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Sempre balks at moratorium and water bills

Company may nix Jerome plan if Block bill OK'd

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer



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BOISE — Vote down certain anti-coal-fired power plant bills or kiss the project proposed for Jerome County goodbye.
This was the message a Sempra Energy official conveyed to a legislative committee on Wednesday.
Next week, the House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee will consider a piece of legislation that would place a two-year moratorium on permitting or building plants like Sempra's anticipated 600-megawatt facility northeast of Jerome.

If the Legislature approves such a bill, the energy company will take its business elsewhere, Sempra's Bruce McCulloch told committee members.

"It would send a very strong signal to us that, basically, you're not interested," he said.

McCulloch serves as Sempra's project manager its Idaho Valley Energy project. Company officials are troubled by both the moratorium bill, drafted by Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, and a piece of legislation recently introduced by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.

Newcomb's legislation, sent to print on Tuesday, gives the Legislature ultimate authority to approve the transfer of large quantities of water to be used by power plants. The Idaho Department of Water Resources currently grants water transfers in the state. But, the House Speaker's legislation would require additional approval by the state Legislature for transfers like Sempra's.

Newcomb told the House Resources and Conservation Committee that he's trying to keep Idaho's water in state hands.

"There's not a lot of difference between transferring power out of state and trans-

“It would send a very strong signal to us that, basically, you're not interested.”

— Bruce McCulloch of Sempra on repercussions of a moratorium

ring water out of state," he said. The electricity generated by Sempra's Jerome plant would be sold somewhere in the Pacific Northwest — a region that collectively has identified a need for 6,000 megawatts of coal-fired power by 2015, McCulloch said.

"We believe the market is here and now," McCulloch said. Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover, questioned McCulloch whether Sempra would go through an estimated \$10 million permitting process if the company didn't have a guarantee the Legislature would approve its water transfer under Newcomb's bill.

The answer was no. "It's a huge problem for us or for anyone who wants to develop a thermal plant in Idaho," McCulloch said.

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Coal-fired power plants and opposition

Plant plans: For information on Sempra's proposed plant near Jerome, visit <http://www.idahovalleyenergy.com/>.

Opposition: For a local opposition group's position on the Idaho Valley Project site, visit <http://www.healthylidaho.org/>.

Vote coming up: On March 7, Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, will ask the House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee to send her coal-fired power plant moratorium (House Bill 689) to the House floor. To track bills at the Capitol, log onto the 2006 Legislature's Web site: <http://www3.state.id.us/legislat/legtrack.html>.

Hardest jobs to fill

as rated by Idaho school districts for 2005.

- English as a second language teacher
- Speech pathologist
- Special education instructor
- Foreign language teacher
- Early childhood special education

Easiest jobs to fill

- Physical education teacher
- Standard elementary instructor
- Social studies teacher
- Principal
- Physical science teacher

Source: Idaho Department of Education, July 2005 Annual Report.

Idaho ranks low in pay, but high in supply of qualified teachers

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

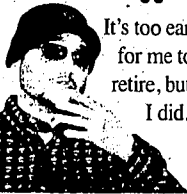
TWIN FALLS — It seems like a losing battle. Idaho is demanding more from teachers while paying less than surrounding states. Yet the supply of teachers remains steady.

According to an annual report from the Idaho Department of Education, schools of education such as the College of Southern Idaho's joint program with Idaho State University, are preparing enough teachers to meet future demand. According to the report, local

school districts reported that 9,414 applications were received in the 2004-2005 school year to fill 2,414 vacancies.

However, the report added that the average number of applications per position has declined since 1996, a decline that is attributed to relatively stagnant growth in teaching salaries compared with the private sector, and neighboring states that offer better salaries. Idaho is ranked 32nd in the nation for annual salaries, and 44th in the nation for starting salaries. And, to make matters worse, federal and state requirements are demanding higher qualifications

RECORD LOTTERY WINNERS



— Alain Maboussou, political refugee and lottery winner

Winning numbers: 15, 17, 43, 44, 48, Powerball 29. The odds: 1 in 146 million. The jackpot before taxes: \$365 million

“\$15.5 million each” Eight meatpackers carve up jackpot

By Margaret Relst Lincoln Journal Star

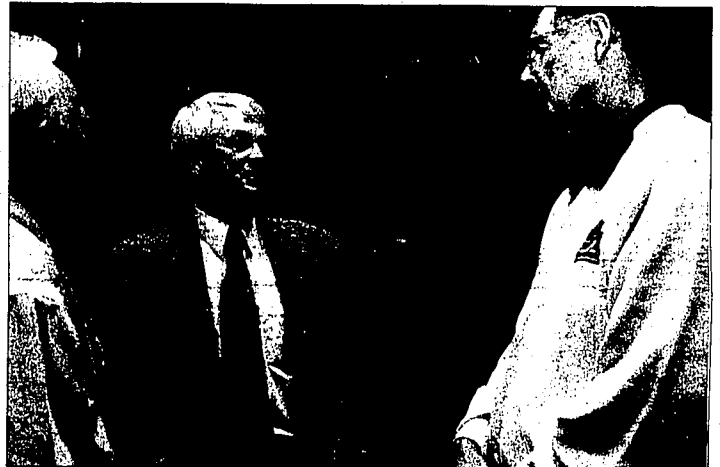
LINCOLN, Neb. — Eight second- and third-shift workers at Cook's food processing plant threw \$5 into a lottery ticket pool at work and came out millionaires, winning the largest powerball jackpot in history. They are a melting pot of America: two are refugees

from Vietnam who have lived in Lincoln for 16 years. One is a young political refugee whose family fled his civil war-torn home in central Africa in 1993. Five are married, four have children. Three are single. Seven are men. One is a woman. They are supervisors and maintenance workers who spent a total of \$40 on lottery tickets Friday afternoon at

3:09 p.m. and on Wednesday morning found themselves staring at a bank of television cameras at the Cornhusker Hotel, looking for words to describe the past four days. "We're still thinking we're going to wake up one day," said Chastity Rutters, 29, the only woman in the group.

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BUILDING VANDAL RESPECT



University of Idaho head coach Dennis Erickson, center, talks with Bob Mal, left, and Ted Smith, both of Burley, Wednesday night at the Turf Club before the Magic Valley Vandal Booster Dinner in Twin Falls.

Erickson visits local U of I boosters

By Brad Gule Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS

Vandal athletics is getting a lot of attention these days, and there's no doubt that University of Idaho head football coach Dennis Erickson is the reason. Since returning to the Vandal staff in February, Idaho fans around the state and the country are in a fever about Erickson. Ticket sales surged upon news of his hire. "It's been unbelievable and flattering to me," Erickson said.

On Wednesday, coach Erickson visited the Magic Valley Vandal Boosters in Twin Falls, just one stop in his rock star-like tour of the state to keep the level of excitement up for the Vandal faithful. Erickson was joined on the jaunt by UI

president Tim White, UI director of athletics Rob Spear and Vandal Scholarship Fund Director Rick Damell.

Twin Falls, along with the rest of the southern Idaho area, is an important area for Erickson to drum up support. "There are so many alumni and fans in this part of the state. In Boise, we had over 300 people for a luncheon, and that's unheard of. I'm here tonight because there are so many Vandals in this valley, and it's important for me to talk to them and let them know the direction that I'm trying to go, and my plan to get respect back into Idaho football," he said. "When you're way up north (in Moscow) and most of your alumni is down in this area, it's hard. For the drive up there, you've gotta have something worthwhile for them to go see."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and comfortable Highs low 40s. Tonight: A small chance of a rain/snow mix developing. Low/mid 20s. Tomorrow: Chance for early flurries, then mostly dry with some partial clearing Highs 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy Highs upper 30s to low 40s. Tonight: Chilly with slight chance of flurries developing. Low 20s. Tomorrow: Windy at times with mostly dry weather expected. Highs upper 30s to low 40s.

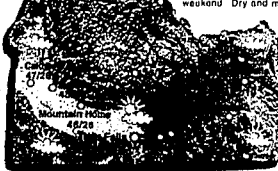
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Periods of light snow are possible today with light accumulations expected. Areas of blowing snow are likely and roads will be slick at spots. Snow will end on Friday. The weekend looks to be dry and cool.

Today Highs 24 to 32, Tonight's Lows 0 to 13. BOISE After a cloudy day today, sunshine will increase on the weekend. No precipitation is expected. Temperatures will warm a few degrees each day.

Today High/Lows 45 to 48 to 33 to 23. NORTHERN UTAH Comfortable with a mix of clouds and sunshine. Today: Breezy, mostly sunny Friday and this weekend. Dry and mild.

Today High/Lows 45 to 48 to 33 to 23. SOUTHERN UTAH Comfortable with a mix of clouds and sunshine. Today: Breezy, mostly sunny Friday and this weekend. Dry and mild.



Yesterday's State Forecast: 55 at Lewiston. Low: 6 at Idaho Falls. Weather keys: 1: Partially cloudy; 2: Partly cloudy; 3: Partly cloudy; 4: Partly cloudy; 5: Partly cloudy; 6: Partly cloudy; 7: Partly cloudy; 8: Partly cloudy; 9: Partly cloudy; 10: Partly cloudy; 11: Partly cloudy; 12: Partly cloudy; 13: Partly cloudy; 14: Partly cloudy; 15: Partly cloudy; 16: Partly cloudy; 17: Partly cloudy; 18: Partly cloudy; 19: Partly cloudy; 20: Partly cloudy; 21: Partly cloudy; 22: Partly cloudy; 23: Partly cloudy; 24: Partly cloudy; 25: Partly cloudy; 26: Partly cloudy; 27: Partly cloudy; 28: Partly cloudy; 29: Partly cloudy; 30: Partly cloudy; 31: Partly cloudy; 32: Partly cloudy; 33: Partly cloudy; 34: Partly cloudy; 35: Partly cloudy; 36: Partly cloudy; 37: Partly cloudy; 38: Partly cloudy; 39: Partly cloudy; 40: Partly cloudy; 41: Partly cloudy; 42: Partly cloudy; 43: Partly cloudy; 44: Partly cloudy; 45: Partly cloudy; 46: Partly cloudy; 47: Partly cloudy; 48: Partly cloudy; 49: Partly cloudy; 50: Partly cloudy; 51: Partly cloudy; 52: Partly cloudy; 53: Partly cloudy; 54: Partly cloudy; 55: Partly cloudy; 56: Partly cloudy; 57: Partly cloudy; 58: Partly cloudy; 59: Partly cloudy; 60: Partly cloudy; 61: Partly cloudy; 62: Partly cloudy; 63: Partly cloudy; 64: Partly cloudy; 65: Partly cloudy; 66: Partly cloudy; 67: Partly cloudy; 68: Partly cloudy; 69: Partly cloudy; 70: Partly cloudy; 71: Partly cloudy; 72: Partly cloudy; 73: Partly cloudy; 74: Partly cloudy; 75: Partly cloudy; 76: Partly cloudy; 77: Partly cloudy; 78: Partly cloudy; 79: Partly cloudy; 80: Partly cloudy; 81: Partly cloudy; 82: Partly cloudy; 83: Partly cloudy; 84: Partly cloudy; 85: Partly cloudy; 86: Partly cloudy; 87: Partly cloudy; 88: Partly cloudy; 89: Partly cloudy; 90: Partly cloudy; 91: Partly cloudy; 92: Partly cloudy; 93: Partly cloudy; 94: Partly cloudy; 95: Partly cloudy; 96: Partly cloudy; 97: Partly cloudy; 98: Partly cloudy; 99: Partly cloudy; 100: Partly cloudy.

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Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset data for Twin Falls.

Moon Phases

Moon phase schedule for Feb 23 to Mar 6.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls.

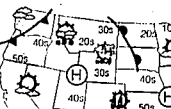
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major US cities including Chicago, Denver, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for major international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for major Canadian cities including Toronto and Vancouver.

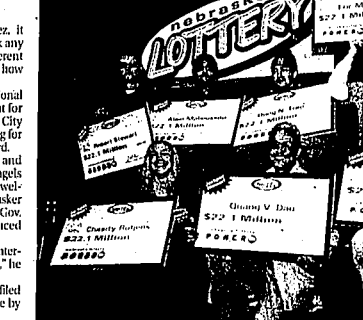
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Winners

Continued from A1. "You always think 'gee, it would be nice not to work any more' but it's a lot different when it happens. We'll see how it turns out." Hordes of local and national reporters have camped out for three days in the Capital City...

HOBBY LOTTERY



The eight winners of the \$365 odd Nebraska Powerball lottery pose with their individual checks in Lincoln, Neb., Wednesday. The seven men and one woman all work at a ConAgra ham processing plant near the U-Stop convenience store where they bought the winning ticket last week for Saturday's lottery.

can happen," Hoppe said. "The group was fairly quiet about it when they'd been the last four days, other than in hiding, running from the media."

Zornes hinted, though, that they stayed at the Carhusker at least part of the time. "We probably ate breakfast with you a couple of times and you didn't know that," Zornes said to the crowd of reporters and photographers.

The two Vietnamese winners said a few words in their native tongue, at the request of a CNN reporter who said the network was going live and had a translator standing by.

Here's what the winners, who each took a turn at the podium, had to say about themselves and their winnings.

Rob Stewart, 30: He participated in the workplace pool for four years and has been a maintenance worker at Cook's for eight years. He is married.

Eric Zornes, 40: He is a second-shift maintenance mechanic who has worked at Cook's for 10 years. He's been in the pool about five years. He is married and has

America in October 1988

"I come here to be free," he said. And Nebraska? "I feel Nebraska good for me," he said. Dan said he might retire and then go back to work for his amusement. "I don't know what's going on in my future."

Alain Maboussou, 26

He is a second-shift maintenance mechanic who has worked at Cook's for three years and has a 3-month-old daughter.

He and his family fled their home in Congo Brazzaville on Sept. 20, 1993, in the midst of a civil war.

He worked 70-75 hours a week at Cook's, making going to school too hard.

Now he likes to go back and major in accounting or business administration.

"Man, I'm so excited," he said. "It's too early for me to retire but I did," he said. He'd fallen asleep on the couch, when his wife woke him up Sunday, wondering if he had work because his co-worker had called. "I'm not sure."

He wasn't sure whether to believe Stewart, on the other end of the phone, but decided to put them all at the plant and find out.

Now what? "It's a bunch of money," he said, sitting with family and friends and figure it all out.

David Gehle, 53: He is a third-shift supervisor who has worked at Cook's for 20 years. He's been in the lottery pool about four years. He is not married. He was born in Iowa, grew up in York and moved to Lincoln in 1976.

He plans to stay in Nebraska. "I like that the smoking ban," other than that, he said, he doesn't know what he'll do. "I'm just trying to get through the day," he said.

What's it been like? "I have been able to sleep," he said, "but I can't eat."

He'd liked to look at the tickets and didn't believe his fellow winners at first when they called.

He'd thought about winning before, but not seriously. "Everybody has dreams," he said. "I'd really believe it! No. What are you going to do? Buy an island, buy a plane, really? I don't like flying and I'm not really fond of water."

Quang Dao, 56: He's a third-shift sanitation worker who has worked at Cook's for 15 years. He is married with four sons and one daughter. He left Vietnam for

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CORRECTIONS

Anti-Sempra booth sponsors listed edition did not include all of the sponsors.

Justman in VetTech program Amanda Justman is a caretaker with the Vet Tech program at the College of Southern Idaho. The name of the program was incorrect in Sunday's edition.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

Violence rages in Iraq

Mobs attack Sunni mosques after dome of shrine destroyed

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Protesters raged in Shiite Muslim neighborhoods across much of Iraq on Wednesday and mobs attacked Sunni mosques, after a pair of bombings in the troubled Sunni town of Samarra destroyed the golden dome of the Askariya shrine, one of Shiite Islam's most important sites.

The bombings pushed Iraq toward open civil war between its major religious sects, a scenario that could mean the end of U.S. military aid in a fight vastly more complicated than its current counterinsurgency campaign. The strife also threatened to undo efforts to form a government of national unity that includes representatives from major ethnic and religious groups.

An Iraqi Interior Ministry official said the Samarra shrine was hit by two bombs apparently set by a man in a military uniform and three others dressed in black who walked into the building Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. Most suspected that Sunni militants were behind the attack. Iraqi interior minister, Bayan Jabr, said in a TV interview his forces arrested 10 people in connection with the bombings, three of whom were members of a Sunni political organization.

Officials in the dome's demolition spread, more than two dozen Sunni mosques across the country were attacked. Iraqi police officials said they expected that number to rise to at least 50 by the time reports came in Wednesday evening. Sunni officials said they documented more than 90 incidents, but those figures couldn't be verified.

Mobs stormed and set afire some mosques, while gunmen opened fire on others with AK-47s or rocket-propelled grenades. Officials in Baghdad, accustomed to daily chaos, were alarmed at the rapid spread of violence.

"This is designed to bring about a civil war," said Barham Salih, Iraqi Kurdish leader. President Bush issued a statement in Washington calling for restraint.

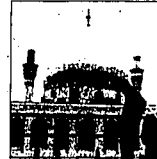
The terrorists in Iraq have again proven that we are enemies of all faiths and of all humanity," Bush said. "I ask all Iraqis to exercise restraint in the wake of this tragedy and to pursue justice in accordance with the laws and constitution of Iraq."

A Sunni mosque was still smoldering in the afternoon on the main road to the Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City, home to more than 2 million Iraqis, almost all of whom

Reprisals feared after shrine attack

Wednesday's attack on one of the Shiites' holiest shrines in Iraq triggered mass protests and reprisals against Sunni mosques.

Askariya shrine



The shrine as seen on Feb. 2, 2004.



...and after Wednesday's bombing.

► Built by Caliph al-Mutawin in 856; golden dome completed in 1905 under Muzaffar al-Din Shah

► Contains tombs of 10th and 11th imams, believed to be descendants of the Prophet Muhammad (Ali al-Hadi, d. 868 and his son, Hasan al-Askari, d. 874)

► Near where last of 12 Shiite imams disappeared; Shiites believe he is still alive and will return to restore justice



Iraqis protest the shrine explosion in Samarra on Wednesday.

are Shiites. Abdul Razzaq Ibrahim, a Sunni, stood outside the mosque and watched smoke billow out from two carloads of gunmen set it on fire.

"Do you think we won't have our revenge now? It will come sooner than they expect," Ibrahim said. "Before this, I was neutral, I did not participate in killings and bombings. But the Shiites will drag us to it now."

Less than a block away, no one stirred at the local police station to halt the violence. In Sadr City, throngs of Shiite militiamen, members of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army, chanted slogans of revenge and death. A Mahdi member leaned out of a car window and said, "We burned it. We burned it" as his friends pumped their AK-47s in the air.

Al-Sadr canceled meetings in Lebanon and was headed back

to Baghdad. The nation's top Shiite cleric, the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, called for peaceful demonstrations and counseled Shiites not to attack Sunni mosques, but it was unclear whether the call would be heeded.

In Najaf, al-Sistani's home, thousands of protesters lined the streets, their voices booming: "Just order us, Sistani, and we will turn the world dark."

Hameeda Abbas, a housewife, was in the throng of Shiites and said, "I will send my sons to volunteer to protect our sacred sites in Samarra."

Conflict between Shiite and Sunni Muslims has boiled for months, with Iraq's minority Sunni population accusing leaders of the Shiite majority of operating death squads. Most Shiites have grown increasingly angry with Sunnis who make up the backbone of Iraq's insurgency, which has killed thousands of civilians.

With those tensions inflamed Wednesday, hopes of forming a coalition government that includes competing sects — seen as a key step before a major drawdown of U.S. troops could occur — were dimmed as Iraqi leaders tried instead to restore calm.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalizad stressed in a recent interview with Knight Ridder that Shiite political groups must disband their armed militias in

order to bring stability to Iraq. But for many Shiites, the surge of violence underscored the need for private armies to enforce security.

In what could be interpreted as a threat, al-Sistani said in a statement that "the Iraqi government is invited today, more than any time before, to bear its responsibility and stop the criminal actions that target the holy places. And if their security forces are unable to provide the necessary protection, then the believers can do that, with God's help."

When a Knight Ridder reporter visited Samarra earlier this month, U.S. soldiers complained that they had insufficient troops to maintain order. The 101st Airborne Division has about 120 soldiers inside and on the edge of Samarra. They replaced more than 400 soldiers who were there last year for the 3rd Infantry Division.

The U.S. military camp closest to the shrine is a patrol base at an abandoned schoolhouse, a few blocks away. As of last week, only one platoon — a little more than 35 soldiers — manned the base, which soldiers refer to as "The Altair."

Because of the thin ranks, those soldiers could regularly patrol the city, leaving the task to Shiite troops brought in from Baghdad. Those troops are reviled by the Sunni residents in Samarra.

The destruction of the dome was a major blow for Shiite faith. The tombs inside contained the remains of two of Shiite Islam's 12 imams — or successors to the prophet.

Official: Bush didn't know of ports deal until after it had been OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was unaware of the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates until the deal already had been approved by his administration, the White House said Wednesday.

Defending the deal anew, the administration also said that it should have briefed Congress sooner about the transaction, which has triggered a major political backlash among both Republicans and Democrats.

Bush on Tuesday brushed aside objections by leaders in the Senate and House that the \$6.6-billion sale could raise risks of terrorism at American ports. In a forceful defense of his administration's earlier approval of the deal, he pledged to veto any bill

Congress might approve to block the agreement involving the sale of a British company to the Arab firm.

Dubai Port's top American executive, chief operating officer Edward H. Bilkey, said the company will do whatever the administration asks to enhance shipping security and ensure the sale goes through. Bilkey said Wednesday he will work in Washington to persuade skeptical lawmakers they should endorse the deal. At least two Senate oversight hearings already are scheduled.

"We're disappointed," Bilkey told the Associated Press in an interview. "We're going to do our best to persuade them that they jumped the gun. The UAE is a very solid friend, as President Bush has said."

Company agreed to disclose records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration secretly required a company in the United Arab Emirates to cooperate with future U.S. investigations before approving its takeover of operations at six American ports, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press. It chose not to impose other, routine restrictions.

As part of the \$6.6 billion purchase, state-owned Dubai Ports World agreed to reveal records on demand about "foreign operational direction" of its business at U.S. ports, the documents said. Those records broadly include details about the design, maintenance or operation of ports and equipment.

The administration did not require Dubai Ports to keep copies of business records on U.S. soil, where they would be subject to court orders. It also did not require the company to designate an American citizen to accommodate U.S. government requests. Outside legal experts said such obligations are routinely attached to U.S. approvals of foreign sales in other industries.

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Officials: Anthrax case not terrorism

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City drum maker has been hospitalized with a case of inhaled anthrax that officials say he may have contracted from the city's annual hides that he imports from Africa.

Authorities said Wednesday the infection appeared to be accidental — not terrorism — and did not pose a serious public health threat.

Vlado Diomande, 44, had traveled recently to the west coast of Africa and fell ill in Pennsylvania last week, shortly after returning to this country with some hides, authorities said.

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What Magic Valley administrators think about teacher supply

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "There has definitely been a decline in the number of people who apply," said Greg Lowe, superintendent of the Wendell School District. "I think there is some competition even within Idaho, but also from states like Oregon and Washington."

school board discussed methods of retaining teachers. "When you have a really good teacher, you want to do anything you can to keep them," Lowe said. He said it's not because new teachers are poorly trained, but because there is a level of experience that colleges and universities cannot provide. Lowe and other administrators said they are pleased with the quality of training for young teachers.

"We're finding that some of our young teachers are very qualified," said Jim Cobble, superintendent of the Jerome School District. "I don't know if it's because of the overall program, or if we're just fortunate enough to find the right ones." However, it can be difficult to fill certain positions. "We try and go into the market early," Cobble said. "But it's always a struggle to find people in areas like special education,

or a reading specialist." And these are claims that match the statistics from the Idaho State Board of Education, which cites positions such as special education as one of the most difficult to fill. Positions that school districts struggle to fill are fields that require additional education and training — something that many students in education cannot afford or see as a difficult career with few incentives.

Teachers

Continued from A1 Even with higher-paying positions in surrounding states, most graduates from the CSI program remain in Magic Valley often trying to stay in their hometowns. "I definitely plan to stay in Idaho," said Candice Gerrard, a

junior at CSI in elementary education. "I hope to be in either Twin Falls County or Cassia County. I've been to other places, and bigger cities, but my personality just fits here." Gerrard will graduate with five years of education —

including studies in science and humanities — and even though she could easily pursue a higher-paying position involving science in the private sector, she said the pay is not her first concern. "It's always a tough question because there are always

opportunities that are more lucrative," Gerrard said. "But if I can get kids to be interested in science, then that is more rewarding than money to me."

Erickson

Continued from A1 MVBV president Gary Garmad said that many boosters are "extremely excited" to have Erickson back. "We've got a coach that has won two national championships and has coached a Heisman (Trophy) winner," he said. "It's a great teacher and motivator of coaches, students, athletes and alumni." Garmad, a 1970 Idaho graduate, said he hopes that feeling translates into more interest in the boosters and the Vandal Scholarship Fund, which raises money for Idaho student-athletes. "As with any coach taking over a program that's seen its share of disappointing seasons,

Erickson faces many challenges. But he has been down this road before and knows what he needs to do. When he took over the program in 1982, Idaho had a string of losses to Boise State University that Erickson turned around. "It was different. It was Big Sky, but it's kinda the same thing," he said. "The more things change, the more they stay the same. Now, Erickson takes over a Division I program in the Western Athletic Conference with the same problems. They haven't beaten the Broncos since 1998. With spring practices right around the corner, it's time for Erickson to take stock of his team. Step one is to find the

strengths and weaknesses of the team and who can play ball. "It's a process that takes time," he said. "It's the offseason now, but we've gotta get (the players) to believe in what we're doing." Erickson will look for players ready to rebuild Vandal football and take it back to prominence. "Now, it's just a matter of competing, winning some games and working your rear end off," Erickson said. "There is no magic wand." Excited, hopeful fans and alumni can't hurt. Times-News sports writer Brad Guire can be reached at 1-800-650-3683, ext. 229, or bguire@magicvalley.com.

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Study: Popular supplements show no benefit in treating arthritis

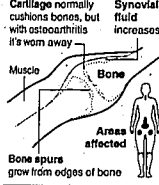
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Two hot-selling supplements used by millions of Americans are of little help to most people with mild arthritis, concludes a large government study that is part of an effort to scrutinize unproven health remedies. For most arthritis patients with aching knees, the health food store supplements, glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate, turned out to be no better than dummy pills. People who had more acute knee pain seemed to show some benefit.

Because of that hint of possible relief and other factors, the study may not settle the debate about these unproven treatments even though it's considered the largest and most scientific test to date. "We still have a bit of a conundrum," said Dr. Tim McAllinden, a Tufts University rheumatologist who had no role in the research. Rheumatologist Dr. Daniel Clegg of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, who led the study, suggested people with severe arthritis talk to their doctors about trying the supple-

How osteoarthritis attacks the joints

More than 20 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, a degenerative joint disease. Cartilage normally cushions bones, but with osteoarthritis it wears away



SOURCE: National Institutes of Health AP News short-term to see if they work. More than 20 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis. That number is expected to double in the next two decades as baby boomers age. Osteoarthritis is a degenerative joint disease that

affects the knees, hips, back and the small joints in the fingers. The search for pain relief helped boost worldwide sales of glucosamine and chondroitin to \$1.7 billion last year, according to the Nutrition Business Journal, which tracks supplements.

The supplements — made from animal cartilage and shellfish — have had even wider appeal amid safety concerns over certain painkillers, including the arthritis medicine Vioxx, which was yanked from the market in 2004.

At least 5 million Americans use the two supplements either alone or together, government figures show. President Bush was among the customers for a while because of knee pain, but spokeswoman Dana Perino said Wednesday the president no longer takes the supplements. Bush has replaced running with mountain biking. The supplements showed no known side effects during the government's six-month study, but the scientists didn't address the safety of longer-term use.

Teen girl convicted in killing, dismemberment

DDON, Ill. (AP) — A teenage girl was convicted Wednesday in the killing of a 16-year-old classmate who was choked, beaten and sawed into pieces after an argument over boys. Sarah Kolb, 17, faces up to 60 years in prison.



Kolb

On Jan. 21, 2005, Kolb, Reynolds and schoolmate Cory Gregory were in Kolb's car at a fast-food restaurant when the fight began. Reynolds was killed and her body was burned, dismembered and hidden in two counties. Gregory also is charged with murder and concealing a homicide and is scheduled to stand trial May 1. Kolb showed no reaction as the verdict was read. Her family and Reynolds' family wept quietly as the jury was polled. The trial was Kolb's second in three months. The first ended in a mistrial in November when a Rock Island County jury deadlocked 11-1 in favor of conviction. Her retrial was moved to Dixon, about 60 miles from the Quad Cities.

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EDITORIAL

District M&O tax shift a bad move for Idaho

Hold the phone. Step on the brakes. Take a deep breath, or just count to 10. Whatever causes legislators to slow down and take a closer look at the plan of shifting local property taxes over to the state general fund, they need to do it.

Lawmakers in the Idaho House sent a package of bills that will lower property taxes by various means. Most sailed through easily. But the thorniest of them all was HB 678, which would cut local school districts' maintenance and operation tax levies in half.

The reduction would provide \$125 million in savings for local property taxpayers. But school districts still need that money to come from the state. To replace most of that funding, legislators also proposed a jump in the state sales tax from 5 percent to 5 1/2 percent.

The property tax reduction passed 52-17, while the increase was approved 37-30.

An easy fix for property taxes in Idaho? Not really. While legislators have sound reason to boost the homeowner exemption to \$75,000, the circuit breaker exemption to \$28,000, and repeal the developer's discount exemption, the M&O shift is far too dangerous for Idaho schools.

Some of the state's biggest drawbacks are that: It won't keep property taxes down — On a state property tax relief is approved, the ones who will be salivating the most will be those in local governments. Property owners will have relief, but only for a while. Expect to see more building bonds, revenue bonds and expansion of government services, all courtesy of property tax increases. What state leaders in Boise provide, local elected leaders will gladly take away.

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LETTER

Speak up to stop Sempra and its political ties

Regarding the proposed Sempra power plant in Jerome, much is being overlooked. There are many more negative issues other than just water usage and mercury emissions — issues such as emissions of sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide. Do you, the people, think for one minute that Sempra would be here in Idaho if it had not been welcomed by those higher than us little people? It is time for you, the resident voters, to contact your state and federal representatives and require their written feelings regarding this issue. Nam them down to a position, and if your representatives do not represent your feelings then, do something about it. Get together with others of your opinion and get organizer help from you in the "Governator's Campaign Finance Report" (Times-News, Feb. 19) where Sempra Energy, Arch Coal and BSNF (allergy) contacted to C.L. "Buck" Oter's campaign? Sempra contributed \$6,000, but you will have dig to get that

information. Those three fit together rather well, don't they? I lived in Florida back in 1993. The sky was such a rich blue that it hurt my eyes to look up at it. The air was clean, stinging, and I had no respiratory problems. All that went kaput in the late 1970s. But it was for a reason. Florida is the powerful power companies have manifested political arms to get grandfistered in so as to continue to pollute without cost of improvements. You all need to do your own research and not be swayed by misinformation. Computers and the Internet are powerful tools, but only if you use them. Get together, talk about it, unite, organize before it is too late. Here are some links:
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ART COTTON
Twin Falls

Hunting for a straight shooter

Maybe I've had Dick Cheney wrong all along. Maybe he's not manically secretive, manipulative with the truth and contemptuous of democratic institutions. Perhaps he's just a little misunderstood in his heartfelt desire to disseminate information.



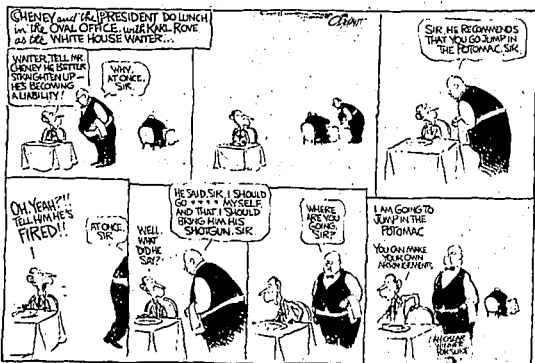
MAUREEN DOWD

It was at the end of his interview with Jim Hunt, what Shooter talked about Scooter, that his eagerness to share important facts with the press and public — a well-concealed trait in recent days, years and decades — burst forth. He pronounced himself a Great Declassifier.

Asked by the Fox News anchor if a vice president had the authority to declassify documents, Cheney replied that there's an executive order giving him that power, adding, "I've certainly advocated declassification and participated in declassification decisions." This neatly set up a defense for Scooter, who testified that "superiors" had authorized him to leak classified information on Valerie Plame.

President Bush signed Executive Order 13292 on March 25, 2003, amending a Clinton-era order, to grant the vice president the same power as the president on top-secret material. W. must have been concerned that Vice didn't have enough power to abuse. (With the way these guys keep giving themselves extra powers, there are probably also executive orders that allow Vice-Man to turn himself into a mutant, become invisible, and leap tall buildings in a single bound.)

In return for this selfless effort to tell the world that Valerie Plame was a CIA officer — and



punish her husband, a critic of the phony case for war, and therefore a terrorist sympathizer — Scooter was rewarded with an independent prosecutor and Scooter with an indictment. So when the Great Declassifier gunned down his hunting partner, he was compelled by bitter experience to override his instinct to immediately call a press conference. The administration has been so apologetic about leaks, I almost forgot the entire Iraq war was paved by its leaks. Cheney & Co. were so busy trying to prove a mushroom cloud was emanating from Saddam's direction, they could not leak their cherry-picked stories fast enough.

Maybe I've had Rummy wrong, too. Maybe he's not an arrogant, misguided Robert McNamara clone. In his speech to the Council of Foreign Relations on Friday, he sounded positively humble. Gone were the days when Rummy and the neoccons thought a big Stock-and-Awe blaze of American might would melt Saddam's terrorist tremble in their Flintstones caves, never to challenge us again.

Now Rummy paints America as backward, losing the PR war

to Al-Qaida in the first conflict in history using e-mail, blogs, blackberries and hand-held videocameras. "For the most part," he said, "the U.S. government still functions as a five-and-dime store in an eBay world." (Hey, didn't we invent eBay?)

Like the vice president, the defense secretary is eager to get information out. If the American press wouldn't scream, "Terry! Penny, the sky is falling," every time the Pentagon tries to plant paid stories in the Iraq press, for gosh sakes, maybe we could have some success in the PR battle.

After the Lincoln Group's "nontraditional means," as he delicately put it, were discovered, "the resulting explosion of critical press stories then causes everything, all activity, all initiative, to stop, just frozen." "Even worse," he complained, "it leads to a chilling effect for those who are asked to serve in the military public affairs field." The press "seems to demand perfection from the government," he wailed. And why do the media focus on Abu Ghraib, perpetrated by "people on the night shift, one night shift in Iraq?" he asked. Why not more stories on Sad-

dam's mass graves? Rummy is genuinely perplexed about why it's wrong to subvert democracy while promoting democracy.

I love it when Shooter and Rummy call us unrealistic for trying to hold them to standards that they set. They are, after all, victims of their own spin on Iraq. Cheney thought we'd greet him with flowers; Rummy said we could do more with less.

Rummy misses the point: We're supposed to be the good guys, the beacon of freedom. Our message is supposed to work because it has moral force, not because we pay some Lincoln Group sketchballs millions to plant propaganda in Iraq newspapers and not because the press here plays down revelations of American torture. If the Bush crew hadn't distorted the truth to get to Iraq, they wouldn't need to distort the truth to succeed in Iraq.

"Ultimately, in my view," Rummy concluded, "truth wins out."

Bad news for him, and his pal Dick.

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LETTERS

State laws need to keep cattle off roads

On Nov. 20, 2005, at 7:20 p.m., I struck a black cow on the middle of Simco Road in Elmore County while driving to visit a friend in Grand View. The accident totaled my Ford Taurus and killed the cow. Fortunately, I was able to walk away from the accident with only minor injuries.

The speed limit on Simco Road is 55 miles per hour, and nobody who was driving the speed limit could have avoided hitting the cow. Because it was not clearly posted exactly which parts of Simco Road are open range and which are not, an insurance company had difficulty determining who was at fault. It eventually concluded that the cow had wandered more than a mile from the open range piece of land it had started on.

Although I struck the cow on a non-open range portion of the road, I was found to be at fault. In addition to my insurance company paying the rancher for the cow, he also being personally sued by the rancher. Idaho's open range laws are outdated and dangerous. Any road that has a speed limit above 45 mph should not be an open range area. I was fortunate enough to escape without major injuries in my accident. This was a miracle. Does a family of five have to be killed before Idaho will do something to make its highways safer? Nobody's life is worth less than the cost of defining a fence. Nobody's life should be in danger because cows have the right of way on highways with excessively high speed limits.

I have written letters to the senators and representatives on the Agricultural Affairs and Transportation committees, as well as my local legislators. I am urging them to pass a law that would require all livestock to be fenced in near roads that have speed limits of 45 miles per hour or higher. I am also asking them to pass a law that would not place drivers at fault for hitting cattle on non-open

range roads.

What I have endured the last three months is an experience that nobody should ever have to go through. Write your legislators and ask them to make Idaho roads safer. We have a right to ask for protection for ourselves and our families. We need to keep cattle off of high speed limit roads.

ELARA SMITH
Hansen

Keep working students focused on academics

To area businesses: I appreciate that you are hiring our young people to work in your stores. I also understand that you need to make money. But please, if a student tells you that they can only work a limited number of hours, honor that.

One high school student told me that she was told by her employer that if she didn't have time to work the late hours, they would find someone to take her place. This student needs the money to help her family but is concerned by the late hours this company is requiring of her. Yet she is tired in the morning when she goes to school and is unprepared because she didn't have time to do all of her homework. I have heard college students with similar complaints.

Twin Falls, let's support our young people as they work to get an education, not sabotage them.
EVIN FOX
Twin Falls

industry. Does she get a paycheck from them? I would bet she does because she does not operate a consulting firm free gratis.

A Sempra puppet with a doctorate degree, touting a field of expertise, I challenge her to claim she spent more and more time learning about less and less (the expert). It is possible that she knows all there is to know about nothing and particularly about the effects of Sempra in this area? Did anyone ask what she has a doctorate in? Is it a doctorate in business? I am certainly curious.

This doctor operates a consulting practice for money — HealthRisk Strategies based out of Washington, D.C., representing the energy industry, in which she claims she spent more and more time learning about less and less (the expert). It is possible that she knows all there is to know about nothing and particularly about the effects of Sempra in this area? Did anyone ask what she has a doctorate in? Is it a doctorate in business? I am certainly curious.

Let us hear this kind of information, if it exists, from our own educated people. Please come forward and inform us about the environmental effects of mercury in Idaho. Please include the effects of pinging a coal-fired power plant directly over our heads as well.
BARBARA HOLESIANSKY
Buhl

Try slowing down on dangerous county road

The road 3700 North, referred to by some as the "Castledorf-Kimberly Autobahn," has joined the list of Twin Falls County's "most dangerous roads." I have information of traveling this scenic byway almost daily. Several factors have led to it becoming a member of this bloody list — the most obvious being traffic and excessive speed. Toss in a few potholes, animals (drunk

or sober) and maybe a few blind intersections, and you have a perfect recipe for an accident.

I think it's human nature to be in a hurry and, being a human myself, I am not exempt. For Pete's sake, people, let's all make a conscious effort to slow down on our speed limits (50 mph being the maximum) and drive defensively, especially when you are traveling 50 mph. Watch out! Some idiot late for his or her hair appointment may run over your ponytail. I hope I have made my point, and I'll try to wave and smile at you all as we meet on the road. Just a quick flip up of an index finger and nod will do. Have fun, and tell all your neighbors and friends to drive carefully.
GLENN EASTMAN
Buhl

Hunger strike a valid course of protest

I am writing in regard to a letter printed Feb. 18 from Barb Fedacia. I agree with Mr. Fedacia's statement: "This is a free country and everyone can choose for themselves." However, I believe when a person chooses to infringe on another's rights (namely, the uniform in this instance), someone needs to stand up for the innocent. Walter Bayes has chosen to do this by participating in a hunger strike to oppose abortion. I strongly disagree with Mr. Fedacia's opinion that in doing such, Mr. Bayes is "sticking his nose where it does not belong." Mr. Fedacia stated that it is "un-American." I believe it is completely "741-American." Walter Bayes is simply standing up for those who cannot speak for themselves — and that is what being an American is all about!

Our society must remember that this one simple truth: Freedom of choice never outweighs an individual's responsibility to be accountable for the consequences of those choices.
KRISTI DEWSNUP
Kimberly

OPINION

Unheard cheers for the United States

Would you care to guess who said this: "To the courageous men and women of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, who have changed the city of Tall Afar (Iraq) from a ghost town, in which terrorists spread death and destruction, to a secure city flourishing with life?"



CAL THOMAS

Is this an excerpt from a Pentagon or presidential citation? Nope.

"To the lion-hearts who liberated our city from the grasp of terrorists who were beheading men, women and children in the streets for many months." Was that on a plaque from the local Kiwanis Club? Wrong again.

To those who spread smiles on the faces of our children and gave us restored hope, through their personal sacrifice and brave fighting and gave new life to the city after hopelessness darkened our days and stole our confidence in our ability to reestablish our city."

Give up? That is a letter from the mayor of Tall Afar in the Iraqi province of Nineveh. Mayor Najim Abdullahi Abid Al-Rubouni wrote it to express his gratitude to American soldiers. Chances are you have not read this letter. I have only found it in a few small-circulation U.S. newspapers. It certainly conveys an impression of what what much of the mainstream media and some politicians have been telling us.

Tall Afar was the main base of operations for the terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The mayor says his city was held hostage by al-Zarqawi. "Our schools, governmental services, businesses and offices were closed. Our streets were silent, and no one dared to walk there. Our people were barricaded in their homes out of fear death awaited them around every corner. Terrorists occupied and controlled the entire city. Their savagery reached such a level that they stuffed the corpses of children with explosives and tossed them into the streets in order to kill grieving parents attempting to retrieve the bodies of their young."

The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) arrived in Iraq in 2003 and began attacking insurgents in Fallujah. Last year, they went back for a second tour, this time in Tall Afar. The mayor's letter sums up the result: "This was the situation of our city until God prepared and delivered ... the courageous soldiers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment."

who liberated this city, ridding it of al-Zarqawi's followers after harsh fighting, killing many terrorists and forcing the remaining butchers to flee the city like rats to the surrounding areas, where the bravery of our 3rd ACR soldiers in Sinjar, Rabiah, Zumar and Awgani finally destroyed them."

One of the returning soldiers from this regiment is Chief Warrant Officer Roger Wood of Fort Carson, Colo. Wood, a helicopter pilot, arrived home last weekend. He tells me, "There's a lot of good going on in Iraq, adding that 'negative stories' he's seen on the news 'are discouraging.' Wood says he's noticed a 'big difference' since his first tour in 2003 in the way Iraqi soldiers and police operate. He says they are increasingly confident and able to operate independent of American forces. 'Iraq will come around,' Wood predicts. 'Baghdad will take a little longer, but as people see change and acquire hope, we'll see a new Iraq.'

The mayor of Tall Afar concludes his letter: "God bless this brave Regiment. God bless the families who dedicated these brave men and women. From the bottom of our hearts we thank the families. They have given us something we will never forget. To the families of those who have given their holy blood for our land, we all

how to you in reverence and to the souls of your loved ones. This sacrifice was not in vain. They are not dead, but alive, and their souls hovering around us every second of every minute. They will never be forgotten for giving their precious lives. ... Let America, their families and the world be proud of their sacrifice for humanity and life."

The U.S. Conference of the World Council of Churches recently condemned U.S. policy in Iraq for "aiming down terror" on helpless Iraqis. They should talk to the mayor of Tall Afar and tell him to his face they think al-Zarqawi's "reign of terror" should not have been ended.

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LETTER

Bond proposal needed for stronger schools

I have heard the presentation of the Twin Falls School District's Long Range Planning Committee multiple times. I am personally involved in the parent-teacher organization at my children's school. I am also an employee of Twin Falls School District and work at that same school, Sawtooth Elementary, as a para-educator in the kindergarten.

I have seen firsthand how crowded our school is. I have seen the shuffling that must go on to accommodate physical education classes in the same area that is also used as a lunchroom and auditorium. Enrollment at Sawtooth, and most other schools in the district, is close to an all-time high. This year every available classroom, as well as space that was previously used for storage, is utilized for instructional purposes. Next year there will be an additional classroom needed for the sixth grade.

The research the long-range planning committee did on the growth of Twin Falls, both past and present, is realistic. Drive around Twin Falls and you will

see some of the new growth. The large retail stores that have come or are planning to come to Twin Falls have also done research, and they obviously see the growth as well. Something needs to be done to accommodate that growth in our schools. The proposed addition to Sawtooth that is included in the upcoming bond election will be a tremendous benefit to Sawtooth.

Additionally, by moving the sixth-graders to a middle school, more classroom space will be available. There is also a plan built into the proposed bond that would allow additional elementary and middle schools to be built in the near future as well, without another increase in property taxes.

The plan the long-range planning committee has come up with is a solid plan. My questions have been answered, and I support the proposed bond. It will help the students throughout the district, not just those that might attend the new high school.

There will be several presentations about the proposed bond on Feb. 27 at O'Leary Junior High. If you have questions, please go to one of the presentations and ask your

questions and get information. Don't dismiss the bond because of the seemingly high price tag. Get information and cast an informed vote. The children of Twin Falls need our help now. They are our future.

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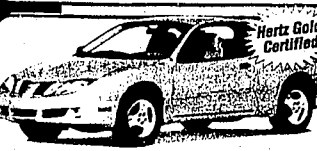


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SPORTSQUOTE

“Nine and eight.
— Tiger Woods, relaying the score, when asked about his reaction to Stephen Ames' comments in a press conference. Ames, the No. 64 player in the Match Play Championship field had suggested Woods may lose to him

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Norway's Sonja Henie won gold medals in women's figure skating in 1928, 1932 and 1936. Where did she finish in the first Winter Olympics in 1924?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL Postseason
5A Region Four-Five-Six Highland at Twin Falls, championship, 7 p.m.
2A Canyon Conference Valley at Wendell, championship, 7 p.m.
1A District IV seeding, Murtagh High School
Oakley vs. Dietrich, 4:30 p.m., state play-in
Hagerman vs. Richfield, 6 p.m., third place
Castelford vs. Carey, 7:30 p.m., championship
WRESTLING
State tournaments, Holt Arena, Pocatello

IN BRIEF

Talbott in running for national honor

HAGERMAN — Hagerman senior Skyler Talbott is one of 2,500 candidates nationwide eligible to play in the national McDonald's High School All-American Game.
Of the 2,500 candidates, 24 will be chosen to play in the boys game, televised by ESPN from the San Diego State University campus on March 27.

Send announcements to new address

TWIN FALLS — Anyone looking to email information to The Times-News sports department should send it to bguire@magiclevel.com until further notice.

MVRMC fundraiser announced for March

TWIN FALLS — Hoopfest 2006 is held Friday, March 17 beginning at 5 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium.
The fund-filled evening serves as a fund raiser supporting CARES (Aid, Rehabilitation Services (CARES)). There will be 3-point and free throw contests for youth, high school and senior divisions.

At 6:30 p.m., there will be a featured game between local physicians (a.k.a. The Sawbones) and local attorneys (The Jawbones). The second game will pit firemen (The Heat) against policemen (The Bulls).

CARES is a community service of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center that provides evaluation and intervention services to children when there is a concern about their well-being and safety and relies on a variety of funding sources for program operation. Hoopfest sponsorships and volunteer opportunities are still available. Please contact Judy Tremblay at 737-2943 for more information.

Youth league needs coaches, umpires

JEROME — North Side Baseball is currently accepting applications for coaches and umpires for their youth club Ripken and Babe Ruth spring leagues. Contact Larry Bos at 324-8104 or Darcie Bobrowski at 539-2346 for an application or for more information.
Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Eighth place.

In the family

Mulberry brothers, Bulldogs bring tradition to state

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wrestling traditions: some schools have them, some don't. When the Kimberly Bulldogs head to the state tournament in Pocatello today, they'll go having won six consecutive conference regular season championships and taken five of the last six 3A District IV titles.
There are at least as many reasons for Kimberly's success as there have been wrestlers donning Bulldogs singlets through the years, but common factors aren't all in the wrestling room.
"I think the families play a big role," said Bulldogs head coach Troy Palmer. "A lot of our kids have older brothers that wrestle. I think we've even got a couple second generation wrestlers now. That helps. I think it's the families in the small schools that keep that wrestling traditions going."

For Kimberly, the embodiment of family wrestling tradition and support can be found at the Mulberry residence, which is equipped with wrestling mats in the basement as well as the barn.
Junior Nick Mulberry (140) captured his third district title last Thursday in Gooding, while freshman brother Tucker (119) claimed his first.
Both have been wrestling since the age of five.

Their father, Ken, and his brother Steve, both wrestling for Skyline High School before wrestling for Boise State, Nick and Tucker have three older brothers who also wrestled.
"The thing that it taught me is how to stick to something and give it some second effort and some self discipline," said Ken. "And that's what I hope the boys get out of it. It's not so much that they have to take first at state or first at the tournaments."

"There have been matches that I've watched them lose that I've been really proud of and then there have been matches that they've won that I haven't been as proud of as some of those that they've lost but really given it their heart. When you watch them wrestle, you see the kids that wrestle without heart and you then see the kids that finally get the heart to keep trying and keep digging through and keep going."

"Towards the beginning of the year I wasn't really in it," he said. "I just kind of wanted to be better. When I just really had a push and started getting into it more, started loving it more."
Tucker went on to a 24-8 record on the year and the No. 5 seed at the state tournament. Nick (25-11) earned the second seed in his weight class.

Minico wrestling poised for title run

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Another wrestling season nearly in the books, another banner year for the Minico High School wrestling program.
After taking second in the class 4A district IV-V tournament in Turin and DI Pietro's 14-0 duals record on the year, the Spartans led 18 grapplers to the state tournament today at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Three of them, seniors Wes Cooper (169), Kirt Anderson (145) and Kevin Killoy (119) enjoy first seeds.
Said Spartans head coach Brad Cooper.
Wes Cooper, who took second place in last year's state tournament at 171 pounds, has amassed an impressive 34-1 record on the season with the one loss suffered out of state.
"His had a pretty good season," said coach Cooper. "He's pretty hungry for a state title."



Kimberly High School wrestlers Tucker (left) and Nick Mulberry stand atop a wrestling mat in the basement of their home outside of Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Anderson has looked fantastic this season, going 30-5 and picking up big tournament wins at the Bear-Cat and Red Baberson Invitational. Disappointing could be something of a dark horse for a team trophy.
"His had a great year," said Cooper. "I'm looking for Kirt to have a good state tournament."

Class 3A Along with the Mulberry brothers, eleven other Kimberly wrestlers will make the trip, making for a quality team coach Palmer expects could be something of a dark horse for a team trophy.
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No Miracle on Ice this year

The Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Shot after shot slid through Nick DiPietro's pads, caromed in off his body and bounced the U.S. men's hockey team out of the Olympics.

Olli Jokinen scored two power-play goals in the second period for Finland, which recovered after blowing an early two-goal lead and beat the United States 4-3 in an Olympic quarterfinal game. Wednesday was the 26th anniversary of the legendary Miracle on Ice win by the United States over the former U.S.S.R. at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

The U.S. team never got going in Turin and DI Pietro wasn't nearly as steady as he had been in the preliminary rounds, while Finnish goalie Antero Niittymaki made 15 of his 25 saves in the third period to hold off the United States' final push.
The Finns (6-0) will play Russia in the semifinals on Friday while the Americans (1-4-1) try to figure out why they managed only one win after capturing the silver medal four years ago in Salt Lake City.



Finland's Olli Jokinen (12), third from left, celebrates after scoring his third goal against the United States goalie Nick DiPietro during the second period of a 2006 Winter Olympics men's ice hockey quarterfinal game Wednesday, in Turin, Italy. Finland won 4-3.
Canada-Russia made for the best hockey game in the Turin Olympics so far, and once again, Canada (3-3) couldn't beat Russia (5-1) when it counted, losing 2-0.
Alexander Ovechkin, an NHL player for only a few months, scored the pivotal first goal 90 seconds into the third period and Russia rode goaltender Evgeni Nabokov's superb game to victory over the gold medal favorites.
Alex Kovalev sealed the tense play game by scoring with 23 seconds remaining will Russia on a power play, after Nabokov stood up in increasingly frantic Canadians by making big save after big save over the final five minutes. He stopped all 27 shots he faced.
It was the Russians' eighth win in nine Olympic games. Please see MIRACLE, Page B2

Declu upsets Bulldogs, ends Kimberly's season

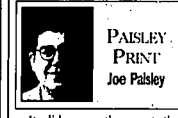
By Nathaniel Garrabrandt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The long road to state requires an opportunistic team.
In Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference loser-out play Wednesday night, the second seed Kimberly Bulldogs met Declu halfway with 21 turnovers worth of opportunity.

The third seeded Hornets cashed in, built a 32-21 lead at the half, and rode the momentum to a 61-47 victory and a state tournament play-in game on Saturday against the District V runner up.
With 4:27 remaining in the first half, Declu junior Kyle Reedman sank a lay-in off of a steal to give the Hornets a four-point lead at 21-17. Senior guard Spencer Sotker drained a 3-pointer on the Hornets' next possession and senior Kurt Heward converted an old-fashioned three-point play to cap off the 6-0 run for a 27-17 advantage.
"Ali year, we've been playing from behind," said Sotker. "So

I'll always have the memories

It's funny how random bits of history pop up.
A day and 26 years ago, the Miracle on Ice occurred. The 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team stunned the vaunted U.S.S.R. team 4-3 in one of the greatest upsets in sports history on the ice in Lake Placid, N.Y.



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It did more than get the streets of a sleepy ski town hiving with excitement or give Americans reason to smile during a dark part of our history. In hindsight, many Americans south of the Mason-Dixon Line could have cared less.
But in Billings, Mont., at least in my home there, it ignited the imagination of an 8-year-old and his younger brother. Moments after the thrilling victory, my brother and I rediscovered the new plastic hockey sticks from an earlier Christmas in the basement, donned high-polyester content tube socks and preceded to defeat the hated Soviets on the bare concrete in the southern third of my family's basement.
Of course in my imagination, the Soviets had rallied and forced a tie, setting me up for some last-second heroics. Mike Ervatore had his moment. I was going to have mine.
There's probably still grilles in that low ceiling from raising my stick in triumph after every winning goal.
Even the most minor thing can end up being a fork in someone's life path.
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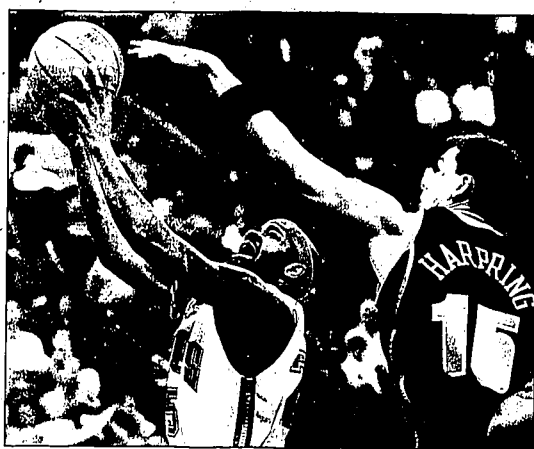
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When we got ahead, we didn't want to lose it. We wanted to keep going, keep the stone rolling."

The Bulldogs held 6-15 Declu scoreless for the first five minutes of the second half, but only put in one bucket of their own during the Hornets' drought.
"Turnovers hurt us early on," said Kimberly head coach Roger Kellerawhose team wraps up the year at 14-8. "We had 11 turnovers in the first half, so not very many possessions. They came out the third quarter and I think we only got four shot attempts the third quarter and were still turning the ball over. We just played a little tight tonight."
The Bulldogs finally managed to hold onto the ball in the final quarter and found their shot, battling back game a six-point deficit with 1:21 remaining as senior Daniel Bulcher hit a three.
Please see DECLU, Page B2

SPORTS



Utah Jazz forward Matt Harpring (15) tries to block the shot of New Orleans Hornets guard Mookie Fielder in the second half of a basketball game Wednesday, in Oklahoma City. Utah won, 82-76.

Jazz defeat undermanned Hornets

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With injuries piling up for the New Orleans Hornets, Deron Williams propelled the Utah Jazz ahead for a much-needed 82-76 victory. Williams scored eight of his 17 points in the fourth quarter and Andrei Kirilenko had 11 rebounds and eight blocks to help the Jazz rally for an 82-76 win against the Hornets on Wednesday night.

The Jazz entered the game on a three-game losing streak, two games behind the Los Angeles Lakers for the final Western conference playoff spot and four games behind seventh-place New Orleans, which comes to Salt Lake City on Saturday to complete "a home-and-home series."

"We needed this one bad," Williams said. "We need these wins two really. We're on the outside looking in right now. We've got to bring some tough games to town. Getting these two right here definitely helps our case."

The Hornets made only one shot in the first quarter as the fourth quarter as the Jazz reeled off a 22-6 run to claim the lead. Williams, a rookie, had eight points during the run, including a 3-pointer and two long jumpers.

"I've always been impressed with what he's able to do," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "He's just going through some tough times. Some players do and some players don't. I think those tough times are good for him."

Carlos Boozer and Devin Brown added 14 points apiece for the Jazz.

Already playing without leading scorer David West (personal reasons) and top reserve Speedy Claxton (ankle), the Hornets lost two more players

to injuries in the third quarter. Starting forward Desmond Mason bruised his tailbone and Jackson Vroman who started in place of West, broke his right wrist as he fell to the floor following a two-handed dunk. Neither returned, and the Hornets' lead soon evaporated.

Heat 103, Knicks 83 NEW YORK — With Steve Francis not yet in uniform for the Knicks, the Miami Heat certainly had the best backcourt on the floor Wednesday night.

Dwyane Wade and Jason Williams each had 24 points and five assists, and the Heat beat New York 103-83 Wednesday night for their fourth straight victory.

Antoine Walker added 16 points for the Heat, who have won nine of 11 overall and six in a row against New York.

The last-place Knicks acquired Francis from the Orlando Magic earlier Wednesday for Trevor Ariza and Penny Hardaway. Francis could be paired with Stephen Marbury in a high-scoring — and very expensive — backcourt as the Knicks try to salvage a dismal season.

Nete 95, Magic 93 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd scored 28 points and made two free throws with 18 seconds left to help New Jersey defeat Orlando, hours after the Magic traded star guard Steve Francis.

Richard Jefferson added 23 points and Vince Carter scored 22 for New Jersey (30-23), which has won seven of its last nine games. Keyon Dooling scored 23 to lead Orlando (19-34), which has lost eight straight and 12 of 13.

The Magic sent Francis to the New York Knicks for Trevor Ariza and Penny Hardaway. Ariza sat on the bench in street

clothes while Hardaway was not in attendance. Playing without Francis, their leading scorer at 16 points per game, the Magic still managed to hang with the Nets until the final seconds when Carlos Arroyo's 3-point attempt rimmed out.

Sixers 116, Cavaliers 107 PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 29 points and had 12 assists. Andriej Goleand had 25 points and Chris Webber 24 to lead the 76ers.

Coming off a fantastic All-Star weekend where he was named MVP of the Bookie Challenge and finished second in the slam dunk contest, Igoudala played like he might deserve to play in the main event one year.

Lebron James — the All-Star game MVP and only the player to upstage Igoudala last weekend — finished with 33 points.

SuperSonics 114, Hawks 109 ATLANTA — Ray Allen scored 33 points and Rashard Lewis added 25, including a pair of key baskets down the stretch to help Seattle end a four-game losing streak.

Seattle, which had lost seven straight on the road, took the lead for good at 104-101 on a three-point play by Lewis with 1:55 to play. Lewis added a basket with 1:20 remaining to give the SuperSonics a 110-105 lead.

The Hawks, who have lost four of five, got to within a point at 110-109 on a 3-point basket by Josh Smith with 40 seconds left, but Luke Ridnour hit a bucket with 18.7 left for a 112-109 lead and Atlanta's Joe Johnson missed a 3-point attempt with less than 10 seconds left. Allen added a pair of free throws with a second left for the final score.

A record runaway for Woods in California

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Ames meant it as a joke.

Tiger Woods apparently didn't think it was funny. Ames was on the practice range Monday afternoon when he was asked if he would take a cautious approach into his first-round match against the No. 1 player since no many expected him to win. Ames shook his head.

"Anything can happen," he said, breaking into a big smile. "I especially value his hitting the ball."

Woods hit the ball pretty good Wednesday at the Accenture Match Play Championship, and what happened was unlike anything seen before in this tournament. Woods took every hole on the front nine — seven of them with birdies — and eliminated Ames as early as mathematically possible, 9 and 8.

As he limbed into a car behind the 10th green, Woods was asked if he had read Ames' comments. "Yes," he said, not offering any other thoughts. "Did they motivate him?"

Asked if he cared to elaborate, Woods smiled. "His golf spoke volumes, from an approach into 7 for a birdie that was conceded, to an 18-foot birdie on the second hole that hung on the lip for a few seconds before falling.

"Then he played exceptionally well," Ames said. Then he looked over to confer with Woods on how many birdies he made on the front nine and he added with heavy sarcasm, "It was a rough nine for Tiger."

Ames continues playing the way he's playing, he should walk away with this — easily," Ames said. "Not everything is easy in the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Ames' comments on La Costa Resort for the first time in three years and led with a familiar result, losing on the 10th hole to 48-year-old Bernhard Langer. The Big Easy has never made it out of the second round at La Costa.

Ames' comments on La Costa, and Phil Mickelson (No. 5) had to go 10 holes before getting rid of Charles



Tiger Woods drives the ball on the ninth hole during his opening round match against Stephen Ames at the Accenture World Golf Championship Wednesday in Carlsbad, Calif. Woods won the match with a record-breaking 9 up with 8 to play.

that it was particularly tough for Scott Verplank, who matched the tournament record by going 26 holes before he finally got past Lee Westwood of England.

Seven matches went extra holes, breaking by one the record set in the first round two years ago. Colin Montgomerie was 4 up through eight holes on Nicolas Pade before he started losing holes, not to mention momentum, and the Scot found himself trailing with three holes to play. He caught Faiss on the 16th hole with a par, then put him away with a par on the 23rd hole.

"It doesn't matter what he does to win," he said. "Match play is a lottery, a crazy game."

Sasha, Irina, say hello to Speedy

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Among the figure skating cognoscenti, the best of the women pursuing Olympic gold are identified by a single name: Sasha. Irina. Move over to freestyle skiing, and there's another athlete who answers to one name: Speedy.

Speedy, the 2005 World Cup champion in the freestyle skiing aerials, is U.S. skier Jaret Peterson of Boise. Speedy, a competitor in the longshot, is going for a gold medal Thursday — along with the top two figure skating leaders, American Sasha Cohen and Russian Irina Slutskaya.

The vast majority of Thursday's NBC prime-time package will go to the figure skating, where Cohen's teenage U.S. teammates Kimme Meissner and Emily Hughes are both in the top seven heading into the free skate competition, NBC plans a four-hour Olympic block, beginning at 6 p.m. MST.

But the network will show a little love to Speedy, too, along with the finals in the women's snowboarding parallel giant slalom.

The last Thursday in Turin will also feature an hour of women's snowboarding preliminaries at 2 p.m. on NBC, with late-night analysis of the figure skating medals following "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

The high-flying Speedy doesn't rest the nerves of the skaters, although it's not from lack of effort. It's one of 12 U.S. Olympians vying for a spot on the next season of "The Apprentice" with Donald Trump.

He sports his own Web site, which sells his own line of "Speedy Gear" — including a custom-made belt buckle. Visitors can read his journal, where Speedy talks with tango lessons taken with some folks

TV Schedule

Bilthoven: women's relay gold medal final, USA, 4 a.m. Women's curling: bronze medal final, MSNBC, 5 a.m. Women's curling: gold medal final, USA, 9 a.m. Snowboarding women's parallel giant slalom, NBC, 2 p.m. Women's curling: gold medal final, NBC, 3 p.m. Figure skating: ladies free skate gold medal final; freestyle skating: men's aerials gold medal final; snowboarding: women's parallel giant slalom gold medal final, NBC, 5 p.m. Medals Plaza: award ceremonies, NBC, 10:35 p.m. Prime-time replay: NBC, midnight.

Medals Table

Table showing medal counts for various nations through Wednesday, Feb. 22. USA leads with 8 gold, 5 silver, and 22 bronze medals.

from NBC's "Today" show. It's the second Olympics for the 24-year-old Peterson, whose nickname comes from the classic "Speed Racer" cartoon.

It's not shy about his chances of winning in Italy, either. His Internet bio concludes, "We expect to see Jaret 'Speedy' Peterson win a gold medal in Torino, Italy's Olympic Winter Games."

It's hardly a look for a medals, though. Peterson finished eighth out of the 12 medal contenders, as three of the competitors washed out — including Joe Piek, the defending silver medalist.

In figure skating, Slutskaya is the defending silver medalist, and she enters the second night of the competition trailing Cohen by a thin as a thread margin of 0.3 points. Third place belongs to Shizuka Arakawa of Japan.

Their showdown Thursday night will be decided by their four-minute performances, where any slip or bobbles can cost position and a tumble could prove disastrous. Four

years ago, Slutskaya finished second after American Sarah Hughes skated a magnificent program that vaulted her from fourth to first.

Hughes' sister Emily sits in seventh place going into the last night, while teammate Kimme Meissner is in fifth place. Four years ago, Slutskaya was also in second place heading into the second and last night of skating: she trailed Michelle Kwan, who dropped out of the final with a pulled muscle.

Cohen finished fourth in Salt Lake City, bumped out of a bronze by Sarah Hughes' stunning performance.

The U.S. has collected a medal in the women's figure skating in every Winter Games since 1968, when Peggy Fleming won the gold in Grenoble, France. The total haul by the women skaters: five gold, four silver and four bronze.

Miracle

Continued from B1 against Canada. When Kovalev scored to put it away, a disgruntled Wayne Gretzky, Canada's executive director, headed to the exit.

Sweden (4-2) claimed a spot in the other semifinal with a 6-2 win over Switzerland (2-2-2), justifying coach Bengt-Ake Svanberg's suggestion that his team would be better off facing the Swiss than Canada or the Czech Republic in the quarterfinals.

It didn't take Sweden long to demonstrate its superiority over Switzerland, which boasted just three NHL players on its roster. The Swedes scoring four quick goals after Switzerland's Mark Striegl tied the score 1-1 midway through the first period.

Sweden will face the Czech Republic (3-3), which ousted "little brother" Slovakia (5-1) from the tournament in a lively border battle, 3-1.

ALPINE SKIING

Women Slalom

STREISFELD, Italy — Anja Paerson finally won her Olympic gold medal and beat her longtime rival in the process with a pair of dominant runs through a fluid fog in the women's slalom.

Janica Kostelic of Croatia, whose six medals in two Olympics are the most by any women's Alpine skier, failed to win a medal for the first time in her last seven events. She was fourth.

Austrians Nicole Hosp and Marlies Schild were second and third, but the country's unprecedented 100th and 101st Olympic Alpine medals. That's nearly double the next-biggest total, Switzerland's 53.

SPEEDSKATING

Women 1,500 Meters

TURIN, Italy — Cindy Klassen added a gold medal to

the bronze and two silvers she's already earned at the Olympics, winning the women's 1,500-meter speedskating with a dominant performance ahead of Canada's Kristina Groves.

Irene Waut of the Netherlands, gold medalist in the 3,000 meters, took bronze, knocking favorite Anni Friesinger out of the medals.

Skating in the same pairing with Friesinger, Klassen took control after the first of 3.75 laps and finished in 1 minute, 55.27 seconds. Groves was 1.47 second behind.

Waut, skating in the final pair, never got close to her second gold, finishing with a time of 1:56.50.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Women Sprint

PRAGELATO, Italy — Chandra Crawford upstaged two of her better-known countrywomen and pulled off an upset in the women's 1.1km sprint Wednesday, skating across the finish for Canada's first cross-country gold medal of the Turin Games.

Crawford, with tiny pigtailed peeking out of her hat and a huge smile on her face, is hardly the country's biggest star — but she's recently staying out of the spotlight behind Beckie Scott and Sara Renner, silver medalists in the team sprint last season.

The 22-year-old Crawford edged silver medalist Claudia Kuenzli of Germany, while Russia's Alena Sidlo took the bronze. Scott was fourth in the four-kilometer race.

Men Sprint

PRAGELATO, Italy — Bjorn Lind of Sweden easily skied to an Olympic gold medal in the women's 1.5km cross-country sprint race, taking advantage of rival Tor Arne Hetland's fall in the semifinals.

Lind finished in 2 minutes,

25.5 seconds to beat silver medalist Roddy Darragon of France, who was six-tenths of a second behind. End's countryman, Tobias Fredriksson, took the bronze.

CURLING

Men

PINEROLLO, Italy — Pete Fenson could lead the United States to the Olympic gold medal game, losing to Canada 11-5 in the curling semifinals.

Now the U.S. skip could leave Italy with a bronze — or nothing more than some new pizza recipes.

Canada clinched at least a silver medal and forced the Americans to play in the consolation game for third place. That would be the first Olympic curling medal — men's or women's — for the United States.

Canada (7-3) wrapped it up with a whopping five points in the ninth end — one short of the Olympic record — when the Americans (6-4), forced to play from behind, had to take chances.

The U.S. players quickly conceded the match. Canada will play for the gold on Friday night against Finland (8-2), which used the big last rock advantage taking the hammer to score on the game's final throw to beat the British-4-3.

Women

PINEROLLO, Italy — Anette Pernbro's takeover on the final shot of the game lifted Sweden over Norway 5-4 in the semifinals of the Olympic curling tournament.

The Swedes advanced to the gold medal match against Switzerland, a 7-5 winner over Canada. Canada (6-4) will play Norway (6-4) for the bronze Thursday, the same day as the gold medal game.

Sweden (8-2) beat Switzerland 9-7 in the preliminary round last Friday.

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No. 1 Duke beats Wake Forest

ATLANTA (AP) — Sheldon Williams had 26 points and rebounds and J.J. Redick scored a historic start to score 22 points as No. 1 Duke beat Wake Forest 73-66 on Wednesday night.

College basketball
Redick missed 15 of his first 17 shots, but he did hit the go-ahead jumper with 5:30 remaining. He needs nine points to break the Atlantic Coast Conference career mark of 2,587 set by Wake Forest's Dickie Hearnie 51 years ago. Duke (26-1, 14-0) has won 20 of 21 games against Georgia Tech since losing in Atlanta 10 years ago. The Yellow Jackets (10-15, 5-11) have lost three straight overall and are 1-11 since beating Centenary last month.

Redick buried an 18-footer to give Duke a 55-53 lead it never relinquished.

No. 6 G. Washington 77, La Salle 65
WASHINGTON — Regis Kounkilla scored 13 points to lead five George Washington players in double figures and the Colonials extended their season's longest winning streak to 15 games.
Maureice Rice and Carl Elliott each had 12 points for Washington. Wake Forest's Pops Mensah-Bonsu and Danilo Pinnock both added 10.

No. 7 Texas 65, Kansas St. 64
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kenon Paulino went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the final 16 seconds to lead Texas to its second straight win over the Jayhawks. PJ Tucker had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Texas (23-4, 11-2 Big 12) and Daniel Gibson

added 13 points.
No. 10 Tennessee 76, No. 12 Florida 72
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Dane Brindshaw's layup with 15 seconds left to play gave Tennessee the lead for good.
Brindshaw had a similar closing-minute layup in Tennessee's last month when the Volunteers (20-4, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) handed Florida (22-5, 8-5) its first loss of the season after a 17-0 start.

Corey Brewer's rebounds pass with 16 seconds remaining as Brindshaw picked it up, spun around Taurean Green and free-throw line and scored the game-winning basket.
No. 13 Ohio St. 79, No. 18 Michigan St. 68
EAST LANSING, Mich. — Trent Daniels scored 19 points

inside and Ohio State hit 11 3-pointers in snapping the Spartans' 56-game home winning streak.
J'Kel Foster had 17 points for the Buckeyes (20-4, 9-4), who led Iowa for first place in the Big Ten and snapped a 10-game losing streak in the Hawkeye Center.
Maurice Ager had 26 points for the Spartans (19-9, 7-6), while Shannon Brown had 17 and Paul Davis 14.

No. 21 N. Carolina 95, No. 15 N.C. State 71
RALEIGH, N.C. — David Noel had a career-high 25 points and added 11 rebounds and seven assists.
Reyshawn Terry scored 20 points as North Carolina handed the Wolfpack their first home loss in the Atlantic Coast Conference.
Tyler Hansbrough finished with 17 points for the Tar Heels (18-6, 9-4).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Naval Academy charges quarterback with rape
ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Navy football player Shawn Owens has been charged with raping a female midshipman in her dormitory room, the academy announced Wednesday.

Although the move makes Owens one of the NFL's top paid comebackers next season, the salary is well below what the envisioned getting when free agency opens March 3.
The alleged attack last month occurred on academy grounds, Owens was charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the investigation being handled by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Gibbons said.
The academy did not release the name of the woman, Gibbons said the academy was offering her support and counseling.
Owens, a 22-year-old senior from Savannah, Ga., would not be available to comment, Gibbons said.

He remains assigned to the Naval Academy and will continue to attend class, performing other duties normally expected of a midshipman pending results of the investigation, Gibbons said. He said the academy took steps to prevent contact between Owens and the woman.

After a 12-hour hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury inquiry, will be held to determine if there is sufficient evidence to go ahead with the case, Gibbons said.

The military academies have been under scrutiny since 2003, when women at the Air Force Academy in Colorado began coming forward with accusations that they had been sexually assaulted by fellow cadets over the previous decade and were ignored or ostracized by commanders when they tried to report the crimes.
A Pentagon task force found that hostile attitudes and inappropriate treatment of women also persisted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and at the Naval Academy.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- BASKETBALL**
- South Carolina at Georgia, ESPN, 5 p.m.
 - Pacers at Pistons, TNT, 6 p.m.
 - California at Washington St., ESPN, 6:30 p.m.
 - Winnipeg at Cincinnati, ESPN, 7 p.m.
 - Wisconsin at Northwestern, ESPN2, 7 p.m.
 - Kings at Lakers, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
- CYCLING**
- Tour of California, stage 5, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
- GOLF**
- New Zealand PGA Championship, first round, TGC, 9 a.m.
 - Accenture Match Play Championship, second round matches, ESPN, noon.
 - LPGA Fields Open, first round, TGC, 4:30 p.m.
 - PGA Tour Chrysler Classic of Tucson, first round, USA, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL

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Brooklyn	21	19	0B
Charlotte	21	19	0B
Chicago	21	19	0B
Cleveland	21	19	0B
Denver	21	19	0B
Detroit	21	19	0B
Indiana	21	19	0B
Los Angeles	21	19	0B
Memphis	21	19	0B
Minnesota	21	19	0B
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Philadelphia	21	19	0B
Pittsburgh	21	19	0B
Portland	21	19	0B
Sacramento	21	19	0B
San Antonio	21	19	0B
Seattle	21	19	0B
Utah	21	19	0B
Washington	21	19	0B
Wizards	21	19	0B

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Houston	21	19	0B
Los Angeles	21	19	0B
Memphis	21	19	0B
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Area ski report

Big Bear Mountain — Wet to wet snow periods 5-8, 10-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20-21, 23-24, 26-27, 29-30, 31-32, 34-35, 37-38, 40-41, 43-44, 46-47, 49-50, 52-53, 55-56, 58-59, 61-62, 64-65, 67-68, 70-71, 73-74, 76-77, 79-80, 82-83, 85-86, 88-89, 91-92, 94-95, 97-98, 100-101, 103-104, 106-107, 109-110, 112-113, 115-116, 118-119, 121-122, 124-125, 127-128, 130-131, 133-134, 136-137, 139-140, 142-143, 145-146, 148-149, 151-152, 154-155, 157-158, 160-161, 163-164, 166-167, 169-170, 172-173, 175-176, 178-179, 181-182, 184-185, 187-188, 190-191, 193-194, 196-197, 199-200, 202-203, 205-206, 208-209, 211-212, 214-215, 217-218, 220-221, 223-224, 226-227, 229-230, 232-233, 235-236, 238-239, 241-242, 244-245, 247-248, 250-251, 253-254, 256-257, 259-260, 262-263, 265-266, 268-269, 271-272, 274-275, 277-278, 280-281, 283-284, 286-287, 289-290, 292-293, 295-296, 298-299, 301-302, 304-305, 307-308, 310-311, 313-314, 316-317, 319-320, 322-323, 325-326, 328-329, 331-332, 334-335, 337-338, 340-341, 343-344, 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SPORTS

Bonds shows up at Giants camp

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Bonds' decision about whether he plays' next season might not come until next winter.

But he made one thing clear when he reported to spring training with the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday — if he does play in 2007, he doesn't want it to be as a designated hitter for some new team. He wants to be with the team he grew up around and in the same uniform he has worn while becoming the game's biggest star over the last decade.

"San Francisco is my home."



That's the love of my life right there," Bonds said. "The fans there, the people there, everything about it is just great for me. Thinking that there could be a possibility, just hypothetically, to go somewhere else and DH or something like that, I really don't want to think about that at this time right now. I know I can swing a bat. I take a lot of pride to be on that field

and stay in this uniform."

Bonds has often talked about the wear and tear that playing in the field and being on base so much takes on his knees, leading to speculation that he might follow the path of a player like Hank Aaron and switch leagues at the end of his career in order to be a designated hitter.

Bonds has even complained in the past when he didn't get to DH in Interleague games in American League stadiums. His manager admits that Bonds is not the same defensively but still among the best hitters in the game.

Family

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State Wrestling Tournaments

Where: Holt Arena at Idaho State University, Pocatello
When: Thursday-Saturday
Thursday time schedule: 5A & 4A — matches 1-8, noon-3:30 p.m.; matches 9-12, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — matches 1-8, 8:30 p.m.-7 p.m.; matches 9-12, 8:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Cost: General tournament pass (six sessions), \$25; senior and student discount tournament pass, \$15; general admission \$5, discount ticket, \$4; children under 10, free.

Headed to Poky

Class 3A
Area state qualifiers listed in order of finish at districts.
103 pounds — 1. Cash Coehlo, Filer; 2. Brandon Adams, Declo; 3. Andrew Ralston, Filer.
112 — 1. Golden Zollinger, Declo; 2. Chris Moore, Kimberly; 3. Chris Baker, Gooding.
125 — 1. Tucker Mulmer, Kimberly; 2. Jake Archer, Kimberly; 3. Vaughn Sobotka, Buhl.
135 — 1. Blair Gerratt, Gooding; 2. Josh Archer, Kimberly; 3. Adam Bridges, Buhl.
150 — 1. Tucker Uerlman, Kimberly; 2. GR Madsen, Filer; 3. Chance Shore, Buhl.
165 — 1. Cannon Sobotka, Buhl; 2. Jaimon Wilcox, Kimberly; 3. Michael Phipps, Declo.
180 — 1. Nick Mulhern, Kimberly; 2. John Aves, Buhl; 3. Ross Koye, Gooding.
195 — 1. Ryan Slucek, Buhl; 2. Dustin Osterloh, Declo; 3. Harley Gooding, Declo.
220 — 1. Daniel Avelar, Buhl; 2. Ben Feld, Declo; 3. Bryce Potlauer, Gooding.
260 — 1. Jordan Monroe, Declo; 2. Tyler Stukenholz, Kimberly; 3. Brandon Wilcox, Kimberly.
285 — 1. Cody Poole, Gooding; 2. Eli Taylor, Kimberly; 3. Mykel Thiel, Filer.
313 — 1. Morgan Gales, Kimberly; 2. Craig Adams, Declo; 3. Jake Busby, Buhl.

Class 2A-1A
Area state qualifiers listed in order of finish at districts.
103 pounds — 1. James Stearns, Valley.
112 — 1. Ryan Kingsland, Oakley; 2. Cole Washburn, Oakley; 3. Caleb Greenwell, Oakley.
125 — 1. Tyler Sawyer, Raft River; 2. Jarvis Beames, Valley.
135 — 1. Jake God, Wendell; 3. Ace Jones, Raft River.
150 — 1. Michael Sams, Wendell; 2. Josh Werner, Valley.
165 — 1. Steven Taylor, Oakley; 2. Zach Hutchinson, Raft River.
180 — 1. Kenny Kumpson, Wendell; 2. Reagan Ward, Raft River.
195 — 1. Glen Hancock, Glens Ferry; 2. Brady Slade, Wendell; 3. Tyson Bowers, Wendell; 2. Brock Muhlenstein, Oakley.
220 — 1. Ryan Henry, Valley; 2. Stephen Medina, Oakley.
260 — 1. Cole Adams, Glens Ferry; 2. Drew Black, Raft River; 216 — 1. Eric Looock, Raft River; 2. Troy Rogers, Valley.
285 — 1. Stephen Medina, Wendell; 2. Mike Hoskins, Valley.

Minico

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home the state title. Anything other than that would be a disappointment for those kids."

Jerome senior Dan Powell will be one of the Tigers' strongest contenders after going 34-5 over the year and winning the district championship to garner the No. 1 seed at 140 pounds. With the title match, Powell marked the 100th victory of his high school career.

"He's wrestling really well right now," said Jerome head coach Des Case. "He's in a good spot."

The Tigers send seven grapplers to Pocatello, no small feat for such a strong conference.

"We're happy with seven," said Case. "That's about where we thought we would be and hopefully the kids will raise their intensity level and perform well at state."

Heavyweight Jesse Jones and 135-pounder Jerod Hammond head up the Burley's state team after winning the Bobcats two individual district titles.

Also making the trip for the Bobcats will be Jordan Torrez (125), Nathan Broadhead (130), and Ittley Harris (160).

Headed to Poky

Class 4A
State qualifiers and order of finish from district.
103 pounds — 2. Andrew Uhl, Minico; 3. Justin Stallings, Jerome; 4. Josh Stallings, Minico; 5. Dominic Pratt, Jerome.
112 — 2. David Bugria, Minico; 3. Nathan Crane, Minico.
125 — 1. Kevin Kling, Minico.
135 — 1. Nick Crane, Minico; 3. Mike Cummings, Jerome; 5. Jordan Torrez, Buhl.
150 — 4. Jake Hruza, Minico; 3. Nathan Broadhead, Burley.
165 — 1. Jerod Hammond, Burley; 2. Dustin Thacker, Jerome; 5. Robert Fernandez, Minico.
180 — 1. Ern Powell, Jerome; 3. Josh Clapper, Minico; 4. Jon Smith, Minico; 5. Chris Anderson, Jerome.
195 — 1. Kirt Anderson, Minico.
220 — 3. Cody Lupe, Jerome; 4. Colby Anderson, Minico; 5. Jordan Vert, Wood River.
260 — 2. Keith Blanc, Jerome; 3. Cspe Hruza, Minico; 171 — none.

Headed to Poky

Class 5A
The Twin Falls state qualifiers and the place they took at districts.
103 pounds — none.
112 — 3. Justin Hernandez, Twin Falls.
125 — none.
135 — 5. Tyler Hine, Twin Falls.
150 — 3. Pablo Linares, Twin Falls.
165 — none.
180 — 4. Adam Atwood, Twin Falls.
195 — 3. Grayson Stone, Twin Falls.
220 — 1. Brett Smith, Twin Falls.
260 — 1. Kyle Martinez, Twin Falls.
285 — 5. Kevin Hurd, Twin Falls.
313 — 4. Chris Marquez, Twin Falls.
275 — none.

districts, I think we will be surprised a few people when we get up there," said Palmer.

Bullheads junior Chris Mandy (21-10) will vie for the 112-pound title after taking second last year at 103.

"I like his chances," Palmer said. "He should be in the top three."

Junior Tucker Uerlman (17-13) got off to a slow start on the season, dropping his first five matches before turning it on en route to a fifth seed at 130.

"He's a physically strong wrestler," said Palmer, "but he is so mentally tough that when he sets his mind on something it's hard to get him to go another direction."

Along with seven other grapplers making the trip, the Declo Hornets return one of the areas top championship contenders in junior Golden Zollinger (29-2) at 112-pounds. Zollinger took the state title last year at 103.

Zollinger is looking forward to a rematch with No. 1 seeded freshman Paden Johnson of American Falls, to whom he lost earlier in the year by two points.

If seeding holds, the two will meet for the state title Saturday.

"We look forward to a successful state tournament and getting Golden in that state championship match and have a rematch with Paden Johnson," said Hornets head coach Kelly Kidd.

The Gooding Senators put seven grapplers in the brackets with their strongest contender being senior Matt Cameron (27-8). The senior, who went 27-8 on the year, is hungry for a medal and will be tough to match up with physically.

Build sends eight wrestlers, a team strongest from the lower up through the middle weights. Brothers Cameron (135) and Vaughn Sobotka (119) are two of the Indians' best. Cameron (30-5), a senior, took fourth at state last year and captured the district title last week.

Five Filer Wildcats qualified for state, with Tyler and Matt Marshall at 215 and heavyweight, respectively, Cash Coehlo at 103, and Mykel Thaeate at 171.

for a serious title shot after taking second last year and earning the No. 1 seed this time around.

Third seeds Tyson Bowers 160, Jake God (130), and Stephen Medina (275) have looked strong throughout the season with only 14 losses between them.

Seven wrestlers will represent the Valley Vikings, including 15-1 junior Tyler Rogers at 215 and district champion junior Ryan Henry (27-14) at 171 pounds.

The Oakley Hornets, who qualified six, send three district champions to Holt with 36-1 senior Steven Terry (140), 112-pound freshman Ryan Kingsland (9-14), and freshman Caleb Greenwell (18-19) at 135.

A pair of district champions in 36-3 senior Tyler Loock (215) and 26-10 sophomore Tyler Sawyer (125) head up Raft River's team, which sends five state qualifiers.

Glens Ferry will bring a pair of wrestlers, 189-pound Cole Adams (22-5) and Glen Hancock (152). Both are district champs.

Class 5A

The Twin Falls Bruins will send 10 wrestlers to the state tournament, with five likely to advance far.

"We got five of them seeded," said Bruins head coach Sal Dabestani. "We've progressively made steps (with the program). Maybe not giant steps, but it certainly is good progress. And it's not done yet. We've got a long way to go to be a powerhouse, but we're on our way."

In 2004, Twin Falls qualified five. In 2005, seven Bruins advanced to state.

Among Twin Falls' qualifiers will be a pair of district champions in senior Kyle Smith (160), second third, and sophomore Brent Martinez, who captured the tournament's fourth seed.

Smith (22-6) took the district title with a comfortable 7-1 decision over Highlands Falls Morgan, to whom he'd lost on Jan. 28 at the Red Halverson tournament in Minico — good news if the Bruins' team captain plans on making some noise in Pocatello.

"This time Kyle was very focused," said Dabestani. "He's very dedicated."

Martinez takes the mat with a 23-7 record on the year after starting the season as the Junior varsity squad.

"He's just doesn't like to lose," Dabestani said. "I know none of them do, but him in particular."

The Bruins coach also singled out freshman 112 pound quater Justin Hernandez.

"He's a freshman, but he sure impressed me with his smart way of wrestling," said Dabestani. "He takes the opportunities that come along."

Class 2A/1A

The Canyon Conference, which includes 10 schools, has a bracketed eight spots in the tournament, which includes a first seed, two thirds and a fourth.

"That's not bad," said head coach Steve Matthews. "We're doing pretty good. We have an opportunity of getting six kids in the semis if everything works out alright."

At 135 pounds, senior Michael Sams (21-6) is poised

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Annual motorcycle run is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Motorcycle Clubs 26th annual Pennin Motorcycle Run is welcoming all riders this weekend. On Saturday, Feb. 25, the club will hold this annual assembly in Pocatello with a ride, pin and dinner at Golden Corral. Kathy Wingington, member of the club in Pocatello, reports the cost of the event is \$10.00 and includes the pin and dinner. Riders and drivers (depending on weather) will meet at Night Wings at 515 N. Main at 10 A.M., with plans for a short run and then dinner. Local Twin Falls riders and drivers will meet at the Travelers Quest at 8 A.M. with kickstands up at 8:15. Everyone is invited.

The Idaho Motorcycle club membership is an exciting adventure with members, campouts, barbecues, Life Flight membership and regular rides with friends. Join today by contacting Red Barber at 308-1050.

Saint Alphonsus wins national award

BOISE — Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center has been named a recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, according to a hospital news release.

The hospital received the award based on a study issued by HealthGrades, an independent healthcare ratings company. Saint Alphonsus is the only hospital in Idaho to receive the prestigious award, the news release said.

Each year, HealthGrades independently analyzes the clinical quality performance of all non-federal hospitals across the country in 26 procedures and diagnoses, ranging from bypass surgery to total knee replacement. Saint Alphonsus ranked number one in Idaho for heart surgery, overall orthopedic services and spinal surgery, the news release said. Only 21 U.S. hospitals qualified for the award in 2006, according to the news release.

Traffic restrictions put on U.S. 30 today

SHOSHONIE — East and West Second Avenue (U.S. 30) in Twin Falls will have traffic restrictions for pavement repair work today, the Idaho Transportation Department said. Motorists should expect minor traffic delays from Kimberly Road to Addison Avenue, as traffic is intermittently reduced from three lanes to two. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The speed limit will not be reduced.

Boys & Girls Club sets hoops tournament

TWIN FALLS — Entries are still being taken for the 7th Annual Boys & Girls Club Basketball Tournament to be held April 7-8.

The tournament is open to both boys and girls teams from fifth-grade through varsity. The entry fee is \$190 per team with a three-game minimum guarantee. Entries are due by 5 p.m. March 30. Game times will be available after 5 p.m. April 4. The tournament will begin at 4 p.m. April 7.

Entries are taken at the Boys & Girls Club at 999 Frontier Road. For questions, call Wanda Luna at 733-0740 or 280-0249, or Graydon Stanley at 326-4109. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 1999
Salmon	115%	85%
Big Wood	127%	88%
Little Lost	116%	82%
Big Lost	114%	82%
Little Lost	101%	71%
Henny Fork/Teton	118%	90%
Upper Snake Basin	119%	85%
Oakley	149%	115%
Salmon Fork	134%	103%

As of Feb. 22

A comparison of basin snowpack, in inches, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the spring snowmelt, which peaks in late May.

Expert says coal-gasification plant not a good fit for Idaho

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — Coal-gasification plants, such as the one being considered near Pocatello, might not fare so well in Idaho, an energy expert told a legislative committee on Wednesday. "It probably would not be a good fit for Idaho," said Tom Hewson, of Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc.

Hewson's company serves as a consultant to energy companies and provides forecasts of the energy market. He spoke to members of the House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee at the request of Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover. In Hewson's opinion, pulverized coal plants, like the one proposed near Jerome, are a better fit for Idaho.

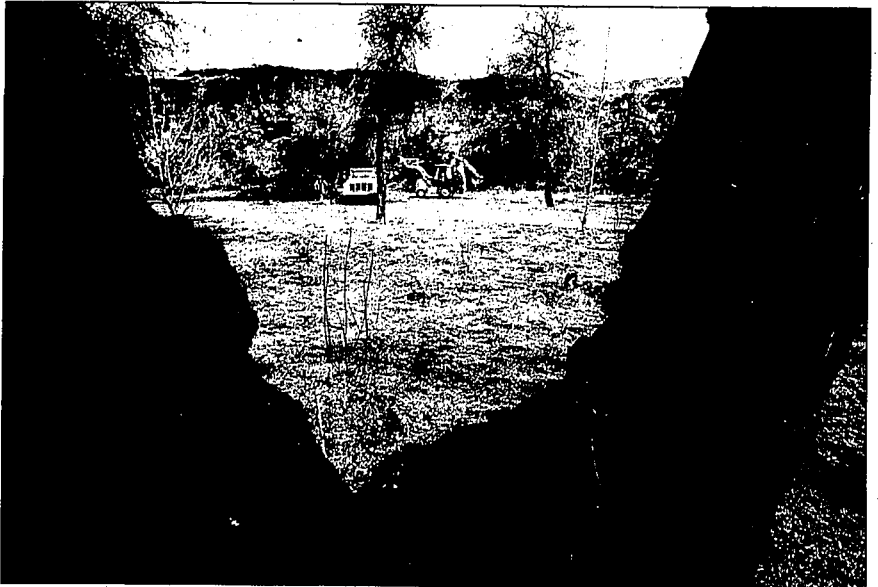
Energy announced its intent to build a 520-megawatt coal-gasification plant at the former FMC site outside of Pocatello. Shortly after, Sempra Generation officials announced their plan for a 600-megawatt coal-fired plant near Jerome. Coal-gasification proves more efficient when it uses coal from the East Coast, Hewson said last year. Southeast Idaho

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A Russian olive tree frames a Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways' crew Wednesday afternoon while they work in Rock Creek Park. The work is part of the department's Rock Creek Native Recovery Project. Hundreds of Russian olive trees are being removed from the park, so other trees can be planted in their place.

Russian olive causes many problems, parks chief says

By Caselody Prindman
For The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Russian olive tree is the Idaho what kudzu is to the Southeast and eucalyptus is to the West Coast: a hated enemy of native vegetation.

Environmental technicians for Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways are daily to banish the loathed tree from Rock Creek Park.

"We cut them down with chainsaws and chip them up with a chipper," said David Hurst with a slight grin. The longer they're left alone, they grow thicker and thicker until they're nothing but a big bundle and they kill all the other plants off.

Normally a high desert community would welcome as many trees as it could get, but the imported species has worn out its welcome, said James Gose-Ellis, director of Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways, who is in charge of the park project.

"I'd like to see them on the hit list," he said. The thorned tree causes numerous problems. It poisons the soil, damages the



Chuck Shaffer with Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways prepares to cut a Russian olive tree Wednesday at Rock Creek Park.

habitat and absorbs a shockingly large amount of water from the creek, depleting the county's watershed.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality agreed

to give the county \$75,000 for the project.

"I've made a case that the Russian olive tree is damaging the watershed," he said. Gose-Ellis' project is not to

cleanse the park of its infestation. That would be next to impossible, even if Gose-Ellis uprooted every tree in the park, because the tree spreads its seed pods by the millions.

Hurst, who has been working on the half-mile stretch along the north side of the creek that extends from Heiden's Pavilion and terminates at the end of the path, said the project will require continued maintenance after the grant expires.

"There is much more to do here than meets the eye. It's like an assembly line that never ends," Hurst said.

For Jerry Reeves, Hurst's co-worker, toiling to save the park is a personal necessity, like fixing one's home. Other park technicians agree. Rock Creek Park belongs to Reeves.

"Once you've worked in a park for so long, it's like you adopted it," he said.

Although the project targets water quality problems, Gose-Ellis said that by replacing the Russian olive trees with native growth, the county is improving its park in several other ways. Clearing brush and increasing visibility around the pathway, a task Gose-Ellis hopes to finish before summer, will make walking the pathway more pedestrian-friendly in time for the influx of summer crowds.

Injured Marine now at Walter Reed

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tuesday was graduation day for Marine Cpl. Travis Greene.

He finally joined his battle buddies over at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After two and a half months at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., the Marine finally got to pack his bags and move the 10 miles or so up the street to the Army's largest health care facility. Now, he'll begin a new journey of intensive physical therapy and of learning to walk again on prostheses.

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star

on the Bruin track and field team, lost both of his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ram Admal, Iraq, just west of Baghdad. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were injured, all of them losing one or both of their legs. They've been at Walter Reed for about a month.

If anyone knows how much Greene is capable of accomplishing, it's his old high school track coach Jerry Kleinkopf. The Marine might have lost his winning legs, but the athlete is still there, Kleinkopf said.

"I think he still is one," Kleinkopf said Wednesday. "And he's got all that Marine Corps

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Jerome council hears mostly negative views about Sempra

By Cathy Roemer
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome City Council provided interested citizens a forum Tuesday night to speak their minds concerning Sempra Generation's proposal to build a 600 megawatt coal-fired power plant in Jerome County.

Attendance was sparse, and those who spoke were opposed to Sempra's plans.

Sylvia Dille, whose family lives a mile from the proposed site nine miles north of Jerome, said it was "unconscionable that my family will be the sacrificial lamb for this project."

While Dille succinctly expressed her feelings in one sentence, others took most of their five minutes allotted to them.

Xenia Williams, armed with a copy of National Geographic magazine, showed council members photos in the magazine she felt depicted what Jerome would face if the power plant becomes a reality.

Citing the effects mercury from the plant would have on people, Williams said she didn't want her "brain turned to mush" nor did she want to see "babies in the area have their

Keeping in touch

Friends and strangers have written messages of support in Marine Cpl. Travis Greene's guestbook on the family's CarlingBridge Web site, where Greene's parents also provide daily updates on their son's condition. To read more, or to leave a message, go to the Web site at <http://www.carlingbridge.org> and click on "visit." In the first box, type "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."



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Milford O. Marsh



TWIN FALLS — Milford O. Marsh, age 78, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He was born Jan. 19, 1927, in Mutual, Okla., to Henry Lester Marsh and Nettie Pearl Morgan Marsh. He was the sixth of 12 children. He joined the Navy during World War II and worked in the assembling and repainting of planes. His favorite part was test flying. On Jan. 23, 1949, he married Marva Morgan in Twin Falls and their marriage was later solemnized in the Pacific Falls LDS Temple. They recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

MIA activities department directing many winning road shows. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting and bowing with his wife and many friends. Along with his wife, they would attend girls church camp as chaperones. He enjoyed playful games and long walks with his grand-

children and great-grandchildren. He loved his family and enjoyed family get-togethers.

Survivors include his wife, Marva of Twin Falls; children, Karen D. (Ron) Gutke, David Marsh, Gary Marsh and Sue (Mike) Gant; brothers and sisters, Lillie G. Easley, Dessie D. (John) Courmay, Opal A. Caywood, Robert D. (Nancy) Marsh, Bonnie J. (Don) Murphy; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the 8th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Kasey Teske conducting. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Elva Smith Jensen



TWIN FALLS — Elva Smith Jensen, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006. She was born in Driggs, Idaho, Aug. 24, 1917, to Cora Myrtle Tall and Thomas Smith. The family lived in Driggs, Smithfield, Utah; Reading and Tejon during her youth. She loved school, reading and her teachers. Elva was always happiest when she was learning. She graduated from Sugar City High School in 1933 and from the University of Idaho in 1937 at age 19 with a bachelor's degree in business. She lived in Los Angeles after graduation for three months, then moved to Boise to pursue her career. Her career took her to Twin Falls, where she met Mel Jensen to whom she was assigned as a dancing partner. They fell in love and were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Aug. 26, 1941.

their entire married life, raising their four children on the family farm east of town. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. She loved being with her family—reading, fashion, home-making, pets, family history and learning. She was an elegant, personable woman and had many lifelong friends. She will be deeply missed by her family and all others who knew her. Elva is survived by her husband of 64 years, Melbourne H. Jensen; her brother, John Smith (Ivan) of Moreland, Idaho; children, Stephen Jensen of Palm Harbor, Fla., Christine Richardson (Arlo) of Greeley, Colo., Cynthia Conk (Robin) of Evanston, Wyo., and Scott Jensen (Carrie) of Springville, Utah. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sisters, Karina Behnapp (Amos Kay) and Mable Valen- (Charles); and grandson, Philip Jensen.

After World War II, she worked for the USDA Bureau of Entomology. Her love of learning led her to a teaching position at the Twin Falls Business College and later at Twin Falls High School. Mel and Elva lived in Twin Falls

The family will be receiving visitors at a viewing to be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the Kimberly Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3950 N. 3500 E., Kimberly, with a viewing from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Elva Jensen Memorial, in care of Wells Fargo, 1329 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Anna Mae Taber

SIOSSHOE — Anna Mae Taber, age 88, of Pennsylvania, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born in Pennsylvania and the family of Siooshoes when she became ill. Anna was born March 10, 1917, in Williamsport, Pa., the daughter of Reuben and Mary Mae Bayer Stugart. Survivors include her son, Don (Bevly) Taber of Shoshone; grandsons, Chris (Lynda), Darren (Amie) and Matthew (Toby); great-grandchildren, Edhan, Kaitlin, Martin, Moris, Patrick, Alex and Megan; sisters, Cora, Mary Velma, Betty, Doris, Ruby and Verda. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, John and Gerald.

Survivors include her son, Don (Bevly) Taber of Shoshone; grandsons, Chris (Lynda), Darren (Amie) and Matthew (Toby); great-grandchildren, Edhan, Kaitlin, Martin, Moris, Patrick, Alex and Megan; sisters, Cora, Mary Velma, Betty, Doris, Ruby and Verda. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, John and Gerald.

John Franklin Lenker

GOODING — On Feb. 22, 2006, John Franklin (Frank) Lenker, co-founder of Phat Ed's Cajun Cookin' in Oldie Town Twin Falls, moved on to be with his sister, Bonnie; father, Frank; and mother, Edna. Frank is survived by his daughter, Judi (Pat Sabio); sons,

Jeff (Deanna) and Jon (Michelle); sisters, Glenna (Bert Watson), Sally Bloxham and Becky (Phil Bowler); brother, Jay (Sandy); and ex-wife, Kathy. Frank was blessed with nine grandchildren: Ashley, Sharda, Tierra, Michael, Re-

SERVICES

Walter "Walt" Baltzer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 1/2 4th Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Chapel and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Allen George Osterhout of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Raymond Fuller Orr Jr. of Buhl, celebration of life for friends and family from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Mark Otto DeVries of Eden, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church south of Eden (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Burley).

DEATH NOTICES

Edward William Czabator of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Hugo Guadalupe Johnson of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Ida Mae Bal of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 220 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., and from 1 to 1:45

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

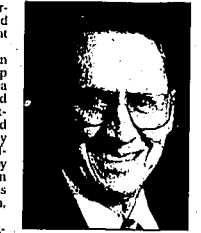
Ben Steen — Twin Falls — Ben Steen, 28, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, in the South Hills.

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

Dr. James R. Kircher — James Raymond Kircher MD, 67, of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at his home.

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

J. Fred Winterholler



Jerome — J. Fred Winterholler, 81, of Jerome, passed away Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at his home.

He was born Nov. 2, 1924, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Phillip Winterholler II and Doreen Bihndervald Winterholler. Fred was raised in Jerome and attended schools there. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He married Betty Joy Wood on Nov. 5, 1955, in Jerome. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple.

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and sense of humor.

He was an avid tomato gardener and everybody's favorite "Uncle Fred." He especially loved his sweetheart, Betty, and their children and grandchildren. He was an active member

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; their children, Pennie (Paul) and Edith of Centennial, Colo., and Seth Winterholler of Twin Falls. He is also survived by

five grandchildren, Jessica Elder, Michael Elder, Brooke Winterholler, Jade Winterholler and Savannah Winterholler; one brother, William Winterholler of Kimberly; and one sister, Sophie Kinney of Salem. One family extended care family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and three brothers.

The funeral for Mr. Winterholler will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, in the Jerome LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 26 N. 100 E. in Jerome, with Bishop David Davis officiating. A visitation will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, where family and friends may call, and again one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Adeline Marie Parrott



Jerome — Adeline Marie Parrott, 66, of Jerome, joined her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006.

She was born Aug. 14, 1937, in Alexandria, Neb., the daughter of O'Neil Dickson and Agnes Theime Dickson. She married Bruce Roger Parrott on Oct. 31, 1953, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Adeline was surrounded and cared for by her loving family and her own personal "Angels." Carolyn Boyd and Joan Beach and the rest of the blessed staff of Hospice Visitation.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Bruce; daughters, Ruth (Marion) Vonk, Sherry (Andrew) DeFuw and Jolly Parrott, all of Boise, and Shawna (Terry) Harbaugh and Gina (Michael) Ordaz, all of Jerome. She is also survived by her grandchildren, JoAnn (Shelby Leverage) DeFuw, Teathea (Michael) Chapman, Joseph "EJ" (Heather) Har-

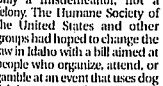
baugh, Joshua (Sarah) Harbaugh, Matthew (Dianne) Harbaugh, Jon and Kate Vonk, Dennis, Emily and Nicholas Nathan, Megan Harbaugh and Kelsey, Mallory, Jennifer and Mikey Ordaz; great-grandchildren, Alexander, Savannah, Adeline and Chloe; and one sister, Louella (Ray) Michaels. She

was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Frank Dickson; daughter, Cindy Nathan; and son, Edward. Adeline's legacy will continue to grow as we pass on the memories, lessons and love she shared with us all as a wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma. A celebration of Adeline's life will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome, with Pastor Peter Page officiating. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, also at the First Church of God, where family and friends may call. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Jerome Food Pantry, 131 E. Ave. F; Jerome, ID 83338. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Committee: Go fetch dogfighting evidence

BOISE (AP) — A bill that would make staging a dogfight a felony has been shelved so its supporters spend the coming year finding hard evidence the practice exists. They plan to come back with revised legislation and better proof there are illegal dogfights happening within Idaho borders, said the sponsor, Rep. Tom Trull. He had been a state legislator in the House, Agricultural Affairs Committee. "I would not have voted for a felony for a first conviction," said Trull, R-Moscow. Idaho is one of only two U.S. states — Wyoming is the other — which staging a dog fight is only a misdemeanor, not a felony. The Humane Society of the United States and other groups had hoped to change the law in Idaho with a bill aimed at people who organize, attend, or gamble at an event that uses dog fighting as entertainment. Last week, several people testified in favor of Trull's bill, saying illegal dogfights attract other crimes such as drug trafficking, and are cruel to the animals. Seattle-based Humane Society lobbyist Inga Gibson showed the committee a short film of dogs fighting in a blood-spattered pit as their handlers moved out of the animals' way.

time to come up with more evidence and to refine the legislation to make it more clear that kind of dogfights are criminal. "We don't want to do something that we're going to be sorry about afterwards," said committee Chairman Frances Field, R-Grand View. Field said she was concerned about making sheep herders liable. "If you trail the sheep in Hailley, what if some of those sheepsheads get somebody's dog on the way through?" Field said. "Is that a felony? I want them to clarify that." Gibson will be working with Trull over the coming months to craft new legislation. She said Wednesday she was disappointed the committee didn't pass the legislation that was introduced this year.



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Water quality group offers help with industrial zone plans

By Rusty Tews
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Middle-Snake Regional Water Resource commissioners met Feb. 15 in Twin Falls to finalize their recommendations to Magic Valley counties for performance standards for heavy industrial land uses.

The Mid-Snake group is an association of six Magic Valley counties charged with investigating water quality issues and developing recommendations for county leaders. Member counties include: Lincoln,

Jerome, Twin Falls, Minidoka, Gooding and Cassia. The Commission developed their Industrial Land Use standards to assist Magic Valley planners concerned with large-scale developments. Commission Chairman Lew Pence, of Gooding, said that "everything comes down to the water quality."

"The recommendations include language, definitions and considerations counties can use to regulate large-scale industrial developments."

"We need a tool to help P & Z and county commissions deal

At a glance

Member counties include Lincoln, Jerome, Twin Falls, Minidoka, Gooding, and Cassia. Two residents from each county serve on the commission.

Bob Murray, commission administrator, can be reached at 924-4484 or at bmurray@magicvalleyagency.myr.net.

with large-scale developments," said Kerry McMurray, Cassia County administrator. "This will establish some standards coun-

ties can use to address these projects and make up their own minds."

The performance standards include considerations of hazards (such as fire and radioactivity) with suggested provisions for public protection — in that most county plans and ordinances currently address. One provision of the standards suggests developers be required to prevent "radioactive or electrical disturbance" from leaving the site.

"Other recommendations included mitigation plans for economic costs of the developments and planning commissions. Information on the standards will be available in the member counties."

"We appreciate your efforts to help Jerome develop our zoning ordinances," said Veronica Livingston, Jerome County commissioner.

Rusty Tews lives in the north Shoshone area and can be contacted by e-mail at rustytews12@aol.com.

House starts debate on community college plan

BOISE, Idaho — The House Education Committee will take testimony on Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan for a statewide community college system.

The panel cleared the governor's initiative for further debate Wednesday with little discussion.

Among other things, the governor's proposal would give the state Board of Education authority to establish a network of community col-

leges in the state and set out six regions, or districts, where those colleges would be located. Kempthorne wants to use \$5 million from the state general fund to pay for expanded community college services, with the existing colleges supported, as they are now, by general funds and property taxes.

Committee passes tax district plan

BOISE, Idaho — Legislation supported by an Arizona development company that would create new taxing districts for housing developments passed

the House tax committee Wednesday and now heads to the House floor.

SunCor, the company behind the 630-acre, 684-home Avimor planned community north of Eagle, wants lawmakers to let property owners create tax districts that would be able to issue bonds or levy taxes. That would help pay for infrastructure such as water utilities, roads, trails, parks and police and fire stations in advance. It would not cover schools.

The development company is making its third attempt to pass the proposal into Idaho law. Last year a similar bill made

it through the House, but died in a Senate committee. In 2001, the bill died before making it out of the House tax committee.

Supporters of the legislation say it would provide local governments with a mechanism to pay for new growth, quieting complaints from homeowners who say developments are driving up their property taxes.

SunCor lobbyist Mike Brassey said the bill would allow the company to contribute money to improve State Highway 55 and create local parks around its Avimor project.

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Cliff Simms Estate Consignment

WELDER - MOTORBIKE - LAWN MOWER

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Said, Idaho's elevation also serves as a detriment to locating a coal-gasification plant in that area.

Heyson, however, did think that Sempra's plant might be a fit for the state. The proximity of the company's planned site to Wyoming where it would get low-cost, low-sulfur Powder River Basin coal makes good sense, he said.

"There is a belief that pulverized coal is an old technology," Heyson said. But, "it is always advancing."

Sempra would use the "supercritical" type of pulverized coal technology at its Jerome plant. Heyson estimated that Sempra's plant would be one of the lowest emitters of air pollutants in the country compared to average emission rates of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury by power plants today.

Sempra

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Because Obenauer's military background involved testing the ill effects chemical residue in soils have on people, she has concerns the chemicals emitted from a coal-fired plant will build up and contaminate soil.

Obenauer also said she lived near two coal-fired plants in South Carolina at a yellow "icky smoke" fell over the valley where she lived.

"I'm no tree-hugger, but we really need to look at the long-term ramifications of a coal-fired plant coming here," she said. "We need to be good stewards of our environment."

Cathy Bauner lives in Jerome and can be reached by e-mail at cm@eremnet.net.

Marine

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training behind him. He's got to be in awfully good condition and that probably is one of the things that kept him alive. I think what's going to happen is he will start to surprise people with how well he's able to respond to physical therapy and how quickly he's going to adjust."

Moving day was something the Greene family had long been waiting for.

"Tonight we are at Walter Reed," Terry Greene wrote Tuesday evening on the family's CaringBridge Web site. "We moved earlier today and what a chore that was. Travis handled the move well and is settled in. This place is HUGE."

The 260-bed Walter Reed Army Medical Center sits on 113 acres on the north end of the nation's capital. According to the hospital's Web site, its amputee clinic includes physical and occupational therapists, orthopedic surgeons, psychiatrists and psychologists, physician assistants, social workers, physiatrists, nurses and prosthetists who work together to provide comprehensive treatment throughout a patient's recovery.

"I came in later this afternoon and did an evaluation of

Marine

him," Terry Greene wrote Tuesday. "Prosthetic doctors came by to check him for casting a cup for his limbs. They will do this in a few days."

Greene was scheduled for his first round of physical therapy at Walter Reed after lunch Wednesday.

"They will start with some stretches and some things to increase his upper body strength," the Marine's father wrote. "I'm quite sure it will be a big day."

Once Greene is strong enough and up on his prostheses, he'll stay an outpatient and will live at the Mologne House, a hotel with a dining room on the Walter Reed campus, said his mother, Sue Greene. His parents also will take turns staying in lodging on the Walter Reed campus as soon as a room opens up. They're currently staying in family lodging on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center.

Greene was on his third tour of Iraq when he was injured. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Marine

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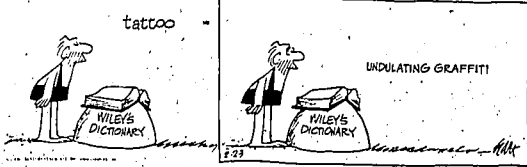
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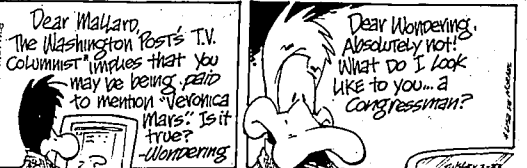
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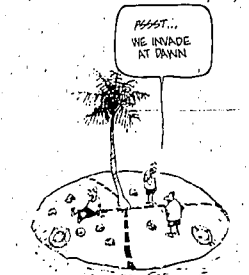
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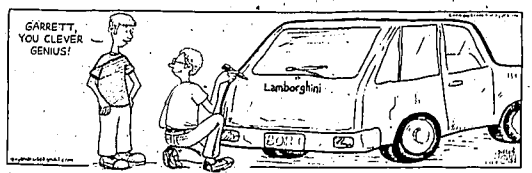


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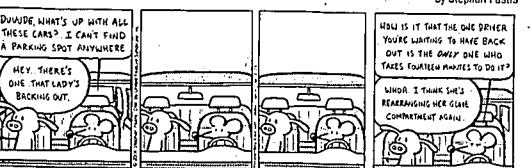
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Leo: Run away from love interest

IF FEB. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you march to your own drummer this year, but a few small compromises along the way could really smooth things at home. By autumn, some serious changes are in the wind in your career, and they'll be a real stomp if you've sown the right seeds. Thoughts and feelings may need some reconciliation about midyear. Find the right balance so that all your needs are met at least some of the time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let a lull in your legendary energy level cause any worry — you'll be back with a bang soon! Continue to cultivate patience and avoid rushing into anything; the stars still counsel waiting to begin anything of importance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You can compromise your way through almost anything now. However, it is important to avoid any new beginnings or making any plans that could become cast in cement. Use your rock-solid good sense to guide you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Plans that seem solid on the surface could be riddled with flaws that could leave you skating on thin ice. Delay both beginning new endeavors, and finalizing any plans. Success is much more likely under future

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

favorable stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let a caustic tongue or a devil-may-care attitude get you into any jams, and be especially careful not to mislead others or yourself. Ignore any really over-the-top emotions later in the day—they'll pass, and you'll be glad you didn't act on them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New stars in love or career are anathema now, so don't just walk away — run! Even your amazing skills and abilities can't overcome difficult stars now. Be assured that your opportunity to shine is on its way.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Choose your words carefully because misunderstandings are more likely to happen now if anything seems too good to be true, it probably is. Downright deceit could even be a peril. Getting a really check from someone you respect might be a wise course.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your Libran talent for analysis could mislead you for now — a seer, leading you to inaccurate conclusions. Set an example to

all by dealing with all people fairly and justly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your Scorpio caution is merited now. Things are almost certainly at least somewhat better than they appear. Take things slow and easy and wait for more information to be revealed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have enough energy for three people now, and keeping busy will keep any nervousness or impatience in check. Don't let impulsivity push you into premature action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful that you're not too much of a steamroller. You have a lot of control over others now, so use it wisely to create better things that are for the best benefit of all concerned. Disciplined thinking is your forte.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Creative ideas may flood your mind, but be sure they are grounded in reality. This could be an excellent time to impress others with your savoir faire because you are quite the authority now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your gentle and soothing presence can help others through a rather challenging couple of days. Cause for celebration may be close at hand, so be patient and await the unfolding coming next week.

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News of couple's marriage brings daughter to tears



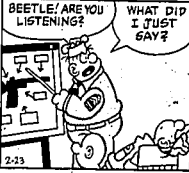
DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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—CARING GRANDMOTHER-TO-BE
DEAR ABBY: I'm reminded that she told you how mentally ill her mother was, which was proven to be true by the fact she committed suicide while Patty was in jail. Explain that her mother may have thought you said she (Patty) needed institutionalization, but that she was "confused." What you really said was that Patty should be evaluated to determine the cause of her mood swings, and to determine if there was medication she could take to calm them.
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1/2 months pregnant. Patty is bipolar, but she is not being treated for it and will not take medication. She has gotten mad at Ian and literally beaten him up. The last time it happened, Ian ended up with scratches on his face and a large bite on his upper arm. Patty was arrested and had to spend four days in jail.
In the meantime, her mother, Liz, came over to Ian's house and proceeded to tell me about Patty's life.
Before this all happened, Patty told me she didn't want to be a mother. She was "crazy." While Patty was in jail, Liz told her that I had said Patty needed to be institutionalized. What I did say was that Patty needs to be analyzed. Her mother also said that Ian's house has "bad spirits" in it. Now Patty refuses to move back home with my son.
Abby, this girl needs a lot of understanding and help, but how can I help her if she thinks I said all these bad things about her? A horrible thing happened while Patty was in jail. Her mother killed herself. What can I do to help her? I know and understand her special needs. I want to be there for her and the

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

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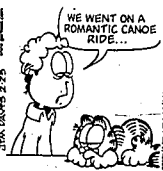
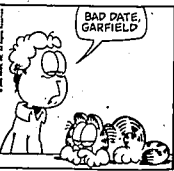
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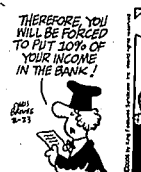
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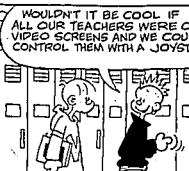
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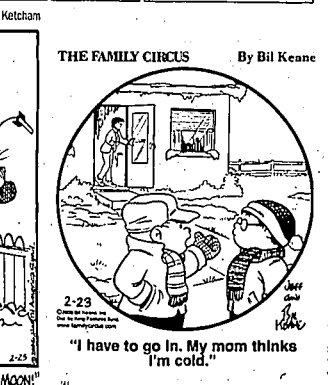
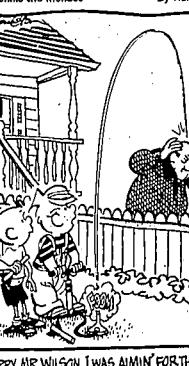
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'SORRY, MR. WILSON, I WAS A-MIN' FOR THE MOON!'

DEAR ABBY: What should I have said to my new 24-year-old stepdaughter who started being CARING? Reminded that she told you how mentally ill her mother was, which was proven to be true by the fact she committed suicide while Patty was in jail. Explain that her mother may have thought you said she (Patty) needed institutionalization, but that she was "confused." What you really said was that Patty should be evaluated to determine the cause of her mood swings, and to determine if there was medication she could take to calm them.
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—CRUSHED IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR ABBY: I don't blame you for feeling her behavior was rude, tacky, inappropriate and cruel. But you are all "family" now, and face it, you will be seeing her again. So my recommendation is to recognize that she was spoiled and forgive her candor and loss of control. But don't forget it.
DEAR ABBY: My son, "Ian," has a girlfriend, "Patty," who is 5

Texas has only one natural lake

Texas has only one natural lake. It's Caddo Lake, a swampy labyrinth of bays that covers 32,000 acres.
Festivals are responsible for at least 67 million bird deaths each year, says the Smithsonian Institute. If you cutting can be held responsible in up to a million more death annually.
"Wisdom teeth" got that name because they come in when you're older and presumably wiser. Big-jawed early humans found it harder for chewing raw meat. However, after tens of thousands of years of softening our food by cooking, our jaws have grown smaller, and wisdom teeth now seem a little foolish.
Gold Rush entrepreneur Levi Strauss first patented rivets for jeans, but it was a Nevada tailor named Jacob Davis who invented them. Jacob couldn't afford



to patent the idea himself, so he struck a bargain with Strauss: you pay for the patent and we share the profits.
The Baptism of Pocahontas is a painting hanging in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol. But ooops — artist John G. Chapman made a slight blunder. One of the Native Americans in the painting has six toes on his foot.
The scientific name for a dragonfly is Libellula ("little book"), referring to its book-like wings.

You'd think that the black and white stripes of a zebra wouldn't work very well as camouflage in Africa, but it turns out that lions, cheetahs and hyenas don't see colors well, so rely on stripes when hunting. When they look out across the plain, they often miss zebras because the stripes mask the outline of the animal.
Don't believe everything you see on television. On TV shows, about two out of three heart-attack victims who get cardiopulmonary resuscitation survive. In real life, the survival rate of CPR outside a hospital setting is more like one in eight.
Saturn's rings may get all the attention, but Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune have them, too.
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Porcine and bongo find love at zoo

LOS ANGELES — Shortly after his mate went to hog heaven, Willy the Red River porcine spied a new mud-pen pal in what officials are calling one of the oddest pairings at the Los Angeles Zoo.
Willy is a 10-year-old, 187-pound hog and his new mate is a 16-year-old bongo named Nicole, the largest member of the forest antelope family.
The couple shares a muddy zoo exhibit where they nap and cuddle together — even nuzzling snout to nose.
"It's adorable. Wherever that bongo is, the hog is usually nearby," zoo spokesman Jason Jacobs said.
Willy's previous mate Ruby died last summer of cancer and within a week the hog turned to Nicole for companionship.
"I think he was probably lonely. He definitely was aware that his mate was gone," exhibit curator Jeff Holland said.
Nicole wasn't interested in Willy at first, but the persistent pig eventually won her over. They now share breakfast, groom each other and take walks together. Nicole leads, and Willy trails closely behind.
"I think he definitely likes her more than she likes him," Holland said.
It isn't known how long Willy and Nicole will be together. Curators hope to bring another bongo to the zoo for Nicole, probably another female, and Willy could be moved to another part of the zoo with other hogs.

Odds and Ends
e of age at Kennedy International Airport. Paul Leprane, the dog's co-owner, told Newsday.
"They are telling us that she is alive and they are telling us she is warm," said Honi Reisman, a friend of the dog's owners.
"They are saying she's in a building — but there are hundreds of buildings."
According to breeder Bo Bengtson, the animal bolted across the tarmac last week at 25 mph as workers chased her on foot and in three cars. The 3-year-old whippet, also known as Champ, slipped into a ditch with Nicole's Bohem Cest La Vie, nuzzled into a marsh area and disappeared.
The dog's escape came within days of winning an award of merit at the Westminster Kennel Club show, the nation's most prestigious.
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Tattoo spoils fate
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Psychics offer help in locating lost show dog
NEW YORK — With few physical clues to the whereabouts of an escaped show dog, the hunt for the award-winning whippet has entered another realm.
About 12 psychics are counseling searchers as they check the located cargo buildings near where Vivi escaped from a trav-

Town wants to paint tower to resemble pancakes
BURLINGTON, Ohio — This would be one big short stack.
Local boosters want this small northeast Ohio village, known as Pancake Town, U.S.A., to repaint its water tower to resemble a stack of flapjacks — complete with dripping maple syrup and melting butter.
"I think pancakes and you think Burton," said Lovas, who calls the idea "absolutely delicious."
Some people are worried that having a 150,000-gallon water tower that looks like a stack of pancakes would be too tacky for the village's historic district. Others are concerned it is only water to resemble a proper image for the late winter syrup-making season.
On a 90-degree day, that's just unappetizing," Mayor Nick Fischback said.
The Village Council likely will decide the issue. The tower already is scheduled for a paint job this summer.
The mayor said he would support the project if donations cover the additional painting cost, estimated at \$35,000.
Lovas believes she can raise the money.
"People would drive out to Burton just to see it," she said. "Then we'd feed them."
— compiled from wire reports

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Panel rejects kindergarten plan

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The House Education Committee on Wednesday rejected a bill that would have altered state law regarding kindergarten.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jana Kemp, R-Boise, would have repealed earlier legislation that specified kindergarten was not compulsory. Kemp told fellow committee members that the proposed change would not require districts to provide kindergarten, nor force children to enroll their children in the classes.

School is mandatory in Idaho for children ages 7 to 16.



"There are plenty of protections for people who want to keep their children at home up to the age of 7 based on existing law," Kemp said. "If we repeal this, it doesn't suddenly make it mandatory. A new law would be required to make anything mandatory."

She told the panel the move would send a message that Idaho supports kindergarten. She said it's now offered in all

114 of the state's school districts.

By passing the bill, "we are validating the usefulness of kindergarten; we are educating the community at large that we are already investing in kindergarten," Kemp said.

But Barry Peters, an Eagle lawyer and legal adviser for the Idaho Coalition for Home Educators, said the kindergarten programs available in every district made the move unnecessary.

"There is a significant body of data that is showing that the earlier we put children into an institutional instructional environment, the worse they do in the long run," Peters told the committee. "I would encourage

you to put the brakes on validating something that already exists."

Rep. Pete Nielson, R-Mountain Home, said he feared that changing the law would enable the state to require kindergarten later on.

"We're saying a different intent than we used to say and that intent could be followed by adverse rules," said Nielson. "Kindergarten has validated itself already by most parents wanting to do it voluntarily, and that's the American way. I see no reason why the state should step in by saying 'Thou shalt,' or even change the intent by one little bit."

The committee voted 9 to 8 against the move.

Idaho Senate passes anti-gang legislation

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A bill making it illegal to recruit gang members or provide them with weapons won unanimous approval from the Idaho Senate on Wednesday.

The bill, which still must pass the House and be signed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, is needed to keep Idaho's gang problem from spiraling out of control, Sen. John McGehee, R-Caldwell, said.

"Gangs are serious business. The gang activity we are seeing in the streets is organized crime, make no doubt about that," McGehee said. "This provides a definition for the first time in Idaho history about what a gang is."

Besides legally defining a gang, the bill makes it illegal for gangs to recruit new members and establishes tougher penalties for gang members who commit certain crimes.

Idaho's gang problems have increased dramatically in recent years, with drive-by shootings becoming commonplace in cities such as Caldwell.

In recent months, law enforcement agencies have been creating a database of known gang members, with Nampa police claiming they've documented nearly 500 members.

"Before we had these tools, it was impossible to determine who was in a gang and who was a gang member," McGehee said. "We are not punishing those who are being recruited. Rather, we are targeting those who are recruiting them."

Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, R-Houston, said gang activity in Idaho was influencing some of the state's youngest residents.

"As a teacher in Caldwell, I saw little children coming in and flashing gang signs," she said.

"We must give a message to gangs that Idaho is too great for gangs, and that gangs are not welcome in Idaho."

Duncan lawyers seek delay

By Nicholas K. Goranlos
Associated Press writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — Prosecutors on Thursday plan to ask an Idaho judge to keep an April 4 trial date for Joseph Edward Duncan III, in part to help 9-year-old witness Shasta Greene.

Lawyers for Duncan have asked that the trial date be moved back to November, to give them extra time to prepare a defense for Duncan, who faces the death penalty for three slayings near Coeur d'Alene last year.

This week, Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas said Duncan's lawyers have already received one delay and should not be granted another.

Idaho law requires the court to "minimize the length of time the child must endure the stress of his or her involvement in the proceedings," Douglas wrote in a motion filed Thursday.

First District Judge Fred Gable will hear arguments from the two sides on Thursday in Coeur d'Alene. Other motions, such as bringing a jury from outside the area to hear the case, will be considered in March.

Shasta is the sole survivor of the carnage at her home last May 16.

Duncan is being held without bail in the Kootenai County jail on charges of killing her mother, older brother and mother's boyfriend in an act that authorities said was intended to allow Duncan to kidnap Shasta and brother Dylan Greene, 9, for sex. Shasta was recovered alive seven weeks later, but Dylan was killed.

Duncan's arrest last July and the revelations that he had a long history of preying on children for sex has prompted calls in the legislatures of Washington, Idaho and other states to get tougher on sex predators. Washington voters will also consider an initiative this year that seeks to lock up violent sex offenders for life after a first conviction.

Duncan's lawyers want the trial pushed back in part to wait for a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the insanity defense.

WINTER THRILLS



Viktor Purtell, 4, screams as he and his father, Joe Purtell, of Anaheim, Calif., ride a snow tube together in the San Bernardino Mountains near Arrowbear Lake, Calif. Weekend storms, cold temperatures and the President's Day holiday combined for fun in the snow Monday.

Missing python found hiding in ceiling

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bessy the Burmese python is recovering in an animal shelter after spending two weeks dodging searchers and an infrared camera in a 57,000-square-foot apartment complex in this southeastern Idaho town.

The 8-foot-snake's hiding spot was found Tuesday by another "snake" — a 100-foot-long device with a camera on the end normally used to locate plumbing problems in hard-to-reach places.

"It's the most interesting plumbing job I've had so far," said Kip Salas of Advanced Plumbing, who discovered Bessy in the bathroom ceiling after a three-hour search of the apartment below the unit from which she escaped.

"I'm just glad she's alive and not hurt too badly," Chelsea Stanford, the python's owner, told The Post Register.

After finding the snake, Stanford and animal control officers

tried to lure her out with a white rat snack without success. So they lassoed Bessy with a steel collar and dragged her from the hole in the ceiling.

It's a very significant step. It's what we've been working toward for the last 8.5, nine years," said Sue Martin, a spokeswoman for Private Fuel Storage.

Nuke agency licenses Utah Goshute facility

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission formally granted a license to Private Fuel Storage, allowing the group of utilities to begin marketing their proposed storage site in the Utah desert for spent nuclear fuel from commercial reactors.

The license issued Tuesday, a week after the commission approved a draft, includes small changes made at the state of Utah's suggestion. It would allow the consortium to receive and store up to 44,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation about 50 miles from Salt Lake City, but only if certain conditions are met.

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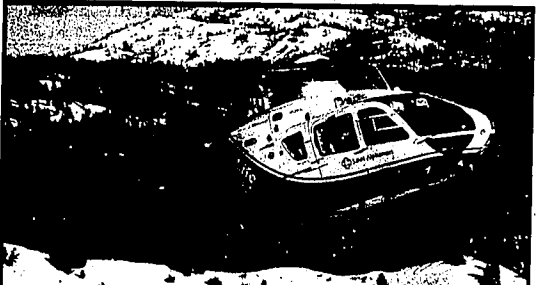
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Artist speaks at Eagle's Nest

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho and the Access & Leadership Project present Alma Gomez's art today in the Eagle's Nest. The event is free.

Gomez is a visual artist and teaches as adjunct faculty for the art department at Boise State University. She has been commissioned to paint murals for the Idaho Migrant Council and Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho and is currently working on a mural for the ISU education department. Her work has been selected for regional, national and international exhibits. Her work addresses the parallels between Mesosamerican and Catholic religious syncretism and a Chicano identity.

AFTER THE STORM Can Cancun recover in the wake of a hurricane?

Mexico's most popular tourist destination was turned upside down last October when Hurricane Wilma barreled through town. Three days of high winds, some reaching more than 145 mph, and torrential rains turned Cancun into a nightmare that continues to linger.



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

Mother Nature haphazardly remodeled some of the most beautiful and pristine beaches known to mankind. More than 80 percent of Cancun's hotels were shut down after Hurricane Wilma passed over the Yucatan. The city, which was once the beloved playground of honeymooners and spring break enthusiasts went from a roar to a whisper overnight.

Since October, the Mexican government, along with 750,000 tourist dependent residents, have worked hard to restore beauty to this 75-mile stretch of Caribbean coastline. Mexican President Vicente Fox has called in the troops to get Cancun back on her feet. More than \$20 million have been contributed toward beach restoration and another \$10 million are earmarked for the re-construction of Kukulcan Boulevard, the main drag along one of the most dramatic stretches of beachfront property in the world.

Mexico relies heavily on the tourist dollar.



The beach at Cancun before Hurricane Wilma struck last October.



Taxi drivers wait for tourists to return to the Yucatan. Billions spent by international travelers last year came from Cancun. These figures paint a

dismal picture that is slowly improving as tourists and their dollars return to what is left of the crystalline beaches of Cancun.

The question remains, will Cancun be restored and ready for 2006 spring break action? According to Leo Lin, a representative at Fun Jet Vacations, one of the nation's largest travel agencies specializing in Mexico vacations, the answer is a hesitant, "yes."

"We are still booking a lot of Cancun. People still want to go to despite the damage. Some hotels and other structures in the area were damaged beyond repair. The Beach Palace has been demolished and is in the process of being rebuilt. Several other locations have been re-opened for months," Lin said. On a local level, travel agent Elba Car-

rollers of Desert Sun Travel in Twin Falls says, "We are not booking a lot of Cancun this year. Travelers are not sure they want to go there yet."

"Many tourists are opting to go further south on the Yucatan Peninsula to places such as Tulum and Playa Del Carmen. Those places are up and running at 90 percent," she said.

The island of Cozumel, a famous diving destination just east of Cancun, suffered a double hit last year during hurricane season. Hurricane Emily hit in July and left extensive damage behind. Once the island recovered from Emily, Hurricane Wilma blew through and left scars no one could have ever imagined.

Recovery has been slow on the island. The most devastating loss came with the destruction of the huge docks that cruise ships used when bringing tourists in for day excursions to the island. Slowly, cruise ships have returned to the island, though many are anchoring several fathoms out to sea and shuttling tourists to shore by small watercraft.

The Mexican government and the people of Mexico are to be commended for the efforts they have put forth to restore Cancun and the surrounding areas to their former glory. The place that many of us know as paradise has survived the storm. She is just a little slow getting back on her feet.

Travel agent Elba Carruthers said it best when she told me, "Cancun will be back, it will just be different."

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



Noticias

Apply for Image de Idaho scholarship for 2006-07

BOISE — Applications for the Image de Idaho scholarships for the 2006-07 school year are available online.

Applications are due March 3 and can be downloaded at www.imagedeidaho.org. Students receiving the scholarships will be notified in May and scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500. An applicant must be a high school senior or current undergraduate student, an Idaho resident and of Hispanic descent. For more information, contact Lori Manzanteras at 334-2999.

4-H curriculum draws on arts to illustrate concepts

MOSCOW — A curriculum team of University of Idaho extension educators from six states, coordinated by the UI State 4-H Office, chose the arts to help kindergarten through eighth-grade youngsters explore their cultural differences and similarities.

"Que Rico! La Cultura" was released through the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System in fall 2005.

Que Rico! literally means how rich or cool!

Activities in all 148-pages are described in Spanish and English. As participants emboss masks, carve wooden figurines, design mosaic tiles, draw murals and make pole puppets, they examine cultural issues. Project writer/editor Brian Luckey, a Canyon County UI Extension educator, says he expects it to be popular in after-school, camp, and club settings and hopes it will draw Hispanic families to 4-H's youth-development benefits. For more information, contact Luckey at bluckey@uidaho.edu.

UI develops calf-rearing workshops in Spanish

More than 90 percent of workers on southern Idaho dairies are Hispanic. Building on its well-attended Spanish-language milkers' schools, University of Idaho Extension Service has developed a new course for Hispanic dairy workers.

More than 120 Spanish speakers received certificates of completion for "Raising Healthy Calves" last summer in Blackfoot, Caldwell and Twin Falls workshops. More are planned this year. Attendees learn calving area cleanliness, physiology of birth, calving assistance, basic neonatal management, colostrum feeding, calf health, nutrition and calf housing.

"This is a natural progression of our Spanish-language education programs," says Michelle Chahine, UI Extension dairy specialist in Twin Falls, who headed a team of six UI specialists/educators and a Pfizer animal health manager to create the program. Workshops cost \$10 to \$15, including lunch. For more information, contact Michelle Chahine at mchahine@uidaho.edu.

The Associated Press

SIERRA NEGRA, Mexico — In the biggest joint Mexico-U.S. scientific venture ever, builders are finishing a monster telescope on top of one of the world's tallest mountains look back 13 billion years and uncover secrets about the creation of the universe.

President Vicente Fox and Mexico's scientific community have championed the telescope, the largest of its kind in the world, saying it shows how a developing country can play a major role in cutting-edge technology.

Yet the fact that most of the U.S. funding comes from the Defense Department has worried some Mexicans who are leery of any military connection with their powerful northern neighbor.

"We want Mexico to be in the



A 160-foot telescope is shown at the summit of the 15,000-foot Sierra Negra in Puebla, Mexico. In the biggest joint Mexico-U.S. scientific venture ever, builders are finishing the monster telescope that will allow stargazers to look back 13 billion years in time.

vanguard of scientific advance, but it would be better if all the money came from non-military sources," said Rosa Maria

Aviles, a federal lawmaker on the lower house of Congress' Science and Technology Committee. "We are a pacifist nation."

U.S. and Mexican scientists say the Pentagon often funds scientific projects so it can use the technology, but the actual telescope will have no direct military use.

With a 165-foot antenna and a total cost of nearly \$120 million, the project dwarfs any scientific endeavor that Mexico has been involved in before. The gleaming white structure, which looks like a gigantic satellite dish, springs out of volcanic rocks on the freezing-cold summit of the 15,000-foot-high Sierra Negra.

Located in the central state of Puebla, Sierra Negra is one of six Mexican volcanoes that are higher than any peaks in the continental United States.

Working above cloud level, the telescope will pick up millimeter-long radio waves that have been traveling through space for nearly 13 billion years.

Astronomers will use the information to plot more detailed maps than ever of stars and galaxies as they existed shortly after the Big Bang.

"We will get incredible new insight into how galaxies were first formed," said project scientist David Hughes of Mexico's National Astrophysics, Optics and Electronics Institute. "Once we start operating, we should be making breakthrough discoveries on an almost daily basis."

So far, the United States has invested \$38 million in the project, \$31 million of which came from the Pentagon's central research and development organization.

Defense overtones cloud U.S.-Mexico scientific venture

Popular 'telenovelas' find new home in Miami

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — One of the hottest telenovelas on Spanish-language television — aptly titled "El Cuerpo del Destino" ("The Body of Destiny") — features steamy sex scenes, an evil woman in the lead role, and reincarnation as the main theme.

Its riveting last chapters are being filmed against the clock at South Florida locations, courtesy of a 20-day delay caused by Hurricane Wilma. This telenovela show is not your 'abuelita's' telenovela. For one, NBC, owner of Telemundo, has announced that it will make it an English-language production with a CBS plan to feature an English-language telenovela in prime time this summer — a testament to efforts by major networks to cater to Hispanic viewers, who can be very faithful to their nightly melodramas.

But consider all that makes "El Cuerpo del Destino," shown weekdays at 8 p.m. EST on Telemundo, groundbreaking in its genre: There's the body heat between protagonists Isabel and Salvador — underwater shots of scantily clad ocean trysts, clothes-ripping scenes in a "forest" and the nightly dose of aching kisses. They make the chemistry in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"

seem like kindergarten frolic. While the bulk of telenovelas seen here and across the United States and the Telemundo and Univision networks are filmed in Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia or Brazil, "El Cuerpo" is one of Telemundo's made-in-Miami productions.

Also being filmed here now is the new telenovela "Tierra de Pasiones" ("Land of Passions"), about a dysfunctional, proud family of winemakers, which starts Feb. 20.

Descendants of "Brazen Love," filmed in 2003, "Prisionera" ("Prisoner") and "Anta No Te Hajes" ("Anta Don't Give Up") in 2004-05, and the ongoing one-hour mini-dramas "Decisiones" ("Decisions").

All are Telemundo-ITI Colombia joint-venture productions — and they're turning Miami into another telenovela capital. "Let me put it this way: When we did an open casting for 'Amor Descalzo' three years ago and 15 actors showed up," says Patricia Wills, head of production for Telemundo Studios. "When we did the casting for 'Tierra de Pasiones,' 350 actors showed up." Thirty to 35 percent of Telemundo's telenovela production is now done in Miami, says Telemundo spokesman Alfredo Richard.

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WORLD

Iran offers to finance a Hamas-run Palestinian government

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran offered Wednesday to fund a Hamas-led Palestinian government in the West cuts off aid. But Israel vowed to block any money from Tehran and warned the "Palestinian" was not aligning with what it called "international pariah."

All Larjani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, issued the pledge after a meeting with Khaled Mashal, the Hamas political leader. Mashal and his delegation were in Iran on their latest stop of a four-day and Islamic nationalist visit.

Iran, one of Hamas' strongest backers, shares a nearly identical regional political strategy with the Islamic militant group that won last month's Palestinian parliament elections. Both have called for the destruction of Israel and neither recognizes the Jewish state.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday asked Hamas to form a government. The group has steadfastly refused Western demands to renounce violence, accept Israel's right to exist and abide by past agreements between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The United States and European Union, which consider Hamas a terrorist organization,

have said they will halt hundreds of millions of dollars in aid grants to the Palestinian Authority after a Hamas government takes office unless the group changes its attitude toward Israel and violence.

Hamas suicide bombers have killed hundreds of Israelis. But the group has respected an informal cease-fire since early last year.

"The United States proved that it would not support democracy after it cut its aid to the Palestinian government after Hamas won the elections. We will certainly help the Palesti-

nians," Larjani said, according to an Iran radio report.

Israel and the United States have long accused Iran of giving financial and material support to Hamas. But Iran has always replied it gives only moral backing.

The incoming Palestinian leadership has to decide if it wants to be part of the legitimate international community or if it wants, through its own actions, to align itself with international pariahs," Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said.

Asked whether Israel would

try to block the Iranian funding, Regev replied it would be going to finance a "terrorist" leadership.

"We would be entitled to use all legal means to prevent that money from reaching its destination," he said.

State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli said Wednesday he could not verify the reports that Iran had offered to fund Hamas.

"Iran's support of terror and Israel's support of violence as an acceptable way to achieve political aspirations is contrary to the policy and the statements of

President Abbas," he said, adding "it's frankly contrary to the actions of the civilized world."

Israel condemns Iran for its support of militant groups and accuses Tehran of seeking to produce nuclear weapons — a charge Iran denies.

Last year, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Israel should be "wiped off" the map and called the Nazi Holocaust of 6 million Jews a myth.

Hamas leaders have acknowledged receiving small amounts of Iranian aid, but the group has said it did not want to rely sole-

ly on Iranian funds.

In Kuwait, the Salafi Movement — a Sunni extremist group — called on Muslims and Arabs to offer financial support to Hamas, the "legitimate and elected representative" of the Palestinian people. The movement said Hamas was the target of "political blackmail" to force it to recognize Israel.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, called Monday for Muslim nations to aid a Hamas-led government.

Ahmadinejad also has indicated Hamas should not fear the West's threat to cut off funds.

Serb security officials insist Mladic found

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Serb security officials insisted Wednesday talks were under way for the surrender of top war crimes suspect Gen. Ratko Mladic, despite details by the government and the chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor.

Mladic is wanted on genocide charges for allegedly orchestrating Europe's worst carnage since World War II — the massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys from Srebrenica in 1995 — and other crimes during Bosnia's 1992-95 war.

U.N. war crimes prosecutor Carla Del Ponte said in The Hague that Mladic was in Serbia, "within reach" of authorities, but "remains at large."

Robbers steal \$43.5 million from Bank of England

LONDON (AP) — A gang of armed robbers impersonating police officers tied up employees at a southern England security company and stole the equivalent of \$43.5 million, the Bank of England said Wednesday in disclosing one of the largest bank heists in British history.

The money, about 25 million pounds in bank notes, was stolen overnight in a cash center at Tonbridge in Kent county, a bank spokesman said on condition of anonymity, according to bank policy.

No one was injured in the robbery.

A bank spokesman also said it was possible that more than \$43.5 million was stolen, but the final figure will not be known until the security company completes its accounting.

The heist at Securix Cash Management Ltd. began when some of the thieves, dressed as police officers, stopped the firm's manager as he drove home Tuesday. The manager got into their car, which he believed to be a police vehicle, and was handcuffed by the robbers, authorities said.

At the same time, another team of thieves went to the manager's house, saying he had been in an accident. The men convinced his wife and young son to leave the home and go with them.

The first team, with the manager in the car, met up with a white van and another group of thieves. The manager was placed in the van, which then headed toward the Tonbridge depot, police said.

The manager allegedly was told to cooperate or his family would be hurt.

Early Wednesday morning, the thieves in the van headed to the Tonbridge depot to meet up with accomplices driving a large white truck. The thieves tied up 15 employees and started loading cash into the truck, police said.

It is believed the thieves were in the depot for more than an hour when driving off with the cash, police said.

About an hour later, the staff managed to escape and call police.

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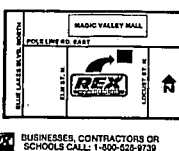
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Nasdaq composite	2,283.17
Standard & Poor's 500	1,292.67
Russell 2000	733.53

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.48	▲ .03
Con Agra	\$20.93	▲ .36
Dell Inc.	\$29.75	▼ .08
Idacorp	\$32.60	▲ .08
Micron	\$10.31	▲ .23

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$61.01	▲ 1.73
(April, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$90.62	▲ .07
Gold (Feb.)	\$553.90	▲ .04

Surging energy costs fueled January inflation

Consumer prices post biggest rise since September

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices shot up in January at the fastest pace in four months as the cost of gasoline and electricity posted big gains.

The Labor Department reported that its closely watched Consumer Price Index rose by

0.7 percent last month, with about 70 percent of that increase coming from higher energy costs. The core rate of inflation, which excludes energy and food, was better behaved, rising by 0.2 percent, a moderate increase that was in line with forecasts.

The Federal Reserve under new Chairman Ben Bernanke is closely watching to see whether the huge gains in energy prices over the past two years are starting to spill over into more widespread price troubles that would prompt the central bank to raise interest rates more aggressively to fight inflation.

The 0.7 percent overall rise in consumer prices was larger than the 0.5 percent increase that Wall Street had been expecting. It was the biggest price rise since a 1.2 percent surge in September.

Consumer prices have been on a rollercoaster in recent months depending on what energy does. Prices actually fell by 0.1 percent in December and 0.7 percent in November, reflecting declines in energy that had followed a huge increase in September in the wake of hurricane-related Gulf Coast production shutdowns that had sent the price of gasoline surging

to over \$3 per gallon.

Energy prices were up 5 percent in January, the biggest rise since an 11.8 percent rise in September. January's gain reflected a 6.4 percent rise in gasoline pump prices. Electricity prices soared by 5.5 percent, which was the largest one-month rise in 54 years of record keeping. That huge gain reflected efforts by utilities to pass on to consumers their higher fuel costs.

Food prices rose 0.5 percent, the biggest rise in nine months. More than half of the food price increase reflected big gains in fresh fruits and vegetables.

Excluding food and energy, core inflation rose a moderate 0.2 percent after a 0.1 percent increase in December. Clothing prices were up 0.3 percent in January, the biggest increase since August.

New car prices were up 0.6 percent, the highest rise in a year, while airline fares shot up 1.2 percent, the biggest increase since a 1.5 percent rise last October. Medical care, which usually lags behind the price increases, posted a modest 0.1 percent rise in January as the cost of physician services fell by 0.8 percent, the biggest decline on record.

ASSAULT ON SALT



Campbell Soup Co. Chief Executive Douglas Conant answers questions Thursday in his office at the company headquarters in Camden, N.J. Campbell's has announced that after years of gradually reducing the sodium in its soups, it has made a breakthrough: natural, low-sodium sea salt in about 30 soups will be on supermarket shelves by August.

At right: Kristy Smith of Campbell's research and development division samples some of the new reduced sodium soups Thursday.



Campbell's says its new soups will contain 40% less sodium

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press writer

CAMDEN, N.J. — Executives at the Campbell Soup Co. have heard the same thing almost since Andy Warhol was making art out of their cans in the 1960s: Lower the sodium in soup without sacrificing taste and people will eat even more of it.

Now, after years of gradually reducing the sodium in its soups, the Camden-based company says it has made a breakthrough: natural, low-sodium sea salt. It will be used in about 30 soups — both new and reformulated recipes — scheduled to be on supermarket shelves in August, Campbell announced Wednesday.

"We've been everywhere on the globe trying to find a sea salt with all the characteristics of this one," Chief Executive Douglas R. Conant told *The Associated Press* in an interview.

The company is hoping the lower-sodium salt will help soup sales, which have stabilized recently after losing ground to

other convenience foods in the 90s.

Regular table salt is 99.7 percent sodium chloride. The federal Food and Drug Administration says that adults should eat no more than 2,300 milligrams a day — or just under a teaspoon.

A few years ago, the average serving of a Campbell's soup contained almost half the daily limit. By using less salt, the company got its average down to 850 milligrams.

The sea salt in the new soups has 40 percent less sodium than the regular stuff, said George Dowdle, Campbell's vice president for research and development.

The salt change will give the company room to tout other health benefits of its soups, like it did back in the 1980s with its "Soup is good food" ads. The company agreed to halt that campaign after the government complained in 1989 that it was misleading because of the high sodium levels.

Under FDA rules, foods must meet several criteria — such as containing certain nutrients and having low cholesterol levels

— before its label and advertisements can bill it as "healthy." Many of Campbell's soups meet all the requirements except for one: They have more than 480 milligrams of sodium per serving.

Some of the soups — including four to six varieties of the hearty Chunky soups — will get below that threshold thanks to the sea salt. The company then will market them as healthy and advertise how they are low-calorie, low-fat, vegetable-rich foods.

"We look at it as the enabler to talk about the other health benefits of soup," said Denise Morrison, president of Campbell USA. The company is ramping up promotions, such as its Soup for Life Plan, a wellness and weight-loss campaign that revolves around soup.

The sea salt also is being used in Campbell's 12 child-oriented soups, such as Chicken Alphabet and Kids Shapes, and versions of the soups the company calls its lemons — chicken noodle, tomato and cream of mushroom.

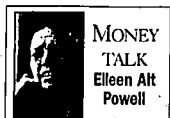
Earned income credit can give working poor a bigger refund

NEW YORK — Millions of low-income workers reduce their tax bills each year by taking advantage of the earned income tax credit. But many who are eligible for the credit aren't participating in this anti-poverty program.

"We've really stepped up our outreach on this," said Jordan Ash of the nonprofit ACORN community organizations group. "There are millions of people missing out on billions of dollars in money they're entitled to and they can use."

The earned income tax credit, or EITC, was created in the mid-1970s to encourage families to reduce their dependence on welfare programs. It's unlike most other credits in the IRS code because it's refundable, which means taxpayers can use the credit of up to \$4,000 to offset any taxes they owe and still get a cash refund for the excess.

The IRS said 21.1 million taxpayers claimed some \$39 billion in earned income tax credits in 2004. But studies by the Government Accountability Office and the Internal Revenue Service indicate that 15 percent



to 25 percent of eligible taxpayers aren't applying for it.

Mark Luscombe, principal tax analyst at CCH Inc. of Riverwoods, Ill., which provides tax information and services to tax professionals, said some taxpayers may be overwhelmed by the complexity of claiming the EITC.

"It's one thing to have stuff that's complicated for wealthy taxpayers, who can afford to pay for preparation services," Luscombe said. "But to have it this complicated for lower income tax payers, that's a real problem."

The qualifying income limits vary by the size of the family, and \$35,263 for a parent with two or more children, or

Gutierrez says China must stop buying pirated computer software

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The administration is not satisfied with China's progress in cracking down on rampant piracy of American copyrighted material, and one of the biggest offenders is the Chinese government, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said Wednesday in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

Gutierrez said it was "absolutely unacceptable" that a vast amount of the computer software in use in Chinese government agencies is counterfeit. He indicated that unless improvements are made, the administration would consider bringing a case against China before the World Trade Organization. He also indicated that the United States would be looking for support on the issue from other nations.

"The one thing that demands more attention from the worldwide community is this software piracy," Gutierrez said in the AP interview. "It doesn't

reconcile with a country that is going to host the Olympics to be procuring software that is pirated."

On the Bush administration's plan to turn over shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates — a \$6.8 billion deal that has touched off a furor in Congress — Gutierrez insisted the transaction would not jeopardize the security of the nation against terrorists and others.

"We are not turning over the security of our ports," he said. Gutierrez's comments on China came a week after the administration released a 29-page "top-to-bottom" review of U.S.-China trade relations in which it pledged to step up enforcement of China's unfair trade practices

by creating a new enforcement task force in the office of U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman.

That review was seen as an effort by the administration to ward off attacks in Congress from lawmakers who contend the administration has not done enough to crack down on unfair Chinese trade practices that critics blame for a U.S. trade deficit that hit a record \$202 billion last year.

Portman suggested last week that the United States could soon bring WTO cases against China in the area of copyright piracy and China's high tariffs on U.S. auto parts unless the United States sees actions soon to remedy the problems.

Gutierrez said that a variety of trade issues would be discussed at an upcoming meeting in Washington on April 11 in which the Bush economic team will meet with their counterparts from China. In addition, Chinese President Hu Jintao visits President Bush in Washington on April 24.



Gutierrez

MONEY

Stocks rise on tame core inflation numbers, falling oil prices

By Ellen Simon Associated Press writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A combination of moderate inflation and falling oil prices energized Wall Street Wednesday, sending stocks higher as investors grew optimistic about an end to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes.

The core rate of inflation, which excludes energy and food, rose by a tame 0.2 percent in January, in line with economists' forecasts. Higher prices for gasoline and electricity sent the Consumer Price Index up 0.7 percent last month, a greater increase than economists expected and the largest rise in prices in four months.

The Fed, under new Chairman Ben Bernanke, is keeping a close watch on inflation. If higher energy costs or any other factors cause inflation to spike, the Fed will continue its streak of short-term rate hikes as an attempt to keep price increases under control.

"There were no ticking time bombs in the inflation report," said Stuart Schwellger, global markets strategist at Morgan Asset and Wealth Management. "Although there was a substantial rise in energy prices, otherwise inflation remains very contained."

Investors were heartened by a drop in crude oil futures, which suggested despite recent attacks on oil pipelines and oil workers by militants in Nigeria. A barrel of light crude settled at \$61.01, down \$1.73, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 68.11, or 0.62 percent, to 11,423.33, up gains in a handful of its 30 component stocks powered the Dow ahead of broader indexes.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.67, or 0.75 percent, to 1,292.67, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.21, or 0.69 percent, to 2,283.17.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.53 percent, from 4.57 percent last Tuesday.

The U.S. dollar was higher against most other major currencies. Gold prices were steady.

Income tax

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\$37,263 for those who are married and filing joint returns.

\$31,670 for a parent with one child, or \$24,640 for those married and filing jointly.

\$11,730 for a person with no children, or \$14,750 for those married and filing jointly.

taxpayers must now valid Social Security numbers for themselves and their children. A family qualifies if any of the children, including stepchildren and foster children, lived with the taxpayer for more than half the year. The age test requires that live-at-home children be under age 19 and full-time students be under age 24, totally disabled children of any age also qualify.

The maximum credits are \$1,400 for taxpayers with two or more children, \$2,000 for those with one child and \$399 for those with no children.

This year, there are special rules for victims Hurricane Katrina.

lin. Lascombe said. Under the legislation, Katrina victims will have to report the income they earned in 2005, but they will be able to calculate the EITC using either 2004 income figures or 2005 income figures, whichever results in a higher payout, he said.

Leslie Tarbert, a teacher's assistant with the Early Head Start program in Kansas City, Mo., said the tax credit provided a real financial boost for her family.

"For me as a single parent, it's very helpful," Tarbert, the mother of two girls, said she used her credit last year as part of the down payment on the purchase of a home.

"This year with the money, I'm paying my daughter's braces off," Tarbert said. "I also want to buy a house on the other side of my house, and maybe think about putting gutters on."

Kathy Burison, director of tax preparation for the 11&K Bank Inc., which prepared Tarbert's tax return, said the irony is that many low-income people "have had steady simple returns — except for the complexity of the EITC."

Many of these people also qualify for the additional child tax credit, which can result in refunds for some low-income families' child care costs, as well as state and local earned income tax credits.

Burison said tax preparers have computer programs that can help determine if people qualify for the credits and how best to claim them.

For some people, that \$1,400 is 25 percent of their total annual income," she noted. "When they're looking at that big year in their income, they want to make sure it's done right."

Many low-income families qualify for free tax preparation help at IRS-backed Volunteer

Income Tax Assistance program. Many are staffed by IRS-trained community volunteers, including 75 operated nationwide by the nonprofit ACOG Inc.

Unfortunately, the availability of the credits has also led to allegations of fraud in the program. That, in turn, led the IRS to hold an inquiry into the payment on many of the refunds that were claimed in recent years. After a protest from the IRS taxpayer advocate, the company agreed to have its auditing and auditing returns were being challenged.

The IRS also has put in place a new program that will involve sending letters to some 45,000 EITC claimants asking them to prove they have the children they say they do before the refund check is issued.

Ellen Ai Powell is a writer for The Associated Press.

55 cents to \$26.19 after the Food and Drug Administration approved an investment for a common blood thinner.

Sprint Nextel Corp. fell \$1.13 to \$23.80 after the wireless phone company reported a 55 percent drop in fourth-quarter net income on heavy expenses.

Looking ahead, the company forecast 2006 revenue totaling \$4.1 billion or more, with high single-digit to low double-digit growth in its wireless business, and a mid-to-high single-digit revenue decline for long distance. The revenue figure was below analysts' expectations.

Casino operator Harrah's Entertainment Inc. rose 25 cents to \$72.72 after it posted a hefty fourth-quarter loss, hurt mostly

by hurricane-related expenses and costs from writing off property it plans to sell. Without income, its earnings per share beat analysts' estimates.

Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, rose 47 cents to \$38.32 after it announced a reorganized structure that will combine the print and online editions of The Wall Street Journal into one unit. The shakeup follows an announcement in January that the company CEO, Peter Kann, and the journals' publisher, Karen Elliott Lewis, would step down. Dow's shares have languished recently, trading approximately where they were a decade ago, having run up as high as \$75 during the dot-com boom.

Paint

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General Biondi Campbell, issued a statement saying there were still issues to be decided and the companies wouldn't comment until later.

It was his lawsuit in 1995, making it the first case to sue the lead paint industry.

The first trial ended in 2002 with a hung jury. The jury in the latest trial began deliberating on Wednesday afternoon after three months of trial.

Jurors on Wednesday found that the four companies named in the suit, Atlantic Richfield Co., Sherwin Williams Co., N.L. Industries Inc. and Millennium Holdings.

The companies rested without calling any of their own witnesses, and their lawyers said during closing arguments that the state had failed to prove its case.

The state brought in doctors,

who described how low levels of lead can damage a young child and how lead-poisoned children can suffer behavioral disorders, gastrointestinal pain, brain damage and even death.

Jurors were asked to decide whether the presence of paint caused a public nuisance and, if so, whether the companies significantly contributed to the problem. Jurors were required to help fix the problem.

The state wants the companies to pay for a program that would include home inspections, lead paint removal, abatement and public education. It did not estimate a cost.

Last June, the state agreed to drop DuPont Co. from the lawsuit after the company said it would pay several million dollars to the nonprofit group Children's Health Forum for lead paint remediation, public education, and compliance programs in Rhode Island.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Market Sectors are 1,115 figures. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letters list. Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual dividend, unless otherwise footnoted. Yield: Dividend yield based on current price. Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day. Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by — mark.

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MARKETS

Arguments for Whirlpool-Maytag just don't wash

By Steven Pearlstein The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In deciding in the next few weeks whether to oppose Whirlpool's \$1.7 billion purchase of Maytag, the Justice Department's antitrust division faces perhaps its most important decision since settling the Microsoft case.

On its face, this one ought to be a slam-dunk Whirlpool and Maytag are, arguably, the two leading brands of home appliances in the U.S. market. Deeply entrenched in their niche, they and their affiliated brands — KitchenAid, Amana and Jenn-Air, along with much of the Sears Kenmore line — have combined to control more than 50 to 80 percent for washers, dryers and dishwashers, with refrigerators not far behind. Such shares fall well outside the long-established guidelines for industry mergers.

In the antitrust world these days, however, nothing is that simple.

Ever since the dawn of the respected brand-name era among consumers, Maytag has fallen on hard times because of high costs, stodgy products and some bad luck with a front-loading washer that tarnished its reputation for reliability. And in recent years, the market has been turned upside down by the successful entry of foreign suppliers, with the support of big-box retailers, against the established brands a rump for their money. Prices are declining and quality is improving, while consumers are presented with an increasing variety of styles and electronic features.

Whirlpool and its lawyers argue that in such a buyer-commodity market, it is silly to believe that a merger of two leading suppliers would seriously harm consumers. With European and Korean manufacturers now well established in the U.S. market and Chinese and Eastern European brands itching to get in, even a combined Whirlpool-Maytag could not unilaterally raise prices or reduce quality. The company also notes that with so much consolidation at the end of the distribution channel, no manufacturer is in the position of dictating terms to the Home Depot, Best Buy and Sears, which are very aggressive about playing one supplier against the other.

Every one of these arguments has been

used with increasing frequency and effectiveness to justify just about any merger. The result has been the rapid consolidation of many global industries into a top tier of three or four players that control 80 percent of the market. And, in truth, in most of those markets, productivity has increased, competition appears to be robust and it is hard to find evidence that consumers have suffered.

It's now hard to imagine a merger that would survive government scrutiny. Even the Justice Department has been stirred to action when Apple proposed to purchase rival PeopleSoft, which would have left Oracle with one significant competitor, but even the Staff, even that effort was thrown out by a federal judge, Thomas Barnett, the Justice Department lawyer most closely associated with the defense of the antitrust division. His first big decision is whether to risk another precedent-setting decision by accepting still recommended to oppose a Whirlpool-Maytag merger.

Despite these new legal and economic realities, there are good reasons for Barnett to challenge this combination.

Every one of the arguments I've heard from Whirlpool and its lawyers to defend the deal could just as well be applied, year from now, to justify Whirlpool-Maytag. The Federal Trade Commission's big-box retailers, against the established brands a rump for their money. Prices are declining and quality is improving, while consumers are presented with an increasing variety of styles and electronic features.

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Table with columns: Month, Open, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes categories like Grain, Energy, Metals, and Currencies.

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Vocal scholarship benefit takes place Friday

The Times-News

RUPERT — Crafton Institute of Music will host the Dr. Mel Zhong Vocal Scholarship Benefit. Proceeds go to vocal scholarship-winners who will audition March 11 at Minico High School.

Zhong is assistant professor of performance in voice at Ball State University and Doctor of Musical Arts University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Zhong will present concert/master classes Friday. The recital will begin at 7 p.m. at



Dr. Mel Zhong

the Minico High School Auditorium. The concert section will also include local artists. The public is invited. There will be master classes before and after the concert.

Sally Fife will perform at the beginning of the concert, followed by Dr. Zhong. At 8:15 p.m. the individual master



Sally Fife

classes will resume. Anyone who wishes to sing in the master class sections can call Leslie Crafton at 532-4626 for a time slot. There is an extra \$15 charge for singing in the master class. Private lessons with Dr. Zhong are also available. The cost is \$40 for a 45 minute

lesson. Students should call to sign-up.

The cost is \$8 per person or \$24 for a family ticket of three or more. The price includes coming before or after to listen to the master class sections. Students will sell tickets or they can be purchased at the Rupert Book Store, Hansen Healthcare and Welch Music in Burley or from Leslie Crafton by calling 532-4626 or 431-4656; e-mailing to hcrafton@pmt.org; or on-line at www.craftoninstituteofmusic.com.

AWANA AWARDS



Photo courtesy of First Baptist Church of Paul

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed commander, Bob Rantz (right), from the First Baptist Church of Paul, presents Matthew and Alice Schenk with their AWANA Citation Awards on Dec. 31. Those who earn the Citation Award must be graduating seniors, or an adult AWANA leader who has completed the requirements. Those earning the award will have memorized 760 Bible verses, read the entire Bible and completed the 10 handbooks and manuals in third through 12th grade. Matthew graduated from Minico High School in May of 2005 and is currently attending Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, Calif. The Paul Baptist AWANA Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Paul Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth St., Paul. Children 3 years through sixth grade are welcome to attend. For more information call 438-5126.

MAKING DELIVERIES



Photo courtesy of DOREY BATTLE

Phyllis Perrine and Robert Isabella, volunteers for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary assisted in making deliveries for departments in the hospital. To become a volunteer, call Loraine Devey, director of volunteer services at 737-2006.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC



Photo courtesy of GWNY BATTLE

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary recently purchased a mini-grand piano for the Healing Arts Program at the hospital. From left are Nancy Carey, a junior volunteer playing the piano; Patsy Fife, WI Becker; Ruby Elmer, Rosale Stone, Imogene Alldritt and Audrey Randall. To play the piano as a volunteer, call Loraine Devey, director of volunteer services at 737-2006.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls resident named to dean's list

Manuela Gonzalez of Twin Falls has been named to the all-bright College dean's list for academic achievement in Reading, Pa. Gonzalez is a sophomore psychology major and graduate

of Twin Falls High School.

Northwest Nazarene University names T.F. residents to dean's list

Laurie Burgemester, Brent Loois and Melissa Snow, all of Twin Falls, have been named to the Northwest Nazarene University dean's list in Nampa.

SERVICE NEWS

Sergeant returns from Germany

Sgt. Ryan Hillman B Company, 94th Engineer Battalion has returned home to his wife, Angie; daughter Britany; son, Hayden, and two other children in his family on Feb. 1. Hillman has been on a two-year mission in Germany, Iraq, and will continue his career in the U.S. Army.



Sgt. Ryan Hillman

Hillman graduated from Wood River High School in 1991. He attended the college of Southern Idaho and received his degree in drafting.

Hillman and his family are residents of Twin Falls and have been longtime residents in southern Idaho.

Douglas R. Petersen, son of Janet Peterson of Elko, Nev., and Dennis Peterson of Elko, Nev., and his fellow shipmates are in the middle of a scheduled deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Petersen's unit conducted more than 4,000 sorties and provided surveillance, reconnaissance and close air support to ground force in Iraq. The Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group participated in Operation Steel Curtain and Maritime Security Operations.

Operation Steel Curtain provided aerial support for U.S. Marine and Iraqi forces and prevented insurgents from entering Iraq through the Syrian Border.

Carriers like Theodore Roosevelt are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis.

Petersen is a 1999 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev. and joined the Navy in June 1999.

Petty officer deployed to USS Theodore Roosevelt

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class

MVRMC OFFICERS



Photo courtesy of GWNY BATTLE

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary officers for 2006 are from left, Audrey Randall, president; Lenora Bickford, first vice-president; Merle Call, second vice-president; Elaine Mason, membership secretary; Betty Taylor, recording secretary; Ken Hughes, treasurer; and Phyllis Luloff, corresponding secretary. To volunteer at the hospital, call Loraine Devey, director of volunteer services, at 737-2006.

FIVE GENERATIONS



Photo courtesy of Paul Devey

Five generations gathered recently for a family photo. Pictured are from left, great-grandfather, Jerry Berg of Rupert; grandmother, Tawna Davies; "Midas and Dolphins" (Kingfisher Young Knowledge) by Caroline Harris "Blind Kingfisher Young Knowledge" by Nicola Davies; "Don't be Silly, Mrs. Millie" by Judy Cox "Family First" by Phil McGraw; "Care for the Common Life" by Max Lucado; "Hiding Rockets: The Outrageous Tales of a Space Shuttle Astronaut" by Mike Mulline; "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul on Love and Friendship" by Carolee Hansen and Kimberger; "Chicken Soup for the Sister's Soul" by Carolee Hansen, Mitchell and McNamara.

For more information, call 326-4143.

LETTER OF THANKS

Castelford Men's Club appreciates support

The Castelford Men's Club wishes to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your support for our 33rd annual benefit auction.

The generosity of the businesses, organizations and individuals that donated more than 200 items made the auc-

tion an overwhelming success. We are extremely grateful to all of the friends and neighbors of the Castelford community that helped raise more than \$16,000 for community and youth projects. A special thanks also is extended to the crew from Masters Auction Service, we are indebted to you for your dedication and hard work. We hope to see you all of

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

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

 For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 288. To express gratitude of a personal nature than public nature, call The Times News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

Throughout the year and look forward to the continued success of the Castelford Men's Club. Thanks again.

TODD WELLS
President
Castelford Men's Club
Castelford

American Mothers Inc. meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — American Mothers Inc. of Magic Valley will meet at noon Wednesday at the Bridgeview Estates Great Room, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd.

The monthly meeting and potluck luncheon will include a program by Lois Adrian on "Seasonal Depression in Women and Children."

For more information, call Joy at 733-5133.

Filer library adds books to its shelves

FILER — The Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., has added several new books to its shelves: "The Hunt Club" by John Lescout; "Memory in Death" by J.D. Robb; "Call" by Stephen King; "Lost Havens" by Barbara Taylor Bradford; "The Hostage (presidential Agent)" by W.E.B. Griffin; "The Bunes of the Earth (Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant)"

by Stephen R. Donaldson; "Mary, Mary" by James Peterson; "Angry Housewives Eating Don Buns" by Lorna Landbeck; "The 2006 What Color is Your Parachute?" by Richard Nelson Bolles; "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli; "Help Yourself for Teens" by Dave Pilzer; "Foghorn (Firstborn Series)" and "Fame (Firstborn Series)" by Karen Kingsbury; "Wild Amigos" by Rich Shapiro; "Moon Shadows (Includes Wild Moon, The Moon Witch, Blood on the Moon and West of the Moon)" by Roberts, Gregory and Langue; "William, Dely Not the Heart" by Johanna Lindsey; "The Sunflower" by Richard Paul Bevens; "Star Wars: Outbound Flight" by Timothy Zahn; "Curious George ABC's" by H.A. Rey; "Curious George Hides" by Margret F. and H.A. Rey; "Curious George's 1 to 10 and Back Again" by Margret F. Rey; "Curious George and the Rocket" by H.A. Rey; "Maps and Mapping (Kingfisher Young Knowledge)" by Deborah Chancellor; "Kool System (Kingfisher Young Knowl-

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Library, 120 Madison W. Mary Lou Becker will speak. Last month's lesson was on "Design Under Glass Surfaces" by vice-president Alpha Maltler.

Mom's group exchanges recipes, discusses book

TWIN FALLS — A local mom's group is meeting at 11 a.m. Friday at the Episcopal Ascension Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., for a Book Club gathering: "Little Earthquakes" by Jennifer Weiner will be discussed. Visitors are welcome. A recipe exchange will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Participants should bring a warm dish to share and recipes. Call Lisa at 423-6953.

Pioneer Button Club meets in Kimberly

KIMBERLY — The Pioneer Button Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Kimberly Public

organization/parent teacher association meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Stoshone School library, 61 E. Highway 24.

T.F. Senior Center will hold super bingo

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. is sponsoring super bingo at 1 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$3 for four cards or \$1 each. The public is invited. For more information, call Vicki at 733-8830 or Betty at 536-2243.

Square dance club dances on Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will hold its regular dance Saturday at the Moose lodge with a Maril Gins theme. Pre-rounds

We want your news

Please send your news and photos to:

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will begin at 7:30 p.m. and squares at 8 p.m. Lesson workshops will be held Monday at the American Legion Hall in Jerome. Plus dancers are at 7 p.m. and beginners at 8:30 p.m.

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club meets

JEHOIME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will meet Tuesday at the American Legion Hall. A workshop will be held at 7 p.m. followed by advanced dancers at 8:30 p.m. Dancers P through Z should bring finger foods. For more information, call Vicki at 733-8830 or Betty at 536-2243.

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

Case No. CV-06-32
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
W.A. POWERS,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kenneth A. Powers has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 18th day of January 2006.

WORMEES LAMURE LLP
By: Jamie Lamure
for Dennis S. Voorhees
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
112 Sheehane Street East
PO Box Z
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090

PUBLISH: February 9, 16 and 23, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 23, 2006, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear and report by:

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Requests a Rezone from R-4 to R-6 PUD for property located at 303 Grandview Drive.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7289. Persons needing special 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.

/s/Lance W. Clow, Mayor

PUBLISH: Thursday, February 23, 2006

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

Case No. CV-06-592
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
BETTY L. JONES,
Deceased.

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

DATED the 31st day of January, 2006.

/s/Ralph Schnell
056 Rogerson Road
Rogerson, ID 83302

PUBLISH: February 23, March 2 and 9, 2006

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

Case No. CV06-405
AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Estate of
MARIA D. CANTU,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the United States of America acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration has filed herein a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative, a copy of which is on file with the above entitled Court in the above captioned estate pursuant to the statutes of the State of Idaho applicable thereto.

Hearing has been set upon said Petition on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 2006, at 9:00 AM, before the Honorable Roger B. Harris, at the courtroom of the above entitled Court at Twin Falls, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho. DATED this 7th day of February, 2006.

/s/Susan E. Webb
Attorney for Petitioner

PUBLISH: February 16, 23 and March 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 DIVISION

Case No. CV 2005-0000319
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
I.C. 15-3-901
In the Matter of the Estate of
BONNIE JO MCKAY,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMES J. MCKAY has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR
I.C. 15-3-901
Attorneys for Personal Representative
PO Box 83
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083
Telephone: 208-735-3121

PUBLISH: February 9, 16 and 23, 2006

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

DATE OF NOTICE: February 7, 2006
TIME: 7:00 AM
PLACE: A public hearing is scheduled beginning at 7:00 PM MST on March 1. The Commission meeting will convene at 6:00 AM MST on March 2 and 3.

PLACE OF MEETING: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho.

PERSON ATTENDING: Commissioners.

PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA: Rules; deer, elk, antelope, bear, mountain lion. Reports on Wildlife Management, Fish Management Plan, Legislative Affairs, License System, Opportunities for the Disabled, and FY '06 Budget Direction.

Individuals with disabilities may request accommodations by contacting the Director's office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-333-6150 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).

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

Case No. CV 2005-3022
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
ERNEST CLIFFORD PICKELSLIMER
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DONNA JEANIE ROBINSON has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 2006.

/s/Lorin D. Blingham
Attorney at Law
PO Box 129
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0361
Donna Joanne Robinson
Personal Representative
730 Kentucky Circle North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

PUBLISH: February 16, 23 and March 2, 2006

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

Case No. CV-06-388
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
V. MADELINE GURNESEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented both to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 26th day of January, 2006.

RAYBORN and RAYBORN
/s/Mary E. Fender
/s/E. E. Rayborn
Attorney for the Estate
PO Box 321
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0321

PUBLISH: February 16, 23 and March 2, 2006

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within BINGHAM County. Right No. 1-181C to see a full description of this right, please see the attached application. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

The right authorized under the Department of Water Resources, Eastern Region, 900 N. Skyline Drive, Suite A, Idaho Falls ID 83402 together with a portion of 555.62 ac of land application on or before March 06, 2006. The proponent must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J. DREHER, Director

PUBLISH: in the Times News on 2/16 & 2/23/06.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within MINIDOKA County. A & B RIRIGATION DISTRICT, PO BOX 675; RUPERT I.D. 83350 filed Application No. 72566 on 1/17/06. Transfer application protests adding a new well to be drilled, and adding an existing drain well, to be converted to a production well, to a system presently consisting of 18 wells. The system is covered by 12 water rights that total 1100 cfs for irrigation of 66,686.2 acres. The new well to be drilled will be located approximately 7.25 miles north and 2.3 miles east of Rupert. The existing drain well that will be converted to a production well is located approximately 1.5 miles south of Rupert, and is owned by Rupert. The wells are being added to maintain overall production capacity of the A & B Ririgation District. For specific details regarding an application, please contact IDWR Southern Regional Office at 208-736-3033 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov with detail provided under "New Water Right Applications". Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Protests against approval must be filed with IDWR, Southern Region, 1241 Filmore St., Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID 83301 with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before March 8, 2006. The proponent must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

Karl J. Dreher, Director

PUBLISH: in the Times News on 2/16 & 2/23/06.

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

Case No. CV 05-3891
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ARRAIGNMENT AND DISPOSITION HEARING

ROY, NIELSON, BARNI-GARCIA & PLATTS,
a partnership,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRIAN MCFARLAND, an individual,
Defendant.

TO: The above-named Defendant, BRIAN MCFARLAND.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and attend before the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Twin Falls, on the 12th day of April, 2006, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock AM, for an initial arraignment the charge of contempt.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to appear on the day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock AM, for the disposition hearing on the charge of contempt as stated in the Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support of Motion for Contempt.

The Honorable Bruce Smyser, Magistrate Judge.
DATED this 9th day of February, 2006.

/s/Sloker for
Hon. Howard Smyser, Magistrate Judge

PUBLISH: February 23, March 2, 9 and 16, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on March 14, 2006, a Tuesday, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock, P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear and report by:

ALBERT A. LEWIS
Requests a Special Use Permit to construct a detached single-family residential building on property located at 252 Hankins Road.

TINA M. WITHERS
Requests a Special Use Permit to operate an in-home day care on property located at 791 Sunniss Boulevard North.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7289. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

/s/Ramona V. Zaroway
Acting Planning & Zoning Director

PUBLISH: Thursday, February 23, 2006

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

Case No. CV 06-31
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
WILNA J. POWERS,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kenneth A. Powers has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 18th day of January 2006.

WORMEES LAMURE LLP
By: Jamie Lamure
for Dennis S. Voorhees
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
112 Sheehane Street East
PO Box Z
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090

PUBLISH: February 9, 16 and 23, 2006

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 72395

CITY OF BLACKFOOT, 157 N BROADWAY, BLACKFOOT, IDAHO filed Application No. 72385 for changes to the following water rights within BINGHAM County: Right No. 1-181C to see a full description of this right, please see the attached application. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

The right authorized under the Department of Water Resources, Eastern Region, 900 N. Skyline Drive, Suite A, Idaho Falls ID 83402 together with a portion of 555.62 ac of land application on or before March 06, 2006. The proponent must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J. DREHER, Director

PUBLISH: February 16 and 23, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and 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 charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to address public notices and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:

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The Times-News
PO Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho
83303-0548

email to legal@magvalley.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 Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

INVITATION TO BID USED EQUIPMENT

The Twin Falls Highway District has declared the following equipment as surplus property and offers the same for bid purchase.

- One 2001 Caterpillar Wheel Loader Model 950G
- Serial Number 3JW02010
- Approximately 2500 Hours
- Excellent Working Condition

The Twin Falls Highway District will accept sealed bids until 4:30 PM on February 28, 2006. Bid forms are available at the Twin Falls Highway District. Bids must be sealed and marked open to the outside with the equipment title. Bids must be a minimum of \$100,000 or will be rejected. Bids will show sales tax separate. Exact bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened at 1:30 PM on March 1, 2006 in the Twin Falls Highway District office located at 1234 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The Twin Falls Highway District makes no warranty expressed or implied and sells the loader "as is". The loader may be inspected by appointment only. Call TRFD office 735-4082, Dave Burgess.

Payment will be by certified cashiers check payable to Twin Falls Highway District upon receipt of equipment. Delivery a buyer's responsibility.

The Twin Falls Highway District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dave Burgess, Director
Twin Falls Highway District

PUBLISH: February 16 and 23, 2006

Place a Classified ad in the Times-News

The Times-News and www.magicvalley.com are the best and most economical sources for advertising your goods and services to a large regional audience. Call 735-658-3883 ext. 2, Monday - Friday 8am-5:30pm. To place an ad 24-hours per day, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on Classifieds. Place an Ad - Classifieds - 132 Fairfield Street West - Twin Falls, Idaho. Mir nombre es Lucy y representante. Estoy disponible Lunes - Viernes de 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 735-3249.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 25th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., of said day, (recognized legal day) in the County of Blaine, Idaho, at the office of said Trustee, located at 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho...

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

Case No. CV-2005-2551 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING IN THE Interest of: ANDREW EDWARD NULL, d/o b.0205 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: February 16, 2006 Sale date and time (local time): June 21, 2006 at 9:30 AM. Location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301...

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

Case No. CV-06-361 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of SHAWN LEROY WOLFE, Deceased Person...

The above referenced real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 16 in Block 2 of FIRST AMENDED PLAT OF MAGIC VALLEY MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 13 of Plats, Page 17, Records of said County...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 13th day of June, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave., 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 lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

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SCHEDULE C

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of Idaho and is divided as follows: County of Twin Falls The 1/2 of the following described parcel of land: A tract of land in the 1/2 of Block 7 of MOORMAN'S FIRST ADDITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 33 in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, described as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The City of Murtaugh has received an Idaho Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor. This funding is allocated to the State of Idaho from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are currently being used to complete the City's water system improvements project.

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Dog, small, black and tan, in NE Jerome Dam town with collar, no tags. Call 208-539-2293.

102 Employment

FOUND dog, small black and tan, in NE Jerome Dam town with collar, no tags. Call 208-539-2293.

103 Pregnancy Alternatives

PRENATAL CRISIS: We are always Confidential! 734-7472

104 Professional Services

MASSAGE THERAPIST specializing in Deep Tissue Massage. Call 208-736-3787

105 Classified Private Party Ads

Requires pre-purchase plan. Major credit cards, and cash accepted. Check payment on the phone.

106 Child Care Services

CHILD CARE in home day care, all ages. 2 openings. ICCP 321-8350 or 308-1222

107 Employment

All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standard of acceptance. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate, decline or properly classify any ad.

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Automotive opening for experienced Auto Body Technician. Top pay, benefits and all the work you can handle. Call Rick at 208-734-5790

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MEDIUM # 48

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-9.

200 Employment

DRIVERS
Drivers needed for both over-the-road and local hauls.
Gary Bell Trucking Call 208-537-8787

LANDSCAPING
WEBB
Webb Landscape Inc is currently seeking applicants for the position of Garden Detail Foreman. Qualified candidates will be team-oriented and have a strong work ethic. The position is full-time, seasonal beginning in April and ending with Fall maintenance. Webb Landscape, Inc., is an Employee-Owned progressive and dynamic company that offers complete benefit package with health insurance, 401k, and employee stock option program. Applications please to: Webb Landscape or send your resume to: 182 Bellevue Rd, Bellevue, ID 83313. Attn: Melanie Goodwin to melanie@webb-land.com

MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS CARE CENTER
Have fun at work and feel good about your job.
LPNs and CNAs needed to care for and help our sweet elderly residents. The most rewarding and challenging position in Twin Falls Care Center. An extraordinary nursing facility. We offer competitive pay, excellent benefits, including health insurance, 401k, and vision insurance. Apply in person at Twin Falls Care Center, 674 Eastland Twin Falls, Idaho. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LAW ENFORCEMENT
The Jerome County Sheriff's Office has immediate openings for Correctional Deputies. Applicant must be 21 yrs. old, high school diploma or equivalent and be able to pass a written exam, pre-employment tests, Pick-up applications at 100 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID, or call 208-234-8845

MACHINIST
Spear's Mill Co.
is accepting applications for Full-time Machinist for conventional and CNC applications in both metal and plastic machining. Excellent benefits include Health dental, life insurance vacation paid holidays and 401k plan. Applications available at Spear's Mill Plant Security Office 2152 S. Jerome, ID 83338

GENERAL
Dishwasher/Prep-Cook, Baker, Waitress & Painter/Repair Tech. All positions are PT. Apply in person 1748 Kimberly Road, Jerome, ID 83338

MAINTENANCE
Light Maintenance for an apartment complex in Gooding. 20 hours a week. Call 208-534-6866

GENERAL
SPARS MANUFACTURING is accepting applications for the following job positions:
•Packaging
•Plastic Fabrication
•Production Material Handler
•Assembly
•Bar code
•Warehouse
•Production
\$9-12/hr (depending on position)
Benefits include: vacation, paid holidays, a 401k plan. Applications available Spear's Mill Plant Security Office 2152 S. Jerome, Idaho. EOE

GENERAL
Enterprise Rent A Car is currently hiring a P/T Car Prep in Twin Falls. Position will be filled ASAP. Please contact Luke Schroeder at 734-4127 or 280-3783 www.enterprise.com
Additional Opportunities: EOE M/F/D/V

GENERAL
Need 10 SKL Lin Operators. Must be at least 18 years, have clean background, and some experience in sking or snowboarding. Transportation provided. Call 730-9277 for more information.

MECHANIC
Construction equipment Mechanic want to retrain. Call 208-524-7114 or email july@caribou.com

200 Employment

GENERAL
Yard Foreman - Dispatch loading, scales & etc. 208-731-5573

MECHANIC
The City Gooding has a full-time position for an Auto Mechanic. For details contact 934-5669. EOE, drug free work place.

PROFESSIONAL
Assistant Manager available for Idaho Youth Ranch high school students. Location Twin Falls. Call 208-731-5573

PROFESSIONAL
Behavioral Consultant Seeking individuals with a degree to impact our community. Must have BA or BS degree in Social Sciences or related fields. FT and FT (daytime hours available). Full benefit package. For info contact our team of highly motivated and outgoing professionals. Call Stacy 208-247-0272

PROFESSIONAL
Psychological Rehabilitation Specialist. BA in Behavioral Science, Education or Medicine. 514-5167. To start. 208-878-3350

RECEPTIONIST
Busy chiropractic office looking for self motivated person with good phone skills, PR skills, and ability to work with others. No experience necessary. competitive salary, part-time & full-time available. Please send resume to: 113 Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83303

RESTAURANT
Breakfast Cook position. Experience not required. Apply in person at Snake River Grill 611 Jerome, Idaho.

RESTAURANT
Cafe and Pizza Maker positions. P/T openings & weekend shifts. Apply in person Cedar Lanes 450 Hwy 30, Filer, Idaho

RESTAURANT
PAPA MURPHY'S Full-time prep position. Apply at 522 Blue Lakes N, Jerome, Idaho

PAINTER
Needed for large industrial equipment. Minimum 5 years of experience. Heavy lifting required. Call for an appointment 208-735-6565

PRINTING
Falls Printing in Idaho Falls, ID, is looking for experienced Miller Martin Silcher, H&B folder, and MBO binder. Openings for Copy Finishers, pay DOE. Mail resume to Falls Printing, 520 E. Idaho Falls, ID 83402, or email to whytoby@fallsprinting.com or call 208-523-1000

PROFESSIONAL
Youth Specialist to supervise at risk youth in a residential facility in Rupert area. Competitive salary & benefits. Send resume Idaho Youth Ranch 1275 N. 400 E. Rupert, ID 83359, or email Lmarthur@youthranch.org

MANUFACTURING
Cigar Building Corp. seeks individuals to join our manufacturing team in our plant located in Hazelton, Idaho. Minimum starting wage of \$10.00/hr. Benefit package includes health & dental insurance, 401k plan, paid vacation and holidays, managed drug-free workplace, comprehensive safety program, and performance based incentives.

GENERAL
Clearly Building Corp 2281 E. 1010 S. Hazelton, ID 83335

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PROFESSIONAL
Assistant Manager available for Idaho Youth Ranch high school students. Location Twin Falls. Call 208-731-5573

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Behavioral Consultant Seeking individuals with a degree to impact our community. Must have BA or BS degree in Social Sciences or related fields. FT and FT (daytime hours available). Full benefit package. For info contact our team of highly motivated and outgoing professionals. Call Stacy 208-247-0272

PROFESSIONAL
Psychological Rehabilitation Specialist. BA in Behavioral Science, Education or Medicine. 514-5167. To start. 208-878-3350

RECEPTIONIST
Busy chiropractic office looking for self motivated person with good phone skills, PR skills, and ability to work with others. No experience necessary. competitive salary, part-time & full-time available. Please send resume to: 113 Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83303

RESTAURANT
Breakfast Cook position. Experience not required. Apply in person at Snake River Grill 611 Jerome, Idaho.

RESTAURANT
Cafe and Pizza Maker positions. P/T openings & weekend shifts. Apply in person Cedar Lanes 450 Hwy 30, Filer, Idaho

RESTAURANT
PAPA MURPHY'S Full-time prep position. Apply at 522 Blue Lakes N, Jerome, Idaho

PAINTER
Needed for large industrial equipment. Minimum 5 years of experience. Heavy lifting required. Call for an appointment 208-735-6565

PRINTING
Falls Printing in Idaho Falls, ID, is looking for experienced Miller Martin Silcher, H&B folder, and MBO binder. Openings for Copy Finishers, pay DOE. Mail resume to Falls Printing, 520 E. Idaho Falls, ID 83402, or email to whytoby@fallsprinting.com or call 208-523-1000

PROFESSIONAL
Youth Specialist to supervise at risk youth in a residential facility in Rupert area. Competitive salary & benefits. Send resume Idaho Youth Ranch 1275 N. 400 E. Rupert, ID 83359, or email Lmarthur@youthranch.org

MANUFACTURING
Cigar Building Corp. seeks individuals to join our manufacturing team in our plant located in Hazelton, Idaho. Minimum starting wage of \$10.00/hr. Benefit package includes health & dental insurance, 401k plan, paid vacation and holidays, managed drug-free workplace, comprehensive safety program, and performance based incentives.

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Wellperson, must be 19 or older & Dishwasher. Apply in person at Peking Restaurant 824 Blue Lakes Blvd. We are currently hiring Cook and Cashier for our new location. Please apply in person at 9 Beans and a Burrito 799 Cheney Drive.

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Franklin Security Sales Are you highly motivated, well organized and have excellent communication skills? Are you knowledgeable in the lumber industry and have at least two years experience in sales? Are you looking for a fast paced and self-motivated for an Outside Salesman position? We offer a dynamic work environment, competitive salary, and an impressive benefit package. Don't miss this opportunity! Apply and send a cover letter, resume, salary requirements and references to: FBS Gooding, 113 Main St., Gooding ID 83330, 208-324-8101 EOE

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DAIRY
Milkster needed for small dairy in Grandview. Call 208-861-9027 or after 7 pm 834-3065

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Milkers and Outside Help wanted. References required. Salary DOE. Call 208-422-4252. 8am to 5pm Mon-Fri.

DENTAL
Dental Hygienist PT wanted in Hazelton, Idaho. Work with a dentist in a modern office...all digital. \$44 per hour or 34% of production, which ever is higher! For more information call Dan at Wood-River Dental Care 208-788-4900

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Dental Assistant needed Full-time in Twin Falls. Send resume to Box 52914 c/o The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303

DRIVER
Part-time Delivery Driver for Twin Falls. CDL required. Email resume to www.myvalley.com/1097.

DRIVER
Heavy Trucking needs Long haul Driver. Must have Class A CDL. Competitive Pay. Call 208-1026-0434

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Delivery Truck. Driver for Jerome area. Must have good driving record. 5 day work week. Heavy lifting. Bilingual a plus. Call 208-308-3085 / 308-3087.

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TOP GUN Truck Driving Academy Class "A" CDL Instruction Use Your Tax Return To start a new business. Earn \$30,000 your 1st Year! 735-6656. So Haiba Espanol

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2005-2006 school year. Position will be filled ASAP. Please contact Luke Schroeder at 734-4127 or 280-3783 www.enterprise.com

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Early morning Newspaper Delivery Route available in Twin Falls. Also available part time. Wendell and Gooding. All routes 7 days per week. Hours are 2 1/2 hours per day, but may have reliable transportation. Call 1-800-543-8781 for information.

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New 10 SKL Lin Operators. Must be at least 18 years, have clean background, and some experience in sking or snowboarding. Transportation provided. Call 730-9277 for more information.

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TECHNICIAN
Service Tech needed for local Ag equipment company insurance. 101k, wages DOE. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1144, Burley, Idaho 83316

WELDERS
Experienced aluminum and steel welders needed immediately. Please apply at: Charmis Trainers, 152 South Park W., Twin Falls, ID 83301. No phone calls please.

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MEDICAL
GNAs or NA's graveyards and allotments. P/T/F/T. Call 734-4445

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The Times-News is currently looking for Independent Route Carriers
Twin Falls Motor Rt. #648 3 hrs., - 75 miles. \$650, every 4 weeks.
Shoshone Motor Rt. #617 3 hrs., - 75 miles. \$1,000.
Jerome Rt. #533 100-500' Ave. W. 100-500' Ave. W.
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If you live in these areas and are interested in being a newspaper carrier, please contact Kathy, District Mgr. 735-3348

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in the Magic Valley. Complete commercial fring here! Full-time utilization system. System includes all necessary equipment needed to land apply laggon manure up to 1/4 mile from the laggon at up to 1500 gallons per minute. All equipment has been professionally installed and is in excellent working condition. Equipment plus training available for a turnkey opportunity. Will consider placing out equipment if interested. Please call Rob 208-539-7289 or 208-733-0980

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Loved grandma's house? Then you'll adore this 3 bdrm, 2 bath, two story new schools and city park with gleaming hardwood floors, it warm luptance and natural gas heat. Call Jim now only \$111,000

BARKER
REALTORS Call 543-4371

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acres with a roomy 5 bdrm, 2 bath home with out-ldge. Asking only \$107,000 Call Rod at 713-5502

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3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 car garage, gas fireplace, manufactured home in Moon Glen living room, fireplace, shop and tack room. 2 wheel liners, 1 hand line, 12' water. \$385,000. Great. Call 558-734-0100 or 558-788-2781

HAZELTON
for sale by owner, recently remodeled, 5 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 bath, 1 ft. finished basement, central heat/ac, lg. lot, and edge of town. asking \$135,000. 628-5100.

JEROME
3 bdrm, 2 bath, den, 2 car garage on 1.7 acres with water, 1848 sq. ft. \$137,900. Call 208-731-7463

JEROME
3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1.983 sq. ft. City lot and quiet neighborhood. \$92,500. Call 208-224-5492 or 208-316-0824 Jerry.

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NEW ON MARKET 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 bath home on 1 fenced & cross fenced acre in desirable upscale neighborhood. Features tile, rock fireplace, 5 pc master, jetted tub, 10 loft or vaulted ceilings throughout, hwy patio, front sitting porch, 3 car garage. A great buy for \$299,999. 208-324-4776 or 308-203-1171

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2 bedrooms, 2 bath + garage. Borders River/WB. 3 car garage, big home. NW of Paul. Carca del Sol. \$149,900. Call 208-728-4604

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7 bdrms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, 3 family area, Full bath, 6400 sq. ft., 2148 Candlewood Ave. NE. \$315,000 Call 435-901-9555

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Recently remodeled, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath + basement, 1,467 sq. ft. 2 car garage with attached 2 car garage and fenced yard. \$115,000. Call 208-732-0251

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3 bdrm, 2 bath, immaculate condition, nice neighborhood. Morning-side O'Leary Schools. Nicely landscaped, vaulted ceilings in living area, beautiful wood deck, central air conditioning. Nice view of Thompson Park. This one could go quickly so don't hesitate. Show by appointment only 208-404-9880.

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1.5 bath, 1584 sq. ft., hardwood floors, tile bath, big yd, detached garage, 138 Lincoln, \$125,000. 420-4288.

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KIMBERLY
3028 N 3500 E 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 car garage. Call 733-9069 Western Re Group.

MALTA
7.5 acres with shop and corral. Private well and irrigation. \$195,500. Call 208-645-2345

PAUL
New 3 bdrm, 2 bath, on corner lot, 1864 sq. ft. great room with vaulted ceilings, jetted tub, 3 car garage, 2 car garage, 431-6862

PAUL/HAZELTON
Country brick home conveniently located between Hazelton and Burley, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, 2 car garage, AC, sprinkler system, 8.25 acres with water shares, shops and corral. 208-431-6877 or 208-431-5888

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MELISSA KROENKE/THE TIMES NEWS

Guest conductor Kendall Nielsen, a professor at Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, guides the Magic Valley Symphony through rehearsal last week in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

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TOP 5

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

Television

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
2. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
3. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
4. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
5. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
 — From Nielsen Media Research

Film

1. "Eight Below," Disney
2. "Dala Movie," Fox, \$21,812,384
3. "The Pink Panther," Sony
4. "Ourous George," Universal
5. "Final Destination 3," New Line
 — From Exhibitor Relations Co.

Hot 5

1. "Check on It," Boyce (feat. Slim Thug), Columbia (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "You're Beautiful," James Blunt, Capitol (Platinum)
3. "Gritz," Nelly (feat. Paul Wall, Ali & Gipp), Def Jam
4. "Be Without You," Mary J. Blige, Geffen.
5. "I'm n Luv (Wit a Stripper)," T-Pain (feat. Mike Jones), Konvict Music/Interscope
 — From Billboard magazine

Albums

1. Soundtrack: "Ourous George," Jack Johnson, Brushfire
2. "The Breakthrough," Mary J. Blige, Geffen (Platinum)
3. "The Greatest Songs of the Fifties," Barry Manilow, Arista
4. "Amore," Andrea Bocelli, Sugar
5. "On Top of Our Game," Dem Franchize Boys, So So Def.
 — From Billboard magazine

Concert tours

1. The Rolling Stones.
2. U2.
3. Bon Jovi.
4. Aerosmith.
5. Dave Matthews Band.
 — From Pollstar

VHS/DVD rentals

1. "Flightplan," Touchstone Home Video.
2. "The Legend of Zorro," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
3. "In Her Shoes," FoxVideo.
4. "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," Warner Home Video.
5. "Lord of War," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
 — From Billboard magazine

VHS sales

1. "Legs of Steel 2000," Warner Home Video.

2. "Requiem for a Dream," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
3. "Bans of Steel 4: Advanced," Warner Home Video.
4. "Burg of Steel 7: IntermEDIATE/Advanced Stop Work-out," Warner Home Video.
5. "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," New Line Home Entertainment.1
 — From Billboard magazine

DVD sales

1. "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
2. "The Legend of Zorro (Widescreen Special Edition)," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
3. "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
4. "In Her Shoes (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
5. "The Legend of Zorro (Full Screen Special Edition)," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
 — From Billboard magazine

Top iTunes downloads

1. "You're Beautiful," James Blunt
2. "Temperature," Sean Paul
3. "I'm n Luv (Wit a Stripper)," T-Pain and Mike Jones
4. "Unwritten," Natasha Bedingfield
5. "Check on It," Boyce and Slim Thug
 — Apple Computers, Inc.

Best-selling books

1. "Cell: A Novel" by Stephen King (Scribner)
1. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "Memory in Death" by Nora Roberts writing as J.D. Robb (Putnam)
4. "The Last Templar" by Raymond Khoury (Dutton)
5. "Star Wars Outbound Flight" by Timothy Zahn (Del Rey)
- Nonfiction
1. "Marley & Me" by John Grogan (William Morrow)
2. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
3. "How Could See What I See" by Sylvia Browne (Hay House)
4. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
5. "Jim Carner's Real Money" by James J. Carner (Simon & Schuster)
 — Source: Wall Street Journal

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Photo courtesy of Capcom

Capcom, the manufacturer of 'Devil May Cry 3,' has softened the difficulty level and included much-needed continue points, making the game accessible to even the laziest and unskilled of gamers.

'Devil May Cry' finally gives gamers a break

BY SCOTT JONES
 The Hartford Courant

Notoriously difficult video games polarize gamers into two factions: those who relish and celebrate the game's "old school" challenge and those who deride the game as being just too hard.

"Devil May Cry 3," when released last March, was one such polarizing game. Despite the game's almost absurd challenge — players gripped that they couldn't get beyond the giant three-headed dog on the game's second-level — plenty of gamers were still apparently curious enough to buy copies of the game. The disc sold so well that it has merited a re-release in a "Greatest Hits" edition. But this isn't your typical "Greatest Hits" re-release. The game's developer, Capcom, has gone out of its way to include new game modes, new bosses and a new playable character (it's Vergil, Dante's tight-lipped, kiana-wielding sibling). But perhaps best of all, Capcom has softened the difficulty level and included much-needed continue points, making the game accessible to even the laziest and unskilled of gamers.

"Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)

Because this game stands as one of the best third-person action games of 2005 and is very much deserving of a play-

through. And considering that you're getting a ton of extra content as a fraction of the original retail price — you can pick it up for a mere \$20 — this is a must-buy for any gamer who missed out on the disc the first time around.

The game centers on Dante, a half-human/half-devil man-boy. Dante wears a red velvet trench coat, fashionable work

boots and a perfectly mused haircut. He carries a sword that's nearly as tall as he is. He can use firearms that never run out of ammo. He deals out death to the demon hordes, whirling his way through enemy-crowd-

The lead character, Dante, has plenty of crummy one-liners. Prepare to cringe when he says things like, "This is going to be one crazy party!"

ed rooms like a Jeffrey Ballet dancer, striking down everything in his path and always looking good while doing so. And he eats pizza. And he has plenty of crummy one-liners. Prepare to cringe when he says things like, "This is going to be one crazy party!"

I don't necessarily identify with, or even like, Dante. But I do like the gameplay. It's spectacular, visceral, outrageously over-the-top. And the game's cut-scenes are so jaw-droppingly nuts that they have to be seen to be believed.

If you've played through the game once, play through it a second time as Vergil. And if you haven't played it, pick it up today. And tell that giant three-headed dog that I sent you.

WALK RIGHT IN

M. V. Symphony performs Friday in newly reimagined CSI Fine Arts Center

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — No sneaking in the back way this time.

For the first time in two years, folks attending Friday's Magic Valley Symphony concert can walk through the front door.

That's because construction of the new enclosed lobby of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center has been completed, and concert-goers no longer have to dodge scaffolding and sawhorses.

"Finally we have a lobby that properly greets our concert guests," said Paul Brown Sinclair, the symphony's publicist and French horn player. "And there is room in the building for all the wonderful arts activities."

Although there was a Magic Valley Arts on Tour performance in the auditorium in January, Friday will be the first major local arts event in the Fine Arts Center since the completion of an \$8 million expansion of the 37-year-old structure. In addition to the new enclosed lobby, the building now includes four new classrooms, five new offices, a lecture hall, two sets of restrooms, a 340-seat theater, dressing rooms, a rehearsal room, a scene shop and tool room, a costume room and lots of storage space.

"I hope I have heard for the last time 'Si-b-i-l-i.' They're doing a play across the hall," Sinclair said.

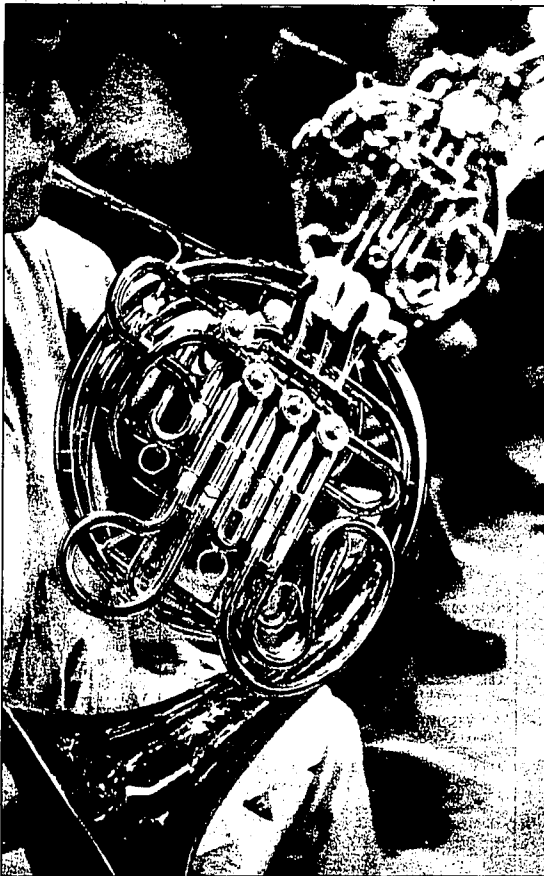
Kendell Nielsen, the associate conductor of the Highspan Young University-Idaho Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the Magic Valley Symphony in a program of music by Alexander Borodin, Samuel Barber, Felix Mendelssohn and American composer H. Owen Reed.

"This is a wonderful group of musicians," Nielsen said in a telephone interview from his Rexburg home. "They come to rehearsals enthusiastic and ready to play."

For most of this winter, Nielsen — who is on sabbatical from his job as director of music theory studies at BYU-Idaho — has been making the 430-mile, seven-hour round-trip drive from Rexburg to Twin Falls once a week for rehearsals.

"It's been fun," he said. "The roads have been good."

First up on Friday night will be the Second Symphony by Borodin, a 19th century Russian



MELANIE THOMPSON/THE NEWS-NEWS

Cheryl Gall of Shoshone plays the French horn last week at a rehearsal for the Magic Valley Symphony's winter concert

If you go ...

- What: Magic Valley Symphony will perform its winter concert.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Friday, 8 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, are available at the door.

Meet the band

Members of the Magic Valley Symphony:

First violin — Lori Casperon, concertmaster; Diana Dewey, Anglo Filmore, Claire Gibbs, Kathy Harris, Devry Nield and Heidi Copeland

Second violin — Ken Patterson, Annette Barnum, Chris McFall, Melanie Nielsen, Jessica Byington, Jenni-Leigh Jones, Hannah McCombs, Andrew Toft and Kimbra Turner

Viola — Kevin Howard, Ron Wade and Jan R. Olsen

Cello — Rick Strickland, Lorna Pringle, Renee Birch, Susan Glaze, Barry Hamilton, Elisa Pierce, Ian Birch and Tara Brenneke

Bass — Aaron Miller, Michael Frow, Alan Becerra and Walker Oster

Flute and piccolo — Jo Ann Gerrish, Stacey Corbett and Lucianna Jones

Oboe — Jarlie Griff and Marcelaine Glenn

Clarinet — Patty Hadley and Bob Bybee

Bassoon — Clark Anderson and Lori Miller

Horn — Paula Brown Sinclair, H. Richard Cook, David Mersh and Cheryl Gall

Trumpet — Rich Speitser, Kathryn M. Cooper and Dara Loftnes

Bass trombone — Jerry Green

Tuba — Jeffrey S. Silcock

Piano — Margaret Vincent

Tympani — Doug Wangen

Percussion — Glenn Arrington, David Coleman, Adam Kroeger and Gavin Savage

Lighting/sound — Dan MacLerran and Mike Winterholler

Stage manager — Ian Birch

Movies

Now playing

TWIN FALLS

Twix Cinema
 "Brookback Mountain"
 "The Chronicles of Haric: The Last,
 the Witch and the Wardrobe"
 "Curious George"

"Date Movie"
 "Foggy"
 "Eight Below"
 "Clory Road"
 "Firewall"
 "Woodrind"
 "Nanny McPhee"
 "The Pink Panther"
 "Hunting Scared"
 "Subs on the Loose"

Odeyria Theatre
 "Big Momma's House 2"
 "Fredericand"
 "Mackie's Family Reunion"
 "Mrs. Henderson Presents"
 "Underworld Evolution"
 "When a Stranger Calls"

Lamphouse Theatre
 "The Seven Sins of Daniel Tucker"
 "Shoppin'"

The Orpheum
 "Final Destination 3"

HAILEY/KETCHUM

Maple Lantern
 "Eight Below"
 "Fredericand"
 "Mrs. Henderson Presents"
 "Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada"

Big Wood Cinema
 "Capote"
 "Date Movie"
 "Eight Below"
 "Firewall"
 "The Pink Panther"

Skiff Cinema
 "The Pink Panther"
 "Transamerica"

BURLEY

Century Cinema
 "Curious George"
 "Date Movie"
 "Eight Below"
 "Firewall"
 "The Pink Panther"

Burley Theater
 "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema
 "Annapolis"
 "Eight Below"
 "Firewall"
 "The Pink Panther"

'MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS'

Pleasant film probes the history of English theater

BY KENNETH TURMAN
 Los Angeles Times

Just as there will always be an England, there will always be a certain kind of English film: the highly polished entertainment, well-acted, gently amusing and impeccably turned out. "Mrs. Henderson Presents" is

the latest example of the trend and an especially satisfying one.

Directed by the veteran Stephen Frears and featuring fine performances by Bob Hoskins and an irresistible Judi Dench, "Mrs. Henderson Presents" is an artfully sentimentalized valentine to show business in general and musical theater in

particular, with the stiff-upper-lip pluckiness of London during the blitz serving as a backdrop.

Not just any kind of musical theater is being celebrated, as it happens, but a curious corner of British theatrical history. That would be the years surrounding World War II when a place in Soho called the Windmill shocked Britain by putting naked young women onstage and getting away with it. According to Martin Sherman's smirky good-natured script — inspired, we are told, by true events — none of this would have happened without the tempestuous partnership of the wealthy and eccentric Mrs. Laura Henderson (Dench) and a scrappy theatrical manager named Vivian Van Damme (Hoskins).

We meet Mrs. Henderson at the funeral home in 1937 when Mr. Henderson is no more. The type of woman who says "I'd rather drink ink" when asked if she'd like to view some tapes, Mrs. Henderson is soon bored to tears with widowhood. On a whim, she buys the Windmill and hires Van Damme to manage the place.

Not that hiring him was easy. "You're 20 minutes late and you're rude," are Van Damme's first words to his new boss, and their relationship goes down and up and down from there. The pair's combative rapport is surprisingly endearing, characterized by her commenting after one of his full-horn sallies that "I have no idea what you're talking

Mrs. Henderson Presents

Starring: Judi Dench, Bob Hoskins, Christopher Guest
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 Magic Lantern of Ketchum

about, but I do admire passion." Inspired by her memories of Paris' Moulin Rouge and a personal tragedy she keeps hidden from Van Damme, it is Mrs. Henderson who comes up with the idea of having performers without any clothes on her stage.

Told things like that aren't done in England, she browbeats London's censor, her old friend Lord Cromer (a delightful Christopher Guest), until he agrees to the show with one condition: It must be a tableaux vivant, a living painting in which no one is allowed to move.

Much of "Mrs. Henderson Presents" follows familiar patterns: The girls have to be recruited, persuaded to be comfortably nude on stage, and then shielded from the ravages of London under the blitz. All the while Mrs. Henderson has to be recruited, persuaded to be comfortably nude on stage, and then shielded from the ravages of London under the blitz. All the while Mrs. Henderson has to be recruited, persuaded to be comfortably nude on stage, and then shielded from the ravages of London under the blitz.

Several things make all this extremely palatable, starting with the presence of 14 vintage stage musical numbers, including Benny Goodman's "Goody Goody" and the classically jaunty "Babies of the Blitz."

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Camille O'Sullivan and Judi Dench consider light entertainment in wartime London.

Photo courtesy of The Westwood Company

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Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

Mrs. Henderson Presents

(R) Daily 7:30 - 9:45

Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

When a Stranger Calls (13)

Daily 7:15 - 9:15

Sat - Sun 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:15

Underworld: Evolution (R)

Daily 7:00 - 9:15

Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Big Momma's House 2 (13)

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Twin 18 Cinema

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Paul Walker in Running Scared

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Movie nuggets

• **"Annapolis"** *** In Justin Lin's formula motivational, James Franco is appealing as the riveter who dreams not of building ships but of commanding them. With Jordana Brewster, Tyrese Gibson and Vicellous Shannon. 1 hour, 48 minutes. PG-13 (violence, profanity)

• **"Big Momma's House"** *** Martin Lawrence returns as the FBI agent who goes undercover as a very large, curly woman. This silly sequel isn't bad, unless you're expecting to laugh. 1 hour, 39 minutes. PG-13 (drug and sex references)

• **"Brokeback Mountain"** *** Ang Lee's heart-breaking film starring the incomparable Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal as Wyoming cowboys who encounter bliss on a noctic between the rocky Tetons and the unforgetting hard place of 1960s society. With Michelle

About the rating system

The ratings in these capsules are by **Knight Ridder News Service**. 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

Williams and Anne Hathaway, 2 hours, 14 minutes R (nudity, sex)

• **"Capote"** **** Cold Blood, befriending and betraying the killers of a farming family. In the title role, Philip Seymour Hoffman is so accurate. 1 hour, 38 minutes. R (violence)

• **"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"** *** 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 dollpops of delight, a bit of disappointment awaits on the other side. PG (battle sequences and frightening moments)

• **"Curious George"** No rating The inquisitive primate embarks on an adventure based on the original 1941 book by Margret and H.A. Rey. With voices by Will Ferrell, Drew Barrymore, David Cross, Eugene Levy, Joan Plowright and Dick Van Dyke. Directed by Matthew O'Callaghan. G.

• **"Date Movie"** No rating This send-up of romantic comedies is directed by "Gary Moore" screenwriters Jason Friedberg and Aaron Setzer. With Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard and Allison Hannigan. PG-13

• **"Doogal"** No rating, when the evil sorcerer, (voiced by Jon Stewart), escapes from prison, he vows to exact revenge by deep-freezing the earth forever. Led by the candy-loving mutt Doogal (Kenan Thompson), friends Dylan (Timothy Fallon), Brian (William L. Macy), and Ermintrude (Whoopee Goldberg) set out to save the world. G.

• **"Eight Below"** No rating. A solidly entertaining tale of endurance and companionship that offers some glorious snowy vistas, a good dose of action and eight very cool-looking quadrupeds. With Paul Walker, Bruce Greenwood, Moon Bloodgood. PG.

• **"Final Destination 3"** No rating. A high school student for sees a deadly roller-coaster accident, then she and the other sur-

vivors must deal with consequences of cheating fate. Ryan Merriman and Mary Elizabeth Winstead star. Directed by James Wong. R for strong horror-violence (gore, language and some nudity).

• **"Firewall"** No rating Harrison Ford plays a bank security expert whose family is kidnapped by a vicious criminal (Paul Bettany). With Virginia Madsen, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Robert Patrick, Robert Forster and Alan Arkin. Directed by Richard Loncraine ("Wimbledon"). PG-13 for some intense sequences of violence.

• **"Freedomland"** No rating Richard Price penned this screenplay, based on his own novel, about interracial tensions surrounding a kidnapping and apparent murder of a teenager. Samuel L. Jackson, Julianne Moore, and Eddie Falco star. F.

• **"Glory Road"** ** The basketball team from tiny Texas Western College, who used only black players to win the NCAA tournament in 1966, is the subject of this film starring Josh Lucas and Derek Luke. Sweet but superficial and sermonistic. 1 hour, 46 mins: PG (violence, racial epithets)

• **"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"** *** This fourth film in the fantasy franchise is the most fun and most fraught with conflict, what with Our Hero battling both his nemesis Lord Voldemort and puberty. Mike Newell — the first Brit to helm the series — is the guy you want to escort it through Harry's awkward age. With the usual suspects: Ralph Fiennes as Voldemort; and Michael Gambon, replacing the late Richard Harris, as Dumbledore. Not recommended for

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Photo courtesy of Bruce Voth Pictures

Millionaire Steve Martin woos retail clerk Claire Danes in 'Shoppin!'

'Shoppin!'

BY STEPHEN HUNTER
The Washington Post

Shoppin!

Starring: Steve Martin, Claire Danes, Jason Schwartzman

Rated: R

Now playing at the Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls

Daft but slight, the Steve Martin film, "Shoppin!," is a case of precise observation of nothing. It's like looking through a microscope at an empty slide.

From his own screenplay, which in turn was based on his own novella, and directed by Anand Tucker, the movie watches listlessly as old rich guy Ray Porter (Martin) picks up, seduces and begins a pointless, clearly doomed affair with shopgirl Mirabelle Butterfield (Claire Danes), who sells gloves at Saks in Beverly Hills. Slight age diff: He's fifty-something, she's twenty-something (the actors are now 60 and 25). Is his harmless or a species of child abuse? On this issue, as on many others, the movie is silent.

It's a film concerned with cool surfaces, with getting things right, particularly clothes and fashion accoutrements. It's hip, it's new, it's happening, it's dull. The movie never explains the nature of this

relationship: Why does he become obsessed (in a polite way) with her; why in turn does she let a man older than her father, even if he's as well preserved as any 40-year-old, caress her body? No answers.

Meanwhile, although it never develops much narrative tension (because there's not much conflict, only behavior) Beattie-held Jeremy (Jason Schwartzman), a rejected but more appropriate surly, presses his case via long distance while he's on the road with what can only be a late mid-aged man's view of a rock band.

You keep expecting "Shoppin!" to get funny or sad or poignant; it never does. It just stars, then it's over.

'Daniel Tucker' debuts

a different genre, from film noir, horror, musical, French New Wave, drama, children's television show and the news.

This is the third film for Malvini, a 21-year-old Twin Falls resident. He produced "The Fear in the Freezer" in 2004 and "The Muffin Man" last year.

"This is our most ambitious project yet and certainly our finest," Malvini said. "I am amazed that we made it. It looks like we spent a whole lot more money on it than we did. Basically this movie is a darkly comic meditation upon the futility of our life and our death, along with a scathing deconstruction of the art of filmmaking.

Daniel Tucker's music has inspired both myself and my creative partner, Dustin Jones since we heard him in July 2003 at the Daniel Tucker Film Festival, where he gave us his music licensing for winning his festival with "The Fear in the Freezer."

"The Seven Sins of Daniel Tucker" will also be screened Saturday and Sunday at 4:30, 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets for Friday's debut are \$10, which includes pre-show entertainment, an invitation to the premiere party and a question-and-answer session with the filmmakers. To reserve tickets, phone the Lamphouse Theater at 736-8600 or Malvini at 212-9268.



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"Rent" PG-13

Musicals are not for the liberal-minded, and that probably should have ruled out Chris Columbus as the man to bring Broadway's long-running hit "Rent" to the screen. Columbus seems smitten with the concept of "facial realism" a flip-flop made by one of "Rent's" exuberant bohemians—and he labors mightily to make the movie look and feel like something that genuinely bubbled up from the mean streets of Alphabet City at the height of AIDS angst.

The emphasis is misplaced, but at least he does it with the utmost respect. Columbus ("Adventures in Babysitting," "Mrs. Doubtfire," the first two Harry Potter movies) is clearly a fan, and he preserves Jonathan Larson's celebrated Broadway rock score with only minor cuts and alterations and allowing just a subtle veneer of studio polish on the musical production.

Columbus also deserves full marks for bringing back nearly all the actors who created the roles in 1996—the performers who knew Larson and still revere him with the joy and shock of his sudden demise and untimely death. (The 35-year-old composer died of an aneurysm as the show was in previews off-Broadway, tragically echoing his show's "No Day but today" message.) So the Rent-heads will find plenty to like, if only because so much is familiar from Broadway.

At risk, the spry, documentary filmmaker, Anthony Rapp brands the same balled-up frustration (and trademark striped sweater) as when the show premiered almost a decade ago. Playing Roger, the depressed guitarist with AIDS and writer's block, Adam Pascal still breeds and grows his young punk as a starving artist/angry young man. The wily Jesse L. Martin continues to beam like a schoolboy with a crush as Collins, the laid-back and unemployed gay philosopher, and Wilson Jermaine Heredia twirls like a dervish in Christmas-jerkant drag as the aptly named Angel, Collins's savior (and the primary messenger of tolerance for us all).

They, Diego and Idina Menzel, now married in real life, return as well—Diggs as Benny, a corporate-soul nut trying to evict them from their tiny, two-house squat, and Menzel as Maureen, a hotbedded performance artist who dumps Mark for uptown



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Anthony Rapp and Jermaine Heredia face the music and dance in "Rent."

African American lawyer Joanne (Tracie Thoms, a rookie in this ensemble).

Toss in newcomer Rosario Dawson's lithe, heavy-lidded turn as Mimi, a drug-addled stripper who takes a shine to Roger (an ex-junkie himself), and there you have the whole unconventional family. "Rent's" theme of inclusion, like so much theater of its time, is simultaneously sentimental and rabid—bleeding hearts and fists in the air.

The thing that made the stage version a hit, and has kept it running, was Larson's arresting scores, which seemed to reflect everything from Sundheim and the Who to Puccini ("La Bohème" is the loose source) and "Hair" liberally plundered for the free-wheeling dance-on-the-table number "La Vie Bohème." Wasting almost no time on dialogue, the music featured big, driving, catchy choral numbers, haunting anthems of fear and affirmation, a bright gloss on Puccini in Mimi's and Roger's "Light My Candle," a fifty-southwestern breeze in Collins's wishful "Santa Fe," a acid comedy as Mark and Joanne get thrown together for the tart "Tango: Maureen"...

A bracingly wide range of styles exhibited under the rock umbrella, all of it written with a touch of heart. It was, and is, a big romantic mess—Larson's untimely death preempted serious polishing, with moments of real glory.

Columbus preserves it, but he doesn't work with it. He just stands in slack-jawed awe and rolls the camera. Love comes before him: Columbus has no clue how to spark excitement when Dawson and Pascal tumble and

flirt in the dark during "Light My Candle," and he reacts to the sweet "I'll Cover You"—a pulsing, swelling romantic duet—with having Martin and Heredia croon it as they saunter down a city block. Talk about your pedestrian ideas.

—Washington Post

"North Country"

R

What Hollywood gives, Hollywood takes away. Studio filmmaking can make an event as fantastical as an alien invasion look like reality, and it can make something that actually took place feel as fake as crocodile tears. Which is what happens with "North Country."

Though this story of the sexual harassment class-action lawsuit that changed the lives of American working women is careful to say it is no more than "inspired by" the real-life situation, if there hadn't been a reality (detailed in "Class Action," Clara Bingham and Laura Leedy Gansler's excellent book) there would be nothing to film.

But to see this overly schematic movie, directed by "White Rider's" Niki Caro and starring Chloë Theron, is to be made to feel—inaccurately as it turns out—that the whole thing is a hopelessly exaggerated fabrication. The taint of the melodramatic techniques used in key segments infects the entire movie and makes us question the truth of a significant historical reality.

This is a shame not only because the real events don't need to be excessively Hollywoodized but because Caro and Theron bring good things to the table. The director has a gift for

making emotion believable and works quite well with the film's strong group of supporting actors, including Frances McDormand, Sissy Spacek, Michelle Monaghan and Rusty Schwimmer. As for Theron, she does more genuine acting than she's ever done before.

Yes, I'm aware that the actress won an Oscar for playing Aileen Wuornos in "Monster," but that has always felt more like a frenzied stunt with Academy Award appeal than a fully realized performance. Under Caro's guidance, the connection Theron has made to the resolute, working-class woman she plays results in a performance that is at least long watch.

We meet the fictional Josey Ames in 1963 at the nadir of her marriage. Her husband beats her, her children are difficult and she is forced to return home to northern Minnesota to a submissive mother (Spacek) and a near-absent father (Richard Jenkins) whose default response is to blame his daughter for any and all problems.

Soon enough Josey runs into her old pal Glory (McDormand) who suggests she join her at the nearby mines, which have begun hiring women. Her unenlightened mine-worker father ("You want to be a lesbian now?") is dead against it, as is her mother ("I'd just take this job, it'll shame him"). Even her inevitably surly teenage son doesn't cut Josey a break.

That, in a nutshell, is the problem with "North Country": Hardly anyone cuts Josey a break, ever.

—Los Angeles Times

"The Weather Man"

R

What's it like to be a highly paid, highly visible professional buffoon in the midst of an existential crisis? This is the question posed by "The Weather Man," a surprisingly wry contemporary movie directed by Gore Verbinski ("Pirates of the Caribbean") from

a darkly funny and poignant script by Steven Conrad.

It takes a minute to settle into the idea that "The Weather Man" is a big studio movie, it really just says a movie about a guy who has some stuff to work out. But that's more or less it. At once a frank, funny character study of a not very likable character and a timely, philosophical riff on the culture of mediocrity, "The Weather Man" deals in themes usually left to indie. But the combination of Phedon Papamichael's impressive cinematography, which turns Chicago's frozen canyons, gray crushed-velvet sky and cut-glass lake into a mythical landscape, and Nicolas Cage's and Michael Caine's restrained and nuanced performances make the movie feel at once intimate and epic—literate, even, as its protagonist navigates treacherous emotional states and familial crises to arrive at a place of, if not peace exactly, then at least exasperated transcendence.

You're not exactly supposed to like Dave Spritz (Cage), a Chicago weatherman who makes \$250,000 a year in exchange for, he puts it, "a small hand and contribution." But it's hard not to empathize with him. For a guy who earns a living from his likability, no one in his life seems to like him very much, least of all him. Dave's problem, or one of them, is that he can't help but notice that he owes his success mostly to a culture-wide lowering of the bar. He doesn't have a degree in meteorology, nor is he particularly good at predicting the weather. What he has is a "refreshing" name (shortened by a producer) and a knack for waving his arms convincingly in front of a green screen and the kind of nonthreatening, exalted everyman quality that suggests familiarity and random hostility in equal measure.

Dave can't wait in line at the DMV or pick up his daughter from ballet class without being hit up for an autograph or, worse, pelted with food from passing cars.

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SAVORY

Sample an old-school Idaho steakhouse

BY DAVID COOPER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—You can have meat and potatoes anywhere in Idaho. World-class steak, however, is more elusive.

If you're on the lookout for prime rib, however, follow the experienced ranch hands who head to the Rock Creek. It's not a restaurant with a savory reputation for prime cuts of beef and fresh seafood, that isn't taken lightly by owners. The proof is on the plate, and there's plenty of it.

Located on the western edge of Twin Falls at 200 Addison Ave. W., Rock Creek has grilled its way to the satisfaction of many meat eaters in the Magic Valley. Co-owner Staff Thomas knows a little something about locals' tastes for red meat. Years ago he was one of the founding partners for the Pioneer Saloon in downtown Ketchum, still known as an Idaho mecca for prime rib. When Rock Creek opened in 1978, prime rib became the synonym for good taste.

"That's the thing we've done the best, and it continues to be one of our bigger-selling items although it's more expensive," Thomas said. "About a third of our sales is seafood and it goes off the shelf real fast."

"We're probably one of the only steakhouses still serving where we make sure it's aged a certain time. Some cuts we age longer than others but we make sure everything has a certain amount of days on it."

The same "aged" feel can be said for the restaurant itself. Rock Creek sports a well-worn, broken-in feel that suits a western steakhouse. The lighting is dim but the atmosphere is loud. The crowd can vary from the quiet evening in the corner, to the boisterous celebration among friends. Big game trophies, fish trophies, old black-and-white photos from southern Idaho's past—they all hover above you like an amber Idaho sunset. It's fun to watch bread in a setting that's part saloon, part sophisticated dining.

The milieu, however, is see-



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The exterior of Rock Creek on Addison Avenue West in Twin Falls. Open since 1978, the restaurant specializes in steak and seafood.

ondary to the food, which is abundant, savory and overwhelmingly fulfilling. Most of the entrees at Rock Creek come with the salad bar, which is generous to most tastes with fresh baked breads and hearty soups as well.

Don't underestimate the variety of the salad bar, especially if you're looking to buy an appetizer. During a previous visit, my wife and I merged easily into the meal thanks to the artichoke-and-crab dip, with toasted, buttered slices of sourdough. This tender offering, my empty stomach helped build up the courage for a heavier serving of Idaho french fries with green onions and Monterey jack cheese and spicy tomato fry sauce.

That's just say it wasn't underwhelming. The richness of garbanzoella wraps you after the first few bites. And the chef's really pile it on. A good warm-up dish if you're in a party of eight. For just two diners, however, we had to huff off early.

Good thing we did, too. The entree meets your expectations quite nicely—so don't overdo it with the early servings. The restaurant boasts about its beef cuts and fish so it can fit its own specifications, and remove the flared portions. The Rock Creek's claim to fame really showed up in the taste. My order, the Creek Steak—a 12-ounce prime-cut slice of sirloin beef—arrived tender and with a medium-rare tint, a fine definition of a juicy steak. The tenderness

About the Rock Creek

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wasn't compromised by the thickness (at least a full-inch) and each bite went down easy.

Another sign of an excellent cut: Tamar's sirloin and teriyaki steak, served with brown rice, both had their own satisfying and equal qualities. The teriyaki flavor won't overtake your senses, but rather melts with a lingering taste—thanks to an appropriate balance of mild marinade and fresh chicken.

The food and dining are an experience at Rock Creek, and you should expect a crowd. Week-end nights are always rocking and reservations are not taken unless for larger banquet groups. Try to stop by before 6 (with some value \$10.95 dishes) to beat the rush.

If you don't, enjoy the big crowd and the bold tastes.

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South-central Idaho dining guide

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• **Montana Steak House**, 1826 Canyon Creek Dr. — Prime rib, steaks, seafood, barbecue baby-back ribs, fried chicken, soup and salad bar, carry-bid specials, \$4.96-\$22.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-midnight; Sunday buffet, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 734-7476.

• **New China Buffet**, 570 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Crab legs, salmon, sweet-and-sour chicken, pizza, \$5.99-\$8.99. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 735-1225.

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THURSDAY

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P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kraker's Night Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge. Kraker's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krueger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

FRIDAY

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.

Karaoke with Lone Star Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Midier Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is located at 153 West U.S. Highway 30.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krueger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

SPEED METAL LEGEND



Photo courtesy of Island Records

Anthrax's classic lineup invented speed metal in the 1980s.

Anthrax makes powerful poison again

The Hartford Courant

The term "legend," when applied to music, is problematic for heavy metal guitarist Scott Ian.

It's a word often associated with his band, Anthrax. So is "pioneering," given the '80s-vintage group's role in merging hard-core punk's furious tempos and heavy metal's sonic thrash to create a subgenre called speed metal. Anthrax has influenced countless followers over the course of 11 studio albums and several personal changes — including a return last year to the group's definitive lineup — but Ian isn't comfortable with the idea that his band is a legend.

"It just happens to play in a band, and we've been doing it a long time, so the amount of time, it creates titles," Ian says by phone from California, before beginning the band's winter tour. "The longer you're around, the more titles people call you."

Also, if you want to get literal about it, legends aren't real.

"If you look up the definition of legend, a legend can be something of fantasy," Ian says.

"When people describe something as legendary, it's like they came from Middle Earth and fought with the elves."

Anthrax came from New York City and has never fought with

"If you look up the definition of legend, a legend can be something of fantasy. When people describe something as legendary, it's like they came from Middle Earth and fought with the elves."

—Anthrax guitarist Scott Ian

elves (or so Ian claims). His band, then, is clearly real. That's more than can be said for Internet rumors that seminal members Joey Belladonna, Frank Bello and Daniel Spitz rejoined Anthrax at the behest of Sharon Osbourne, who was said to have wanted the band to headline Ozfest last summer. (Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden ended up anchoring the traveling festival. Anthrax hit the road with Judas

Priest in the fall, which was "awesome," Ian says. "It was like a dream for us to play with them.")

"According to the Internet, Sharon Osbourne offered us \$10 billion to reform, and after we each cashed our checks and bought our mansions out in the countryside, we decided we'd better get together and rehearse and earn our money," Ian says dryly.

In fact, reuniting the classic lineup was drummer Charlie Benante's idea. The band had booted singer Belladonna in 1992, guitarist Spitz left on his own, trading music for (of all things) watch-making, and bassist Bello had recently taken up with the band Helmet. Then former Pantera guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott was murdered on stage in 2004, which sent a shock through the metal world.

"That really changed the way I thought about things. Dealing with that, having to face mortality, it was a very emotional thing, Benante says on Anthrax's Web site. "Does it take a tragedy to bring people back together? I don't know, but who knows when we'll have the chance to do this again."

The idea intrigued Ian, too. "For me, it wasn't so much

Music Sound bites:

RECENT CD RELEASES

Barry Manilow
"The Greatest
Songs of the
Fifties"

(Vca)

You have to admire Barry Manilow's courage.

Making an album of 14 covers of pop classics that have endured for 50 years and risking comparison with their beloved — even sacred — original versions takes plenty of guts.

And Manilow's renditions aren't bad.

The problem is that most of these songs will always belong to their original owners.

One original owner is present: Phyllis McGuire joins Manilow on a medley of two hits she had with the McGuire Sisters, "Sincerely" and "Teach Me Tonight," and still sounds pretty good, even after 50 years.

And Manilow's arrangement of "Beyond the Sea" as a ballad rather than as Barry Darin's hip, uptick, finger-snapper restores the poignancy and beauty of this song about a soldier yearning to be reunited with his beloved.

Burk let it be said that "It's Not for Me to Say" need not swing by anyone but Johnny Mathis. The same is true for "Venus" and Frankie Avalon, "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" and Elvis, and so on.

And although Manilow hardly embraces himself on "Unchained Melody," this song simply doesn't sound right in the hands of anyone but the Righteous Brothers (whose definitive version, by the way, was released in 1965, 10 years after the song was introduced by Al Hibbler).

Manilow's voice still has the pleasant, friendly sound that helped him pump out all those hits in the 1970s and 80s. On this album, though, he sometimes seems a bit too concerned with his enunciation.

This is a top-notch playlist, and these songs are always good to hear — even if doing so makes us long for the real thing.

—Associated Press

Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

Michael Houser "Sandbox"

(Supercat)

Michael Houser was one of the good guys. The Widespread Panic guitarist was unpretentious, with talent as deep as his heart was big. Rock 'n' roll, for many, is just an excuse for sex and drugs, but Houser was in it for the music, and his mesmerizing solos and experimental bent delighted Widespread fans for nearly 20 years. His death from cancer in 2002 was a shock, even though it wasn't unexpected.

"Sandbox," a posthumous collection of songs Houser recorded in his garage over the years, is a fitting memorial to the guitarist and his wide-ranging taste. There are plenty of Widespread-esque moments on the album, but that's not what makes "Sandbox" interesting — there's hardly a shortage of Widespread moments elsewhere, after all. No, it's Houser's willingness to stretch in different directions that makes this album shine.

"Country Sex Song," would do John Prine proud with its top-line, big, low-key, twangy guitar and sly lyrics. "Bull Run" is a streamlined breakup ballad with aching steel guitar, and the mandolin on "Love and Lullaby" shows the influence of all that time spent jamming at rock-inside festivals.

It's just too bad those days are gone.

— Hartford Courant

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Dimebag dying as, "Why not try it now?" he says. "If we can get everyone a buck together without any problems and any arm-twisting and everyone wants to just try it, then why not? Because we might not be here five years from now to ever try it then."

Belladonna's replacement, John Bush, was amenable to stepping for the duration of a reunion tour, and the band's older fans were thrilled. Younger fans of the Bush-led Anthrax weren't necessarily convinced, though.

"You have to expect that," Ian says. "When we fired Joey [back in 1992], we lost a huge part of our audience when we moved forward without him. You can't please everyone and that's something we've known and accepted since Day 1 of being in

Acelyone with R.I.D. "Magnificent City"

(Decon)



Photo courtesy of Decon

Acelyone, an accomplished underground lyricist from L.A., teams up here with Philadelphia producer R.I.D. for an ambitious album that thumbs its nose at super-slick radio rap.

The duo sets an original sound tone from the start with "All For U," a track that interlaces big horns and subtle acoustic guitar notes

with Acelyone's meticulously enunciated strutting. The pair continues that 1970s flavor during "Fire" with samples that sound straight out of a Melvin Van Peebles movie. Not all of these 14 songs bump, but all are more innovative than most mainstream rap offerings.

— Denver Post

The Alkoholiks "Firewater"

Wapikotik/Koch

It's usually a good idea to avoid get-togethers that involve dirty martinis — binges trying to recapture the breeze-scented high-lights of their mispent youth. With The Alkoholiks, however, you almost have to give them a pass. Co-trainee self-proclaimed hip-hop junkies discovered an intoxicatingly simple brew from the outset — black rockin' beats and lighthearted odes to the liquor cabinet — and they stuck with it for more than a dozen years now, ignoring more bad trends than good ones in their pursuit of the ultimate buzz.

Billed as the trio's fifth and

a band. Although Ian allows that the idea of a reunion was "a little nerve-racking" before the band met for its first rehearsal, it says there was nothing awkward or difficult about making music together again.

"It was really easy," he says. "Look, it's Anthrax, it wasn't like it was strange, and I didn't know what it would be like. We spent eight years together in very close quarters all the time, and the bonds that form when you do that, when you get back together, it's still the same dudes."

And even if Obscure had offered them \$10 billion, reuniting wasn't about the money (at least not entirely). It was about rebuilding relationships.

"The only way this could have happened would have been organically," Ian says.

final album, "Firewater" does bear signs of creative fatigue; even the most terrific formula has its expiration limits.

Yet such songs as "Drink With Us," which references past boozing buddies like Snoop Dogg and the Deftones, remind you that throughout the wozy goody times they helped create, rappers J-Ro and Fish have seldom gotten off to a deceptively sharp wit.

Although "Chaos" is a successful collaboration with beat producer Danger Mouse, the song is also a throwback that doesn't sound at all out of place amid the satisfying retro creations of DJ/producer E-Swift.

If this is indeed last call for The Liks, then "Firewater" settles their tab with change to spare.

— Denver Post

Yellowcard

"Lights and Sounds"

(Capitol)

Yellowcard appeals to the inner 16-year-old. That youthful optimism and admirable naivete prove blissful in this experiment, the band's first new full-length album of originals since mid-2003's "Ocean Avenue." "Lights and Sounds" is a record of evolution.

This polite maturation has the band more in its skin than ever. From the instrumental piano intro "Three Flights Up" to the symphonic closing minute of "Holly Wood Died," the band is pointed in a more distinctively rounded direction — one that will easily broaden its appeal and lengthen its shelf life.

— Denver Post

Alabama

"Alabama: Livin' Lovin'"

Rockin' Rollin' "

(RCA Legacy)

CD box sets do not serve some country stars. Gathering 45 or 50 of their songs just shows how little variety or growth there is in their music.

This three-disc set, though, beautifully makes the opposite case for this legendary band. Alabama did not miss a beat in the 25 years of music gathered here. It contains plenty of No. 1 hits, from "Tennessee River" (1972) to "In a Hurry" (1992). It also includes unreleased live versions of some great songs, including "Tar Top," "Vacation," and "If It Ain't Dixie (It Won't Do)." — Denver Post

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SATURDAY

Twin Falls

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Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland.

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is located at 1340 Oakdale 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 157 Highway 30.

Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Filer

Wild Side Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Moon Bar. No cover charge. The Moon Bar is located at 306 Main.

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

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• **Hornis Cafe**, 803 Main Ave. W. — Jack & Jill burger with fries, Friday's baked-chicken with dressing special, homemade noodles, steak, seafood, \$3.95-\$12.95. **Hours** Mondays through Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. **Tom and Vicki Collins**, owners; 736-9735.

• **Outback Steakhouse**, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Fresh seafood, steak, house burgers, \$7.99-\$23.99. **Full bar.** **Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. **John Lockhart**, owner; 733-4565.

• **Peking Restaurant**, 824 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Cantonese-Chinese cuisine, spicy wok-cooked specialties, hamburgers and fries, children's menu, \$4.55-\$9.75. **Wine, beer, hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Mondays. **John Mei**, owner; 733-4813.

• **Perkins**, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pot roast, steak, salmon, \$6.29-\$13.99. **Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m. to midnight; Sundays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. **Mike Nelson**, general manager; 736-8417.

• **Phat Eddy's**, 233 First St. N. — Cajun roast pork, Crawfish Saba, Louisiana crab fish tails, \$2.95-\$8.95. **Full bar.** **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; closed Sundays. **Frank and Jodie Saba**, managers; 735-5141.

• **Presale's Thai Cuisine**, 428 Second Ave. E. — Stir-fried chicken, beef or pork of spinach, sushi covered in special curry sauce, lobster, \$5.95-\$26.95. **Wine, beer.** **Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Rick and Prasa Johnson**, owners; 733-2222.

• **Presobox Sports Bar**, 1749 Kimberly Road. — Finger steaks, sandwiches, homemade soups, \$4.95-\$7.95. **Full bar.** **Hours:** Daily, 10 a.m., **Ron Barland**, **John Kalivas**, owners; 736-2427.

• **Ranchera's Cafe**, (on the Falls Livestock Commission), 630 Palwood Ave. — Homemade biscuits and gravy, chicken

rolls, hamburgers, salads, soups, all-you-can-eat buffets on Wednesdays and Saturdays, \$2-\$6.50. **Hours:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6 a.m. until the last cowboy goes home; closed Sundays. **Bruce Ellington**, owner; 733-7474.

• **Rock Creek Restaurant**, 200 Addison Ave. W. — Prime rib, fresh seafood, \$3.95-\$39.95. **Full bar.** **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 4:30 p.m. (dining 5:30 p.m.) to 10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 4:30-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, 5-10 p.m. **Stan Thomas**, owner; 734-4154.

• **Senior Caseros Royal Restaurant**, 645 First Ave. W. — Burgers, Cheesy French dip, chicken broccoli cashew salad, \$4.95-\$9.55. **Full bar.** **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Gray Smith** and **Tom Olson**, owners; 733-9716.

• **Shanti's**, 1501 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Slow-cooked, farm-to-table, \$4.95-\$27. **Hours:** Mondays, \$7.29-\$12.99. **Hours:** Open 24/7. **Shanti's Corp.**, owner; 734-2110.

• **Stuzler**, 719 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Sizzlin' sirloin, steak and all-you-can-eat shrimp, Malibu chicken, salad bar, \$3.99-\$17.99. **Wine, beer.** **Hours:** Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Shane McEwan**, general manager; 733-8650.

• **Stroker's**, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pit-dropped hot lobster, lobster, cold specialties, shrimp, \$4.99-\$7.99. **Beer.** **Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. **Jim Jackson**, owner; 733-6977.

• **Top-Box Canyon Springs Bar & Grill**, 1919 Canyon Springs Dr. — Burgers, Philly steak sandwiches, all-beef-topped, spicy chicken salads, \$4.29-\$8.99. **Full bar.** **Hours:** Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; **Jay and Tanelle Hobbs**, owners; 735-9194.

• **Tomato's Macaroni Grill**, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, pasta, gourmet pizza, \$6.45-\$19.95. **Wine, beer.** **Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Max Humphries**, owner; 733-9100.

• **Tot Restaurant**, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — General's Top Chicken, Mongolian beef, crispy prawns, \$4.95-\$11.95. **Wine, beer.** **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Lon Tava**, owner; 736-5282.

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those under 8, 2 hours, 37 minutes. PG-13 (fantasy violence, suspense)

• **"Hoodwinked! *** 1/2** It may be a poor cousin to the "Shrek" franchise, but this made-on-the-cheap computer-animated feature still has more style and snarky guff than Disney's recent \$25 million "Chicken Little." 1 hour, 23 minutes. PG (some mild action and thematic elements)

• **"Madae's Family Reunion" No rating** Based upon Tyler Perry's stage production, "Madae's Family Reunion" continues the adventures of southern matriarch Madae begun in the film "Diary of a Mad Black Woman." Madae, played by Phylicia Rashad, is ordered by a judge to be in charge of a rebellious run-away (Kekai Palmer), her niece (Rochelle Aytes) and Lisa Arrindell Anderson) are suffering relationship trouble and she has to plan a family reunion. PG-13.

• **"Nanny McPhee" *** 1/2** Directed by Kirk Jones ("Waking Ned Devine") and written by Norma Thompson, with the title role, this bracing adaptation of the "Nurse Matilda" books by Christianna Brand is the comedic antidote to "Mary Poppins" sweeties. 1 hour, 38 minutes PG (mild thematic elements, some rude humor and brief language)

• **"The Pink Panther" No rating** Steve Martin stars as the buffoonish French detective Inspector Clouseau — in pursuit of a missing gem and far from belonging to a murder case — com coach. Kevin Kline, Beyonce Knowles, Emily Mortimer,

Henry Czerny and Jean Reno. Directed by Shawn Levy. ("Cheaper by the Dozen"). PG for occasional crude and suggestive humor and language.

• **"Running Scared" No rating.** Paul Walker plays a low-level mobster who, in order to save his family, must recover a gun stolen from him before it's found by his boss or the cops. With Chazz Palminteri and Cameron Bright. R.

• **"Suits on the Loose" No rating** The story of two rebellious teens, Justin (Brandon Beemer) and Ty (Ty Hodges), and their breakout from a desert survival camp. When two naive Mormon missionaries, Elder Talbot (Shaun Weiss) and Elder Johnson (Jason Welner), run into a rest room at a remote rest stop, Justin and Ty are sent to accompany their military fatigues for their conservative missionaries' tags in hopes of passing through without any roadblocks, their guise is so good that the police insist upon escorting the escapees directly to New Harmony, the town that's been anxiously awaiting their from a missionary. As the two renegades find themselves embraced by the town's hospitality, they try to map out their escape. PG.

• **"Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada" No rating** Tommy Lee Jones direct a sequel to his 1995 western, "The Good Old Boy." Jones uncovers the identity of a Border Patrolman (Barry Pepper) who has shot and killed his best friend, Melquiades Estrada (Julia Cedillo). Kidnapping Pepper and forcing him to dig up Estrada's body, the two men set off on a journey

across Mexico to bury the dead man's remains. R.

• **"Transamerica" *** Felicity Huffman stars as a transsexual on the verge of getting the surgery that will complete her transformation from a him to a her. It's this road movie farce with heart. It's easily among the most memorable, funny, and wickily affecting performances of the year. 1 hour, 43 minutes. R (sex, nudity, profanity, adult themes)**

• **"Underworld: Evolution" *** 1/2** Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman return in this monster mash sequel that pits vampires against werewolves. It's sensational looking but ponderously plotted. 1 hour, 46 minutes (strong violence, sexual situations, profanity)

• **"Walk the Line" *** 1/2** 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 big crazies. **Phonics and Flomics** to ESPN.com do their own singing, and they pull it off. 2 hours, 16 minutes. PG-13 (adult themes, sex, drugs, violence)

• **"When a Stranger Calls" No rating** Camilla Belle plays a high school student whose night spent in a baby-sitting turtur to terror in the home of the 1979 thriller. With Brian Greghy, Katie Cass, and Clark Gregg. Directed by Simon West. PG-13

—Source: Los Angeles Times, Knight Rider Newspapers

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composer who made his living as a chemist. The Second Symphony, first performed in 1877, established the Russian nationalistic style in concert repertoire.

"It's music that people will recognize," Nielsen said.

A first movement describes the 12th century Russian court of Prince Igor and his preparation for a war against the Polovtsians, a central Asian people. The second movement, a scherzo, depicts the steppes of central Asia; a lyrical third movement suggests the love affair of a Tartar maiden and the prince's son, and a finale celebrates with feasting and general revelry.

"Reed's 'La Fiesta Mexicana,' published in 1954, is a work in three movements that was the

culmination of a six-month study of the folk music of Mexico until a Guggenheim Grant in 1948-49. The composer, now 96, describes his Mexican folk song symphony as the authentic sounds of a typical fiesta: the dancing, the street music, the church bells and the Mass.

"This work has had many performances by bands and wind ensembles both here and abroad in many recordings," Reed said in an e-mail from his Arizona home. "But the work has not gotten out to the many symphony orchestras in spite of an excellent performance by the Detroit Symphony."

Completing Friday's program will be Barber's melancholy "Adagio for Strings" and Mendelssohn's energetic "Over-

ture for Winds."

Nielsen, a French horn specialist, was appointed to the faculty of the Department of Music at BYU-Idaho in 1986 and has written two books on teaching music theory. Before coming to BYU-Idaho — then Richs College — Nielsen taught in the public schools of Utah. He performed frequently as an alternate horn with the Utah Symphony, and with a variety of smaller ensembles as a freelance contractor. He conducted pit orchestras in several venues, and the Mormon Brass Section of the Mormon Youth Symphony.

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Music and Books

Exploring the back of Mexico's beyond

BY SUSAN SPANO
Los Angeles Times

KINO BAY, Mexico — State Highway 100 cuts across the Sonoran Desert from Hermosillo to one of the great Mexican deserts. At Kino Bay, you can't go any farther west unless you swim the Gulf of California, formed when the San Andreas Fault split open and saltwater poured in. People say the bay is a remnant of a Namibian Desert sand dunes and Atlantic Ocean on the western coast of Africa must be seen. Like a clash of titans: At Kino Bay, the Sonoran Desert and Gulf of California meet more harmoniously and hauntingly, as my brother John and I discovered in early November.

We flew to Phoenix, rented a Jeep Cherokee, drove south to the border at Nogales, then across the Sonoran Desert where Father Eusebio Kino — for whom the bay was named — evangelized among the native people in the late 17th century. We ate cheese puffs, listened to Bach and argued, which is how John and I communicate when we embark on the occasional off-road-and-map adventure. I wouldn't have the nerve to do by myself.

We wanted to get to Tiburón, the largest of 900 islands in the Gulf of California, separated from the mainland by a channel sometimes so treacherous that it is called El Infernillo, or Little Hell.

Tiburón has been a nature preserve since the 1960s and is a seedbed for the rich plant and animal life of the Gulf of California. The frigate birds and brown-footed boobies, saguaro, boojum trees, bottle-nosed dolphins, pickad chockwaks, starfish, sea cucumbers and toping jackrabbits.

Development — especially commercial fishing and the harvesting of ironwood trees — channel — has taken a toll on the region's astonishing biodiversity, which is partly why a Mexican marine base was established on Tiburón, why environmentalists guard it so jealously and why scientists line up to do research on and around the island.

The human history of Tiburón is equally compelling. It is the ancestral homeland of the Seri Indians, one of Mexico's most distinctive indigenous peoples. The semi-nomadic Seri remained hunter-gatherers into the 20th century and fiercely resisted Spanish and Mexican efforts to subdue them.



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The sun sets serenely behind Old Kino Pior and Alcatraz Island in the distance.

Lauded by ranchers, who shot them on sight, and rumored to be cannibals (an accusation denied by the Seris), their population plummeted to fewer than 100 by about 1850, when they were forcibly moved to a ghetto in Hermosillo and their young were placed with foster families.

But like some Old Testament tribe, the Seris found their children and escaped to Tiburón, where they tell of their myths and their source of wisdom about the natural world.

Later, when the island was turned into a preserve, the government built for the Seri the villages of Punta Chueca and El Desemboque. In 1975, Mexico gave Tiburón back to them, along with exclusive fishing rights in the Infernillo channel.

I tried to line up a Seri guide to take us to Tiburón, but everyone told me just to drive the rough, unpaved road north of Kino to Punta Chueca and El Desemboque.

After we reached the bay, we spent the night at Posada Las Aves, a neat little motel court of a few blocks from the beach, then went to the Seri Museo on the northern side of Kino, where I had arranged to meet Ruben Garcia, the director.

The museum's explanations, mostly in Spanish, tell the harrowing history of the Seris. Vintage photos show Seri men in traditional peccan-leather skirts and Seri women sporting delicate patterns painted across their cheeks and noses. There are



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tightly woven baskets and ironwood carvings, for which the Seris have become famous; models of their acacia cactus-framed dwellings; and shallow reed canoes in which Seri fishermen masterfully navigated El Infernillo.

Garcia had brought along an English-speaking friend, Filiberto Vargas, who offered to take us to Punta Chueca, about 20 miles north of Kino, to meet a Seri guide.

We set out on the gravel road that leads to the village through forests of saguaro cactus. The countryside appears fearsome to the untrained eye. But those who know where to look for flowers, hummingbirds and waterholes see it as a "place wildly alive," as ethnobiologist Gary Paul Nabhan wrote in "The Desert Smells Like Rain," a book about another group of Sonoran Desert dwellers, the Tohono O'odham people of southern Arizona.

The Seris learned how to har-

vest this singular cornucopia, although the population never numbered much more than several thousand. It is estimated that there are now 650 Seris who subsist mainly by making crafts, fishing and selling licenses to hunt bighorn sheep, introduced on Tiburón Island in the 1970s. Each license sells for more than \$100,000, a windfall that has brought striking changes, as anyone approaching Punta Chueca can see.

Satellite dishes bloom in trash-filled yards, and shiny, new trucks sit beside windlasses, concrete-block houses that lack electricity and running water. The village has a basketball court, bunker-like church and ramshackle marina but no shops, restaurants or tourist attractions.

Filiberto easily found the home of Ernesto Molina, an experienced Seri guide. Molina, a quiet man who speaks some English, agreed to take us to Tiburón in his boat the next day. He wanted \$150 for a half-day visit, with a hike, or \$500 to take us around the island, camping on the beach overnight. John leaned toward the longer trip, but I was feeling cautious, so we chose the shorter itinerary.

The sun was shining the next morning, and there was no wind, boding well for our expedition to Tiburón. Around 8 a.m., we were back in Punta Chueca, following Ernesto and his wife to the waterfront. With a few spare, elegant movements, he launched his 26-foot panga, a wooden boat with an old motor.

Flocks of birds shot into the sky as we neared Tiburón. Its stark mass coalescing into details: a mucky beach and sand shelf stepping up to the desert floor, where someone had built a few ocotillo huts; the long, broad skirt of the island with its pattern of low desert scrub rising to the mountains backhills of 30-miles-long Tiburón. When Ernesto finished anchoring the panga, we put on our hiking boots and set out west toward one of the few waterholes on the island.

It was easy going at first, as creosote and elephant trees yielded to a forest of twisted ironwood. There was no path, but Ernesto knew the way, leading us through blue-flowered desert mallow, around prickly cholla cactus and across rocky dry washes. He spotted a mole deer, and I almost stepped on a tarantula. A jackrabbit leapt out of the brush, each hop seemingly as long as a kangaroo's.

We rarely spoke. Ernesto seemed to want it that way, although he told us he had lived on the island as a boy.

The route got rougher and steeper, and the walk became a desert boot-hugger. We were hot and tired by the time we reached the waterhole, brackish and shrunk-en, sunk in a pile of boulders at the head of a narrow canyon. We passed around trail mix and collapsed on the cool red rocks, shaded by the canyon walls.

Somewhat Ernesto found exactly the same route back to the boat. That impressed John, who knew every fence hole and shortcut in our suburban St. Louis neighborhood when we were kids, "imagine having Tiburón as your back yard," he said.

We saw dolphins as we recrossed the channel and, back in the village, John bought a beautiful, taupe basket made by Ernesto's wife.

As we drove out of the village, we took one long last look at Tiburón Island. Now we could see it had been there, although getting to a place you've long wanted to see can be dangerous because the reality rarely matches the dream. Tiburón was, I think, like that for John and me, an untrammeled and beautiful as well hoped, but sad, too.

With new development probably coming to Kino Bay, the island and the way of life it symbolizes seem ever more tenuous.

I only hope Tiburón Island will always look the same to the Seris when they watch the sun set in the Gulf of California.