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Sempra backs out

By Michele Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — The names may change but the game remains the same.

On Wednesday, Sempra Generation deserted its plans to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Jerome County. However, Sempra officials still intend to sell their development rights for the coal-fired project to another energy company. That means Sempra may be gone, but the compa-

ny's proposed plant could live on.

"The project is still viable at the Jerome site," said Michael Niggl, president of Sempra. "We believe the Jerome site is an excellent location for a coal-fired plant."

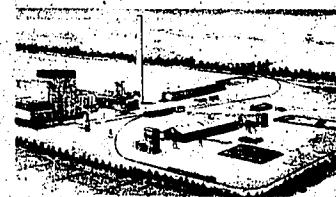
Sempra's announcement came just hours before the Idaho Senate voted in favor of implementing a two-year moratorium on the permitting and building of coal-fired power plants in Idaho. With a strong vote from both the House and Senate, the bill could not easily be overturned on a veto by the governor.

Since late February, Sempra officials have maintained that they would take their project elsewhere if the moratorium became law.

However, Niggl indicated that the moratorium did not influence the company's decision. On Wednesday, he sent a letter explaining Sempra's position to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as well as legislative leadership outlining the company's position.

"We have made a strategic decision to invest heavily in natural gas," Niggl said.

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Most Magic Valley residents rejoice over moratorium, Sempra announcement.

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"If Idaho doesn't get its guard up to protect our air and water, we'll be remembered as the generation who sold Eden out from under Adam and Eve."

— Lee Halper of Jerome



"The Magic Valley has sent a message: we don't want a coal-fired power plant here."

— Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum



"I supported the power plant, but I guess you have to say the majority wins."

— Maxine Price of Dietrich

'No one should recommend drinking'

Study: Mild alcohol consumption not beneficial after all

By Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

If you think a glass of wine in the evening is good for your heart, think again.

The long-held belief that moderate drinking reduces risk of a heart attack has been flawed and is most likely wrong, according to a new study to be released today.

A couple glasses of wine aren't going to hurt, the study found, but they aren't going to help much either. Heavy drinking, of course, is unquestionably bad.

"Our findings suggest that light drinking is a sign of good health, and not necessarily its cause," said epidemiologist Kaye M.ilmore of the University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing.

"No one should recommend drinking," said Dr. Michael Orman of U.S. HealthCare, who was not involved in the study. Although he thinks Fillmore underestimates the potential benefits of alcohol, he cautions that many people use such a recommendation as "an excuse to drink to excess. It's a very dangerous recommendation."

The new findings, published online in the British Medical Research and Theory, are an outgrowth of ideas first proposed 15 years ago by Dr. A. G. Shaper of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in London.

In his studies on heart disease and death, Shaper observed that most people who die of strokes or heart attacks do so because of advancing age, serious illness or the use of drugs whose effects were altered by alcohol.

He has warned since then that counting such people as abstainers in alcohol studies would bias the results because their increased likelihood of disease and death was unrelated to the fact that they didn't drink.

But his has been a voice in the wilderness.

The idea that a couple of drinks are beneficial "is such an unproven hypothesis" that few have taken him seriously,

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GREEN THUMBS & COLD HANDS



Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Above, Twin Falls High School sophomore Tori Crumrine plants bitterbrush Wednesday morning in the South Hills. Crumrine and other students from the Magic Valley worked with Idaho Fish and Game and the Mule Deer Foundation to plant bitterbrush in the area. Below, bitterbrush, which does not re-seed itself, is being planted in the area to supply more food for mule deer.

High school students learn while helping habitat

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The classroom was cold, wet and full of germs, but the lunch was phenomenal.

About a hundred students from Buhl, Valley and Twin Falls high schools swarmed over a muddy slope in the South Hills on Wednesday morning to plant bitterbrush they had cultivated from seedlings. It was all part of a larger effort by Idaho Fish and Game Department and other wildlife groups to maintain the natural habitat for mule deer.

"We're going to plant about a thousand to 1,500 bitterbrush plants today," said Kelton Hatch, the department's regional education coordinator. "It should help the habitat for mule deer, a prime forage for these plants during the winter."

Hatch said a fire, which swept through the South Hills more than 10 years ago, reduced the number of bitterbrush plants significantly. Because the plant does not re-seed itself, it is dependent on wildlife to eat it and spread its seeds.

Students, agricultural organizations and civic groups have combined with the Mule Deer Foundation and Idaho Fish and Game to raise the bitterbrush plants from



seedlings, and then to plant them in areas where the plant has struggled to grow.

"We've raised about 175 plants since November or December when (Idaho Fish and Game) brought us the plants," said Blaine Campbell, who teaches agricultural science at Twin Falls Senior High School. "I think it teaches students a lot, such as deer and elk habitat and also plant life."

Dale Hammond, who teaches science at Valley High School, said groups of students were assigned a small number of plants, which they had to transplant and care for until they could be replanted.

Despite the weather, there were few complaints from students who walked up and down the muddy slope gathering the potted plants and stuffing them into holes that Fish and Game was digging. A few students moaned about the distance they had to walk, but most chatted with friends as they repeated the trek throughout the morning.

"The cold just makes my nose a little runny, but I still think it's fun," said Tori Crumrine a sophomore at Twin Falls Senior High. "Even though I'm not in 4-H or anything, I've always been interested in horticulture. We've learned a lot about root structure, and stuff like that, if how the plant grows."

A Dutch oven lunch was provided for the students at noon, which proved to be a great time for the many mice to begin their lunch.

"That's how the plant re-seeds itself," said Ron Ille, co-chairman of the Mule Deer Foundation, as he pointed to two nearby scruffy around pots of bitterbrush waiting to be planted. "Looks like they're already getting started."

Guzzling less gas?

Government raises mileage rules for SUVs, light pickups

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The government set tighter gas mileage rules Wednesday for pickups and sport utility vehicles, including the Ford Escape, the Hummer H2 and Chevrolet Suburban, responding to rising concern about the supply and cost of energy from abroad.

The new fuel economy rules, covering 2008 through 2011, would save 10.7 billion gallons of fuel over the lifetime of the vehicles, according to the agency, and take a more aggressive stance than a Bush administration proposal issued last summer, officials said.

The new standards represent the most ambitious fuel economy goals for light trucks ever developed in the program's 27-year history, said Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, announcing the rules from a Baltimore football stadium that overlooked traffic near an Interstate 95 interchange.

The new regulations followed President Bush's declaration in January that the U.S. is "addicted to oil," and his call for a 75 percent reduction in Middle East imports by 2025. Manufacturers will begin implementing the rules as average gas prices exceed \$2.50 a gallon and many consumers are seeking more fuel-efficient vehicles such as hybrids and flexible-fuel pickups and SUVs.

U.S. automakers, notably General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., have struggled in recent months, outlining plans to reduce their work force as they deal with shrinking market share, higher costs for labor and raw materials and intense competition from Asian competitors.

Mineta said the plan was "pragmatic" and devised with jobs and costs in mind, along with the benefits of conserving fuel. Automakers will need to closely scrutinize their product lineup to meet the standards, which are the most sweeping to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) system in three decades.

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Coal plant moratorium sails through the Senate

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — Absent a political maelstrom, Idaho won't see a coal-fired power plant in the state for at least two more years. "We need to do our homework," said Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Jerome. "We need to decide what standards we as Idahoans want."

On Wednesday, the Senate agreed that Idaho needs a time-out when it comes to coal-fired power plants in the state. The vote, 30-5, along with the 64-5 House vote in favor of a two year moratorium, means the legislation will be overturned on a veto by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Six Magic Valley legislators helped sponsor the bill.

The Senate voted on House Bill 791 just hours after the governor and legislative leadership announced a deal with Michael Niggl, the president of Sempra Generation. Niggl announced the company's intention to back out of a 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant proposed for Jerome County. However, Sempra still plans to sell development rights for the project.

"As a matter of public policy, the moratorium on coal-fired projects now being considered in Idaho would seriously compromise the willingness of investors to develop energy projects," Niggl wrote.

Niggl and Sempra officials maintained that Idaho is reaching a crucial point in finding ways to

meet the state's growing energy demands.

To some extent, legislators agree, having passed a resolution calling for the development of a state energy plan. The interim committee charged with doing so will begin meeting this week. Legislators want to look not only at the potential for energy generation, but also at what power plant regulations Idaho needs.

"At some point, our economic viability will rest on how we generate power in this state," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. However, he said, "I think the state has a responsibility to protect the citizens of our state, to protect the citizens of our districts."

In the end, the majority of senators felt a moratorium was still needed on projects like Sempra's \$1.4 billion facility.

President Paul R. Soda Springs, was one of five senators opposed to the idea of putting a hat on building or permitting coal-fired projects. Geddes felt the moratorium sends a "chilling" message to industry and argued that removing such a district would welcome such facilities.

"This certainly is a Not-In-My-Buck-Yard issue," Geddes said.

Geddes and others acknowledged the overwhelming response the Sempra plant and moratorium bill generated from Magic Valley residents.

"The people have spoken on this issue like I've never seen before on any other issue that has come before us," Stennett said.

Sempra

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Sempra Energy, the parent company of Sempra Generation, carried a financial analysis' conference live on the Internet on Wednesday during which Niggl and other officials gave updates.

Over the next five years, the company will invest \$10 billion in natural gas-related projects, including a 1,300-mile pipeline from Wyoming to Ohio and a liquefied natural gas terminal in Louisiana.

Sempra began liquidating its coal power plants in 2003 to focus later this year on a move Niggl said freed up capital for the company to invest in natural gas.

"All four assets are always for sale if someone values them more highly than we do," he said during the webcast.

Kempthorne had no comment Wednesday afternoon on Sempra's letter.

Sempra still retains development rights for the Jerome venture — the Idaho Valley Energy Project.

"Those rights, Niggl said, involve the following land and water options at the site: environmental impact statement and admissions profile; engineering reports; and an electrical interconnection study and rights.

"We have not identified a specific buyer," Niggl said.

The moratorium will make Sempra's project right more difficult.

Niggl said, the company has heard from interested parties. Niggl would not disclose how much the company wants for those rights.

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Most Magic Valley residents are rejoicing over moratorium, Sempra announcement

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — Jim Meeks no longer has to envision the smokestacks of a coal-fired power plant when he looks out the window of his Jerome County home.

That is, at least, not for a while.

Meeks joined about 7,000

Twin Valley residents in releasing

a collective sigh of relief

Wednesday afternoon as they

learned that Sempra Generation

no longer intends to build its

proposed 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant north-

east of Jerome.

"I'm glad that Sempra's leaving," he said. "I think they did a lot of good," said Meeks, whose home is south of the Sempra

site. "They united the citizens of Jerome County against them," he continued. "They raised the awareness of Idahoans as to how quickly and easily we could burn our clean air and clean water. Now, they or another company won't catch us so flat-footed."

Sempra officials still intend to sell the company's development rights for the project. That

means a coal-plant is not off the table for that site.

However, the Senate gave

Meeks and others some breathing room on Wednesday by passing a two-year moratorium on facilities like the \$1.4 billion power plant in Jerome.

And that made Twin Falls resident David Mead a very happy man. Mead serves as the spokesman for Keep Magic Valley, Magic, a local group

opposed to Sempra's plant.

"It's a blue-ribbon day," Mead

said. "The moratorium makes a lot of sense."

But Mead said, the group

won't disband anytime soon.

Both the House and the Senate

have called for an interim committee to draft a new state energy plan. Mead's group intends to help the committee in any way it can.

The same holds true for Citizens Protecting Idaho, a grassroots organization out of Jerome. For CPRI's president, Carl Nells, now is when the work really begins.

"We've got two years' worth of work ahead of us," Nells said.

While the committee will work on ways to address Idaho's energy needs, some worry the moratorium only delays a means of reaching those needs.

District resident Maxine Price supported Sempra's plant. With the state growing so rapidly — Idaho's pace is third-fastest in the nation — it needs to secure additional electricity-generating sources, she said. Still, Price isn't a sore loser in the Sempra decision.

"I supported the power plant, but I guess you have to say the majority wins," she said.

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Sempra Generation and Idaho Valley Energy Project

- On Wednesday, Sempra officials announced they will not build their proposed 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant at the site northeast of Jerome.
- Sempra officials will try to re-grant their rights to the project to another company.
- To meet Sempra Generation President Michael Niggl's letter to the governor and Legislative leadership, log on to The Times-News Web site at <http://www.magicvalley.com/>.
- For more information from the company about its announcement, go to <http://www.sempra.com/>.
- To view data about the Jerome plant, visit <http://www.idahovalleyenergy.com>.

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, has been in the thick of the fight to stop Sempra. Block finds it unlikely that Sempra will find a willing buyer for the Jerome project.

"I don't know why anyone would want to build a plant there if all the Magic Valley is opposed," she said.

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Abramoff sentenced for fraud

MIAMI (AP) — Assuring the judge he is working to become a "new man," disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff was sentenced Wednesday to nearly six years in prison for committing fraud in the purchase of a fleet of gambling boats.

He will remain free while helping prosecutors with a vast bribery investigation involving members of Congress.

Abramoff, 47, and former business associate Adam Kidan, 41, received a m i n u m under federal guidelines: five years and four months.

The two pleaded guilty earlier to conspiracy and fraud for concocting a \$25 million scheme to make it appear they were contributing their own money toward the purchase of the \$147.5 million SunCruz Casinos gambling fleet. Based on that fraudulent transfer, lenders provided the pair with \$60 million in financing.

"I'm sorry," told U.S. District Judge Paul A. Clark that he had started "the process of becoming a new man."

"I am much chastened and profoundly remorseful," Abramoff said. "I can only hope that the almighty and those whom I have wronged will forgive me my trespasses."

He and Kidan were also ordered to pay restitution more than \$1 million and must serve three years' probation after they get out of prison.

Abramoff pleaded guilty in the SunCruz fraud in January. The same week, he pleaded guilty in Washington to defrauding Indian tribes and other lobbying clients out of millions of dollars. He also agreed to cooperate in a corruption probe that could involve up to 20 members of Congress, including former House Majority Leader Tom Delay of Texas.

THINKING OF FRIENDS

Sago mine survivor remembers those who died

By Vicki Smith
Associated Press writer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Mine disaster would prefer to forget the few fragmented images he can recall from the 41 hours he lay trapped deep underground in a mine filled with toxic fumes.

And when Randal McCloy Jr. thinks of the 12 friends and coworkers he worked alongside to combat manganese poisoning after the Jan. 2 explosion at the mine, he pictures them elsewhere.

"I try to leave all the gory details and stuff like that because I don't like to look at them in that light," McCloy said. "He told The Associated Press on Wednesday, a day before he was scheduled to be released from a rehabilitation hospital.

"Just like to picture them saved and in heaven, stuff like that," he said in one of his first interviews. "That's really the best way you can remember somebody."

Doctors say McCloy, 26, was perhaps minutes from death when he was pulled from the mine Jan. 4 with kidney, lung, liver and heart damage. He was in a coma for 10 days, suffering from severe brain injuries.

On the eve of his departure, he sat on a hospital bed with his wife, Anna, choosing his words carefully.

"Two of his co-workers' daughters have come to visit, and McCloy said he hopes to meet with all 12 families in the coming weeks," Anna said.

"It's a delicate situation, and it should be handled delicately," McCloy said. "It's love, really."

McCoy is about 5-foot-6 and weighs 160 pounds to just 135. His throat still bears a deep purple mark from a long-since-removed feeding tube, but his voice is clear and soft.

He smiles often and seems frustrated only by his limitations, mostly a right thumb that remains weak.

"My hands, my grip, is not as good as I want it to be, but I'm going to try to exercise and stuff like that," he said.

Anna is providing an incentive for McCloy to get back on his feet.

"I have no explanation of how I escaped, and I survived," he said. "It's just crazy how that



Randal McCloy Jr. and his wife, Anna, share a laugh Wednesday during an interview during his last full day at the Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va.

ended up being like that."

Some people speculated McCloy was deeper inside the mine, further from the poisoned air. But he says he was "pretty much in the same area all the time."

Nordoe believes he crushed lung behind him and the amount of carbon monoxide he inhaled a tiny amount, so he got a crushed lung, he'd be in pain, he said. "You'd probably inhale more."

What he does know is that his wife and two children have moved him through painful and challenging recovery, and he is going home Monday, earlier than doctors first predicted.

"What I believe is that the people who are there for you tend to create a world where you can get better," McCloy said. "It's love, really."

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I wanted to give him something to work for, to make him really want to push himself," she said.

In the pool at HealthSouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, he does. He tosses a beach ball with a therapist to work on his upper body and endurance. He strips from the therapist's cradling arms into an upright posture in one swift motion. He grips the stainless steel parallel bars underwater and pulls his legs to his waist.

When he gets home, he will continue to use weights to help speed his recovery. He also will return to the hospital twice a week, four hours a day, for a few more months.

Someday he will start to think about work again. He's considering attending a vocational school, maybe to study electronics. He wants to be going back to work.

"No, I don't mean learned my lesson," he said. "The hard way."

In a few months, the McCloys will take their family vacation, a trip to Disney World. For now, though, they're looking forward to peace.

"I'm just excited just getting home," said Anna, who will flip the oven on for the first time in three months to make a big pan of lasagna. Soon, her husband will start working through the thousands of cards and letters he has received — enough to fill a spare bedroom at a relatives house.

Sniper can represent himself

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A judge ruled Wednesday that John Allen Muhammad can represent himself despite his killing of four people in Washington, D.C., sniper attacks the second time a court has done so.

Montgomery County Circuit Judge James L. Ryan ruled that Muhammad is competent to represent himself despite evidence presented by his own attorneys that Muhammad might be mentally ill.

"There is no reason at all why I should not be able to represent myself in this trial," Muhammad said at his hearing. "If I had a

mental disorder, then Rosa Parks had a mental disorder, because she didn't get up off that seat."

Muhammad is already under indictment for a sniper attack committed in Virginia.

Muhammad, 45, and Lee Boyd Malvo, 21, are accused of murdering 10 people and wounding three during the three-week rampage in October 2002 that terrorized the Washington metropolitan area.

Ryan refused Muhammad's request to delay the trial, set for May 1, in the six Montgomery County, Md., slayings.

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U.N. group demands Iran stop enrichment

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council demanded Wednesday that Iran suspend uranium enrichment, the first time the powerful body has directly urged Tehran to clear up suspicions that it is seeking nuclear weapons.

Iran remained defiant, maintaining its right to nuclear power but insisting that it was committed to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and had no intention of making weapons of mass destruction.

"Pressure and threats do not work with Iran. Iran is a country that is allergic to pressure and to threats and intimidation," Iranian Ambassador Javad Zarif said.

He later added that "Iran insists on its right to have access to peaceful technology for explicitly peaceful purposes. We will not abandon that claim to our legitimate right."

The 15-nation council unanimously approved a statement that will ask the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, to report back in 30 days on Iran's compliance with demands to stop enriching uranium.

Diplomats portrayed the statement, which is not legally binding, as a first, modest step toward compelling Iran to make clear that its program is for peaceful purposes. The Security Council could eventually impose economic sanctions, though Russia and China say they oppose such tough measures.

"The council is expressing its clear concern and is saying to Iran that it should comply with the wishes of the governing board," France's U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere said.

The document was adopted by consensus and without a vote after a flurry of negotiations among the five veto-wielding council members. In the end, Britain, France and the United States made several concessions to China and Russia, Iran's allies, who wanted as mild a statement as possible.

Some Western countries said the statement expresses the international community's shared conviction that Iran must comply with the governing board of the IAEA and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Enrichment is a process that can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or the material for a nuclear warhead.

Soyuz rocket sends American into space

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — A Russian Soyuz rocket streaked into the skies over the Central Asian steppe on Thursday, launching a U.S.-Russian-Brazilian crew on a mission to the international space station.

Russian Pavel Vinogradov and American Jeffrey Williams were the first to board the station for about six months. Marcos C. Pontes, will stay at the station for nine days before returning to Earth on April 9 with the station's current crew of Russian Valery Tokarev and American Bill McArthur.

Pontes promised Wednesday to bring a soccer ball with him for his first space flight, and he pledged to take both a flag and a soccer jersey into orbit in hopes it would bring his Latin American nation's team victory in the World Cup.

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Oh, the eclipse



Hungarian tourists joined about 2,000 Turkish school children gathered at an ancient Roman theater to view a solar eclipse in the Turkish Mediterranean coastal resort of Side, Antalya, on Wednesday.

Thousands gather to witness spectacle

SIDE, Turkey (AP) — Thousands of spectators gathered in an ancient temple of Apollo and let out cheers Wednesday as a total solar eclipse turned day into twilight, casting an eerie, blue glow across the sky and the Mediterranean Sea.

NASA astronomers handed out protective glasses to hundreds of Turkish children before the eclipse cut a dark swath across the sky — a band that stretched from Brazil, across West Africa, Turkey and Central Asia and disappeared last in Mongolia.

The last total solar eclipse was in November 2003, but that was best viewed from sparsely populated Antarctica. Wednesday's eclipse blocked the sun in highly populated areas.

In Ghana, automatic street lamps switched on at the light faded, and authorities sounded emergency whistles in celebration. Schoolchildren and others across the capital, Accra, burst into applause.

Sunni and Shiite Muslims in Iraq were summoned to

It just about made me cry.

**- Brian Faltinson,
eclipse watcher**

mosques during the eclipse for a special prayer, ruyas for times of fear and natural disasters.

In the Turkish resort of Side, a crowd of some 10,000 began cheering as the sun began to disappear. The moon took its first bite out of the sun. When the moon masked the sun and Venus suddenly appeared in the blue glow of the darkened sky, another loud cheer went up.

"It's one of those experiences that makes you feel like you're part of the larger universe," said NASA astronomer Janet Luhmann who witnessed the eclipse from the ruins of an ancient Roman theater just a few hundred feet from the

temple of Apollo. It was "spiritual and emotional," said Brian Faltinson of Victoria, British Columbia, who was watching his second eclipse. "It just about made me cry."

As the moon covered the sun, the temperature dropped quickly and some skygazers put on sweaters. The sun blackened and a fiery rim surrounded it; the sky turned an eerie dark blue while a bright sunset red could be seen on the horizon.

There was a festive atmosphere in Side, with people gathered on the fallen stones and collapsed columns of the temple dedicated to Apollo — god of the sun — or on rocks at a beach about 40 feet away.

A string quintet played classical music in the foot of the temples five standing pillars and a Turkish brewery distilled free beer. Vendors hawked eclipse T-shirts and, at one point, the "stargazers" began waving to nearby cruise ship.

President swears in Hamas Cabinet

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas formally took power Wednesday, with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swearing in 24 Cabinet ministers, including 14 who served time in Israeli prisons.

Soon after the ceremony, Canada announced that it was suspending aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority, and other nations were expected to follow suit.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay said Canada had no choice but to suspend assis-

tance and decline any contact with the new Hamas Cabinet. "The stated platform of this government has not addressed the concerns held by Canadians and others concerning nonviolence, the recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous government delegations, including the roadmap," MacKay said.

"As a result, Canada will have no contact with the members of the Hamas Cabinet and is suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority."

However, Ottawa emphasized it would continue giving humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through U.N. and nongovernment organizations.

U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormick said the United States is continuing to work to get humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, but "we are not going to provide funds to a terrorist organization. And we are not going to provide U.S. funds to a Hamas-led government."

Survivors of Baghdad attack kill firm

Prosecution: Moussaoui killed by lying to feds

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors said al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui killed Americans on Sept. 11, 2001, by lying to federal agents weeks earlier to keep the plot secret. Defense attorneys called him an "al-Qaida hanger-on" who only dreamed he had a role in the worst terrorist attack in the history of the United States.

Summing up 10 days of testimony in a tumultuous sentencing trial, lawyers pointed sharply divergent views of whether the nearly 37-year-old Frenchman was responsible for any of the nearly 3,000 deaths on Sept. 11. Their jury of 12 men and women was asked to decide whether he should be eligible for the death penalty.

They went home after an hour of deliberations.

Prosecutor David Ruskin told the jurors they could be sure of Moussaoui's guilt in "the case of al-Qaida in its right here in this courtroom" in hornbook testimony Monday. Defense attorney Edward MacMahon countered that Moussaoui had told a "plurality of lies to aggrandise himself. You can't believe anything this man says."

MacMahon said FBI headquarters refused to investigate what one "tremendous" field agent discovered about Moussaoui after his Aug. 16, 2001, arrest at a Minnesota flight training school. Agents also ignored leads about the Sept. 11 plot during the summer of 2001, he said.

"There is no evidence the government would have behaved any differently than it actually



did no matter what," MacMahon said, or what he did. MacMahon said.

"On rebuttal, prosecutor David Novak responded, 'I'm going to tell you to tell the FBI ... to grade the FBI for ... grade the CIA.'"

Moussaoui did a good job, but he said the verdict form does not ask jurors to "grade the FBI or ... grade the CIA."

All Moussaoui had to do is say, "I'm guilty," MacMahon said. He had shown that if Moussaoui had confessed, when he was arrested, to the facts he admitted when pleading guilty four years later, the FBI would have identified 11 of the 19 hijackers within weeks and the Federal Aviation Administration would have kept them off airplanes.

Moussaoui watched the closing arguments impassively but shouted "Victory to Moussaoui! God curse America!" after the judge and jury had left for a brief recess.

This jury unusually divided: Moussaoui is eligible for the death penalty; it will reconvene to hear more testimony about whether he actually deserves to be executed. Their only other choice is life in prison without possibility of release. That second phase would be a trial within a trial, involving a roll-call of witnesses about his role, including the testimony of families of Sept. 11 victims.

Attack on Baghdad firm kills 8; politicians cancel meeting

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — For the third time in as many days, gunmen shattered a Baghdad business Wednesday, this time killing 14 employees against the wall and shooting them all, leaving them lying in pools of blood.

Police were working to form a new government, meanwhile, canceled their multiparty talks for the day, saying they needed time to consult with their political blocs over the critical issue of who powers the next prime minister would have over security issues.

It was the second time this week gunmen had shamed a session meant to overcome the government stalemate that is in its sixth week.

The attack on the al-Iktiyaar electronics firm began when gunmen drove up in five black BMWs shortly after 8 a.m., said police Lt. Malithim Abdul-Razzaq. The attackers set a fire in the office but took no money. Survivors told police some of

the attackers wore police uniforms and said they were intelligence agents of the interior ministry, which oversees police. Survivors said the gunmen asked for the company manager, who was not there, and then opened fire on the 14 workers. Six were wounded.

The assault, which took the second place in the upscale Mansour neighborhood this week, was not clear, but a key lawmaker blamed al-Qaida or Saddam loyalists.

"These are concentrated efforts to paralyze the country. They are either from al-Qaida or the remnants of Saddam's regime. They want to tell the people that there is no government," said Kurdish lawmaker Mahmud Ohman. The political talk stalled again after a series of meetings over the past two weeks brokered by U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad. The major stumbling block is the nomination of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite, for a second term.

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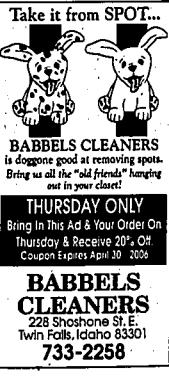
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EDITORIAL

Bird flu antivirus remains a task for federal agencies

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt dropped by Boise on Monday, and his message was clear and contagious.

If a bird flu outbreak hits

Idaho — in coming years, state and local preparation — not a federal response — will provide the critical difference in controlling the pandemic, ic.

"Any community that fails to prepare with the expectation that the federal government comes to the rescue will be sadly wrong," Leavitt said. "There is no way for the federal government to reach out to 5,000 individual communities at one time."

Leavitt is right — to a point. A pandemic, like any other natural disaster, shouldn't force the public to rely solely on the federal government. Individuals, families, cities and states have the ability to prepare as much, if not more, than, their local agencies.

But the biggest flaw with bird flu is the absence of a viable vaccine, nor to mention the facilities to create it. And that's a job for Washington, not your local pharmacists.

Leavitt's address at Boise's Gowen Field was part of a 50-state tour in which the Department of Health and Human Services is sounding the word on bird flu preparations.

The bird flu, or H5N1, has killed 105 people worldwide according to World Health Organization. Most of the cases were found in people that contacted in-

fected poultry. The strain has only passed from bird to humans. But if the bird flu strain mutates, it could start passing between humans. Then the pandemic begins.

The last major deadly strain seen in the U.S. was the Spanish flu of 1918, which killed over 675,000 in the U.S. The bird flu could be exponential, worse, with close to 90 million sick and two million fatalities.

Speaking days earlier in Utah, Leavitt said the U.S.

won't have the medical capacity to treat a pandemic for three to five years. An outbreak cannot be predicted, but he added that birds infected with the virus are expected to reach Western states by the end of 2006.

That timeline shouldn't comfort many Americans. According to a Wall Street Journal story, the government has stockpiled enough bulk-concentrate of the bird-flu vaccine to immunize 3.8 million people, far short of health officials goal of 20 million. It also reported how scientists creating experimental antiviruses have seen success with heavy doses only. That reduces the ability to provide treatment on a wider scale.

Leavitt and state authorities have every reason to warn local schools, grocery stores, hospitals and employers they'll have to follow steps containing such outbreaks. But in creating the vaccine for the bird flu, the federal government has a job it cannot shirk.

Hispanic vote merges into one

By turning out close to a million people in cities from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., for demonstrations against punitive immigration laws, the Hispanic community has delivered a timely reminder of the often-forgotten voice in this national debate.



DAVID BRODER

For too long, others with shaky claims to authenticity have attempted to speak on behalf of the immigrants who are most affected by the laws and regulations now being debated in Congress.

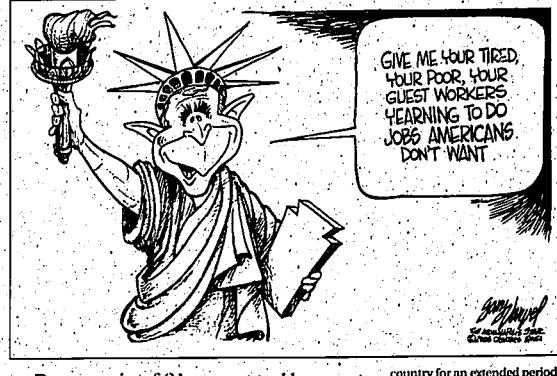
It was not until this month that the first substantial poll of immigrants was taken. Its findings give the lie to one of the most frequent claims from those who want to "crack down" on illegal immigration: that guest workers are resented by those who have come to this country legally.

This week, Sergio Bendixen, a respected professional pollster, briefed me on the survey his firm had just completed of 800 legal immigrants, from 43 different countries. The 47 percent of those surveyed carefully designed to mirror the makeup of the 26 million legal immigrants the Census counts.

To assure accuracy, Bendixen arranged to interview subjects in their native languages, whenever they requested.

Wherever he went, these legal immigrants for their attitude toward the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S., Bendixen asked two key questions. By a margin of 81 percent to 11 percent, the legal immigrants said they think the illegals are taking jobs that legal residents do not want to do, nor those taking jobs away from them.

And 73 percent of them said the illegals hurt the economy, while only 17 percent said they hurt the economy by driving



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down wages — a favorite contention of those who want to restrict immigration.

Backers of the tough House-passed bill to make it a crime to enter the country illegally contend that a guest worker program of the kind the Senate Judiciary Committee this week included in its bill would allow illegals to cut in line ahead of those who are waiting to become citizens legally.

But Bendixen said the interviews found that "the resentment isn't there." He said that one woman, an accountant, who gained her citizenship by following the rules, explained, "I came first class. The illegals aren't as nice as we are. They don't know how to do things as well as we do."

"She didn't feel that she was in competition with them," Bendixen said. "She felt sympathetic for them."

That mindset explains the legal immigrants' hostility to the main provisions of the

House bill — and also the emotive reaction of so many thousands of immigrants into the streets for demonstrations during the last week.

Majorities of about 70 percent or more oppose all these steps: arresting illegal immigrants and charging them with a felony; deporting all illegal immigrants; imposing stiff fines on employers who hire illegals; or grants that help them; or building a wall between the United States and Mexico to discourage illegal immigration.

On the other hand, two-thirds of the legal immigrants favor President Bush's proposal to provide temporary employment, with a promise that the recipient return to the home country. And even more — eight out of 10 — favor the kind of legislation that came out of the Senate judiciary Committee which would open a path to eventual citizenship for illegals who remain in this

country for an extended period, though English, pay fine and have no criminal record.

That legislation was backed by all the committee Democrats but only a minority of its Republicans. But Bendixen's survey, completed before the committee vote, found skepticism among the legal immigrants on immigration issues. Only 22 percent said the Republican Party was doing a good job on immigration issues; for Democrats, the approval score was 38 percent, just six points higher than the rating for Bush on immigration.

Rep. Jim McDermott suggested to him that "the jury is out" as the current debate unfolds.

Disturbingly, the survey found that two-thirds of the legal immigrants believe that anti-immigrant sentiment is growing in the United States, and more than half said it has increased. And as many as 40 percent personally believe that Latino and Asian immigrants are blamed by more than six out of 10 for fueling this development.

The demonstrations are a reminder of the risks in policy that feeds such fears.

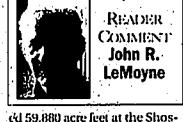
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Recharge not a concern for Idaho Power

As one of the founders of the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District, I feel obliged to reply to a letter sent by Idaho Power to its customers in March. It is written by the letter to stir up the subject of recharge.

In its letter, it offers a very shortsighted view of the recharge efforts, glosses over the significant accomplishments of the recharge structure and threatens the customers with a rate hike if the pending legislation passes.

While I was president of the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District, the district caused significant amounts of water to be recharged at our major recharge sites northwest of Boise. In 1985, we recharged 7,000 acre feet of water, and in 1986, we recharged



READER COMMENT
John R.
Lemoyne

59,880 acre feet at the Shoshone site. In 1994, we worked with the Northside Canal Co. and got 1426 acre feet of water recharged. In 1995, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation. Not from Idaho Power, however.

Now the power company wants to implement a pilot aquifer recharge program to test the concept. It is not certain if it is unaware of our efforts, or rather to delay and defer to death something it is not in favor of.

The Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District was created in 1976, and we have been at the forefront of the struggle to acquaint the public as well as the Legislature with the advantages of recharging water.

Recharge in the long-term view is nonconsumptive as the water is stored for later release.

Idaho Power will get the water back from increased spring flow in later years, but it wants it both ways. It wants paid for the water now and to use it free later.

The Legislature gave the district the authority to charge downstream users for recharged water when it reappears.

The only trouble is, they

didn't tell us how to identify it when it reappears. Without that tool, do you think the power company is going to voluntarily send us a check? Don't hold your breath while you wait.

Since ex-Sen. John Fearey and friends caused the dust-up which resulted in the Swan Falls Agreement, Idaho Power has caused to classify itself as "a citizens wherever it serves" as it used to tell us. The friendly image is replaced by Idaho Co. Co. and an attitude of whatever is best for the company.

Remember, Idaho Power doesn't get to raise your rates just because it wants to. It still has to go to the Public Utilities Commission for permission, and it has to have facts, no conjecture when it applies. Don't be intimidated.

John Lemoyne is a past president of the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District.

LETTERS

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The Times-News is revising its policy for letters to the editor. Starting April 1, all letters received must be 300 words or less. All letters will continue to follow our traditional guidelines and requirements, including name, address and phone number, to verify the authenticity. All letters are subject to review and editing for their content. Letter writers are allowed to submit one item per calendar month.

Two races can be made with two affiliations

A Times-News editorial on March 24 titled, "Local voters lose with thin list of 10 principles" included a list of principles on my ballot to run for office. It stated the attorney general's office found that illegal but it was the secretary of state's office that arbitrarily forced me to withdraw from the commissioner's race.

As long as a candidate is not running for an office in a crossover of either the legislative or judicial seats, the attorney general determined in 1991 that a legislator can be a mayor, county commissioner, dogcatcher, whatever. The present attorney general confirmed that finding in my case.

The conflict comes with the term, "independent," since the secretary of state's office interprets that as having no party affiliation. In the commissioners race, I wanted no party affiliation, but on the state level, I represent myself as a Republican, two different races, issues, budgets and so forth. Every state in the United States and

even the federal government recognizes the Independent Party, but not Idaho. I could have run for the commissioners seat as a Democrat, Libertarian or any other party. The secretary of state could not sort out the distinction between the two races.

There is nothing in Idaho law or the Constitution that bars someone from doing what I tried, and when it is not barred, it is allowed. Following Idaho Code, I can get my name on the commissioners ballot in the May election if I get five write-ins at the primary but only as a Democrat or a Republican. Why are other parties, including Independents, excluded from this law?

The reason I am running for office is because the laws that are being passed and arbitrarily interpreted do not fit the public's or Democrats or Independents. Why do businesses that make millions of dollars pay no sales tax? Why is the list of businesses exempt from a myriad of taxes so big the necessary burden shifts to the property and sales tax? Why is a manufacturer who believes that exemption doesn't outweigh societal responsibility, and I

choose to pay the tax though legally don't have to. Water, Coal plants,

I'm a father and property owner who wants to leave Idaho better than I found it. Responsibility we all share and must take charge in it even if it means making up the thin list by holding two offices.

LEE HALPER

Jerome

(Editor's note: The March 24 editorial did mistakenly list which state office issued the ruling on the county commission race. The Times-News regrets the error.)

Story in newspaper leads owner to lost feline

I just wanted to thank you for publishing the article about the cat that was stuck in the tree on Saturday. What

I would possibly never have found him if I didn't see him in the paper. Our neighbor, Mary, asked if I found him yet, then produced the copy after her husband Dan identified him on the front page. I followed up by going to the fire department, which was very understanding and helpful, even calling the people who were off duty

to help me try to figure out where our cat was.

When we located him, he was actually in the same tree that our friend had seen him in the day before. The new home of the day, a Corgi Hall, who lives under the tree. This brave ninth-grader climbed the tree and brought him down to us.

Thanks to everyone!

JOEAN DIEST

Twin Falls

Recharge won't help sportsmen, wildlife

Lynn Tommenga, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators executive director, says, "Recharge helps everyone" (Times-News, March 26). Not true for Idaho's sportsmen, especially those who like to hunt and fish. Recharge is a pending disaster for all wildlife.

Idaho Fish and Game warns of the threat. Idaho Power will be forced to raise our power rates if the pumpers get their way. But that is of little concern. A rate increase will not affect them. Most eastern Idaho pumpers are Utah Power or Rural Electric Co-op customers, not Idaho Power customers.

Recharge takes place at the most critical times of the year for wildlife, late fall to early winter, and spring, times when every drop of water is needed. More water always have already been cut to minimize flow, filling reservoirs for summer irrigation. The recharge effort intends to take most of what little water remains and run it into unscreened canals and on to the desert. Small fish are trapped. Rainbow and cutthroat trout are decimated. Duck and geese are stranded.

The fact is the pumpers are their own worst enemy. Yet they continue to drill more wells. Thousands of pumps have almost emptied the Snake River Aquifer, and no recharge effort will refill it. It's been tried all over the country.

It's time to harm Idaho fishing and hunting. Sportsmen get angry. Don't let them get away with it. Spread the word and call your state legislator.

Maybe a better idea is to stop drilling new wells, shut down others, and see if the aquifer will replenish itself naturally.

ELCK ALGREEN

Ketchum

LETTER

Claims on recharge water don't add up

Your article on HB 800 (March 23) recited that the water that would go to recharge would otherwise be water going through Idaho Power's turbines for electricity generation. This is untrue, from the facts:

Idaho Power has water rights for 3,900 cubic feet per second in the summer and 5,600 cfs in the winter from the Snake River at Murphy. It is the spring high water runoff over and above this water right that we are dealing with for recharge under HB 800.

Idaho Power's generators have a capacity of 27,000 cfs, according to its records for 2006. That means that spring run-off exceeding 27,000 cfs goes over the spillway (not through the turbines) and out to the ocean. Therefore, it is lost to our recharge aquifer.

So for this year (February 14), 307,200 acre feet of water that could have been used for recharge has gone over the spillway and out to the ocean. On those 42 days, Idaho Power could not use more than 27,000 cfs and the loss is of approximately 3,600 cfs. This is the amount of water that is lost in this wasted water Idaho Power lays claim to and is admitting that if it loses its right to control this excess water, our power rates will go up.

These are facts that appear relevant to me. The legal is-

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sues of who owns this "excess water" (Idaho Power or the state of Idaho) are for the court to decide.

Two things appear obvious to me:

If the state says Idaho Power for this extra of excess water over its water rights, then we are admitting the water belongs to Idaho Power.

The Snake River Plain Aquifer needs recharge, and this excess water, during a good spring run-off, would be perfect for recharge.

Thank you for letting me share this information.

REP. LEON E. SMITH
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, represents District 24A, Twin Falls County, and sits on the Revenue and Taxation, Transportation and Defense committees and is vice chairman of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.)

Set the record straight on Iraq

It was, as the hero tells it, his Road to Damascus moment. There he is, in a hall of 1,500 people he has long considered the enemy, during the speaker tour of the Iraq War, nearing the end of its first year, as "a virtually unqualified success." He gasps as the audience enthusiastically applauds.

Aghast to discover himself in a sea of comrades so dedicated by ideology as to have lost touch with reality, he decides he can no longer be of that crowd.

And thus did Fukuyama become the world's most celebrated ex-neoconervative, a well-timed

metamorphosis that has brought him a place of the fame that he once enjoyed 15 years ago as the man who declared himself prematurely, that history had ended.

A much nicer story, it appears in the preface to Fukuyama's post-neocon coming out,

"America at the Crossroads."

Last Sunday it was repeated on the front page of The New York Times Book Review in Paul Berman's review.

I happen to know something about the subject, I am the speaker whose 2004 Irving Kristol lecture to the American Enterprise Institute Fukuyama has now brought to prominence.

I can therefore testify that Fukuyama's claim that I attributed "virtually unqualified" success to the war is a fabrication.

A convenient fabrication —



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

It gives him a fall and the story doesn't begin to make one because it cannot be checked.

The speech was given at the Washington Hilton before a full house; carried live on C-SPAN and then published by the American Enterprise Institute under its title "Democratic Realism: An American Foreign Policy for a Unipolar World." (It can be read at http://www.aei.org/publications/detail/139912/filter.all/pu_detail.asp.)

As indicated by the title, the speech was not about Iraq. It was a fairly theoretical critique of the four schools of American foreign policy: isolationism, liberal internationalism, realism and neocentrism.

The only successes I attributed to the war were two,

both self-admitted: (1) that it had deposed Saddam Hussein

and (2) that this had made other dictators think twice about the price of acquiring nuclear weapons, as evidenced by the fact that Gaddafi had turned over his secret nuclear program for dismantlement just months after Saddam's fall (in fact, on the very week of Saddam's capture).

In that entire 6,000-word lecture, I said not a single word.

about the course or conduct of the Iraq War. My only reference to the outcome of the war came toward the end of the talk.

Far from calling it an unqualified success, virtual or otherwise, I said quite bluntly that "it may be a bridge too far.

Realists have been warning,

against the hubris of thinking

we can transform an alien culture because of some

postulated natural and universal human values.

And they were right.

"We do not yet know," History will judge whether we can succeed in "establishing civilized, decent, nonbelligerent, pro-Western polities in Afghanistan and Iraq."

My point then, as now, has never been that success was either inevitable or at hand, only that success was critically important to change the strategic balance of power in fight against Arab-Islamic radicalism.

I made the point of repeating the problematic nature of the enterprise: "the undertaking is enormous, ambitious and arrogant. It may yet fail."

For Fukuyama to assert that I attributed it as "a virtually unqualified success" is simply breathtaking. My argument then, as now, was the necessity of this undertaking, never, its assured success.

And it was necessary because, as I said, there is not a single, remotely plausible, alternative strategy for attacking the root causes of 9/11: "the cauldron of political oppres-

sion, religious intolerance, and social rules of the Arab-Islamic world — oppression transmuted and deflected by regimes with little respect for virulent, murderous anti-Americanism."

Fukuyama's book is proof of this proposition about the lack of the plausible alternative.

The alternative he proposes for the challenges of 9/11 — new international institutions, new forms of foreign aid and sundry other forms of "soft power" — is a mush of bureaucratic make-work in the face of a rising fire.

Even Bernier, his sympathetic reviewer, concludes that "neither his old arguments nor his new ones offer much insight into this, the most important problem of all — the problem of murderous ideologies and how to combat them."

Fukuyama says that he had secretly opposed the Iraq War before it was launched. An unusual and convenient reticence, notes Ingrid Strelz, editor of "The Neocon Reader" for such an inveterate pamphleteer, letter writer and essayist.

After public opinion had turned against the war, Fukuyama then conveniently came out against it. He has every right to change his mind at his convenience. He has no right to change what I said.

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Missing: The big man on campus



JOHN TIERNEY

When a boy opens his acceptance letter from college, he now has to wonder what the most impressive admissions officers did. Did they want him for his mind, or just his body?

The admissions director at Kenyon College, Jennifer Delahunti Blyth, published an Op-Ed article this week revealing an awkward truth about her job: affirmative action for men. The percentage of the boys in the applicant pool keeps shrinking, it will soon be down to 40 percent nationally — colleges are admitting less-qualified boys in order to keep the gender ratio balanced on campus.

This week's revelation did not please Kim Gandy, the president of the National Organization for Women, who told me that she might challenge the legality of affirmative action for male applicants. She and I are not normally ideological soulmates, but I have some sympathy with her on this policy.

It's not fair to the girls who are selected despite having less academic achievement than the boys who get fat envelopes. It's not fair to the boys, either, if they're not ready to keep up with their classmates. Affirmative action just makes them prone to fail, and is probably one of the reasons that men are more likely than women to drop out of college.

After consulting with the federal Education Department, I can confidently report that this discrimination may violate the law — or then again, it may not. Either way, I agree with Gandy that public colleges shouldn't practice it, because the government shouldn't favor one group over another.

Gandy's showy way of allowing private schools like Kenyon to discriminate, and her skeptical of their justification: That they need a fairly even male-female ratio on campus to attract the best applicants of either sex. I'm not sure if that's true, but I trust the colleges to know better than me or Gandy or federal law does.

As far as I'm concerned, if it is private, let it favor whom ever it wants — men, women, alumni children, Latinos, African-Americans — without any interference from the Education Department.

What the department should be doing is figuring out how to get boys back to college. The gender gap between boys and girls for two decades, but the Education Department still isn't focusing on it. Instead, it has an "educational equity" program aimed at helping girls and women.

The department is paying to encourage African and

There are benefits to a federal yard sale

Isn't it great to sell your junk at a yard sale, ridding your home of that stuff that no longer fits your lifestyle but just takes up space? Yard sales illustrate the beauty of markets: Both partners benefit: The buyer gets something new; the original owner takes the proceeds and uses them for personal projects.

The government owns assets, too — a \$500-million federal estate. But it's difficult for the federal government to hold yard sales. Even a whisper about selling publicly owned assets typically sets off a firestorm of critics. That's why, recently, with the Forest Service announced plans to sell off some land, senators such as Jeff Bingaman, D-New Mexico, and Larry Craig, R-Idaho, expressed opposition. Montana's Senator Conrad Burns declared the idea dead in the water.

But other heads may yet turn. Why? First, there may be no alternatives. Second, it's a good idea.

The Forest Service proposes to sell off less than one-tenth of a percent of the federal estate, at most about 300,000 acres out of its own 192 million acres. These lands provide little benefit to the average American, who pays for their management with taxes.

According to David Turney, Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture, the lands that have been selected are no longer serving the goals of the Forest Service.

Many are isolated parcels surrounded by private land with no public access. At least one, a 10-acre parcel in the Bozeman area, has been proposed for sale in the Gallatin National Forest near Bozeman, for example, are inaccessible.

Other acreage is right next to metropolitan areas, devoid of Forest Service character. A small Forest Service parcel in Oregon is in the middle of a packing lot; another is being used as a storage facility. Some of these lands were previously designated for land exchange (trades with other agencies or private owners). And the public will have a chance to comment on all acres proposed for sale.

Just like the items in your own cluttered basement, there's little value to the average citizen, and maintaining them comes at a cost.

Even a benign use such as recreation requires spending to repair and maintain trails, develop campsite and toilet facilities and provide visitor information. The Forest Service spends over \$300 million a year on recreation. For parcels that are small and isolated, there are paperwork, monitoring, and security costs.

Then there is what economists call opportunity cost.

Spending money on marginal parcels means that this money

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can't be used for the nation's valuable Crown Jewels. Places like the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Flathead National Forest and Stehekin Valley in Washington's Okanogan National Forest truly provide a unique, pristine experience. And in highly visited areas, monies would be better spent on forest restoration, wildlife

protection, and facilities to help reduce human impact.

If the sales go through, what will happen to the revenues from selling these parcels?

The original justification for the sale was to find \$800 million for school districts. Because of several rulings in federal timber sales, counties don't receive funds that the Forest Service formerly provided. Congress made up the difference under a law that expires this year. To continue support, Congress is under pressure to come up with rev-

enues or "offsets."

But revenue is just one goal. Unlike Forest Service lands that contain important watersheds and wildlife habitat, these lands are a burden that all taxpayers must pay for. Let's stop the waste, it is time to clean the closed.

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IN BRIEF

NJCAA releases first baseball poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The National Junior College Athletic Association released the first Division I Top 20 poll of 2006 on Wednesday.

Southwest Athletic Conference-leading College of Southern Nevada (27-10) is the only SWAC team in the Top 20 with 11 points. They are ranked at No. 15.

The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles received votes, but is not ranked.

New Mexico Junior College took the top spot with 97 points and nine first-place votes. The Hobbs, N.M., team has a 30-3 record. The complete poll is on page B-3.

The next poll will be released on April 12.

Babe Ruth registration slated for today

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will be holding Babe Ruth registration for ages 5-13 and 15-16 today from 6-8 p.m. at the Harmon Park Community Building. Youth from both the Twin Falls and Payette communities are eligible.

For more information, contact Todd Box at 734-5118 or Libby Magie at 308-2731.

Joe Mama's car show set for August 19

JEROME — Saturday, August 19 has been selected as the date for the NAPA Auto Parts Joe Mama's 8th Annual Car Show, according to show founder and director Joe Skaggs of Jerome.

Last year, the show drew 613 rice and show cars from 14 states and drew over 12,000 spectators. For this year's show, Skaggs reports having lined up a prominent NASCAR Nextel Cup vehicle in addition to several 300+ mph NHRA racing machines.

Joe Skaggs of Twin Falls has recently joined on as a major sponsor, joining NAPA Auto Parts, Wal-Mart of Jerome, and 99.9 FM "The Buzz."

For more information, contact Skaggs at 324-8959.

Semi-pro league needs players, umpires

TWIN FALLS — The North West Triple-B semi-pro baseball league needs players and umpires for the upcoming spring season.

Call Carlos today at 212-4044 for more information or to sign up.

Kimberly holds youth sports registrations

The Kimberly Youth Association will be holding tee ball, baseball, and girls fast pitch softball registrations on Saturday from 4-6 p.m. and April 4 from 6-8 p.m. in the L.A. Thomas gymnasium in Kimberly. For more information, call 423-6173.

Local judo clubs hold championships

TWIN FALLS — About 200 judo competitors of all ages are expected to take part in the 43rd Annual Twin Falls/CSI Judo Championship meet at the College of Southern Idaho on Saturday.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until about 5 p.m. in the CSI gym. No admission will be charged but donations to the local judo clubs are welcome.

Twin Falls Municipal Golf hosts Best Ball

TWIN FALLS — The Cove-Pepsi Best Ball will be played at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday.

Pairings will be announced on noon Thursday. Call 733-3326 or read The Times-News on Friday for those pairings.

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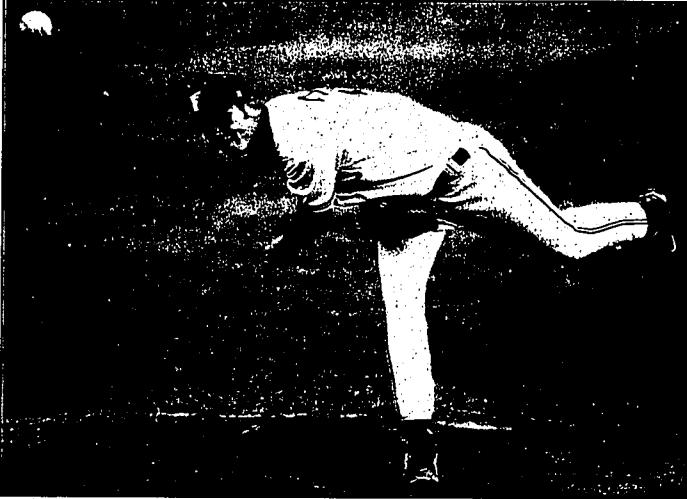
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Oregon on-deck



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Twin Falls pitcher Chance Elam pitches against a David Douglas High School (Portland, Ore.) batter during the fourth inning at Skip Walker Field on Wednesday.

Bruins split with David Douglas

By Nathaniel Garabrant
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The nice thing about doubleheaders is the way a Game 2 win seems to do a little better than breaking even after dropping the opener.

Especially after playing better than even over both games.

With a solid 7-2 nightcap victory over David Douglas High School (Portland, Ore.), Twin Falls Indians would be able to leave Skip Walker Field Wednesday evening shaking off Game 1 rather than just shaking their heads after a befuddling 6-5 loss.

"I thought we played 13 decent innings," said Bruins head coach Mike Federico. "We just had one where we gave up a five spot."

The inning in question was the final frame of the opener, which the hosts entered with a 5-1 lead on the Scots. But

rather than shutting the door, the Bruins flung it open by giving one-out base hits to the bottom three batters on the David Douglas lineup followed by a fielding error in center field that allowed all three home. A sacrifice hit then tied the game before a balk on the next at-bat sent in the winning run.

"We just made two mistakes that cost us the game," said Federico. "We scored in five out of the seven innings. It was just one of those deals where, mistakes cost us."

But the Scots were quick to return the favor in Game 2 with a three-run bases-loaded throwing error from left field in the second inning.

With one out on the board, third baseman Kasey Jerpe reached base on a single followed by Nick Yergenson garnering a walk and Lake Schutte loading the bags on a fielder's choice. Senior leadoff hitter Kenny Ramirez then

roped a single to left that should have made it 1-0, but the David Douglas left fielder overthrew the catcher, who was joined on the retrieve by the pitcher to leave nobody covering home.

Twin Falls then made it 4-0 when Stalman was driven home from third by Native Ramírez.

Aided by an infield that turned three double plays on the game, Ramirez also picked up the win from the mound.

"The whole goal was to throw strikes and let my defense take care of it," said Ramirez. "Just keep the ball low, get a lot of grounders and that was pretty much it."

The Scots cut the Twin Falls lead in half in the fifth with a pair of runs, but the Bruins responded in the bottom of the fifth with three more of their own, the first of which came on an RBI double from short stop Remington Pullin.

Pullin went 3-for-6 on the day with a single and a triple in Game 1.

"It was good," said Pullin. "I haven't been doing good lately and was just trying

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Hope from hoops

LSU basketball welcome relief from woes

By Mary Foster
Associated Press writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — At a time when people are still cleaning up from hurricanes and travel trailers serve as luxury housing, the talk has turned from rebounding to rebounding.

Thanks to LSU basketball, where the men's and women's teams are both in the Final Four.

"I just wanted to tell the team that when they're down, to really uplift," said Gov. Kathleen Blanco, who met with the LSU team Monday.

"We've been through a lot of really difficult and dark days. We all need some relief, and the spirit that they project has given us a real lift."

For southern Louisiana the climb back from the hurricane destruction remains a long one. New Orleans has only half its

pre-Katrina population. Giant stretches of the city remain filled with empty, wrecked houses.

Louisiana, where Rita ripped through a month after Katrina, the cleanup continues slowly, with much of the population still scattered and rebuilding still questionable in many areas.

Baton Rouge, about 70 miles northwest of New Orleans, did not get hit as much as spots further south. The storms,

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Don't get too excited

NFL curtails end zone celebrations

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — As a series of plays from the screen at the NFL meetings, people began to yawn. Examples of "down by contact" or minor movement that led to illegal procedure calls just weren't attention grabbers.

They took up quickly when a tape came up showing Cincinnati's Chad Johnson catching a touchdown pass from Carson Palmer, then picking up a pylon and putting the football from the back line of the end zone.

"He has a better strobe gun," said supervisor of officials Mike Poncia, who was overseeing the video session.

Entertaining as Johnson's put looked, it won't happen again — at least not without repercussions.

Owners and league officials acknowledge the entertainment value of touchdown celebrations, many featuring Johnson, Owens or Carolina's Steve Smith, three of the

Wednesday to limit end zone demonstrations, including those using props such as Johnson's pylon putt or Terrell Owens' Sharpie signing; or another Owens specialty, sit-ups after a score.

More like that will now draw a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Also banned: Johnson's proposal to a cheerleader on the sideline — another of his shows last year — because he got down on one knee and doffed his helmet.

On the other hand, his "Riverdance" routine, one of his signature highlights, will be allowed, as long as he stayed on his feet. That kind of thing is still allowed, as is spiking, dunking or spinning the ball after a TD.

Still, there will have to be some innovation by the celebrators.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what they will come up with now," Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy said after the vote.

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NFL owners voted 29-3

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Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Johnson puts the football with the goal line pylon after scoring on a 54-yard touchdown pass from Carson Palmer in the first half against the Baltimore Ravens on Nov. 27, 2005, in Cincinnati.

Duke does the right thing

THE usual inclination when college athletes involved in scandals is to rally around the school, promote an investigation and go on with business as usual.

That's what happened at the University of Colorado, where football recruits were lured with sex, alcohol and drugs and at least three women claimed they were raped during team parties in 2001.



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When those allegations surfaced in early 2004, the Buffaloes not only played on, but coach Gary Barnett stayed on. It wasn't until the team was pummeled 70-3 by Texas in December that he was fired, a dismissal that came complete with a \$3 million payout.

So give Duke officials some credit for finally taking action while police investigate allegations that an escort service worker hired for what she thought was a small bachelor party was raped by members of the school's nationally ranked basketball team at an off-campus house.

Or so the university claims. The university has suspended the team, driven home from third by Native Ramírez.

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to be a good citizen. The fact it may have also been a hate crime involving a black victim who said her attackers were all white.

Witnesses quoted by the News & Observer of Hale said they heard racial comments directed toward the woman but nothing else. Hale, who was a neighbor, said one neighbor who said he heard someone at the party say "Thank you grandpa for my cotton shirt."

Not the kind of thing you want to yell out in a town that is half black if you're a white student at a school where tuition is \$13,000 — more than most families earn in a year.

The circumstances of the rape indicated a sexual relationship between some of the things that were done," Durham district attorney Mike Nifong said. "It makes a crime that is by its nature one of the most offensive and invasive even more so."

It's hard to make any this more offensive. The alleged victim wasn't drunk and partying with the team. She identified herself to the News and Observer as a minority who was a student at a nearby college who was trying to support herself by going on dates with men.

It doesn't matter what you do for a living, no should be violated by three men in a bathroom.

Police shouldn't have much trouble solving this case. They have videotape and pictures taken during the party, and four red fingerprints from the bathroom wall, which the victim identified. They even have DNA swabs from 46 places.

What they don't have is any real cooperation from the players themselves. They've banded together and refused to talk to either of the two captains calling the allegations "totally and transparently false."

Nifong has warned that players who don't cooperate may be charged with aiding and abetting. But that's not likely to get the university to turn the heat up itself.

College administrators are by nature cautious folks. They move slowly, tend to appoint committees to study things, and try to seek consensus because they are afraid of offending anyone.

Duke president Richard Brodhead doesn't seem to be any different. He suspended the season after only four protests were held out of 100 games. Critics might even suggest that had this involved the basketball team, the Blue Devils would still be playing.

University officials say there is little more they can do, but there is. A good start might be to suspend the entire team from school if players don't start talking to police.

That should get some tongues wagging.

If it doesn't, start revoking scholarships and kicking players out of school. If nothing else, their parents will be so angry that they'll make them talk.

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AUTO RACING

- F1 practice for Australian Grand Prix, SPEED, 8 p.m.
- BASEBALL**

• Reds vs. Red Sox, ESPN, 2:11 p.m.

BASKETBALL

- NIT championship, ESPN, 5 p.m.
- Suns at Pacers, TNT, 6 p.m.
- Exhibition, slam dunk and 3-point contest, ESPN, 7 p.m.
- Spurs at Lakers, TNT, 8:30 p.m.

GOLF

- Algarve Open, first round, TGC, 7 a.m.
- BellSouth Classic, first round, USA, 2 p.m.

- LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship, first round, ESPN2, 3 p.m.

TEENNIS

- ATP Masters Series/WTA Tour, NASDAQ-100 Open, quarterfinals, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
- ATP Masters Series/WTA Tour, NASDAQ-100 Open, men's quarterfinals and women's semifinal, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

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San Diego Padres catcher Mike Piazza takes the field in the first inning against the Texas Rangers during spring training exhibition baseball in Surprise, Ariz., Wednesday.

Now a Padre, Piazza confident he can still contribute at 37

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Signing Mike Piazza gave the San Diego Padres a marquee attraction.

It also raised some inevitable questions, such as: Isn't this guy finished?

Piazza, arguably the greatest baseball catcher in baseball history, was a sharpie in his prime, but he still contributes at 37. "My whole career has sort of been proving people wrong in a way, so maybe this is another sort of example of that," said Piazza, who came into pro ball as a 62nd-round draft pick of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1988.

Affected by \$31 million, seven-year contract with the New York Mets, inspired, many thought Piazza would trade the wear-and-tear of catching for a job as a designated hitter in the American League.

Instead, he ended up back in the NL West, where he started his career 14 years ago with the rival Dodgers.

Piazza's fortunes got boosted when he came to bat during games in San Diego, whether it was with the hated Dodgers or the Mets. Now he'll most likely be warmly received as he called on to basically split the catching duties with Doug Mirabelli and hit home runs for the padres' power-hitting radar. Who strung him to this division title last year before being swept out of the playoffs by St. Louis.

Although slowed by injuries in recent years, including a broken bone in his left hand in 2005, Piazza certainly doesn't think his finish is finished. His throwing remains shaky, but he can still dominate the ball over the fence. He loves it in a full big league season; he did hit five homers in his last 18 starts with the Mets, including a 450-foot shot.

"We're talking about a guy who's going into the Hall of Fame," Bochy said. "He's got great presence, and what he's accomplished is remarkable, especially being a catcher. It's amazing everybody knows about his power but this guy is a lifetime .300 hitter. He's a smart hitter, and when you appreciate when you watch Mike, even though he's a catcher and even though (Mike) Cameron has his full bore, the way I mean it involves you everything on the field."

The 42-year-old All-Star is a career .311 batter with 397 homers. He holds the major league record for most career home runs by a catcher, 374.

His one weakness is his arm.

Piazza has never been good at knowing out baserunners — just 24 percent of his career.

Last year was his worst,

but he threw out only 14 percent.

Piazza said he got into the bad habit over the years of letting his offense make up for his defensive deficiencies.

"I don't doubt that it much. I look at it like, the Padres wanted me here, it felt real good, the personnel was real positive, and we'll see. I've been working real hard and I've been doing everything I can to try to improve, even though I'm not in the career."

Piazza went 1-for-11 for Italy during the World Baseball Classic, then hit a grand slam in his final Cactus League game.

Going into Wednesday's game against Texas, he was hitting .306 with three homers and 13 RBIs.

Padres manager Bruce Bochy,



a former big league catcher, understands why people question whether Piazza has anything left.

"That's the old adage — catchers, when they go, they go quickly. They're tired and their hair is caught up with them. That's why it's fitting to have a 37-year-old give Mike his rest and I know I can't grind him out there every day. Mirabelli's going to see a lot of time. That's why we wanted an experienced catcher to help out with Mike."

But the Padres didn't get Piazza just to catch. Although his 28-year career has been a roller coaster, he's still the best receiver in a full big league season; he did hit five homers in his last 18 starts with the Mets, including a 450-foot shot.

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"When I was hitting 40 home runs and driving in 120 runs, no one really cared how you threw because you're going to drive in more runs basically than you let in," he said.

The problem is, Piazza has gone three seasons without putting up anything close to those kinds of numbers.

"In one way, I've got to look at the positive and say there's very few players that kind of get that scrutiny. With that said, you know, I do work a lot on it, as much as I can. I feel like I can improve. Will I ever throw 50 percent of the guys? Probably not. I want to be consistent. I feel like I'm just a click away from doing that."

Ace Jake Peavy has noticed Piazza's energy and enthusiasm and he knows the Padres can always use another run-producer in spacious Petco Park.

"The guy doesn't look washed up. I can promise you that," Peavy said.

"Catching no doubt takes a toll on the body. We don't know how many games he's going to be able to catch, but we want to get him back there as much as we can so we have his bat in the lineup, trying to drive in runs in that big ballpark," Peavy said.

Piazza will earn \$1.25 million in base pay this year and can make another \$750,000 in performance bonuses. His contract includes a mutual option for 2007 at \$1.2 million, with a \$750,000 buyout.

He knows the Padres want to improve on last year's dream stretch run and quick playoff exit.

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't feel like I can contribute to the club," Piazza said. "I'm not here for any sort of last lap or anything."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls P&Z tables decision

TWIN FALLS — The city's Planning and Zoning Commission tabled a decision late Tuesday on a change of zoning request that would have allowed Oregon Trail & L Land Co.'s proposed development called pillar Falls Plaza to move forward to the City Council.

City planners tabled the decision until April 25 to allow city staff and the project's developers to work out some important issues, said Ryan Horsley, commission chairman.

The proposed site for the development, which will include condos, townhomes, small businesses, professional offices, restaurants and a hotel, is on 25 acres on the northwest corner of Polo Line Road and Eastland Drive. The north side of the property would border the canyon rim.

Horsley said the canyon trail is one of the issues that will be discussed. "I think the commission and city staff made it pretty clear that it needs to run the entire length of the property along the canyon rather than a small portion," Horsley said.

The biggest concern of those in the audience at Tuesday's public hearing was the increase in traffic such a development would bring on Polo Line Road. Residents of East Polo Line Road pointed out how dangerous the road is as it curves on to Eastland Drive.

Gooding County names new treasurer

GOODING — Gooding County will have a new treasurer effective Saturday. Diane Houser has been appointed by the Gooding County commissioners to succeed retiring treasurer Eric C. Thompson.

Houser started her career with Gooding County 23 years ago when her family — husband, Jack, and sons John, Jason and Michael — moved here from New Jersey. She was a dispatcher for the sheriff's office for 17 years, then transferred to the county clerk's office, where she worked in different positions, including deputy recorder, auditor, elections and county services.

"I would like to thank the Gooding County Republican Committee for selecting my name as one of three nominations for Gooding County treasurer," Houser said. "I would like to thank the county commissioners for their support and confidence in appointing me as Gooding County treasurer."

Lecture to look at Chinese role in Valley

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho history professor Russ Tremayne will be the speaker at the Magic Valley Arts Council's second free Brown Bag Lecture on Friday.

Holiday will discuss the experiences of early Chinese settlers in the Magic Valley. In conjunction with the arts council's current exhibit "The Vanishing: Re-presenting the Chinese in the American West."

The event will be noon at the Twin Falls Public Library, which is co-sponsoring the series.

The program, featuring lectures by specialists, is held the last Friday of each month through May. It is open to the public at no charge, but those who attend are encouraged to bring lunches. To order a box lunch or for more information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-4215.

— compiled from staff reports

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** A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average.

Judge to rule on legality of new jail project

Former prosecutor says Blaine County has 'illegal slush fund'

By Pedro G. Salón
For The Times-News

HAILEY — Attorneys squared off Tuesday in Blaine County District Court, debating the legality of the Blaine County commissioners' plan to rely on the results of a 2004 advisory ballot to put the county \$9.5 million in debt for the construction of a new jail and sheriff's office.

The county commissioners contend the county needs a new jail because the existing facility doesn't meet current needs, and that building a new jail is an ordinary and necessary expense of county government.

Attorney Fritz Haemmerle, representing Hailey resident Kate Rosekrans, argued before 5th District Administrative Judge Barry Wood that the

county commissioners cannot put the county and its taxpayers in debt to build a new jail because voters never approved the project in a formal bond vote.

He also argued that the county has been saving money inappropriately, creating an "illegal slush fund" used to fund projects outside of normal operating expenses, including the purchase of a building on First Avenue in Hailey.

Haemmerle maintained the current price tag for the facility is more than \$11 million, and with interest charges could cost between \$15 million and \$23 million.

He also argued that the county is not funding it without a formal bond election.

Attorney Tammy Zókan, speaking for the Blaine County commissioners, said the county is in need of a new jail facility because the current 8,800-square-foot facility is "bursting at the seams" with too many inmates in too small a space. She noted the facility can no longer house female inmates because they cannot be housed too close to male inmates.

The county is planning to build a 36,000-square-foot jail, sheriff's office and dispatch center.

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HOW SCHWAGER GOT HIS SWAGGER



Lt. Larry Schwager of the Jerome Police Department stands next to a police cruiser Wednesday afternoon in Jerome. After serving for two decades at the Jerome Police Department, Schwager is retiring on Friday.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

Jerome officer retiring after 20 years of service

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

Farewell party

What: Lt. Larry Schwager's retirement celebration
When: 2 to 4 p.m. Friday
Where: Jerome City Council chambers

judge, a job he said garners "the utmost gratitude of people thinking you."

Invariably, Schwager redirected his yearning for appreciation from the public to the department.

Already in his 40s when he joined, he was many years senior to most officers.

Promoted to corporal and then to sergeant, he cultivated a sense of solidarity among his officers.

"I worked well with the people beneath me and they supported me," he said. "My patrolmen backed me up in any kind of situation."

His benevolence was infectious.

"You talk to him and in two minutes he's your best friend," said Ward.

Many from his patrol grew into fine policemen.

"Most have gone on to better positions," he said. "It's gratifying knowing that you helped people get there."

Age-wise, he is father to the force: The current chief is just older than his oldest son.

In his final report to his wife, Schwager said, "I am earning his greatest praise."

"I think he's the best evidence custodian we've ever had," said Jerome Prosecuting Attorney Jon Nicholson III, and then smiling, "he's been wonderful to work with."

Jerome considers growth's impact on water

By Cathy Roemer
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome Growth Impact Committee hosted Cindy Yenter, watermaster for Water District 130, on Monday for a short course on water use and its impact on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The committee of local citizens has been appointed to evaluate and identify what type of zoning should be established in the area dubbed Jerome's "growth triangle."

The triangle of land is bordered on the west by Golf Course Road, on the north by Highway 21, on the east by 10th Street and on the east by Highway 52.

Zoned A-1, which is agriculture-only, the area is limited to four splits per parcel.

Because the city of Jerome has designated a sewer and water line to crisscross the area to Crossroads Point, housing developers and some landowners see financial potential in urban development.

To build subdivisions would

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Committee facts

Members of the Jerome Growth Impact Committee: Kent Black, Scott Bybee, Kermit Cochran, Brock Glassinger, Jim Hollifield, Denzel Larsen, Kevin Moss, Larry Pennington, Dave Randall, Arlen Raugust, Bob Schillier, Randy Tolman, Ted Turner.

The course on water use and its impact on the aquifer will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Jerome Emergency Medical Services building, 240 East Main. The public is welcome to attend.

Reading the details: State assessment reveals student reading progress

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer



Lincoln Elementary School second-grader Madison Bell whispers sentence structures to Caden Wiley, Stude-

nts whispering to each other is a teaching method that ensures all students are engaged during a 90-minute Open Court Reading lesson.

"I really think the keys to our success are strong teachers and our full-time kindergarten," said Michele Capps, Murtough Elementary School principal. "We have a high (Limited English Proficiency) population, so our first-grade level proficiency.

But many educators say the

fairly recent preschool program has helped.

Murtough has repeatedly ranked at the top of the state's IRI list — this is the second year the first grade has a 100 percent grade-level proficiency.

But many educators say the

"It does show us that we have seen a little dip this year, but that is something the entire state has experienced," Capps said. "So what does this tell us? We're not really sure at this point, so we are looking

into it, and how scores compare unit indicators to find out what's happening."

Many districts use a variety of tests to measure student proficiency. The most commonly used is the Texas Primary Reading Indicator, which is used by other states because it measures many different reading components, including decoding speed and comprehension.

"We look to a lot of different assessments," said Kelli Schreder, principal of Bickel Elementary. "The IRI is just a few of the components we are trying to teach kids, so we look deeper to determine where exactly each student may be, in terms of reading proficiency. And that is really where our teacher are trying to do, to help our students in all the reading components."

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How student reading scores compare in Magic Valley school districts

Grade level	At grade level	Near grade level	Below grade level	Grade level	At grade level	Near grade level	Below grade level	Grade level	At grade level	Near grade level	Below grade level
Blaine County				Bills				Twin Falls			
Kinder	47%	32%	21%	Kinder	54%	23%	23%	Kinder	66%	22%	12%
1st grade	65%	21%	10%	1st grade	58%	12%	0%	1st grade	86%	11%	2%
2nd grade	60%	26%	15%	2nd grade	58%	25%	17%	2nd grade	79%	15%	7%
3rd grade	64%	17%	20%	3rd grade	60%	15%	23%	3rd grade	72%	13%	15%
Cassia County				Ames				Buhl			
Kinder	30%	30%	40%	Kinder	47%	31%	22%	Kinder	52%	24%	24%
1st grade	20%	43%	29%	1st grade	56%	15%	15%	1st grade	72%	24%	4%
2nd grade	90%	10%	0%	2nd grade	61%	23%	15%	2nd grade	57%	21%	22%
3rd grade	90%	0%	10%	3rd grade	60%	20%	20%	3rd grade	54%	17%	23%
Garden City				Valley				Filer			
Kinder	42%	39%	19%	Kinder	67%	16%	16%	Kinder	77%	19%	4%
1st grade	87%	12%	0%	1st grade	90%	7%	3%	1st grade	87%	11%	2%
2nd grade	76%	17%	7%	2nd grade	69%	20%	11%	2nd grade	74%	20%	6%
3rd grade	71%	18%	11%	3rd grade	70%	16%	14%	3rd grade	64%	16%	20%
Globe Ferry				Sheehan				Kimberly			
Kinder	49%	34%	17%	Kinder	33%	24%	43%	Kinder	55%	36%	5%
1st grade	81%	19%	8%	1st grade	49%	23%	23%	1st grade	87%	11%	2%
2nd grade	57%	15%	28%	2nd grade	62%	38%	0%	2nd grade	73%	15%	5%
3rd grade	30%	30%	.40%	3rd grade	40%	27%	33%	3rd grade	61%	16%	5%
Gooding				District				Hansen			
Kinder	32%	45%	23%	Kinder	67%	20%	13%	Kinder	67%	29%	4%
1st grade	84%	15%	1%	1st grade	100%	0%	0%	1st grade	88%	12%	0%
2nd grade	73%	19%	8%	2nd grade	77%	15%	8%	2nd grade	90%	10%	0%
3rd grade	67%	21%	12%	3rd grade	75%	8%	17%	3rd grade	80%	8%	12%
Wallowa				Richey				Castelford			
Kinder	51%	31%	18%	Kinder	43%	43%	14%	Kinder	74%	26%	0%
1st grade	63%	15%	2%	1st grade	55%	5%	0%	1st grade	94%	5%	0%
2nd grade	71%	24%	6%	2nd grade	70%	25%	4%	2nd grade	75%	25%	5%
3rd grade	72%	19%	9%	3rd grade	62%	12%	25%	3rd grade	65%	19%	38%
Hagerman				Mindana				Murtaugh			
Kinder	58%	31%	12%	Kinder	46%	38%	15%	Kinder	80%	20%	0%
1st grade	78%	22%	0%	1st grade	82%	15%	2%	1st grade	100%	0%	0%
2nd grade	53%	33%	13%	2nd grade	64%	24%	12%	2nd grade	80%	20%	0%
3rd grade	59%	30%	11%	3rd grade	51%	21%	28%	3rd grade	65%	20%	15%

Source: The Idaho State Department of Education, Winter Idaho Reading Indicator.

Killer invited to party because he might be entertaining

SEATTLE (AP) — Aaron Kyle Huff, the guy who killed six people while before shooting on himself, had been to at least one other rave party, before the event where he met the victims of his weekend shooting spree.

Huff showed interest in the rave scene in early February, when someone identifying themselves as Kyle's friend posted this message on a rave-oriented Web site: "Hey I've never been to a rave in Seattle and was wondering if anyone could tell

me when one is coming up. It's the 1st of February 2006 right now."

Three days later, Chris O'Rourke said he met the 6-foot-5, 280-pound Huff at a Feb. 4 party called "Fairy Tale" at Studio Seven, a Seattle rock club.

"While standing at the coat check line, grab my sweatshirt," O'Rourke said in an interview. "I went into Kyle's little room. We exchanged names and shook hands. He seemed like someone who liked the music but

didn't have a really good concept of what the scene was about."

O'Rourke said Huff was a "wallflower" type who spent most of the night in one spot.

Then early on the morning of March 25 at a zombie-themed rave called "Bitter Off Dead," Huff met Anthony Moulton, 25, who invited Huff back to his shared rental home for an after-party.

According to a search warrant return filed in King County District Court on Tuesday, Moulton told police Huff seemed "sketchy" different, putting off what he thought would be entertaining to have someone like that in the mix of people at the after-party he and his roommates were throwing.

Huff seemed friendly enough, Moulton told police, and agreed to come over.

Huff, 25, died Saturday night, one of the first to arrive, Moulton said. He kept to himself, was quiet in some friendly small talk.

John W. Price of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, military memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the veterans shelter of the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery (Acacia Chapel in Boise).

Seth Owen Christensen of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale LDS First Ward Chapel, 200 S. 475 E. in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Bessie Irene (Brown) Harris of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Viewpoint LDS First Ward Chapel, 551 N. 300 E. in Burley; friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Hal E. Jolley of Gig Harbor, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Haven of Rest Chapel in Gig Harbor. Wash. Family and friends are invited to the Wadsworth home.

Janice Carol (Harding) Thumert of Spohnish, Wash., memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at Purdy & Walters at Floral Hills in Lynnwood, Wash.

Carl M. Lindh of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Nalda Jean Parker Preckel of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hailey LDS Chapel; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m.

DEATH NOTICE

Robert G. Willhite

BLISS — Robert G. Willhite, 59, of Bliss, died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at his residence.

No service is planned at this

today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Evelyn R. Haslam of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church; friends may come from 1 to 2 p.m. today at Parkers' Mortuary, Funeral Chapel, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Lucio Flores Sr. of Castleford, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Castleford Baptist Church; viewing from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley.

Imogene "Jean" Sorensen Wilcox of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 3rd and 10th Ward Chapel, 526 S. F Street; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Dr. Robert Merriman "Doc" Thackerry of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Ara Mae Preston of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Century Cinema 5 & Burke, 200 S. 475 E. in Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Richfield Cemetery in Richfield. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

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Scott and Tera Maisey

Idaho State University, and is employed at Provo, Utah.

Acceptance to honor the couple will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at the LDS Institute building, 1650 Parke Ave., Burley.

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center near Friedman Memorial Airport, which Haemmerle called a "Taj Mahal" project.

Zokan said the new facility is "sized to meet reasonable expectations" of future growth and need.

Zokan said the facility is designed to serve Blaine County through 2025 and the expected wave of growth.

Zokan said it will be difficult to determine the total price tag because the county has not locked in an interest rate or decided over how many years to finance the project.

Zokan also said it would be

good business for the jail to house prisoners in the overcrowded state penitentiary system and take inmates from other counties to help recover costs.

Haemmerle warned Wood of the potential ramifications of his decision.

"If this jail passes... what's to stop school districts from declaring schools are overcrowded, cities from building themselves offices recreation districts from building parks?" he said. "There's no limit."

Wood promised a decision "in due course."

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When it comes to water and population growth, Yenter told the committee, "The biggie is how development fits into the water process."

The board says anybody who has a well or land can drill a well, she said. "The more wells drilled means there is greater potential for contamination and just more use."

A better way, Yenter said, is to use a combination of community wells and holding tanks.

With a common well per subdivision, water quantity can be easily monitored. Plus, a holding tank can act as a water conservation tool and slows down pumping from the aquifer.

The drawback is that developers cannot be forced to put community wells in subdivisions, Yenter said.

"But we need to have orderly development, and use the aquifer," she said.

In other news, Scott Bybee, city engineer, mapped out three phases of the sewer line project. He pointed out locations of the proposed lift stations, gravity lines and pressurized lines and outlined for the committee the three phases of the sewer line development.

"We will start construction this summer at the city and go east," he said.

Questions arose as to the sewer line route going cross-country rather than following the freeway or rail line.

Bybee explained the route was chosen to reduce the number of lift stations needed.

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Close encounters of the nerd kind

Men enjoy creating their own 'UFOs'

By Lynn Doan
Los Angeles Times

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. — Move over, Roswell. South Orange County is recording its own share of UFO sightings.

Several residents have reported the sightings to the Orange County Sheriff's Department in recent months. One would even recruit a Canadian UFO researcher who has posted information about the sightings on his Web site.

In one case, witnesses reported seeing glowing disks zigzagging through trees and hovering above the Aliso Viejo Town Center at night. About a yard in diameter and shrouded with glowing lights, the four UFOs danced around one another in the night sky.

These flying saucers aren't a top-secret military project. But they aren't being piloted by Martians, either.

The saucers are made in the garages of Gaylon Murphy and Steve Zingall, who get their kicks shocking people's hope to cause a few sparks having their remote-controlled saucers. After all, a few UFO sightings can only be good for business.

"We fly them in formation. It's pretty funny," said Murphy, a cardiovascular surgeon and Aliso Viejo resident. "People stop, people scream, one car driver runs his car up off the road."

John Peterson was stunned when he saw one of the disks fly past his girlfriend's upstairs apartment.

"I thought, 'That can't be a UFO, can it?'" he said. "It's pretty weird."

The disks are made of foam and weigh about a pound. Each runs on a 7-4 volt lithium battery and has a propeller.

On Wednesday, Murphy flies the disks in Aliso Viejo, Newport Beach, Mission Viejo and Laguna Niguel. He and Zingall, a facilities engineer and Mission Viejo resident, have sold four of the gizmos at \$1,000 each and consider their streaking light show is part hobby, part promotion.

"It's good money," he said.

The Aliso Viejo UFO site,

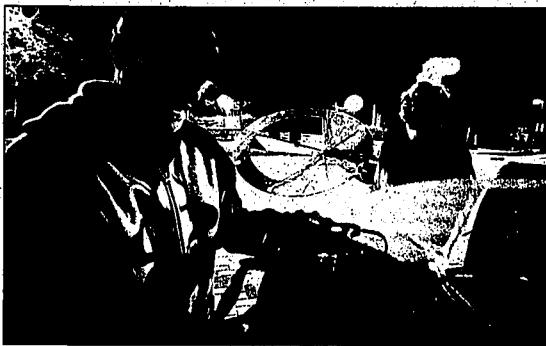
which logs oddities from supposed saucer sightings to alleged alien abductions and offers an assortment of paranormal literature, indicates that the homemade disks have captured the attention — and the imag-

Officers indicted in beating

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two fired New Orleans police officers and one current officer were indicted Wednesday in the videotaped beating of a retired teacher in the French Quarter last fall.

The Oct. 8 beating of Robert Davis, 64, was caught on video by an Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The three officers were charged with battery and other offenses.

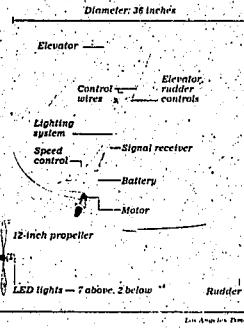


Steve Zingall, left, and Gaylon Murphy prepare to fly their disks at Grand Park in Aliso Viejo, Calif. The two hobbyists, who have sold four of their remote-controlled contraptions at \$1,000 each, say their streaking, nighttime light show is part hobby, part promotion.

Close encounters

A fleet of foam-core saucers began showing up in Aliso Viejo more than a year ago. The lightweight "UFOs" are flown by remote control. A flight-ready model costs about \$1,000.

Composition: $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick Dow Corning waterproof foam board, reinforced with carbon fiber rods.
Power: 7.4-volt lithium battery, 3800 mAh.
Weight: 17 to 18 oz.
Speed: Up to 40 mph.
Upgrades: Can be inverted, do loops, prop hang (hang and fly), roll (with aileron model).
Source: Steve Zingall



nation — of both the skeptical and the true believer.

The disks sparked a confrontation between Murphy and Strong, a manager at Aliso Viejo restaurant and bar. Strong said Murphy was spooking his staff by hovering his disk near the restaurant.

"It looked like something right out of a movie, a little too real," Strong said. "I wouldn't say I made the determination that they were actual UFOs, but it did

pique my curiosity enough to see where it was coming from."

Strong followed the UFOs to a nearby gas station, where he met Zingall, who was selling his saucers with their remote controls. He told the pair they were going to create hysteria if they continued to fly their disks around Town Center.

Murphy told Strong he should be more concerned about his

neighbors than about his

pet project.

Scanning a list of city ordinances, Hartford said: "You can't hit golf balls on a public park. You can't skateboard on a public tennis court. But I don't see anything specifically that would forbid him from flying his UFOs."

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Study: Brains of very smart kids mature on delayed schedule

NEW YORK (AP) — Very smart children, despite their reputation for being ahead of their peers mentally, actually lag behind other kids in development of the "thinking" part of the brain, a new study says.

The brain's outer mantle, or cortex, gets thicker during childhood and the teen years. The study found that in kids with superior intelligence, the cortex reaches its thickest stage a few years later than in other children.

Nobody knows what causes that or how it relates to superior intelligence. But researchers say it could mean that rule-making, the cortex's job, starts later in brilliant kids than in other children.

The overall findings are especially strong for cortex development in the front part of the brain and in a strip over the top of the head, areas where complex mental tasks are done, Shaw said.

Officials: Water not contaminated

BLACKSTONE, Mass. (AP) — Tests found no evidence of chemical contamination in the town's drinking water supply after three teenagers allegedly broke into a water storage facility.

Blackstone's nearly 4,000 residents and dozens of homes in neighboring Smithfield, R.I., had been under a water ban after the break-in Monday. Authorities had cut the water tank tappered with and a container with a strange odor left behind.

Paddock said deputies couldn't do much about complaints.

"To my knowledge, this man has violated no law while flying this craft in Aliso Viejo," he said.

Newport Beach Police Sgt. Bill Hartford also said Murphy wasn't breaking any laws.

Scanning a list of city ordinances, Hartford said: "You can't hit golf balls on a public park. You can't skateboard on a public tennis court. But I don't see anything specifically that would forbid him from flying his UFOs."

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Thursday, April 27th, 2006
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Purchase your tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking Show at two convenient locations. A total of 1300 tickets are available at \$10 per ticket.

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Phone orders will be accepted with payment by credit card starting March 27. Tickets may be picked up at either our Twin Falls or our Burley location. Call 208-733-0931.

And don't forget our Women's Day Out event at the Anderson Lumber Building in Twin Falls from 10am-4pm on April 27th. Make a day of it!

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COMICS

B.C.

FIREPLACE



By Johnny Hart

Baby Blues



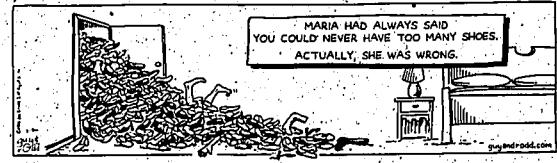
By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Baldo



By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Brevity



By Guy & Rodd

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By Scott Adams

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By Gary Trudeau

The Elderberries



By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

For Better or For Worse



By Lynn Johnston

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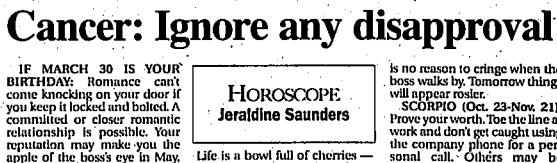
By Pat Brady

Zits



By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Dear El Cheapo



By Pat Brady

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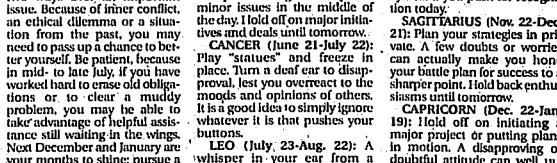


By Wiley

Strange Brew

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders



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Prove your worth. Toe the line at work and don't get caught using the company phone for a personal call.

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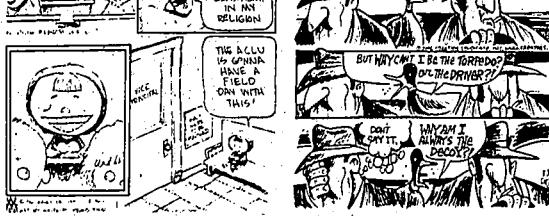
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Respect for tradition is more likely to win you praise and appreciation.



By John Deering

Life is a bowl full of cherries — but sometimes you bite down on a pit. Do not get riled up over minor issues in the middle of the day. I fold off on major initiatives and deals until tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Play "status" and freeze in place. Turn a deaf ear to disapproval lest you overreact to demands or opinions of others. It is a good idea to simply ignore whatever it is that pushes your buttons.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A whisper in your ear from a shadowed Thomas may be a good thing, so hold off on launching that very important deal or project. Perfect the minor details and polish your presentation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Meet your deadlines and exceed expectations. Don't be overly fidgety when the boss is in a frosty mood. By following the rules you can get further ahead than by improvising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be reminded there is no free ride. Career or business matters may slightly try your patience or test your ingenuity. Don't expect to encounter problems where none are indicated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

ignore the fleeting sense of doom and gloom. If you are doing what you should be doing, there

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COMICS

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

Blondie



By Dean Young & Stan Drake

The Bom Loser



By Art Sarsam & Chip

Garfield



By Jim Davis

Hagar the Horrible



By Chris Brown

Hi and Lois



By Chance Malone

Classic Peanuts



By Charles M. Schulz

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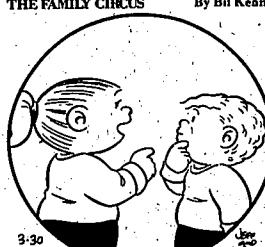
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



By Bill Keane

"I'VE LEARNED TO SEPARATE MY LAUNDRY INTO LIGHTS, DARKS AND DENNIS."

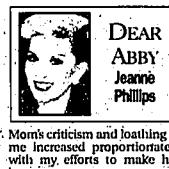
Daughter looking for mom's love finds her own happiness

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Worried Friend" prompted me to write. She said her friend Anne was in her 40s and still vainly trying to win her mother's approval for her. I, too, allowed my mother to dominate my thoughts and my life. She never approved of who I am. Although I have four successful adult children and have had a successful 28-year career as an educator, nothing I did was ever good enough for Mother.

I took it upon myself to realize that nothing I can do will ever bring my mother's approval. Still, I find her in my life, but I refuse to let her take away the joy I find in mine. Anne has more than served her time as a loving daughter. Now it's time for her to live. Love is all around us, and if our mothers cannot provide it, we must seek it elsewhere.

LOVING, BUT DETACHED, IN MISSISSIPPI DEAR LOVING, BUT DETACHED: I agree, but no amount of "telling" that to Anne will free her from her mother's control until she reaches a point where she's ready to hear it. All of the letters I received on this subject echo your sentiments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My mother is like the one described in "Worried Friend's" letter. When I was 56, I finally acknowledged that

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Mom's criticism and loathing of me increased proportionately with my efforts to make her happy.

We are estranged. She lives with my only sibling, a sister who is furious with me for no longer maintaining the status quo. After the break I struggled with depression and was prescribed anti-depressant medication. Now, a year and a half later, I am healthier emotionally and physically than I have ever been. My mother's opinion of me is best for me, my husband and my son, who have always loved me for who I am.

I wish Anne the strength and resolve to change, because her mother never will.

—STANDING TALL SURPRISE, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: My heart goes out to Anne. I, too, wanted my mother's approval and never got it. After Mother died, without realizing what I was doing, I tried seeking approval from my sister Read on:

—who was just like my mother. Finally, I realized I will never get approval from her either.

Because of this long-term estrangement, I have peace of mind. Each day is happier because I approve of myself. I have started doing all the things I wanted and made happy.

Please, tell Anne's friend to help her to love and approve of herself. It's what's saved me.

—HAPPY AT LAST IN UTAH

DEAR ABBY: I had a friend like Anne, whose mother made her life miserable by withholding love and approval. It nearly drove her crazy, until one day her mother died. Anne was 50 by then and had been a door-mat all that time for her mother, her daughter, her son and their spouses.

After the death, she called me and said she was moving to New Mexico and starting her life over. She and her husband sold their house, packed their van and their dogs, and went to live in a completely new place. I hear from her every few months. While Anne has had ups and downs, she's happier than she has ever been in her whole life. I hope Anne's friend doesn't give up on her, she may just be waiting to be set free.

—LAURIE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Today in 1867, U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2M

This day in history: On March 30, 1867, the United States bought Alaska from Russia. The price was \$7,200,000 — about two cents an acre — but critics derided the purchase as a foolish extravagance.

Despite the children's rhyme, London Bridge didn't fall down — it was pulled. In 1014, when the Danish ruled London, rival Norwegians and Saxons rowed up the Thames, attached cables to the wooden bridge's pilings, and pulled it down at speed.

The nursery rhyme's last line, "my fair lady," by the way, was originally the cockney pronunciation of "Mayfair" lady, referring to a very posh part of London.

Cat experts insist — as a rule of paw — that stocky, compact cats tend to be more timid and less inquisitive than cats that are lean and wiry.

Citizens of ancient Athens

RANDOM KINDS OF FASCISM
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

had a remarkable number of rights. However, only about a third of the people in the city were citizens.

One-dollar bills make up 48 percent of the currency issued by the United States.

During the Middle Ages in Europe, university professors taught their lessons orally, so literacy was not a college prerequisite. In fact, many students decided it was best to put off learning to read and write, until after they'd gotten college out of the way.

As far as we can tell, the Chinese originated paper money.

Best friends since childhood share motherhood and surrogacy

COOS BAY, Ore. — Best friends since fifth grade, Raquel Mitola and Tasha Riddle are both pregnant.

They're both having twins. They experienced morning sickness and their feet became sore at the same time. They even share the same due date: June 7.

So what else could they have in common? The four babies — three girls and a boy — have the same names: Riddle and her husband, John.

After seven years of trying unsuccessfully to have a baby,

Riddles accepted Mitola's offer to act as a surrogate mother. Then, unexpectedly, Riddle got pregnant.

"We had expected to have one baby for years, and now we're gonna have four!" John Riddle told the Coos Bay newspaper, The World. "But the real exciting time will come in a couple of months."

Tasha Riddle had undergone numerous in-vitro fertilization and embryo transfers 11 times. The couple estimate they've spent \$25,000 in the past few years trying to have a child.

After the last miscarriage, their fertility specialist suggested they consider a surrogate parent because it was unlikely Riddle would ever carry a baby to term.

It was their final attempt at parenthood. Both women, 35, were implanted with embryos.

Mitola, who has two children of her own, said she is happy to help her friend experience motherhood.

"We always said we wanted to raise our kids together. It's kind of funny how things work out," Tasha Riddle said. "Now we're having my babies together."



Raquel Mitola, of Crescent City, Calif., left, and Tasha Riddle, of Coos Bay, Ore., stand in the nursery at the Riddle home on Friday in Coos Bay, Ore. Best friends since fifth grade, Tasha Riddle and Raquel Mitola are both pregnant. They are both having twins. Mitola is the surrogate mother for the Riddles.

Alka-Seltzer sets record for largest buffet

LAS VEGAS — The maker of the Alka-Seltzer tablet has set a record for creating the world's largest buffet.

About 150 hungry customers helped Bayer HealthCare LLC, a subsidiary of the German pharmaceutical and chemical firm Bayer AG, celebrate the 75th anniversary of its heartburn relief product.

In all, 510 dishes were set in front of the crowd Tuesday.

Each one had to be certified distinct by a Guinness World Record adjudicator.

Made from Mongolian chicken and salmon, the sandwich to crave bratwurst and homemade apple pie.

There was no previous record for the stomach-expanding event, so Guinness set the bar high at 500 dishes to qualify.

"It's an amount large enough to make it a feast that will stretch people," adjudicator Nadine Causey said.

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Club celebrates reading and helping others

GOODING — The Gooding High School reading club has been promoting reading and doing community service for the school district and the community since 1994.

"This year, we have over 40 members in our club," said advisor Debbie Caldwell. "Throughout the year we celebrate holidays with various activities."

In October, the club celebrated Halloween with a pumpkin carving contest. Winners received a book of their choice. Teen Read Week, sponsored by the American Library Association, was also held in October. This year's theme was Get Real at Your Library.

"We held a guessing contest in the library where students tried to answer which staff person was responsible for the activity on the card they drew," Caldwell said. "Our read-in theme was pizza and pages."

In December, members made door decorations for residents of the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center. About 50 decorations of angels, Santa's, trees, wreaths and other were put up on doors to help celebrate the season.

In January, the club sponsored a caroling competition for third-graders who had completed their Accelerated Reader goals. Members organized 13 booths with carnival prizes as rewards for completing the games.

"Each month we enjoy a



Dana Nelson, Ashley Madera, Maleah Huggins, Michael Rider, Cami Bigler and Jessica McHan are officers for the Gooding High School reading club.

read-in," Caldwell said. "We bring our lunch or buy pizza and then settle down to reading for the rest of the lunch period. Members are encouraged to read whatever they want."

On March 2, the club performed in "The Nutcracker" and "Owlbecks" in leaders' theater format for the second-grade students in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

"During National Library Week in April, we are planning several activities to promote reading," Caldwell added. "A

week long information hunt and a guess-who-likes-this-book contest will be part of the activities. April also promotes poetry and we will have a poetry slam."

Club officers are president Ashley Madera, vice-president Cami Bigler, secretary, Dana Nelson, treasurer, Michael Rider, co-historians, Jessica McLan and Maleah Huggins.

Other reading club members are Mary Arkosho, Heather Barth, Morgan Bow, Megan Brennen, Jennette Brew, Liz

Burnett, Ashley Burnett, Jessica Burnett, Kendra Cockerham, Breann Durfee, Brianna Evans Blair Gerrett, Liz Halfhill, Lindsay Hill, Brax James, Andrew Melissa Lockwood, Crystal McHale, Grace Morris, Debra Schumacher, Daniel Shubert, Reed Simmons, Lorin Stewart, Karen Stover, Kimmy Strout, Marilla Taylor, Jessica Thatcher, Anna Thurber, Calvin Walgamot, Amella White, Gracie White and Millie Zarate.

LETTERS OF THANKS

needed mallets and drumheads.

We truly appreciate all of the community support for our high school band department:

Banner Bank rocks!

GARIN SAVAGE

JOANNA SEAMAN

BEN BERRY

Twin Falls

Company gives student opportunity for trip

I would like to thank Lamb Weston in Twin Falls for giving me a chance to earn money by selling the potatoes it donated for the American Heritage Trip to Washington, D.C.

JERRETT ROSS

Jerome Middle School

Filer church makes generous donation for van

A very special thank you to the Filer Missionary Church for its generous donation for the senior center's van.

LAURIE KEELEY

Director

Filer Senior Haven

Filer

Feast success translates into helping poor

We thank the organizations who, along with many individuals, made our March 3 Crab Feast a huge success! Many of the proceeds will benefit us as well as the Idaho college students who get an unforgettable education in faith and service on our mission trips.

Ashland's Antiques & Imports, Ann's Eyewear Boutique, Barre Rental, Costes Wholesale, Garabaldi's Restaurant, Hager Valley Spring Water, Hatterer Paints, Filer and Lorna Pringle, IDES Communi-

ty, Jerome Country Club, Knights of Columbus (Jerome), Knob Hill Inn, Magic Valley Distributing, Second Chance, Mr. G's Garage, Mrs. G's Garage, Mt. Garibaldi, Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, Smoke River, Spa, Snare River Vet, St. Jerome's Parish, St. Paul's ISU students, Swenson's Market and Winnecup Herefords.

BROTHER SELBY COFFMAN Board Member Captions Missions Jerome

Movie house owners, book store help children

I am a teacher in the Shoshone School District. One of my classes finished reading "The Hobbit" this week. The Worldwide Toy Co. CS Lewis gave the students of the (acadians from "The Chronicles of Narnia") just in time to see the movie of the same. Tickets were given to the class from the Zeeks, owners of the theater in Shoshone. The class was thrilled to see the movie, then wanted to read the entire collection of "The Chronicles".

After writing and calling a number of book stores, the local Hastings store gave me the information needed to request the books from its corporate offices. Approximately a week later, I received a gift certificate for the needed selection of the entire collection.

Thanks to the Shoshone Theater, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Zech, and Hastings Entertainment Inc. of Twin Falls.

ANNETTE ELCOCK Jerome

Donation helps CSI students go on trip

The College of Southern Idaho dental assisting students would like to extend a big thank you to ConAgra Foods' Specialty Potato Products for its donation of frozen potato products. All proceeds are used to fund our Dental Assistant Convention in Indianapolis in May.

Thank you again for your generosity.

TONIA BOWCUTT And CSI Dental Assisting Students Twin Falls

Student grateful to person for return of wallet

I am a student at Idaho Falls. I ride the commuter bus from Kmart to Pocatello every day. Before getting on the bus, I dropped my wallet in the parking lot. After looking everywhere I could think to look, I found it in my mailbox.

The person who took the time to return my wallet left a note,

but didn't leave his/her name. I just wanted to say,

"thank you."

It is nice to know that there are still people out there that take the time to do something nice for others.

Again, I want to thank you.

RICK SHEETS Twin Falls

Games are held at the Moose Lodge, 1035 Falls Ave., starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A Saturday game at 1 p.m. is held at 2679 Line Road E. All bridge players are invited to attend. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308 or David Stoker at 736-3040.

Inspirational author will stop in Buhl

BURLEY — Herman Neu man, author of "Heroes from the Attic: A Gripping True Story of Trumper," will appear at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., for a book signing and an inspirational author and reader model and speaker. It has been said the book is a true-life "shock and awe" story. Neu man said for his first 24 years, he had to endure almost continuous extreme adversities and his life-long obsession with reading, his

traumatic experiences and world travels have taught him many important lessons.

Office on Aging offers therapy class

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at 991 Washington St. N.

Local physician, therapist Dennis Gillett will speak on physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and massage therapy.

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

Buhl library display represents Buhl history

BUEHL — The Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N. is featuring new photos representing Buhl history from Larry Quigley's collection through the end of April. These early photos

for more information on

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Buhl resident awarded dean's scholarship

Cody Stutzman, of Buhl, has applied for admission to Idaho College in Harrison, Kan., and been named a dean's scholarship worth \$10,000.

Stutzman is the son of Doug and Lyn Stutzman.

Resident named to college dean's list

Beth Anna Springer, daughter of Andrew Springer of Twin Falls, has been named to the Calvin College dean's list, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Spooner is a junior majoring in English and graduated from the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Gooding quilter semi-finalist for show

Gooding-area quilter Patricia Wagner has been selected as a semi-finalist for the 22nd Annual American Quilter's Society Quilt Show and Contest, April 26 to 29, at the Pritchett Event Center in Paducah, Ky.

Wagner has been chosen to join 429 others in the annual contest. In its 22nd year, the competition is offering \$114,000 in total prize money. The quilt, "Thistle Rose," measures 78-inches wide by

78-inches long.

This entry was chosen from a field of 800 quilts. The work will compete against others in its category. Three quilting entries will receive a \$1,000 scholarship before the opening of the show. The quilt, named best of show, will garner the Hancock's of Paducah Best of Show award, a \$20,000 cash prize and become part of the permanent collection in the Museum of the American Quilter's Society.

For more information, visit www.AmericanQuilter.com or call (207) 988-7903.

Filer student selected for membership

Nathan McGregor of Filer has been selected for membership with the National Society of High School Scholars. The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

Membership in NSHS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarships, internships, academic competitions, free events, members-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items and publicity honors.

CAT IN THE HAT



Contributed photo

Children in Ms. Bergener's first grade class at Bickel Elementary, celebrated Easter recently. Sid Vanderpool told the story of "Green Eggs and Ham" while Holly Stevens and Paige Vanderpool cooked real green eggs and ham. The students were given a real "Cat in the Hat" hat at the end of the story and received an emerald green breakfast.

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY



Photo courtesy of ANNE LAURIE BURTON

Twin Falls Public Library Director Susan Ash, right, presents a plaque to Kathy Nichols of BLIP Printers, for its continued generosity and support of the library.

from the 1920s feature the Shoshone Falls and vintage clothing. The exhibit will include a shot of Main Street businesses during this era period. The library has its own display of some local photos, recently framed, too.

The library's exhibit case spotlights Elmer Van Houtte, early Buhl pioneer, teacher and author of "The Story of Open Gates." The library's 90th birthday celebration and tie-ins to the Buhl Centennial are underwritten in part by the donation of the proceeds of the last two Buhl historical calendars created by Larry Quigley.

At 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jean Dutcher will do a book talk on Michael Dorris' "The Five People You Meet in Heaven."

For more information, call 423-4338.

these or other upcoming events throughout the year, call the library at 543-6500.

Ageless Senior Center holds Sunday dinner

KIMBERLY — The Ageless Senior Center, 210 N. Main, is serving dinner from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and younger.

Pork roast, potatoes, gravy, salad, vegetables, hot rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, juice and milk will be available. The public is welcome.

For more information, call 423-4338.

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Chocolate, the food of the Mayan gods

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Ancient ones, such as the Olmec who lived on the southern gulf coast of Mexico and the Maya of Mesoamerica, highly prized the cacao plant, which was even considered so valuable that they were often traded as currency along early trade routes.

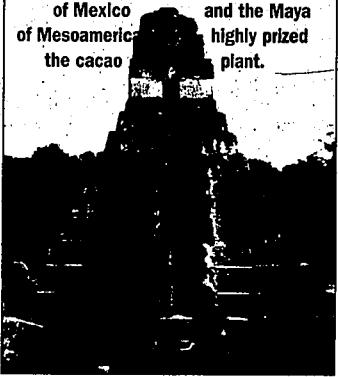
My first history lesson linking the Maya to chocolate came when my husband, Terry, and I visited Tikal, a popular ancient city in northern Guatemala. Here we visited the Sylvanus Morley Museum and viewed the remains of one of the most powerful rulers of the Mayan world, Lord Ah Cacao. Ah Cacao was responsible for building many of the outstanding structures at Tikal, including the soaring Temple I, which became his funeral monument. His skull, which was buried in the museum, was covered with studs and beads. Also inside the glass funeral case were several polychromic vessels. These containers were thought to have been used by the ruler to enjoy a liquid chocolate concoction popular among the elite of the Mayan world.

In recent years, scientists have gleaned samples of raw cacao from plates found at a remote Mayan site in Rio Azul, Guatemala. The residue was tested and was found to contain remains of cocoa fragments. This evidence has helped archaeologists and scientists to understand the use and importance of cocoa in the Mayan society.

Ancient glyphs, drawings and Spanish manuscripts all bring strong evidence of being chocolate use in ancient societies. It is thought that the drink once enjoyed only by royalty later became a beverage that average citizens were able to enjoy as well.

The Aztecs later introduced the Spaniards to the popular drink known as *xocatl*; *cocoa cacahuatl*, which means bitter water. This bitter refreshment was enjoyed by those in the highest ranks of society. The concoction was used for

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many medicinal purposes, as well as a hallucinogenic and aphrodisiac.

The beans were toasted, ground up and then put in hot water. Occasionally, a small portion of maize (corn), vanilla or chilies were added to create a delicious beverage. The hot water had to be extremely hot for this process to work, thus ensuring that the drink is still heated in Mexico today "like water for chocolate."

Today in central and southern Mexico, many people drink chocolate twice a day year-round. Traditional hot chocolate is whipped with a wooden utensil known as a molinillo. The layer of foam created by the whipping adds a special significance to the chocolate. It is thought that the Spanish introduced the whipped cream to the Americas.

Chocolate lovers should also know that there is a difference between hot cocoa and hot chocolate. Hot cocoa is made from cocoa powder and hot chocolate is made from chocolate tablets and cream or milk.

Now you know the ancient history that goes with your hot chocolate. You might consider taking a trip to explore the ruins where the brew was savored for centuries.

Mayan Hot Chocolate
2 cups boiling water

1 chili pepper, cut in half, seeds removed (with gloves)
5 cups light cream or whole or nonfat milk
1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise

1-2 cinnamon sticks

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate or 3 tablets Mexican chocolate cut into 1/4 pieces

2 tablespoons sugar or honey (or to taste)

1 tablespoon almonds or hazelnuts, ground extra fine whipped cream

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, add chili pepper, 2 cups of boiling water and chocolate until it is reduced to 1 cup. Remove chili pepper, strain water and set aside.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine cream or milk, vanilla bean and cinnamon stick until bubbles appear around the edges. Add the chocolate and sugar or honey; whisk occasionally until chocolate is melted and sugar dissolves. Turn off heat; remove vanilla bean and cinnamon stick. Add chili-infused water, a little at a time, to taste to make sure the drink is not too strong. If chocolate is too thick, thin with a little more milk.

Serve in small cups and offer, ground almonds or hazelnuts and whipped cream.

Recipe courtesy of Linda Stradley www.watsonamerican.com.

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Hispanic organization seeking vendors for Cinco de Mayo fiesta

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Elmore County Hispanic Organization announced that the Vendor Booth Committee for the third annual Fiesta Cinco de Mayo Celebration is now accepting vendor booth entry forms.

The celebration is scheduled to be held from noon to 5 p.m. on May 6 at the Mountain Home Carl Miller Park.

For more information, call Irene Girona at (208) 580-5533.

Hispanic center holds annual Quinceañera gala

BOISE — The eighth annual Quinceañera Gala Dinner and Auction, a fundraising event



Noticias

benefiting the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, will be held April 15 at the Doubletree Boise Riverfront Hotel.

At 6 p.m. will be cocktails and a silent auction with dinner and

a live auction at 7 p.m.

"There will be presentation by 'Stay in School' Quinceañera Program students, followed by traditional Mexican dances and dancing to music provided by singer Ricardo Correa. The honorary chairman is State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard with a welcome by Judge Sergio A. Gutierrez and guest speaker Laura Alvarez-Schrag, Human Resources manager with Hewlett-Packard.

The cost is \$60 per person. Seating is limited and tables are optional.

For more information, call the center, which is located in Nampa, at (208) 442-0823.

Agreement aims at promoting education, employment opportunities for Hispanics

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns signed a memorandum of understanding between the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities that USDA says will strengthen efforts to promote educational and employment opportunities for Hispanic students.

The agreement provides a cooperative framework to strengthen the USDA-Hispanic Student Internship program that allows Hispanic students to attain educational excellence. The agreement also contributes to the fulfillment of USDA's mission to promote agricultural-related careers and professional attainment among minorities and with this agreement specifically among students of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities-member institutions, increasing employment opportunities at USDA for students and supporting the development of the association.

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The agency reports.

According to the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans only 10 percent of Hispanics graduate from four-year colleges and universities. In 1996, USDA established a landmark partnership with the association to provide internship opportunities with USDA. Each year, about 100 students work for USDA agencies across the country while pursuing degrees in agricultural science and related fields. Today, approximately 40 percent of the USDA-Hispanic Association interns are working at USDA as permanent employees.

To promote science and create access to higher education for Hispanic undergraduate and graduate students, USDA launched the Public Service Leaders Scholarship in 2002. In 2005, President Bush called on every American to give back to their communities, the agency reports. Selected students receive a full-tuition scholarship for two years and prior to graduation, in-

tern with USDA for a minimum of 640 hours. Upon graduation, students commit to work for USDA for a minimum of two years. More than 30 Hispanic students are participating in the scholarship program and the first class of scholarship students began working for USDA this summer. USDA's Hispanic-Serving Institutions Fellows Program brings highly accomplished faculty members at Hispanic-serving institutions to work at USDA for two-to-six weeks each summer, the agency reports. Fellows are selected based on the quality of their research interests with USDA mission areas and the value their experience would add to their institution's curriculum offerings to Hispanic students. Among topics that are researched are food security, forestry and watershed management, agricultural science and more. In 2004 and 2005, 12 faculty and staff from Hispanic-serving institutions worked with USDA to learn first-hand about USDA agencies and programs and services.

Pop star makes a play north of the border

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Young, ambitious and telegenic, they're Mexico's hottest export since "Tu Mamá También." Across Latin America and the Spanish-speaking United States, their music, movies and television show "Rebelde" draw legions of shrieking adolescent devotees. Here in their homeland, you practically can't turn on a television set or open a newspaper without confronting their tony, tousle-headed images.

Deal with it: At least for the next few weeks, when the six members of the pop-group RBD will be on U.S. tour.

Although the names Ahab, Alfonso, Dulce María, Maite,

Christopher and Christian don't have worldwide cachet, the RBD—"Rebelde" brand name is rapidly turning into a veritable entertainment empire, with the group's teeny-bopper television presence helping its sultrier pop-band persona, and vice versa.

Following in the footsteps of the Archies and the Partridge Family, RBD is an offshoot (skeptics would say a blatant cross-marketing tie-in) of an existing TV show, the telenovela "Rebelde." Backed by the promotional muscle of Mexico's largest television network, the series shows no signs of fading at a super-exclusive Mexico City prep school airs five nights a week and is, easily the most

popular — and virtually the only — show of its kind here.

In a viewing culture dominated by formulaic, telecentric telenovelas, "Rebelde" is one of the few Mexican-made programs that dares to mix genres (a big splash of comedy here, a touch of romantic pathos there) and to openly embrace sexual and teenage sexuality. In one of these life-imitates-art twists that have become almost run-of-the-mill in the age of reality TV, the band RBD was born when some of "Rebelde's" principal characters decided to form a pop group.

The program airs throughout Central America and South America (except Argentina), as well as in the United States on the Spanish-language Univision network.

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Shall meet required speed limit of 65 MPH
1000 GPM discharge rate
Must meet maximum air brake release pressure in 60 seconds
14,000 lbs GVW
3000 gross storage tank.
One passenger with driver air seat
14,000 lbs to 16,000 lbs front suspension
40,000 lbs rear suspension
Air horn
4.88 lb x 6.65 ft 2 speed rear axle
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1000 lbs torque.
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An interlock brake to prevent operation unless park brake is engaged and transmission is in neutral or park
Horn must be
All drivers with water separator screen with .039 inches maximum
Air restriction indicator in cab, visible to driver
Anti-lock brakes with separator dryer
Audible low voltage alarm activated with 11.8-volt voltage motor
Must be disconnected between starter solenoid and all other electrical equipment
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Backup alarm to meet 87+ decibels
All legal required stop tail and directional lights

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3000 gallon capacity & certified by manufacturer
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Manhole on top
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Vent to tank module 1000GPM overflow
Non-corrosive tank interior
The external fill connections shall permit a minimum filling rate of 1000GPM from sources external to the unit
The external fill connections shall be provided with a removable or accessible strainer
A shut off valve capable of being throttled
A minimum 30 degree sweep elbow positioned downward with cap
A record of construction & capacity
And a drain valve or fitting shall be a slow operating valve
A check type device for operating flow rate

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Single or multiple tank connections that meet the following:
The tank connections shall be capable of emptying 90% of the tank capacity at a minimum average rate of 1000GPM with the apparatus at ground level.
Storage area for suction hose and adapters

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Case No. 54361rb
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 20, 2006, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. of said day at the Minidoka County Courthouse, 715 G Street, Rupert, Idaho, **TITLEFACT, INC.**, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable to the Minidoka County Sheriff, all rights, title and interest in and to the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho; and described as follows to-wit: Township #1 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho, Section 31; Part of Lot 1, more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of Section 31, said corner marked by a red iron T-shaped corner post; thence N 20° 45' E, 89.56 feet to a 1/2 inch robar which is the POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE South 00° 24' 45" West along the West section line for 827.42 feet to a 1/2 inch robar which is the POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE South 89° 01' 13" East for 89.56 feet to a 1/2 inch robar;
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THENCE North 00° 24' 45" East along said line for 199.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

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Sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from Rodney D. Felchke, a minor, to **LAND TITLE AND ESCROW, INC.**, an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, a Deed of Trust covering certain real property therein described as security for the payment of promissory note made, executed and delivered on the same date to Thomas M. Lewis and Fern A. Lewis, herein referred to as the "Debtors". The Deed of Trust was thereafter duly recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Minidoka, State of Idaho, on the 25th day of September, 2005, as Instrument No. 426229; the beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust was assigned to Edward Smith, by Assignment recorded December 17, 2005, as Instrument No. 426230; the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office, beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust was assigned to Draco Investment Corp., an Idaho corporation, by Assignment recorded August 20, 2002, as Instrument No. 460487; records of Minidoka County, Idaho; the beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust was assigned to Draco Investment Corp., an Idaho corporation, by Assignment recorded November 18, 2002, as Instrument No. 461273; records of Minidoka County, Idaho; the beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust was assigned to Draco Investment Corp., an Idaho corporation, by Assignment recorded November 18, 2002, as Instrument No. 461274; records of Minidoka County, Idaho; the beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust was assigned to Draco Investment Corp., an Idaho corporation, by Assignment recorded February 10, 2006, as Instruments No. 462868 and 462865, respectively, records of Minidoka County, Idaho.

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a) Accumulated deficiency in payments of \$402.23 per month, for the period from January 1, 2006 through April 1, 2006, plus 10% interest and foreclosure costs.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2006.

TITLEFACT, INC.

By: R. Todd Bliss, Vice President

PUBLISH: March 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 2006

SUMMONS By Publication

TO: ANTONIO RAMBO RAMIREZ
1000 N. Main Street, Suite 200
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Kandice Williams, the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Teton County, Idaho, Case No. CV-06-055. The nature of the claim against you is for divorce. And the cause of action is for divorce. In the event of non-service of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the court, paid the filing fee, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 89 North Main Street, Driggs, ID 83422 and served a copy of your response to the Plaintiff, Kandice Williams, whose name and telephone number are 82 S 275 E, Driggs, ID 83422.

A copy of this Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the plaintiff, Kandice Williams, who will assist you to do so. Date 3-27-2006
Teton County District Court
By: Deputy Clerk

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"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true."

—James Branch Cabell

There are many players who have a claim to being the best in the world. One of those who would certainly attract his share of the votes is Alfredo Versace, only 36 and already many times a world titleholder. He plays frequently with George Jacobs of Chicago at the U.S. Nationals, and today's deal comes from the Pittsburgh Nationals last spring when the two were in tandem.

On the opening lead of the spade three against three no-trump, declarer plays low from dummy, and you (East) win with the spade queen. Declarer follows with the spade seven; what is your defensive plan?

Most players would shift to a club to try to set up that suit for their side. Declarer will simply win the trick and knock out the ace of hearts. When clubs split 3-3, he has nine tricks: three diamonds, five clubs and a heart. All the defenders have are their three spade winners and the heart ace.

At the table, Versace did much better than that. At trick two he found the killing switch to a diamond. Now what was declarer to do? If he cashes the diamonds, it sets up the diamond jack as a fifth winner for the defense; if he strunds the diamonds in dummy, he never reaches them, so long as the defenders discard correctly.

Eventually South has to lead a heart to dummy's king, letting East win, exit safely in hearts, and collect a second heart trick.

NORTH
♦ 10 9 6 5
♥ K 2
♦ A K Q 5 3
♦ 9 7

EAST
♠ A 8 4 3
♦ 10 8
♦ J 6 4 2
♦ J 6 3

SOUTH
♣ J
♦ Q 9 6 4 3
♦ 9
♦ A K Q 10 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Spade three

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South holds:

♦ 10 9 6 5
♥ K 2
♦ A K Q 5 3
♦ 9 7

South West North East
Pass Pass 3 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. Partner has produced an invitational sequence. You have a minimum in high cards, but you have quick tricks and a trump fit, certainly enough to gamble on game having a play. Imagine partner with six good hearts and a king or ace on the side, and you will see that game will be at worst on a finesse.

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Jerry Stiller poses for a portrait in his Red Skelton costume Monday in Buell. Stiller has been impersonating Skelton for about five years and says the comedian was "good whole—some family entertainment."



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The week's most popular media, compiled by The Associated Press.

TELEVISION

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox
 2. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox
 3. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC
 4. "CSI: Miami," CBS
 5. "The Unit," CBS
- From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "V for Vendetta," Warner Bros.
 2. "Failure to Launch," Paramount
 3. "The Shaggy Dog," Disney
 4. "She's the Man," Paramount
 5. "The Hills Have Eyes," Fox Searchlight
- From Exhibitor Relations Co.

HOT FIVE

1. "Temperature," Sean Paul, VP
 2. "Bad Day," Daniel Powter, Warner Bros.
 3. "So Sick," Ne-Yo, Del Jam
 4. "You're Beautiful," James Blunt, Custard, (Platinum)
 5. "Be Without You," Mary J. Blige, Geffen,
- From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "High School Musical" Soundtrack, Walt Disney, (Platinum)
 2. "Back to Bedlam," James Blunt, Custard, (Platinum)
 3. "My Ghetto Report Card," E-40, Sick Wid It
 4. "In My Own Words," Ne-Yo, Def Jam
 5. "Really Check," Juvenile, UTP
- From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. U2
 2. Bon Jovi
 3. Aerosmith
 4. George Strait
 5. Coldplay
- From Pollstar

VHS/DVD RENTALS

1. "Walk the Line," Fox Video
 2. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Warner Home Video
 3. "Jawhead," Universal Studios Home Video
 4. "Just Friends," New Line Home Entertainment
- From USA Today

VHS SALES

1. "Requiem for a Dream," Lions Gate Home Entertainment
 2. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Video
 3. "Shrek," DreamWorks Home Entertainment
 4. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," New Line Home Entertainment
 5. "Go Diego Go! The Great Dinosaur Rescue," Paramount Home Entertainment
- From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video
 2. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video
 3. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2 Disc Special Edition)," Warner Home Video
 4. "Jarhead (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video
 5. "Lady and the Tramp: 50 Anniversary Edition," Walt Disney Home Entertainment
- From Billboard magazine

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Bad Day," Daniel Powter
 2. "Unwritten," Natasha Bedingfield
 3. "So Sick," Ne-Yo
 4. "Beep," The Pussycat Dolls
 5. "Temperature," Sean Paul
- From Apple Computer, Inc.

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "Harley & Me" by John Grisham (William Morrow, non-fiction/hardback)
 2. "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin) (fiction/paperback)
 3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday) (fiction/hardback)
 4. "Night" by Elie Wiesel (transl. by Marion Wiesel (Hill and Wang) (non-fiction/paperback)
 5. "Patton's Bum," Lisa Jackson (Kensington Publishing Corporation) (fiction/paperback)
- From USA Today

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Photo courtesy of Electronic Arts

Electronic Arts makes an offer you can't refuse in its new 'Godfather' video game.

'Godfather' video game is a hit, man

BY SCOTT JONES
 The Hartford Courant

I wasn't happy when I heard that EA was turning "The Godfather" movie into a video game. It's like making a Saturday morning cartoon out of the Sistine Chapel. Like making a pop song out of "The Godfather" theme. Like making a late-night talk show out of a gangster movie about the Monks Lisa. It just didn't seem to make sense.

Some hubris EA has. After locking up the exclusive rights to the NFL last year, after it began littering its games — mostly terrible games, but still — with licensed characters for Burger King and Dodge, it was figuring EA had gone too far.

So when I sat down with "The Godfather" game about a month ago, I had more than a little skepticism.

But the game is not bad. It isn't the mess I thought it would be, not by a longshot. The game's plot contours itself like a Chinese acrobat to conform to the film's narrative. According to the game, there was a Wild West-style shootout going on in the hospital basement while the Don was being held captive. Completely pushing the Don's head from room to room. I played through the game with a whine, certain that the next level would offend my "Godfather"-loving sensibilities, prepared to cry out in agony.

I cried out relatively few times. EA to my surprise, has done a fairly decent job exonerating

itself. The game's prelude borrows a page from the superhero handbook: A child witnesses the murder of his father in an alley. Don Corleone happens to be passing by. (EA actually hired Marlon Brando to do the voice.) The Don sees the grief-stricken boy and tells him he will do what he will. That child turns out to be you.

You'll interface similar to the one found in EA's "Tiger Woods" games, you can doctor your grown-up visage to look as handsome or as hideous, as you please. Big nose, bushy eyebrows, etc. You can even go for Burger King and Dodge, if EA was figuring EA had gone too far.

The game flesh-forwards a decade to the wedding scene from the movie. The Don, as we know, can't refuse any requests on the day of his daughter's weddin

g, and when your widowed mother comes to the Don asking for help with her troubled son (the Don's son, Don Jr.), the up-and-coming Luca Brasi to the case.

Lucky schools you in the ways

of the family — how to fight, shake down shopkeepers, bribe policemen, hijack cars, use firearms, etc.

The game play isn't terribly original, it generally follows to the tried-and-true "Grand Theft Auto" (Rockstar) model. There are the usual driving missions, the usual shooting missions and the usual missions that start with shooting and end with driving (and vice versa). One mission even has you driving the Don's

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Cover story

ASHLEY SMITH/THE TIMES-NEWS

Jerry Peters poses in his Red Skelton outfit Monday in Buhl. "It's a humor that all ages are responding to," says Peters about Skelton's style of humor.

Buhl preacher stages Skelton tribute

BY BLAIR KOCH

Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Forty years ago, Red Skelton was the king of comedy and the monarch of television. "Remembering Red Skelton" was the No. 2-rated TV program in America, following only "Bonanza." Skelton had been proclaimed by no less than Groucho Marx to be the comedic heir to Charlie Chaplin, and he easily performed with Marlon Brando, the greatest mime of the 20th century.

But few people born after 1966 have ever heard of Skelton. Jerry Peters wants to change that.

Peters, who has clowned professionally for nearly 40 years, will stage a one-man tribute to Skelton. "A Mirror Image: Remembering Red Skelton," here Friday.

"This tribute show is to help remember Red's humor, his life, comedy and persona," said Peters, an ordained Methodist minister and pastor of the Buhl United Methodist Church. "I also

If you go ...

- **What:** Jerry Peters will perform "Mirror Image: Remembering Red Skelton," a one-man show benefiting the West End Ministerial Association's food bank.
- **Where:** Buhl High School auditorium.
- **When:** Friday, 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, and they're available at Farmers National Bank, Sav-Mor Drugs and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce in Buhl and at Farmers National Bank branches in Twin Falls. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.

want to capture a time in entertainment...now past, with good and clean family fun."

"Too often television programs are full of off-colored comedy"

and smut," Peters said. Friday's show can be enjoyed by those who remember Skelton and those new to the clown's skills, Peters says.

"Whether you grew up with Red or not, you will enjoy the show is going to be good," he said. "I always thought Red was funnier than Bob Hope."

The show will highlight many of Skelton's authentic routines and characters, such as Clem Kadiddlehopper and Friend, the Free Lunch, along with a variety of the clown's antics and anecdotes.

"You will almost believe that Red Skelton is once again on stage," Peters said.

Throughout the evening the Magic of Skelton will bring the sketch-style songs popular during Skelton's reign, according to Chuck Lehrman of Buhl, a member of the group.

"Although the pieces our choir of about 15 people will be doing aren't set in stone, we know that we will be singing our most requested song, 'God Bless

America,'" Lehrman said.

Thirty percent of the proceeds from the show will go to the West End Ministerial Association's food bank.

"People who are hungry can't afford to eat," Lehrman said.

Mickey Schlueter, who runs the food bank, says she hopes the show earns enough money to allow her to buy a new refrigerator.

"Our refrigerator is from the 1940s and is too little," she said. "We are in desperate need of a new one so that we can keep produce and other items in stock for the food bank. We serve about 1,425 families every year and are dependent on donations. Any help we get is appreciated."

"We hope to fill the auditorium and have a sold-out show," Peters said.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_2006@mail.com or by calling 316-2007.

About Red Skelton

Richard "Red" Skelton was born in Vincennes, Ind., in 1913. He worked as a circus clown and a medicine show pitchman before hitting the burlesque circuit in the 1920s, performing impersonations and pantomime.

Skelton appeared several times on radio's "Rudy Vallee's Royal Gelatin Hour" before joining NBC's 1939 variety series "Avalon Time." Raleigh Clegg, offered Skelton his own show on NBC in 1941, giving him the chance to present a full range of his comic characters.

Every week, Skelton could be heard as dim-witted cab driver Clem Kadiddlehopper, the bumbling Will Lump-Lump, and Jumbo "The Mean Widdle Kid" who announced his malicious intentions by proclaiming "I doot it."

Skelton starred in his own television program from 1951 to 1971, running for four seasons on NBC and 18 seasons on CBS. Many stars got their start on the show. Johnny Carson, one of Skelton's writers, was called upon to fill in for the star when, in 1954, Skelton injured himself during a rehearsal. The Rolling Stones made one of their earliest American appearances on the show in 1964.

The concept of the series was similar to Skelton's radio program. Each show began with Skelton performing a monologue based on topical material, followed by a musical interlude. He would then do a series of blackout sketches featuring one or more of his characters.

The Skelton show, unlike other variety series, did not rely on guest stars every week. He had a strong group of support players, most of whom had worked with him on his radio program.

CBS canceled the program in 1970, blaming high production costs. Skelton, a political conservative, was bitter about the cancellation, according the network of its "political" appeal to opponents of the Vietnam War.

In addition to radio and television, Skelton appeared in 41 movies between 1938 and 1965. He died in 1977.

Sources: Encyclopedia Britannica, Museum of Broadcast Communications, Radio Hall of Fame

Movies

Now playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema

"Eight Below"
"Failure to Launch"
"Firewall"
"Ice Age"
"Ice Age: The Meltdown"
"Inside the Man"
"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"
"The New World"
"The Pink Panther"
"The Shaggy Dog"
"She's the Man"
"V for Vendetta"

Odyssey Theatre

"Church Ball"
"Date Movie"
"The Hills Have Eyes"
"The Libertine"
"Sister"
"Stay Alive"

The Orpheum

"16 Blocks"

HAILEY/KETCHUM

"Magic Lantern"
"Ice Age: The Meltdown"
"Inside Man"
"The World's Fattest Indian"
"Toots!"

Big Wood Cinemas
"Ice Age: The Meltdown"
"Inside Man"
"She's the Man"
"V for Vendetta"
"The World's Fattest Indian"

Ski Time Cinemas
"Failure to Launch"
"V for Vendetta"

BURLEY

Century Cinema
"Failure to Launch"
"Ice Age: The Meltdown"
"The Shaggy Dog"
"She's the Man"

Burley Theater
"Fun with Dick and Jane"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema
"Failure to Launch"
"Ice Age: The Meltdown"
"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"
"The Shaggy Dog"

'ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN'



AP photo

Manny the woolly mammoth (voiced by Ray Romano) gets some troubling news from Fast Tony (voiced by Jay Leno) in 'Ice Age 2: The Meltdown.'

Scrat steals the show in pleasant romp through prehistory

BY DAVID GERMAN
The Associated Press

It's the centerpiece of the movie's poster. It's the creature the kids are all waiting to see. And he steals the show with every fleeting moment he's on screen.

The cheery animated sequel "Ice Age: The Meltdown" might as well come with another subtitle: "Featuring Scrat!" The little part-squirrel, part-rodent thing is the Fonzie of this franchise, the supporting player who uses his limited talent with his manic antics to secure his precious nuts.

The movie is right on par with the 2002 original: brisk, pleasant and loaded with slapstick that should keep young children giggling. It's not repetitive enough that anyone would feel they're sitting through the first, "Ice Age," all over again.

The vocal trio of the original — two-thirds droll and dour with Ray Romano and Denis Leary, one-third babbling whirwind with John Leguizamo — is still here, though the saucy addition of Queen Latifah.

But it's those moments with Scrat — whose bleats, grunts, howls and yelps are voiced with inarticulate glee by "Ice Age"

'Ice Age 2: The Meltdown'

With the voices of: Ray Romano, Dennis Leary, Chris Wedge, John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah.

Rating: PG

Starts Friday at: Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum, Big Wood Cinemas of Hailey, Jerome Cinema

director Chris Wedge; an executive producer on the sequel — that are the most memorable, as they were in the original flick.

Scrat stars in the opening sequences, and at a screening packed with families of critics and studio employees, his appearance was greeted with laughter and applause from kids and their parents. When the hapless Scrat and his elusive acorn popped up periodically in interludes between the main action, the audience buzzed with delight.

As its title suggests, endless winter is coming to a close for the prehistoric posse of talking animals. Best pals Manny the

mammoth (Romano), Diego the saber-toothed tiger (Leary) and Sid the short-legged sloth (Lafitte) discover a giant ice mass moving back the soil is melting and about to break in a deluge that will flood the valley they co-inhabit along with a peaceable kingdom of turtles, birds and other giddy wildlife.

So the gang packs up and sets off on a long, bumpy journey to the other end of the valley. The lonely Manny, half-convinced he's the last of his kind since no other mammoths have been sighted in ages, is thrilled when he runs across spunkier, feisty companion Ellie (Latifah).

The only trouble is that Ellie, orphaned as a child and raised by possums and thinks she's one of the little critters herself. Ellie and her mischievous possum brothers (Sean William Scott and Josh Peck) join the march to find a new home, and die as Manny tries to convince her they're the same species.

Even more so than the first movie, the sequel written by Peter Gauke, Gerry Swallow and Jim Flechi comes off as a series of comic episodes strung together along a loose central story.

Some sequences, such as Sid's

detour to a land of mini-slots that worship him, feel so disconnected they're like stand-alone shorts transplanted into the movie to pad it out.

The computer animation overseen by Carlos Saldanha, who graduates from co-director on the original "Ice Age" and last year's "Robots" to full director here, shows marked improvement over even the rather forgettable "Ice Age 2" (Latifah).

Advances in digital technology allow the animators to create more detailed landscapes and expressive characters, though the imagery remains several steps down from the computer-animation leaders, DreamWorks ("Shrek" movies) and Pixar ("Finding Nemo," "The Incredibles").

But the great asset "Ice Age" has that no one else does: a good old Scrat. Unlike Fonzie, who progressed from bit player on "Happy Days" to cultural phenomenon of the '70s, Scrat has never carry the whole show.

In fits and starts, though, the fanged little goof asserts himself as the heart and soul of the "Ice Age" tales, adding warmth and loony pathos to what otherwise would be only a sturdy but temperate franchise.

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Sat-Sun 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:30

Date Movie (13) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat-Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

Churchball (PG) Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat-Sun 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

Slither (R) Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat-Sun 12:45 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

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V for Vendetta (R)
Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat-Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 4:45 - 9:30

She's the Man (13)
Daily 7:30 - 9:45

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Sat-Sun 12:30 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

Wall Disney's Shaggy Dog
(PG) Daily 7:30 - 9:45

Firewall (13) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
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Wall Disney's Eight Below (PG)
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Sidki Man (R) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
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Larry the Cable Guy (13)
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Sidki Man (R) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat-Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

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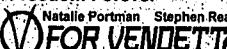
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Whatever you do, don't scream.



Now at the Odyssey

Denzel Washington - Jodie Foster - Clive Owen

It looked like the perfect robbery,
But You cannot judge by it's cover!



Now at the Twin Cinema 12



Billy Wells is a NY Cop and witness, who's Distance Between Life and Death just get very Short



(PG) Now at the Orpheum in Dolby Digital



Tim Allen's going to "Raise the wool"



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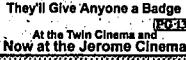
Now at the Odyssey Theatre

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HEALTH INSPECTOR

They'll Give Anyone a Badge

At the Twin Cinema and

Now at the Jerome Cinema



At the Twin Cinema and

Now at the Jerome Cinema



Now at the Jerome and Twin Cinema



Now at the Jerome and Twin Cinema

Movies

Movie nuggets

• "Church Ball" No rating. A comedy about a Mormon who wants to be a basketball star. It's of mythic proportions — an underdog story about the misfit Mud Lake Ward hoops team that enters a tournament in hopes of toppling the mighty Crystal Hills Ward. With Paul Eagleston, Kurt Lyle, Stephen Rose. PG

• "Eight Below" ***. In "Eight Below," a pack of keen-eyed huskies and malamutes brave the Antarctic winter after their human owners have abandoned



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About the rating system

The ratings in these capsules are by Knight Ridder News Service review. 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor.

them. Like a good, old-fashioned Disney movie in which animals do amazing things amid the dangers and splendor of the savanna, this is a cross-pictures, tear-jerking adventure yarn. 1 hour, 52 minutes PG (some peril and brief mild language).

• "Failure to Launch" **½ Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker star in the mischievous remake of the 1980s romantic comedy about a 21-year-old hunk who still lives with his parents and the consultant who's hired to seduce him into moving out. Totally formulaic, totally not funny. 1 hour, 37 minutes. PG-13 (language, sex, adult themes).

• "Fowl Play" *** Harrison Ford stars as a bank exec whose family is being held hostage in this predictable suspense. Things start off promisingly, but soon descend into old-fashioned Hollywood-style, unconvincing and nonsensical red herrings and stuff that doesn't make sense. 1 hour, 45 minutes PG-13 (adult themes, kids in jeopardy, violence, profanity, innuity).

• "Fun with Dick and Jane" **½ In this remake of that famous, a remake of a 1977 coming-of-life drama, Carrie and Tea Leoni play a couple who turn to crime when their luxe, white-collar existence goes down the toilet. 1 hour, 10 minutes PG-13 (mild profanity, sexual references).

• "The Hills Have Eyes" * Alexandre Aja's stomach-churning remake of Wes Craven's 1977 original about the cannibal mutants who prey on a family who experience a vehicular accident in the desert. If your idea of

Memoirs of a Geisha
It's out on DVD. See page 7



Photo courtesy of Disney Enterprises

In a spoof of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," Grant (Adam Campbell) and Julia (Alyson Hannigan) undergo marriage counseling in "Date Movie."

Date movie'

Directed by Aaron Seltzer. Written by Jason Friedberg and Seltzer ("Scary Movie" 1-3). PG-13 for continuous crude and sexual humor, including language.

a good time is to watch road trippers become road kill, this one's for you. 1 hour, 39 minutes R (extreme violence, dismemberments, flesh-eating).

• "Inside Guy" No rating. NPD negotiator Renegar (Denzel Washington tries to defuse a hostage standoff at a Wall Street Bank — and find out who's really behind it with Jody Foster, William Dafoe and Christopher Plummer. R.

• "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" No rating. The blue-collar comic investigates an outbreak of food poisoning at four-star restaurants with his new, upright partner and audiences a waitress. Directed by Trent Cooper, with Iris Bahr, Megan Price, Joe Pantalone, Joanna Cassidy, Tom Wilson and Tony Hale. PG-13 for crude and sexual content, and for language.

• "The Libertine" **½ Johnny Depp stars as a decadent Restoration-era poet and serial paramour in this dark, grainy drama about sex and politics, based on the life and death (at age 33) of John Wilmer. John Malkovich and Samantha Morton co-star. 1 hour, 55 minutes R (sex, nudity, language, adult content).

• "The New World" ****½ The establishment of Jamestown settlement in 1607 leads to a clash between European and

Davis, Zena Grey, Spencer Breslin, Robert Downey Jr., Philip Baker Hall, Danny Glover and Jane Curtin. 1 hour, 35 minutes PG for some mild rude humor.

• "She's the Man" ***½ Shakespeare's Twelfth Night set in a prep school where Viola (Amanda Bynes) impersonates her brother to win a spot on the soccer squad. Call this genial comedy Gender-Bend it Like Beckham. With Channing Tatum. 1 hour, 45 minutes PG-13 (sexual innuendo).

• "16 Blocks" ***½ Bruce as a burned-out cop whose circuitry is rewired by Mos Def, the small-time felon in his custody. 1 hour, 45 minutes PG-13 (violence, profanity).

• "Slither" No rating. Things turn strange in the sleepy town of Wheely, where pets begin to disappear and livestock are mutilated. With Michael Rooker, Nathan Filion and Elizabeth Banks. R.

• "Stay Alive" No rating. Some teens discover the video game they play is too realistic — each gets murdered in precisely the manner in which his or her character dies. With Jon Foster, Samrae Armstrong, Frankie Muniz, Sophie Bush and Adam Goldstein. Directed by William Girdler. PG-13 for horror violence, disturbing images, language, brief sexual and drug content.

• "The Pink Panther" * Steve Martin as the Inspector Clouseau-esque private eye and amateur supertue, in a prequel that aims to resurrect the Peter Sellers franchise of the 1960s. Alas, this joyless affair doesn't have a clou. 1 hours, 32 minutes PG (occasional crude and suggestive humor and language).

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"The Shaggy D.A."

No rating.

The new version of Disney's ever-haughty tale of man co-mingling with beast to his betterment mines the original 1959' Tommy Kirk-Fred MacMurray film as well as the 1976 Dean Jones version. The Shaggy D.A., with producer-singer/songwriter playing a deputized district attorney who turns into a canine after being bitten by a 300-year-old Tibetan bearded collie. Naturally, he rediscovers his humanity, becoming a better husband and father as a poacher that he ever was. The film is strictly for the very young, with lots of giggles in the anthropomorphic mash-ups and won't be too disturbed by the predictably mawkish sitcom plot. Directed by Brian Robbins. With Kristin

• "V for Vendetta" *** Dark, Orwellian fun about a masked terrorist avenger and his charming young lover who's trying to topple a fascist regime in meta-future Britain. Based on the comic book series, produced by the Wachowski Brothers and starring Hugo Weaving and Natalie Portman. 2 hours, 12 minutes R (violence, profanity).

• "The World's Fastest Indian" *** Anthony Hopkins stars in this light and lively true-life tale of a New Zealand eccentric who, in the 1960s, set a land-speed record on his patched-together old Indian motorcycle. Colorful costumes and colossal obstacles tail overtake him around. 2 hours, 7 minutes PG-13 (adult themes, profanity).

Sources: Knight Ridder News Service, Los Angeles Times

New on DVD

"King Kong"

PG-13

The new "King Kong" answers many important questions: Can a girl outrun a dinosaur? (Yes.)

Can a tommy gun kill a prehistoric spider? (Yes.)

Can a blonde and a monkey find true, if tame, love in the top of the Empire State Building? (Yes.)

Can three hours feel like 90 minutes? (Yes.)

Can Jack Black act? (No.)

One hundred eighty-seven minutes of messy, mirthful, animalistic chutzpah, spills, kills and lies, Peter Jackson's big monkey picture show is certainly the best popular entertainment of the year. The film is a wondrous blend of then and now: it honors its mythic predecessor of 1933, while employing today's movie technology to seamlessly manipulate the fantastic. It's more fun than a barrel of dinosaurs, and in fact it takes us into the center of a barrel of dinosaurs, or at least a dinosaur stampede in which our heroes do a bit of stampeding. Dinosaurs are too large to have without any traffic cones to govern the flow, and the effect is that of being stuck in a kug of thunder lizards bouncing downhill.

Aside from such flourishes, Jackson sticks close to the original. In the 1933 version, Kong (Skull Island 1933, courtesy of extremely detailed and convincing digital clayscapes) Energy Film entrepreneur Carl Denham (the obstreperous Black), one step ahead of the practical-minded, money boys trying to close him down, tries a bit of "All hands to the pumps" light jazz (Driscoll (Adrien Brody), movie star Bruce Baxter (Kyle Chandler) and untested actress Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts)) into joining him, and heads off to a mysterious east coast island. There he finds Skull Island, where he plans to shoot a film against a heretofore unseen background (a big deal in the '30s). There he discovers a land that slipped time's mind, ruled by a 25-foot-tall ape whom the natives call Kong and to whom they appear oddly virile. He recruits Ann, Kong sees Darrow and falls in hot monkey love.

After much bloody travails, Denham manages to bring him back alive, but during an exhibition in Manhattan, Kong breaks free. He's young, he might say, a big night in the Bronx. Party, party, party. Call out the riot squad. The Bronx is up and the

Battery's down, and he squishes them all. Ultimately, Kong finds his soul mate in Ann, who Denham takes her to the top of the Empire State Building. A squad of double-winged pursuit ships is called in and they hose him off the spire with Lewis guns, but not before he squeezes a few of them. Lovingly, he says goodbyes to his best friend, and goes down, down, down to the hard pavement of 34th Street. In both versions, the closing line is delivered by Denham, who points out that it wasn't the airplanes, "It was beauty killed the beast."

Surprisingly, the day after, you see a faded photo of Peter Jackson's original Jackson brings to his dream project (earned by the staggering success of his "Lord of the Rings" trilogy) a need to correct it in some way, to finally get it right. He does, and it's a good decision, though not the term I'd use. He doesn't impose any touchy-feely 2005 stuff on the events: It remains a parable of exploitation, cultural self-importance, the arrogance of the West, all issues that were obvious in 1933. And though the effects remain unexamined here, if more vivid. Thus the natives of Skull Island are still "primitive" and debrachued; the death count is casually high, the tracer bullets that miss Kong stop the sky nebulously appropriate when you pick off the natives. All the while, the Round Table quipping over their martini in the bar and nobody gives a damn or even thinks about it.

The two tawks aren't based in political sensibilities but in dramatic ones. For example, instead of the original's "I'm not Kong," along with Denham's exploitation of the captured Kong, both Jack and Ann disassociate themselves from it. Both understand — even in the year 1933 — that some sort of original sin has been enacted and both understand that there will be consequences.

That development is set up by a larger one, which really makes the movie work in ways the original "Kong" never could. That not only does Kong fall for Darrow, but also that she falls for the monkey. This, really, is the heart of Jackson's movie and what distinguishes it from Cooper's — far more than the digitalized magic Jackson uses. In Cooper's version, Darrow played by Fay Wray, is a sumo-wrestling harridan who falls for the monkey. She remains the best actress in movies, and could

turn a hysterical bugle call into a narrative of operatic intensity.

The new Kong is smart, funny and talented (she's presented as a young sailor, with gymnasile and stage skills) and has resilience, courage, spunk and integrity. She's much less victim than was Wray's Darrow and never comes off as blindfold to her master. —Wesley Sogueta

— Washington Post

"Memoirs of a Geisha"

PG-13

I took Arthur Golden's 15-year-old book, "The Memoirs of a Geisha," its bestselling novel set in 1930s & '40s Japan. It didn't take quite that long for the story to make it onto the screen, though the road was long and reportedly bumpy. The casting of章子怡as the title character, a prima donna who assumed some gravitas in Japan, just as the all-American cast provoked some anxiety at the studios. Both concerns feel somewhat literal-minded and misplaced, though their double-edged tension could account somewhat for the movie's meandering and lackluster. The Orient's dream narrative rather than an actual place and time. If the book was celebrated for its meticulous attention to historical detail, the movie's heart belongs acutely to

Hemingway's Happy Hounds

the movie's heart belongs acutely to the crusty, pipe-smoking Mother (Keisha Marcel) and the sweet, motherly Auntie (Tsai Chin), but it's ruled by 市川由紀乃 (Yuki Matsukaze), a geisha-diva as beautiful and seductive as a teahouse legend. 市川由紀乃 doesn't appear to have let the years of geisha training get to her.

At home, she skulks around in various states of dishabille, bed-hair hanging fetchingly over a single eye, snarling at everybody who gets near her. Her personal desire, however, is to keep her virginity for the attitude: "It is not for a geisha to love!" we soon learn, but unfortunately for 市川由紀乃, she already does. So, naturally, does Chiyo, from the



Ziyi Zhang is woood
by Ken Watanabe
in 'Memoirs
of a Geisha.'

Photo courtesy,
Miramax
Films

Marshall devotes some time to the schooling and rituals, but what really piques his interest are the behind-the-scenes power struggles that leave you with the impression of having watched "Memoirs of a Geisha."

Donald Sutherland, fulded to conform to Hollywood tropes and standards, so weird-looking chicks, like foreign languages (except for a prologue in Japanese), are out. Gone are the traditional stark-white faces, rouged lower lips against white upper lips, powdered brows and eyebrows arched on the forehead and matronly bouffants. The geishas have been sexified for Western consumption.

The movie begins with a beautiful young girl named Chiyo, being sold to an okiya, or geisha house, by her impoverished physician father. The okiya is run by the crusty, pipe-smoking Mother (Keisha Marcel) and the sweet, motherly Auntie (Tsai Chin), but it's ruled by 市川由紀乃 (Yuki Matsukaze), a geisha-diva as beautiful and seductive as a teahouse legend. 市川由紀乃 doesn't appear to have let the years of geisha training get to her.

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very moment she meets the handsome Chairman (Watanabe) on a bridge and he buys her a treat. But it's not for a geisha to — well, you already know.

The beautiful Zhang — who is possibly the prettiest blushing bride that has the most mate effect of making her look glaucous — may grow up to be a superstar entertainer, but she might as well be listed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for the ease with which she's bought and sold.

Thanks to 市川由紀乃's scheming, she ends up indentured to Mother. She's then leased by the famous Mamae (Yoko), another famous geisha with long, flowing hair, a sphinx-y smile and a running, sexual-political agenda.

Playing Gilda to 市川由紀乃's Wicked Witch of the East, Mamae decides to help Sayuri take the place of 市川由紀乃 at Mother's okiya, that peace... may come to the geishas of Gion. She's a work transferred to Chiyo into Sayuri's keeping, offing her virginity and promoting her as a consort to the gruff and disfigured Nobu (Koji Yakusho).

Rather than explore the tension between the geishas' public role as highly controlled, highly sexualized women with their personal desirs, Marshall gives us three disparate households

— Los Angeles Times

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THURSDAY

Rock/Twin Falls

The Clumsy Lovers will perform from 10 p.m. until closing at Shakers. Cover charge is \$10. Woodie's is located at 123 Fifth Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls

Mixed Emotions will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House, 5 located at 1282 Canyon Crest Drive.

Variety/Twin Falls

DJ Night will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Phil Eddy's. Cover charge is \$3. Ages 18 and older. Phil Eddy's is located at 235 Fifth Ave. S.

Classical/Pocatello

The Utah Symphony will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Jensen Grand Concert Hall at the Stephens Performing Arts Center on the campus of Idaho State University. Tickets, which are \$24 and \$16, can be reserved by phoning (208) 282-3395.

Rock/Utah

Silverstein will perform at the Avalon Theater in Salt Lake City. Cover charge is \$10, which can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Avalon Theater is located at 3605 S. State St.

Country/Utah

Dwight Yoakam will play The Depot in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Depot is located at 120 North 400 West.

FRIDAY

Variety/Bui

Jerry Peters will perform his one-man tribute "Remembering Red Skelton" at 7 p.m. in the Buhl High School auditorium, with music by the Magichords. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, are available at Farmers National Bank, the Mor Drags and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce in Buhl and at Farmers National Bank branches in Twin Falls.

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Variety/Gooding

A DJ will play for a Beach Party with food from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Topless is located at 413 Main.

Planetary/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetaryarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, will present

"Mysteries from the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m. Tickets for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

SUNDAY

Country/Jerome

Country Classics Center will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person. Tickets for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Rock/Utah

The Samples will perform at The Depot in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on APRIL 2. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Depot is located at 13 North 400 West.

Country/Declo

Country "Waltz" will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 235 Highway 81.

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Variety/Twin Falls

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Rock/Utah

Silverstein will play The Venue at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827.

Planetary/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetary-

arium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, will present

"The Depths of Space" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$1 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

THURSDAY

Loving It

Vancouver's Celtic Rock Quartet Clann Lovers make their third stop in Twin Falls in the past few months, at Everybody's in Twin Falls Old Towne.

Rock/Utah

Dread Dogs will play in the Venue at Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Venue is located at 235 Broad St.

TUESDAY

Variety/Twin Falls

An open mic night will be featured from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 235 Highway 81.

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MONDAY

Rock/Utah

Emery, Ambriles and Farness will play The Avalon Theater in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Avalon Theater is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

WEDNESDAY

Jazz/Twin Falls

Bob Nova Band will play from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 235 Highway 81.

Rock/Buh

Comedy Night will be featured from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at The Steadhouse and Convention Center. Cover charge is \$6. The Steakhouse is located at 241 South 500 East.

Country/Declo

The Fugitives will perform at the Urban Lounge in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Urban Lounge is located at 1340 Oakley Ave.

Hip-hop/Utah

Zion I will perform at the Urban Lounge in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Urban Lounge is located at 1340 Oakley Ave.

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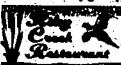
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KARAOKE CORNER

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Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Club Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Club is located at 402 Main N.

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Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

FRIDAY

Twin Falls

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Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Club Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Club is located at 402 Main N.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar on Sixth E. Idaho St.

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Sound bites: RECENT CD RELEASES

Donald Fagen "Morph the Cat"

(Reprise)

Steely Dan co-conspirator Fagen is in a reflective, sentimental mood on his third solo effort—putting aside his usually caustic and cynical lyrics in favor of more reflective themes. Musically, everything sounds like a typical Steely Dan album, with the dense, jazzy chords as steady as the sun always.

Don't think that "Morph the Cat" has all gone soft and mushy, however. "Security Joan," the nutty story of love that blossoms between an airport security guard and the man she's wandering, shows that one of the smartest figures in pop music hasn't lost his twisted sense of humor.

The imagined dialogue between Fagen and Ray Charles on "What I Do" is also pretty funny, but sweet and tender too, and features an astounding harmonica solo from I Ll Cool J. Levvy, formerly of the Flecktones.

As far as the more serious stuff goes, "Brite Nitelove" has Fagen telling of three encounters with death, but it's set to an utterly irresistible groove that completely belies the grim lyrics. "The Great Pugoda Of Love" is another of the heartfelt songs he's ever written, a testament to the ravenous power of love that literally keep the wolves at bay.

—The Associated Press

The Pretenders "Pirate Radio"

(Rhino)

It's about time! This stunning four-disc single-DVD box set documents the 20th anniversary of one of rock's finest bands may be long overdue, but it's worth the wait. As Detroit-based music scribe Ben Edmonds details in his superb liner notes, Akron, Ohio, native Chrissie Hynde started singing in 1973 with few possessions and one Velvet Underground and two Stooges albums. She eventually formed the Pretenders with Martin Chambers (drums); James Honeyman-Scott (guitar) and Pete Farnon (bass), with the group's self-titled debut in 1980 remaining its high-water mark. Its blistering mix of punk attitude and pop sensibility still thrills and is timeless, unlike many recordings of that era.

Hynde's strength and tenacity were tested when her son Scott died in June 1992, taking a toxic mix of drugs. Just before that tragedy, Farnon had been sacked from the band because of his increasing use of heroin. Sadly, he also overdosed and died less than a year later. Soldiering on, Hynde recruited bassist Malcolm Foster and guitarist



Rhino Records

The Pretenders' new box set was worth the wait.

Robbie McIntosh and Billy Bremner to record the power

full album "Learning to Crawl." "Pirate Radio" contains all the hits you'd expect, including "Stop Your Sobbing," "Brass in Pocket (I'm Special)," "Message of Love," "Back on the Chain Gang" and "Middle of the Road," plus some tough-to-find rarities and previously unreleased studio and live tracks. The DVD features British television performances

and some never-seen concert footage.

Few would say that the Pretenders ever topped the glory and majesty of their first album, but you'll find much to love from this new catalog, all the way up to their latest release, "Loose Screw" (2003). Many box sets aren't worth your time or money, but this one is the high exception.

—Detroit News

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Van Morrison "Pay the Devil"

(Lost Highway/Universal)

Of all classic-rock singers, Van Morrison and his elastic, emotive-rich voice may be the best suited for country songs. So it's logical that after albums of Celtic, skiffle, jazz, old-time rock, R&B and soul, Morrison's sonorous legend is finally known as the Belfast Cowboy, who would get around to honky-tonk and roadhouse blues, as he does on "Pay the Devil."

Unfortunately, "Pay the Devil" suffers from too many by-the-numbers covers and too few tunes that make him want to knock the tunes to find their emotional core. He takes on three songs associated with Hank Williams, and three with '50s star Webb Pierce, but each suffer from overly reverent arrangements that sound dashed off.



Van Morrison

He fares better on three new songs, especially the title tune and "This Has Got to Stop," a reminder that Morrison is at best at communicating his personal struggles with love and the modern world. Give him a mournful country blues like Rodney Crowell's great "I'm Gonna Come Again" or George Jones' "She's Gone to Pieces," and he shows what could have been if he'd spent more time finding songs that fit him.

—The Associated Press

Music

Mass appeal isn't what they were looking for ...

BUT THEY'RE SURE NOT GOING TO FIGHT IT

Newsday

The guys from Hawthorne Heights are all smiles when they arrive in New York City for a taping of Sessions@AOL. They pile into the hallways of Sony Music Studio to be interviewed — no stylists, no publicists, no hangers-on, no entourage whatsoever.

They drop their bags in a dressing room and search out turkey sandwiches and bottled water for themselves, joking around in the ways of people who spend way too much time together.

It's easy to see where the sweet side of their music comes from — the catchily plaintive side, the "I can't make it up on my own" half of their years underground hit "Ode to a Lover."

But where is the "GWAH!"? What explains the demonic, Cooke Monster how that makes up the other half of the band's appeal? That remains under wraps.

Hawthorne Heights was one of last year's biggest success stories, selling more than 700,000 copies of its debut, "The Silence in Black and White," on the independent Victory Records label, while attracting little attention from the gatekeepers to music's mainstream. The screeners band — a tag they're OK with since they do tag — is OK with them because they scream — flew under the radar for most of a year until people started seeing the crowds they drew on the Warped Tour and added up their sales figures.

Hawthorne Heights released its second album, "If Only You Were Lonely" (Victory), last month and it has already hit No. 3 on the Billboard charts.

That's a milestone that the guys from the greater Dayton area in southwestern Ohio can't quite wrap their minds around.

"Being as far outside of it as we are, we don't really know," says lead singer/guitarist Tony Brummel. "Other people have to tell us. 'Oh, you're way bigger than you think you are.' But I still can't believe that Madonna can sell 150,000 or whatever in a week and we can't sell 100,000. That doesn't make any sense. We're nowhere near Madonna."

Actually, Madonna sold nearly 350,000 copies of "Confessions on a Dance Floor" in its debut week in November and industry estimates say Hawthorne Heights could sell around 300,000. The main difference is that they will do it with no Madonna-like hype, no contro-



Photo courtesy of Victory Records

"We're just a bunch of nerds and we joke and laugh and do stupid — but for some reason we've caught on," Hawthorne Heights guitarist Mitch Carl said.

Versy and his major label super-

producer, David Bendeth, picks up where "The Silence in Black and White" left off. The new album is a continuation written on the road, with about 16 days of intense writing that combined the songs together before heading into the studio with producer David Bendeth.

"This time around, it was a lot easier to record our album," Woodruff said. "We've been together for a few years now and we've been touring together for two years straight, so we know our strengths and we know our weaknesses, and better yet, we know each other better."

"We wanted to open up a little more," he said. "We wanted to expose it to a bunch of different styles of music. We wanted to grow a little more musically, but we still wanted to sound like Hawthorne Heights. We don't want to abandon our sound. That's the kind of music that we like. We like to play it live and be energetic. But like we do here in every song? No, I don't think so."

The band puts it differently. "We pretty much just feel and act the same way we always have," says guitarist Mitch Carl, relating to an earlier interview couch before the recent Sessions@AOL performance.

"We're just a bunch of idiots," adds Ridenour.

"Yeah, we're just a bunch of nerds and we joke and laugh and do stupid — but for some reason we've caught on," Carl says. "We're still idiots."

Idiots or not, they already have a gold record under their belts and look set for another.

Coming to Boise

Hawthorne Heights will perform at the Big Easy Concert House in Boise at 7:30 p.m. on April 10. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827 or online at <http://www.ticketcenter.com>. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St. .

, the Earth" and "Breathing in Sentence" could just as easily have come from the first album as the second.

"If Only You Were Lonely" does have some surprises, though, most notably the Death Cab for Cutiesque "December."

"We wanted to do something a bit different, so we tried a little softer, and we wanted to bring the listener a little bit," says Woodruff. "We didn't want to be predictable."

One thing the band could not have predicted is the sudden interest in "Saying Sorry," which became a smash hit on the Rockcharts; the video to it is in rotation on MTV and Fuse.

"We hope the hard work we've done over the past two and a half years is what's going to propel us over," says Woodruff. "We hope that radio and video will not be able to say no to us because we're an independent band. We've definitely had to fight tooth and nail to get on the radio. We've sold 700,000 records and there are stations that won't play us, while a major label band will get played in a second. We've had to fight for it, but we feel like it's something that's not like somebody just handed you something."

Victory's Brummel remains skeptical, but hopeful that radio will finally embrace the band. "Commercial radio is a tool of the major record companies," he said. "With the power of the independent music labels control 20 percent of the U.S. market but the radio playlists contain .00005 percent independent label content. What does that tell you? ... At the end of the day what we are doing is real, true and unadulterated. That is something that cannot be taken away from us."

For Hawthorne Heights, though, it's all gray at this point. "Best case scenario was that we got to do this as a profession, that we wouldn't have to work at our crap jobs and do this on the side," says Carl.

KARAOKE CORNER

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SATURDAY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Club Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Club is located at 402 Main N.

Karaoke with Lori Wolf 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 at 9 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is located at 1340 Oakley Ave.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the G10 Club. No cover charge. The G10 Club is located at 1554 Overland Ave.

Kroakers Karaoke, with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

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.

Deeo

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 19 E. Main.

SUNDAY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Club Lounge. No cover charge. The Klover Club is located at 402 Main N.

MONDAY

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

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View is great from Tucson mountains, but watch out for cacti

BY ANN LEWIN
The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The most dramatic moment of our trip to Tucson came as my husband and I were hiking up a steep, narrow, rocky trail in Sabino Canyon.

Just as we started up almost 2 feet, I lost my balance and tumbled into the mountain inside — away from the steep slope that spilled into a cactus- and scrub-covered canyon and into the waiting arms of a spiny plant called cholla.

I grazed down at the sharp spines stuck into my flesh like so many acupuncture needles, a million thoughts raced through my mind. Step-aerobics classes and balance exercises in a gym brought to mind the physical challenges of a climb. I had read in one of our books as "moderate, steep for the first mile." And I had that sensation of, "Oh, we're not in New York anymore."

It was precisely to escape the overcast, leaden skies of a New York winter that my husband and I had planned a two-week, spiritual quest to visit all of this country's national parks — secured the parks Web site —

<http://www.nps.gov/> — to find a suitable location in the Southwest. That's how we ended up in Tucson, 200 miles from 350 days of sunshiny a year ago.

The city is straddled on either side by the eastern and western chunks of Saguaro National Park. Another great hiking destination, Sabino Canyon, is in the Santa Catalina Mountains north of the city.

We also spent two days in an overnight stargazing program at the Kitt Peak National Observatory, about 60 miles southwest of Tucson. The observatory is home to the largest collection of research telescopes in the world and has added a new layer of lighting ordinance to try to cut down on light pollution. From the top of Kitt Peak, you can see Tucson glistening off toward the northeast, and more ominously, the bright glow of Phoenix some 100 miles to the north.

Still, the laboratory boasts of having some of the finest skies in North America, in part because of the mostly clear, dry weather — the same conditions that make the city a magnet for retirees and the surrounding mountain ranges a paradise for hikers.

We started at the visitor center on the western side of Saguaro Park, where helpful rangers pointed out the trail to Wascon Peak. At 4,687 feet, this popular

destination offers stunning, 360-degree views of the desert surrounding Sonoran Desert.

Soon, with our 2-liter bladders strapped on our backs, we were heading up the Sendero Esperanza, or Trail of Hope, through a sandy desert wash and up a ridge that intersects with another trail to the summit.

Overhead were brilliant, nearly cloudless blue skies and all around us miles of rugged trails flanked by oddly shaped desert plants and cacti uniquely adapted to one of the hottest, driest regions in the continent.

For my money, the highlight

was the namesake saguaro, the entertaining, sometimes goofy-looking cactus that dots the rugged slopes of the mountains around Tucson.

Following over the desert, we began to climb, up to 200 feet and more, for the first 20 years. It doesn't even produce its first branches until it's lived half a century. And it's the sight of two such branches extending out and upward that at times make them look almost human — call them "the hands of God."

The visitor centers in both park districts have many brochures about the amazing saguaro (pronounced sah-WAH-ro) and other desert wildlife, but we were glad to have assembled upon the Summit Hut, a 200-year-old adobe whose stoners are a fountain of information about local trails. They recommended Betty Leavengood's "Tucson Hiking Guide" (Pruett Publishing, \$16.95) which served us well for the remainder of the trip.

In her book that detailed Sabino Canyon's Blacktail Ridge Trail, she of course had to include the cactus, as "moderate, steep for the first mile." She's probably right about the "moderate" tag, since other hikers said they got up 20 feet higher than us, without scaling up the trail with no problem. She was definitely right when she described it as "one of the best little hikes" in the area, with dramatic views of the peak and canyon in the rugged Santa Catalinas.

After I overcame the initial shock of being stuck, I managed to flick off the little piece of my flesh so my husband could start extricating the razor-sharp spines with our "trustworthy" (Note to the students: prone, not swine) experienced adventure. Never travel without a first-aid kit! When the very minor operation was over, my palm was pretty much a bloody mess (yes, there were also alcohol swabs in the



Photo courtesy of the National Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau

The undisputed star of the hills around Tucson is the saguaro, the entertaining, sometimes goofy-looking cactus that dots the rugged slopes.

kit) and I was shaken to the core, but there was no way I was going to admit defeat and go back. We were rewarded for our perseverance: At the bottom of the hill we spotted a roadrunner skittering across the pavement to inspect a desert toad inching across a sandy wash.

Later, over giant burritos at a restaurant in one of Tucson's many strip malls, I was almost glad about the mishap — it made coming back down the mountain even sweeter.

We had lived at or less the same elevation since 1971. Edward Abbey, the controversial nature writer and fervent environmentalist who was quoted in the national park newspaper, "You can't see anything from a car. You've got to get out of the



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• **Hiking:** National Park — <http://www.nps.gov/sagu/> or (520) 733-5100 — is divided into separate districts to the east and west of the city. The Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, on the northeast side of Tucson, is a good starting point for exploring the 12 mountain ranges that comprise the Coronado National Forest.

• **Kitt Peak National Observatory:** <http://www.noao.edu/outreach/kpoutreach.html> or (520) 318-8726. Located 56 miles southwest of Tucson on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Open daily, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.; tours, \$2, at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Nightly

observing programs are \$39; reservations required. (Nighttime viewing is not offered during monsoon season, July 15-Aug. 31.)

Overnight observation visits are \$375 for up to two people, plus room and board, \$60-\$75.

• **Dining:** We had outstanding dinners at Vivace, an Italian restaurant at St. Philip's Plaza, 4310 N. Campbell Ave., (520) 795-7221, where you can get delicious pastas and risotto for under \$20. We also enjoyed Wildflower, a stylish, reasonably priced restaurant that features seasonal and regional American cooking, also in northern Tucson, 7037 N. Oracle Road at the intersection of Orange Grove Road, (520) 219-4230. Dinner entrees range from \$15 (riollito) to \$28 for a steak. Tucson is also blessed with an abundance of natural and organic food outlets, including Wild Oats and Trader Joe's. That's where we stocked up on bread, cheese, trail mix and other goodies for our trail lunches.

• **Summit Hut:** Outdoor gear store, 5045 E. Broadway or 605 E. Wetmore.

— The Associated Press

We hardly noticed the surface in our all-together trip to Abbey's beloved desert. That's why we want to go back — so we can leave the contraptions of our urban life behind and see something more.

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Local**Game** *continued from page 2*

ambulance to the hospital. Call it "Grand Theft Corleone."

The game world feels small when compared to massive playgrounds and playgrounds. Yet, at the same time, the "Godfather" world—which features a microcosmic version of actual New York City and New Jersey streets—feels more substantial, meatier, less cartoonish. It has a physical heft that the "GTA" games lack. In fact, the crashes result in a spray of fiery particle effects; fistfights feel visceral and brutal. And trash and papers constantly blow all over the streets. Seriously, didn't 1940s New York have any garbage men?

By the way, the biggest flaw is that it feels a little too linear at times; there is too much "go here; meet Clemenza; do this" game play, which left me feeling like an errand boy instead of an up-and-coming mobster on the make. Even when I decided to go on side missions, such as hijacking a robbery bank or robbing a nearby, summoning me to the game's next plot point.

On the plus side, the game's

animation and writing are generally top shelf. And seeing "old friends" like Clemenza, Tessio, Sonny, and the like, even if, of course, the Don himself, was a bona fide pleasure for me.

My biggest problem is the game's glorification of violence.

The violence in the film, though brutal, always seemed justified by the plot. Not so in the game. It even goes further, listing executives as "Sons" whom you're encouraged to kick off one by one,

Including a "Grand Slam" (killing someone with a baseball bat) and "Last Gasp" (strang-

gling). Beyond the fact that this is a deceptively violent game, the larger questions are these: Did we really need this game? Does it do anything to further the medium of gaming? Does it do anything at all to expand the world of Francis Ford Coppola's film and Mario Puzo's book?

Forget it! In the same category as the film "The Godfather Part III," "The Godfather: The Game" is an unnecessary chapter to a story that, for me, ended a long time ago.

CSI unveils Fine Arts Center on Thursday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will officially raise the curtain on its rededicated Fine Arts Center at a rededication ceremony Thursday night.

The event, which includes an open house, is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Refreshments and dessert will be available, and the unveiling of the original donor plaque is set for 6:15 p.m. Performances from the theater, music and communications departments in the new 340-seat theater are at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. Brenda Jensen and the CSI Foundation committee will provide music in the lobby.

People are welcome to tour the building by themselves or join tours given by student ambassadors and senators.

All events are free and the public is welcome.

The \$1.5 million expansion of the 50-year-old structure was recently completed. It includes four classrooms, five offices, a lecture hall, two sets of restrooms, a theater, a common lobby, dressing rooms, a rehearsal room, a scene shop and tool



Times-News file photo

CSI will rededicate its new fine arts center on Thursday night.

room, a costume room and lots of storage space.

The addition almost doubled the size of the building, which was one of the first two built on campus.

The Fine Arts renovation has

been in the works since 1978 or 1979, and in 1994 the project was finally put on a special state list to get money for construction. The Idaho Legislature finally approved \$4.3 million in state funding in 2001. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed the bill and that fall turned the first shovel of dirt on the project.

But then came recession and holdbacks in the state budget, and it wasn't until the last day of the 2003 legislative session that the project finally got the green light. Construction began in October and was originally scheduled to be completed by last spring. But various delays pushed it back.

The first major public event — a theater production of "A Man for All Seasons" — is scheduled for the new portion of the building.

The CSI Foundation will invite guests to become part of its Keys to Success fundraising campaign, which aims to raise \$125,000 to buy a new grand piano for the theater stage and furnishings for the lobby.

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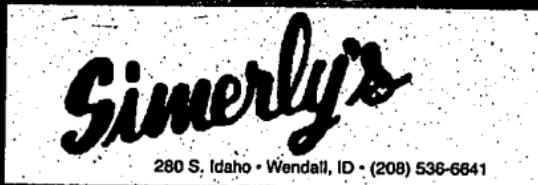


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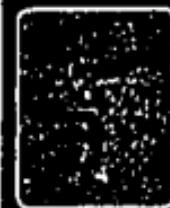
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**Estate Cartridge
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12 or 20 gauge shotshells.
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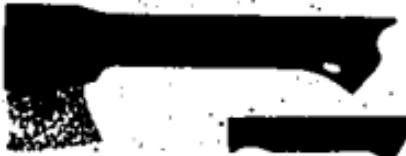
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12 volt Transom Mount-Motor with 40lbs.
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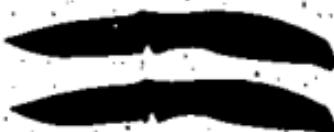
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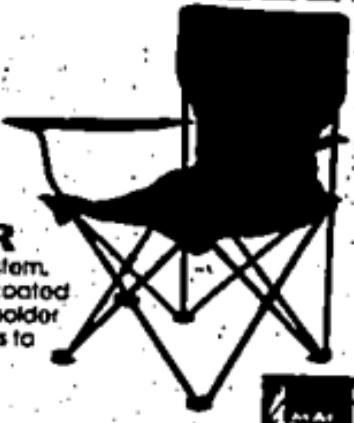
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The sturdiest, most compact, yet
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**TACKLE BOX or
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Large three-tray tackle box or magnum sized satchel.
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XL® smooth casting line for trouble-free fishing. 330 yard spool.
 4 - 6 - 8 lbs. test. #A811.
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Trilene

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Choose from our 2 most popular water containers: the 7 gallon space saving Aqua-Tainer or the traditional "Jerry can" style 7 gallon Jumbo-Tainer. Both have tap-style spigot. #A811.

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4' 6" 2-piece solid glass rods in your
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Line included.

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5 1/2' or 6 1/2' front drag combo
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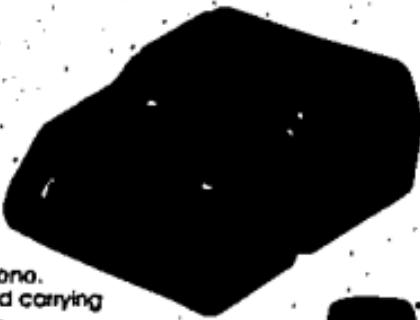
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FUEL TANK

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**SLEEPING
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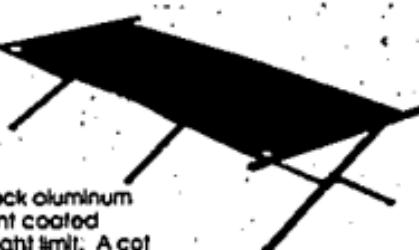
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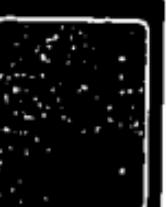
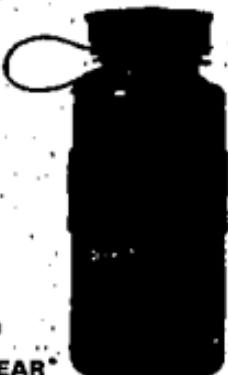
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