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Risch: No to coal



Gov. Jim Risch embraces wife, Vicki, at the visitor center in Twin Falls after he signed an executive order for Idaho to opt out of the federal mercury trading program for coal-fired power plants.

Governor opts out of mercury trading program

By Michelle Dandop
Times-News writer

"I have concluded that it is unwise and imprudent to opt into the federal mercury program."

—Gov. Jim Risch

TWIN FALLS — On Wednesday, Gov. Jim Risch signed an order that essentially keeps mercury-emitting coal-fired power plants out of Idaho.
"I have concluded that it is unwise and imprudent to opt into the federal mercury program," Risch told 50 onlookers at the Twin Falls Visitor Center.
Risch picked the spot overlooking the Snake River Canyon because Magi Valley has been "ground zero" in the effort to keep coal plants out of the state, he said. His decision restricts to zero the amount of mercury that coal-fired plants in Idaho can emit. A neurotoxin, mercury poses a risk to people — particularly pregnant women and young children — when they eat contaminated fish.
"I can tell you without question that Idahoans value their clean air and clean water," Risch said.
Since Idaho has no existing coal-fired

power plants, which are a leading emitter of the pollutant, the state had the option of joining the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's program. In June, 33 out of 35 senators asked Risch to opt out. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Board also recommended drafting state rules to keep Idaho coal-plant free.
"At this point, it's clear that using coal-fired power plants is not the right decision for Idaho," said Randy MacMillan, member of the DEQ board.
DEQ will draft a rule and send it out for public comment before sending it to the Legislature for approval. The state could join the federal program in future years under a different administration. But a similar lengthy process of checks and balances by DEQ, the Legislature and governor would be needed.

Although Idaho isn't home to any coal plants, mercury levels at the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir in southern Idaho are high, and advisories are posted warning people about eating excessive amounts of certain fish caught in the reservoir. DEQ's initial monitoring pointed at northern Nevada gold mines as a potential source of the mercury. A northeastern Oregon cement plant that sits on Idaho's border also could be sending mercury emissions into Idaho.
The EPA established its Clean Air Mercury Rule to cut in half mercury emissions from power plants across the nation in 15 years. When the agency released its plan, former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne intended for the state to opt in.

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WESTERN WILDFIRES Rash hits firefighters

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

the bacteria but never get ill from it," she said.

STANLEY — The fight against a wildfire north of Stanley continues, but firefighters appear to have brought under control this week a scourge of a different sort.
Three firefighters called in from out-of-state to battle the Potato Fire north of Stanley are undergoing treatment for a painful, highly infectious bacterial skin rash. No signs of the rash have appeared in a camp of 200 firefighters.
The rash may be spread either through skin-to-skin contact or by sharing a towel.
"So far no one is showing signs of having any kind of infection on their skin," said Jennifer Arsenault, a registered nurse from Nampa. "We looked at five crews yesterday that had contact with these individuals. We examined someone from 80 to 100 people."
The bacterial rash does not always lead to an outbreak, she said. "Ten to 15 percent of the general population has

To cause an outbreak, either a wound or sickness must weaken the immune system's resistance to the bacteria, she said.
The three contracted the rash before entering the camp, Arsenault said.
More than 700 firefighters from various agencies are fighting the Potato Fire seven miles north of Stanley; a couple hundred of them stay at the camp. That fire has already consumed 7,500 acres of the Salmon-Challis National Forest and threatens to envelop structures, fisheries, power lines and recreation sites.
The hot and sweaty toil of fighting fire may irritate the rash, but contact causes it to spread. The bacteria can be washed from the skin simply by using soap.
"They really have a very good system. They have lots of wash stations," said Arsenault on Wednesday, her final day at the camp before she returned to Nampa. "But on the line, it's more difficult to use soap and water."

New Idaho fires stretch resources

By Jesse Harlan Alderman
Associated Press writer

National Forest by a band of dry lightning storms. Crews fought to snuff out some of the blazes, while they circled several others, but the Boundary Fire remained nestlesome.
Forest managers closed a road to a northern launching spot on the Middle Fork — four days before its seasonal closing date on Sunday — and evacuated a campground in the area, said Kent

BOISE — New timber fires are stretching crews who have been battling dozens of blazes in the rugged Idaho backcountry. On Wednesday, one of those blazes, the Boundary Fire, closed a launching point for rafters on the popular Middle Fork of the Salmon River.
The Boundary Fire is one of 29 blazes sparked Tuesday in the Salmon-Challis

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Citizens thanked for bravery

South Idaho Press

BURLEY — Sometimes you act on instinct, and little else. When a teenage runaway was able to break away from a police officer trying to apprehend him and take off on foot, two local men heeded the officer's call for help and captured the suspect.
Despite being shot with mace, and without thinking of their personal safety, Thayne Hurst and Gregory Saras acted on instinct and caught the suspect, 14-year-old Coby Stebbins. Monday, Hurst and Saras were recognized by the Cassia County Sheriff's Department for their courageous act. Bristol said the department wanted to recognize the actions of Hurst and Saras. "There are so few of us on the street, sometimes we need help," Bristol said. "It's so great when somebody, even sprayed with mace, will go in to help."

Editor's Note

Readers today will find our daily weather map on B4, its new home on the back page of the B section. Readers will also find a new feature today on page A2 called your Morning Briefing. This page will summarize stories in each day's Times-News and promote upcoming stories and features. It will also allow readers to sample reaction to stories that readers post at www.magivalley.com.

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FISHING IS JUST PART OF THE STORY

FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS

Herbal poachers strip trees

By Samira Jafari
Associated Press writer

Bark tempting to herbal poachers

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST, Ky. (AP) — The 20-foot tree stands half naked, much of the bark stripped from its trunk. It has only months to live.
"It doesn't know it's dead," says U.S. Forest Service botanist David Taylor, pointing to the healthy leaves overhead. This slippery elm has fallen victim to thieves who tore off its bark for profit in the lucrative and burgeoning herbal-remedy market.
The gummy lining of the bark has long been used in North America, and especially Appalachia, as a soothing agent for coughs, gastrointestinal ailments and skin irritations. But now, slippery elm and other herbal products that were once used seasonally by locals are in demand by millions.
"I think that trend is going to put pressure on limited resources such as the slippery elm," said Dr. Michael Hirt,

Approximate native range

Slippery elm (Ulmus rubra)

Outer bark has deep fissures, gummy texture, and a slight, distinct odor

Inner 'slippery' bark is harvested

Some medicinal uses:

- Sore throat, cough, mild respiratory ailments
- Gastritis, peptic ulcer, diarrhea
- Burns, boils, other external skin conditions

Parway: "There's a huge market in botanicals going into herbal medicines. Virtually everything on public lands has a market."
Dietary supplements, which include herbal remedies, are a \$23 billion industry in the U.S., according to the National Institutes of Health.
Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials recently teamed up with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture to mark American ginseng roots with a permanent dye and tag them with electronic tracking devices to fight illegal picking. American ginseng is said by some to fight fatigue and stress-related ailments.
In the case of the slippery elm, officials at the U.S. Forest Service are relying on locals to alert them to illegal stripping. Slippery elms are native to North America and can be found from Canada to Texas. Authorities say the prime season for stealing is mid-June and early July, when the bark is sticky and easy to peel.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Agriculture; University of Maryland Medical Center AP founding director for the Center for Integrative Medicine in Tarzana, Calif. Added John Gartson, a National Bark Service spokesman for the Blue Ridge

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Mercury

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In the meantime, San Diego-based Sappra Generation announced plans to build a \$1.4 billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Jerome County and sell the power to the highest bidder. The notion of exporting power but living with the plant's pollution didn't sit well with Magic Valley legislators or residents, who turned out in droves for legislative hearings earlier this year to support a two-year moratorium on coal plants.

"I know our governor has done his due diligence," said Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls. "He's been to the Magic Valley. He's listened to the people."

Block helped sponsor a

moratorium bill, as did Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum. With a two-year halt in place, an interim energy committee will revamp Idaho's outdated state energy plan.

Risch, a proponent of economic development, believes the state can still attract business and keep up with increasing need for affordable power.

"We have been meeting the increasing demand for electricity... without emitting one ounce of mercury," Risch said.

However, Idaho Power Co. spokesman Dennis Lopez pointed out that the utility relies heavily on out-of-state coal plants, along with hydropower, to meet demand. Earlier this summer, the company said it wants to build a

coal-fired power plant at an unannounced location in Idaho.

"Coal is going to be in the future for everybody in the United States," Lopez said.

Idaho Power now will have to either increase generation at its existing coal plants or find alternative sources of power.

Stennett predicted renewable sources will fill the need for electricity.

"The push will now be for developing green power in Idaho," he said.

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Fires

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Fuellenbach, a Salmon-Challis spokesman.

An eight-person team of smoke jumpers parachuted into the fire area late Tuesday, but a wall of flames and erratic winds hampered that crew's ability to stake a camp. Fuellenbach said. Crews will start moving resources around. "We're talking about a forest here that is 4.3 million acres."

Also in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, brisk gusts pushed the Potato Fire into three new square miles of rugged forest, raising the total area burned to almost 14 square miles.

The fire has burned since July 27 in conifers that run up the high peaks of the Sawtooth Mountains about seven miles north of Stanley.

Weather improved Wednesday, but Tuesday's mix of wind, heat and humidity combined to make fire conditions extremely dangerous, said Dan Carpenter of the Great Basin Incident Management Team, directing the 767-person team battling the blaze.

So far, the Potato Fire has charred one abandoned cabin. It also threatens 10 vacation homes along Yankee Fork Road that have been wrapped in fireproofing and

rigged with roof sprinklers. On Tuesday, crews turned on the sprinklers to ward off the flames, Carpenter said.

In all, wildfires have blackened more than 100 square miles of forest in Idaho this summer.

Elsewhere in the arid plains of southeastern Idaho along the Utah border, several large range fires were making a slow march along the desert terrain.

The Stone 2 fire near Holbrook jumped another 14 square miles — to more than 48 square miles.

The fire is one mile from the Utah border and has gobbled up thousands of acres of sagebrush and juniper along Bureau of Land Management grounds, as well as a portion of the Curlew National Grassland.

Bank's 'Big Mac' survey says Tokyo has highest purchasing power

By Alexander C. Higgins
Associated Press writer

GENEVA — Residents of Tokyo have the highest purchasing power in the world, edging out people in Los Angeles, Sydney, London and Toronto, according to a new survey by the Swiss banking giant UBS that uses the "Big Mac" as its benchmark.

Tokyo scored at the top of the survey, which aims to eliminate variables such as exchange rates, even though it is one of the most expensive cities in the world. UBS said in the "Prices and Earnings" report released Wednesday.

"Wages only become meaningful in relation to prices — that is, what can be bought with the money earned," it said.

The bank calculated the "weighted net hourly wage in 14 professions" and divided it into the local price of "a globally available product," for which it chose McDonald's flagship hamburger.

"On a global average, 35 minutes of work buys a Big Mac," it said. "But the disparities are huge in Nairobi. 16 hours' work is needed to buy the burger with the net hourly wage there. In the U.S. cities of Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Miami, a maximum of 13 minutes' labor is needed."

In Tokyo, it takes a mere 10 minutes. Bogota, Colombia, came in last among the 70 cities surveyed at 97 minutes.

The UBS survey, conducted every three years, rated Oslo as the most expensive city based on the cost of a basket of 122 goods and services, excluding rent. It was followed by London; Copenhagen, Denmark; Zurich, Switzerland; Tokyo, Geneva, New York; Dublin, Ireland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Helsinki, Finland.

The least expensive cities were Manila, Philippines; Delhi-Buenos Aires; Bombay and Kuala Lumpur. UBS said that if the cost of housing was included, "life is particularly expensive in London and New York."

The bank also compared wages. In that contest Copenhagen was tops, with an index of 118.2. For that comparison, New York — in fifth place — was taken as the base with an index of 100. Second place went to Oslo, followed by Zurich and Geneva. London was in sixth, followed by Chicago, Dublin, Frankfurt and Brussels.

"In the cities of Western Europe and North America, workers in 14 representative professions earn a gross hourly wage averaging \$18; in the Eastern European and Asian cities examined, the figure was only \$4-\$5."

Richest cities

Purchasing power ranking of cities based on the number of minutes of work required to buy a Big Mac.

- Tokyo 10 minutes of work
 Los Angeles 11
 Chicago 12
 Zurich, Switzerland 15
 New York 13
 Auckland, New Zealand 14
 Sydney, Australia 14
 Toronto 14
 Dublin, Ireland 15
 Zurich, Switzerland 15
 Frankfurt, Germany 15
 Geneva 16
 London 16
 Vienna, Austria 16
 Berlin 17
 Hong Kong 17
 Luxembourg 17
 Montreal 17
 Munich, Germany 17
 Copenhagen, Denmark 18
 Oslo, Norway 18
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AROUND THE VALLEY

County fights back against West Nile

TWIN FALLS — The West Nile Virus, what it is and how to fight it will be the topic of a special Twin Falls County meeting today.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the 3rd Floor conference room at the courthouse.

West Nile cases in humans have increased 43 percent in four days, with Magic Valley at the center of the outbreak. A person from South Central District Health will talk about the West Nile Virus and its symptoms.

There also will be a presentation titled "Mosquitoes 101."

The meeting will end with a question-and-answer session.

The public is invited to attend, but the meeting is designed primarily to help the county formulate a West Nile strategy.

CSI extends hours to help students register

TWIN FALLS — Students registering for the fall semester at the College of Southern Idaho will have additional hours to do so before the semester begins on Aug. 21. All offices dealing with registration will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays starting Monday through Aug. 25. All offices will also be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 19.

The additional hours will be observed by Admission and Records, Advising, Financial Aid, Multicultural Student Services, Student Disability Services, Student Activities, CSI Bookstore, Business Office, and Information Office. All those offices are located in the Taylor Administration Building. The CSI Bookstore will be open until 7 p.m. the week of Aug. 21. The Testing Center, located on the second floor of the Meyer Center Library building, will be open until 9:30 p.m. each weekday as well as 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 19.

For information, students may call the CSI Registration Desk at 733-9554 or the Matrix at 732-6250. Information also can be found at www.csi.edu.

Turf Club hosts launch party for local author

TWIN FALLS — A book-launch party for local author Susan Ray Schmidt's memoir "Favorite Wife: Trapped in Polygamy" will be held today at the Turf Club.

At 15, Schmidt became the sixth wife of Verlan LeBaron, one of the leaders of a fundamentalist offshoot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The book details her experience and her escape from the sect with her five children.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Turf Club is located at 734 Falls Ave.

Summer potluck served up today

TWIN FALLS — The Dilettante Group of the Magic Valley will hold its annual summer potluck picnic today at 6:30 p.m. in City Park.

Dilettante board members will provide fried chicken, and those who attend are asked to bring dishes to share. Forks will be turned over to the Dilettante Club at the beginning with the letters A through L are asked to bring a salad or a side dish. Those from M to Z should bring cookies and dessert.

Everyone should bring his or her own table service, drinks, lawn chairs and blankets. Next year's Dilettantes annual will be announced during the final Twin Falls Municipal Band concert, which will follow the picnic.

—Compiled from staff reports

Teen charged with stabbing, kidnapping mom

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls teenage boy has been charged with stabbing his mother at their home and holding her against her will when he thought she might call the police.

The prosecuting attorney's office filed second-degree kidnapping and aggravated battery charges Monday and is investigating whether Joshua Keith Barnes, 17, will face the charges as an adult.

He was arrested on unrelated charges in Omeida County earlier this week and taken to Snake River Youth Center in

Twin Falls on Wednesday. His mother, Kathy Barnes, is recovering from stab wounds to her lower back and the front of her right leg. Twin Falls police officers interviewed Barnes on Saturday in the emergency room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She told them that at their Cypress Way residence Joshua went "out of control," according to an affidavit signed Aug. 7 by Officer Robin Parker.

The situation began at 2 a.m. Saturday morning, when police were called to the house. Joshua had become agitated by a fight with his girlfriend, his mother told

Parker. He turned combative and began damaging property inside the house, she said.

Later, Joshua feared the police might return to the home to arrest him for the damage he had caused, she said. Talking with him in the kitchen, his mother reassured him the police were not going to come back.

He grabbed a nine-inch serrated knife from a holder on the counter and "came at her with it."

She tried to take the knife from him, but Joshua stabbed her in the front of her left leg, Parker wrote.

Joshua stabbed her again in her bedroom. This time, as she

tried to calm him down he stabbed her in the right side of her lower back, according to the affidavit. Parker noted both cuts appeared to match holes in her clothing.

Barnes gave him the keys to a vehicle, hoping he would leave so she could call the police, she said. Instead, Joshua "made me get in the vehicle with him," she told Parker. They drove to his girlfriend's house on Academic Drive, she said. Then he turned around and drove back.

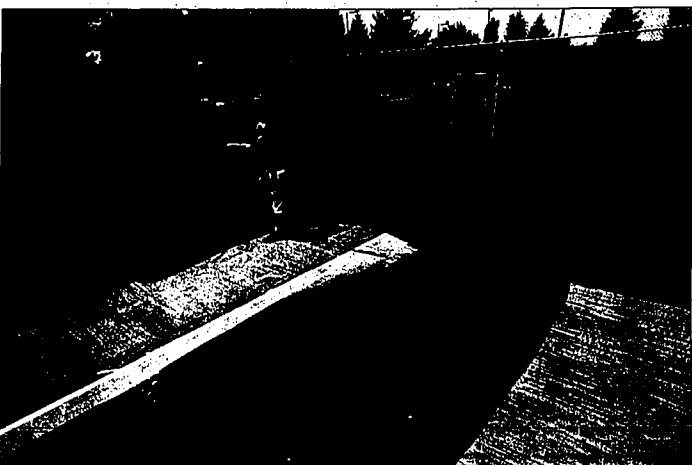
Back at their home, she said she convinced Joshua to let her call her other son, Cody Barnes, for medical advice. At first, he agreed, she said, but

then took the phone away from her and broke it, fearing Cody would call the police.

Eventually, her sister and niece arrived and took her to the hospital. While police were still at the home, Joshua came by the house and spotted the cops in an ensuing chase he managed to break away and was not caught until after 12 a.m. when he arrested an "attempt to locate" to other law enforcement agencies on the radio.

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Hot time on the courts



Adam Large of Advantage Tennis Courts of Libby, Mont., resurfaces tennis courts Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho. Rich Thompson, owner of Advantage Tennis Courts, says his company tries to do most of the resurfacing before temperatures reach 90 degrees, at which point the material dries too fast. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is clear skies with a high in the low 90s.

Candidate Luna won't say where he stands on education initiative

By John Miller Associated Press Writer

BOISE — The Republican candidate to lead Idaho's public schools, Tom Luna, won't say where he stands on an education funding initiative on the November ballot that would raise \$210 million with a penny sales-tax increase.

Luna is withholding comment until a special legislative session Gov. Jim Risch has called for Aug. 25 to address a property-tax relief proposal that also after an extra penny-on-the-dollar sales tax.

Luna's Democratic rival, Jan Jones, opposes the property tax plan and favors the education initiative being pushed by the group Invest in Our Kids' Education, with ties to the Idaho Education Association teachers union.

Luna aims to capitalize on his reputation to take a stand, saying her position shows voters she'd be the strongest advocate for public-school students.

"I don't think it's making a very strong statement that he (Luna) is going to do whatever it takes to support public schools in Idaho," Jones said. "I support the education initiative. It's a great opportunity for Idahoans to tell their lawmakers what is important to them."

Luna, a former Nampa School District board member, and Jones, an Idaho Department of Education administrator, are vying to replace Superintendent Marilyn Howard, currently Idaho's only Democrat in a statewide elected position.

Luna calls it premature to

comment on the education plan.

While he thinks Risch's property tax relief plan will likely pass — the governor says he's got majority support — Luna isn't counting out a surprise.

"I don't want to talk about what-ifs," said Luna.

He supports Risch's plan because he said its provision creating a \$100 million "rainy day" education fund would keep school funding whole in the event of a state budget crisis.

Risch's relief plan would cut \$260 million that property owners, including farmers, businesses and homeowners, now pay in taxes for school maintenance and operations. Risch wants to raise that amount in the state general fund by increasing the sales tax

to 6 percent from 5.5 percent, and by taking \$50 million from Idaho's 2006 budget surplus.

The education initiative, meanwhile, would boost the sales tax by a penny, to increase teacher pay and buy supplies for cost-strapped schools. In Crofton, for instance, kids are in class just four days a week to save the district money.

If Risch's plan passes the Legislature and the sales tax is increased to offset property tax relief, the education initiative — should voters favor it — would require the Legislature to develop another way to raise \$210 million.

"That could be accomplished" by eliminating some of Idaho's business sales tax exemptions or by taxing services, said Ryan Hill, a spokesman for the initiative group.

Hailey girls were not abducted, sheriff says

Sheriff tries to ease tensions between whites, Hispanics

By Pedro G. Salas For the Times-News

HAILEY — Two Hailey girls were not abducted on July 26, Blaine County Sheriff Walt Felling said Monday. But the girls are still thought to have been drugged and sexually abused.

Felling said the sheriff's office has taken over the investigation, started by the Hailey Police Department after two Hailey girls, ages 12 and 13, reported being abducted, drugged and sexually assaulted. Two Hailey men, 22-year-old Jose L. Livar-Olivera and 21-year-old Emmanuel Bautista-Aguayo, were arrested in connection with the incident.

Felling said people have called his office worried about the safety of their families and tensions between the white and Hispanic communities, in part due to the way local and statewide media reported the story. He said his office's top concern is the alleged victims.

"In the course of our investigation, we have learned that the abduction of these two juvenile girls did not occur," Felling wrote in a press release given to the Wood River Journal on Monday. "We are pursuing the charges of statutory rape against both Jose Livar-Olivera and Emmanuel Bautista-Aguayo."

Felling said the public should know that the two girls were not simply abducted in a random criminal act.

According to county court records, as of Tuesday afternoon, both men were still charged with six felonies: two counts of administering drugs, two counts of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 16, and two counts of battery with intent to commit a felony; and two misdemeanor counts of enticing a minor under the age of 16. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday in Blaine County Magistrate Court.

Castleford Classic car show promises fun weekend

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — This weekend, automobiles and visitors are sure to outnumber the locals during the second-annual Castleford Classic.

The car show, sponsored by the Buhl Bunch Car Club, is expected to have twice as many entrants as last year. Along with the car show, there will be food vendors and family fun in Jean's Park on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a beer garden, street dance and more.

"Last year, we had 80 or so entered in the car show," said Jerry Rhodes, the club's vice president. "We expect to at least

double that this year."

The car club has expanded the show and shine to more than 30 categories including imports, Jeeps, motorcycles and boats.

The car show opens at 8 a.m. Saturday in Jean's Park with other events — scheduled throughout the weekend. The show and shine is free. Along with last year's crowd pleaser burn-out show, the club also has added a poker run, slow drags and horseshoe tournament to the weekend event roster.

Saturday's Poker-Run is going to be a lot of fun because we will begin in Castleford and go to places people should go,

like Balanced Rock, but they never get around to it," Rhodes said. "The tour will make several stops along a route where participants draw for cards at the designated stops. At the end, we compare hands and award the winners."

Castleford Mayor Rita Ruffing expects about 300 people.

"The city is looking at making this as fun a weekend as possible," Ruffing said. "It pulls the town together as well as making others realize we're here."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

If you go

The Castleford Classic weekend includes events in and around Jean's Park:

- 8 a.m. — Show in shine, Jean's Park.
- 8 a.m. — Mud drags, Jean's Park.
- 9 a.m. — Poker run, On the Rocks Bar, 200 Main St.
- 2 p.m. — Beer garden opens, J & D Printing, 300 Main St.
- 4 p.m. — Slow drags, Main Street.
- 8 p.m. — Burnout Competition.

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• 10 a.m. — "Hill Country" tour of 30

• 11 a.m. — Castleford Fire District fire truck tour

• Noon — Beer garden

• 2 p.m. — Burnout Competition

Walt Koch

For more things to do this weekend, visit us in today's Times-News.

IDAHO/MAGIC VALLEY

Micron, Photronics break ground on \$150 million plant

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Digital memory manufacturer Micron Technology Inc. and chip equipment maker Photronics Inc. broke ground Wednesday on a \$150 million fabrication plant that the pair said would give them a competitive advantage in the production of ultra-small semiconductors.

photomasks for next-generation chips.

Micron contributed its existing photomask technology center to the new partnership while Photronics is footing the bill for the new fabrication plant to be built nearby, along with another \$15 million in startup money over the next three years.

"This investment for Photronics is probably the most significant and advanced in the company's history," said Photronics CEO Michael Luttata.

Marc Durcan, Micron's chief operating officer, said the photomasks produced by the plant — which is scheduled to begin operations in late 2007 — will allow Micron to maximize the number and types of chips it creates from each wafer of sil-

con, reducing production costs and accelerating development of new chips.

"Building this is one of the toughest jobs we do," Durcan said, while holding up a photomask plate during Wednesday's groundbreaking at the 49-acre site in a dusty, sagebrush-covered field.

The photomask plant will create 125 new high-paying jobs in Idaho, where Micron is the state's largest private employer with more than 10,000 workers. Company officials credited Idaho state leaders for creating tax breaks and economic incentives that lured the production facility to Boise.

"We fight every year to provide incentives to the risk-takers willing to put their money on the line to create jobs in


Idaho, so when you tell us those are working, we really appreciate it," said Gov. Jim Risch, who was joined by several state lawmakers at the ceremony. Risch said Idaho's healthy economy and low unemployment rate — 3.6 percent in July, far below the national average of 4.8 percent — has been aided by growth in the state's technology industry.

"This is the new economy, right here," he said. "We love our old economy industries, but the plain fact of life is that the real growth in jobs in the state is coming from the new economy."

launched a NAND flash memory joint venture, called IM Flash Technologies, with chip maker Intel Corp. The companies listed up a \$500 million deal to supply chips to iPod-maker Apple Computer Inc. IM Flash has operations in Boise, Manassas, Va., and Lehi, Utah.

White Boise is under consideration as the location for the new NAND flash fabrication plant, Durcan said Wednesday. IM Flash is also looking at other sites in the U.S., as well as Europe and Asia.

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Advisers push for more high-tech industry

POST FALLS (AP) — Members of the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Council say Idaho officials need to make high-speed Internet more available so that the state can better compete for new businesses and attract students to better education opportunities.

"It's infrastructure that's just as important as roads and health care," Robin Woods, president of Alturus Analytics of Moscow, told *The Spokesman-Review*.

"This is to help small-town Idaho survive."

— Archie Clemins, a member of the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Council

help improve Idaho's economy and move it away, as Woods put it, from a place known for "potatoes and fly fishing."

Members of the advisory council include university presidents, business leaders, and executives from Micron, Qwest and Hewlett Packard.

private investment in technology startup companies, a plan to bring high-speed Internet to isolated communities, a \$25 million fund to "grow" science and technology businesses, and a \$2 million marketing campaign.

The council also discussed the possibility of a new Idaho Department of Science and Technology. Members said the \$50 million price tag could be a problem in a state where large government programs are unpopular. But they said they were instructed by the governor to generate "bold and aggressive" ideas.

"The governor's task was for us to be a think tank and brain trust," said council Chairman John Grossenbacher, director of the Idaho National Laboratory. "That's what we're

trying to do here." Woods said businesses need to be able to move information quickly, which is why high-speed Internet is needed. Currently, "information canals," as they are called by some tech industry workers, are available along Interstate 90 and 84. But gaps remain across much of the rest of the state, and about half of the state's school districts are without high-speed Internet.

Archie Clemins, a Boise entrepreneur who served as commander of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet in the 1990s, said lawmakers need to understand the importance of being able to move large amounts of information quickly over the Internet.

"This is to help small-town Idaho survive," Clemins said.

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Ex-Bonner County jail officer files lawsuit

SANDPOINT (AP) — A former Bonner County jail officer has filed a lawsuit against the sheriff's office of age discrimination and of firing him in retaliation for his complaints about harassment and corruption.

In the case filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Coeur d'Alene, former jail Lt. David Hancock accused his superiors of an "aggressive" management style in which "people were arbitrarily subjected to either being disciplined and/or terminated."

Hancock, who is in his late 60s, drew hostility when he reported to his supervisors that some employees were being harassed by others in the sheriff's office, said his lawyer, Todd Reed. "He followed the rules by relaying those complaints up the chain," but those concerns were not responded to appropriately by the administration," Reed said.

Sheriff Elaine Savage, elected by 37 votes in 2004, told *The Spokesman-Review* of Spokane she would not comment on pending litigation. Hancock claimed in the lawsuit he started as a detention deputy in the county courthouse in 1999, worked his way up to detention commander at the jail and received one job evaluation — "very favorable" — during that time.

According to the lawsuit, he was granted medical leave to undergo surgery in February 2005 and was told by a co-worker, John Valdez, "You old guys should go away and leave room for younger ones."

GROSE FAMILY CELEBRATES MILESTONE



Five generations of the Grose family recently gathered. Pictured are, from left, great-grandmother, Arlene Grose of Twin Falls; grandfather, Glenn Cramrine of Twin Falls; father, Stephen Cramrine of Boise, holding twin boys, Henry and Wyatt; and great-grandmother, Shirley Prell of Castleford.

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Renowned physicist James Van Allen dies at 91

By Todd Dravak
Associated Press writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Physicist James A. Van Allen, a leader in space exploration who discovered radiation belts surrounding the Earth that now bear his name, died Wednesday. He was 91.

The University of Iowa, where he taught for years, announced the death in a statement on its Web site.

In a career that stretched over more than a half-century, Van Allen designed scientific instruments for dozens of research flights, first with small rockets and balloons, and eventually with space probes that traveled to distant planets and beyond.

Van Allen gained global attention in the late 1950s when instruments he designed and placed aboard the first U.S. satellite, Explorer 1, discovered the bands of intense radiation that surround the earth, now known as the Van Allen Belts.

The bands spawned a whole new field of research known as magnetospheric physics, an area of study that now involves more than 1,000 investigators in more than 20 countries.

The discovery also propelled the United States in its space exploration race with the Soviet-Union and prompted

Time magazine to put Van Allen on the cover of its May 4, 1959, issue.

"He was one of the most important people in the entire area of space science," said Thomas Zurbuchen, professor of space science and aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan.

"What he did for our understanding was really a crucial step into bringing humanity into space," he said. "What he's

done has shown that space is an immensely interesting place."

The folksy, pipe-smoking scientist, called "Van" by friends, retired from full-time teaching in 1985. But he continued to write, oversee research, counsel students and monitor data gathered by satellites.

He worked in a large, cluttered corner office on the seventh floor of the physics and

astronomy building that bears his name.

"Jim Van Allen was a good friend of our family. His loss saddens Christine and me," Gov. Tom Vilsack said. "His passing is a sad day for science in America and the world."

Though he was an early advocate of a concerted national space program, Van Allen was a strong critic of most manned space projects, once dismissing the U.S. pro-

posal for a manned space station "speculative and ... poorly founded."

Explorer 1, which weighed just 31 pounds, was launched Jan. 31, 1958, during an emotional time just after the Sputnik launches by the Soviet Union created new Cold War fears.

The instruments that Van Allen developed for the mission were tiny Geiger counters to measure radiation.



Physicist James Van Allen is seen in February 1994 in North Liberty, Iowa, at a radio-telescope antenna.

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Statue of Liberty's crown to stay closed to visitors

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Tourists won't be climbing back up to the Statue of Liberty's crown.

The crown has been closed since the 2001 terrorist attacks. Wednesday, the National Park Service said letting the people climb the cramped spiral staircase again is simply too hazardous, due to risks from fire and terrorism.

"For the better part of three years now, they've been dancing around this issue," said Dr. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y. "This is the first time they've said they're not moving forward, they're essentially done looking at it."

He called the decision "the final victory of the terrorists on Sept. 11."

In a letter to Wehner dated Aug. 4, outgoing Park Service Director Fran Mainella said "the current access patterns reflect a responsible management strategy in the best interests of all our visitors."

Another congressman, who oversees the House subcommittee on national parks, said he may hold hearings to re-examine the issue and the agency's decision.

"While I respect the Park Service's justified concern for public safety, I am disappointed with their apparent decision to stop trying," said Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M. "Americans have a right to hear something better from their National Park Service."

The implied message of this letter, which he received, Mainella said that even before 2001, the park service had been re-evaluating public safety at the statue, particularly concerns about the safety on the 168-step ascent from the base to the crown. She said the crown was originally designed for maintenance workers, not the public.

The statue, which sits on 12-acre Liberty Island in New York Harbor, was shut down after Sept. 11, 2001. After spending \$20 million on security and safety improvements, the government reopened the site in 2004 but only to the top of the pedestal, or Lady Liberty's toes.

The new security measures included a bomb detection system that scans clothing and then checks for particles of explosives residue. Bomb-sniffing dogs also have been seen at the site.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

THERE'S A MURDER DISEASE THAT CAN GROW UNTIL IT CONSUMES THE BODY THAT CAUSES IT! WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT IT IS?

GO FOR IT, JOHNNY.

GOVERNMENT.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

THE NEXT TIME I WRITE YOU TO GO TO THE HARDWARE STORE, REMIND ME TO CHANGE MY MIND.

YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE NEEDS? A DOLL DEPARTMENT!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WHAT TIME IS IT? 5 O'CLOCK.

CRUI! I GOTTA GO! DIDN'T WANT TO BE HOME BY 4:30!

I'LL NEVER MAKE IT IF I DON'T START NOW!

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YOU'LL HAVE TO DRINK FROM THE FIREHOSE UNLESS...

... YOU DRILL DOWN AND CHECK THE DASHBOARD TO SEE WHY THE BLOATWARE BUBBLED UP FROM THE BAKE-OFF.

DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING?

DON'T PING MY CHEESE WITH YOUR BANDWIDTH.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

HOW MANY SECONDS DOES IT TAKE TO GET TO THE STORE?

ON A DUNDUN.

FOR A MAN WHO REACHES HIS EARLIER YEARS, HE'S GOING TO GET A TALL.

ANYONE? ANYONE IS IN THE PARK.

I THINK I SHOULD GET A TALLER TALLER.

WHICH ONE? HOLD ON, I'LL GET A TALLER TALLER.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troske

I should have listened to the Professors' advice: Don't grow zukes unless you have a plan for them.

Now, here I am, stalking the halls of my retirement home at midnight.

leaving twenty pound gifts for unsuspecting neighbors.

Gardening for sissies!

WHO'S THERE?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHY DO YOU TWO HAVE TO BE SO MUCH DIRTY!!!

I HATE YOUR PAW PRINTS! HATE YOUR SNEAKING! I HATE YOUR GOOSEY GOOSEY TOYS!

BUT I LOVE YOUR COMPANY!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

MAYBE YOU CAN MAKE IT A BOBBLEHEAD!

Luann By Greg Evans

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN SAVE ME HERE? I'VE BEEN ALONE FOR A WEEK.

I WANT TO! I SWEAR TO MY SISTER'S COIN! BUT ANYWAY, I'M SURE MY BAD LUCK IS OVER AND...

SHHH! WHAT'S THAT WEIRD SOUND?

GOTCHA!

THAT IS MOST FUNNY! YOU CAN GO HOME NOW!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

My Son is OCCASIONALLY SEEN at East Middle School.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

SIR, THERE'S BEEN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. THREE TEENS IN A CAMARO. FORTUNATELY, I WAS ABLE TO LAUNCH A SUCCESSFUL COUNTERSTRIKE.

OH MY GOODNESS! WHAT IS THAT THING??

THAT'S JUST A WATER BALLOON. THEY CAN'T HURT YOU.

YOU MAY NOT LIKE THE SECOND HALF OF THIS STORY.

Pickles By Brian Crane

A FEW MINUTES AGO DOG ANDSON CAME UP TO ME AND SAID "HI, TOOTIE!"

THAT'S CUTE.

CUTE? I THINK IT'S DISGUSTING! WHAT'S THE WORLD COMING TO WHEN CHILDREN CALL THEIR GRANDMA "TOOTIE"?

YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND WHEN HE USED TO CALL ME GRAMPPOO.

YES, BUT THAT SEEMED TO FIT YOU.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

JUST GET IT DONE. NO ONE WILL EVEN TAKE NOTICE OF WHAT YOU BUY.

AND A GROWN-UP SHOULD BE ALLOWED AN OCCASIONAL INFLUENCE.

EVEN IF IT'S THE CEREAL VARIETY PACK!

WHAT WAS A 107? I WANT TO LOVE YOU BOSS OF CEREAL.

THIS IS MY GREAT-NEAR-OLD!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

IT SHOULD BE JUST AROUND THIS CURVE.

YES! THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE CABIN!

WHERE? ALL I SEE IS THAT CUTE LITTLE GREENING SHACK.

PIPS ON THE BED.

IT'S ACTUALLY BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

DRANK'S JOURNEY TO A PARALLEL UNIVERSE EVERYONE HERE IS GRATEFUL TO YOU AND SAID "HI, TOOTIE!"

WELL, NOT KNOWING, GO TO COOL!

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.

CLARENCE, BE A GOOD WINE AND FEEL THE WINE OFFICE.

YES!

SANDY, THE WAY THAT SHE'S BEEN?

ANTHONY, SHE'S... WE MADE THE SAME MISTAKE.

Strange Brew By John Deering

Help! You guys bought a Place in the Country.

COULD SALE

Communication is key to romance, Aries

IF AUG. 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: An appetite for change in your coming year will keep relationships from getting too stagnant, and careful thought will make sure the changes are worthwhile. Don't be afraid to change what needs changing — just be clear before you proceed. You are so convincing that it is crucial that you keep your goals aboveboard and don't use your abilities to manipulate or otherwise do harm, which inevitably creates negative fallout.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good communication is the key to resolving any romantic differences that may crop up. Although you'll want to make some changes, make sure your ideas are realistic and practical before implementing them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans to live life to the fullest — doing something different or unusual is the key. If excess worry crops up, remind yourself that the things we worry about most seldom come to pass.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you suspect something is too good to be true, it probably is. Move ahead with planning, but be sure you are factoring everything in that is relevant and important.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family and friends play an important role today, but your experiences with them may be mixed. In the next few days now that the stars are improving, you can begin things that you have been putting off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Time with friends will take center stage and you'll have a chance to demonstrate your loyalty in the next day or so. Make long-term commitments with the greatest care, as revisions may be problematic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be a party pooper or a wet blanket! Sometimes people will be left with their misconception, and forced to swallow an unpleasant truth. Make sure you're factoring everything important into your calculations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you feel caught between old and new, waiting for clarity makes more sense than a rash decision now — you might not have every factor included in your equation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have tremendous creative energy and a gentle way about you. Don't let temporary crimp in your plans make you peevish. Be patient — everything that is meant to be will be in its own time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Nervous energy and a push for the new and different characterize the next few days. Work to stay balanced and keep your energies channeled for maximum results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could find yourself in conflict over change vs. the status quo, and you could be on either side of that debate. Keep your focus on the matter at hand and make your decision based on a clear-headed assessment of the situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some welcome balance re-enters your life now, and with it the ability to see your way clear. A tendency toward impulsive behavior heats up, so it would still be a good idea to take your time.

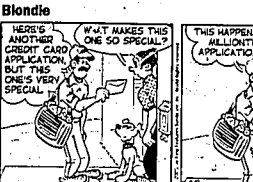
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can go ahead and move forward now. Choose carefully, though, as your choices will have lasting implications, at least on the surface of things.

Let optimism conquer any worries that crop up.

Beetle Bailey



Blonde



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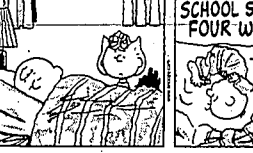
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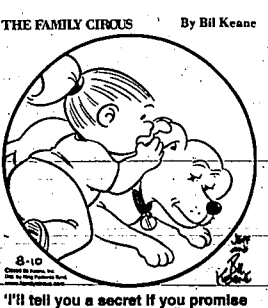
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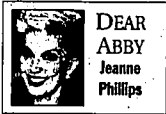


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DEAR ABBY: Speaking as a criminal defense attorney who handles domestic violence cases on a regular basis, I must warn "Distraught in New Jersey" not to contact his victim...

I also take exception to his use of the term "anger management." Spousal abuse has little to do with stress or anger, and everything to do with significant character flaws and psychopathology...

again find himself in the slammer. —MICHAEL GROETSCH, PROBATION OFFICER, NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL COURT DEAR MICHAEL: Your letter is important, and thank you for writing it as a wake-up call not only to perpetrators of domestic violence but to victims as well...

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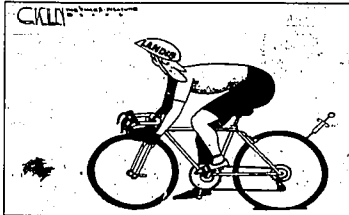
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The dope is in all of us, not just Landis

How could Floyd Landis do this? Just a week after his victory in the Tour de France — with a drug-ban, no less — he was found to have had abnormally high levels of testosterone in his bloodstream. These levels coincided with his astonishing — some might say improbable — move from 11th to third place in the 17th stage, an advancement that was instrumental in clinching the yellow jersey. The reputation of cycling, already haunted by the specter of doping, seems more ghastly than ever.

How should we really be surprised? The Tour de France requires a level of stamina that's been compared to running a marathon almost every day for three weeks on end. Retired Penn State professor Charles Yesalis, an expert on performance-enhancing drugs, has been quoted in many newspapers: "You cannot win the Tour de France without drugs." This year, nine riders, including three favorites, were disqualified before the race because they were linked to a blood-doping scandal. Landis shouldn't be considered particularly, but the doubts cast on him, the history of drug use in the sport, and even lingering questions about seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong have to make you wonder whether the race has become as much about science as it is about talent.

Of the other hand, what isn't a triumph of science over nature these days? Whether we're talking about lifespan, beauty standards, sexual vitality, concentration levels of athletes, there's no ignoring the



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fact that the bar is constantly being raised and we're constantly finding we need help to meet it. A few days after the Landis scandal broke, it was reported that Olympic gold medal sprinter Justin Gatlin, who shares the current world record in the 100-meter race, tested positive for elevated levels of testosterone last April. A few weeks before he clocked that record time.

Though Landis is the bigger story, a brief history of the 100-meter dash raises some interesting questions about the whole state of affairs. In 1936, Jesse Owens broke the 100-meter record with a time of 10.2 seconds. That record held for 20 years, until it was broken by a tenth of a second, and it took another 12 years for a runner to go below 10 seconds. Times improved incrementally and predictably until 1991, when Carl Lewis ran it in 9.86 seconds. Since then, however, something remarkable has

been happening. The record has been broken every few years, including three times in the last 13 months.

So what is an athlete — or anyone in a competitive situation — to do? In a world where so many people appear to be using artificial means to get ahead, does playing by the rules constitute an act of self-sabotage? As cynical as that sounds, I think that may be the case. That's because average isn't as average as it used to be. Take the Miss America pageant. Even though a spokeswoman said the pageant neither encourages cosmetic surgery nor keeps records on average sizes of contestants, various observers think that Miss America's weight has gone down but her bra size has increased.

Forty years ago, according to one news report, the average Miss America was a size 10. Today, she's a size 2. And according to Carolyn Lantieri, author of "Breasts: The Women's Perspective on an American Obsession" (no, I am not providing the Amazon link here), in the 1920s, the average

Miss America contestant had a 32-inch bust. Today, the norm is 36 inches. So we could be talking about C and D cups on size 2 bodies, an occurrence in nature somewhat akin to a four-leaf clover.

But these days, we seem to be under some kind of cultural mandate to make ourselves into four-leaf clovers. Even if we're not competing for Miss America or trying to win the Tour de France, most of us view our raw material as tragically sub-par. And because the technology to fix ourselves is readily available (and increasingly affordable), many feel entitled, even morally obliged, to do just that. What's striking is that most of us aren't taking these measures in order to look spectacular; we're just trying to get in the range of acceptability. When manures can be had for \$6 and teeth can be whitened overnight, there's simply no excuse for neglecting the details. Blame it on the flip-flop craze, but even going around without painted toenails is considered questionable.

Going around with synthetic testosterone in your body also is questionable, especially if you're headed for the finish line of the Tour de France. Ethically speaking, if Floyd Landis is found guilty of doping, he will have no excuse for his actions. I'll have to cede this title to the second-place finisher, and let's just hope that guy didn't cheat. Even so, the larger issue is this: Is it possible to compete in any arena, let alone win a race, without getting a little help from science?

As we crack down on athletes for using performance-enhance-

ing drugs, we'll do well to consider where many of us would be without our own artificial enhancements. Given the amount of effort it takes these days to be ordinary, how can

we expect the extraordinary from men unmedicated mortals?

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Wars defined by the horrors from above

I have been following the insanity in Lebanon. After three years of following the insanity in Iraq, how can you justify it?

The opinion writers and talking heads — most, but not all of them Jewish and/or pro-war conservatives — have rallied against the "barbarism" of Hezbollah for indiscriminately launching missiles, provided by Iran, which target Israeli civilians. At the same time, they have given Israel a pass. There is no doubt that Hezbollah's actions and Iran's support are barbaric. There should also be an acknowledgment by the pundits that Israel's air bombardments in Lebanon fit the definition of barbaric as well, and that our country provided Israel with the weaponry and bombs.

Before all the opinion-makers get in too much of a pompous moral suit about how "barbaric" they kill innocents, they would do well to recall our own deliberate bombing of civilians: Tokyo, Dresden, Pyongyang, Vietnam (Agent Orange), the Planes des Hanoi, Laos, Hanoi, and Haiphong and, of course, "shock and awe" in Baghdad. And let's not forget Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where hundreds of thousands of civilians were incinerated.

Modern war is waged from the air. If one takes the time to look past euphemisms like "smart bombs," "surgical strikes" and "collateral damage" run forth by the military establishment to keep us in a semi-numb state, one finds that aerial bombardments invariably fall far more heavily on civilians — women, children and the elderly.

Face it, pretty much everything to do with war is "barbaric."



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Stiff-necked khahans must wake up, see evil

It must be time for a vacation at the ranch. He's done a great job; death and destruction are at a high. And how's this for policy?

Supply even more bombs to Israel in addition to arms already supplied, but if the media in England report the planes flying in and out to deliver them, muffle the media! Promise humanitarian aid to displaced Lebanese (those who live through this).

Promise more money to set up a Lebanese army to protect the southern border of Lebanon.

Provide NSA information to Israel. That way, whenever there's a suspicion of activity, it can bomb them to smithereens.

Congratulate yourself because you've diverted attention from the Iraq meltdown.

Do you stiff-necked ideologues who still support this monstrous administration ever consider the disconnect here? These are human beings who are being slaughtered. They are somebody's child, brother, sister, mother, father.

Just how many of the "terrorist organizations" in the world began in response to covert American policy? You won't find that in a high school history book.

It's time we started facing reality. We are not always good, and everybody else is not always bad. We are not always

right, and everybody else is not always wrong. We must stop this wholesale murder. We must stop this administration.

"A great war leaves the country with three armies — an army of cripples, an army of mourners and an army of thieves." (German proverb).
SHARON METCALF Gooding

Spelling errors have tainted the paper

Sorry, but I can't sit silent anymore!

Pray tell, who is responsible for spell-checking your paper? Reading today's paper (Aug. 4), as I do everyday, I run the "Bonds 715th home run ball fetches \$220,100 at auction," article in the sports section of the paper. In the very first paragraph of the article, there's a reference to "Bade Ruch." At the very moment that my eyes passed over this horrible spelling job, I had this image in the Bambi rolling out in his Gator of Heaven Cemetery grave in Hawthorne, N.Y.

My wife and I have chuckled often about the "typos" in the paper, including a major

misspelling of the word "Isaac" in the front page July 14, but enough is enough! Doesn't someone spell-check their work?
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Democrats throw support behind Lamont

By Shaghagh Murray and Dan Balz
The Washington Post

HARTFORD, Conn. — Democratic leaders embraced their new antiwar Senate nominee Ned Lamont Wednesday, but his defeated rival, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., vowed to wage an independent crusade to save his seat and prevent the party from being captured by forces he claimed were out of the political mainstream.

At a unity breakfast in Hartford, state party officials, including Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who had lined up almost solidly behind Lieberman in Tuesday's primary, pledged their support for Lamont in the general election campaign.

In Washington, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said in a statement Lamont would have the national party's support. Also laying on hands for Lamont were such prominent party figures as former President Bill Clinton, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, N.Y., and Edward Kennedy, Mass., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

In background conversations, Democratic officials gently signaled their desire that Lieberman abandon his independent candidacy but appeared reluctant to press him publicly. A senior Democratic official in Washington said leaders had met and decided to put off confronting Lieberman at least for a few days, to allow the senator time to absorb the implications of his loss and his new isolation from longtime colleagues and supporters. "There's a feeling that the dust needs to settle," the official said.



Ned Lamont

Lieberman, on the national ticket as Democratic vice president nominee six years ago, appeared committed to turning the general election into a contentious rerun of the primary. He said it would be "irresponsible" and inconsistent with his principles "to step aside from the fall race. He also announced that he was shaking up his entire campaign staff, accepting the resignations of his entire team, including several veteran consultants who have served him for many years.

Meanwhile, Republicans showed their determination to try to exploit the results of Tuesday's primary in the November elections by claiming that Democrats have been captured by the antiwar left. Vice President Cheney, in a call initiated by his office to wire service reporters, claimed Lieberman had been purged by a party ready to "retreat behind our oceans."

Republican National Committee Chairman, Ken Mehlman charged in a speech in Ohio that Lamont's victory showed the Democrats had abandoned the internationalist traditions of Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. Democratic leaders said the charge was without merit and argued that the Connecticut primary showed broad opposition to President Bush's Iraq war policies. Some Democrats said Lamont's triumph was more likely to turn the midterm elections into a

national referendum on the war.

Lieberman's campaign also confirmed an ABC News report that White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove had called the senator Tuesday night, but denied that the president's top political adviser had offered help and support in the fall. "We would not have been interested, regardless," said Dan Gerstein, Lieberman's campaign communications director.

Hours earlier, Lieberman had spurred a private, one-on-one meeting with Dodd,

his longtime colleague who had come to caution against making a hasty decision to run as an independent and to explain why he would be supporting Lamont in the fall, according to a Democratic official who asked not to be identified in order to speak freely about events on primary night.

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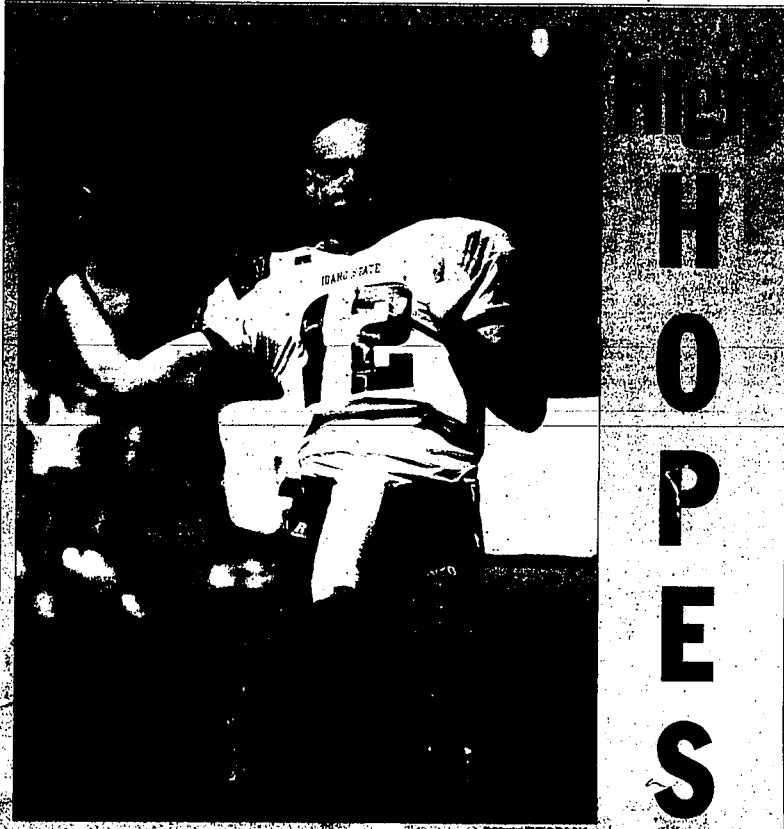
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Idaho State basketball transfer Matt Miller, pictured this past spring, is one big reason for the lofty expectations surrounding the Bengals as they try to bounce back from a lackluster 5-8 season in 2005.

Bengals expect big things with Gutierrez under center

By Nick Latta
Times-News correspondent

POCAHELLO—It's a rite of seasonal passage. Much as the NCAA basketball tournament and Major League Baseball's opening day indicate the passage of winter to spring, so this week does the opening of fall football camps mean that the weather will soon be turning cooler, the days will be getting shorter and another year is on the downward slide.

For the Idaho State Bengals, this year's camp brings the first chance to get the last-over-dec of 2005 out of their mouths. Last season the Bengals had high hopes that went unfulfilled. Talent was high and hot but where it was needed most—at quarterback.

Matt Hagler was an inexperienced sophomore and it showed as he threw for only 1,820 yards and eight touchdowns. Hagler's biggest flaw was turnovers as his interceptions and fumbles killed numerous scoring drives. Some of those drives came in games that could have been won, leading in part to a disappointing 5-8 record.

"It's unfortunate what happened, but it is the case this season. Not with University of Michigan transfer Matt Gutierrez taking the spot," Gutierrez was so impressive in spring drills that the media voted him the preseason



Fall Camp

Big Sky Conference offensive player of the year, even though he's yet to take a snap in an actual game. His presence—and the fact that nine offensive starters return—has created a buzz in southeast Idaho.

Of course, it's nice to be talked about, but with talk comes lofty expectations. That's the challenge for head coach Larry Lewis, to turn those expectations into reality despite an untested defense and, for all Gutierrez' accolades, an untested signal caller. Plus Lewis has to do it in a way that keeps the team coherent, focused and unified.

"We enjoy the enthusiasm of the community, the crowd, the referees and focus on what's important," Lewis said after practice Wednesday. "But the key is going to be to lock out the distractions, the crowd, the referees and focus on what's important." "I'm not worried about how well we do physically, but this is a mental game. At this level, games are won and lost when someone loses concentration, loses focus for a series of two

and big plays happen.

To show those weren't just words, Lewis called all the team together after Wednesday's practice and discussed exactly that. "I think we're ahead of the game right now because we've got so many kids returning who know our system," said Lewis. "But I thought they lost focus towards the end of practice. They got tired and started chipping at each other."

"We need to work every day in practice towards getting better. We need to work towards excellence."

Gutierrez already seems to be there. He was zeroing in on his receivers all through the two-hour workout and rarely missed his target. Whatever throw was needed was delivered on time and with precision, including deep downfield throws, passes to the flat and the always difficult sideline out routes.

Lewis was impressed not only with the physical nature of Gutierrez' game, but as the coach preaches, the mental aspect of his quarterback's game. "Matt truly wants to win," said Lewis. "He works as hard as anyone on the team towards getting better every day and that's what we need right now from everyone. Mentally we still have some work to do."

The Bengals open the 2006 season at UNLV on Sept. 2. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. MDT.

Former OSU star Clarett arrested

Four loaded guns found in his SUV

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio—When police ran into Maurice Claret this time, officers said he was driving erratically and carrying an arsenal that included three semi-automatic handguns and an AK-47-type assault rifle in the front seat—all loaded.

A highway chase ensued, then ended in the early hours Wednesday when police spotted the former Ohio State star running back's tires. Even then, officers said they could not easily subdue him because the bullet-proof vest he was wearing thwarted their stun guns.

It took several police and police dogs to get the 6-foot, 245-pounder into handcuffs. The struggle continued as he kicked at the doors of the transport vehicle that took him away.

But Claret's latest bizarre run-in with the law took perhaps its most troubling turn hours later when prosecutors asked a judge to keep him in jail and revoke his bond on an earlier robbery charge.

One reason: He was driving a few blocks from the home of a woman who was set to testify against him next week, Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said.

The judge raised the bond to \$1.1 million. Claret's attorney, Nick Mungo, said it was "probably unlikely" that Claret would be able to post it, meaning he would stay in jail throughout his trial, which starts Monday.

Claret was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a felony, and given a traffic citation, and police said more charges are possible. An arraignment was scheduled for Thursday morning.

Sgt. Michael Woods said Claret wore in and out of lanes, did a U-turn on a freeway and refused to leave the SUV after a spike stick flattened his tires. The 22-year-old Claret had a semiautomatic handgun under his legs on the driver's seat, police said, and an assault rifle on the passenger seat. Two other semiautomatic handguns were in the vehicle, including one in a holster in a backpack.

"We don't have any idea why he had them or what, if anything, he was going to do with them," Woods said. "But you've got four guns in your car, you've got to no good."



Maurice Claret walks into Franklin County common pleas court Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio.

USC All-American Jarrett reinstated

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—USC receiver Dwayne Jarrett will not miss a game for failing to pay full rent on an apartment he shared with Matt Leinart after the NCAA on Wednesday reinstated the All-American's eligibility.

Jarrett was declared ineligible earlier this summer when the NCAA determined he received an extra benefit because Leinart's father paid the balance of the rent on an apartment that cost \$3,866 a month.

Jarrett paid \$650 a month toward the rent and did not pay any utilities.

Leinart, the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner, completed his eligibility at the school last season and was taken 10th by the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL draft.

"Mr. Jarrett made a mistake, and we believe that had he known he was required to pay his full share of the rent for the apartment, he would not have chosen to live there," Jennifer Swelley, NCAA director of student-athlete reinstatement, said in a statement.

The NCAA ruled that Jarrett must pay \$5,352 to a charity of his choice for the extra benefits.

Eagles camp is nice and quiet without you-know-who

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—Donovan McNabb and the other quarterbacks fired passes on one field, linemen battled each other at the opposite end and the kickers and punners booted balls on the side.

Another hot day, another no-hum practice for the Philadelphia Eagles.

A year after Terrell Owens created chaos for players and coaches, the Eagles are enjoying a tranquil camp at Lehigh University.

McNabb hasn't dodged insults on a daily basis. There haven't been any shouting incidents between players and coaches. No exiled player has held a public workout on his front lawn before a horde of cameras, reporters and even news helicopters.

And the new No. 81—Jason Avant—is a rookie who hardly says a word. Life without T.O. suits the Eagles just fine.

last season. "We don't have to worry about any other distractions as far as the team is concerned. We can just come out here and have fun."

Owens helped the Eagles reach the Super Bowl in his first season in Philadelphia in 2004, but the star receiver disrupted the team with his "contract demands" and petulant behavior last year. He eventually was kicked off the squad after seven games, but signed with the rival Dallas Cowboys soon following his release in March.

Though Owens' superior skills can't be replaced, the Eagles welcome the peaceful environment of his departure, says coach Andy Reid.

"What a difference a year makes," defensive end Jevon Kearse said. "We don't hear the same questions over and over."

Coming off a 24-21 loss to New England in the Super Bowl, the Eagles hoped to return to the NFL title game and win the franchise's first championship since 1960.



Philadelphia Eagles coach Rex Ryan leads a punt during the team's football camp Tuesday in Bethlehem, Pa. At far right is head coach Andy Reid.

injuries to several key players, including McNabb. Philadelphia finished 6-10, ending a string of five consecutive playoff appearances and four straight trips to the NFC championship game.

No longer considered a dominant force in the NFC East, the Eagles are eager to prove they're still a playoff-caliber team in a tough division. It's

previous the team's success largely depends on McNabb's health and his sometimes fragile psyche.

While the feud with Owens was a constant pain for the seclusive McNabb, the sports hernia he played through until finally having an ending surgery after nine games hurt even more. So far, however, McNabb

hasn't shown any ill effects from his injury, and his state of mind certainly is much improved with Owens gone.

The five-time Pro Bowl quarterback had an encouraging start in a brief appearance in the Eagles' preseason opener against Oakland. McNabb completed all three of his passes and drove the offense 61 yards on nine plays for a touchdown.

Without Owens, McNabb takes the added pressure to lead the team in stride.

"I was myself last year, but it seems like every time I'm trying to put that dark cloud over me," he said. "So, it looked like I was trying to sugarcure what was going on. I'm always going to be myself no matter what."

There is a time where you have to try to get something to bring a smile to guys' faces. While we're out there competing, you just want to add a little life to things. I guess that's kind of my role. But, I'm just going to be myself no matter what. Just keep smiling, keep talking jokes, and just try to make as many plays as possible out on the field."

SPORTS

Federer, Moya advance; Blake, Robredo lose in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Top-ranked Roger Federer beat Sebastian Grosjean 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the Rogers Cup on Wednesday to win his 50th straight match on North American hard courts.

Since he lost in the first round of Cincinnati in August 2004, Federer has won eight successive North American hard-court tournaments, including the last two U.S. Opens.

Richard Gasquet of France upset Blake 6-4, 6-3. The 20-year-old Frenchman has won 12 of his last 14 matches, including titles at Nottingham in June and Gstaad last month.

Out since March because of a back injury, Davenport battled her own errors and lack of fitness in her first tournament since Indian Wells.

Top-seeded Maria Sharapova played Anastasia Rodionova of Russia in a night match. Serena Williams continued her comeback, beating Ashley Harklerod 6-3, 6-2 in the second-round match that was nearly as easy as her straight-set victory over 11th-seeded Maria Kirilenko of Russia on Tuesday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Hot and a little breezy at times. Highs, lower to mid 60s. Tonight: Still dry with clear skies. Lows, 50s. Tomorrow: A low drizzle with plenty of sun. Highs, upper 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST Today: Hot, breezy and sunny. Tonight: Fair to clear skies. Friday: Not as hot, still sunny. Saturday: A touch cooler, sunny skies. Sunday: A gorgeous, sunny day. Monday: Likely still dry with more sun.

Yesterday's Weather table with columns for City, Hi, Lo, Prev. Rows include Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Sunny, hot and breezy. Highs, lower 90s. Tonight: Clear, dry and cool. Lows, 50s. Tomorrow: Sunny skies and a little cooler. Highs, mid 80s.

ALHMANAC - TWIN FALLS Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count.

WORLD FORECAST table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, Clouds.

IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Boise: Be ready for one more day of sun and heat. Northern Utah: We will have more sun than anything over the next several days.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather patterns across the United States with temperature and precipitation indicators.

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Israel to expand ground offensive; 15 Israeli soldiers killed

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Israel approved a massive new ground offensive into southern Lebanon in a gambit aimed at bringing Hezbollah to its knees before the international community imposes a cease-fire. Fifteen soldiers were killed Wednesday, the deadliest day for Israeli troops in the war.

The plan to force Hezbollah guerrillas — and their short-range rockets — out of southern Lebanon and past the Litani River would escalate the fierce fighting there and, if successful, leave Israel in control of a security zone that it evacuated six years ago after a bloody 18-year occupation.

A new Israeli offensive would also put tremendous pressure on the United Nations to agree quickly on a cease-fire to end the fighting that has killed at least 829 people, caused widespread "destruction" across southern Lebanon and forced hundreds of thousands of Israelis into bomb shelters. Israeli officials implied they would halt the new offensive if a cease-fire agreement removes Hezbollah from the border.

In a televised speech, Hezbollah's leader taunted the Israelis.

"If you enter our land, we will



Mourners carry some of the flag-draped bodies of Lebanese citizens, killed when an Israeli airstrike hit an apartment building late Monday in the Beirut suburb of Chitrah, during a mass funeral procession in the southern suburbs of Beirut, Lebanon, Wednesday Aug. 9, 2006. Lebanese security officials said the death toll in an Israeli airstrike in the region three days ago had risen to at least 41, with 61 wounded.

throw you out by force and we will turn the land of our invalids south into your graveyard," Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said. "We will be waiting for you at every village, at every valley. Thousands of courageous holy warriors are waiting for you."

The White House said neither Israel nor Hezbollah should escalate their war.

Although White House press secretary Tony Snow said the message was for both sides, the criticism was among the Bush administration's strongest concerning long-time ally Israel since the fighting began.

Diplomatic efforts to reach a quick U.N. resolution faltered over differences between Washington and Paris on an Israeli withdrawal from south-

Lebanon. France backed Lebanon's call for Israeli troops to pull out once hostilities end, while the United States supported Israel's insistence on staying until a robust international force is deployed. Lebanon has offered to send troops to patrol the border region.

French President Jacques Chirac appealed for rapid

agreement. "The most immediate solutions would be to accept the current situation and give up on an immediate cease-fire," he said.

Nasrallah rejected a draft U.N. resolution that would temporarily let Israeli troops remain in south Lebanon and take defensive action.

"The least we can describe this (draft resolution) is as

unfair and unjust. It has given Israel more than it wanted and more than it was looking for," he said.

He also signaled Hezbollah's intention to step up attacks, calling on Israeli Arabs to leave the northern city of Haifa so Hezbollah could pound it with rockets and not worry about killing fellow Muslims.

Israeli officials said their new offensive was meant to run parallel to the cease-fire talks.

"Israel is still working for a diplomatic solution, preferably in the Security Council," said Isaac Herzog, a member of Israel's Security Cabinet, which voted Wednesday to approve the new ground offensive.

"We cannot wait forever, we have a million civilians living in bomb shelters, and we have to proceed to the next step," Herzog said. Other officials said the offensive was aimed at pushing the Security Council to take fast action, as well as to clear Hezbollah from south Lebanon.

"The Israeli decision today is taken in absence of concrete steps by the international community to deal with the situation in Lebanon. Such steps would of course make an Israeli military operation superfluous," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Reggev said. "Israel understands fully that the real solution is diplomatic."

Marines say Carroll was held within eyesight of base

By Antonio Castaneda
Associated Press writer

HABANIYAH, Iraq — U.S. Marines who cracked the Jill Carroll kidnapping case say the American journalist was held for a time in a home within sight of a sprawling U.S. military base in western Iraq.

The Marines said the big break occurred May 19 when they searched a suspect's home near the Taqadum logistics base seven weeks after Carroll's release. A young lieutenant linked the residence to intelligence reports in the case.

After one man was arrested near Taqadum, other troops captured three more suspects and freed two kidnapped Iraqis in other hideouts where Carroll is thought to have been held, including a house that was booby-trapped and full of explosives, the U.S. command said Wednesday.

One of the suspects is a member of the Mujahideen Shura Council, an umbrella organization of Sunni Arab insurgent



Christian Science Monitor staff editor Jill Carroll is shown in the Monitor newsroom Tuesday in Boston.

groups that includes al-Qaida in Iraq, said Maj. Gen. William Caldwell who announced the arrests. He said no decision had been made on what legal action to take against the four.

The Associated Press spoke with the Marines last month on condition the interviews not be

published until the U.S. military reported the arrests.

Caldwell said the military decided to announce the detentions in part because Carroll had prepared a series of articles for the Christian Science Monitor detailing her abduction, detention and survival.

Carroll, a freelance journalist for the Monitor, was released March 30 in Baghdad after 82 days in captivity.

Her kidnappers, a previously unknown group calling itself the Revenge Brigade, had threatened to kill her if all female detainees in Iraq were not freed.

U.S. officials did release some women before her release but said the decision was unrelated to the demands.

Marines said independent tips led them to a cluster of houses near an abandoned train station outside the Taqadum base, near Fallujah and about 50 miles west of Baghdad. A one-story home in the relatively peaceful neighborhood that Marines often

drove by matched the tips.

On the afternoon of the operation, 20 Marines from Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment driving to the targeted home were struck by a roadside bomb, although none was injured. Shortly afterward a second nearby bomb exploded and insurgents fired from a car several hundred yards away.

"We knew it was a limited time window. It was our best shot at it," said 1st Lt. Jake Cusack, 24, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who matched together the intelligence reports that led to the home.

Marines who arrived at the suspect's house presented their stopover as a regular visit. White several spoke with the suspect in his living room, others quickly searched the rest of the home.

Inside, Marines confirmed the house matched their intelligence reports.

They said they also found a slip of paper with Carroll's name written on it, \$3,600 in U.S. currency and an AK-47 assault rifle hidden in a car outside.

U.S. forces repel raid on new base in remote eastern Afghanistan

By Paul Garrow
Associated Press writer

NARAY, Afghanistan — U.S. soldiers and warplanes drove off an insurgent attack on a new American base early Wednesday, reportedly killing 19 militants in an area where rebels are trying to resist a push by coalition troops into remote mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

In the volatile south of the country, wracked by the bloody fighting in nearly five years, suspected Taliban rebels hanged a 70-year-old woman and her son from a tree, accusing them of spying for President Hamid Karzai's government, officials said.

Meanwhile, Karzai, whose popularity has declined

because of slow progress in reconstructing the war-torn country and poor security, signaled in an interview that he won't run for president again in elections slated for 2009.

The raid on the U.S. base in Kandahar, in the eastern province of Nuristan — one of the country's wildest regions — was staged by extremists likely belonging to the Hezb-e-Islami militant group, who attacked from three directions out of forests using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms, U.S. military said. Several hundred soldiers at the base, which lies in a small town but looks onto a steep mountain face, returned fire with mortars and small arms before jets dropped four 500-pound bombs, ending the clash.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that O & R Mini Storage, 409 South Locust Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, will sell the contents of... located at 83328. The contents consist of household items.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game was informed by the Bureau of Fisheries that there is a need to protect migrating sockeye salmon from the IRG lake near Park Lake.

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

Case No. CV 06-3301 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of FRANK JAMES RICK, Deceased.

Child Care... COME JOIN THE FUN at Greenwood Family Day Care... WANTED: Reliable babysitter for our 2 year old, 5 year old, and 14 year old, refs. And interview required.

SUMMONS by Publication

TD: TYLOR SCHEXNIDER You have been sued by Kimberly Schexneider, the plaintiff, in the District Court for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV-06-3569.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 7:00 PM on the 21st day of August 2006, at the Fire Station in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, the Board of the Hagerman Fire Protection District will grant and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget of the District for the fiscal beginning October 1, 2006.

SUMMONS

TERRY DEAN PLEW and THERESA PLEW nee NUTT, formerly husband and wife, You have been sued by NCO Financial Systems, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for JEROME COUNTY, Idaho, Case No. NCO-06-1144.

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

Case No. CV-2006-00347 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-301) In the Matter of the Estate of EDWIN K. MEYER, Deceased.

Miscellaneous Services

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL UTILITY LOCATOR MV Private Location Local computerized inventory location services.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 200402010-2-20648 Loan No. 0622526674 On 11/21/2004 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location: County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, the lobby of First American Title Company, 260 Third North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, 260 Third North, Twin Falls, Idaho, the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all proceeds at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: That portion of 7.70 acre or more, addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat recorded in book 1 of plats, page 49, records of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of lot 17 in block 3 of Jones addition, thence North 89 degrees 23' 26" West 55 feet; thence South 82 1/2 feet; thence East 55 feet to the place of beginning. The Trustee has knowledge and possession of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee is hereby informed that the address of 1237 10th Avenue East, Twin Falls Idaho 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property, and the Trustee is made without covenant of warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of attorney conferred by the Trust Agreement executed by Curtis C. Jones, Jr., as a single person, as grantor, to First American Title Co., as successor-in-interest, to the Trust of First American AMRO Mortgage Group Inc., as Beneficiary, dated 04/22/2002, and recorded on 04/04/2002, to book 45-15618-3B, records of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Case No: CV-06-3334 SUMMONS WILSON BATES, INC. Plaintiff. MARTIN H. KNOWLTON, Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a claim has been filed against you. The plaintiff(s) who filed the claim, the Court with which you are to appear, and the case number assigned to your case are listed above. IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTEST THE CLAIM, you must file an answer with the court within 20 days of the date you received the summons. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND DO NOT WISH TO CONTEST IT, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY YOU.

SUMMONS

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

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

Case No. CV-06-3473 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN FRANK MOLYNEUX and LORENE MOLYNEUX, Deceased.

Miscellaneous Services

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL UTILITY LOCATOR MV Private Location Local computerized inventory location services.

Employment

VETERINARY Twin Falls Veterinary Clinic and Hospital has openings for a full or part-time Veterinary Technician and a full or part-time Veterinary Assistant.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 315, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. CHARLES W. FAWCETT, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all proceeds at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: BLOCK 3 OF WEST AD LOTS 41 AND 42 IN BLOCK 15 OF BLUE LAKES WEST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.

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

Case No. CV-06-3376 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES M. (BRICK) BEGLAN, Deceased.

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

Case No. CV-06-3376 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES M. (BRICK) BEGLAN, Deceased.

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

Case No. CV-06-3473 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN FRANK MOLYNEUX and LORENE MOLYNEUX, Deceased.

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

Case No. CV 2005-01392-M ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

JULIAN MORALES GUTIERREZ d o b 11/30/3 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The petition was examined in an evidentiary hearing on September 13, 2006 at 1:30 PM in the Magistrate's Office, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho.

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

Case No. CV 2005-01171-M ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

DONNICO LOPEZ MORALES d o b 3/17/72 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The petition was examined in an evidentiary hearing on September 13, 2006 at 1:30 PM in the Magistrate's Office, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho.

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

Case No. CV 06-3524 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of DOMINIC L. CAPPS, Deceased.

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

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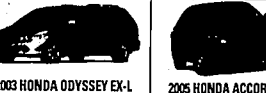
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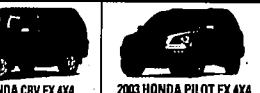
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New law drives down insurance costs

By Will Siles
Times-News writer

Lower your rates

TWIN FALLS — As of July 1, Idaho joined the rest of the country in ramping up automobile insurance discounts for motorists 55 and older who have completed a qualified defensive driving course.

The state coordinator for AARP worked on this for 12 years, said Charlie Siegel, assistant state coordinator for the association's safe driver program. "We finally got it done."

Siegel's road to success in getting the age reduced from 65 to 55 was paved with help from Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin

To find a course available near you, go to www.aarp.org/drive or call AARP toll free at 1-888-227-7669 or Charlie Siegel at 735-3690.

Falls. "I had him take the AARP driving course and then asked him to sponsor a bill to lower that to sponsor a bill to lower the insurance discount age in Idaho," Siegel said.

Most states provide premium discounts to graduates of state-approved driving courses beginning at age 55 and a handful of states provide incentives to all licensed drivers. Connecticut remains the

only state requiring drivers to be older than 55 to receive a discount.

Siegel said that the new law, which was overwhelmingly passed and signed into law by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, will result in fewer accidents throughout Magic Valley and the state.

"Studies have shown that drivers that take the course are involved in fewer accidents," Siegel said.

In fact, a California Department of Motor Vehicles study found that graduates of their state-approved course had 16 percent fewer, fatal and injury accidents and 15.7 percent

fewer convictions than the control group during the study period. A similar study conducted by the state of New York found 15 percent fewer accidents and 56 percent lower conviction rates for traffic-related offenses.

"We have 38,000 licensed drivers aged 50 and up in the eight counties throughout Magic Valley," said Siegel, of Twin Falls.

And when drivers collide or crash, insurance premiums and taxes pay the lion's share of injuries. The Idaho Transportation Department notes that people injured in traffic accidents pay only 15 percent of their treatment —

the remainder is paid by insurance and government.

Completing the eight-hour course, which costs \$10, will make motorists 55 and older eligible for insurance discounts. The AARP-sponsored course is usually offered twice a month and is basically a refresher of Idaho's driver's manual.

"The feedback from those that take the course is very positive," Siegel said. "About 80 percent say that the course makes them better drivers."

Will Siles is the Times-News night city editor. He can be reached at 735-3233 or by e-mail at writes@magicalvalley.com.

Housing market hits some turbulence

WASHINGTON — The "For Sale" signs are staying out longer. House prices are easing as sellers try to lure in buyers.

The big question now: Will the nation's five-year housing boom turn into a devastating bust that could derail the overall economy?

"We recognize the risk... and we are watching it very carefully," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress recently.

The Fed's interest rate increases, which have helped push mortgage rates to the highest levels in more than four years, are putting a damper on housing.

The central bank acknowledged that fact Tuesday when it decided against raising a key short-term rate for an 18th time.

Instead, the Fed's policymakers said they believed the "gradual cooling of the housing market" would help slow the economy and allow inflation pressures to moderate.

The Fed's cease-fire on rate hikes came after various reports showed the housing boom is definitely over.

Sales of new homes and existing homes have been falling. And although the median prices are still increasing, the gains have been the smallest in years.

A record level of unsold homes is expected to exert even greater pressure on prices in coming months.

The concern is that the already sizable inventory glut could worsen as millions of Americans with subprime rate mortgages, taken out when interest rates were at four-decade lows, suddenly find they can't meet new higher monthly payments.

So the correction in housing has been orderly, but there is a significant risk that this orderly correction could become more chaotic," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

"The housing market has been driven by euphoric optimism about future house price growth. That could quickly change. That could mean foreclosures and we could see sales and prices fall much more than expected," Zandi said.

The areas considered at greatest risk for falling prices are the once-booming regions of California and Florida, parts of the Mountain West and the Northeast.

Richard Dekaser, chief economist at National City Corp., has done a study with Global Insight that identified 71 metropolitan areas, representing 39 percent of the single-family home market, as extremely overvalued. Of the top 25 cities on that list, 14 are in California and seven in Florida.

Day laborers join with AFL-CIO

Agreement seen as a sign of immigrant workers' growing clout.

By Peter Prazmowski
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The nation's largest federation of unions agreed Wednesday to work with a network of immigrant day laborers to improve wages and working conditions for those who solicit work from street corners across America.



Day labor workers wait to sign in with site coordinator Almar Ospegueda, center, at the Central American Resource Center, CARECEN, Wednesday in Los Angeles. The AFL-CIO has agreed to work to improve wages and working conditions for the thousands of men who solicit work while standing on street corners across America.

The agreement between the AFL-CIO and the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, formally adopted in Chicago, is a sign of day laborers' growing role in the U.S. economy.

Experts also said it reflects the need for unions to expand to regain clout.

The agreement does not clear the way for day laborers to become "union" members, but both sides said it could be a step in that direction.

The agreement calls for the network's 40 nationwide centers to affiliate with the federation and receive representation on local labor councils.

Under the plan, the AFL-CIO and network will pursue minimum wage campaigns, safety at construction sites and legislation to criminalize employers who stiff day laborers.

The groups will also work toward reform that includes amnesty for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants living in the United States.

"This is huge for day laborers," said Abel Valenzuela, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles and co-author of the first national study of day laborers released in January.

"The AFL-CIO can hire staff to help with organizing, provide more legal services and lobby on behalf of day

laborers," he said.

Among other things, the study found that an average of 117,000 day laborers seek work each day, with the top employers being homeown-

The agreement came as day laborers, a majority of whom are Hispanic and undocumented, take steps to become more organized.

At a large center in downtown Los Angeles, day laborers said they hoped the agreement would lead to unionization. The center has

set the minimum hourly pay for its workers at \$9. Skilled workers command up to \$15 an hour.

"We've had employers not pay us, and seen workers hurt at jobs," said Francisco Jimenez, 35, an illegal immigrant from Mexico.

For years, unions have experienced diminishing numbers and clout because of globalization, automation and the transition from an industrial-based economy to one that is service-driven.

Some members see

undocumented workers as a vast untapped pool of potential new members. Others, however, think they drag down wages and thwart organizing efforts.

Unions were often at odds while Congress debated immigration reform earlier this year, with some groups arguing against guest worker programs and amnesty for illegal immigrants.

The dissension was evident last year when a handful of unions, including the Service Employees

International Union, broke from the AFL-CIO in an effort to forge a new direction for organized labor.

The breakaway unions complained that the AFL-CIO focused too much on electoral politics and not enough on organizing more people, including immigrant workers.

"The agreement is a strategic move for the AFL-CIO," Valenzuela said. "They are thinking about how to maintain and increase their ranks."

Market Watch

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Nasdaq	2,060.28
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(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Aug. gold	650.50	▲ 4.80

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Alaska freezes hiring due to oil shutdown

The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Gov. Frank Murkowski imposed a state hiring freeze Wednesday because of the millions of dollars in revenue Alaska is losing as a result of the Prudhoe Bay oil field shutdown, and said he would support hearings into BP's maintenance practices.

The governor also said he would direct Alaska's attorney general to investigate whether the state could hold the oil giant fully accountable for the state's losses.

Earlier this week, BP said it would shut down Prudhoe Bay — the biggest oil field in the nation — because of a small leak and severe pipeline corrosion. Energy officials have said the pipeline repairs are likely to take months, curtailing Alaskan production into next year.

The expected loss of 200,000 barrels per day at today's oil prices means the state is losing about \$4 million a day in royalties and



Alaska Gov. Frank Murkowski speaks at a joint session of the Alaska State Legislature Wednesday at the state Capitol in Juneau, Alaska. The governor spoke on BP's decision to shut down the Prudhoe Bay oil field in Alaska. Sitting beside the governor, from left, are Senate President Ben Stevens, R-Anchorage, and House Speaker John Morris, R-Valdez.

taxes. Revenue Commissioner Bill Corbush said.

The state receives 89 percent of its income from oil revenues; Alaska has no state sales tax and no personal income tax. The Prudhoe Bay shutdown will cut in half

Alaska's total oil production and the resulting revenue.

Without money coming in from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska's government can operate for only about two months before going into the red, Corbush said.

"BP must get the entire Prudhoe Bay back up and running as soon as it is safely possible," Murkowski told a joint session of the state Legislature.

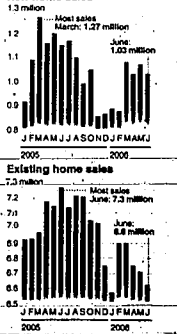
BP, the world's second-largest oil company, said it will replace 16 miles of pipeline that carries oil from Prudhoe Bay to the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline. The Prudhoe Bay field accounts for 6 percent of U.S. domestic output.

"We obviously apologize for the impact this is having on people, and we regret having to take these actions, but our focus is on safe operations and environmental protection, and that's the reason why we've undertaken the action we have," BP spokesman Neil Chapman said.

"Because oil demand is so high and the nation's petroleum supplies are so tight, the shutdown has already driven oil prices up and could mean higher prices at the gasoline pump as well.

Home sales have taken a dive

Home sales have dropped during the first half of 2006 compared to the same period in 2005.



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Fiesta with flavor

Hispanic heritage event offers range of activities

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The 17th annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta again sets up for two days of cultural events this weekend at the City Park.

The festivities for "Un Dia en el Valle" (A Day in the Valley) will kick off Saturday with a parade traveling north on Main Avenue from True Value towards Magic Valley High School. The parade will start at 2 p.m. For more information on the parade, call Juan Carlos Ramos at 736-7011, ext. 205 or 358-2297 or the Idaho Migrant Council at 734-3336.

The festivities for "Un Dia en el Valle" (A Day in the Valley) will kick off Saturday with a parade traveling north on Main Avenue from True Value towards Magic Valley High School.

With the conclusion of the parade, people can wander to the City Park to find vendors offering food, music playing from the band shell, and entertainment planned throughout the day, from 1 to 11 p.m.

The Miss Chiquitita contest for girls between ages of 5 to 10 will start at about 3:30 p.m. The event will be kicked off by the new Miss Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Queen, Rosa Paz, and her court.

Entertainers at the band shell include Sergio el Ballador and Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo from Nampa.

A talent search contest will also be held. A free street dance will start at



Food was just one of the many activities at last year's Hispanic Heritage Fiesta. This year's fiesta takes place Saturday and Sunday.

about 7 p.m. at the band shell. Music will be provided by Explosivo Norte and a DJ until about 10 p.m.

On Sunday, DJ music will start at noon at the band shell.

At about 1:15 p.m., a proclamation will be read, announcing the celebration of Hispanic heritage.

Entertainment at the band shell from noon to 8 p.m. includes Karigma from Jerome, Los Mercenarios from Salt Lake City and JC y Su Banda

Durangense from California. The pageant queen and her court will also be introduced, as well as a comedy group, Los Jalapenos; folkloric dancers, Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo and Los Viejitos; and the Miss Chiquitita winners.

The seventh annual car show and a street competition will take place with registration from 7 to 10 a.m. with a \$25 entry fee. The show will be held from noon to 6 p.m. New

this year will be a short shorts contest. For more information, call Freddy Rodriguez at 735-1211 or 420-7757.

Food, information and activity booths, as well as children's games, a cantina and artisan booth, will be set up on the lawn in front of the band shell.

A jalapeno-eating contest and grito (shouting) competition will also be held on Sunday.

Congressional candidate to speak at meeting

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Second Congressional District Democratic candidate Jim Hansen will speak at the Hispanic Business and Professionals network on noon Monday at the Aztlan restaurant.



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Hansen was elected in 1988 to represent Southeast Boise in the Idaho Legislature, serving on the Education, Health and Welfare and Judiciary committees.

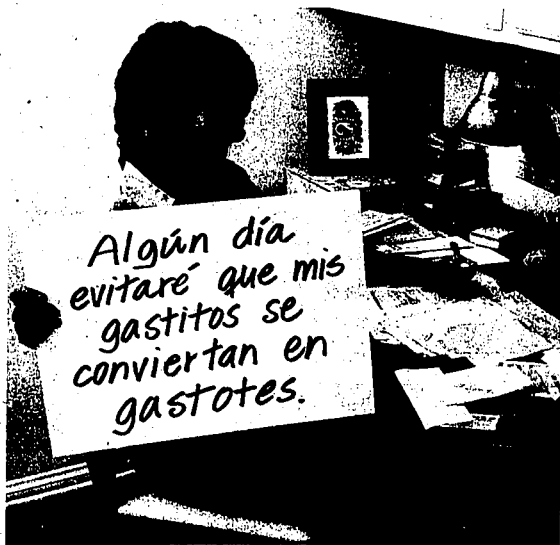
He was re-elected in 1990 and 1992, then voluntarily retired from the Legislature in 1994.

He also served as acting director of the Office of Conflict Management Services at Boise State University; was founding director of United Vision for Idaho; a coalition of organizations working to empower participation in democracy; and practiced law with the firm, Givens, McDevitt, Pursley, Webb & Buser from 1986 to 1991, focusing primarily on water and natural resource issues.

Anyone is invited to the no-host lunch. For more information, call Leticia Coronado or Pat Marcantonio at 733-0931.

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HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP

Day camp digs for fun

TWIN-FALLS — More than 100 youngsters participated in the annual Manos de Amistad Campos-de Día (Hands of Friendship Day Camp) sponsored by the Hispanic Ministries through the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church.

Youngsters were brought to the church by parents from the surrounding area or bussed in from the South Park area and the El Milagro migrant housing complex to participate in five days of activities that centered around an archeological theme, "Adventures of the Treasure Seekers," say organizers Dana and Noel Morfin. Each day, youngsters aged 3 to 13 rotated between four program settings, which included crafts, physical recreation, "you-be-the-character Bible Stories and a mission setting which introduced them to community volunteers who cooked with them, taught them the basics of clog dancing and about Native American culture, helped them "dig for treasure" and shared highlights of a local church mission trip to Grenada.

The children also received breakfast and lunch and participated in whole-group assemblies, where they discussed daily themes and learned camp songs. Their parents were invited to share a special meal with them on the last day of camp and to take part in a small graduation ceremony.



Students enjoy dance at the day camp.



A group of children dig for treasure during the annual Manos de Amistad Campos de Día

The annual camp requires the dedication of many adult and teen volunteers and the flexibility of the church staff whose building was transformed overnight into a beehive of activity with children in "straw adventure hats" giggling and tumbling their way to the various program locations, the organizers say.

This is the fourth camp that Noel Morfin, associate pastor for the church in Hispanic Ministries and his wife, Dana, have put on in Twin Falls with the help of volunteer adult and teen staff.

Noel Morfin said that the original vision for this camp was to provide Hispanic youngsters, who may never have the chance to leave town in the summer and travel to an actual church camp setting, the opportunity to have the "camp experience" delivered to them right in the middle of the city. Other children from the church and staff also participated.

"It is so wonderful to see these youngsters interact with one another and to share their cultures so freely. The hand of friendship, indeed, has no color," Morfin said.

Texas defends redistricting

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — An attorney for the state argued in court Thursday that its proposed congressional map would make districts more compact, while plans by Hispanics and Democrats aimed for a partisan edge in the court-ordered revision of Texas districts.

Ted Cruz also told a three-judge federal panel that the state's entry in the court-ordered revision of Texas districts was not meant to target Democrats.

The proposed map would shift Austin, the hometown of longtime Democratic Rep. Lloyd Doggett, into a district now represented by Rep. Lamar Smith, a San Antonio Republican.

The arguments came as the panel began hearing arguments about how to redraw southwestern Texas congressional districts to restore minority voting power.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that a huge southwest district violates the Voting Rights Act because the power of the minority vote was diminished when concentrations of Hispanics were split into two districts.

U.S. District Judge Patrick Higginbotham, the presiding judge, asked Cruz why the state map called for eliminating Doggett's political base.

Cruz said the state was trying to make the districts more compact. Doggett's current district runs from Austin to the Mexican border.

submitted by Democratic and Latino groups, which were submitting their arguments later Thursday, tried to create too many Hispanic districts and gain a political edge.

"The federal panel can select one of the maps submitted by the parties in the case or draw their own voting lines to fix the district in question."

It was unclear when the three-judge panel may issue a decision, but Texas' elections officials say a ruling Monday is necessary for changes to go into effect for the Nov. 7 election.

The ruling resulted from a lawsuit against the state filed by Democrats and several groups of minority-rights activists. The high court upheld most of the map, drawn by state Republicans in 2003 to put more Republicans in office, but ruled that the district now represented by GOP Rep. Henry Bonilla is unconstitutional.

The district stretches from Laredo north to San Antonio and west to the edge of El Paso.

It's the only district that must be redrawn, but neighboring districts will likely need to be tweaked to comply with any changes.

New maps have also been proposed by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and Bonilla, Democratic Rep. Henry Cuellar, and Republican Rep. Lamar Smith.

Supporters of leftist presidential candidate take rally to court

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador led thousands of protesters outside Mexico's top electoral court on Monday to demand a total recount in the presidential election, warning that he would start a long-term radical movement if the court did not agree.

The demonstration comes two days after the Federal Electoral Tribunal ruled that it would only recount ballots at about 9 percent of the nation's 130,000 polling places, where it said there was evidence that the vote may have been miscounted.

Lopez Obrador wants the court to recount all of the 41 million votes cast in the July 2 vote and warned there would be consequences if it didn't agree.

"What is going to happen if they rally this imposition?" he said in an angry, somewhat hoarse voice to about 5,000 followers.

"Revolution!" his supporters replied with their fists in the air. "We are going to start a movement for the transformation of the nation's institutions," Lopez Obrador said. "We are going to transform our country, and this is going to happen one way or the other."

Carrying banners with slogans, such as "No Damn Fraud," and chanting, "Every vote counts," the crowd blocked traffic on a boulevard outside the court.

"This is just the start of much stronger actions," said Jose Antonio Valles, a 52-year-old engineer at the protest.

An official count of the election gave ruling party candidate Felipe Calderon an advantage of 0.8 percent, or about 234,000 votes, over Lopez Obrador.

The leftist candidate claims that a ballot-by-ballot recount would show he was the true winner.

"We do not accept a partial recount. The Mexican people do not want only part of the truth," Lopez Obrador told the protesters outside the court. The court's seven judges are unlikely to be swayed. They voted unanimously for a partial recount that will begin Wednesday and last no longer than five days. They have until Sept. 6 to declare a presidential winner.



A woman with a poster of Mexican presidential candidate Felipe Calderon protest outside of the Federal Electoral Tribunal, TRIFE in Mexico City, Mexico, on Monday.

Obrador has asked his supporters to maintain a weeklong blockade of the capital's financial and cultural heart that is costing the city an estimated \$23 million a day in lost commerce and causing traffic jams throughout the city.

Echo Park takes center stage in film

Old neighborhood helped inspire 'Quinceanera'

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The film "Quinceanera" was inspired by its 114-year-old star.

Echo Park, founded in 1892, is one of L.A.'s oldest neighborhoods. Before Hollywood was born, this community of 25,000 just north of downtown was the city's filmmaking capital. For decades, it was a mostly Hispanic, working-class neighborhood. In recent years, it's become a trendy enclave and real estate hot spot.

Filmmakers Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland moved from West Hollywood to Echo Park five years ago. Inspired by their neighbor-

hood-and-their-neighbors, the two made "Quinceanera" (the name for a traditional rite of passage for 15-year-old Hispanic girls) to pay tribute to the area's historic architecture and rich cultural heritage, noting the ongoing gentrification that threatens both.

"There are such different realities next door to each other," says Glatzer, 54, who experienced his first quinceanera at his neighbor's house in 2004. "We started talking about a movie about a gentrifying neighborhood. And we thought the quinceanera would be a perfect way to structure it because it's a coming-of-age ceremony and the neighborhood's kind of evolving as well, not necessarily in the most positive way."

"Quinceanera," which took top honors at the Sundance Film Festival this year, tells the

story of a girl ostracized by her family after she becomes pregnant before her 15th birthday. She forms an unlikely alliance with her cousin Carlos, a street tough exiled from his family for being gay, and her great-uncle Tomas, a kindhearted man who spends his days selling champurrado (a Mexican hot-chocolate drink) and tending his elaborate garden.

Glatzer and Westmoreland hoped to tell a universal story that reflects the people and the vibe of this little L.A. community.

"We're the first white couple on this block, we're the first gay couple on this block, but there was no resistance," says Westmoreland, 40. "People were very open and friendly and we got to know our neighbors, so the movie really grew from that sense of wanting to capture Echo Park on film."

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There's no such thing as too small a historical detail in the annual re-enactment of Three Island Crossing in Gloucester Ferry.

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TELEVISION

1. "Without a Trace," CBS.
2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
3. "America's Got Talent," NBC.
4. "CSI: Miami," CBS.
5. "House," Fox.

—From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "Miami Vice," Universal.
2. "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," Disney.
3. "John Tucker Must Die," Fox.
4. "Monster House," Sony.
5. "The Ant Bully," Warner Bros.

—From Exhibitor Relations Co.

HOT FIVE

1. "Promiscuous," Nelly Furtado (feat. Timbaland), Mosley.
2. "Crazy," Gnarls Barkley Downtown.
3. "Me & U," Cassie. Next Selection.
4. "Deja Vu," Beyonce (feat. Jay-Z), Columbia.
5. "London Bridge," Fergie, A&M.

—From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "LeToys," LaToya. Capitol.
2. "Now 22," Various Artists. Sony.
3. "BMG Strategic Marketing Group."
3. "In My Mind," Pharrell. Star Trak.
4. "Highway Companion," Tom Petty. American.
5. "St. Elsewhere," Gnarls Barkley. Downtown. (Gold)

—From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. Madonna.
2. Tim McGraw / Faith Hill.
3. Dave Matthews Band.
4. Kenny Chesney.
5. Cirque Du Soleil — "Delirium."

—From Pollstar

VHS/DVD RENTALS

1. "She's the Man," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "Failure to Launch," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "ATL," Warner Home Video.
4. "Basic Instinct 2," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
5. "The Matador," The Weinstein Company.

—From Billboard magazine

VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney

Home Video.

2. "Requiem for a Dream," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
3. "Titanic (Full Screen Version)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Dora the Explorer: Animal Adventures," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "My Little Pony: The Princess Promenade," Paramount Home Entertainment.

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DVD SALES

1. "She's the Man," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "ATL," Warner Home Video.
3. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Failure to Launch," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Eight Below," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic) (fiction/nonfiction)
2. "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards (Penguin) (fiction/nonfiction)
3. "Lifeguard" by James Patterson & Andrew Gross (Warner) (fiction/nonfiction)
4. "Dangerous" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette Special Releases) (fiction/nonfiction)
5. "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger (Anchor) (fiction/nonfiction)

—From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Highway Companion," Tom Petty
2. "How to Save a Life," The Fray
3. "St. Elsewhere," Gnarls Barkley
4. "Feedback," Jurassic 5
5. "In My Mind (Bonus Version),"

—From Apple Computer, Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



In this image from the video game 'Half-Life 2: Episode One,' longtime friend Barney Calhoun hands over a crow bar to Dr. Gordon Freeman. The episode marks both humanity's ongoing fight against alien invaders is played from Freeman's perspective.

Episodic games for the PC

BY MATT SLADE
The Associated Press

Two PC games released this summer are proof that "story" and "video game" need not be mutually exclusive terms.

Much of what makes "Half-Life 2: Episode One" and "SIN Episodes: Emergence" so fun stems from their relative brevity as so-called episodic video games.

Instead of a game that never ends or takes months to complete, these bite-sized chunks of digital storytelling took me about four hours each from start to finish.


"Half-Life 2: Episode One" follows up on the popular science

fiction franchise starring the bespectacled Gordon Freeman, quite possibly the world's deadliest physicist.

If you're new to the story, you might want to play through the original "Half-Life" and "Half-Life 2" games before picking up this latest chapter. Not doing so means you'll be missing out on the back story of one of video gaming's great sagas.

This first episode picks up where "Half-Life 2" ended: the towering alien fortress you and female friend Alyx managed to infiltrate is about to blow in a very big way. Your job this time is to escape from the crumbled ru-

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Absent friends

Saturday's Three Island Crossing dedicated to the pioneering Wootans

Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — There will be more than a few tears on the water at this weekend's 21st annual Three Island Crossing.

The historically accurate re-enactment of emigrants' Oregon Trail crossing of the Snake River here will be dedicated to Marv and Wayne Wootan — two critical figures in the development of the festival — who both died in accidents during the past year.

Marv, who was killed last October in a car wreck near Ely, Nev., co-founded the Three Island Crossing in 1986 and had participated in the event annually since then.

"Marv, he came up with this team of oxen, so we used the team every year," said Roy Allen, the oldest surviving member of the Three Island Crossing Organization. "He rode a horse and pulled the wagon across (with a team of oxen)."

Marv was also a driving force in the creation of the Three Island Crossing State Park Interpretive Center, which opened in 2001. The purpose of re-enacting a 150-year-old event, according to the charter of the Three Island Crossing Organization Inc., is "to perpetuate an accurate portrayal of pioneer and Native American cultures, heritage, history and relationships."

His 54-year-old son Wayne, a Portland, Ore., resident, died in April. For 18 years he participated in the crossing, driving teams of oxen and horses as they forded the river. It was Wayne who is credited with developing the techniques for getting wagons, horses and livestock across

A crossing in time

The 21st annual Three Island Crossing will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Three Island Crossing State Park in Glenn's Ferry. Tickets are \$5 for adults, kids 12 and under get in free.

the river safely.

Nearly 200,000 emigrants came through southern Idaho in the mid-1800s, most of them on the Oregon Trail. A majority made the perilous crossing of the Snake River at what's now Glenn's Ferry rather than face a waterless, 100-mile detour along the south bank of the river.

Native Americans, who used the area to fish for salmon, aided the pioneers in exchange for beans and bread, and they've been part of the re-enactment every year.

The crossing re-enactment itself is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, but the weekend's festivities begin with a parade at 7 p.m. Friday from the Elmore County Fairgrounds to Three Island Crossing State Park. Following the parade, there will be entertainment in the park until 10 p.m.

On Saturday, Glenn's Ferry's Moose Lodge will sponsor its Pioneer Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. in the park. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. Following the crossing, there will be live entertainment in the park from 1 to 4 p.m., featuring the Idaho Old-Time Fiddlers, Bonafide, Karolyn Gaines, Emily & TJ, the Boise Cloggers, the Shoshone/Paiute dancers and Thom Simpson.

Food and craft booths will be open in the park all day Saturday.

On Sunday, a community church service is planned for 9:30 a.m. in the park.



History records that the Shoshone and Paiute Indians assisted Oregon-bound emigrants in the treacherous crossing of the Snake River near Glenn's Ferry. Indian costumes have been part of the Three Island Crossing re-enactments since the beginning of the annual celebration 21 years ago.

Photo: Tom Jones

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'WORLD TRADE CENTER'

Reliving the day that changed everything

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
 The Associated Press

The question shouldn't be whether it's too soon for "World Trade Center," a debate that's been raging as we near both the film's opening and the five-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It's here whether you're ready for it or not — ignore it, see something else, find some other way to remember and pay respect.

No, the real question is whether the film is accurate, whether it's effective, whether it's a fitting, moving tribute to the people who died and to those who found a way to survive. In that regard, the answer is a resounding yes.

There is not a single gratuitous minute in Oliver Stone's film, which recreates the endless hours in which two Fort Lauderdale police officers were trapped beneath the rubble of the twin towers and tracks the panic of their family- and friends-who waited anxiously for news of their rescue.

But it's also the safest film Stone has ever made. This is a director you expect to grab hold of an historical event — as he has with the Vietnam War in "Heaven" and the Kennedy assassination in "JFK" — and making it tirelessly until one shake or jolt falls out, some perspective that perhaps we hadn't cared or dared to consider.

What Stone has come up with here is an exceptionally crafted, strongly acted, high-end made-for-TV movie. It's visceral and intense, exceedingly faithful in its depiction of the fear and chaos, the ash and smoke, that enveloped New York that day. It can also knock you over with a moment as simple as two strangers hugging and crying over the shared unknown fate of their loved ones.

And yet it provides no insight,



Michael Pena, left, and Nicolas Cage star in 'World Trade Center.'

offers no political statement, doesn't even begin to branch the subject of terrorism. The closest it comes is in the image of a much younger-looking President Bush addressing the nation on television, promising retribution (which did draw some grunts at a recent screening).

Instead, "World Trade Center" approaches the overwhelming subject of Sept. 11 by telling the story of two brave men: Sgt. John McLaughlin (Nicolas Cage) and Officer Will (Michael Pena), two of the first to enter the towers and two of the last to be pulled out 24 hours later.

Stone shows us what it was like to be inside the buildings when they came crumbling down.

John and Will, along with other policemen and firefighters, were in the concourse between the two towers when the rumbling began. They sought refuge in an elevator shaft; they ultimately found themselves in a living hell. Pinned by giant slabs of concrete, choked by dust and ash, with little air and ever less light, the two men could hear but not see each other. The

sense of helplessness is suffocating.

Screenwriter Andrea Berloff, with only her first feature, worked closely with the officers and their families and came up with a script that's full of big, profound moments and small, intimate details that surprisingly strike with even more of an emotional impact.

None of us could possibly know how we would react in such a situation; John and Will kept each other awake — and, through sheer strength of spirit,

'World Trade Center'

Starring Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena, Maria Bello
 Rated PG-13.

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alive — just by talking to each other. They did it with the usual get-to-know-you chitchat about their wives and children, by singing the theme song to "Starsky & Hutch" (in a rare but necessary example of comic relief) and, when things look especially bleak, by praying.

Meanwhile, at homes in Goshen, N.Y., and Clifton, N.J., Stone visits the officers' families and makes us feel their mounting dread. (And at a nondescript office in Wilton, Conn., a former Marine played by Michael Shannon watches TV footage of Manhattan under attack and feels compelled to spring into action. It will prove to be an appropriate move.)

John's wife, Donna (a lovely and powerful Maria Bello), tries to preoccupy her four kids with talk of birthday parties and Yankees

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• **"The Ant Bully" / B**
The bee's knees. Ten-year-old Lucas, who likes to torment ants, learns what it feels like on the other end when he's reduced to bug size and forced to live in an ant colony. Visually, the movie isn't up to, say, "Cars," but it's got any number of impressive little pieces (like a voice attack) and countless imaginative contrasts ala "The Incredible Shrinking Man" (in soda can the size of the Empire State Building, a shirt-carpenter jungle). The producer is Tom Hanks, which says something right there, and the stellar voice cast includes Julia Roberts, Nicolas Cage, Paul Giamatti and Meryl Streep. Rated PG (some mild rude humor and action). 1 hour, 28 minutes.

• **"Barnyard: The Original Party Animals" / C+**
They're all essentially interchangeable by now, you know — these animated movies with talking animals. Or insects. Or cars. It's hard enough for adults to tell the difference between them, but for kids, who are supposed to be the target audience, this year's flock of such films may be confusing their young minds. Which, in this case, is a pity. Because "Barnyard" actually has a clever concept (the animals walk upright and hang out like humans when the farmer isn't around) — and it — handles such sensitive topics as birth and death with unexpected grace. The all-star cast (because certainly these films can't be voiced by no-names anyone) includes Kevin James, who's charismatic as the irresponsible Otis the cow, Courteney Cox as a pregnant cow who's new to the farm, Danny Glover as the wise, old mule and Sam Elliott as the cow who's in charge of the group. From writer-director Steve Oedekerk, who's massaged one of the more eclectic filmographies in Hollywood lately between his involvement with this, "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" and "Patch Adams." PG for some mild peril and rude humor, 83 minutes.

• **"The Descent" / B+**
A smart, scary and very original new indie British thriller. Director Neil Marshall's film sends six women (including Shauna Macdonald and Natalie Mendoza) into an "uncharted" Appalachian cavern. And it's not just a traps them. As they search for

About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsules are by reviewers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

an escape, their nerves start to unravel. This applies to the women's literal expedition underground and also their regression to basic survival instincts — especially when they realize they are being stalked by something quick, quiet and hungry. Rated R (strong violence/gore and language). 1 hour, 39 minutes.

• **"The Devil Wears Prada" / A-**
Killer clothes, killer laughs: And you don't have to know the difference between Donna Karan and Donna Summer to enjoy it in its wicked workplace politics. Based on Lauren Weisberger's *roman à clef* about life as a lowly and abused assistant to Vogue's famed editor Anna Wintour, the movie casts Anne Hathaway (ever more impressive) as our luckless heroine and Meryl Streep (beyond impressive) as her monster boss at Runway magazine. Rated PG-13 (some sensuality). 1 hour, 46 minutes.

• **"An Inconvenient Truth" / B**
Light on camera. Tight on content. This is the message of this entertaining, exceedingly well-researched documentary about global warming. Narrated by a new and improved Al Gore (funny, passionate, personable), the film uses statistics, charts, photos, graphics, even a cartoon to show us a planet cooking itself to death. Rated PG (mild thematic elements). 40 minutes.

• **"John Tucker Must Die" / No rating**
Three popular girls from competing high school cliques discover that they've each been dating the same guy: the school's smooth and hunky basketball team captain, John Tucker (Jesse Metcalfe). After comparing notes, the fuming trio (Arielle Kebbel, Ashanti and Sophia Bush) conspire to make Tucker undatable. PG-13.

• **"Lady in the Water" / F**
A washout. M. Night Shyamalan's newest film isn't merely a disappointment; it's a catastrophe. Kind of a quack. Kind of a fairy tale. The movie stars Paul

Giamatti as the super at an apartment complex who discovers a sea nymph (called a narf and played by a paley determined Brad Pitt) floating in his pool. The talented Giamatti struggles mightily with this nonsense, but even he can't prevail over the filmmaker's utter failure to establish a credible myth, the stereotyped characters and the convoluted story. Think of it as *Movie Down the Drain*. Rated PG-13 (some frightening sequences). 1 hour, 50 minutes.

• **"Miami Vice" / C**
Michael Mann's big-screen version of his all-'80s TV series is a dark, grainy and heavy drama, and so supercilious and smoky thick it could be called "Miami Vice." For two-plus hours, mega guy stars Jamie Foxx and Colin Farrell play cops who both like the personality and dip into illicit drug trading, fire guns, talk tough and have sex with tough-talking women. Then they have more sex. The film, shot in the gangster style of "Collateral," is occasionally interesting to look at, but at times nearly incomprehensible. Rated R (strong violence, language and some sexual content). 2 hours, 12 minutes.

• **"Monster House" / D**
A monstrosity. Done in the same creepy-animated style as "The Polar Express," this tale of an ominous old house with a dark secret is at least bearable until the last third, when it turns into an over-the-top nightmare. A kid named D (voice of Michel Musso) thinks something's going on and enlists his friends to help him find out what it is. The descent into the talent of Guillermo Buscemi, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jason Lee (among others) is mostly wasted. Rated PG (scary images and sequences, thematic elements, some crude humor and brief language). 1 hour, 31 minutes.

• **"My Super Ex-Girlfriend" / C-**
Luca Thurman's super, but her movie is anything but. Luke Wilson plays an everyday guy who makes the mistake of dumping his girlfriend (Thurman). See, she's super-miffed, and she's also a superpowered superhero known as G-Girl. An uneven, surprisingly lackluster script, Ivan Reitman's sloppily directed and cheapie effects don't

help, but the deal-breaker is the blandly annoying Wilson. Rated PG-13 (sexual content, crude humor, language and brief nudity). 1 hour, 35 minutes.

• **"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" / B+**
Even better than the first one and, other than Johnny Depp! Reprising his Oscar-nominated role as the roguish Capt. Jack Sparrow, Depp romps through — and often saves by sheer charisma — a somewhat incomprehensible plot. It has something to do with Jack owing a blood debt to Davy Jones (till Nighy, buried in an octopus barrel). Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom return as the young lovers, now in hot water for aiding Jack's escape in the original. Plus there are sea battles, ghost ships and a helluva giant squid. Parental note: Some of it is quite scary. You may want to check it out yourself first. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences, some scary images, including frightening images). 2 hours, 30 minutes.

• **"The Night Listener" / B-**
Toni Collette's very fine performance as a possibly very unstable woman helps hold together this intriguing but uneven psychological thriller. Robin Williams co-stars as a late-night talk-radio host who becomes emotionally invested in Collette's 18-year-old adoptive daughter. The film, featuring the boy's first-person account of sexual abuse and pedophilia. With his own life falling apart, Williams finds himself in a situation that may not be as it seems. Based on a novel by the author of "The Mindreader" Maupin. Rated R (language and some disquieting sexual content). 1 hour, 31 minutes.

• **"Pulse" / No rating**
In this English language adaptation of Japanese director Kiyoshi Kurosawa's "Kairo," an apparently innocent Web site turns out to be run by a sinister and deadly force. At first the site appears to be merely a scary hoax with an irresistible marketing pull. However, people who begin to view the site's frightening images of the dead soon realize that a supernatural force has begun dominating their lives. With Kristen Bell and Steve Taylor. R-

New on DVD Synopses of films recently released for home viewing.

"Inside Man"

R

One morning a staid, rather traditional old Wall Street bank is swiftly taken over by a crew of heavily armed bank robbers in Spike Lee's "Inside Man." They know how to neutralize the video cameras, how to deal with hostages, where everything is. You can recognize their leader, Dalton Russell (Clive Owen), because even behind the mask and sunglasses he radiates command presence and he's got wit. Cops quickly gather, headed by second-string negotiator Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington), also a fast guy with a quip and no slouch in the charisma department. Soon enough, Frazier and The Man in the Cotton Mask are on the phone, doing a nice "Dog Day Afternoon" imitation.

But just when you think the movie's going to settle down to "Dog Day Afternoon II," it mutates weirdly (the first of several times), with the arrival of Jodie Foster as one Madeline White. Her job, working on behalf of the bank's chairman of the board (froisty aristocrat turn by Christopher Plummer), is to make certain that no one discovers exactly what is in a certain safe deposit box, except of course that's all the robbers are interested in. These three play cat-and-mouse-and-cat, a thoroughly amusing game that builds toward a truly original denouement.

A deft, tense, pure thriller, the movie has great star turns and is brilliantly directed, but it began as an extremely well-crafted screenplay by Russell Gewirtz. It's professionally entertaining, like the glossier extravaganzas full of the big-studio decades: full of attractive people, smart dialogue, surprises and final satisfaction.

Some movies are too clever by half, but most are not clever enough by nine-tenths; Lee's "Inside Man" gets the recipe just right.

—Washington Post



Clive Owen engineers an unusual bank heist in Spike Lee's 'Inside Man.'



Larry the Cable Guy (Don Whinery) must get to the bottom of a food poisoning outbreak at fancy restaurants in "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector."

"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"

PG-13

What is surprising and worth noting is the quality of talent that's sadly squandered in comedian Larry the Cable Guy's feature film debut.

Joe Pantoliano plays a shady mayor whose so breast-obsessed that he's installed a peephole in his office to spy on his top-heavy secretary.

Tony Hale (Buster Bluth from "Arrested Development"), one of Larry's co-workers, sits in a wheelchair and has been spilled on him. David Koehnner ("Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy") plays the semi-retarded neighbor, as "Larry so lovingly calls him, who likes to bounce a ball against his head.

And Kid Rock shows up, as himself, only to offer beer and a fishing rod to Larry in a dream sequence.

Then, of course, there is Larry,

himself (real name: Dan Whinery) who has turned himself into a sort of redneck superstar through radio appearances and standup comedy concerts.

The Nebraska native has proven himself a likable everyman — more self-deprecating and less shrill than Jeff Foxworthy — who has tapped into an oft-scorned segment of society with his cut-off flannel shirts, his beer gut and his dip cut.

Those expecting a Larry-the-Cable-Guy show in film form, sort of like the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" documentary from a few years back, will be disappointed.

Director Trent Cooper and writers Jonathan Bernstein and James Greer actually try to shoehorn Larry into a lame plot in which he functions as an inept health inspector.

Teamed up with an austere young woman named Butlin (Iris Bahar), Larry must get to the bottom of a food poisoning outbreak at the city's fanciest restaurants. And we do mean bottom.

—Associated Press

"Don't Come Knocking"

R

"Don't Come Knocking" opens with a handlit mask view of blue sky and fluffy white clouds where the eyes should be. A reverse shot reveals it to be a panoramic vista of rocks near Moab, Utah, with Sam Shepard on horseback high-tailing it from some of them or another. We quickly learn he's a washed-

up movie star named Howard Spence who has gone AWOL from the set of a western in which he is starring. A 60-year-old drug- and alcohol-abusing playboy, Howard heads for home in Elko, Nev., a place he hasn't been in 30 years.

The film marks the reunion of screenwriter Shepard and director Wim Wenders, whose earlier collaboration, "Paris, Texas," won the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1984. Though "Don't Come Knocking" revels in themes both men have had success with, its narrative kinks and improbabilities reduce it to an unsatisfying allegory. Despite a fine cast, the film feels as lost as Howard, unsure of its direction or tone.

Howard's departure leaves the film set in turmoil, its director (George Kennedy) frustrated and its female lead (Marilyn Shelton) unable to perform with a stand-in. A non-nonsense representative of the bond company, Sutter (Tim Roth), swoops in by helicopter and begins tracking the wayward cowboy.

In Elko, Howard's reunion with his elderly mother (Eva Marie

Saint) is cut short by the revelation that he has a twentysomething son from a long-ago encounter on a film shoot in Butte, Mont. He heads off in his late father's Packard, unsure of what's ahead.

Meanwhile, a young woman named Sky (Sarah Polley) arrives in Butte carrying an urn with her recently deceased mother's ashes. Howard and Sky intersect at the restaurant run by Howard's old flame, Doreen (Jessica Lange), who seems more bemused than anything to see her long-gone lover. Earl (Gabriel Mann), Howard and Doreen's moody musician son, is not eager to embrace his father, and the film becomes a roundelay of awkward offers and refusals of rapprochement.

Butte may well give the performance of the movie, upstaging the more cinematically familiar Utah desert. The town's deserted streets look both beautiful and haunted — nicely rendered by cinematographer Franz Lustig — and feed Wenders' fondness for an American West etched with loneliness.

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• **Baci Italian Cafe**, Trail Creek Village, 200 S. Main — Alaskan halibut, pork tenderloin, pasta with mushrooms, \$11.95-\$22.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. *Rex Chandler, owner: 726-8384.*

• **Bigwood Bread**, 270 Northwood Way — Walk-in bakery features pizza, pastries, creamed, roundloaf bread. Hours: Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. *726-2034.*

• **Burger Grill**, 371 N. Main St. — Hamburgers, salmon burgers, chicken burgers and hot dogs, sandwiches served with salad or fries. \$5-\$6. Wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Jimmy Boyle, owner: 726-1733.*

• **Chandler's Restaurant**, 200 S. Main — Black Canyon elk, Nevada lamb, Yorkshire pot roast, \$16.95-\$34.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily 6-10 p.m. *Rex Chandler, owner: 726-1716.*

• **China Palace**, 515 N. East Ave. — Con-tein's Top Chicken, shrimp with baby peas, beef, sweet and sour chicken or pork, \$4.95-\$11.95. Hours: Monday through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 5 p.m.-10 p.m. *Jalana Isa, own'r: 726-3591.*

• **East Avenue Bistro**, 220 East Ave. — Rack of lamb, charbroiled dry-aged rib steak, halibut, \$18.95-\$27.95. Wine, beer. Hours: 14—days through Saturdays 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. *726-9251.*

• **Galena Lodge**, Highway 75 north of Ketchum — Breakfast brunches, lunches and chafed-wagon barbecues. Full bar. Hours: Monday through Thursdays 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, breakfast brunch 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Thursday live music, chicken, ribs and burgers 5 p.m.-10 p.m. *Don Shepler and Fran Zell, owners: 726-4910.*

• **Globus**, 291 6th St. — Vegetarian dishes, fresh baked pepper scallion, wendy beef. Wine, beer. Hours: 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Monday nights a week. *Owner: Richard Mar.*

BELLEVUE

• **Jesse's Country Grill**, 401 N. Main — Burgers, chicken-fried steak, meat-lover deli, \$5-\$7.50. Beer, hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays 7 a.m.-2 p.m. *Jorge Mirra, owner: 788-9002.*

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• **K&B's**, 121 N. Main — New breakfast, lunches, fish, \$6.95-\$8.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. *Brad Knesler, owner: 768-7217.*

• **Red Elephant Saloon**, 107 S. Main — Pork tenderloin, prime rib, lamb-neck pasta. Full bar. Hours: Daily 5 p.m.-11 p.m. *Salvatore Curci, owner: 768-0947.*

About the dining guide

Every week, TNT publishes a rotating list of restaurants in south-central Idaho, along with their hours, food specialties and price ranges. For reasons of space, not every restaurant will be listed every week, but they will be listed on a regular basis.

If your restaurant is not listed and you would like to have it in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crump at 726-3223 or e-mail him at scrump@magicaltley.com. It's a free service.

• **The Kneading**, 260 Lincoln Ave. — Kneading burgers with grilled onions on sautéed bread, South-of-the-Border omelets, Rocky M. Benedict with smoked trout, \$5.95-\$23.95. Hours: Daily 7 a.m.-2 p.m. *Darryl Warner, owner: 726-9462.*

• **Ketchum Grill**, 520 East Ave. — Fresh-ground grilled meats and pasta, pizza, pasta, \$7.95-\$19.75. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily 5:30-9:30 p.m. *Scott Moore, owner: 726-4650.*

• **Lettys Bar & Grill**, 213 E. Sixth St. — Hamburgers, fresh-cut fries, grilled-chicken salads, \$5-\$7. Wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. *Dave Hausman, owner: 726-2744.*

• **Michie's Christiana Restaurant & Olympic Bar**, 303 N. Walnut Ave. — Traditional French cuisine, continental and American fare, \$18.95-\$24. Hours: Monday through Fridays a week, the bar opens at 4:45 p.m. and the dining room at 6 p.m. Reservations recommended. *Alfred Bergner, owner: 726-3288.*

• **Panda Chinese Restaurant**, 515 North Ave. — General's chicken, fried rice, mixed vegetable deli, wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. *Jalana Isa, owner: 726-3591.*

• **Oak Street**, 109 Oak St. — Takeout soups and sandwiches, lasagna, macaroni and cheese, cashew chicken salad, special lunch menu. Hours: Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. *Owner, Vickie Hader, 768-3646.*

• **Vive Tequila**, 411 N. Main — Pork carnitas, burritos, fish tacos, \$5-\$15. Full bar. Hours: Monday through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays, *Rico Corona and Brandon Borekoff, owners: 788-3637.*

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Savoring a Sunday night at the Baci Italian Cafe

BY STEVE CRUMP

Times-News writer

KETCHUM — A lot of restaurants do themselves proud on Saturday nights. But if you really want to know what goes on in the kitchen, show up some Sunday evening.

Sunday's traditionally a slow night in Idaho's restaurant business and, hence, a time of short staffing. It's often the chef's night off as well, so if the food and service are going to suffer, this is the time.

A good indication is how quickly the help tries diplomatically to shoo you out the door after supper's finished. If the servers are a little too anxious to box up your leftover meal and a little too reluctant to offer a refill on your coffee, those are red flags for a eatery that might not be worth a second visit.

So it was with pleasure that my wife and I experienced Baci Italian Cafe and Wine Bar on a Sunday evening last month. More than any type of cuisine, Italian food — and especially Italian country cooking — is best when enjoyed full measure. We spent 30 unburied minutes at Baci talking, laughing, sipping wine and — most importantly — savoring the food. It was a delightful experience.

I prefer Italian food simple, so I ordered a bowl of the house minestrone. Minestrone is as basic to Italian cooking as rice is to Chinese — in fact, the word is translated as "to serve in a dish."

Minestrone is actually one of three words for soup in Italian — zuppa and minstro are the other two — and it meant to evoke a dish closer to a stew than to a broth. Made properly, minestrone is very different from the stuff you've eaten out



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The wine bar is the hottest format in the hospitality business these days, and Baci combines it with great food.

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of a red soup can.

Humble fare intended for everyday consumption, minestrone is classic cucina povera, or "poor kitchen." For that reason, there's nothing approaching a standard recipe for this soup; it's supposed to be an artful blend of whatever's at hand.

In Baci's case, it contains cannellini white bean-stocked garden vegetables and penne pasta with Parmesan Reggiano and pesto as a \$5 bowl.

I accompanied it with a glass of sangiovese from Luna (\$9.75), a California vineyard that specializes in Italian varietal wines. Sangiovese (in Ital-

ian, "the blood of love") is a red wine grape variety first grown in Tuscany; it's also used in Chianti.

Because of its distinctive, cherry-like taste, sangiovese is a good companion for food with subtle, layered flavors.

Victoria chose a Dijon herb-crusted Tuscan pork tenderloin dish with potato gnoccoli, sauteed morel mushrooms, tomatoes, roasted garlic and fava beans (\$18.95), and followed that up with the house terrisetti (the classic Italian dessert containing sponge cake, sweetened mascarpone cream, dark rum, espresso and a dusting of cocoa) at \$7.95.

Obviously, tiramisù is a heart attack on a plate, so I left obnoxious to help her eat it. And being Sunday, we took time to enjoy it.

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Josh Turner concert opens Cassia fair KARAOKE CORNER

Times-News

HURLEY — Hank Williams Sr. just puts to some folks.

A native of Hannah, S.C., baritone Josh Turner burst onto the Nashville scene in 2003 with the powerful "Long Black Train," a song Turner had written after listening to a Hank Williams box set. Sounding like gospel-blues out of the 1940s, "Long Black Train" wrestles with the themes of temptation, salvation, death and redemption, and the song quickly brought Turner national attention.

And, three summers later, an invitation to sing at the Cassia County Fair.

Turner's 8:30 p.m. concert is scheduled for the fairgrounds arena here.

Before "Long Black Train" was released by MCA, Turner had cut two singles, "She'll Go on You" and "Long Black Train,"



Photo courtesy of MCA Records
Carolina's Josh Turner's memorable ballad has been an immediate Nashville hit.

both backed with the same B-side, "Backwoods Boy." A second album on MCA, "Your Man," was released earlier this year and reached No. 2 on the Nashville charts — and No. 1 on the Billboard's airplay list.

Turner, now 28, has lived in Nashville since high school, initially enrolling in Belmont University to pursue a career in music. He sang "Long Black

In concert ...

Josh Turner will perform at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the arena at the Cassia County Fairgrounds in Burley, the opening-night highlight of the Cassia County Fair, Tickets, which are \$18 for stage-front and grandstand seating, are available at the fair office, at Taco Bandito in Burley and at Corral West in Twin Falls.

Train" during his 2001 debut on the Grand Ole Opry.

"I was on cloud nine, standing there singing a song of mine, standing where Johnny Cash, Marty Robbins, Ernest Tubbs, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline and Roy Acuff had stood," Turner told the cable country music channel CMT. "All of a sudden, people started standing up and cheering. I wasn't even through with the song yet! I had two more verses and a chorus to go. By the end of the song, everybody was on their

feet. I was in awe. Just in shock."

"Long Black Train" has since gone platinum — 1 million copies sold. His current single, "Would You Go With Me," is No. 14 this week on Billboard's Hot Country Songs Chart.

The Cassia fair runs Tuesday through Aug. 19.

Highlights include the annual parade Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., team sorting that night at 7 o'clock at the fairground; the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo Aug. 17-19 at 8 p.m., horse racing at 1 p.m. Aug. 18-19 and the annual fair stock sale at 9 a.m. on Aug. 19.

The Brown Amusements Carnival will run Tuesday through Aug. 19.

Rodeo tickets are \$10 for grandstand seating and \$6 for bleacher seats; kids under 12 get in for \$2. Admission to the fair itself is free.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

Twin Falls

Karaoke with Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Creek Drive.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruger's Night Life. Doors open at 12 p.m. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. Riverside is at 197 W. Highway 30.

Belo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

Twin Falls

Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

Burley

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

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Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St.

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Gooding County fair returns next week

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GOODING — The 91st annual Gooding County fair and rodeo starts its week-long run at the fairgrounds Tuesday.

The fun will include 4-11 exhibits, tractor pulls and a carnival.

As ever, the event's highlight will be the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo Aug. 17-19. Burns Rodeo Company of Laramie, Wyo., along with Korkow Rodeos of Pierre, S.D., will provide the stock.

On the timed-events side, local contractor Jeff Faulkner will produce the cattle for the team-roping, calf-roping and steer-wrestling events. Faulkner's stock has been chosen for the Bendleton Roundup in Pendleton, Ore.

Other activities will include the annual goat-roping and the

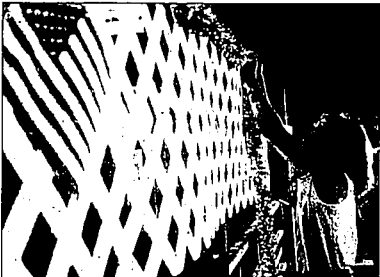


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Among south-central Idaho's oldest county fairs, Gooding's annual event favors tradition.

induction of cowboys into the Idaho Legends of Rodeo Hall of Fame.

On Aug. 17, the fair parade

leaves the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street at 5 p.m. and travels north to the

railroad tracks. The first go-round of the rodeo follows at the fairgrounds at 8 p.m.

A full day of livestock judging continues on Aug. 18, capped by the Parade of Champions and the second go-round of the rodeo at 8.

On Aug. 19, the 4-11 and PFA Animal Sale for sheep, beef and pigs begins at 10 a.m., followed by a noon 4-11 bar-b-que fundraiser. The final go-round of the rodeo is scheduled for 8 p.m., at which Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho will be crowned.

Admission to the fair is free. Rodeo tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12; kids 5 and under get in free.

Preferred tickets for the rodeo can be purchased at Valley Country Stores, and general-admission tickets can be bought at the gates before each performance.

Local

KARAOKE CORNER

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SATURDAY, AUG. 12

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

Karaoke with Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley 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 at 197 W. Highway 30.

Filer

Karaoke contest will be featured at 8 p.m. at the Moon Bar. No cover charge. Moon Bar is at 306 Main.

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 at 613 Fremont Ave.

Declo

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. Big Kahuna is at 9 E. Main.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

MONDAY, AUG. 14

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke with Daniel Krieger will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. Rendezvous Lounge is at 109 E. Main St.

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main N.

ROLLING ON

Into its fourth year, Rock the Canyon will feature 11 gospel acts

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The fastest-growing musical event in south-central Idaho returns for a fourth year this weekend.

Rock the Canyon, a two-day Christian music festival held in Centennial Park, attracted nearly 4,000 spectators last August. The concert has almost doubled its gate since 2003.

Eleven gospel acts will perform Friday and Saturday, headlined by The Katinas and Sanctus Real.

The Nashville-based Katinas, who will close out Saturday night's finale and also plan to sing Friday night, are a group of five brothers born in American Samoa. Their music reflects their faith as well as their love for their mother, who died shortly after the Katina family moved to Washington state in 1988.

The brothers began singing together as children, and started performing at churches and fairs, as they grew, they concentrated on creating a musical message of faith and family.

By 1995, they had performed with R. Kelly, Jasmine Guy, DC



Photo courtesy of Gabe Rowell.

The America Samoa-bred Katina brothers dedicate their praise act to their mother.

Talk and Amy Grant.

The quintet's energetic, soulful style led to a contract with Gotee Records in 1997 and an eponymous full-length album in 1999. "So Good" followed a year later, and "Destiny" was issued in 2001.

Sanctus Real, which is slated to perform Saturday night, is an Ohio power-pop quartet band originally formed by guitarists Matt Hammit and Chris

Rohman in 1996 while both were still 10-graders in Toledo. With Hammit handling lead vocals, the duo added drummer Mark Griffin and bassist Steve Goddard to round out the lineup.

The group released three independent albums between 1998 and 2001 before signing with Sparrow Records, leading to 2002's "Say It Loud." A single, "Everything About You," followed

Hispanic Heritage Fiesta this weekend in T.F.

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta returns to City Park for the 17th year this weekend.

"Un Dia en el Valle" (A Day in the Valley) will start Saturday with a parade on Main Avenue, starting at 2 p.m., followed by food and music in City Park from 1-11 p.m.

The Miss Chiquitita contest for girls 5-10 will begin about 3:30 p.m. A street dance will start at 7 p.m. at the band shell.

On Sunday, DJ music will

commence at noon at the band shell.

Entertainment, which begins at noon and lasts until 8 p.m., will include Karisma from Jerome, Los Mercenarios from Salt Lake City and JCY Su Bandida Durangense from California. The pagant queen and her court will also be introduced, as well as a comedy group, Los Jalapenos, and folkloric dancers, Ballet Folklórico Mexico Lindo and Los Viejos.

A car show and a stereo competition will take place from noon to 6 p.m.

Games *Continued from page 2*

ins of City 17 and into the countryside before it's too late.

Like previous games in the series, "Episode One" doesn't bother with so-called cinematic cutscenes you have to sit back and watch. Instead, the story is told through real-time interactions with the environment and in conversations with the lifelike game characters.

Interactivity is a real high-light.

Aided by an ingenious weapon called a gravity gun, Freeman's ability to manipulate his surroundings is not

only fun — it's required to get passed certain obstacles.

Use the gravity gun to pick up a rusty iron radiator — It makes a good bullet shield. If you'd rather just get rid of enemies all at once, there's an endless supply of conveniently placed oil drums which pack an impressive explosive punch when picked up and thrown.

Some might be frustrated by this quick game and the cliffhanger conclusion. But it's a very intense experience, and I came away satisfied, still dwelling on the story that had sucked me in so deeply.

Sun Valley afresco art show marks 38th year

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Go ahead; Walk all over Karen McCall's art.

"It's functional art," she said. "Truly, you can walk on it."

Indeed, some people have been walking on McCall's custom hand-painted floor canvases in their kitchens, dining rooms and children's playrooms for more than 15 years.

And others will get that opportunity this weekend when McCall shows her artwork at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' 38th annual Arts and Crafts Festival at Sun Valley Resort.

The festival, ranked among the top 100 juried arts and crafts festivals in the nation, will feature 130 artists from 28 states and Canada who were selected from nearly 800 applicants.

It will include artist demonstrations, kids' activities and musical entertainment.

"The festival is one of several incredible events in the valley that bring us together as a community in the too-short summer months," says the center's executive director, Sam Gappmayer.

McCall is proud to be one of 11 Wood River Valley artists selected to participate in this year's festival.

A Connecticut native, she grew up making mosaics at the kitchen of her grandmother. She parlayed her love of art history

If you go ...

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts' 38th annual Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Friday through Sunday east of Sun Valley Lodge off Dollar Road.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

There will be free artist demonstrations from 1:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and free music from noon to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Stage/songwriter Chip Taylor, who wrote "Wild Thing" and "Angel of the Morning," will perform at 5:30 p.m. Friday, along with fiddling wiz Carrie Rodriguez.

Kids can make sunhats, kites, a community sand mandala and folded paper boats in the kids activity area, which will be open

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Festival entertainment:

Friday
Noon-1 p.m. — Bruce Innes Trio (acoustic folk and blues)
1:30-2:30 p.m. — Rick Hoe (acoustic folk)
3:30-4:30 p.m. — Smokestack Lightnin' (blues)
5:30 p.m. — Chip Taylor & Carrie Rodriguez (Americana folk)

Saturday
Noon-1 p.m. — Public Radio (bluesgrass)
1:30-2:30 p.m. — Will Bell (acoustic folk)
3:30-4:30 p.m. — Art Wallace (flamenco guitar)

Sunday
Noon-1 p.m. — Kim Stocking Trio (acoustic folk and country)
1:30-2:30 p.m. — Fred Crabtree (blues)
3:30-4:30 p.m. — Boulder Brothers (acoustic Celtic)

Friday activity: kite making

Saturday activity: folded paper books

Sunday activity: community sand mandala

All weekends: sun hats

Activities are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily in the kids' activity area.

Children under age 8 are welcome with an adult.

Children between 8 and 12 can work on their own but cannot leave the area unattended.

into a degree in cultural and intellectual history at the University of Pennsylvania.

All that entered into the equation when she began crafting her floor canvases which, she says, "hearken back to an early American art form.

"When people came to this country in the 18th century, they didn't have the money or resources for carpet, so they painted canvas and used them as floor coverings," says McCall, whose canvases have been featured in "Better Homes and Gardens Building Ideas."

McCall paints her durable floor canvases on heavy cotton canvases that she has gessoed on both sides and sealed with a nontoxic water-based sealer. Stapling the canvas onto ply-

wood mounted on the wall of her garage off Warm Springs Road, she sponges several layers of paint onto it to create the background she desires. Rubbing it in with a sponge keeps it from cracking.

She then sketches images onto the canvas, which she paints with acrylics.

The images include geometric motifs such as diamonds, stylized trees, 16-inch-long fish and even the primordial sound "boom," which she says signals life's creativity.

Nearly all the canvases feature subtle ribbons wandering across the canvas that represent a flowing river.

"Rivers symbolize creativity and energetic flow," she says. "At night I can hear Warm Springs Creek meeting up with the Big Wood River from my

bedroom window. It reminds me how we can get log jammed

in our lives but the river keeps on flowing and eventually we break through."

McCall's floor canvases measure from a few feet long to 13 feet long. They start at \$300.

She also features the same technique in dog and cat bowl mats adorned with paw prints and bones that she sells for \$30 each.

"The Sun Valley Arts and Crafts festival provides some great exposure for me because it draws people from all over," she says.

"One of the nice things about it is that you have to do a lot of work to get ready for it and the more work you do the more apt you are to develop new ways of painting, new ways of using color. The more work you do, the more you learn."

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For more information on the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta and its events, please call Hugo at 734-3336 or Alex at 539-5758.



Muni band to wrap up summer season

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Bands' 101st concert season will conclude with Thursday's concert. The music will include "St. Louis Blues," "La Virgen De La Macarena" featuring Rick

Speicher on trumpet, "Big Band Favorites," "Emmett's Lullaby" featuring Jerry Green on Tuba, "MacArthur Park," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Big Noise from Winnetka," "Celtic Carol," "The Wizard of Oz Fantasy," "The Phantom of the Opera" and the

"Washington Post March."

Thursday's concert will also feature three guest conductors: Heather Hecking, George Hassell and Rique Heimanant. It's scheduled for 7 p.m. in the band shell at City Park, and it's free.

Local

Arts on Tour season tickets go on sale

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Season tickets for the 2006-07 Arts on Tour season are now available. Featured in this season's lineup are Big Band Broadcast, DRUM!, The Second City, Samarabalouf and the Celtic Tenors.

Regular-admission season tickets are \$72 for adults, \$65 for seniors and \$54 for children. Reserved seating season tickets are also available for \$165 for adults and \$65 for children. Season or individual tickets can be obtained by calling Camille Harigar at 732-6200.

The Big Band Broadcast, starring Holly Larocque and the Mark Ferguson Orchestra, kicks off the season on Sept. 27 with a high-powered return to the golden age of radio broadcasts from the 1940s. Individual tickets are \$18 for adults or \$15 for children.

On Nov. 2, Arts on Tour will present DRUM!, Nova Scotia's new musical production featuring 20 performers from each of the principle cultures — black,

Acaadian, aboriginal and Celtic — brought together in a fusion of music, dance, poetry, video, rhythm and song. Individual tickets are \$25 for adults or \$18 for children.

The Second City performs on Jan. 22. The Chicago comedy group has become the foremost improvisational acting troupe in the United States. Individual tickets are \$15 for adults or \$11 for children.

Samarabalouf, which will perform Feb. 26, is a crazy string trio hailing from France and playing original music in the spirit of world-famous Gypsy jazz star Django Reinhardt. Individual tickets are \$12 for adults or \$8 for children.

The Celtic Tenors from Ireland will perform March 30. Matthew Gilsenan, Niall Morris and James Nelson infuse new songs and classic Celtic music with their own distinctive style and sound. They have two platinum albums and a host of international awards. Individual tickets will be \$20 for adults or \$15 for children.

Jones will sign book

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls native Kelly Jones will sign copies of her novel, "The Seventh Unicorn," from 1

to 3 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239-A Pole Line Road

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playoff tickets, and fights the urge to snap back when one of her sons, out of his own fear, questions her dedication. Will's wife, Allison (a lovely and vulnerable Maggie Gyllenhaal), who's five months' pregnant with their second daughter, struggles to find the right answer when their little girl asks whether daddy is coming home.

All these scenes ring with an achingly poignant truth. And the fact that Cage and Penn had to do all their acting from the neck up — prone and partially shadowed — is a testament to their deep reservoirs of skill and talent.

Yet as a whole, "World Trade Center" isn't the devastating ex-

perience that "United 93" was. Of course they're totally different films that approach Sept. 11 from totally different angles. But it's impossible not to compare them, especially since they arrive in theaters just a few months apart.

"World Trade Center," is a life-affirming celebration of humanity — of the possibility of kindness, teamwork, selflessness and love under the most horrific circumstances.

The world is ready to see that. "World Trade Center," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for intense and emotional content, some disturbing images and language. Running time: 129 minutes.