented the microscope in 1642. "Hundreds of little beasts!" he exclaimed while eying his first bacteria. Despite his revolutionary invention, the Dutch amateur inventor had no training in science or medicine.

This day in history: On Jan. 19, 1915, a U.S. patent for "System of Illuminating by Luminescent Tubes" was issued to Parisian George Claude, leading to the neon sign.

Crickets rub their wings together to make the chirping noise. Only male crickets do it, and it makes the females think they're cute as a bug.

The terra "Caddie" on the golf course comes from the French word cadet, meaning "young man." The story has it that the name came from, and when Mary Queen of Scots used strapping young men from her court to tote her bag of clubs on the golf course.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Mary Queen of Scots' son James loved playing golf as much as his mom did. When the Scottish prince became king of England, he spread the hobby there. He's also the same King James that authorized the famous translation of the Bible into English.

Pluto, Venus and Uranus all spin in the opposite direction as Earth.

"Typewriter" can be typed using only the top row of a standard keyboard, but it's not the longest word that can. That would be "rupturewort," the name of a West Indian plant.

If geologists is the longest word with the letters in alphabetical order, then what's the longest word in reverse alphabetical order? "hollice" is the longest we've found so far.

Milkweed is toxic to many birds and animals. Monarch caterpillars and butterflies feast on it, retain its toxins. The result is that predators get violently sick if they eat a monarch. Most learn their lesson and don't eat more than one.

What's the top color in a rainbow? Red. What's the top color in a double rainbow? Violet.

Do you always want to get to the last word? Try sliding "zzyzza" into your conversations. It's a genus of tropical American weevils.

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Man's stolen car returned nearly 40 years later

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — The last time Alan Pester saw his dream car, he was young and it was blue.

Nearly four decades later, he's a little grayer and the car has turned silver but it was love at first sight all over again as the Corvette somebody swiped in New York City was returned to him.

"It's a dream. Wow, this is a beautiful model," Pester said as officials unveiled the 1968 sports car. "This is definitely a miracle," Pester said.

Pester was living in New York

City in January 1969 when the car had paid \$2,000 for only three months earlier was stolen. Pester hadn't insured it against theft because he could not afford to do so.

He went on with his life, eventually moving to Northern California.

In November, the Corvette was found at the Port of Long Beach, destined for a buyer in Sweden. A customs check showed it had been reported stolen on Jan. 22, 1969, but there was no address for the owner.

The car was seized and New York police were notified. "Two detectives spent days poring over microfilmed files and managed to track down Pester and notify him that his long-lost Corvette had been found."

"As far as I know, we've never recovered a car that has been missing almost four decades," said Mike Fleming, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "The odds against finding it so many years afterward were phenomenal."

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EDITORIAL

Consolidate election dates to reform supermajority

When the Legislature finishes its work in a few months, it will probably be handling one of the most important tasks to Idaho voters.

Legislators will be working on a change in the state Constitution for supermajority requirements for long-term

and long-term Office legislators.

Legislators approve an amendment for that statute, Idaho voters will have to approve it as well in the fall. Last month the Idaho Supreme Court scolded lawmakers for not doing enough to assist local school districts in raising money for building construction. The system of relying entirely on local bonding measures was deemed unconstitutional.

And yet, the Supreme Court's first suggestion for reform was to reduce the majority necessary to pass bonds at the local level. Once the state Constitution's requirement for a supermajority (66.7 percent of the vote) is lowered to 60 percent, municipal governments and school districts will have an easier job of passing their projects.

Thus, the Supreme Court is saying the state should keep the same method for rebuilding schools, just make it easier to accomplish.

Voters should expect the proposal to proceed, but it should come with one key caveat.

As suggested by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, changes in the supermajority requirement

should also include a measure to consolidate bond election dates. If the Legislature is going to change the Idaho Constitution and lower the majority needed to pass bonding, it should also protect taxpayers.

Consolidating bond elections to the primary election in May and the general election in November would

assure more publicity for elections and higher voter turnout.

Idaho's Constitution was written with the supermajority requirement to affirm overwhelming public support for long-term indebtedness. If the supermajority is reduced, a higher gauge of public support needs to stay in the equation.

Currently, school bond elections and public bond issue elections can be held any month of the year. That trend has been abused when rural districts have held bond issue elections or supplemental levy elections during spring planting season or fall harvest. With the lower voter turnout, the odds of passing the issue at the polls go up.

Such an end run around the voters is precisely what the supermajority tried to prevent. In light of the Supreme Court's decision, legislators may have no alternative but to change that provision of the Constitution.

But any new amendment they propose and pass should include a consolidation rule that keeps taxpaying voters involved in the matter.

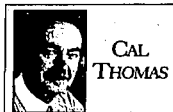
Our view: Any proposal to lower the supermajority requirement on bonding needs a consolidation of election dates. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The real convictions of Congress

Not too long ago in our frontier days, snake oil would have been a hot commodity for "everything that ails you."

Now the Republican-led Congress, which claimed it would heal us from 40 years of "corrupt" Democratic Party rule, has gone into full "reform" mode, promising to cure the disease from which too many of us now suffer.

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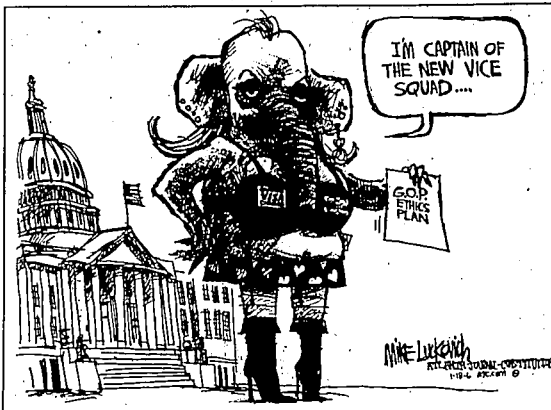


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Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Rep. John Boehner, who wants to replace Tom DeLay as House majority leader, says "The Republican agenda is at risk because of the growing perception that Congress is for sale." A growing perception? Could that have anything to do with the reality that Congress appears to be for sale?

It's not just about the corrupt lobbying of Jack Abramoff. He is a symptom of a greater problem. The problem being that too many in Congress — Republicans and Democrats — come to Washington less to serve the nation than to serve themselves. They become drunk on power, seeking to acquire their own sense of entitlement. Their goal is to stay and die with their expensive shoes on.

Boehner continues: "The gutters of Rep. Randy 'Duke' Cunningham for bribery ... and rumors of future



indictments have all cast a pall over the public perception of the House of Representatives and eroded the public trust in our collective commitment to principle."

Now there's a laugh. A collective commitment to principle? Can Boehner name one beyond tax cuts? My standard opening line on the lecture circuit is "I'm happy to be here tonight from Washington, D.C., where the only politicians with convictions are in prison." People get it.

Republicans are supposed to be about less spending and smaller government. Instead, they have presided over larger and more expensive government, creating a new entitlement government of the kind they used to rail against when Democrats were in power. It doesn't help that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi claims Republicans have created a "culture of corruption," because House Democrats are part of that same culture and have their own history with it.

A recent Wall Street Journal editorial lays out a proposal for meaningful reform that includes ending spending earmarks through which individual members can take our money to waste on projects near and dear only to them; a rewrite of the 1974 Budget Act as a reform, but which has made it easier for Congress to tax and spend; and six-year term limits on the appropriations committees to neutralize the power of the 13 subcommittee chairmen — known as the College of Cardinals — who are a major obstacle to budget reform.

There's another idea: Congress should be forced by public opinion to submit to what in labor disputes is known as binding arbitration. An independent commission — not unlike the Grace Commission of the Reagan years — that identified waste, fraud and abuse in government and made some headway before members fell off the spending wagon — should be given the power to impose reforms on

Congress in order that "we the people" might benefit for a change. Among them should be term limits for everybody. The Founding Fathers did not foresee a permanent political class, out of touch with the people and in touch only with their careers and self-interests.

The people in the institution that brought us the problem are unlikely to solve it. They have tried and failed many times. Only an outside commission for putting true reform-minded members in charge, like Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana) will accomplish real and long-lasting change.

Unless Congress and the public get serious about reform, things won't get any better, even if the Democrats win a majority in the fall elections. So what will it be, real reform, or more snake oil?

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Math reform can lead to more diplomas

Recently the Idaho State Board of Education developed an educational reform initiative that increases the rigor and academic preparation of the state's future high school graduates. We endorse these proposals because we believe they will result in better prepared graduates entering the workforce and seeking college degrees. Further, we see these proposals as an important step in arming our citizens with the power that is gained by knowledge and manifested in ingenuity that will be necessary if we are to adequately face the challenges of a global world.

For nearly half a century following World War II, the United States led the world in providing educational opportunities beyond high school and in raising educational achievement levels. Beginning in the 1980s, however, America's leadership in higher education began eroding. In 2001, according to a report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, several Western European nations have emulated, pursued and surpassed the United States in access to college and in college attainment.

In May 2002, Business Week magazine warned American

employers of an impending "wrenching manpower and skills shortage," especially of college-educated workers as labor force growth slows and baby boomers retire.

Also in a 2002 analysis of the U.S. Census data, Graham Tolt of the Hudson Institute projected a severe mismatch between educational attainment of young workers and the escalating knowledge and skill requirements of the new global economy.

In November 2005, the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education predicted that over the next 15 years, the proportion of U.S. workers with high school diplomas and college degrees will decrease, causing the personal income of Americans to decline. Its projection is based on current demographic trends, the coming retirement of baby boomers and no change in the states' efforts to increase educational attainment of the fastest growing segments of American youth.

Idaho ranks 46th in the nation in terms of college graduates per capita. Only four states (Mississippi, Arkansas, Nevada and West Virginia) have fewer college graduates. And, although our high school graduation rate ranks 13th in the country, at 77 percent, only 34 percent of Idaho's high school graduates will immediately enter post-secondary education. Worse, only 14 percent of those students will eventually graduate from college.

A major problem is that many high school graduates who do enter Idaho's colleges and universities lack the critical skills, particularly in math, necessary to do college-level work. Of those, 40 percent must take remedial courses before they are able to begin college-level coursework. The proposed changes that increase performance expectations in math, science and critical thinking will reduce the need for remedial courses that can delay college completion and increase costs both to the individual and the state.

Educational attainment and rigor are powerful forces behind the power for a strong and sustainable economy. For both the state of Idaho and the United States of America, continued leadership in education will enable us to pursue the discovery and innovation that leads to better lives, improved health and greater freedom for all peoples, as the advances generated and stimulated by a rigorous education do not remain bound by geographic borders. The re-establishment of a vigorous and sustainable American educational enterprise may be our most important legacy to future generations.

These are important and necessary proposals as we work to strengthen the education system we depend upon to produce a diverse army of workers — from inverted workers and consumers to technologically proficient workers to scientists and engineers — who draw from and replenish the well of discovery that fuels our economy and standard of living.

These comments are a joint effort by the presidents of the seven institutes of higher learning in Idaho: Jerry Beck, College of Southern Idaho; Michelle Burke, North Idaho College; Mike Gallagher, Idaho State University; Robert Kustra, Boise State University; Bill Johnson, Eastern Idaho Technical College; Steve Adams, Lewis Clark State College; and Tim White, University of Idaho.

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NATION

Katrina wrecked dialects

Evacuees with unique tongues have spread out across nation

By Abigail W. Leonard
Special to Newsday

The storm that flattened houses, uprooted trees and smashed through levees also may have destroyed local dialects whose speakers dispersed to every corner of the United States after Katrina came roaring through.

New Orleans drew immigrants from Western Europe, the Caribbean and even Cuba, creating a rich linguistic blend that eventually distilled into neighborhood variants. But with those areas ravaged by the storm, some researchers doubt the dialects can survive.

A panel of linguistics experts met recently at the University of Mississippi to discuss the storm's impact and ways in which the languages can endure. Before the storm, the community invested heavily in cultural preservation to keep the language alive. But if funds continue to be diverted to disaster relief, it is most likely a dead language, she says. Educating younger community members through the local museum may be the only way it can survive.

Felice Coles, associate professor of linguistics at the university, studies Isleno Spanish, whose Louisiana speakers trace their roots to the Canary Islands. Before the storm, the community invested heavily in cultural preservation to keep the language alive. But if funds continue to be diverted to disaster relief, it is most likely a dead language, she says. Educating younger community members through the local museum may be the only way it can survive.

Isleno Spanish and other local tongues reflect the Crescent City's melting-pot history. French-speaking Cajuns came, then Irish, leaving evidence of their stay in the Cajun dialect spoken mainly in the swampy areas outside the city. Spanish and Portuguese settlers gave rise to Creole.

The Irish Channel, which stretches along Adele Street, produced a unique brand of English called Yai, as in, "Where ya'at?" UM linguistics Professor Alison Burkette says it resembles Brooklyn English because of the shared heritage. And, in fact, New Yorkers directly influenced local speech when bankers migrated in huge numbers to New Orleans in the 1800s.

Whether those historic language patterns will remain intact is unclear, though. "New Orleans was unusual, with so many groups coming in at different times," Burkette says. "But will they all resettle in the same place where they've left? That's at least the intent, but we'll have to wait and see."

Obesity doc says limiting flavors is key

CHICAGO (AP) — Forget counting carbs and calories. Obesity researcher Dr. David Katz says the way to lose weight is to limit flavors.

Katz, director of Yale University's Prevention Research Center, says people stop eating when the brain's appetite center registers "full." But eating foods of flavors promotes overeating because different sensors must register full for appetite to subside, Katz says.

"The typical American diet is a mad cacophony of flavors," Katz told this week during a book-tour stop in Chicago. Instead, Katz advocates flavor-themed meals — an apple day, for example, or a sesame day, even an occasional chocolate day.

The theory and practice are detailed in Katz's new book, "The Flavor Point Diet," based on a little-publicized phenomenon called sensory-specific satiety. That is the term used to describe the way food becomes less palatable when enough of it is eaten. Adding a new flavor renews the process, numerous studies have shown.

Katz said he tested the diet on 20 people for 12 weeks and said that on an average of more than 16 pounds.

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Rhea Grace Craner

ELKO, Nev. — Rhea Grace Craner, 88, of Elko, Nev., passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at the Northeast Regional Hospital in Elko, Nev.

She was born June 20, 1917 in Baker, Nev., to Albin Martin Belander and Anna Marie Nielson Belander. On July 1, 1940, she married Ross L. Craner in Elko, Nev. He preceded her in death in 1997. They raised their two children, John A. Craner and Donna Marie, in the Nevada and California area. Rhea loved her family and would do anything for them. She enjoyed music, reading and all the great outdoors. She had many friends and enjoyed being with them.

Survivors include her son,



John A. (Jed) Craner, grandchildren, John A. (Danielle) Craner

Jr., Stephen (Jewell) Craner, Jamie (Cynld) Craner, Karla Gonzales and Caste Gines; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joyce Allen. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Donna Marie Gines; and a granddaughter, Stacy Craner.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Birch St. in Kimberly, with Bishop Mike Fowers conducting. Burial will follow the services at the Oakley Cemetery. A visitation for Rhea will be held one hour prior to the services at the church. Friends are invited to attend under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Zada Wisecaver



CASTLEFORD — Zada Wisecaver, 86, of Castelford, overcame her afflictions and went home Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006.

Zada was born Nov. 10, 1919, in Burr Oak, Kan. She graduated from Filer High School. She married Joe Wisecaver on Feb. 24, 1937, at Boise. The couple lived north of Filer. They farmed in the Filer area before moving to Castelford in 1941. Zada was a member of the Buhl First Christian Church. She was active in a theater group in the Castelford area for several years and a 4-H leader for many years. She was a member of the Castelford Grange, Mothers Club and Castelford Flower Club. Her husband, Joe, passed away in March 1983. Zada remained on the family farm for several years before moving to Buhl. She has been a resident of Holy Homes in Jerome for the past

several years. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Dave Hatch and Lola Hatch Patz. She is survived by her children, Joy (Kyle) Human of Jerome, Idaho, Wanda (Jim) Parin of Oceanside, Ore., and Joe

(Sandra) Wisecaver of Buhl; grand and great-grandchildren, Kelly (Rhonda) and Jessie, Nicholas, Krystal, Kimberly and KayDee Human of Boise, Idaho; Bryan (Traci) and Bryan T. and Christopher Human of Las Vegas, Nev.; Kathy (Brian) and Aaron and McKenna Dobbie of Twin Falls; Michelle Parin of Portland, Ore.; John Parin and Lisa Wence of Hillsboro, Ore.; Angela (Erik) and Gage and Paris Alfred of Peyton, Colo., and Joe Wisecaver of Fossil, Idaho.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the First Christian Church in Buhl, with the Rev. Art Freund officiating. Following the service, interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Roger Wayne Evans of Sun Valley, memorial celebration of life at 6:30 p.m. today at the River Run Lodge in Sun Valley (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Leonard N. Hephworth of Rupert, funeral at funeral today at the Aeneas LDS 2nd Ward Church; friends may call from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Jasmine Mae Hoffmann-Smith of Burley, memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave.; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Frances Jenkins Keller of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the St. George City Cemetery in St. George, City, Utah; friends and family may call shortly before the service Friday at the cemetery (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Gordon Ralph Bennett of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Wasatch Lawn Mortuary.

G. Nadine Shillingburg Williams Johnston of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday

at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Robert E. Pyle of Twin Falls and formerly of Fillmore, Calif., funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fillmore, Calif. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St.

DEATH NOTICES

Isla Mae Fish

BUHL — Isla Mae Fish, 89, of Boise and formerly of Buhl, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at a Boise hospital.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. A private burial will be held at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Ruth Naomi Ruth

KIMBERLY — Ruth Naomi Ruth, 81, of Kimberly, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3557 N. 3500 E., Kimberly. A visitation will be held one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church. Burial will follow the service at Sunset Memorial

Funeral Chapel in Ventum, Calif).

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone, with the Rev. Tom Sparks officiating. Visitation will be held one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Arrangements under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

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Mary B. Anderson

HAILEY — Mary Brownlee Anderson, 78, of Hailey, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at her home.

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

INL engineers dismayed by delay in NASA mission to Pluto

ATOMIC CITY (AP) — Idaho National Laboratory workers for the second consecutive day didn't get to celebrate the launch of a spacecraft powered by a plutonium battery they built.

NASA scrubbed its launch of the New Horizons unmanned spacecraft on a nine-year voyage to Pluto for the second time Wednesday after a storm in Laurel, Md., knocked out power at the John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, which is managing operations of the spacecraft.

"We're anxious for the launch to occur since we're so closely involved with it this year," John Walsh, INL spokesman, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"But we have engineers and technicians who understand that if things aren't right that you don't want to launch until you have all the technical issues resolved."

The launch was scrubbed on Tuesday due to high winds at the launch site, disappointing INL workers who had gathered to watch the launch and celebrate by eating a cake decorated with the likeness of the \$125 million spacecraft.

The cake went uneaten Wednesday as well.

"I'm not sure if they'll make another cake," said Walsh. "A 48-hour old cake, that's a concern."

February to launch New Horizons, but a launch in January would allow the spacecraft to shave five years off the 3-billion-mile trip.

The plutonium-238 battery assembled and tested by INL workers weighs 135 pounds and produces 240 watts of electricity by the time it arrives at Pluto its output will have dropped to 180 watts.

Nuclear-powered batteries for NASA missions used to be built at a facility in Miamisburg, Ohio, but are now built at INL for security reasons. About 80 INL workers spend more than two years assembling the plutonium battery for the spacecraft, the Idaho State Journal reported.

Governor proposes bill to close eminent domain loopholes

By Kyle Arnold Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal for tightening restrictions on condemning private property was introduced in the Legislature on Wednesday.

The bill would make it more difficult for local governments to use their power of eminent domain.

"What we've done with this bill is set the framework for any other legislation," McCoee said. "Now we can look at other steps that need to be taken."

With support from the governor and legislators in both chambers, McCoee and Newcomb are convinced the bill will pass easily through the Legislature.

At least 12 eminent domain bills have been introduced through Wednesday — including 10 by Sen. Skip Brundt. R-Kootenai. Brundt said his bills put greater restrictions on what can be done with property once it is taken under eminent domain laws.

In the Connecticut case, the justices ruled 5-4 that city officials were allowed to clear people's homes to make way for shopping malls or other private development. The ruling gave local governments broad power to seize private property to generate tax revenue.

Local and state governments have used the authority for decades to obtain land for roads and other public works. But the Supreme Court expanded that power to include private developments thought to benefit the common good.

Newcomb said his support for the bill comes from his own experience when part of his ranch was bought under eminent domain laws to build a highway. He said during negotiations, there was always the threat that his property could be condemned.

David R. Escobar

JEROME — David Romualdo Escobar, 90, of Jerome, passed away Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at his home.

He was born April 18, 1915, in Armenia Sonsonate, El Salvador, the son of Mariano Escobar and Carmen Romualdo de Escobar. David will be remembered as a man of strength and character. He was a loving father to his grandchildren, who he raised. David was a true man of God and praised the Lord every waking moment.

His life will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Candidate for ISU presidency visits Pocatello

POCATELLO — The second of four candidates for the presidency of Idaho State University has visited the Pocatello campus.

Lola Muir, provost at Montana State University, met with students and faculty in two forums Tuesday and said the ISU presidency would be the next step for her. The Idaho State Journal reported.

"It seems like this might be the right place," she said. "I think this institution is poised for a grand future in terms of recognition in the state as well as the country."

Muir asked questions about the possibility of a medical school in Idaho, the budget process and student-athlete conduct. She said starting a medical school would be extremely expensive, but if the state wanted a medical school, Idaho State University would be the logical place.

"I can't say whether I know this is the time, but I do think Idaho State is poised to be the location to grow a medical school," Muir said.

Home prices in N. Idaho jump almost 30 percent

COEUR D'ALENE — Home prices in urban areas of north Idaho increased almost 30 percent in 2005, up to an average of about \$211,000 in Kootenai County.

In June, Kootenai County ranked in the top 10 percent of metro areas for fastest-appreciating home prices. The market began to cool by August, but not before home prices had risen significantly.

Industry experts don't expect 2006 to repeat last year's housing boom. According to the National Association of Realtors, much of the demand for housing was met over the last five years.

"My big forecast is that prices will stay up," Century 21 agent Pat Hartmann told The Spokesman-Review newspaper. "But I don't think that we'll see the price increase 30 percent like we did last year."

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Park improvement plan draws scrutiny

BOISE — Some Idaho legislators are questioning Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$34 million parks initiative.

Legislators like Rep. Madeline Bell, R-Jerome, say they are concerned about the possibility of increased user fees, the large number of park repairs and the proposal's business plan.

Kempthorne's "Experience Idaho" project proposes a new park in eastern Idaho and renovations and additions to state parks, including a lodge at Ponderosa State Park. Most of the new additions will bring with them new user fees, from cabin and bike rentals to marina and equestrian charges.

The lack of a business plan for



the privately run Ponderosa lodge is what's concerning Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover, The Spokesman-Review writer.

Eske also is troubled that no site has been picked for the new park, meaning the pricing could be higher than the \$4.8 million proposed by Kempthorne.

"To me, I'm not sure how firm

that estimate is and where that may lead us," Eskridge said.

State parks officials have been meeting with lawmakers twice a week to answer their questions about the proposal.

Kempthorne defends \$50 plan for energy relief

BOISE — Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had some harsh words for Democrats who criticized his plan to give a \$50 check to every Idahoan for energy relief.

Kempthorne has proposed to use about \$63 million, or one-third of the state's budget surplus, to alleviate high energy and natural gas bills. But legisla-

tors from both parties have received the plan coolly, and Democrats called it a gimmick.

"I fully expected a rational discussion on my proposal to provide immediate energy assistance to Idaho families at a time when they most need it," Kempthorne said in a release Wednesday.

In Kempthorne's State of the State address last week, he urged legislators to pass the refund so residents could receive their checks by the end of February.

"Unfortunately, it seems the Democrats think they know how to spend the taxpayers' money better than the taxpayers do," Kempthorne said.

— compiled from wire reports

Woman sentenced for hitting station attendant with her car

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The 18-year-old woman who ran over a gas station attendant after failing to pay for a \$29.51 fill-up has been sentenced to five years in life in prison.

Chrystal Hernandez also was ordered to pay \$40,390 in restitution for medical bills incurred by Brad Blair, the attendant she hit on Sept. 14.

Police said Blair was running alongside the car when Hernandez swerved, knocking him down. The vehicle rolled over his legs. Hernandez was arrested four days later.

"Considering what the victim has gone through and will continue to go through, physically and mentally, prison is the only viable option," 2nd District Judge Pam Hefferman said in handing down the sentence Tuesday.

Hernandez had pleaded guilty to first-degree felony aggravated robbery last month in a plea bargain in which an additional charge of second-degree felony aggravated assault was dropped.

Blair, 29, suffered leg and head injuries and was hospitalized for about two weeks. He is back at work and continues to receive physical therapy, a family friend said.

Defense attorney Martin Graves, citing Hernandez' youth and lack of a serious criminal record, asked the judge to consider a diagnostic evaluation at the state prison as an aid to sentencing. Graves hoped the evaluation might show a lack of criminal bent to his client. Hefferman declined the request.

Lawmakers criticize mine's conservation policy

BOISE (AP) — After hearing that a proposed mine beneath the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness in Montana would help the survival of grizzly bears in the region, the leader of an Idaho legislative panel on Wednesday asked why mining officials were taking steps to conserve grizzly habitat in the first place.

"What's been got to do with the mine?" Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian, asked officials at Revett Minerals Inc., a Spokane Valley, Wash., company seeking government approval for a copper and silver mine at Rock Creek, Mont., about 25 miles across the Idaho border from Lake Pend Oreille.

"I understand the need to do water quality mitigation, but when it comes to bear mitiga-



tion, that's just piling on and it's wrong," said Bunderson, co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Environmental Common Sense Committee.

Revett officials are hoping their plans to spend \$18 million to increase grizzly protection around the Rock Creek Mine will improve chances that government regulators and courts will approve the necessary permits that have been sought by developers

since 1987.

Legal challenges have overturned two previous "biological opinions" in favor of the project by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The agency is now at work on a third.

A federal judge ruled last year that the service's conclusion that the mine posed no jeopardy to the bears protected under the Endangered Species Act was "not rational." Federal biologists estimate there are 10 to 15 grizzlies living in the south Cabinets near the proposed mine and another 20 to 25 are roaming the Cabinet-Yukon Ecosystem to the north. The Fish and Wildlife Service would like to see the population recover to 80 to 100 bears.

Revett officials say recovery will happen faster if the \$200 million Rock Creek Mine is approved.

As part of its bear mitigation, Revett will buy 2,450 acres of additional bear habitat, close 5 miles of road in the bear corridor, pay 35 years' worth of salaries for a Montana state bear management specialist and a law enforcement officer, require employees to be trained in "bear awareness" and — if the next biological opinion requires it — Revett will even pay to place additional grizzlies in the Cabinets.

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Levy

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building, East and West Minico above the common area at both schools and for Acequia Elementary.

Minico's technology building is a particular concern because water has seeped between the bricks and supporting wall, which could cause the bricks to crumble.

Parking lots also are high on the list of needed repairs.

Schut said.

"If you don't do regularly scheduled maintenance on asphalt, the cracks become chunks and you have to tear it out," he said. "You just scoop it all up and start all over again."

Jive

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Madrigals, a TFHS choral group founded and directed by Richard Smack for 31 years. The Winter Showcase is the group's tradition of big concert.

"It's a good group of kids and music that I think people will appreciate," Casperson said.

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Deaths

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120 to 130 mph, killing the father and son. The other five family members have recovered from minor injuries. Wise was flown to Boise for medical treatment.

It was later reported that Wise had also purchased sleeping pills with the beer she drank on July 23, three-and-a-half of which were missing from the package when it was found.

During questioning, Rob Lewis, Wise's defense attorney, was able to reveal details from Wise's childhood that illustrated a series of profound losses and difficult moments in spite of a relatively active and happy high school career.

Lewis, backed up by Wise's courtroom apologies to the Rojas family, said she was "genetically prone and remorseful" and accepted responsibility.

"This was a horrible accident," Wise stated, adding, "I was not attempting to hurt myself or anyone else."

As Lewis described possible alternatives to prison in the form of treatment centers or women's facilities, Wise alternatively clapped and unclapped her hands, finally putting them over her nose and mouth as the tears streamed.

Prosecutor Jim Thomas referred to Wise's suicidal ideation, citing she had three

opportunities to abort the events of July 23 but continued on a path clinging to "selfishness and immaturity without regard for others."

Wise spoke again near the end of the hearing, making sure the Rojas family heard her words as she turned to face them.

"There is not one day that goes by that I do not think about the Rojas family. I pray every day for this family. I take complete responsibility for what I have done from those bad choices I made. Two innocent people have lost their lives. I have never wanted to turn back the hands of time more than I do now," Wise said as she ex-

pressed her grief.

"I am so sorry from the bottom of my heart," Wise said. "This is not an intentional act or a reenactment of another accident. From my heart, this is honest and all too real."

Wise received credit for the 169 days she had already served. She has 42 days to appeal. The Rojas family has 45 days to file the compensation request for Wise to cover the expenses incurred by the family after the crash.

Kathleen L. Turner writes for The Wood River Journal in Berkeley. She can be reached at (209) 788-3444.

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SPORTS

Bruin boys rally in 2nd half

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POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Bruins ran down 20-10 midway through the 2nd half before pulling away in the third quarter Wednesday for a 46-38 nonconference boys basketball win at Pocatello High School.

Blake Nielson went 5-for-7 from 3-point range en route to a game-high 15 points while Brady Lindine finished with 12 points for the Bruins (13-0). Brett Wiesman added eight.

Jordan Bird scored 14 while Jacob Pabst scored 13, 11 in the first half, to pace the 44 Indians.

Both teams shot poorly throughout with Pocatello stalling with a 4-for-18 performance in the second half after leading 26-25 at the break.

"I'll keep it as positive as we can," coach Matt Harr told AM 1270 KTR. "We should be salivating to get on the floor for practice (Thursday)."

Jardine scored on two offensive layups in the final 17 minutes to help the Bruins pull away.

The Bruins offense was out of sync and the team took far too many 3-point attempts instead of working the ball inside.

"It was a frustrating night," Harr said. "You outshined us tonight. Hopefully some guys learned some lessons tonight."

After getting outbounded 18-16 by a smaller Pocatello squad in the first half, the Bruins responded with a 24-10 edge in the second half for a game edge of 40-28.

"I know these kids will respond," Harr said. "They're a good group of kids."

Twin Falls 46, Pocatello 38
Twin Falls 10-15 10-18
Pocatello 18-11 7-20

Idaho Falls 56, Minico 53
RUPERT — Minico missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer and suffered a home nonconference loss to Idaho Falls, 56-53, on Wednesday in Rupert.

"We missed free throws," said Minico coach Mike Graef. "But the kids played hard."

For the Spartans sophomore guard RJ Salvi scored 14 including four 3-pointers and Bill Carney added 11.

Opposing Mitch Simmons scored 14 points followed by Dan Lee with 10 for the Tigers.

Minico (4-9, 1-2) travels to Wood River on Friday.

Kaboo Falls 50, Minico 53
KABOO FALLS 20
MINICO 22

Century 63, Burley 56
BURLEY — Century pulled away with a big second quarter to record a 63-56 road win over Burley in Great Basin Conference play.

The visiting Diamondbacks outscored the Bobcats 22-15 to lead 35-26 at halftime.

"They really stepped it up defensively and forced us into

Local sports

some turnovers," said Roberts coach Jack Bagley.

Senior post Taylor Kerbs and junior post Chris Turley each scored 13 to pace Burley (4-6, 3-0) at Great Basin West, which plays at Jerome Friday.

Century 63, Burley 56
CENTURY 22
BURLEY 34

Wendell 72, Glenns Ferry 40
WENDELL — The Trojans defeated the Pilots 72-40 to remain undefeated in the Canyon Conference and claim their 11th straight victory.

Wendell's stout defense held Glenns Ferry to single-digit quarters in the first half, putting the Trojans up by 14, 28-14. Then the Wendell boys lit it up.

"I challenged them to get up by 20," Trojans coach Allen Kelsey said. "They did it in about 90 seconds, with a considerable amount of help from senior point guard Zac Davis."

Davis led the Trojans with 25 points on nine baskets, three of which were 3-pointers. He also had seven assists. Senior wing Matt Myers led on rebounds with nine.

Junior guard Chase Blitterman netted 16 for the Pilots.

Wendell (12-2, 0-0) plays at Malad on Friday. Glenns Ferry (9-5, 1-1) plays at Parma on Monday.

Wendell 72, Glenns Ferry 40
WENDELL 34
GLENN'S FERRY 40

Oakley 57, Raft River 56
OAKLEY — Oakley's Owen Wadsworth hit a shot with 2.3 seconds left to win it for the host Hornets, 57-56, over Mini-Cassia rival Raft River Tuesday night in Magic Valley Southside Conference play.

Blake Bedke scored 17 points while Wadsworth and Tyrell Marchant each scored 12 for Oakley (4-9, 4-4) Southside, which plays at Coatsford Friday.

Cody Powers poured in 22 points followed by Paden Baker with 13 for the Trojans (7-6, 2-5), which play at Lighthouse Christian Friday.

Oakley 57, Raft River 56
OAKLEY 27
RAFT RIVER 29

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Snako River 53, Decio 44

BLACKFOOT — Snako River used a decisive third quarter to pull away for a 53-44 nonconference win over Decio Wednesday despite 16 points from Scott Briggs.

Decio (3-8, 3-1) plays at Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference leader Buhl Saturday.

Snako River 53, Decio 44
SNAKO RIVER 27
DECIO 44

Wrestling
Minico 39, Highland 25
POCATELLO — The Minico Spartans moved to 9-0 as they defeated the host Highland Rams 39-25 Wednesday.

"It has been a long week but the kids still managed to wrestle pretty well," said Minico coach Bruce Cooper.

Andrew Uhl, Nick Crane and Wes Cooper won their matches by pins. Nathan Crane, Kevin Kilgoy, Josh Cleary, Kirt Anderson, Colby Anderson, and Brady Cooper all won by decision.

Minico heads to Idaho Falls to the Tiger-Grizz this weekend.

Results
Minico 39, Highland 25
102 pounds — Andrew Uhl, Minico pinned Andrew Bedke 32, 1:12 — Nathan Crane, Minico, ed. Josh Kilgoy 41, 1:19 — Kevin Kilgoy, Minico, ed. Josh Cleary 1:25, 1:25 — Justin Allen, Highland, ed. Josh Cleary 1:52, 1:52 — Ryan Crane, Highland, pinned Robert Farnsworth 1:50, 1:40 — Josh Cooper, Minico, ed. Tyson Larson 6:11, 6:11 — Colby Anderson, Minico, ed. Cole Hirsch 8:31, 1:11 — Zach Wright, Highland, pinned Kieran Adams 4:10, 4:10 — Wes Cooper, Minico, pinned Hayden Harkness 2:41, 2:41 — Brady Cooper, Minico, ed. Cole Hirsch 5:45, 5:45 — Cole Hirsch, Highland, pinned Ryan Crane 1:12, 1:12

Bowling
Filer girls defeat Kimberly
FILER — The Filer girls edged Kimberly 7-6 behind high games from Becca Ray (178) and Kira Maler, 171, at Cedar Lanes in Filer.

Kimberly was led by 159 from Teya Moses. The Wildcats junior varsity prevailed 9-4. Filer hosts Woodfield Thursday.

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BYU blows past Wyoming in second half

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The Platted scored 17 points and had eight rebounds to lead BYU to an 80-67 victory over Wyoming Wednesday night.

Brandon Ewing hit a shot for Wyoming (10-8, 3-2 Mountain West) at the buzzer to end the first half and put the Cowboys in front 38-36.

Platted made a lay up to begin the second half, followed

by a dunk by Jay Ommard that began a 20-3 Cougar surge. Keena Young's three-point play with 1:39 left capped the run and put BYU (10-5, 2-2) up 56-41. BYU scored 18 of its final 20 points from the free-throw line.

Utah St. 64, Louisiana Tech 55
LOGAN, Utah — Jaycee Car-

roll scored 14 points to lead Utah State to a 64-55 victory over Louisiana Tech Wednesday night.

Cass Mathews scored 12 and got four blocks for USU (12-4, 4-2) Western Athletic Conference and Nate Harris scored 13 points.

The Bulldogs (11-7, 4-1) were led by Paul Millsap with 20 points and 17 rebounds.

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he knows that."

But for all the kind words, Cowher still put Roedelberger on the familiar diet right after halftime. He threw just five times after intermission as the Steelers loaded up on the run.

Throwing interceptions at inopportune moments was practically a Plummer trademark until Denver coach Mike Shanahan convinced his quarterback he was trying to do too much. Shanahan could make the case that John Elway didn't win the big one until he was surrounded with a supporting cast that was good enough to earn his trust.

"It was a group of people playing together and playing extremely hard," Shanahan said after the Broncos sent New England packing. "Hopefully we can continue to do that and do something special as a team."

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CITY OF MURTAUGH ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCING REPORT This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Auditor as required by 40-70B, Idaho Code. Dated this 14th day of December, 2005 Attest: Nathan Meyer, ATTORNEY; Jennifer Bennett, City Clerk

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Beginning Balance as of October 1 Previous Year, LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES (Sales tax, Interest income, etc.), STATE FUNDING SOURCES (Highway user revenue, etc.), FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES (National Forest reserve apportionment, etc.), and TOTAL RECEIPTS.

PUBLISH: January 19, 2006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. ID-84306-C Loan No. 00000000000000000000 Notice is hereby given that the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, as the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 5/12/2006 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time)...

PUBLISH: January 19, 26 and February 2, 2006

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho, Ordinance No. 2845 of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, notice is hereby given that a special general obligation bond election will be held in the City on Tuesday, February 7, 2006...

- First Precinct: Twin Falls City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Avenue East
Second Precinct: Twin Falls County Court House, 425 Sherman Street North
Third Precinct: Church of the Ardours, Flair Avenue West
Fourth Precinct: Robert Stuart Junior High School, 644 Casswell Avenue West
Fifth Precinct: Twin Falls Reform Church, 1631 Grandview Drive North
D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shinarump Avenue
Sixth Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street
Seventh Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street
Eighth Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street
Ninth Precinct: Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison Street
Tenth Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Flair Avenue East
Eleventh Precinct: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flair Ave E
Twelfth Precinct: Twin Falls Senior High School, 1615 Flair 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 Hayburn Avenue East
Sixteenth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Hayburn Avenue East
Seventeenth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Hayburn Avenue East
Eighteenth Precinct: Oregon Trail Elementary School, 650 Park Avenue
Nineteenth Precinct: Valley Christian Church, 1708 Hayburn Avenue East
Twentieth Precinct: Agogo Fourquare Church, 181 Morrison Street

Notice is further given that any 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...

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 a.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 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 the same 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 shall be counted in determining the number of qualified electors voting at or participating in the special election.

If at said Special General Obligation Bond Election two thirds (2/3) or more of the qualified registered electors eligible (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 hereby created for the purposes stated in said election question and Ordinance No. 2845, such general obligation bonds, in one or more series of bonds, shall be issued for such voted purpose to be repaid over the life of the proposed general obligation bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$6,100,000.

PUBLISH: January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 2006

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

Case No. CV-1993-3978 TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE COURT 3/15/06 at 9:00 a.m. In the Matter of THE ECONOMIC EDUCATION TRUST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that: The trustee has filed a Petition with the above-entitled Court for approval of the annual accounting. The hearing is set for Monday, the 13th day of March, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. At the courthouse of the above-entitled Court in the County Courthouse in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as duly ordered by said Court for hearing said Petition. Only ten (10) minutes have been allocated by the Court for this hearing. Any party wishing to contest the proceeding must provide the Court and all interested parties with 48 hours' prior written notice of their intent to produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses. In the event the matter before the Court is going to be contested, the hearing shall be rescheduled on a future date when the Court deems it will allow sufficient time for all parties to be heard. DATED this 9th day of January 2006 STEPHAN YVANOVIC, STONE & TRAINOR RICHARD G. KWANIG Attorney for Trustee

PUBLISH: January 19, 26 and February 2, 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 2004-2571 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING In the Interest of CHASTITY RAMS d.o.b. 1/11/1997 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Relationship Act was filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on March 9, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Magistrate Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho. The following individual shall personally appear at the hearing: JOHN FRANCIS ADAMS, father of above-named child

The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is financially unable to retain an attorney, he may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel. Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare. Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for that purpose from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed and witnessed by a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your being barred in your maintaining an action to establish paternity of the said child and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 16-2005 of the Idaho Code. Date: December 15, 2005 Magistrate

PUBLISH: January 19, 26 and February 2, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, The City of Twin Falls is holding one (1) grab bag with a right hip brand and one grey heifer brand Shagbark Hickory. The grab bag will be held on the 19th day of January 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Twin Falls Office, 733-6270.

PUBLISH: January 12 and 19, 2006

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 27, 2005 Sale date and time (local time): May 03, 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: 1940 Alta Drive Twin Falls, ID 83301 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 897 Bellevue, WA 98009-0897 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust Information: Original grantor: Donald K. Barkas, an unmarried man and Any Wismore, an unmarried woman Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Corporation, A Utah Corporation Recording date: August 27 1998 Recorder's identification #: 1026-015643 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 27, 2005: \$80,414.86 Because of the change in ownership, the property may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you may be greater. Hence, if you wish to purchase the property, you may need to be necessary after we receive your check. For further information visit or 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 as above, but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 3 of Royal Crest Records' identification #: 1026-015643 according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book 10, Page 1, MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 3 of Royal Crest Records' identification #: 1026-015643, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of plats, Page 41, records of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho. The terms and conditions and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com. The purchaser shall accept without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.21818) 1002.52204-PEI

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

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: Angel Mireola, d.o.b. 10-23-91, CAS# NO. CV-005-1478

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 District Court of the State of Idaho, County of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging that the above-named child is in need of the protection of the Child Protection Act, and You, the biological mother of Angel Mireola, are the custodian of the child. You are hereby notified that service of such summons upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of the respective child(ren), does not constitute notice to you that you and your child(ren) are in need of the protection of the Child Protection Act.

PUBLISH: January 12 and 19, 2006

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR

2006 Harmon Park Lighting Upgrade Sealed proposals may be received in the office of the Deputy City Clerk at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho until 10:00 A.M., Monday, January 23, 2006. All proposals shall be publicly opened at a reading in the City Hall Conference Room of the Twin Falls City Hall. Bids will be received for the Harmon Park Lighting Upgrade. Contract Documents with specifications and/or plans are available at the office of the City Engineer, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, a Twenty-Two Dollar (\$22.00) 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 Twin Falls, Idaho ID 83301 3907 (208) 735-7245 Publish: January 19, 2006, January 26, 2006, February 2, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held on January 31, 2006, a Tuesday, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

FALLS INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

Request a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment from Urban Residential to Professional Office at southeast corner of Falls Avenue East and Eastland Drive. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7269. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Persons needing accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. Contact: Sharon M. Bryan, City Engineer, Acting Planning & Zoning Director PUBLISH: Thursday, January 12, 2006 Thursday, January 19, 2006 Thursday, January 26, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned or taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government citizens, you have a right to be informed. This newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who wish to further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to: LEGAL ADVERTISING The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548 email to: legal@magzvalley.com 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 Saturday. Ad closing on Friday for Friday and Saturday. Ad closing on Saturday for Saturday. Ad closing on Sunday for Sunday. 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 MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-05-2660 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: RELLIE 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 hereby notified that they must file their claims 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 filed after the date of the first publication at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court, DATED this 10th day of December, 2005. c/o Jodi Stoker 208-735-3324

Twinn Falls, Idaho 83303-1597

PUBLISH: January 12 and 19, 2006

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 5, 2006 Sale date and time (local time): May 10, 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: 448 & 453 3rd Avenue West Twin Falls, ID 83301 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 897 Bellevue, WA 98009-0897 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust Information: Original grantor: Christine A. Welton, an unmarried person Original trustee: First American Title of Twin Falls Original beneficiary: First American Title of Twin Falls Recording date: December 22, 2000 Instrument number: 2000-020004 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of January 5, 2006: \$54,859.56 Because of interest, late charges and other items, the amount due on the day you may be greater. Hence, if you wish to purchase the property, you may need to be necessary after we receive your check. For further information visit or 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 as above, but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 113 of Block 113 of the County of Jerome, Twin Falls County, Idaho filed in Block 129 of Twin Falls Townships, Twin Falls County, Idaho, and Lot 2 in Block 129 of Twin Falls Townships, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as described in the plat thereof, Volume 6 of plats, Page 7. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.21818) 1002.52204-PEI

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CITY OF HAGERMAN

TREASURER'S 4th QUARTER REPORT October through December 2005

Table with 5 columns: FUND, CASH ON HAND, RECEIVED, EXPENDED, BALANCE. Includes GENERAL, STREETS, LIBRARY, PARKS, WATERWORKS, SEWER, and TOTAL.

City of Hagerman, Idaho is invited to inspect the supporting documents at the City Hall, 110 West Main, Hagerman, Idaho, during the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Margaret Padrow City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: January 19, 2006

Advertisement for ELECTRICIANS CONTRACTORS featuring a phone number 208-735-3324 and a website URL.

Advertisement for Services featuring a phone number 208-735-3324 and a website URL.

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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. 1315, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: PARCEL I Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 8: A parcel of land located in the NW1/4NE4, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West boundary of the NW1/4NE4 of said Section 8, 6 ft 50.44 feet South from the Northwest corner of the NW1/4NE4 Section 8, 89'44" West 21'06" East 91.3 feet; Thence North 89'44" West 182.4 feet; Thence North 85 feet along the West boundary of the NW1/4NE4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING EXCLUDING therefrom a strip of land 25 feet in width along the West side of the above described tract. PARCEL II Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 8: A strip of land located in the NW1/4NE4, described as follows: Beginning at a point 428.8 feet South of the North Quarter corner of said Section; Thence South 89'44" East 243.5 feet; Thence South 21'06" West to a point which is 498.8 feet South of the North line of said Section, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 89'44" West to a point on the Highway centerline 488.8 feet South of the North Quarter corner of said Section; Thence South to the South of said quarter corner; Thence South 89'44" East 215 feet; Thence North 21'06" East to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING EXCLUDING therefrom a strip of land 25 feet in width along the West side of the above described tract. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code 60-113, Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3900 N. 2250 E., Filer, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by HENRY E. REINKNER, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of REPUBLIC MORTGAGE, recorded on November 13, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-017691, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho; and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 13, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-017691, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBT OR OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated November 9, 2000, in the amount of \$547.00 per month, for the months of April through November, 2005, inclusively; and each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.99% per annum from March 1, 2005. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$59,127.29, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.99% per annum from March 1, 2005. DATED this 20th day of December, 2005. /s/CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

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 PLUMBING, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DARREN L. BELIN; BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC.; RAYMOND A. BELL and LAUNDA L. BELL; and JIM KITCHENS, INC., Defendants. JIM KITCHENS, INC., Counterclaimant and Crossclaimant, vs. RAYMOND A. BELL and LAUNDA A. BELL, Crossdefendants. RAYMOND A. BELL and LAUNDA L. BELL, husband and wife, Crossclaimant, vs. BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC., an Idaho corporation and DARREN D. BELL, individually, Crossdefendants.

NOTICE TO CROSSDEFENDANTS DARREN BELIN and BELIN CONSTRUCTION, INC. YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED CROSSCLAIMANTS. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response in the proper form must be filed with the above-designated Court within twenty (20) days after the last date of publication hereof. You fail to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Crossclaimants in the First Amended Crossclaim. Crossclaimants seek judgment against Cross defendants as follows: 1. For Judgment in the amount of \$5,070.00; 2. For Judgment in the amount of \$9,150.00; 3. For judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law; 4. For an order declaring that Belin's claim of lien recorded July 3, 2004, in Gooding County, Idaho, 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 future amounts if the matter is in any way contested; 6. For costs incurred by Crossclaimants herein; 7. For such other and further relief as the Court may determine to be appropriate. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other rules of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an Answer to the First Amended Crossclaim, it must contain admissions 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' attorney, as designated above. A copy of the Amended Crossclaim can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Crossclaimants. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above court. DATED this 14th day of December, 2005. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By Kay Nelson, Deputy Clerk

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 2005-007557M ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING. In the Interest of: TYRAE LYNN SHAW d.o.b. 3/19/93 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 12:00 PM in the Magistrate Division, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho. The following individual shall personally appear at the 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. Docketed: 2005 /s/Rick Bolter Magistrate

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. NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of LLOYD N. REED, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, as an appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are notified 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 to be presented to the Honorable Judge Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, PO Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525. DATED this 28th day of December, 2005. /s/Sheilyn L. Lee Personal Representative

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101 Lost and Found FOUND (2) dogs by Kiewit Contract Paul. Call 312-2023

FOUND Black Lab puppy, male, 2-3 months old. Needs his home. Found on Main Street in Jerome. Call 208-536-6212.

FOUND cat male, black, collar with a bell, near Fashburn & Pomerele area, Tuesday, 735-4171.

FOUND dog, female, Border Collie, reddish brown with white, Stat 177 on Blue Lakes Blvd. Misses her owner. Call 208-731-6111.

FOUND dog, female, Golden Lab, in Jerome area. Very friendly. Call 208-404-1688

FOUND Lab, yellow, female - Borel/Fentor Chihuahua, black white, near 500 North in Jerome. Call 208-539-9529.

FOUND prescription eye glasses in Abercrombie parking lot, Burley. Contact service desk at Abercrombie.

FOUND spare tire off of a small SUV or pickup on the corner of Locust and Highland. Call 208-733-6981 ask for Tisha

LOST Binoculars Swarovski EL10x42, 1 1/2 miles South of Curry Crossing on or down Hwy. 93. Large Reward offered! Call 208-734-0292 or 208-731-5092.

LOST Chihuahua at 2515 Normal Ave., Burley. Small black white, would love blue collar, answers to Simba. Call 208-312-8952, 208-478-0919 or 208-878-1340

LOST German Shorthair pup, grey with brown spots, on 23rd & Arno Ave. Burley. Reward 208-809-4218 or 208-876-1775.

LOST Lab, yellow adult male with black pot saddle mark, collar at Foyriteh Park, Jerome. REWARD! Call 208-539-9593.

LOST Shin Tzu puppy, 4 month old male wearing black collar with rhinestones. Black/white. Pioneer Court area. Call 733-3952. REWARD!

LOST tools, Craftsman power tools with black case. Gooding between 4th, 5th, Main & Montana on 1713. 208-238-4405

LOST dog, 8 months old, male Shin Tzu, white with brown patches on back & ears. On Carriage Lane and Filer Ave. E. on 12/25, is missed very much! REWARD! Please call 208-420-5893

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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. CV2005-1144 SECOND NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT 2020 PRODUCE SALES, INC.

JULIE LINDAUER DOUTHETT and MARK RAYMOND DOUTHETT wife and husband; JOHN DOES AND JANE DOES 1 - 10

Plaintiff vs. Defendants

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of an Order of this Court for a Writ of Attachment issued on the 12th day of January, 2006, 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 1A attached hereto. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any creditor of the Defendants herein who, within thirty (30) day after the posting and publication of this Notice, shall commence and thereafter diligently prosecute to final judgment his/her claim against the Defendants and shall share pro rata with the other creditors in the proceeds of Defendants' property where there is not sufficient proceeds to pay all judgments in full against them.

EXHIBIT 1-A

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND BOAT: (All believed to be located at 359 S. 350 E., Burley, Idaho) 2004 Ford F-350 truck, VIN#1FTWV33P64E6A8195 1993 Oldsmobile 442, VIN#3448792116671 1993 Oldsmobile 2000, VIN#3448792111839 1979 Pontiac Firebird, VIN#2K87K9L168592 located at 1988 Chevrolet truck, VIN#320009 (last six) located at 1970 Volkswagen Bug, 2 Door, VIN#1102414347 2005 Ford Truck (pickup), VIN#1F3P336P337220 1998 Zim Flatbed Trailer (Snowmobile), VIN#Z23259 2000 Flatbed Trailer Flood Utility Trailer Multiple axle homemade flatbed trailer located at 1987 Bayliner 18 foot wood/plastic, VIN#1L811201KH1541653 MOTORCYCLE 2005 Suzuki, VIN#J51V1A6Y2102772 SNOWMOBILES: 2000 Arctic Cat M6 153 Black, VIN#U4F055NWS134054, purchased 2-25-05, Shofield Financial ARCA200504004 - phone number: 1-800-428-8892 2002 Arctic Cat 600 EFI, VIN#U4F055NWS22115308, purchased 3-15-04, White Fargo, AP#44757435 - phone number 1-208-393-4242 1998 Yamaha, VIN#9E692181 2000 Yamaha 700 Min., VIN#E0D004516 ATVS: 2004 Polaris 500 Predator, VIN#X4GJ50A742202594

REAL PROPERTY Real Property located in Minidoka County, Idaho, in the name of John Lewis Lindauer and Julie Marie Lindauer commonly known as 240 B.S. Meridian, Rupert, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: The S1/2NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. Subject to:

(a) Accruing taxes, levies and assessments; (b) Easements of record, if any; and (c) The right of Leonard Lindauer, and his wife, LeVerne Lindauer, to maintain their mobile home on the premises, as their dwelling place, until the death of the survivor of them, with the right of ingress and egress. Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho, commonly known as 375 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho, believed to be in the name of Julie Douthett. Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho commonly known as 359 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho and more particularly described as: TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO Section 12: A part of the NW1/4SW1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the NW1/4SW1/4 (Monumented by a 5/8 inch rebar) which shall be the True Point of Beginning; Thence North 00°28'00" West (Recorded as north) for 527.00 feet along the West section line to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence North 89°06'45" East (Recorded as East) for 204.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence South 00°28'00" East (Recorded as East) for 527.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; Thence South 89°06'45" West (Recorded as West) for 204.00 feet along the South line of the NW1/4SW1/4 to the True Point of Beginning Real Property located in Minidoka County, Idaho commonly known as 249 West 200 South, Hayburn, Idaho and more particularly described as: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO Section 1: All that part of the N1/2NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 170 feet North of the Northwest corner of the N1/2NE1/4; Thence South 120 feet; Thence East 156 feet; Thence North 132 feet; Thence West 156 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING BANK ACCOUNT All accounts whether savings, checking, or otherwise which are situated at First Federal Savings Bank which are believed to be in the sum of \$26,116.29, not including Account #80056359 which has been previously attached. All accounts whether savings, checking, or otherwise which are situated at DL Evans Bank which have not previously been attached. RUPERT COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIP Yamaha gas-powered golf cart Jimma tractor and attachments All hand tools, including, but not limited to, Cornwell tools.

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Table with market indices: Dow Jones Industrials (10,854.86), Nasdaq composite (2,279.64), Standard & Poor's 500 (1,277.93), Russell 2000 (703.78)

Table with local interest stocks: Con Agra (\$20.89), Micron (\$14.06)

Table with commodities: Live cattle (\$96.07)

Regulators approve wind project

BOISE — State regulators have approved Idaho Power Co. sales agreements with the developer of four wind parks scheduled to be built in south-central and eastern Idaho.

Government contracts workshop set

BOISE — The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Idaho Business Network are offering a workshop on construction contracting opportunities with government agencies.

Capitol Distributing expands space

BOISE — Capitol Distributing added 62,000 square feet of warehouse space through a lease/purchase agreement with the construction of a new building.

Briefly

U.S. Bancorp on Tuesday reported net income of \$1.143 million for the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with \$1,056 million for the fourth quarter of 2004.

New wheels



Bill Lasher Jr. who started Lasher Sports LLC in March, holds one of his custom wheelchair frames in his shop in Anchorage, Dec. 30, 2005.

Customized wheelchairs offer more stylish rides

By Mary Pemberton Anchorage Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Bill Lasher Jr. remembers what it felt like to go from being a lock playing varsity sports in high school to being stuck in a wheelchair.

Anchorage filled with tube cutters, drill presses, tube benders and welders. "It used to be a chair was something you wanted to hide underneath you. This is a chair you can go out and be seen in," said Lasher.

wheelchair that insurance bought, because one of the bolts that held the seatback kept falling off. "One would go and I'd be nervous about the other one. If the other one goes, I could be a quad. I wasn't willing to do that," said Lundstrom.

Dog treat under fire by consumers, veterinarians for packaging claims

By Laura Smitherman The Baltimore Sun

When Michael Eastwood and Jennifer Reiff adopted Burt, a black and tan miniature Dachshund, the New York couple said it was "total love." Three years later, they are giving Burt less and mourning his death more in vain.

100 percent edible." Greenies come under fire from consumers and from veterinarians, many of whom say they have performed surgery on dogs, including some who didn't burp.

being treated to a Greenie, which in large pieces, doesn't break down easily in the stomach. The online connections have become an impromptu support network for people who've lost a pet and say they need to know it wasn't their fault.

Consumer prices up 3.4 percent in 2005

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The average American worker got squeezed in 2005 between the biggest jump in energy prices in 15 years and wages that failed to keep up with inflation.

As a result, hourly earnings after adjusting for inflation fell by 0.5 percent in December compared to what workers were earning in December 2004, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

Workers did see their wages rise last year. It was just that prices rose at a faster pace — 3.4 percent for the 12 months ending in December, the department said.

The 0.5 percent drop in inflation-adjusted hourly earnings last year followed a 0.7 percent fall in 2004 for the 80 percent of the U.S. workforce that is employed by the private sector in non-supervisory jobs.

The main culprit in last year's jump in inflation was a 17.1 percent surge in energy prices, the biggest advance since 1980, as gasoline prices topped \$3 per gallon for a time. The rise in energy accounted for 40 percent of the overall rise in prices last year.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said energy prices were still too high and the president was committed to addressing that problem.

But Democrats pointed to the drop in inflation-adjusted earnings as further evidence that the typical American family is not faring well in the current economic expansion.

"Paychecks are being stretched thinner as families face higher prices for home heating, health care and education," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.

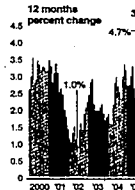
David Wass, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York. There has been hope that overall inflation will slow to around 2.5 percent in 2006. But that is based on a belief that after two years of big increases, energy prices will calm down, something that has not yet occurred.

Earlier this week, crude oil prices surged to 3.5-month highs, reflecting worries about a supply crunch with Iran over its nuclear program and supply disruptions due to violence in Nigeria. Oil prices did decline slightly on Wednesday, falling below \$56 per barrel.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial average fell by 41.46

Yearly Inflation

Change in consumer prices for the 12 months ending in December



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics AP

points to close at 10,854.86 Wednesday as disappointing earnings in the high-tech sector set off a second day of selling.

Overall prices actually declined by 0.1 percent in December, an unexpectedly good performance, following an even bigger 0.6 percent drop in November.

That represented the first consecutive monthly declines in two years, but both months were heavily influenced by declines in gasoline and other fuels that are expected to be reversed in January.

The 3.4 percent rise in overall inflation for the 12 months ending in December was slightly higher than a 3.3 percent increase in 2004 and was the biggest advance since a similar 3.4 percent rise in 2000.

The 17.1 percent jump in energy costs represented the biggest rise in this category since an 18.1 percent surge in 1990 when global oil markets were rolled by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

For 2005, gasoline prices were up 16.1 percent. Natural gas prices jumped by 30.2 percent while home heating oil was up 27.2 percent, huge increases that are being felt in higher heating bills this winter.

Outside of the volatile food and energy categories, core consumer inflation rose by just 2.2 percent last year, matching the performance in 2004. Analysts expect that as global competition was helping to keep the surge in energy from spilling over into more widespread inflation problems.

In its latest look at regional economic conditions, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that the economy was having a more rapid pace as the new year began with employment, manufacturing and consumer sales all rising while price increases were less than expected.

Since June 2004, the Fed has been pushed interest rates up 13 times in an effort to make sure that housing, energy and other hot sectors don't become embedded in higher overall inflation as similar oil shocks did in the 1970s.

Antitrust suit against Micron resurrected

The Associated Press

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc., Idaho's largest private employer, is being sued by officials at a California company who say their patent rights on computer memory chips have been infringed.

Behavior Inc., based in Los Altos, Calif., filed its suit Friday afternoon in federal District Court in California after a federal judge lifted a stay on patent lawsuits Friday morning between the two companies.

San Francisco, a Micron spokesman, told The Idaho Statesman that the company does not comment on pending litigation but that Micron "will vigorously defend its position."

therefore entitles Rambus to as much as three times the amount of damages and attorney fees.

The suit is the latest in a long history of disputes among Rambus, chip makers and the federal government over patent standards and alleged anticompetitive behavior. Rambus licenses its technology to manufacturers who produce the physical chips and pay royalties.

In 2004, Rambus sued several major computer memory companies, including Micron, claiming they had conspired to limit production and raise prices in an effort to block widespread adoption of Rambus' technology.

In 2000, Micron sued Rambus in Delaware, asking damages for patent infringement, antitrust violations and fraud.

Last year, Rambus asked that the stay be lifted, arguing that the ban on continued litigation unfairly prevented it from suing Micron over patent rights.

When the stay was lifted Friday, Rambus filed the most recent lawsuit.

MONEY

Deal guarantees another tequila sunrise Wheels

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — A potential crisis in Margaritaville was averted Tuesday when U.S. and Mexican trade officials signed an agreement ensuring the continued northward flow of tequila.

Mexico agreed to drop a proposed ban on bulk sales of the liquor to American bottlers in exchange for guarantees that the U.S. would better police its neighbors' national spirits after it leaves Mexican soil.

The deal ends a two-year battle by liquor makers over who can bottle the agave-based spirit. It is sold to retail customers. The agreement guarantees uninterrupted supply of the popular beverage in the United States, where retail sales reached nearly \$3.3 billion in 2004.

Director general of the Tequila Regulatory Council, a trade group, said: "For us, the U.S. market is the most important market in the world. We want to guarantee consumers of this great country that when they drink a cup of tequila that it has the authentic taste of Mexico."

White said he's used 10 or more chairs and each one was an improvement. He's so pleased with the Lasher chair he bought two.

Technology sector earnings push stocks lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Disappointing tech sector earnings set off a second day of selling on Wall Street Wednesday, though the market showed signs of a face of a major selloff in Japan.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 5.00, or 0.39 percent, to 1,277.93. Bonds edged lower, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.34 percent from 4.33 percent late Tuesday.

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MONEY

Prosecutors in Enron case accustomed to winning

The Washington Post

A disabled woman lay dead in her Chicago apartment. No violence, no gun, no fingerprints.

For days Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Berkowitz puzzled over the circumstantial evidence. He examined ballistics, phone records, stray papers. With no hard evidence to go on, he won the indictment of a doctor, who ultimately was sentenced to death for killing a patient to keep her quiet about Medicare fraud.

Berkowitz is "not afraid of taking on a difficult case," said former colleague David Hoffmann, now Chicago's inspector general.

Enter Enron Corp. Berkowitz, 38, is the third and — presumably — final director of the Justice Department's Enron Task Force, which is designed to get to the roots of fraud at the Houston energy trader that collapsed in 2001.

He and a small group of government lawyers will be in the spotlight in the Jan. 30 trial of Enron's former leaders. The case is the capstone in the cleanup after an era of business misconduct that left investors billions of dollars poorer. The outcome could shape the public's — and history's — judgment of how effective it was.

"Enron defines the age of corporate fraud," Berkowitz said. The stakes for the defense are high, too. Enron founder Kenneth Lay, a man accustomed to hobnobbing with members of the Bush family, could spend the rest of his life in prison. The same is true of Jeffrey Skilling, the company president who ascended to chief executive and then abruptly quit shortly before the company unraveled. Both men maintain their innocence.

And, like the case in Chicago, the Enron prosecution may rely heavily on circumstantial evidence.

Few documents have entered directly tying Lay and Skilling to the fraud that prosecutors say was used to inflate Enron's stock price. Instead, investigators have pieced together accounts from corporate insiders to build their case. The task force has secured 16 guilty pleas, sealing deals with Enron's former finance chief, its top accountant, two investor relations officials and two heads of operating units, among others.

This strategy has come under heavy fire from the defense. Lay recently blasted the government for employing what he calls "a wave of terror" to intimidate people into striking plea deals rather than face years behind bars if they take their cases to trial and lose. A judge recently rejected allegations that prosecutors intimidated witnesses, ruling that there is "no credible evidence to support defendants' allegations."

Lawyers for Skilling and Lay say the task force was out to get their clients from the very beginning — a fact disputed by the group's first leader.

"There was never any agenda from the outset to go out and get person X," said Linda Caldwell, now in private practice in New York. "Every single lawyer on the task force is an experienced prosecutor who knows when to bring cases, and when not to bring cases."

It has been four years since the Justice Department created the task force, bringing together a select group of lawyers from U.S. attorneys' offices nationwide. The unit is itself a symbol of Enron's devastating impact on Houston. Prosecutors three stepped aside in 2002 because so many of them had financial or personal ties to the company. The sprawling case against Lay and Skilling dwarfs anything the government has attempted to date. Last month's guilty plea by former Enron accounting chief Richard Causey will help prosecutors to slash several witnesses from their lineup. But the trial still could consume more than four months, featuring testimony about some of the company's faltering business units and the maneuvers Enron's former leaders allegedly used to prop up the company and mislead investors. The trial had been scheduled to begin Tuesday, but Causey's plea pushed the start back by two weeks.

The trial's complexity was part of the lure for Kathryn Ruemler, a Washington-based prosecutor and a deputy director of the task force. "It's an incredible challenge, an extraordinarily complex and large investigation," said Ruemler. "It's in many ways unparalleled," with intense congressional interest and complex, large-scale massive shareholder lawsuits.

Ruemler, 34, is no stranger to sensitive investigations. She worked in the White House, handling independent contractors,

Upcoming trial is the capstone in the cleanup of fallen company

issues, including those related to former Pentagon worker Linda Tripp, who famously typed colleague Monica Lewinsky.

The strain that runs through all four lead prosecutors is this: They are ambitious, unusually driven and not at all used to losing.

First in his class at New Orleans' Tulane University, Berkowitz finished among the

final 100 for the coveted Rhodes scholarship, although he did not win. In his spare time, he runs marathons.

Ruemler talked her way into her first big career move while still in law school at Georgetown University, so impressing a partner at the D.C. firm Zuckerman Spader LLP with her remarks on a cable television show that she landed an

internship on the spot.

John Hueston, 41, a longtime prosecutor from Orange County, Calif., has never lost — not even on a single charge — in 15 federal jury trials, colleague Wayne Gross said.

The Yale Law School graduate served as a clerk for federal Judge Frank Johnson Jr., whose landmark rulings on integration in the South made him a hero to

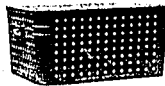
civil rights pioneers. The Alabama judge advised Hueston to join the U.S. Attorney's office as quickly as possible. Hueston readily complied, working his way up to command a unit of 25 government lawyers.

The final member of the government trial team is Cliff Stricklin, a former Texas state judge who once served on a Dallas city council ethics panel with

White House counsel and failed Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers. The son of a Baptist minister, Stricklin, 41, is the only Texas native on the government's team. He has 26 federal jury trials as a prosecutor under his belt and 150 more trials during his time as a judge. "I've pretty much seen just about everything," said Stricklin, including a case in which his parents had kept their emancipated daughter in a closet for nearly five years.

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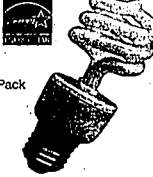
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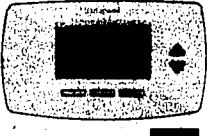
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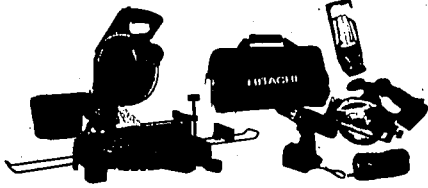
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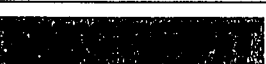
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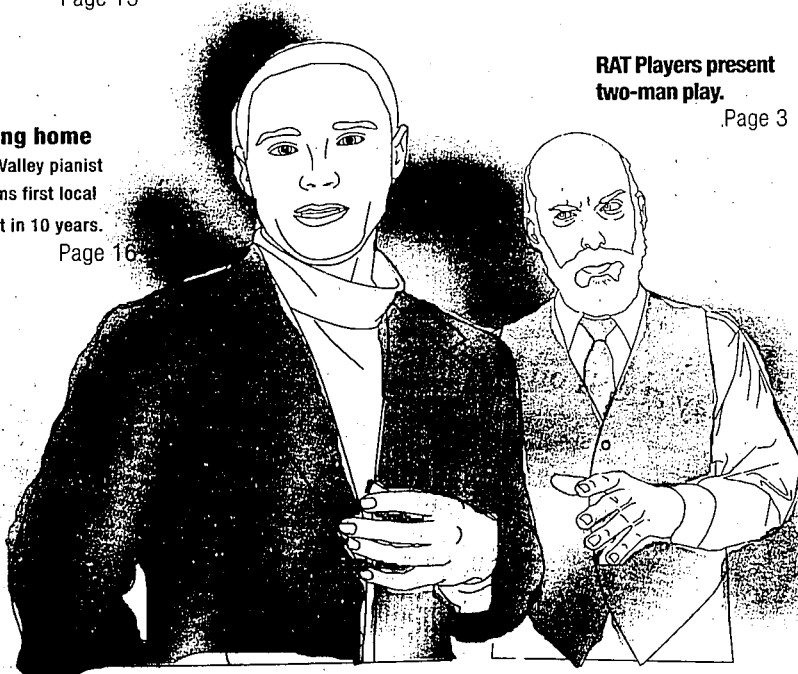
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THE WEEK'S BEST PRODUCTS: MEDIA, COMPILED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Television

1. "Haze Bowl: Southern California vs. Texas," ABC.
2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
3. "Hose Bowl Program," ABC.
4. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
5. "NFL Playoff: Jacksonville vs. New England," ABC.

—From Nielsen Media Research

Film

1. "Hostel," Lionsgate.
2. "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Disney.
3. "King Kong," Universal.
4. "Fun With Dick and Jane," Sony.
5. "Cheaper by the Dozen 2," 20th Century Fox.

—From Exhibitor Relations Co.

Hot 5

1. "Gritz," Nelly (feat. Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp), Diddy.
2. "Run It!" Chris Brown, Jive. (Gold—certified sales of more than 500,000.)
3. "Check on It," Beyonce (feat. Slim Thug), Columbia.
4. "Don't Forget About Us," Mariah Carey, Island.
5. "Photograph," Nickelback—radio runner/DJ.MG. (Platinum—certified sales of 1 million units)

—From Billboard magazine

Albums

1. "Unpredictable," Jamie Foxx, J.
2. "The Breakthrough," Mary J. Blige, Geffen.
3. "Outta Control: The Hits," Eminem, Shady.
4. "First Impressions of Earth," The Strakes, RCA.
5. "Samba Hearts," Carrie Underwood, Arista (Platinum)

—From Billboard magazine

Concert tours

1. Rolling Stones.
2. U2.
3. Paul McCartney.
4. Eagles.
5. Aerosmith.

—From Pollstar

VHS/DVD rentals

1. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," MCA Home Video, Inc.
2. "Fox Brothers," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "Must Love Dogs," Warner Home Video.
4. "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," FoxVideo.
5. "Into the Blue," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

VHS sales

1. "Miracle on 34th Street," FoxVideo.
2. "Thelma & Louise," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
3. "A Christmas Carol (1984)," FoxVideo.
4. "Duna of Steel 4: Advanced," Warner Home Video.
5. "Thighs of Steel 2," Warner Home Video.

—From Billboard magazine

DVD sales

1. "Toy Story 2: Special Edition," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "American Pie Presents: Band Camp (Widescreen Edition)," MCA Home Video, Inc.
3. "American Pie Presents: Band Camp (Full Screen Edition)," MCA Home Video, Inc.
4. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin (Widescreen Version)," MCA Home Video, Inc.
5. "Into the Blue (Widescreen)," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

Top iTunes downloads

1. "Check on It," Beyonce and Slim Thug
2. "Dirty Little Secret," The All-American Rejects
3. "Gritz (Dirty)," Nelly featuring Paul Wall, Ali and Gipp
4. "Photograph," Nickelback
5. "Dance, Dance," Fall Out Boy

—Apple Computer Inc.

Best-selling books

1. "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor) (non-fiction/paperback)
2. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage) (fiction/paperback)
3. "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)
4. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dell) (fiction/paperback)
5. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis (HarperKids/Entertainment) (fiction/paperback)

—USA Today

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Kokoro is one of more than a dozen fighters who gamers can choose to play 'Dead or Alive 4' for Xbox 360.

'Dead or Alive 4' brings fighting excellence to Xbox

BY MATT SLAGLE
The Associated Press

Beating up your friends in a video game has never looked so good—no, or been so difficult. "Dead or Alive 4" (Rated M, \$59.99) finally arrives for the Xbox 360 with a simple goal: clobber your opponents before they can return the favor.

You start by choosing from more than a dozen brewers. Each has strengths, weaknesses and unique fighting styles. Kokoro, for example, is a young geisha in training who'd rather perfect her Ba Bi Chu combat technique. Bass is an American pro wrestler who looks at home in the ring but can't distill out massive damage in any setting.

The game even plays homage to the sci-fi shooter "Halo" with a special character from that game that you can unlock.

But good luck getting to that level. Unless you're a fighting-game vet, prepare for a grueling training schedule. In learning how to play this game, I felt like Uma Thurman: "The Bride" in "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" as she's beaten down by sadomasochistic master Bill Mui.

I'm not on some lifelong quest to learn the five-point palm exploding-heart technique, but this game left my hands aching and my temper raging.

A trainer system is buried in the menu, but I think a more straightforward beginner's guide would help newbies.

"Sparring mode" aside, there's no gentle introduction for beginners, just "normal,"

"hard" and "very hard" settings.

Prepare to have your brain reprogrammed so you can tap the Xbox 360 buttons in perfect sequence to perform all sorts of attacks, holds and throws.

You could just jump in and start mashing buttons, but the cunning artificial intelligence will tear you apart in no time.

At least there's some reward in learning something new, and it's a feeling of well-earned satisfaction once you finally get the gist of things and regularly beat foes.

"Dead or Alive 4" has razor-sharp graphics that pack detailed characters and a limited array of interactive environments. Watch out for incoming traffic and angry tigers.

The M-rating is earned: the many female combatants sport Barbie doll proportions and wear little more than lingerie. And their acrobatic gyrations during combat are rather lascivious.

The better that video game graphics get, the more visual oddities stand out. I observed a few of them here, particularly one where digital hair and loose clothing sometimes brushed through the fighters' bodies.

"Dead or Alive 4" seamlessly integrates with the system's Xbox Live online gamespace so you can brawl with others around the world.

For me, it was little more than an opportunity to see just how bad I am at fighting games. But experienced players should find lots of replay value here.

Whodunit?

RAT Players consider Olivier, Caine — and 'Sleuth'

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What actor wouldn't jump at the chance to play Laurence Olivier playing one of his most memorable movie roles?

"Actually, I always wanted to do the other role when I was younger," said Tony Mannen, theater instructor at the College of Southern Idaho and half of the two-man cast of the Random Acts of Theater Players production of Anthony Shaffer's whodunit, "Sleuth."

"The Michael Caine part, I thought, is more interesting." But Caine's role, social-climbing British lothario Milo Tindle, goes to Mannen's former student Bo Davidson in this production. Mannen is Andrew Wyke, a snobbish, to-the-manor-born writer of hack mysteries. The movie version of "Sleuth" in 1972 earned Olivier an Oscar nomination.

"Sleuth" begins its two-weekend run at the Lamp-house Theater on Thursday. Wyke invites Tindle, who runs a chain of beauty salons, to his mansion for a drink. Why? Milo is having an affair with Andrew's wife.

Andrew seems to be cynical about marriage, and Milo appears to be very much in love with the older man's wife. So Andrew suggests an unusual arrangement, and mayhem ensues.

"(Andrew) is a part you have to play very straight," Mannen said. "At first the play looks like a comedy, and then nasty things start to happen."

Shaffer says "Sleuth" was partially inspired by composer Stephen Sondheim, who had an interest in game-playing. "It's a play with a lot of surprises," Mannen said.

Shaffer, who died in 2001 at the age of 75, was a British lawyer-turned-playwright who

scored a huge success with "Sleuth," his first play. The drama ran for eight years in London's West End and another 2,000 performances on Broadway, where it won a Tony Award for Best Play.

In 1972, American filmmaker Joseph L. Mankiewicz turned it into a movie, although Shaffer was at first reluctant to sell the film rights to the play. Shaffer wanted Anthony Quayle, who played Wyke on the London stage, in the film role, and Alan Bates as Milo. But Mankiewicz cast Caine and Olivier instead, despite the latter's observation earlier that the play was a "piece of —"

Shaffer also wrote the popular cult thriller "The Wicker Man" in 1973, but he's probably best known for two screenplays: "Death on the Nile," the Agatha Christie thriller, in 1978, and Alfred Hitchcock's last great movie, "Frenzy," in 1973. He lived in the shadow of his better-known twin brother, Peter, who wrote "Amadeus," "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" and "Equus" and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

The RAT Players production is being directed by another former Mannen student, Jud Harmon, who recently returned from a year's tour of duty with the National Guard in Iraq.

"I find that Jud is using some of the same mannerisms I use when I'm directing, including rubbing my temple forward," Mannen said. "I asked him about it, and he said, 'I didn't know I was doing it.'"

A director from time to time needs to be an actor," Mannen said. "It's been a great experience."

The RAT Players are an independent troupe formerly known as the Friends of CSI Players, organized four years ago to take CSI theater productions on the road.



Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine square off in a scene from "Sleuth."



Laurence Olivier played Andrew Wyke in the 1972 movie version of "Sleuth."

If you go ...

• **What:** The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Anthony Shaffer's drama "Sleuth," a two-man play featuring Tony Mannen and Bo Davidson.

• **Where:** Lamp-house Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls

• **When:** 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Jan. 26-28

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door.

Tony Mannen, at left, and Bo Davidson rehearse a scene from the Random Acts of Theater Players production of "Sleuth," which opens Thursday.

MEAGAN THOMPSON
The Times-News

Movies

Now playing

TWIN FALLS

Twins Cinema
 "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
 "Fun with Dick and Jane"
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 "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"
 "Hostel"
 "King Kong"
 "Memoirs of a Geisha"
 "Murk"
 "The Producers"
 "The Rings"
 "Rumor Has It"

Ozzymania Theater
 "Chopper by the Dozen 2"
 "End of the Spear"
 "The Family Stone"
 "Last Holiday"
 "Mick & Isabella"
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 "Kiss Kiss, Bang, Bang"

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 "Fun with Dick and Jane"
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80Minute Cinema
 "Breakback Mountain"
 "Murk"

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 "Last Holiday"
 "Underworld Evolution"

Burley Theater
 "The Legend of Zorro"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema
 "Chopper by the Dozen 2"
 "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
 "Hoodwinked"
 "Underworld Evolution"

SHOSHONE

Shoshone Showhouse
 "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

Movie nuggets

• **"Breakback Mountain" ***½** Ang Lee's heart-breaking film starring the incomparable Heath Ledger and Jodie Foster as Wyoming cowboys who encounter illness on a notch between the rocky Tetons and the unforgiving hard peak of 1962's society. With Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway. 2 hours, 14 minutes. R (nudity, sex)

• **"Chopper 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 sparring partner in Eugene Levy, cast as a super-successful lifelong 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 their own. With Bonnie Hunt, Carmen Electra, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo. 11-34 PG for some crude humor and mild language.

• **"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" ***½** The menagerie of mythological beasts in "Narnia" don't seem quite genuinely, three-dimensionally real. That's not to say this "Wardrobe" isn't worth climbing into. Only that along with the dollops of delight, a bit of disappointment awaits on the other side. PG-13 for sequences and frightening moments.

• **"The Family Stone" ***½** This slapstick weeper is a holiday lump of coal brightened by four diamond-sharp performances. Sarah Jessica Parker comes to meet her guy's parents (Diane Keaton, Craig T. Nelson) and finds the family that prides itself on its tolerance completely intolerant of her. Notable work by Keaton, Nelson, Luke Wilson and Rachel McAdams. 1 hour, 42 minutes. PG-13 (drug and sex references)

• **"Fun with Dick and Jane" ***** In this brisk but flat farce, a remake of a 1977 comedy, Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni play a couple who turn to crime when the \$9-foot gorilla who falls for each other, literally and creatively, and it's a doozy. With Naomi Watts as an Ann Darrow and Arty Sarkis as the model for Kong's facial and physical movements. 1 hour, 30 minutes. PG-13 (mild profanity, sexual references)

• **"Gory Road" No rating.** Josh Lucas stars as Don Haskins, the Texas Western coach who led the first major college basketball team to win an all-African Ameri-

About the rating system

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 Goot. 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

can starting lineup to the 1966 NCAA championship. Derek Luke and Benji Maltby also star. Written by Christopher Cleveland and Bettina Gilio and Gregory Allen Howard. Directed by James Gartner. PG for racial issues, including violence and epithets, and mild language.

• **"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" 3 stars.** 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 Dudley, Mike Newell — the first Brit to helm the series — is the guy who want to escort it through Harry's best-seller sex. With the usual suspects; Ralph Fiennes as Voldemort; and Michael Gambon, replacing the late Richard Harris, as Dumbledore. Not recommended for those under 8. 2 hours, 37 minutes. PG-13 (fantasy violence, suspense)

• **"Hoodwinked" No rating.** In the re-telling of this classic fable, the story begins at the end. Chief Wiggly (Kubrick) and Detective Bill Sterk (Anthony Anderson) investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's (Glenn Close) cottage, involving a karate-kicking Red Riding Hood (Anne Hathaway), a sarcastic wolf (Patrick Warburton) and an oafish Woodsman (Ben Stiller). The plotline is many; breaking and entering, intent to eat, wielding an axe without a license, but these unusual suspects have their story to tell first. PG

• **"Hostel" *** Two young American tourists end up as victims in an Eastern European torture chamber in this vile and distorted horror film. 1 hours, 35 minutes. R (intense violence, profanity, nudity, sex and drug use)

• **"King Kong" ***½** Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings") has remade "King Kong," the one about the five-foot blonde and the 90-foot gorilla who fall for each other, literally and creatively, and it's a doozy. With Naomi Watts as an Ann Darrow and Arty Sarkis as the model for Kong's facial and physical movements. 1 hour, 30 minutes. PG-13 (marauding dinosaurs, creepy creatures, violence, nudity)

• **"Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" No**

rating. A petty thief (Robert Downey Jr.) posing as an actor is brought to Los Angeles for an unlikely audition 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. PG-13.

• **"Last Holiday" No rating.** Queen Latifah stars as a New Orleans cookware saleswoman who flings caution to the wind and heads to a European resort when she learns that she has limited time to live. With LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton, Gerard Depardieu, Alicia Witt, Giancarlo Esposito. Written by Jeffrey Price and Peter S. Seaman, based on a screenplay by J.B. Priestley. Directed by Wayne Wang. PG-13 for some sexual reference.

• **"Memoirs of a Geisha" ***** Pretty as a picture and soulless as a Hollywood producer (OK, a cheap joke), this big studio adaptation of Arthur Golden's best-seller is a lush, lovely snooze-fest in the erotic

world of Japanese courtesans. Zhang Ziyi stars as the fishing-village-urchin-turned-reigning-actress Kyo of the 1930s and 1940s. 2 hours, 14 minutes. PG-13 (adult themes)

• **"Munich" ***½** Set in the wake of the 1972 massacre of the Israeli Olympic team, Steven Spielberg's taut thriller chronicles the covert operation to hunt down and kill the men believed to have masterminded the terrorists' operation. Eric Bana stars as the Israeli agent who heads the covert hit squad, crisscrossing Europe on a mission of vengeance. With Geoffrey Rush, Claran Hinds and an international cast. 2 hours, 44 minutes. R (violence, profanity, nudity, sex, adult themes)

• **"Pride and Prejudice" ***½** Jo Wright's fresh and spirited account of the most frequently filmed Jane Austen novel is the best yet made, starting the exuberant Keira Knightley as Lizzie and the implacable

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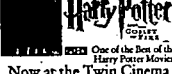
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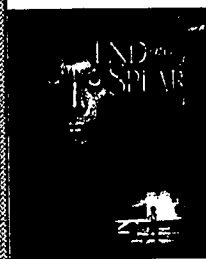
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Movies

Settling scores in the jungle

BY ANDREW BISHOP
The Orlando Sentinel

Steve Saint's father Nate died at the "End of the Spear," a missionary plot murdered with four others in a bungled encounter with Amazon jungle natives in 1956. "End of the Spear" is about that massacre, the people who committed it, and Saint's emotional confrontation with the man who killed his father.

It's an independently produced religious film made with imagination and skill. Co-writer/director Jim Hannon takes us into a "Stone Age world" of violence and revenge, and shows us the animist Woodani, and the trap of violence that was their existence.

The conventional way of telling this story would be to set up the massacre, show its effects on young Steve (who lived with his parents in the Ecuadorian Amazon) and then pick up the tale when the boy

End of the Spear

Starring: Chad Allen, Louise Lomonzo, Christina Souza, Nicky Kattman
PG-13 for violence
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becomes a man and comes back to meet his father's killer. Hannon found the native stuff more interesting, and keeps his movie in subtitles and in the jungle and with the Woodani people, creating a beautifully shot and scored (by Orlando composer Ronald Owen) and quite informative Native American drama. That structure, though, robs this tale of the emotional impact. We never know Steve, despite the banal narration of the tale throughout.

We meet the tribe first in the 1940s in the middle of the deadly cycle of violence among different family groups. Men kidnap women, and with machetes and spears, hack and stab those who would stop them, children included.

Mincayani, compellingly played as an adult by Louise Leonardo, grows up in an isolated world of slaughter and fear. The stage is set for the misunderstandings that led to the massacre in 1956.

One girl escaped another massacre, in 1943; Dayumae (Christina Souza) has grown up among missionaries, told them of her people and taught them bits of her language. Nate Saint (Chad Allen) is a

plot determined to make contact with the Woodani. When he and four of his colleagues finally do, it's a short, bloody meeting.

And as he explained to his boy, Steve, "I don't want to hurt the Woodani. They aren't ready for heaven. We are."

Steve grows up without his father. But as a child (Chase Ellison), he witnesses the contacts that eventually lead to full missionary involvement with the Woodani. He lives through a tribal polo epidemic. The movie's best-written scenes tell how the missionaries explain Christianity and Jesus to the Woodani.

"He was speared. And he didn't speak back."

But the movie's native focus and its moral absolutes — it is a religious film, after all — don't leave room for discussing the merits of this culture clash. The Huanani, as most anthropologists name them, were indeed trapped in a deadly cycle of violence in the 1940s and '50s. Their debate over who or what was responsible for the violence receding, and over the impact of efforts to "convert" these primitive people.

That missing discussion doesn't really hurt the film, but it does feel like a shortcoming.

What does hold this terrifically detailed and often entertaining effort back are the limitations of the script's uneven action. They make the end of "End of the Spear" feel abrupt, lacking the heartfelt payoff we know the filmmakers wanted and the audience needs.



Selene (Kate Beckinsale), the vampire warrior, tries to unlock the secrets of her bloodline in "Underworld: Evolution."

'Underworld: Evolution'

No rating.
As the war between vampires and werewolves rages on, the

legacy of both races is revealed. With Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman and Bill Nighy, R.

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Matthew McFlyden as Darcy, 2 hours, 77 minutes, PG (mild adult themes)

- "The Producers" ★★½ Mel Brooks' silly Broadway smash gets a straightforward redo, with the show's Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick joined by a willow and able Will Ferrell and Uma Thurman. It's so old-fashioned a movie musical that it makes "Chicago" look cutting-edge. 2 hours, 9 minutes, PG-13 (banky-panky, dancing Nazis, adult themes)

- "Rent" ★★½ An intermittently affecting adaptation of Jonathan Larson's 1996 rock-salsa-gospel opern about starving artists on the Lower East

Side. Standout performances by Jesse L. Martin and Wilson Jermaine Heredia. Also with Rosario Dawson, Taye Diggs and Edina Monelle. 2 hours, 36 minutes, PG-13 (drug candor, sexual suggestiveness, brief nudity)

- "The Ringier" ★★½ Johnny Knoxville stars as an average man trying to rig the Special Olympics by posing as a mental-challenged athlete. A surprisingly funny and thoughtful film, hamstrung by some stiff and preachy moments. 1 hour, 33 minutes, PG-13 (candor and sexual humor, profanity and some drug references)

- "Rumor Has It" ★½ Cringe-worthy comedy with Jennifer

Aniston as a gal who thinks her father inspired the intergenerational sex shirney "The Graduate" with Jimmy MacLaine and Kevin Costner. 1 hour, 36 minutes (sex and drug references, profanity)

- "Tristan & Isolde" No rating. James Franco and Sophia Myles star in a medieval romance between a warrior and a princess that threatens the delicate peace between England and Ireland. With Rufus Sewell. Written by Dean Georgaris. Directed by Kevin Reynolds. PG-13 for intense battle sequences and some sexuality.

- "Underworld Evolution" No rating. As the war between

vampires and werewolves rages on, the legacy of both races is revealed. With Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman and Bill Nighy, R.

- "Walk the Line" ★★½ A blazing biopic about American music legend Johnny Cash and his stormy relationship with June Carter Cash, with Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon at the top of their games as the couple who shared good times, bad times and hard times in the middle of some historic music-biz craziness. Phoenix and Witherspoon do their own singing, and they pull it off. 2 hours, 16 minutes PG-13 (adult themes, sex, drugs, violence)

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"Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room" Not rated

Filmmaker Alex Gibney's blow-by-blow film, based on the book "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," by Fortune reporters Bethany McLean and Peter Elie. Does it even include the best part of the story either: The phony trading floor set up and maintained in the energy trading company's Houston office as a way of fooling business analysts into rating the company's stock higher. Truth be told, though, the movie doesn't need this sordid episode. There's enough double-dealing and chicanery even without it — e.g., the audio tapes of energy traders cynically manipulating power outlets in California during its energy crisis just to make the company more money — to compensate for the omission.

Sure, "Enron" gets a little wonky at times. More like "The Corporation" (another excellent recent documentary about the dangers of unchecked greed and amorality in the business world) than, say "Fahrenheit 9/11," which got by as much on its status as on the sheer force of Michael Moore's personality. Gibney's film must succeed by making at least a partly understandable, if not such business arcana as the practice known as "mark to market" accounting. Hint: Just think "subjective" (i.e., nonobjective) expressly to hide Enron's legal Skilling jokes at one point, "hypothetical future value." In other words, counting money doesn't necessarily exist and hiding losses that do.

Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, as the film points out, was a genius at this, personally profiting from the creation of entirely legal "special purpose entities" designed expressly to hide Enron's massive accumulation of debt. Where "Enron" succeeds, though, is not merely by making complicated financial transactions accessible to the layman. The story is, as the film points out, a human tragedy, after all, as it is a tale of monstrous business failure. It's the story of all those investors and employees who lost money and jobs to the top executives made millions. It's the story of shame (leading, in the case of Enron executive Cliff Baxter, to suicide) and of utter shamelessness. It's a story of jaw-dropping



Former Enron Chairman Ken Lay and CEO Jeffrey Skilling, who presided over the biggest corporate collapse in American history.

chutzpah, grim, mildly flimsy, slight-based humor and more stomach-churning drama than you could find in 10 screen-plays.

"Lord of War" R

Imagine the story of a ruthlessly amoral gun runner as it would be told in "GoodFellas" and "Three Kings" and you get pretty close to "Lord of War," Andrew Niccol's stylish, provocative thriller starring Nicolas Cage.

But it's not really a thriller: Indeed, throughout this fast-moving, darkly comic drama, viewers are pretty certain what's going to happen next. We're pretty sure, for example, that Cage's character, Yuri Orlov, doesn't die in the end, because he narrates his story as a long flashback to the present moment, in which he's standing in an impossibly huge expanse of spent bullet shells. That shot is so stylized, so visually bold, that at first Orlov seems to be speaking from some kind of mercenary heaven, where the ordinance is never-ending, and free. But as "Lord of War" goes underway, it's clear that the out-sized visual style has less to do with the afterlife than with Niccol's own dazzling eye, and Yuri's self-mythologizing memory.

It all started, he explains in the film's omnipresent voice-over, in Brighton Beach, N.Y. — or, more precisely, in Ukraine, whose emigre community settled in that neighborhood decades ago. That's where Yuri and his little brother, Vitaly (Jared Leto, rockin' a convinc-

ing Jackson Browne haircut) grew up with their mother and father, the latter of whom pretended to be a Jew to get out of the Soviet Union and who took that identity to heart ("I like the hat," he explains). With swift, darkly knowing humor, Yuri recounts how he sold his first black-market gun to a Russian gang member, then slowly built his business into the mega-million arms operation it became when the Cold War ended. "The arms bazaar was open," as he says, and he began purveying tanks, grenades, RPGs and M16s to whoever, warlord, drug dealer or tinhorn dictator who wanted them. "I didn't sell to bin Laden," Yuri says at one point, "not on any moral grounds, but because he was always bouncing checks."

Such is the cynical wit that drives "Lord of War," which Niccol wrote and directed, and which exhibits his signature dual devotion to sleek, highly legible images and almost comically cerebral dialogue. (Niccol wrote "The Truman Show" and "Gattaca," which he also directed.) As Yuri proceeds with his apology, all the while taking the audience on his personal tour of the most desperate places on Earth (most of them in Africa), he keeps up a rapid-fire monologue, bouncing from pronouncements about the eternal rules of gunrunning (never get shot with your own mer-; handise) to delivering a rhapsodic panegyric on the glories of the 1947 Kalashnikov, better known as the AK-47. Meanwhile, on-screen, "Lord of War" tells Yuri's story with the same bravado and stylishness as

Scorsese at his finest, with bigger-than-life characters and situations splashing across the screen in breathtaking scale. (A shot of one of Yuri's private transport planes landing on a crowded road in Africa is particularly beautiful, in its ruthless way.)

Just as we're pretty sure that Yuri will survive even the most murderous circumstances of his own creation, we're pretty sure that his Faustian bargains will catch up with him, and they do. Although Yuri quits for a while (at the behest of his swoonly passive wife, played by Bridget Moynahan), like Michael Corleone sooner or later he's pulled back in, specifically by the homicidally psychotic leader of Liberia and his equally psychotic son. But even as Yuri confronts the evil of his work, he can't help engaging in the familiar moral rationalization (cars and cigarettes kill more people than guns, if I didn't do it, someone else would, etc.) and reaching the final, inescapable con-

clusion that he helps people kill other people for one simple reason: He's good at it.

Cage is well cast as Yuri, and he has the right scale and size to portray a man who isn't meant to resemble anyone real as much as a character from a Warren Zevon song (Niccol reportedly based "Lord of War" on real-life gun runners, some of whom lent the production their weapons). And if Edhan Hawke isn't entirely believable as the Interpol agent who stalks him like Inspector Javert, they at least have one or two fantastically amusing scenes together. The best is their last, in which a sadly believable twist — involving a double-dealing colonel clearly based on Oliver North during his Iran-contra days — plays havoc with the agent's sense of righteousness. (Ian Holm strikes a classy note as one of Yuri's competitors, a man of the old school who scorns the Ukrainian hustler's willingness to do business with anyone who'll pay.)



Nicolas Cage makes a convincingly amoral gunrunner in 'Lord of War.'

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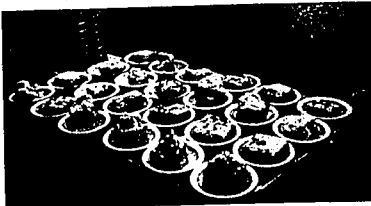
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Price's Cafe is a Burley landmark that began life as a 15-foot, three-booth-and-half-a-dozen-stool eatery.

Something special at Price's Cafe

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

About Price's Cafe

BURLEY—Walk into many sit-down restaurants, and you'll see "specials" on the menu. But they're not as special as they used to be.

Nowadays cafe managers use specials to repackaging staple entrees like steak and shrimp; or simply to tart up old meatloaf with new gravy.

But by time-honored tradition, the special is supposed to be something more: a predictably high-quality, bargain-priced, full-course meal that changes every day. It's Thursday, for example, you know you're going to get corned beef and cabbage or beef stew.

It still works that way at Price's Cafe, a Burley landmark that began life as a 15-foot, three-booth-and-half-a-dozen-stool eatery during the Great Depression. Family owned, it attracts customers by word of mouth — and keeps them with good food and service.

My grandmother ran a succession of similar eateries in eastern Idaho, and I can remember the time and effort she put into the daily specials. Most of her customers never ordered a meal by name; they just asked for the special.

It's clear that many of Price's faithful do the same, getting stuffed peppers, chicken and noodles, liver and onions, ham and beans, spaghetti, hamburger, hot dressing and the like — with all the trimmings — for prices that range from \$4.39 to \$7.95.

There are breakfast specials, too, and on a recent visit I

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ordered diced ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns and toast for \$3.59. It was a satisfying meal for less than five bucks, including the coffee. I've paid more elsewhere for a cinnamon roll.

Price's isn't just specials. The restaurant has a full menu — hot meatloaf sandwiches and finger steaks are popular items — and in many visits, I've never gotten a bad meal.

My grandmother told me once that the worst sin a restaurant can commit is to just go through the motions, turning out short-order meals like an assembly line. She insisted that you can actually taste the distinction between commitment and indifference back in the kitchen.

I thought about that as I was eating my scrambled eggs at Price's the other morning. They were just scrambled eggs, but I was glad I'd ordered them.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223.



Burley production is more beauty than beast

BY TREHA TEAHAM
For The Times-News

BURLEY—Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will roll out the largest production in the five-year history of the King Fine Arts Center this week.

The foundation will stage the Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice musical "Beauty and the Beast," starting today. As a movie released in 1991 by Disney, "Beauty and the Beast" was the first animated feature film to be nominated for an Academy Award for best picture. It received Oscars for best song ("Beauty and the Beast," by Ashman and Menken) and for best original score.

The stage version, which opened in 1994 and is still playing on Broadway, was nominated for nine Tony Awards. As of Jan. 8, it had run for 4,182 performances.

"This is one music-and-dance extravaganza that will appeal and delight people of all ages," director Dennis Byington said. "The production has many unforgettable moments because of the outstanding acting, singing and choreography. The music and lyrics are well done and very clever. This gets the play off to an exciting start."

The cast includes David Ketchum as the Beast, Laura



The cast of "Beauty and the Beast" includes David Ketchum as the Beast and Laura Loveland as Belle.

Loveland as Belle, Melanie McBride as Mrs. Potts, Devin

Loveland as Chip, Alan Nelson as Lumiere, Wayne Blauer as

Fairytale romance

What: Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present its production of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice's musical "Beauty and the Beast."

When: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25-27; and 1:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley

How much: Tickets, which are \$8 for general seating and \$10 for reserved seats, are available at Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley, at the Book Store in Rupert, or by phoning 678-8868.

Cogsworth, Donna Harper as Wardrobe, Nathan Broadhead as Gaston, Eliot Broadhead as Le Fou, Erin Webster as Belle, Chris Wyatt as Carpet, Johnny Webster as Foot Stool and Clay Handy as Maurice.

The production is accompanied by a live orchestra under the direction of Marika Holbrook.

"I got goose bumps watching the rehearsal of 'Beauty and the Beast,'" said Dale Whipple, a

member of the foundation board. "Laura Loveland sings the title song with so much feeling."

"Beauty and the Beast date from the 18th century. The story as we know it was written by Madame Le Prince de Beaumont (a Frenchwoman living in London), published in 1759 in a magazine for "young misses." De Beaumont's tale was based on a 362-page romance published 16 years earlier by a Russian aristocrat, Gabrielle Susan Barbot de Galian de Villeneuve. Unlike De Beaumont's simplified, 177-page abridgment, de Villeneuve's original (written for adult readers in French literary salons) was complex and baroque, thickened by many characters and meandering subplots. De Beaumont transformed the Beast into a sympathetic character.

Various French writers tinkered with the story, but its most famous reincarnation came in 1946 through filmmaker Jean Cocteau. Filming in black and white because of postwar film shortages, Cocteau blended magical motifs with strong elements of realism.

Byington's assistant director is John Sackett, sound director is Pete Delos; choreography is by Kristine Handy; costumer is Kay Webster; stage manager is Walt Roberson; and lighting design is by Daryl D. Dilie.

Met mezzo Bybee will headline SV Opera's season opener

The Times-News

KETCHUM—The Sun Valley Opera will open its fifth season Saturday night with a program titled "Boy Meets Girl," starring Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Ariel Bybee.

"The songs will cover a broad span of emotions from falling in love to a lover's tragic death," said Frank Meyer, co-president of the opera. "The professional singers not only have superb voices but also have a background of exciting and entertaining audiences with a variety of musical tastes."

During her career with the Met, Bybee sang more than 450 performances during 18 seasons. Her voice has also been heard in Europe as well as Washington, S.C. Opera, Carnegie Hall, San Francisco Opera and in Franco Zeffirelli's motion picture version of "La Traviata." Bybee has sung principal roles in numerous PBS "Live at Lincoln Center" telecasts. In addition to singing, she will narrate this concert.



Ariel Bybee

"Love is a common subject on the opera and Broadway stages, as is illustrated in this concert's theme of boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl," Meyer said. "The program includes such happy love songs as 'I'll Loved You' by Rodgers and Hammerstein, juxtaposed against melancholy love songs including 'O Mimi, tu piti non torni' from 'La Boheme.'"

Other performers will include tenor Leodigario del Rosario, a Filipino who won the Sanderson

If you go ...

What: Sun Valley Opera will open its 2006 season with a Saturday night concert.

Where: Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum.

When: 8 p.m.

How much: General admission is \$30, or \$15 for students under 18. A limited number of DVA

Tickets are available at \$100; these include the Fifth Anniversary Kickoff party around the plaza, in a private residence, on

Friday, program acknowledgment and front-section seating. Tickets may be ordered from the Hotline at 725-5494. Also, they can be purchased at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and on Goodcast Books in Hatley, or online at www.sunvalleyopera.com.

Weins Audience Choice Award in the Sun Valley Opera Vocal Com-

petition 2005. Del Rosario performed in Seattle Opera's 2005 production of "Le Cointes d'Hoffmann."

Soprano Karen Hughes sang with the Tianjin Symphony in Beijing in 2005. She has performed lead roles in the United States and Europe in productions including "Marriage of Figaro," "Die Fledermaus," "The Niggle Flute" and "My Fair Lady."

Bass baritone Gregory Pearson has performed with the Utah Symphony, Mobile, Ala., Sym-

phony, Jerusalem Symphony and Arkansas Symphony. His operatic roles have included "Carmen," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Girl of the Golden West."

Saturday's program will span many composers, including Bernstein, Mozart, Jerome Kern, Dvorak, Puccini, Bizet, Johann Strauss and Verdi. The solos and harmony among several singers, all with no amplification, take place in the intimacy of the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.

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Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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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.

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Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Karaoke Corner, Page 15

Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES



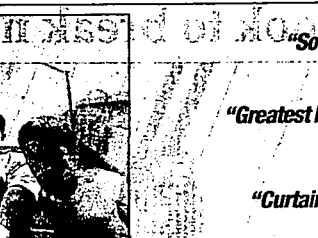
Beastie Boys

The term "R&B" is a tender trap. To make music that's old-school soulful yet modern is a challenging, often unreachably, goal. Yet, it's a mission that Anthony Hamilton has undertaken — and accomplished — with his fourth CD.

Hamilton has found an empathetic sound with Mark Batson and Almir Thompson, Dre & Vidal, and James Bysser, who have provided the smoothly rugged vocalist with warm production and ballad-heavy songwriting

"Cryin' Heart Blues," the posthumous deep-throat CD from former Band bassist and singer Rick Danko ties together any remaining loose ends for a great, but underused voice.

Post-mortem releases tend to fall somewhere between strange (Jimi Hendrix jamming from the grave for the past 35 years) and brilliant ("Hoy Hoy," Little Feat's 1991 epilogue to Lowell George). "Cryin' Heart Blues" works more like the latter, comprising a patchwork of five cuts and stu-

Beastie Boys
Solid Gold Hits

Capitol

Cypress Hill

"Greatest Hits from the Bong"

Columbia

Eminem

"Curtain Call: The Hits"

Interscope

That these three best-ofs were released within a month of each other is a hip-hop trifecta indeed, especially since these era-defining artists debuted five years apart from each other.

The Beastie Boys bowed in 1986, Cypress Hill 'in '91 and Eminem in '95, and while the Beastie Boys effort is the most varied (spanning 19 years to Eminem's nine), each of these is an important lesson plan teaching the building blocks of hip-hop.

From the early Beastie Boys material (which interestingly includes "Hey Ladies" and not "Girls") came the introduction of white MCs and the proliferation of rock riffs in the context of hip-hop ("No Sleep 'Til Brooklyn"). The music's jokey nature naturally gave way to more serious subjects (the post-Sept. 11 "An Open Letter to NYC"), but their fresh cre-

ativity suffered because of it.

Cypress Hill, while something of a one-trick pony, stuck to a similar (although more marijuana-rooted) party philosophy of the mid-'90s Beastie Boys. The act got old, but that doesn't take anything away from bombtracks such as "Hand on the Pump" and "How I Could Just Kill a Man." A late attempt at relevance: This CD includes a reggaeton remix of "Latin Thugs" featuring Tego Calderon.

The Eminem collection is a solid best-of culled from five records, including the "8 Mile" soundtrack. Em benefits from the Beastie Boys in more ways than one, obviously. And both groups that came before Slim Shady opened the doors for his trademark brashness and rhythm mastery in tracks such as "The Real Slim Shady" and "The Way I Am."

— Knight-Ridder News Service

Anthony Hamilton

"Ain't Nobody Worryin'"

Arista

steeped in R&B gospel traditionalism without sounding retro.

The only thing that harks back to R&B's past is the glorified sentiment of Hamilton's lyrics. While there are love songs, secular songs ("Can't Let Go"), sacred songs ("Pass Me Over"), and

songs dedicated to consciousness of all sorts, Ain't Nobody Worryin's finest moments — "The Truth," "Southern Stuff" — share a sense of community that starts and ends in church for a vibe that's thrillingly uplifting yet still sensually seductive.

Rick Danko

"Cryin' Heart Blues"

Other Peoples Music

dio recordings in what amounts to a final goodbye.

It's the sort of record that demands repeated listening, though some of the 17 tracks aren't much more than half-baked sticks and stones from aborted late 1970s projects. It's

the mid-'00s studio segments with collaborator Blondie Chapman that truly bring this project to life. Cuts include the husky whine of "Twilight" and a first-rate overhull of the Motown classic "I'll Turn to Stone."

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Rockers look to break new ground



Jonathan Davis, James "Munky" Shaffer, Fieldy and David Silveria of Korn.

NEW YORK (AP) — In the rock world, a band that has been together more than a decade is almost middle-aged. So it's not surprising that as Korn entered its 11th year last year, the rap-metal pioneers were deep in the throes of a mid-life crisis.

Korn's co-founder and guitarist, Brian "Head" Welch, left the band that stood as a shining example for debauchery and deviance to devote his life to Jesus Christ. Meanwhile, Korn left its longtime record label and started producing an album by working with — most disturbingly to some Korn fans — the Matrix, a trio of producers best known for making hits for teen pop princesses and relative lightweights like Avril Lavigne and Hilary Duff.

If those looking at the band from the outside didn't know that to make it Korn's decision, for a time, it wasn't a much different view from the inside.

"For about a week, I kind of felt like the band was in a rut," says guitarist James "Munky" Shaffer, speaking of the period after Welch's departure last winter. "There was kind of a moment where we didn't know what we were going to do and how we were going to continue."

The moment was short-lived, however.

"We kind of decided, 'OK, we can just sit back and we can put out a greatest hits album and see if that's what we can use as an opportunity and instead of looking at it as a loss, reinvent what we do,'" said Shaffer.

"I went through a lot of drama this year with Head leaving, and getting off our label and making the album by ourselves," says bassist Denny Carmassi, lead vocalist. "We funded the whole album and didn't know what we were going to do with it. By him leaving, we look back and it just turned it into an opportunity for us to create and be inspired."

Korn's latest, "See You on the Other Side," marks the first album without Welch, who along with Shaffer anchored the band's guitar-crunching sound and shaped the direction of the band along with drummer David Silveria and the bassist simply known as Fieldy.

Welch had been a part of the band since before Korn was — pre-Davis, he and the other band members fronted a band called AFK. But in 1993, Welch's heavy drug use had kept

him at a distance with other band members for some time before he left the group.

"We were just watching the guy kill himself. Everybody was worried about him, but he didn't want any help from us," says Davis.

"The only time we saw him was when he was on stage... We were really excited that he was going to clean up, but it just went downhill from there and him turning onto religion," says Davis, a vocal critic of organized religion ("Christians are the biggest con artists in the world, the most hypocritical of all religions," he giped).

On his Web site, head-to-christ.com, Welch talks about God delivering him from drugs and a life of sin, but he criticizes the band for what he sees as their drive for commercial success. Their latest album could be seen as evidence of that criticism, since the band sought out mainstream pop producers such as Glen Ballard, Dallas Austin and Linda Perry before settling on The Matrix and Nine Inch Nails producer Atticus Ross.

But Shaffer and Davis say it wasn't an attempt to "go pop," but an attempt to update their decade-old sound.

"We kind of felt like we had experienced that genre of rock producers," says Shaffer. "We didn't feel there was anything exciting for us. So we wanted to try and turn to someone who was in a different genre of music

to kind of bring out something in us, to kind of push us in a different direction."

While the album doesn't find Davis warbling like Lavigne — as some fans had feared — it does add a bit more of a melodic vice to the band's signature screeching, metal, hip-hop influenced sound.

"It was more atmospheric, a lot of just different sounds and everything going on that they brought into the picture," says Davis, fiddling with his signature dreadlocks. "It's still a Korn sound but it's different. It's a new Korn — basically I call it. It's very different from what we did done before."

Though Korn signed with Virgin Records last fall, "See You on the Other Side" was financed and produced solely by Korn when the band was without a label and debating whether they would even join again with a major record company. Though the band started off with Sony Music and became superstars on the label, selling about 15 million albums in the United States alone, in recent years album sales had waned and it questioned the label's commitment.

"We wanted to get to another label that was new people, fresh ideas, people that would be excited to have us on the label," says Davis.

Their deal with Virgin is unique in that it guarantees the label a portion of Korn's touring revenue

while giving the band a larger share of their record proceeds (This week, they also cut a \$3 million deal with the promoter, Live Nation, giving them a share of their album sales and other band revenue.)

"It's a 70-30 split," explains Davis of the band's deal with Virgin. "They get 30 percent of our touring... which the labels never really had a part of, and we get 70 percent of album sales."

"If they do their job, and they promote us right and we're doing great touring wise, they're going to make money like they've never seen it before, and we're going to make money that we've never seen before, so it just really worked out good."

Korn will get a chance soon to see how lucrative the deal can be — it starts a nationwide tour in February. It will be the group's first tour without Welch on stage — the band will have someone onstage playing certain parts, but opted not to replace him.

Shaffer says he still misses playing with Welch, and calls him an inspiration: "It was always kind of like a back and forth, like a ping-pong match between him and I."

But both Davis and Shaffer say his departure not only brought the band closer, it made it a better musical unit.

"It forced me to become a better musician. It forced the band to become stronger for it. It's almost like a gift," says Shaffer. "That's the irony of him leaving."

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featuring from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Paul
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Rod's Bar on Sixth E. Idaho St.

SATURDAY

Twin Falls
Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

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 Orestland 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 187 W. Highway 30.
Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Seahawk and Convention Center, 1340 Oakley Ave.

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

Declo
Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main.

SUNDAY

Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

MONDAY

Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Local and travel



Mark Neiwirth will perform his first local concert in nearly 10 years on Friday.

Kimberly-bred pianist to play at CSI on Friday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Pianist Mark Neiwirth, a former Kimberly resident, will return to Twin Falls for his first local concert in nearly 10 years at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Neiwirth is chairman of the piano department at the Sun Valley School of Music and is on the faculty at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He graduated from Kimberly High School in 1975 and studied for six years with his mentor, Teala Beilini, in Twin Falls. He continued his training at the Hart College of Music in Hartford, Conn., and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Neiwirth has appeared as concerto soloist numerous times with orchestras in New

York City and elsewhere. His last local appearance was with the Magic Valley Symphony in 1997 as soloist with Thom Ritter George's "Piano Concerto No. 3," which was composed expressly for Neiwirth. At his CSI concert, he will perform "Fantasie in F-sharp Minor" by Mendelssohn, "Sonata in B-flat Minor" by Chopin, "Ondine" and "Valses Nobles et Sentimentales" by Ravel, and "Toccata" by York Bowen.

General-admission tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or at the Fine Arts office ahead of the concert. Students and seniors will be admitted for \$3. CSI students with current identification cards will be admitted free.

For information, call Sue Miller, CSI music professor, at 732-6769.

Grand Targhee: The other side of the mountain

BY AMANDA JONES
Los Angeles Times

I tried not to feel uncharitably smug as I watched the slightly weather forecast: Grand Targhee would get a foot of new snow overnight, Jackson Hole! Nothing — again.

Wyoming's Grand Targhee is a ski resort few people have heard of and even fewer have skied. That's because it's overshadowed by its larger, wealthier, more extreme-ski cousin, Jackson Hole, an hour's drive to the east over 6,000-foot Teton Pass.

Grand Targhee is on the western side of the Teton Range in the Rocky Mountains. In the blink-and-miss-it town of Alta. The nearest airport is near Jackson, and to reach Targhee from there you have to drive over the pass into the gentlingly named town of Driggs, Idaho, then turn right and re-enter Wyoming.

Set below the majestic 13,770-foot Grand Teton, Targhee has intriguing scenery — it's just backward if you know Jackson Hole well. But the real beauty of being on the backside — of the western slopes — of the Teton is that Targhee averages more natural snow annually.

Jackson gets around 400,000 skiers a season; Targhee hosts 155,000.

You won't see many Bogner curls at Grand Targhee. It's my favorite small, family ski resort, but it's about to become not so small. George Gillett, owner of Nonstart-at-Tahoe and Terra-at-Tahoe, bought it in 1997, and he has big plans for Targhee.

The master plan calls for building 875 new accommodations over 20 years, demolishing existing visitor housing, and building condos, town homes, log cabins, luxury houses, lodges and a boutique hotel. The resort will add three high-speed quad lifts and restaurants, bars, retail shops, pools and spa facilities. Although Targhee is awaiting final approval, building is set to begin in summer 2007.

"Even with the expansion, we will never lose the intimate, family-friendly focus of Targhee," says Larry Williamson, general manager of the resort. "We'll work hard to maintain the feel it's always had."

When it comes to development, I usually am the first to gripe. But in Targhee's case it will be an enhancement. Although it has world-class snow and a

"Leave it to Beaver" wholesome atmosphere, there are only four lifts, and the accommodations — comfortable but 1970s-era family apartments — sorely need updating.

But you can tell by talking to him that Williamson doesn't want to see the place lose its laid-back mentality. The Cleavers will always be welcome at Targhee.

When my family and I spent Christmas week at Targhee last year, we were seduced by the ease of the place.

Take the ski school, for example. My daughters, then ages 5 and 6, learned to ski like demons here. They had skied before at larger, big-name resorts, but at those places the ski schools were crawling with competitive kids, pushy parents and aloof instructors. By the time we had wrestled our kids into their ski suits, kitted them with skis and boots, shoved on the gloves and hats, and had the rental staff's unending attitude, queued up to do the paperwork, and handed our beloved offspring to a twenty-something instructor who looked hungover, we were so wrung out we felt as though we needed a double martini and a little extra time to get ready.

At Targhee, the process was shockingly tranquil. We rose at the reasonable hour of 8 a.m., ate breakfast at a leisurely pace, walked the short distance from Sioux Lodge, where we stayed, to the ski school. There we were met by an instructor who seemed genuinely enthusiastic about skiling with our children.

Targhee's other advantage is its affordability. Skiling is a costly sport to start, and when you add in kids, the bottom line becomes goddamningly expensive.

The average price for a day-long lesson at ski school during a school holiday is \$130 at large ski resorts. At Targhee it's \$80. Adult lift tickets average \$35 at larger resorts. They're \$55 at Targhee. Right there we've saved \$60.

On our first morning, my husband, Greg, and I belted for the Dreamcatcher lift, heading to the 10,000-foot summit.

As promised, it had snowed a foot or so overnight, and the view from the top was cobalt sky and snow-tipped forest, a canvas for the jagged, dark peaks of the Grand Teton.

Even though it was the Christ-

mas holidays, there were few people on the hill and no crowds at the lifts. The reason, we were told, is that the skiers among the 7,000 people who live in Teton Valley think the slopes are crowded on public holidays so they stay home.

And though the resort has "pillows" for 440 people, it rarely has more than 325 occupied at any one time. Even when you add day-trippers, Targhee's commodious 2,000 acres of lift-served terrain may be a good deal of wide-open space.

The slopes are knee-high, as light as fairy dust. We hopped in and out of the trees, floating through untracked snow until noon, occasionally seeing other skiers.

Anyone who has skied Alta in Utah, Whistler in British Columbia or Aspen in Colorado knows that finding fresh snow that hasn't been chucked up early by powder pigs is a near miracle — and finding skiers who typically call you over to get their first is unheard of.

But that's how I came to view Targhee — as some lost-in-time phenomenon where people seemed gleeful in that clean-living, Eisenhower-era kind of way.

Admittedly, the junkies who typically ski Jackson say the downside of Targhee is its mostly blue, intermediate runs. But, as a reasonably fit skier, I found the steep blues plenty challenging. Only 20 percent of the runs are black diamonds, but with names like "Nasty" and "Nasty Gash," there's plenty to keep the fearless occupied.

Recognizing that I could use a refresher in powder skiling, I booked two private lessons with Mark Hanson, the ski-school director. He's tall and easygoing with a great sense of humor, and he had me skiling through the trees on concealed runs I wouldn't have found by myself. After 1.5-hour exhausting three-hour lessons, I knew the mountain like a local and was skiling better than I ever had. (Each three-hour lesson cost \$175; at Jackson, I would have paid \$245.)

Targhee is one of the few American resorts that offers snow-cab skiling, taking skiers seven or eight days to the top of an out-of-bounds wilderness area in a 10-seat, tank-like vehicle so they can ski down. The operators bring skiers to the untracked snow and fresh terrain.