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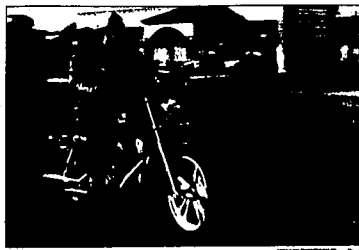
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Kane Seiler, a Snake Harley-Davidson employee, wears a helmet Wednesday as he rides his bike along Addison Avenue to work. Like many Idaho bikers, Seiler says he doesn't always wear a helmet. Idaho does not require helmets for adults.

Lack of helmet law draws ire of nurses

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Purring down U.S. 93 on a motorcycle with the wind blowing in your hair may be what you live for. Unfortunately, your lack for helmet-less riding has put the entire state in the cross hairs of the national Emergency Nurses Association, which has rated, Idaho's highway laws — or lack thereof — as some of the poorest in the country.

And Idaho's high fatality rate threatens to weaken the live-free-or-die argument. Idaho's 275 highway fatalities last year put the state more than 25 percent above the national average rate. Asked ENA's 10 questions, the Gem State answered "no" to six of them, including "no" to a universal motorcycle helmet law.

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Live free or die

Idaho's 275 highway fatalities last year put the state more than 25 percent above the national average rate.

Get your gun

It's the law

Idaho town founded by Quakers asks its residents to own guns

By Jesse Harlan Akerman
Associated Press writer

GREENLEAF — After watching the chaos of Hurricane Katrina, Steven Jett, a city councilor in this tiny town founded by pacifist Quakers and carved between the Owyhee Mountains and mint fields, proposed a law.

Ordinance 208, passed by the City Council on Tuesday, asks Greenleaf's residents who do not object on religious or other grounds to keep a gun in the home.

In a town of 862 residents, where an estimated 80 percent of the adults already own guns, the proposal hardly caused a stir. It went through weeks of public hearings and drew mild criticism from the pastor of the town's Quaker meetinghouse. But in the six weeks since Jett first introduced the ordinance, national media flocked to the story.

Jay Leno ribbed Greenleaf in his monologue. Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" telephoned, no doubt to exploit Idaho's reputation as wild woodland where mountain men shop for groceries with a rifle slung over a camouflage jacket.

Jett, a former Canyon County deputy sheriff, said citizens should be armed in case Greenleaf, which sits on high ground, is overrun by refugees in a Katrina-like flood.

The town, about 35 miles west of Boise near the Oregon border, is surrounded by three reservoirs and an earthen dam, Jett said. Plus, Idaho could see a major earthquake, he said.

"This is not an 'it'll never happen here kind of thing,'" Jett said. "We could get refugees."

Jett, whose father died in a hunting accident, said the gun ordinance also gives the city a better platform to promote gun safety and even offer classes in City Hall.

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Scientists grow heart valves from stem cells

Offers hope for fixing heart defects in babies

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Scientists for the first time have grown human heart valves using stem cells from the fluid that cushions babies in the womb — offering a revolutionary approach that may be used to repair defective hearts in the future.

The idea is to create these new valves in the lab while the pregnancy progresses and have them ready to implant in a baby with heart defects after it is born.

The Swiss experiment follows recent successes at growing bladders and blood vessels and suggests that people may one day be able to grow their own replacement heart parts — in some cases, even before they're even born.

It's one of several sci-fi tissue engineering advances that could lead to homemade heart valves for infants and adults that are more durable and effective than artificial or cadaver valves. "This may open a whole new therapy concept to the treatment of congenital heart defects," said Dr. Simon Hoerstrup, a University of Zurich scientist who led the work, which was presented Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference.

Also at the meeting, Japanese researchers said they had grown new heart valves in rabbits using cells from the animals' own tissue. It's the first time replacement heart valves have been created in this manner, said lead author Dr. Kyoko Hayashida.

"It's very promising," University of Chicago cardiologist Dr. Ziyad Hijazi said of the two studies. "I don't doubt" that it will be applied one day in humans, he said.

THE MAN, BEHIND THE BIONICS



Dr. Todd Kuiken and his mother, Edna Kuiken Frank, on Wednesday afternoon at her home in Twin Falls. Dr. Kuiken has drawn international attention recently for his research breakthroughs in developing Bionic technologies to improve the function of artificial limbs.

Dr. Kuiken speaks in hometown

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

Dr. Todd Kuiken, a 1978 Twin Falls High School graduate made international headlines recently for breakthroughs in artificial limb technology.

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Todd Kuiken has spoken in front of worldwide audiences. He's been interviewed by CNN, the BBC and all the major networks. He's been the subject of stories in major newspapers in the United States and London.

On Wednesday, he got to speak to a very special audience — the folks in his hometown who gathered to hear him at the Herrert Center at the College of Southern Idaho. "I've given this talk around the world and it's always fun to come home," said Kuiken, the director of the Neural Engineering Center for Artificial Limbs and the director of Amputee Services at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Kuiken, a 1978 Twin Falls High School graduate and son of Edna Kuiken Frank of Twin Falls and the late Bill Kuiken, has made international news headlines in recent months for his research team's breakthroughs in developing bionic technologies to improve the function of

artificial limbs. The first few patients to receive the new artificial arms are able to control their arm movements with their own nerves that are connected to their prosthetics. The technology works by detecting the movements of a chest muscle that has been rewired to the stumps of nerves that once went to a now-missing limb. Implanted sensation nerves are even able to give a patient the sense of touch in the missing hand.

Kuiken and his team continue to refine the procedure, and now they're taking it to wounded warriors. The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago is part of a multi-lab effort, funded with nearly \$50 million from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, to help those who have lost limbs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The Army is working on better prosthetics and we're working on better ways to control them," Kuiken said. "We're inventing the steering and they're inventing the car."

One of the people in Wednesday's audience was Kuiken's mother, Edna Kuiken Frank.

"I'm proud as the dickens," Frank said. "He's such a down-to-earth guy." Kuiken studied engineering at the University of Idaho and later transferred to Duke University, where he received his bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering. Realizing he was interested in both biomedical engineering and medicine, he got a full-ride scholarship to study both at Northwestern in a combined Ph.D.-M.D. program. He's been the director of the amputee program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago since 1997. He and his wife, Lisa Bierman, live in Chicago with their two young sons, Adam and Alex.

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General resists calls for withdrawal, says Iraq can be stabilized

By Peter Spiegel
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East said Wednesday that he had requested an increase in the number of U.S. military advisers in Iraq and had sent another 2,000-Marine unit into the country's restive western region. In two back-to-back hearings on Capitol Hill, Army Gen. John P. Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, resisted calls by Democrats for troop withdrawals, saying it would lead to further sectarian violence. He defended plans for keeping troop levels at or slightly above the current 141,000 and said

"Our troop posture needs to stay where it is as we move to enhance the capabilities of the Iraqi security forces."

— Army Gen. John P. Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command

he remained optimistic that Iraq could become stable. Abizaid was met with deep skepticism in the Senate, where even Republicans who have supported the war questioned his judgment on

troop levels and his optimistic assessment of Iraqi security forces.

The criticism signaled a more active role by members of Congress in challenging the Bush administration on the war's conduct. With Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation and the Democratic takeover of Congress, top generals are likely to face more criticism. "I must say that I come to this hearing with a great deal of skepticism, because, prior to this hearing, there's been a great deal of obfuscation by the witnesses in front of this committee as to what the truth is," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

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Gen John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington Wednesday before the House Armed Services Committee hearing on the situation in Iraq.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 44, Low 36, 51/38).

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Breezy with patchy clouds. A slight chance of showers moving through. Highs upper 40s. Tonight: Becoming partly cloudy with little to no rain likely. Highs 30s. Tomorrow: A partly cloudy and mostly dry close to the week. Highs near 50.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Harvey' Mary Chase's hilarious, non-musical comedy, presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8 reserved seating, 677-ARTS (2787).

Richard Morris' musical 'Thoroughly Modern Mille', presented by the Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, 510, 733-6128 or 734-0266.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Team Con Paulos and Mix 103 '60 Hours to Fight Hunger,' a Thanksgiving food drive for food donations of turkeys and non-perishable food items for Southern Idaho families in need, beginning at noon, Team Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda, 1534 N. Blue Lakes Blvd, Twin Falls, 324-8754. The Buhl High School Jazz and Select Chorus and junior class benefit auction and dinner, with dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m., the Buhl High School cafeteria, Buhl, \$7 for adults and children age 11 and older, \$4 for children age 10 and under and \$20 for a family of five, (limited tickets available at the door), 308-2422.

CHURCH EVENTS

Inquiry Classes for St. Edwards Catholic Church (RCIA), 7 to 9 p.m., parish hall, 152 7th Ave. E., Twin Falls, 734-7003.

EXHIBITS

The College of Southern Idaho Art Faculty Show, an exhibit including the works of 11 C.S.I. faculty members, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

'Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio, Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition,' the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit, noon to 5 p.m., the Buhl Arts Council at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, 543-5417.

GOVERNMENT

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 325 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Mhidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7180.
Jerome Highway District meeting, 6:30 p.m., Jerome Highway District's Meeting Room, 30 North 100 West, Jerome, 324-4601.
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., district office (round building), 141 Center St. W., 423-4170, ext. 3308.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

HEALTH

- Flu and pneumonia shots, 9 a.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 N. Main, Kimberly, bring Medicaid and Medicare cards or pay \$25 flu shot, \$40 pneumonia shot, 423-4338.
College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.
Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.
Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

List your event

To list events (including on-going ones) in December's monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Nov. 24 to Suzanne Brown by e-mail at sbrown@magicvalley.com; or by fax: 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

CORRECTIONS

Headline unclear
A headline in Tuesday's Times-News could have been misinterpreted. It should have said, 'Landscape likely to lose special permit for green-house.' The landscaping business, Manker's LLC, is not going out of business, according to owner Bill Manker.

OBITUARIES

- Ward F. Mackle, 95
Barbara Roberts Moon, 76
Tammy Lynn Newnham, 47
Alexis Tupy, 60

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Player misidentified

Gooding High junior Juniel Benson led the Senators with 13 points in a 48-30 win over Wendell on Tuesday. Benson was misidentified in Wednesday's edition. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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MAGIC VALLEY



Brush up your Shakespeare

TWIN FALLS—Count 'em: 37 plays in 97 minutes. That's what Ben Berria, Emily Smith and Jenz Hansen have planned this weekend and next as they perform, as the Random Acts of Theatre, 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)'.
INSIDE IN TNT

Magic Philharmonic strikes up the band

With junior high bandmaster Ross Barson at the podium, the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra opens its 2008-07 season Friday night at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley.
INSIDE IN TNT

Lax helmet laws getting attention from nurses

TWIN FALLS — Purring down U.S. 93 on a motorcycle with the wind blowing in your hair may be what you live for. Unfortunately, your lust for helmet-less riding has put the entire state in the cross hairs of the national Emergency Nurses Association, which has rated Idaho's highway laws — or lack thereof — as some of the poorest in the country.
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Fourth-grader hit by truck should be OK

TWIN FALLS — A pickup hit a fourth-grader Wednesday during morning rush hour on Blue Lakes Boulevard N. The student suffered cuts, scrapes and a broken collarbone, but doctors say Jeremiah DaSilva could return to school as early as today.
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Life in the fast lane for new economic director

TWIN FALLS — Life can often feel like a marathon in the fast-paced, no-sleep business world. Melinda Anderson knows this firsthand.
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Man sentenced for threatening two women

ELKO — An Owyhee man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to pouring alcohol on two women and threatening to light them on fire.
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Busiest time of year for crashes in Mini-Cassia

RUPERT — Mini-Cassia is most of the way through its busiest time for crashes but numbers are mounting, according to Mhidoka County sheriff's officials.
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Jerome schools chief wins recognition

JEROME — Jim Cobble faced a difficult situation when he was hired as the superintendent of the Jerome School District 14 years ago. Now he is being recognized as Idaho's superintendent of the year.
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IDAHO/WEST



Fallen firefighters honored at fire center

BOISE — Dozens gathered at the National Interagency Fire Center here to honor firefighters killed in the line of duty. Including five wildland firefighters killed last year, James Rangell, Michelle Fay Smith, Richard Rosvall, Larry Hoffman and Frank Funston were honored for their service with stones that were purchased by family and friends. Over the last decade, an average of 18 wildland firefighters were killed annually, according to the fire agency.
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Kootenai County jail to get some relief

COEUR D'ALENE — Kootenai County officials plan to begin using a federal grant in January to help reduce overcrowding in the 325-bed jail. But the county's public defender said he has concerns about the program. The \$162,800 grant will allow the county to hire pretrial services officers who will interview people arrested. The 10-minute interviews will determine if the person has mental health or drug problems, and whether there are two people in the community who can verify information from the interview.
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Family of woman gets \$6 million in lawsuit

BOISE — Relatives of a woman who died following back surgery have been awarded more than \$6 million by a jury that found an anesthesiologist and a technician acted recklessly and another anesthesiologist was negligent. The verdict was announced Tuesday in 4th District Court following a four-week trial in the lawsuit over the death of Lori Marie Jones, 28, who died on Aug. 2, 2004. Lawyers for the medical personnel did not immediately say whether they would appeal.
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Nevada town enacts English-only law

PAHRUMP Nev. — Elected officials in this southern Nevada town have adopted an ordinance declaring English the official language, restricting the display of foreign flags and denying out benefits to illegal immigrants. A 3-2 Town Board vote drew a standing ovation and cheers late Tuesday from many of the 250 people at the meeting that featured passionate arguments about the proposal.
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NATION/WORLD



Two men admit setting fatal dormitory fire

NEWARK, N.J. — Nearly seven years after a dormitory fire killed three students at Seton Hall University, two former roommates pleaded guilty Wednesday to arson, admitting for the first time that they set a banner ablaze in a prank that tragically got out of hand. Joseph T. LePore and Sean Ryan, both 26, struck a deal with prosecutors as they were about to go on trial on murder charges. They will get no more than five years in prison, compared with 30 years or more if they had been convicted of murder.
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Trent Lott wins back Senate leadership slot

WASHINGTON — Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott, ousted from the top Senate Republican leadership job four years ago because of remarks considered racially insensitive, was elected to the chamber's No. 2 GOP post Wednesday. Asked whether he felt vindicated by the 25-24 secret ballot vote, Lott deferred to newly-elected party leader Mitch McConnell. 'The spotlight belongs on him,' Lott said of his Kentucky colleague.
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Bush seeks to reassure allies about terrorism

SINGAPORE — President Bush arrived here Thursday morning to launch an Asian tour combining economic security and anti-terrorism issues that are at the center of his agenda for his final two years in office. 'The five-day trip will take Bush from Singapore to Hanoi, for a Pacific Rim economic summit, then to Ho Chi Minh City and to Indonesia, where Bush will seek cooperation in the global campaign against terrorism.
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Disgraced lobbyist begins prison sentence

CUMBERLAND, Md. — Hours before entering federal prison Wednesday, lobbyist Jack Abramoff sent friends an e-mail bemoaning 'this nightmare' political scandal and predicting things were about to get worse — but still looking optimistically to the future. Abramoff, who paid over \$1 million in campaign donations and expensive gifts into political influence from Congress to the White House, reported to a Maryland prison where he will earn no more than 40 cents an hour for assigned jobs. Shortly before dawn, he sent an e-mail to friends thanking them for standing by him.
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SPORTS



Buhl, Carey ready for football title tiffs

TWIN FALLS — A season of blood, sweat and tears for the Class 3A Buhl Indians and the Class 1A Division II Carey Panthers comes to a head as these District IV teams compete for their classifications' state championships. First up, the Indians (10-1) face the Fruitland Grizzlies of District III at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bronco Stadium in Boise. On Friday, the Panthers (10-1) aim to tame the Salmon River Savages, also of District III, at 6 p.m. at Holt Arena in Pocatello.
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Bruins girls basketball team stays perfect

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls girls basketball team knocked down its third opponent in a row as the Bruins defeated Pocatello 63-29 in their home opener at Baum Gymnasium on Wednesday. The Bruins took off to a 16-3 lead after one quarter and never looked back. 'It was this same 20 sophomore post Megan Crist said of the home opener. 'Not hard, but not easier.'
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CSI men open hoops tournament tonight

TWIN FALLS — A lot can change in one week, but in this case, maybe it's best things stayed about the same. The No. 25 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team that averaged a sizzling 125 points in its first three games of the season enters today's start of the Inaugural Eureka Challenge at the CSI gymnasium with a 3-0 record and rests legs after a week off from NCAA Division I competition. What that equates to for the Montana Tech Redcrossers junior varsity is possibly a very long night against the Golden Eagles tonight.
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Injured BSU running back still in hospital

BOISE — Boise State running back Ian Johnson remained in a California hospital for a fourth day Wednesday for treatment of a partially collapsed left lung. Johnson, who leads the nation in touchdowns with 21, was injured sometime during the Broncos' 23-20 win on Saturday at San Jose State and was taken to O'Conner Hospital in San Jose, Calif., immediately afterward because he wasn't feeling well and had back pain.
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IDAHO LOTTERY

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Guns

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"The fact that Greenleaf supports the Second Amendment, will be able to keep the crime rate down," Jet said.

Greenleaf doesn't really have crime, at least as most cities define it. The most violent offense reported in the past two years was a fist fight.

The police report at Tuesday's meeting did relate an instance of almost-vandalism — a teen carrying a paintball gun on Halloween — except the incident occurred in Wilder, six miles down Idaho Route 19.

But the menace of high crime may be on the way, Jet said. Greenleaf is on the western fringe of Canyon County, a fast-growing suburb of Boise. As developers turn alfalfa rows into tract housing and hay bales give way to big box stores,

Jet warns newcomers to know criminals will not be "comfortable" in Greenleaf.

"We don't have a crime problem," Jet said. "But this area is going to grow and we're going to keep it that way."

Greenleaf smells like spearmint or potato peels, depending on whether the wind blows from the patchwork of green mint fields to the west or the potato processing plants to the east.

The town was named after Quaker poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier, and the 100-year-old Greenleaf Friends Church counts about 140 practicing Quakers as members, said Pastor Alan Weinacht.

Originally, Weinacht opposed the ordinance, saying it conflicted with the Quaker teaching

of nonviolence. Jet's original ordinance, based on an unenforced 1982 law in Kenesaw, Ga., required all homeowners to own and "maintain a firearm."

"I made owning a gun a basis of good citizenship," Weinacht said. "I don't know. It just seems we're slipping as a society into a culture of fear."

Then Weinacht, who owns several shotguns and rifles for hunting and target shooting, discussed the law with Jet over a couple of slices of pie. Jet softened his language and allowed personal or religious exemptions.

On Tuesday, Weinacht, one of four residents to attend the council meeting, announced his support.

"I want to be a team player," he told the mayor and four

council members.

With that, Councilor Clovis Strange voted in favor of the law, though he joked it had become "gutless." Marigrace Mickelson, the council's lone woman, softly complimented Weinacht and Jet on the compromise language.

Mayor Brad Holton, who owns about 25 rifles, praised the new law before just four residents and one reporter, he laughed at the wayward media spotlight that hit Greenleaf as the town debated the measure.

The national media cared far more about the ordinance than most Greenleaf residents, Holton said.

"It's been a wild ride," he said. "I learned a lot of things about the media, the humorists, as well as the single mic hosts on these

radio talk shows."

With the mayor's final statement, Ordinance 208 became law and the City Council returned to normal business: a police department retirement, the price the town pays for

cement mixing, and one newly pressing fiscal matter.

"Think we're going to get any congressional funding this year?" Strange asked, laughing. "Guess we'll have to kiss up to the Democrats."

Iraq

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The heightened tension, and Abizaid's defense of troop levels, came amid signs that the Pentagon and White House are considering a significant shift in Iraq policy.

In addition to a report from the bipartisan Iraq Study Group and a separate review by the Pentagon's Joint Staff, the administration said Wednesday that President Bush had ordered an internal review by the National Security Council that would bring together the thinking of various government agencies on how to move

forward in Iraq.

(Bush) thought it was high time that these reviews be brought together and put in an integrated form, so he can get a look at it and begin getting in his own mind what the way forward needs to be in Iraq," Stephen Hadley, the national security adviser, told reporters traveling to Asia with Bush on Air Force One.

Against a barrage of questions from some lawmakers calling for phased withdrawals and others advocating an increase in troops, Abizaid defended the status quo, warn-

ing against timetables 'and insisting current troop levels were adequate to quell violence and help prepare Iraqi forces.

"Our troop posture needs to stay where it is as we move to enhance the capabilities of the Iraqi security forces," Abizaid said.

The assessment was supported by Lt. Gen. Michael D. Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, who argued in testimony later Wednesday that the presence of U.S. forces was the bulwark against the breakdown of central authority in Iraq.

Maples told the Senate panel that sectarian violence was on the rise and was undermining public support for the government and the nascent Iraqi military.

"I think we still have the opportunity for success, but it will be a very difficult process to get us to where we want to be, both from a security standpoint and from a political standpoint in Iraq," Maples said.

Helmets

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But the test does not prove Idaho's absence of certain laws make driving here more dangerous.

"It's just to empower the states to create laws that protect the public and to advocate more state laws that will promote safer driving," said Natalie Mansch, an ENA health-care group member.

But should the test's criteria apply to Idaho?

The neighboring state of Washington, which met all 10 criteria, also boasts one-tenth Idaho's fatality rate.

The test, however, does not

parry that Idaho's high fatality rate has steadily declined since 1998. Nor does it show that seat belt usage increased from 37 percent in 1998 to 78 percent in 2006.

The test questions shed no light on whether some of Idaho's newer safety initiatives on highways, city streets and county roads are making a difference. Even though the percentage of people who don't wear seat belts dropped to 22 percent, that portion still accounts for 60 percent of traffic fatalities, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

It costs the state approximately \$75 million, according to a press release by the Twin Falls Police Department. Not to mention the human toll.

On Nov. 13, Jerome and Twin Falls police departments joined a statewide campaign emphasizing seat belts use.

A mere 66 percent of Jerome drivers wear a seat belt, according to the Jerome Police Department.

In all of last year's fatalities in District Four, an area spanning most of the Magic Valley, at least 26 of 51 victims were unproteced by either a helmet or seat belt.

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Scientists decode Neanderthal DNA from old bone

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

Using a 38,000-year-old bone fragment found in a Croatian cave, scientists have decoded a section of DNA from humanity's closest related species — the long-extinct and enigmatic Neanderthal.

So far, researchers have sequenced about 1 million base of an estimated 3 billion base

pairs of the Neanderthal genome. They expect it will take two years to complete a full draft.

But the reports, published concurrently Thursday in the journals *Nature* and *Science*, demonstrate the feasibility of squeezing genetic information out of fossils — a new way of probing the ancient past that until now has been glimpsed primarily through scattered

bones and artifacts.

"The sequence data will serve as a DNA time machine that will tell us about biology and aspects of Neanderthals that we could never get just from their bones," said Edward Rubin, director of the genomics division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and senior author of the report in *Science*.

A complete Neanderthal genome would help scientists

zero in on a fundamental question: What makes humans human?

Even the preliminary sequences contain enough information to calculate that Homo — "neanderthalis" — and Homo sapiens shared at least 99.5 percent of their DNA. The characteristics that make humans unique are contained in the remaining 0.5 percent. The genetic analysis was not

precise enough to pinpoint the first branching of the human and Neanderthal lineages.

Rubin's group estimated that the ancestors of humans and Neanderthals began to genetically diverge about 706,000 years ago. Another team publishing in *Nature* calculated the divergence occurred 516,000 years ago. The fossil record suggests a split time of 400,000 years ago.

These prehistoric beings gradually accumulated small genetic mutations that were not outwardly visible at first but ultimately resulted in separate species.

Fully evolved Neanderthals are thought to have arisen about 130,000 years ago, settling in Europe and western Asia. Modern Homo sapiens emerged at roughly the same time in Africa.

U.S. soldier accused of raping Iraqi pleads guilty

By Ryan Lenz
Associated Press writer

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — One of four U.S. soldiers accused of raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl last spring and killing her and her family pleaded guilty Wednesday, and agreed to testify against the others.

Sgt. James P. Barker agreed to the plea deal to avoid the death penalty, said his civilian attorney, David Sheldon.

The military judge presiding over the case, Lt. Col. Richard Anderson, asked Barker why he participated in the attack in Mahadadiya, a village about 20 miles south of Baghdad. It was among the worst in a series of alleged attacks on civilians and other abuses by military personnel in Iraq.

"I hated Iraqis, your honor," Barker answered. "They can smile at you, then shoot you in your face without even thinking about it."

Anderson accepted the plea agreement, which calls for Barker to serve at least life in prison. The judge will decide in a hearing Thursday whether Barker should be allowed to seek parole.

Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, 24, and Pfc. Jesse V. Spielman, 22, members of the 101st Airborne Division with Barker, also are charged in the case. Cortez defected entering a plea during his arraignment Wednesday morning. Spielman will be arraigned in December. The fourth soldier, Pfc. Bryan L. Howard, 19, also defected entering a plea at his arraignment in October.

A fifth person, former Army private Steve Green, 21, pleaded not guilty last week to civilian charges including murder and sexual assault.


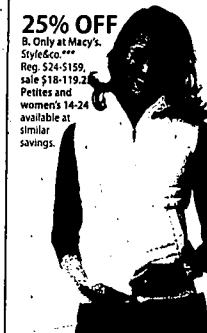




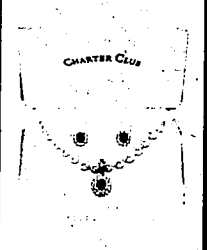
Green was discharged from the Army for a "personality disorder" before the allegations became known, and prosecutors have yet to say if they will pursue the death penalty against him.

The group is accused of raping the girl and burning her body to conceal their crimes, then killing the girl's father, mother and 6-year-old sister.

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

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Stem cell injections fight muscular dystrophy in dogs

Breakthrough holds potential for people

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Stem cell injections worked remarkably well at easing symptoms of muscular dystrophy in a group of golden retrievers, a result that experts call a significant step toward treating people.

"It's a great breakthrough for all of us working on stem cells for muscular dystrophy," said researcher Johnny Huard of the University of Pittsburgh, who wasn't involved in the work.

Sharon Hesterlee, vice presi-

dent of translational research at the Muscular Dystrophy Association, called the result one of the most exciting she's seen in her eight years with the organization. Her organization helped pay for the work.

She stressed that it's not yet clear whether such a treatment would work in people, but said "she had cautious optimism" about it.

Two dogs that were severely

disabled by the disease were able to walk faster and even jump after the treatments. The study was published online Wednesday by the journal Nature. It used stem cells taken from the "affected" dogs or other dogs, rather than from embryos. For human use, the idea of using such "adult" stem cells from humans would avoid the controversial method of destroy-

ing human embryos to obtain stem cells. The Nature paper focuses on Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a muscle-wasting genetic disorder that affects only boys and occurs in about 1 in every 3,500 male births. It's the most severe and most common childhood form of muscular dystrophy and of best-known. In theory, the stem cell treatment might also

help other muscle dystrophies or even age-related muscle wasting, Hesterlee said. Boys with Duchenne dystrophy have trouble walking as early as preschool, and nearly all of them lose their ability to walk between ages 7 and 12. Typically, they die in their 20s because of weakness in their heart and lung muscles. There is no known cure. The dog study was done by

Giulio Cossu, director of the Stem Cell Research Institute at the San Raffaele Scientific Institute of Milan in Italy, with colleagues there and elsewhere.

"We do not know whether this will work in patients," Cossu said in a telephone interview. He said he hopes to start a small experiment in children in the next year or two.



Co-defendants Joseph T. LaPore, right, and Sean Ryan, left, stand outside the Essex County courthouse as their lawyers talk to reporters in Newark, N.J., Wednesday.

Two men plead guilty in 2000 fatal Seton Hall dorm blaze

By Jeffrey Gold
Associated Press writer

NEWARK, N.J. — Nearly seven years after a dormitory fire killed three students at Seton Hall University, two former roommates pleaded guilty Wednesday to arson, admitting for the first time that they set a banner ablaze in a prank that tragically got out of hand.

Joseph T. LaPore and Sean Ryan, both 28, struck a deal with prosecutors as they were about to go on trial on murder charges. They will get no more than five years in prison, compared with 30 years or more if they had been convicted of murder.

Prosecutors said LaPore and Ryan, up late after celebrating a victory by the basketball team, set the banner on fire in a third-floor lounge around 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 19, 2000, and the flames spread to a couch. The fire was largely confined to the lounge, but choking smoke spread throughout the six-story dorm.

Eight-year-old freshmen Frank Callabotta, John Giunta and Aaron Karol were overcome by smoke and died. Dozens of others were injured, some of them seriously burned.

"I did not intend to harm or injure anyone. It was a prank that got out of hand," the two young men, lifelong friends from Flatham Park, said in matching statements.

They also pleaded guilty to witness tampering for telling some friends to lie to authorities.

Karol's father, Joseph Karol, thanked prosecutors for their dedication but said little else as he left the courthouse after the pleas. "I will tell you that I'll have plenty to say at sentencing," Karol said.

The defendants did not speak to reporters. Their attorneys said that the men felt terrible about what happened but that it was not the time to speak or express remorse.

The fire led New Jersey to enact the nation's first law requiring sprinklers in dormitories at colleges and boarding schools.

The blaze was quickly determined to be arson. But the unsolved case haunted the Roman-Catholic university and its annual justice system for years. It was not until 2003 that the defendants were charged.

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EDITORIAL

Interim committee hits roadblocks on colleges

Perhaps Idaho legislators could examine the JFK assassination, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, or the possible economic connection between high gas prices, cheap labor and fry sauce.

Whatever cause they take up in 2007, it won't be nearly as frustrating as their current enigma — how to expand community colleges in Idaho.

In their final meeting of the year held last week in Boise, members of the Interim Committee on Community College were closer to banging their heads against a wall than they were on reaching consensus for the coming session.

When the full Legislature went nowhere on the issue last winter, the Interim Committee was assigned to do its own study and come back with recommendations. After six meetings since June, however, no solid plans have emerged. Task force members can't agree on funding sources, local control or state control, nor how to draw boundaries for services among existing colleges.

The only proposal that's gaining momentum is to lower the voting requirement to create community college districts, from a 67 percent supermajority to 60 percent or lower. But legislators on the committee can't be blamed for the gridlock on these issues. The fact remains that community colleges are entities that rely on local, grass-root efforts to define their mission and support. As well-intentioned as all the committee members have been, along with those who have testified on the many issues before the committee, there are simply too many vested interests in this debate that prevent clear solutions from emerging.

Defenders of the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College, Idaho's only two traditional community colleges, stand up for local property tax support and local control as the foundation for their success. But critics of that standard say Idaho already has a dual system of community colleges.

"We already have in this state, people attending a community college and getting a community college fine — other than taxpayer resistance — for not applying the model elsewhere, they really don't believe the model is worth following."

Perhaps these legislators should see this lengthy debate as a microcosm of what happens when state authority drowns out local initiative.

Only the passage of time will determine whether legislators keep insisting on a new process to create these colleges.

But getting to that point isn't going to be easier, especially with a new governor and a new set of legislators, in the next session.

Somehow these leaders need to see that changing the rules only makes their goal much harder to achieve.

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Our view:

Idaho can expect more delays for community college expansion if leaders abandon the current model.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Veterans Day from the front line

Having Veterans Day in theater was a great experience.

I want to express a special thanks to my wife, JoAnn, and my veteran father. She hasn't been able to enjoy a three-day weekend with her father for a very long time. He suffered from wounds he incurred in World War II and died way too young. I honored him today as he paid the ultimate price for this weekend we enjoyed.

I also want to say thanks to Ms. Terry Fisher and the Wendell Elementary second-grade class. They sent me a DVD of their singing, and that was a true pleasure. The only children we have on this base are seriously wounded (by cowards who hurt little children who can't fight back), and these children don't feel like singing.

Here is what I did today: Freedom to assemble — we took an hour off and all got together (Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy). Our general brought some veterans on stage for them to be recognized.

They have retired from the military but have volunteered (again) to serve as civilians or



contractors here at Balad. They are heroes for putting their lives at risk again when they did plenty during their time in uniform. The Iraqis can't assemble in large groups because they are afraid some nut is going to blow them up. It might not be something the United States can fix, but we get an 'W' for trying. Our heroes are still going into the toughest, meanest streets anywhere in the world at 3 a.m. kicking in the doors and catching the bad guys. Freedom of speech — We are proud to have a politician make jokes about the military and not be afraid of reprisals. Go into Baghdad and make jokes about Al Sadar, who is not even an elected official, and you will be killed.

Freedom of Religion — We recognized all the past veterans and expressed our thanks for allowing us to be free to express our religion without fear. Yes we did pray. I only need to visit town and see the fear of being killed because they don't like each other's religion. Freedom to have a three-day weekend — We will gladly accept losing our three-day weekend and accept our one hour of celebration as long as you have the right to enjoy the three days and each other's company. Have a beer for me.

Capt. Fred Saunders, formerly of Jerome, is with the 332 AEW, serving in Balad AB, Iraq.

Critics must choose: Gates or Rummy?

Let's pause to consider something good and noble amid all the sniping and griping in Washington today: public service. Specifically, the willingness of Robert Gates to step into the public arena — which perhaps is better described as a potential meat-grinder for his career.

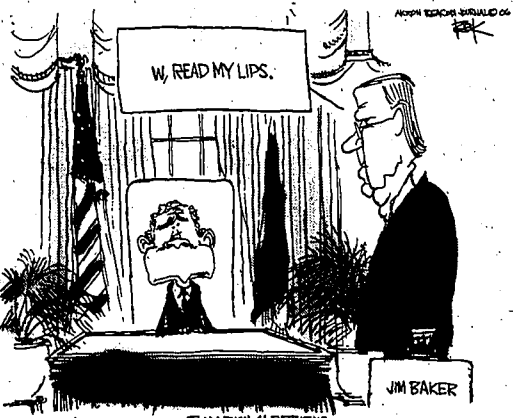


Gates is 63 years old. He had a good ride in Washington, rising to be deputy national security adviser and then, in 1991, CIA director. For the last few years he has had a plum job, the presidency of Texas A&M University. From that perch, he met the George H. W. Bush presidential library, he could keep doing all the VIP things that a high-school president gets to do, plus getting to sit in classes with visiting international big shots, all the while coasting toward a cushy retirement.

But instead, Gates has taken a different and difficult path. He's come back to Washington, D.C., having been asked by President George W. Bush to clean up the mess made by Donald Rumsfeld, the outgoing secretary of defense.

For his effort Gates will get a load of you-know-what from the left, and also from some foes on the right.

On the left, Gates is under fire from various bloggers and conspiratorialists. A posting on The Daily Kos Web site insisted, "By funding Osama bin Laden's operations, training camps, weapons and political influence from 1978 (even before Russia invaded Afghanistan), Robert Gates personally gave us our principal enemy in the 'War on Terror.' Got that? Gates did it all — personally."



TEAM BUSH-41 RETURNS

Usually in politics if one side attacks you, the other side will defend you, but Gates is getting blasted by the neoconservative right, too. The American Enterprise Institute's Reuel Marc Gerecht, writing in Friday's Wall Street Journal, described Gates as "a finger-in-the-air, greasy-pole-climbing, charisma-free, unlovable fellow whom you'd not want to watch your back." Welcome back to D.C., Bob.

But now Gates must jump an even higher hurdle: He must win confirmation from the U.S. Senate. And as John Tower, a former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, discovered when he was rejected in 1989, winning Senate confirmation to be "SecDef" is no sure bet. The incoming chairman of the armed services committee, in fact, is Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich, who voted "noy" during Gates' successful bid to become CIA director. Asked

about the upcoming confirmation hearings on ABC's "This Week" program on Sunday, Levin replied, "I haven't decided what I'm going to do with Mr. Gates. Levin, a strong critic of the Iraq war, will surely seek to squeeze concessions out of the prospective defense chief, even as platooners of dirt-diggers go for grubby glory in their executive of Gates' voluminous public statements and disclosure forms. So why is Gates willing to put himself through all this? No doubt being just below the commander-in-chief in the military chain of command is good for one's ego. But G. Philip Hughes, who served with Gates at the National Security Council in the late '80s, offers up an old-fashioned reason: public service. "Bob has answered his country's call," declares Hughes. Those words might sound snappy to critics, but they best explain Gates' will-

ingness to return to Washington in troubled times. In fact, it's the national interest that will ultimately sustain the new pick. Critics will take their shots at Gates, but critics of the critics will be saying: "Do you really want Rumsfeld to continue his Cabinet malpractice for one extra day? Do you really want to desert someone who can help remedy the Iraq disaster? The worse the national crisis, the greater the need to put aside petty partisanship in the name of the country's good. Duty to country is the wind at Gates' back, and barring some horrendous discovery, it's the Senate duty to confirm Gates as soon as possible."

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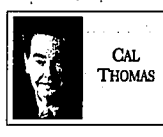
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Can conservative Christians withstand another approach?

I God is on the side of conservative Christians and conservative Christians are on the side of the Republican Party shouldn't Republicans have done better in the recent election? It's difficult to keep a coalition together — Christian or not — if 12 percent of your base votes for Democrats.

But defeat offers conservative Christians a good opportunity to take stock. They should ask themselves whether their short list of "moral issues" and "family values" has any hope of being imposed on Washington, as culture continues to resist the approach many of them have taken. Could conservative Christians withstand another approach, one that reflects a more biblical strategy? Jim Walls thinks so. He's the editor of the left-of-center evangelical magazine, "Sojourners." On his "Hears and Minds" blog on election



night, Walls headlined his essay "A Defeat for the Religious Right and Secular Left." Walls wrote, "A significant number of candidates elected are social conservatives on issues of life and family, economic populists, and committed to a new direction in Iraq. This is the way forward: a grand new alliance between liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, one that can end partisan gridlock and involves working together for real solutions to pressing problems." Walls argues that election results showed him that "moderate and even some

conservative Christians — especially evangelicals and Catholics — want a moral agenda that is broader than just abortion and same-sex marriage." Exit polls showed a shift of 6 percent to 16 percent fewer evangelicals and Catholics supporting Republican candidates than in the 2004 election.

One does not have to agree with all of Walls' agenda — and I don't, especially on Iraq — to consider his arguments. Politics often dangles the carrots of morality and "values." That's because of an unholly alliance between people of faith and politicians that often ends in cynicism. As part of the faithful and the cynical harvesting of their votes with little offered in return. So, when someone like Rod Sherwood (R-Pa.) is exposed for cheating on his wife and allegedly abusing his mistress, Cynthia Ore, he still gets an 85 percent approval

rating from the Focus on the Family Action organization. The delicious irony here is that he might have earned a 100 percent rating had he voted for the Marriage Protection amendment, which he supported. Sherwood lost his seat to a Democrat.

One might reasonably argue that a very good way to protect marriage is to remain faithful to one's spouse, but in politics that sort of behavior won't raise money for the interest groups or votes for the Republicans. In this case, "family values" wasn't about Sherwood's personal example, but his record of keeping homosexuals from marrying. Wouldn't it do more for the family to strengthen heterosexual marriage before telling others how to live their lives? Why have we seen so many politicians (and some clergy) who talk about "family values" turn out to be the worst practitioners of them?

Jim Walls also writes that voters recognized that while the economy may be good and the stock market may be records, "there are still too many being left out, especially working families. It is significant that in all six states where an initiative to raise the minimum wage was on the ballot, it passed. In most cases by overwhelming margins."

President Bush has indicated that he might agree with the incoming Democratic congressional minority to raise the minimum wage as an act of compromise and to demonstrate his willingness to work with Democrats. Conservative Christians are fond of quoting God: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord." Could it be that the way of politics is man's way and not that of God's way? What is God's way? Isn't helping the poor through a

transformation and assisting them to do for themselves? Isn't feeding the hungry, closing the schools, those in prison and caring for widows and orphans? Would such behavior, rather than partisan politics, recommend their faith more highly to those who do not currently share it, or who do share it, but apply it differently? With a change in focus, more people might want to hear why conservative Christians are faithful and, having heard, perhaps embracing that faithfulness. The culture might then reflect real "family values" from the bottom up, possibly even touching politicians in Washington. Send mail for Cal Thomas at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenton Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. Readers may also e-mail Cal Thomas at CalThomas@tribune.com.

A tenuous mandate for Senate Democrats

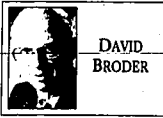
When Virginia Sen. George Allen conceded to Jim Webb last week, giving the Democrats their 51st seat in the Senate, the responsibility for the work of the legislative branch shifted definitively — and a potential weak point for the new majority was exposed.

Hours earlier, it became clear that the Democrats had won a majority in the House of Representatives for the past two years — a working margin large enough to support a fairly ambitious agenda. Nancy Pelosi, who will be the speaker of the House, has the personal strength and political skills to hold that majority together, at least as well as Dennis Hastert did in his time at the helm. House rules favor majority control, so Pelosi can be generous toward the minority without jeopardizing her chances of success.

The 51-49 Senate is a very different proposition. As Republicans learned to their chagrin in the last few years, it takes 60 votes to accomplish almost anything controversial or substantive in the Senate — the number needed to bring debate to a close and force an up-or-down vote.

That means persuading or pressuring at least nine Republicans to go along. "Otherwise, Sen. Mitch McConnell, the crafty Kentuckian likely to be the Republican minority leader, will have veto power over legislation — before it goes to the White House, where President Bush will wield a veto pen of his own."

That reality puts an enormous strain on Harry Reid, the Nevada Democrat who has struggled these past two years to master the less arduous duties of Democratic minority



DAVID BRODER

leader. The risk for Democrats is that Reid may not be up to the challenge.

We saw how weakness in the majority leader could hurt a party in the recent example of Sen. Bill Frist. More than once, Frist was unable to hold his own troops together on big issues or to thwart Reid and the Democrats when they built roadblocks to administration bills. Now the situation is reversed and it is Harry Reid who will be tested.

The modern Senate is a haven for freelancers, for senators who play to national constituencies outside the Capitol and whose energies are focused on their personal ambitions. That is especially true during the presidential campaign season, which unfortunately is already upon us.

The Senate is chockablock with presidential wannabes. On the Democratic side, they include the leading contender, Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, as well as Evan Bayh of Indiana, Joe Biden of Delaware, Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Barack Obama of Illinois and — in his own mind, at least — John Kerry of Massachusetts. On the Republican side, the potential leading candidate, John McCain of Arizona, has many friends, among them such influential and ambitious senators as Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Trent Lott of Mississippi, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and John Sununu of New Hampshire. Another possible candidate is



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Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, who represents the religious right. In addition to those egos and ambitions, Reid will have to contend with a few real mavericks and independent spirits in his caucus. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, elected last week as an independent Democrat after losing his party's primary to Ned Largent, has reiterated his intention to follow his own path rather than accept party discipline. He has staked out a position on Iraq — opposing any timetable for withdrawal

— that is at odds with the prevailing inclination of the new majority. And Webb, the man who gave the Democrats that majority, will now give their leadership anxious moments. A newcomer to elective politics and resentful of the conventions and demands of the political game, Webb is also a newcomer to the Democratic Party. His previous government experience was as Navy secretary in the Reagan administration. His campaign showed him to be a populist on economic issues, a sharp

critic of U.S. involvement in Iraq — but often unpredictable or uncertain about other questions. Most of all, he resisted being managed or directed, so Reid will have to handle him with kid gloves. As minority leader, Reid was remarkably effective in keeping the Democratic caucus united, but was far less successful as a public spokesman for his party. His partisan comments were often too sharp; his television appearances, less than commanding. In his new role, he will be far more exposed, and

his flaws more conspicuous. With a House majority and nominal control of the Senate, the Democrats will be expected to deliver on their promise to bring the Iraq War to some kind of conclusion and redirect domestic policy to the benefit of the middle and working classes. That is a large order for the Senate Democrats and their tiny majority — and their leader, Harry Reid.

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LETTERS

Quilt raffle showed true generosity of spirit

Three cheers to Leflyo Benson, owner of Furniture and Appliance Outlet, for his incredibly generous act of selflessness at the Lindsay Heimke benefit night at the College of Southern Idaho. The crowd went wild that night as Leflyo pledged the winning bid of \$3,500 for a beautiful quilt. And when he placed the quilt on Lindsay's lap and kissed her cheek, the crowd went wild with applause, cheers and tears. It was an act of love that made everyone in that gym feel like they had witnessed something truly amazing.

Kudos also to the gentleman who originally won the quilt in the raffle and donated it to be auctioned.

What a wonderful community we live in where strangers reach out to help others in such an awesome way.

MARION JOHNSON
DOUG CHRISTENSEN
JEFF BULKLEY
Twin Falls

Hope glimmers with Democrats

Let us thank the people's wisdom in electing a Congress promising to rein in excessive national and foreign policies to a state of law, not the bizarre "reality" of President Bush.

The impoverished will be thankful for the increase in the minimum wage. All will be grateful for a Constitution and Bill of Rights restored to their pristine originality, with



a system of checks and balances, with renewed vigor of oversight committees. Let us give thanks, too, for a return to a right of privacy and security from aliens washing up on our shores and ports like tsunamis of unending force.

Let us be thankful, too, that George W. Bush will be dragged out of his "state of denial" which has been his failed foreign policy. No one person in his cabinet, including former DOD Donald Rumsfeld's sycophants scattered throughout Iraq and Afghanistan has the slightest notion of a tribal mindset. Not one has a thorough knowledge of Middle East history. Even Alexander the Great floundered in

Afghanistan until he had the good sense to marry the biggest chieftain's daughter, after which he moved his army on. The Brits had no better luck. Then we armed Taliban and al-Qaida with our best weaponry to help them beat the Soviets back and now that weaponry is turned on us.

While I am not ready to give thanks for getting our brave warriors out of Iraq, I am hopeful that it will be done sooner than later. But I am thankful for the wonderful medics and corpsmen that keep shattered bodies alive and deliver them to field hospitals, where they receive the very best surgery and care. What I will be thankful for is a

Congress which puts big bucks into Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics, the best of which is in Twin Falls.

GRANT UPTAIN
Hagerman

Roll back the name and call it Wal-Mart High

I hope I'm not too late, but I would like to suggest a name and mascot for the new high school. It could be called the Wal-Mart Warriors and the mascot could be a little yellow smiley face. Somehow it just seems appropriate.

RICK BLOXHAM
Twin Falls

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NATION

Publisher says O.J. Simpson book 'his confession'; media executives say it's revolting

By Eric McClean
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — O.J. Simpson created an uproar Wednesday with plans for a TV interview and book titled "If I Did It" — an account the publisher pronounced "his confession" and media executives condemned as revolting and exploitive.

Fox, which plans to air an interview with Simpson Nov. 27 and 29, said Simpson describes how he would have committed the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman, "if he were the one responsible."

Denise Brown, sister of Simpson's slain ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, lashed out at publisher Judith Regan of ReganBooks for "promoting the wrongdoing of criminals" and commercializing abuse. The book goes on sale Nov. 30.

"She added: 'It's unfortunate that Simpson has decided to awaken a nightmare that we have painfully endured and worked so hard to move beyond.'"

Regan refused to say what Simpson is being paid for the book, but said he came to her with the idea.

"This is an historic case, and I consider this his confession," Regan told The Associated Press.

Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder after a trial that became an instant cultural flashpoint and a source of racial tension. The former football star was later found liable for the deaths in a wrongful-death suit filed by the Goldman family. In the years since, he has been mocked relentlessly by late-night comedians, par-



Simpson

ticularly for his vow to hunt down the real killers.

Simpson has failed to pay the \$33.5 million judgment against him in the civil case. His NFL pension and his Florida home cannot legally be seized. He and the families of the victims have wrangled over the money in court for years.

The victim families could go after the proceeds from the books sales to pay off the judgment. But one legal analyst said there are ways to get around that requirement — like having proceeds not go directly to Simpson.

"Clever lawyering can get you a long way," said Laura Levinson, a Loyola University law school professor and former federal prosecutor who has followed the case closely.

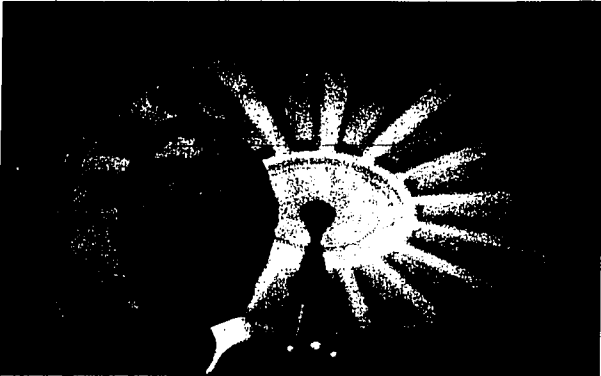
Levinson noted that the criminal justice system's protection against double jeopardy means Simpson's book, explosive as it may be, should not expose him to any new legal danger. She added that Simpson could create an extra layer of insulation from any legal worries by presenting the story hypothetically.

"He can write pretty much whatever he wants," Levinson said. "Unless he's confessing to killing somebody else, he can probably do this with impunity."

Simpson did not return numerous calls for comment. Simpson's own attorney Yale Galanter said he did not know about the book or the interview until this week.

"The book was not done through our office," Galanter said. "I did not have anything to do with the negotiations of the book. This was strictly done between O.J. and others."

He said there is "only one chapter that deals with their deaths and that chapter, in my understanding, has a disclaimer that it's complete fiction."



Incoming Senate Minority Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi, speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday.

Lott elected No. 2 Republican in Senate

Pelosi's prestige on line as Democrats pick top lieutenant

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — House Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi faces a major leadership test Thursday, barely a week into her new role, as Democrats vote on her choice for majority leader. She's supporting a lawmaker once caught up in a bribery scandal and known more recently for trading votes for pork projects.

Pelosi's prestige is on the line after endorsing longtime ally John Murtha of Pennsylvania to be the No. 2 Democrat in place of her longtime rival Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

Senate Republicans, meanwhile, rewarded Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott with their No. 2 post, four years after the White House helped push him out of his job running the Senate for making remarks interpreted as endorsing segregation.

President Bush, on a trip to Russia and Asia, telephoned Lott on Wednesday with congratulations.

Pressured to step down from the Senate's top spot in 2002, Lott returned to the Republicans' second-ranking position by nosing out Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., who had made an 18-month bid for the post. Lott promised to defer to Minority Leader-to-be Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

House Republicans, finding themselves in the minority for the first time since 1994, will meet in private Thursday to hear presentations from candidates for their half-dozen leadership posts. Their election is scheduled Friday. Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois is leaving the leadership ranks. Current Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio is favored in a three-man race to replace him as the House's top Republican.

Hoyer entered the Democratic leadership race with a substantial lead by most counts, but he has been scrambling to hold onto supporters since Pelosi's surprise intervention on Sunday. He appeared to carry a lead into Thursday's secret ballot despite Pelosi's opposition.

"I think we're in very good shape. I expect to win," Hoyer said. "I expect that we will bring the party together and become unified and move on from this."

With characteristic gruffness, Murtha said the opposite was true: "We're going to win. We got the votes," he said Wednesday afternoon on MSNBC's "Hardball."

Allies such as Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. — also a top confidant of Pelosi — have been working this week to peel away votes from Hoyer. Pelosi also has intervened more directly, making the case for Murtha in one-on-one meetings with Democratic freshmen — sessions in which the incoming lawmakers ask for all-important committee assignments.

Murtha, a former Marine who generally has supported U.S. military efforts, has gained considerable attention this year for his criticism of the administration's Iraq war policies. He steered Pelosi's win-

ning campaign in 2001 against Hoyer for the No. 2 Democratic leadership post, and his supporters say Pelosi deserves a more loyal wingman.

But Murtha is also a controversial figure. He was investigated in 1986 as part of the Abscam bribery sting, but was the only lawmaker involved who wasn't charged criminally.

FBI agents pretending to represent an Arab sheik wanting to reside in the United States and seeking investment opportunities approached Murtha and several other lawmakers with offers of bribes.

When offered \$50,000, Murtha is recorded as saying, "I'm not interested ... at this point." A grand jury declined to prosecute Murtha, and the House ethics committee issued no findings against him. On MSNBC Wednesday, Murtha said, "I told them I wanted investment in my district. They put \$50,000 on the table and I said, 'I'm not interested.'"

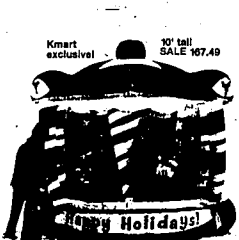
Murtha has a record of not always being a leadership loyalist, frequently supplying votes to GOP leaders who were struggling to pass bills.

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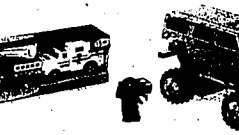
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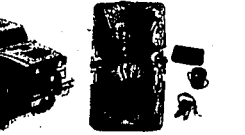
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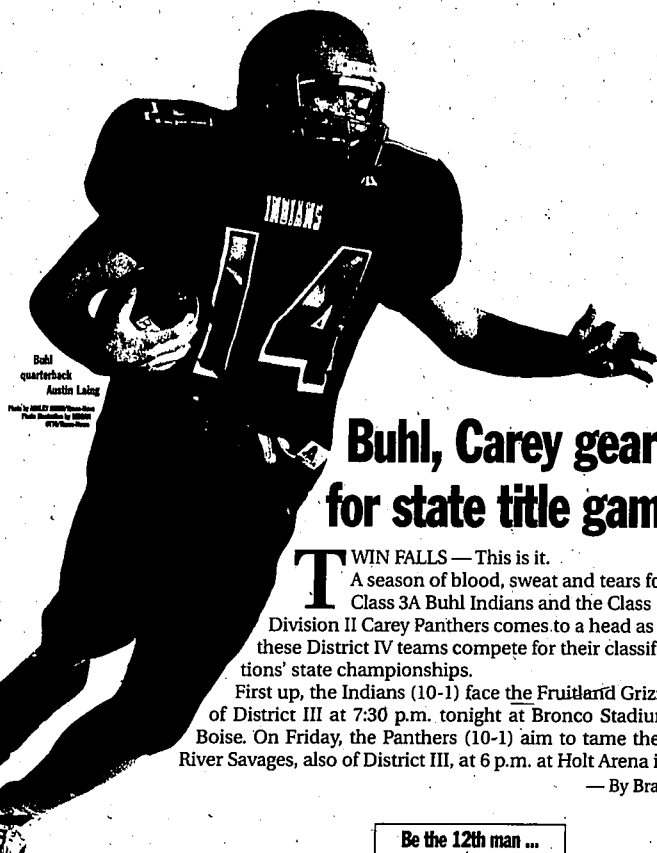
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ONE MORE NIGHT



Buhl quarterback Austin Laing
Photo by MIKE CHRISTENSEN
Photo provided by BURLINGTON PHOTO NEWS



Carey quarterback D.J. Simpson
Photo by MIKE CHRISTENSEN
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Buhl, Carey gear up for state title games

TWIN FALLS — This is it. A season of blood, sweat and tears for the Class 3A Buhl Indians and the Class 1A Division II Carey Panthers comes to a head as these District IV teams compete for their classifications' state championships.

First up, the Indians (10-1) face the Fruitland Grizzlies of District III at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bronco Stadium in Boise. On Friday, the Panthers (10-1) aim to tame the Salmon River Savages, also of District III, at 6 p.m. at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

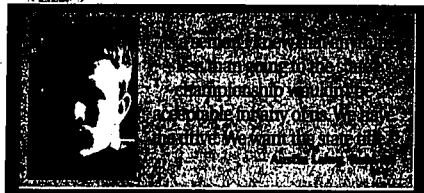
— By Brad Guire

Be the 12th man ...

Admission prices for the Class 3A and Class 1A Division II championship games held at Bronco Stadium in Boise and Holt Arena in Pocatello, respectively, are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students with activity card. Children 6 and younger are free. Bronco Stadium is located at 1190 University Drive on the Boise State University campus in Boise, while Holt Arena is located at 558 Memorial Drive on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

If you can't ...

IdahoSports.com will Webcast all the title games at Bronco Stadium and Holt Arena this week on its Web site. The Buhl-Fruitland game can also be heard on Mix 103 (102.9 FM), beginning with a 7 p.m. pregame show.



"(Salmon River is) big, we know that. Hopefully we're faster than them. Everybody's ready to play on the turf again. We've got a lot of support from everyone."

— D.J. Simpson, Carey QB

Confident Buhl players focused on one thing: FINISH

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

BUHL — It's Tuesday in west Twin Falls County. Wind from the west chills the air as 28 young men gather on a soccer field of dead grass situated between the high school track and softball fields. Toward the east side of the complex, the Stars and Stripes fly at half mast. Broken into three squads, the players practice while coaches holler instructions, their voices carried with the wind. Linemen, defensive backs, skills players line up. Over and over again, they run routes, block routes and run coverage, returning to the invisible line of scrimmage each time with adjustments to make. Off in the distance, a lone player perfects field goals and PAT kicks.

They're clad in orange and black, a scheme always appropriate for the imagery of autumn. There's a single word screen-printed in bold, black letters across every player's back: FINISH.

For these young men, tonight could be the biggest night of their lives. For the seniors, they will finish their high school football careers.

The Buhl Indians face the Fruitland Grizzlies at Bronco Stadium in Boise for the Class 3A state football championship, and the Indians are looking for the biggest finish of them all.

"We stressed believing," Buhl senior quarterback Austin Laing said.

The usually stoic, pure athlete permitted himself a brief grin as he related how he and fellow seniors have been talking about this night since elementary school, and now that they've grown together as friends and players, they get their shot to fulfill their boyhood dream.

It's actually much of the same for Buhl tonight as they'll be undersized against Fruitland.

Business as usual.

"We're not the biggest team in the state by any stretch of the imagination," Indians head coach Sney Wilson said. "Size is good, but if you can't run and block, it's overrated. We're not going to sit there and play man-on-man and see who's tougher. That's not our game. We're gonna get some movement up front."

The Indians have focused on defense all year

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Carey coach hopes to follow in father's championship footsteps

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

CAREY — Nestled between the Sawtooth Mountains to the north and the high desert to the south, Carey is quietly covered with a thin veil of snow left over from early Monday morning. The football field is white, so the Carey Panthers football team practices in the gym. No matter. They won't play on grass Friday anyway.

In that gym, a soft-spoken man prepared his team for a championship showdown — one the Panthers haven't had since 1998. Two championship banners hang high on the wall directly in front of him and his team — the 1994 and 1998 championships won under the former A-4 B-man classification. They're the ones his father won as head coach.

Carey head coach Lane Kirkland thought on his father, former head coach Heber Kirkland, and said, "This is the 25th year of Kirklands at the helm, I guess."

"It'd be real nice if we could get that championship back in our house."

Kirkland and the Panthers will get their

chance as they compete for their first Class 1A Division II state football title against the Salmon River Savages on Friday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Heber Kirkland led the Panthers from 1982-2000, claiming two championships and many more title game appearances (1992, 1993 and 1995). The former coach Kirkland still lives in Carey and keeps up with the team by attending games and giving his son advice when approached.

"I've gone to him four or five times this season to ask him what he thinks we ought to be doing a little bit better to improve certain sets on offense and just overall opinion," Kirkland said. "We still run a lot of the same plays that he ran. Several of the plays that we ran to beat Mackay (in the state semifinals) were ones we ran back in the '90s."

The former coach said that he's pleased with the team makeup and work ethic.

"Carey isn't a strong, physical team in a lot of ways, but they all work together," Heber said. "That's the key to their success. Those

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

All Manager of the Year Voting

(Based on the Baseball Writers' Association of America)

Manager	1st	2nd	3rd
Tommy Lasorda	15	20	118
Joe Torre	1	1	11
John Farrell	1	1	1
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BASKETBALL

NBA

Team	W	L
Atlanta	11	11
Charlotte	11	11
Chicago	11	11
Cleveland	11	11
Denver	11	11
Detroit	11	11
Golden State	11	11
Indiana	11	11
L.A. Lakers	11	11
Los Angeles	11	11
Memphis	11	11
Minnesota	11	11
Miami	11	11
Orlando	11	11
Phoenix	11	11
Portland	11	11
Sacramento	11	11
San Antonio	11	11
Seattle	11	11
Utah	11	11
Washington	11	11
Wizards	11	11

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

High school
TCC - IPOA ADOT
Champrohorst, first round, at West Palm Beach, Fla.
11:30 a.m.

College
TCB - European PGA Tour
Hong Kong Open, second round
11:30 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
ESPNI2 - 2K Sports College Hoops Classic, semifinal, Maryland vs. St. John's
7 p.m.

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7 p.m.

NBA BASKETBALL
TNT - Chicago at Houston
8:30 p.m.

TNT - Sacramento at Golden State
8:30 p.m.

MEN'S basketball
CBSI Arctic Circle Tournament
Montana Tech vs at CSI, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	T
Atlanta	11	11	11
Buffalo	11	11	11
Carolina	11	11	11
Cincinnati	11	11	11
Cleveland	11	11	11
Dallas	11	11	11
Denver	11	11	11
Indianapolis	11	11	11
Jacksonville	11	11	11
Kansas City	11	11	11
Los Angeles	11	11	11
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New England	11	11	11
New York	11	11	11
Oakland	11	11	11
Pittsburgh	11	11	11
San Diego	11	11	11
Seattle	11	11	11
Tennessee	11	11	11
Washington	11	11	11
Winnipeg	11	11	11

WESTERN BASKETBALL

Team	W	L
Portland	11	11
Seattle	11	11
Vancouver	11	11
Victoria	11	11

TV SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8:30 p.m.
ESPN2 - West Virginia at Pittsburgh

8:30 p.m.
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TENNIS

ATP Tour Tennis Masters Cup

Player	W	L
Andre Agassi	11	11
Carlos Moya	11	11
Marcelo Rios	11	11
Nicola Pietrangeli	11	11
Thomas Enqvist	11	11
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	11	11

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NHL

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Calgary	11	11	11
Chicago	11	11	11
Columbus	11	11	11
Dallas	11	11	11
Florida	11	11	11
Los Angeles	11	11	11
Minnesota	11	11	11
Nashville	11	11	11
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

KANSAS CITY ROTHSCHILD - Signed Peter Stromberg
Stromberg, 27, infielder, was signed to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS - Signed Jeff Francoeur
Francoeur, 25, outfielder, was signed to a one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS BRUINS - Signed Mike Pelfrey
Pelfrey, 25, pitcher, was signed to a one-year contract.

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Blake beats Davydenko, makes semifinals at Masters Cup

SHANGHAI, China — James Blake, the last to qualify for the season-ending Masters Cup, became the first to make the semifinals of the elite eight-man field.

The 26-year-old American rallied from a set and a break down, eventually getting his serve on track Wednesday to beat No. 3-ranked Davydenko 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Blake came two days after eighth-ranked Blake opened with an upset over No. 1 Rafael Nadal who rebounded to beat Spanish Tommy Robredo 7-6 (2), 6-2. Those results advanced unbeaten Blake into the semifinals.

"I'm just coming out here with nothing to lose, and trying to prove that I really do belong among these top players," Blake said. "I like to be in the middle of beating two of the top players in the world in consecutive matches."

Blake has perfect records against both Nadal and Davydenko. He's the only player here with a winning record over Nadal at 2-0. He is 3-1 career against Robredo, his last rival in round-robin matches, giving him a good chance of topping the Gold Group.

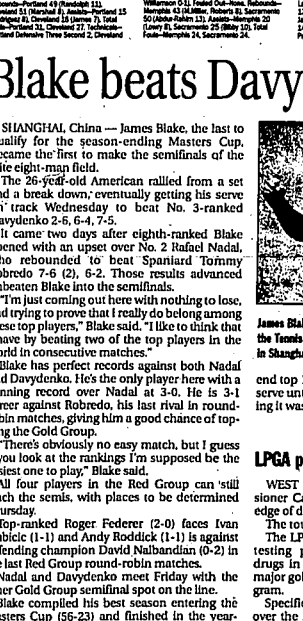
"There's obviously no easy match, but I guess if you look at the rankings I'm supposed to be the easiest one to play," Blake said.

All four players in the Red Group can still reach the semis, with places to be determined Thursday.

Top-ranked Roger Federer (2-0) faces Ivan Ljubicic (1-1) and Andy Roddick (1-1) is against defending champion David Nalbandian (0-2) in the last Red Group round-robin match.

Nadal and Davydenko meet Friday with the other Gold Group semifinal spot on the line.

Blake compiled his best season entering the Masters Cup (56-23) and finished in the year-



James Blake reacts after beating Nikolay Davydenko at the Tennis Masters Cup Wednesday at Qizhong Stadium in Shanghai, China. Blake beat Davydenko 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

end top 10 for the first time. But he did not hold serve until the third game of the second set, saying it was "a little embarrassing."

GOLF

LPGA plans drug testing in 2008

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — LPGA commissioner Carolyn Beverly said she has no knowledge of drug use among tour players.

The tour still plans to start checking.

The LPGA Tour said Wednesday it will begin testing players for performance-enhancing drugs in 2008, a move that makes it the first major golf tour to announce a drug-testing program.

Specifics of the testing plan will be worked up over the next six to nine months, Bivens said.

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The four plans to announce the program details, including testing methods and banned substances, in the second half of the 2007 season.

"While we have no evidence to date that any of our players are using performance-enhancing drugs, we need to have a very clear policy and a program in place," Bivens said. "We want to take a proactive role."

Players learned of the decision with Wednesday's announcement.

Annika Sorenstam, the top-ranked women's player, said she had no problem with the decision, yet called it "sad that we have to have testing."

MLB

Dodgers spring training may move

GLENNDALE, Ariz. — The Los Angeles Dodgers appear to be headed to the Phoenix suburb of Spring training after nearly 60 years in Vero Beach, a small Florida city that wrapped its identity around the baseball team.

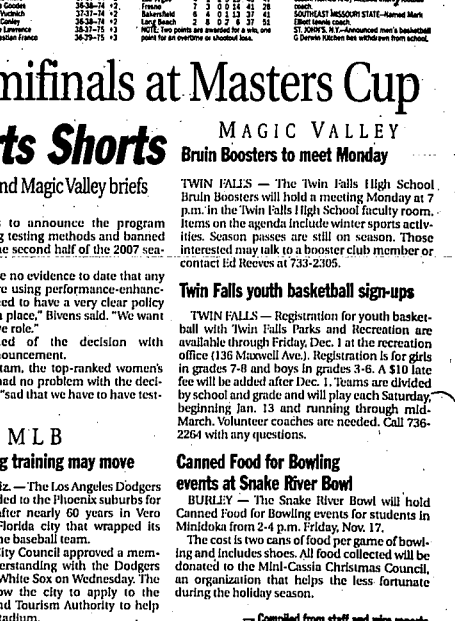
The Glendale City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the Dodgers and the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday. The decision will allow the city to apply to the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority to help pay for a shared stadium.

Canned Food for Bowling events at Snake River Bowl

BURLEY — The Snake River Bowl will hold Canned Food for Bowling events for students in Minidoka from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

The cost is two cans of food per game of bowling and includes shoes. All food collected will be donated to the Mt. Hood Christmas Center, an organization that helps the less fortunate during the holiday season.

—Compiled from staff and wire reports



SPORTS

Girardi, Leyland win Manager of the Year awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometime soon, Joe Girardi will be looking for another job in a major league dugout. And when he does, he'll have a manager of the Year award at the top of his resume.

Six weeks after he was fired by Florida, Girardi won the NL honor Wednesday for keeping the rookie-laden Marlins in contention nearly all season. Jim Leyland took the AL award after a quick turnaround with the Detroit Tigers.

A rookie skipper himself, Girardi beat out Willie Randolph of the New York Mets by a comfortable margin to become the first Manager of the Year with a losing record.

"I don't know if vindication is a good word, just because as a manager, you want to manage," Girardi said.

He received 18 of 32 first-place votes and totaled 111 points in balloting by the National Writers' Association of America. Randolph got eight first-place votes and 81 points.

"It's nice that people who

watch the game every day understood what we accomplished," Girardi said, adding he wasn't particularly surprised to win. "We had a lot of good things happen."

Leyland earned around the long-moribund Tigers in his first year on the team, leading them to the World Series and their first winning season since 1993. He received 19 of 28 first-place votes and 113 points to top Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire, who was listed first on nine ballots and totaled 93 points.

"I knew that we had something here. I thought it would take longer than it did. This team started believing," Leyland said. "We had good players going into spring training, but we didn't have a very good team. We made ourselves a good team and that's something I'm very proud of."

Playing 22 rookies, Girardi guided the Marlins to a 78-84 finish and a \$15 million opening day payroll, the lowest in the major leagues by more

Leyland, Girardi named top managers

Jim Leyland, who led the Tigers to their first winning season since 1993 and Joe Girardi, fired by the Marlins just two days after the end of the regular season, were named AL and NL managers of the Year.

Let the Tigers to baseball's best record in the first half of the season and their best start since Detroit's last world championship in 1984. Ended league's string of 12 losing seasons.



As a rookie manager with a \$15 million payroll, look at a Marlins team that started the season 11-31 to a 78-84 finish and lost them in the playoff race deep into September.



	1st	2nd	3rd	TOT
Leyland	19	7	2	218
Gardenhire MIN	5	15	3	93
DeNiro OAK	—	5	11	26
Torre NY	—	1	12	15

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Girardi	18	6	3	111
Randolph NYM	8	11	8	81
Bochy SD	5	6	7	50
Little LAD	1	5	10	30
Masche Phil	—	3	—	9
Neron CIN	—	1	3	6
Cramer HOU	—	—	1	1

SOURCE: Major League Baseball

compitively performance for a team that was expected to lose at least 100 games.

Florida had a \$15 million opening day payroll, the lowest in the major leagues by more than \$20 million.

Still, he was fired two days after the season ended following a rift with owner Jeffrey Loria. Girardi has since agreed to rejoin the New York Yankees.

broadcast booth, rather than seek another managing job.

"I don't believe in this case perception is reality," he said. "I wanted it to work out but it never got worked out, for whatever reason... We moved on to bigger and better things."

After the announcement, the Marlins were ready with a statement.

"We are pleased for Joe and we wish him well," the team said.

Girardi, who succeeded Randolph as Joe Torre's bench coach with the Yankees in 2005, is the second Manager of the Year to be fired that year. The other was Baltimore's Davey Johnson, the AL winner in 1997.

"To rehash that, I don't think that does anyone any good," Girardi said. "Obviously, I'm not there, and I don't know how they feel about it. A manager wants to manage. I didn't want to leave Florida."

Girardi was interested in the opening with his hometown Chicago Cubs, but they hired Lou Piniella this offseason. The

former catcher also interviewed with the Washington Nationals, but pulled out of the running before they chose Manny Acta.

"There's no secret to what I'm looking for. I really want to manage again because I love it," Girardi said. "It has to be right not only for me, but for my family... I believe my opportunity will come again."

The 61-year-old Leyland appears firmly entrenched in Motown after winning his third Manager of the Year award — and first in the AL. He also won with Barry Bonds and the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1990 and '92.

"It's obviously a big thrill for me. These are individual honors but it's a combination of a lot of things," Leyland said. "I really share this award with the entire organization because that's what it really stands for."

Leyland returned to the dugout last season following a six-year hiatus, taking over a fumbling Tigers team that went 71-91 in 2005.

Baseball GMs considering instant replay

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — When it comes to instant replay, baseball general managers want to look it over.

GMs plan to talk about the topic some more, and perhaps make recommendations in the future, even they know commissioner Bud Selig is against the idea of giving plays ad umpires' decisions.

"There is sufficient interest in it that it really warrants further discussion," baseball senior vice president Joe Garagiola Jr. said Wednesday at the GMs' annual meetings. "There's no specific action item at the moment. We just want to keep talking about the different ways it could come into play and just keep kind of refining our thinking on the topic."

GMs have repeatedly discussed the topic but know replays aren't likely to be used while Selig is in charge. Two years ago, GMs split 15-15 on vote to further consider the use of instant replay.

"The commissioner's views on instant replay are well known but I also know he respects the body here," Garagiola said. "So it's an important topic to continue to discuss."

Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella has been known to speak his mind to umpires, doesn't think there's a need for replays.

"Umpires do a really nice job," he said. "I think that's the way baseball has been since inception. I don't see any reason to change it."

On the third day of the four-day session:

• Toronto neared agreement on a two-year contract with Frank Thomas.

• The New York Mets traded relievers Heath Bell and Royce Ring to the San Diego Padres for outfielder Ben Johnson and right-hander Jon Adkins.

• The New York Yankees declined Mike Mussina's \$17 million option but neared agreement on a two-year contract with the right-hander that would be worth about \$23 million.

• Baltimore neared agreement with pitcher Jamie Walker on a three-year contract worth about \$11 million.

• Tampa Bay was the closest to Japanese third baseman Akinori Iwamura when the Devil Rays' bid of about \$4.5 million was accepted by the Yank's Swaves.

• The Chicago Cubs agreed to a \$5.25 million, two-year contract with backup catcher Henry Blanco.

While big-name clients are being discussed with teams in this early stage of free agency — players such as Alfonso Soriano and Barry Zito — no deals appear close.

GMs did approve several changes. Starting next year, a team roster up until 10 a.m. on the day of its first game is played, not when it is scheduled. That came in response to the position of the free agency relationship series opened between the Mets and Cardinals.

Kidd records near triple-double in win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd scored a season-high 25 points to pick up the slack for an ailing Vince Carter on Wednesday night, leading the New Jersey Nets to a 100-87 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Kidd added 11 assists and eight rebounds and scored 11 straight points for the Nets in a 21-3 first-quarter spurt that gave the Nets the lead for good.

Carter, who battled flu-like symptoms all day and was a game-time decision to start, finished with 15 points, none in the fourth quarter. Nenad Krstic added 22 points.

Mo'Williams had a season-high 26 points for Milwaukee, which was playing on consecutive nights. Michael Redd added 25 points for the Bucks, who were without leading rebounder Charlie Villanueva. He hurt an elbow on Tuesday night and was sent back home for further evaluation.

Bobcats 95, Spurs 92, OT

SAN ANTONIO — Adam Morrison scored 27 points, surpassing his career high established just one night earlier, as the Bobcats beat the Spurs.

Ericka Easor added 19 points for Charlotte (2-6), which had won two straight. It was the first victory over the Spurs in Bobcats franchise history after four previous tries.

Morrison, a rookie from Gonzaga, scored 21 points Tuesday in Oklahoma City.

Tony Parker scored 25 points and Tim Duncan added 24 for the Spurs (6-2), who had won five straight games.

Knicks 102, Wizards 82

NEW YORK — Rookie Renaldo Balkman scored a season-high 18 points, and the Knicks used their best defensive performance of the season to beat the Wizards.

Quentin Richardson made five 3-pointers and added 17 points and Stephen Marbury scored 16 for the Knicks, who for the first time this season at Madison Square Garden and snapped three-game losing streak.

They did it in surprising fashion, smothering the league's highest-scoring team with the kind of defensive effort that had been missing all season. New York was allowing 105.6 points, second worst in the league, and hadn't held an opponent below 100 in any of



New Jersey Nets guard Jason Kidd (5) drives around Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut (6) during second quarter Wednesday in East Rutherford, N.J.

its first eight games.

Cavaliers 100, Trail Blazers 87

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 32 points, seven assists and seven rebounds to help the Cavaliers win their fourth straight game with a victory over the Trail Blazers.

The Cavaliers have started the season 6-2 for the second straight year and own the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Drew Gooden scored 17 points and Eric Snow added a season-high 13 for Cleveland.

Zach Randolph led the Trail Blazers

with 26 points and 11 rebounds, but struggled from the line, shooting 12-of-20 (60 percent). He entered the game shooting 89 percent.

Magic 108, Nuggets 99

ORLANDO, Fla. — Keyon Dooling scored 25 points, keying a big third-quarter run to lift the Magic over the Nuggets.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points, his fifth straight game with at least 30. But he committed two costly mistakes in the final 2:15, first traveling, then bobbling a pass that forced a jump ball tipped to Dooling for a lay-up and 104-

97 lead with 1:03 left.

Hedo Turkoglu had 18 points and six rebounds for the Magic before fouling out, while Grant Hill added 15 points and Carlos Arroyo had 14 points, five assists and five rebounds.

J.R. Smith scored 17 points and Marcus Camby added 13 points and 12 rebounds for Denver.

Celtics 114, Pacers 88

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 32 points and Wally Szczerbiak added 20 to lead the Celtics over the Pacers.

Bryan Gomes had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Boston, which won for the just second time in eight games. Kendrick Perkins added 12 points and Marcus Daniels added 15 for the Pacers, who fell to 4-4.

Hornets 100, Pistons 99

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rookie Tilton Armstrong made a free throw with 3 seconds left, then got a key offensive rebound to help the Hornets beat the Pistons.

With the score tied at 99, Armstrong made the first of two free throws to put the Hornets ahead. He missed the second, but got his own rebound and baited it to midcourt as time expired.

Chris Paul had 20 points and 13 assists for New Orleans, while Armstrong, who had never scored an NBA point before Wednesday, finished with 17 and nine rebounds.

Chauncey Billups led all scorers with 29 points, while Richard Hamilton added 23.

Kings 115, Grizzlies 111

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mike Bibby had 32 points and 10 assists to lead the Kings to their fourth straight victory.

Kevin Martin added 24 points, including a few big baskets down the stretch, for Sacramento.

Trailing 98-89, the Grizzlies scored 10 straight points to take a one-point lead. Martin answered with a 3-pointer, putting the Kings ahead for good with 4:49 left. He made another big 3-pointer with just over a minute left and sealed the victory with two free throws for a 111-106 lead with 15 seconds left.

— The Associated Press

Oral Roberts shocks No. 3 Kansas in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Marchello Vealy made his first seven 3-pointers and Oral Roberts stunned No. 3 Kansas 78-71 Wednesday night.

Vealy, 6-7, hit 1-of-3 on 3-pointers last year as a freshman, was 7-for-8 from behind the arc and finished with 22 points.

Calvin Green added 20 points for the Golden Eagles (1-1), who outplayed the heavily favored Wildcats from start to finish.

Kansas (1-1) cut its deficit to 72-69 on Russell Robinson's free throw with 1 minute left.

But Ken Tutt made Oral Roberts' 11th 3-pointer for a 75-69 lead and added two free throws with 25 seconds to go. Tutt and Adam Liberty each had 12 points for the two-time defending champions of the Mid-Continent Conference.

Kansas trailed by as many as eight points in the second half and never got closer than three. The Golden Eagles looked every bit as quick as the Big 12 favorites and played a tenacious defense, snuffing Kansas off-balance all night in an arena where it usually dominates.

The Jayhawks fell to 165-11 in Allen Fieldhouse since 1994-95.

Kansas was only 11-for-21 from the line.

No. 2 North Carolina 73, Winthrop 66

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and North Carolina rallied to get the win in the NIT Season Tip-Off.

Wayne Ellington added 13 points and Brandan Wright scored 12 for the Tar Heels, who overcame 25 points from the Eagles' Torrell Martin to advance to the semifinals next week in New York against the winner of a late game between Gonzaga and Baylor.

No. 8 Georgetown 86, Vanderbilt 70

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jeff Green scored 19 points, Roy Hibbert added 18 with 10 rebounds, and Georgetown never trailed.

The victory was a nice bit of revenge for the Hoyas (2-0) who lost at home

last season to Vanderbilt after blowing a 13-point lead in that game.

Not this time as Georgetown used its size with the 7-foot-2 Hibbert and speed to drive to the basket repeatedly for easy layups.

Wisconsin 79, Wis.-Green Bay 62

MADISON, Wis. — Alando Tucker scored 18 points and Wisconsin opened the game with a 22-4 run.

Three different Badgers hit 3-pointers during an 11-2 run that helped Wisconsin open up a 20-point second-half lead after the Phoenix closed to within 11.

Michael Flowers and Kamronn Taylor added 12 apiece for Wisconsin.

No. 15 Arizona 101, N. Arizona 79

TUCSON, Ariz. — Freshman Chase Budinger scored 32 points in his first Arizona home game and the Wildcats used a big second-half run to get the win.

Budinger, already compared by coach Luke Olson to former Arizona

star Sean Elliott, scored 23 in the first half on 9-for-12 shooting, including 4-of-4 from 3-point range.

No. 18 Syracuse 81, Northeastern 58

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Eric Devendorf had 19 points and a career-high eight assists and freshman Paul Harris had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Syracuse.

It was the fourth straight victory for the unbeaten Orange and the 730th career win for coach Jim Boeheim. He is 15th on the Division I list, one ahead of Jerry Tarkanian.

No. 22 Kentucky 57, Miami (Ohio) 46

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Freshman forward Perry Stevenson blocked seven shots and Kentucky scored the final 10 points of the game.

The Wildcats led by 10 in the second half before two free throws by Nathan Peavy cut the edge to 47-46 with 4 minutes left.

— The Associated Press

Testaverde to be Patriots third-stringer in 20th season

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Vinny Testaverde strode into his latest locker room, the gray leeks in his hair matching the color of the New England Patriots sweat suit on his back.

Two days past his 43rd birthday, the still strong-armed quarterback stood at his locker with the No. 14 on it — his usual No. 16 already belonging to Matt Cassel — before his first practice with his new team Wednesday.

Testaverde was born more than three years before the first Super Bowl. He is the only player to have thrown a touchdown pass in each of his 19 NFL seasons. Why start again with his sixth team and the season more than half over?

"A lot of my friends and family asked me why am I still doing this," Testaverde said. "The simple reason is because I still think I can go out on a field and be productive."

Coach Bill Belichick hopes that never happens and told Testaverde that, if he does play, it means that both Tom Brady and Cassel will have been injured.

Testaverde is fine with that. He said he'll help wherever he can. He can run



New England Patriots newly-acquired third-string quarterback Vinny Testaverde stands as fans talk to reporters while standing in front of his locker at the team's football facility in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday morning.

scout team plays that Cassel usually handles and use his experience to help in quarterback meetings and on the sidelines.

At his age — and after coming out of retirement last season and playing six

games with the New York Jets — he's not about to get into a quarterback controversy. Belichick cut off any sign that one might start in the wake of the Patriots' first back-to-back losses since December 2002 and consecutive poor games by Brady.

"The coach, who is very careful, not to share information that might help an opponent, was unusually direct at the beginning of his regular Wednesday news conference.

"Vinny would be the third quarterback," Belichick said. "I hope he doesn't play at all, but if something happens, at least we have ourselves protected there."

A few minutes later, the clearly miffed coach shot down a question about whether Testaverde would compete with Cassel, a seventh-round pick last year who threw just 33 passes in college and has played in only two NFL games.

"Did I say that?" he said. "Well, I'm not saying that. I didn't say it and don't even start that. He's an emergency quarterback. He's the third quarterback. He'll be inactive for every game as the third quarterback unless some-

thing happens to the other two guys.

"I don't know how I can possibly be any clearer about that. I don't think there's any need to ask that question six more times and get the same answer. He's the third quarterback."

If an emergency quarterback enters the game before the fourth quarter, the player he replaced cannot return that day. Brady has been listed as probable on every injury report last season and this, but said Wednesday, "I'm not hurt at all."

Testaverde is familiar with the offensive system, having played for Cleveland from 1993-95 when Belichick was head coach, and for the Jets from 1998-99, when Belichick was assistant head coach. Belichick said the quarterback worked out in Foxborough several weeks ago and the Patriots had been considering signing him for four or five weeks.

But they had more pressing needs than a third quarterback. When they placed rookie tight end Garrett Mills, who hasn't played all season, on injured reserve Tuesday, they filled his spot with Testaverde.

Having just two quarterbacks "kind

of made us nervous," Belichick said.

Fisher fined \$12,500 for criticizing officials

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Not even the co-chairman of the NFL's competition committee is immune from punishment for criticizing an official. Titans coach Jeff Fisher was fined \$12,500 for scolding an official in last week's 27-26 loss to Baltimore.

"I didn't surprise me," Fisher said Wednesday. "I had a confidential conversation with the league, and it's over."

After Sunday's game, Fisher said a "bad call by the umpire," Jim Collum, denied the Titans' recovery of a fumble in the third quarter. The Titans had stripped Mike Anderson of the ball while he was still upright.

Smith's defensive tackle Robbie Smith came out of a pile with the ball but officials ruled Anderson hadn't been pushed by contact.

Fisher challenged and lost a timeout when, after seeing Jeff Triplett upheld his ruling, saying there was a fumble but "no clear recovery."

From O-H-I-O to TBDBITL Vikings' Richardson may be done for year

Band a big part of OSU's grid tradition

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It sounds like a trick play drawn up for Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith and speedy receiver Tom Cripe Jr.

"A triple-block O formation ... a solitary figure leads one contingent on a peel-off movement, curving around the field. In continual motion ... one group revolves counterclockwise and two others rotate in a clockwise manner ... the three unfold into a singular, looping line."

But it's not a long pass pattern nor a double reverse designed by Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel. As incomprehensible as it may be, it's a marching band maneuver — "the incomparable Script Ohio" as the announcer intones — and it will draw one of the largest roasts from the six-digit crowd in Ohio Stadium when No. 1 Ohio State plays No. 2 Michigan on Saturday.

It isn't just another marching band, it's the Ohio State Marching Band aka The Best Damn Band in the Land.

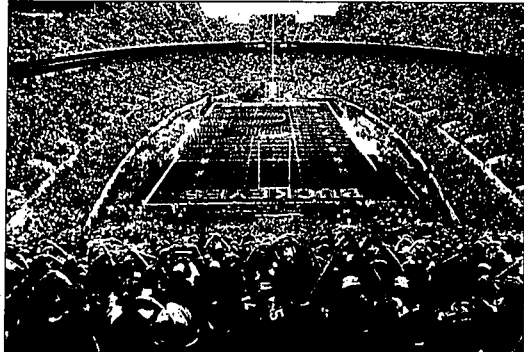
This band rivals the football team in celebrity and prestige on campus.

"When our recruits come to visit, the pep band comes over and serenades them," Tressel said, professing his admiration for "the military-uniformed band members ... marching their way in (to the program) that the band is one of us."

When the Buckeyes win a home game, the victory bells peel and the players assemble in front of the band in the south grandstands. While the 192-piece, all-brass band strikes up the alma mater, Carmen Ohio, the Buckeyes pull off their headgear and sing like choirboys.

The name, as you might guess from that mild cuss word, was ordained by the high priest of Ohio State traditions, the late and volatile coach Woody Hayes.

"Supposedly at a pep rally



Ohio State Marching Band performs before a football game at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 21. The band will play in front of the six-digit crowds in Ohio Stadium when No. 1 Ohio State plays No. 2 Michigan on Saturday.

one year, Woody stood up after the band played a song and said, 'That's the best damn band in the land!' That's all it took," current TBDBITL director Dr. Jon Woods said. "When Woody says something, it's law."

Walk through the acres of tallgrass surrounding Ohio Stadium on a home football Saturday and you can hear marching band music emanating from the back of almost every scarlet-and-gray tent, trailer, RV and van.

Imagine what would happen if all of those band-worshippers really knew that the legendary "Script Ohio" — a 3½-minute parade, led by the tall-towered band major, with the "I" usually dotted by a sousaphone player — was actually invented by the Michigan band. Sort of.

The first Script Ohio, albeit a stationary, rudimentary one, was performed by the Michigan band on Oct. 15, 1932, as an homage to Ohio State on the 10th anniversary of Ohio Stadium.

Yes, that's true, but certainly not in the complex form it takes on now with the OSU band," Michigan Marching Band director Jamie Nix said, graciously. He admits that he has heard UM band leaders say, "Michigan taught OSU how to

spell Ohio."

Woods — don't tell anyone, but he has a graduate degree from Michigan — concedes that it is possible that a Michigan band might possibly have once put the letters O, H, I and O together on a field somewhere. But that's about as far as he'll go.

"It's very difficult to do. It's our signature," he says of the elaborate moving, writing that the band first performed in 1936. "We're the first one with an animated Script Ohio, and that's the one that counts."

Injured Paterno says he's not ready to retire

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno has no plans to limp into retirement.

"I'm not going anywhere," the 79-year-old Penn State coach told his team, according to a statement posted Wednesday on a team Web site. "I expect to be around a while and coaching through each of your careers."

Paterno addressed the team Tuesday, when he returned to practice for the first time since breaking his shinbone and injuring two knee ligaments during a sideline collision with players on Nov. 4 at Wisconsin.

Paterno stayed at practice about 30 minutes, speaking to his team from a wheelchair.

"You might not see as much of me as I would like for a few weeks, but I'm still involved with your coaches and what you are doing," Paterno told the players, according to the statement.

Paterno, who turns 80 next month, is under contract another two seasons.

Coach's son gets big payoff to leave FSU

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State offensive coordinator Jeff Bowden resigned a \$537,000 buyout from the school's boosters to return.

The settlement was revealed Wednesday when the school released a copy of the agreement. Bowden's attorneys coached with the university and its boosters. The resignation takes effect Nov. 26, a day after the season finale against Florida.

Bowden — youngest son of head coach Bobby Bowden — retains his present \$141,000 salary until his contract expires next August. He then will receive annual payments of \$107,500 until August 2012.

Minnesota Vikings' Richardson may be done for year

MINNESOTA — Struggling offensive line Minnesota Vikings likely lost fullback Tony Richardson for the rest of the season.

Richardson played with a broken thumb in Sunday's game against Green Bay, then fractured his forearm. The latest injury will probably keep Richardson out for six weeks, and there are only seven games left. There's a strong chance Richardson will be placed on injured reserve this week, coach Brad Childress said Wednesday.

A valuable, popular veteran who signed with Minnesota as a free agent this year after playing 11 seasons with Kansas City, Richardson has been an important part of the game plans because of his ability to block, catch the ball out of the backfield and even run in certain short-yardage situations.

Reserve tight end Jeff Dugan will see some time in his place, and tight end Jim Kennersey is also a possibility. The Vikings were scanning the waiver wire for potential replacements, too.

Panthers' DT Carstens out of hospital

Defensive tackle Jordan Carstens is out of the hospital nearly a week after being admitted with a blood clot on his leg.

Carstens was released six days after being hospitalized for chest pains. Carstens is still taking blood thinners and is not expected to return this season, but the team hasn't yet put him on injured reserve.

He was diagnosed with a kidney problem last year. One of the side effects of the medication he was taking was the possibility of clotting.

Wearry back at Texans practice after arrest

Offensive lineman Fred Weary was back at practice Wednesday, a day after he was shot with a Taser and arrested during a traffic stop.

Weary was released from Houston's Central Jail on

Nolan, Del Rio ready to 'sue' up

Mike Nolan and Jack Del Rio are ready to sue up.

The San Francisco coach and his Jacksonville counterpart have the NFL's permission to wear dress suits, designed by Reebok during two games this season.

Nolan is expected to debut his old-school outfit — a black suit, a white shirt and a red-and-gold-striped tie — at the 49ers' home game against Seattle on Sunday. Del Rio also will wear a suit-and-tie ensemble in Monday night's home game against the Giants.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the 49ers' coach has permission to "test-drive" the suit at two games this season.

Dolphins' Traylor out

Knee trouble has again sidelined tackle Keith Traylor. The Dolphins' defensive anchor will miss Sunday's game and it's unknown when he'll return, coach Nick Saban said.

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Backyard Brawl: West Virginia looks to run it up against Pitt

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Their rivalries with Louisville and Rutgers may come and go, important one season and insignificant the next. With West Virginia and Pittsburgh, there's never a game that doesn't matter.

For the No. 8 Mountaineers and Panthers, the Backyard Brawl is forever. The two schools are so close, so competitive, so intermingled in recruiting that every game is a big deal. Their campuses are separated by only 75 miles of high way. Roughly most of it interstate 79 — and the rivals count fans of both teams along every mile.

Penn State was a big game for both, the biggest for all that. But nothing could

break up the Brawl. The schools, coaches, players and fans care too much, partly because it's not uncommon for former high school teammates to find themselves on opposing sides in college, wearing differing shades of blue and gold.

"We will not have a bigger rival. Ever," West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said.

"There's going to be passion and rage, fire and intensity," Pitt cornerback Darrell Revis said of Thursday night's game at Heinz Field.

In this game, the coaches once were players themselves. Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt was a Panthers lineman blocking for Tony Dorsett in the 1970s. Rodriguez was a Mountaineers defensive back defending against Dan Marino's throwing

arm in the early 1980s.

The bordering state universities will meet for the 99th time, with the Mountaineers (8-1, 3-1) looking to run all over the slumping Panthers (6-4, 2-3) much like they did in rushing for 451 yards in a 45-13 rout last season.

The Panthers, lacking the speed and personnel to defend against quarterback Pat White (220 yards, 2 touchdowns) and running back Steve Slaton (179 yards, 2 touchdowns), and there is nothing to suggest they will this season, either. West Virginia is No. 2 nationally in rushing offense and Pitt is No. 90 in rushing defense.

After starting 6-1 against soft opposition, the Panthers have lost to No. 7 Rutgers, South Florida and Connecticut mostly

because they couldn't stop the run. Rutgers' Ray Rice ran for 225 yards against them and Connecticut running back Donald Brown (205 yards) and quarterback D.J. Hernandez (130 yards) combined for 335 yards rushing on Saturday.

No wonder, with those kind of numbers, West Virginia probably couldn't wait even five short days since its 42-24 victory over Cincinnati to get at the Panthers.

"If we do what we do, it should not matter what they do," White said.

Rodriguez displayed the temperament of the rivalry last year when he made several snippy comments about Pitt's recruiting. Wannstedt said he felt Pitt owned West Virginia recruiting, and

Rodriguez politely disagreed. Or not so politely.

Rodriguez apologized because his staff couldn't recruit as hard in the Pittsburgh area as Pitt's staff could in the weeks after last season's game.

"We have to worry about a bowl game while other teams don't have to worry about that," Rodriguez said.

That might be a pleasant problem for West Virginia this season, too. Despite losing to Louisville 44-34, West Virginia could use itself in a bowl game if it beats Pitt and Rutgers on Dec. 2.

Wannstedt and the Panthers tried not to supply any bulletin-board material leading up to this game, perhaps because it was difficult to talk big following

three consecutive losses.

Still, strange things have happened in a rivalry where the favorite is never too secure and few leads are truly safe — in 1989, Pitt was down 31-9 in the fourth quarter in Morgantown and came back for a 31-all tie.

Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko led Pitt's 16-13 upset victory two years ago by directing a 75-yard drive in the closing minutes.

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TWIN FALLS FOUR CASE

Today: Cloudy and breezy with passing showers expected. Highs 40s.
Tonight: Shower opportunities diminishing. Lows 30s.
Tomorrow: Becoming partly cloudy. Highs low 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

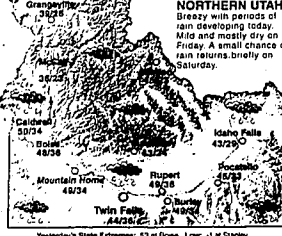
Today: Breezy with patchy clouds. A slight chance of showers moving through. Highs upper 40s.
Tonight: Becoming partly cloudy with little to no rain likely. Lows 30s.
Tomorrow: A partly cloudy and mostly dry close to the week. Highs near 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS:
A chance of rain and snow showers will be with us today into Friday. High peak snow accumulations are expected to remain light. The weekend looks to be mostly dry and partly cloudy.

BOISE
Today Highs 34 to 42. Tonight's Lows 19 to 23.
A passing cold front will bring a chance of showers through the area today. Bisk winds are expected. Shower chances decline overnight. Friday and Saturday look to be snow free.

NORTHERN UTAH
Breezy with periods of rain developing today. Mild and mostly dry on Friday. A small chance of rain returns briefly on Saturday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 53 at Owee, Low: 11 at Starley. Weekly totals for Boise: 1.00 inches. Weekly totals for Twin Falls: 0.00 inches. Weekly totals for Burley: 0.00 inches. Weekly totals for Rupert: 0.00 inches.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
A few passing showers	Showers diminish	Becoming partly cloudy	A touch more sunbreezy	Partly cloudy and mostly dry	Clouding up, chance of showers
High 44	Low 36	51/38	53/31	54/39	53/38

ALMANAC: TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 53 Yesterday's Low: 31	Month to Date: 0.53"	Yesterday's Maximum: 51%	Yesterday's Minimum: 30.00 in.	Friday: Sunrise: 7:23 AM, Sunset: 5:14 PM Saturday: Sunrise: 7:24 AM, Sunset: 5:15 PM Sunday: Sunrise: 7:25 AM, Sunset: 5:16 PM
Record High: 84 in 1999 Record Low: 10 in 1981	Year to Date: 1.77"	Today's Maximum: 62%		

MOON PHASES

Today: Waxing Crescent
Nov 23: First Moon
Nov 29: Full Moon
Dec 02: Last Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Boise	41-50	42-51	43-52
Idaho Falls	38-47	39-48	40-49
Rupert	35-44	36-45	37-46
Twin Falls	32-41	33-42	34-43
Burley	30-39	31-40	32-41
Blackfoot	28-37	29-38	30-39
Blaine	26-35	27-36	28-37
Bravo	24-33	25-34	26-37
Butte	22-31	23-32	24-35
Challis	20-29	21-30	22-33
Chamberlain	18-27	19-28	20-31
Condon	16-25	17-26	18-29
Driggs	14-23	15-24	16-27
Elgin	12-21	13-22	14-25
Emery	10-19	11-20	12-23
Franklin	8-17	9-18	10-21
Grangeville	6-15	7-16	8-19
Hamilton	4-13	5-14	6-17
Heppner	2-11	3-12	4-15
Idaho Falls	0-9	1-10	2-13
Jackson	-2-7	-1-8	0-11
Ketchikan	-4-5	-3-6	-2-9
Lamar	-6-3	-5-4	-4-7
Madras	-8-1	-7-2	-6-5
Malheur	-10-1	-9-2	-8-5
Marion	-12-3	-11-4	-10-7
McCall	-14-5	-13-6	-12-9
Minidoka	-16-7	-15-8	-14-11
Mountain Home	-18-9	-17-10	-16-13
Myrtle Beach	-20-11	-19-12	-18-15
North Fork	-22-13	-21-14	-20-17
Parma	-24-15	-23-16	-22-19
Payson	-26-17	-25-18	-24-21
Prater	-28-19	-27-20	-26-23
Rainier	-30-21	-29-22	-28-25
Rupert	-32-23	-31-24	-30-27
Shoshone	-34-25	-33-26	-32-29
St. Albans	-36-27	-35-28	-34-31
St. Anthony	-38-29	-37-30	-36-33
St. Charles	-40-31	-39-32	-38-35
St. George	-42-33	-41-34	-40-37
St. Leon	-44-35	-43-36	-42-39
St. Paul	-46-37	-45-38	-44-41
St. Regis	-48-39	-47-40	-46-43
St. Stephens	-50-41	-49-42	-48-45
St. Union	-52-43	-51-44	-50-47
St. Vincent	-54-45	-53-46	-52-49
St. Xavier	-56-47	-55-48	-54-51
St. Zeno	-58-49	-57-50	-56-53
St. Ignace	-60-51	-59-52	-58-55
St. Joseph	-62-53	-61-54	-60-57
St. John	-64-55	-63-56	-62-59
St. Lawrence	-66-57	-65-58	-64-61
St. Martin	-68-59	-67-60	-66-63
St. Michael	-70-61	-69-62	-68-65
St. Patrick	-72-63	-71-64	-70-67
St. Peter	-74-65	-73-66	-72-69
St. Raphael	-76-67	-75-68	-74-71
St. Rose	-78-69	-77-70	-76-73
St. Theresa	-80-71	-79-72	-78-75
St. Vincent	-82-73	-81-74	-80-77
St. Wenceslaus	-84-75	-83-76	-82-79
St. Xavier	-86-77	-85-78	-84-81
St. Yves	-88-79	-87-80	-86-83
St. Zeno	-90-81	-89-82	-88-85
St. Ignace	-92-83	-91-84	-90-87
St. Joseph	-94-85	-93-86	-92-89
St. John	-96-87	-95-88	-94-91
St. Lawrence	-98-89	-97-90	-96-93
St. Martin	-100-91	-99-92	-98-95

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Calgary	28-37	29-38	30-39
Edmonton	26-35	27-36	28-37
Regina	24-33	25-34	26-37
Saskatoon	22-31	23-32	24-35
Winnipeg	20-29	21-30	22-33
Victoria	48-57	49-58	50-59
Vancouver	46-55	47-56	48-57
Seattle	44-53	45-54	46-57
Portland	42-51	43-52	44-55
San Francisco	40-49	41-50	42-53
Los Angeles	38-47	39-48	40-51
Phoenix	36-45	37-46	38-51
San Diego	34-43	35-44	36-51
Las Vegas	32-41	33-42	34-51
Albuquerque	30-39	31-40	32-51
Denver	28-37	29-38	30-51
Chicago	26-35	27-36	28-51
Indianapolis	24-33	25-34	26-51
Pittsburgh	22-31	23-32	24-51
Columbus	20-29	21-30	22-51
Philadelphia	18-27	19-28	20-51
Washington DC	16-25	17-26	18-51
New York	14-23	15-24	16-51
Boston	12-21	13-22	14-51
Atlanta	10-19	11-20	12-51
Fort Worth	8-17	9-18	10-51
Dallas	6-15	7-16	8-51
San Antonio	4-13	5-14	6-51
Houston	2-11	3-12	4-51
Phoenix	0-9	1-10	2-51
San Jose	-2-7	-1-8	0-51
San Francisco	-4-5	-3-6	-2-51
Los Angeles	-6-3	-5-4	-4-51
San Diego	-8-1	-7-2	-6-51
Las Vegas	-10-1	-9-2	-8-51
Albuquerque	-12-3	-11-4	-10-51
Denver	-14-5	-13-6	-12-51
Chicago	-16-7	-15-8	-14-51
Indianapolis	-18-9	-17-10	-16-51
Pittsburgh	-20-11	-19-12	-18-51
Columbus	-22-13	-21-14	-20-51
Philadelphia	-24-15	-23-16	-22-51
Washington DC	-26-17	-25-18	-24-51
New York	-28-19	-27-20	-26-51
Boston	-30-21	-29-22	-28-51
Atlanta	-32-23	-31-24	-30-51
Fort Worth	-34-25	-33-26	-32-51
Dallas	-36-27	-35-28	-34-51
San Antonio	-38-29	-37-30	-36-51
Houston	-40-31	-39-32	-38-51
Phoenix	-42-33	-41-34	-40-51
San Jose	-44-35	-43-36	-42-51
San Francisco	-46-37	-45-38	-44-51
Los Angeles	-48-39	-47-40	-46-51
San Diego	-50-41	-49-42	-48-51
Las Vegas	-52-43	-51-44	-50-51
Albuquerque	-54-45	-53-46	-52-51
Denver	-56-47	-55-48	-54-51
Chicago	-58-49	-57-50	-56-51
Indianapolis	-60-51	-59-52	-58-51
Pittsburgh	-62-53	-61-54	-60-51
Columbus	-64-55	-63-56	-62-51
Philadelphia	-66-57	-65-58	-64-51
Washington DC	-68-59	-67-60	-66-51
New York	-70-61	-69-62	-68-51
Boston	-72-63	-71-64	-70-51
Atlanta	-74-65	-73-66	-72-51
Fort Worth	-76-67	-75-68	-74-51
Dallas	-78-69	-77-70	-76-51
San Antonio	-80-71	-79-72	-78-51
Houston	-82-73	-81-74	-80-51
Phoenix	-84-75	-83-76	-82-51
San Jose	-86-77	-85-78	-84-51
San Francisco	-88-79	-87-80	-86-51
Los Angeles	-90-81	-89-82	-88-51
San Diego	-92-83	-91-84	-90-51
Las Vegas	-94-85	-93-86	-92-51
Albuquerque	-96-87	-95-88	-94-51
Denver	-98-89	-97-90	-96-51
Chicago	-100-91	-99-92	-98-51

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prob
Boise	41	31	20%
Idaho Falls	38	28	10%
Rupert	35	25	5%
Twin Falls	32	22	5%
Burley	30	20	5%
Blackfoot	28	18	5%
Blaine	26	16	5%
Bravo	24	14	5%
Butte	22	12	5%
Challis	20	10	5%
Chamberlain	18	8	5%
Condon	16	6	5%
Driggs	14	4	5%
Elgin	12	2	5%
Emery	10	0	5%
Franklin	8	-2	5%
Grangeville	6	-4	5%
Hamilton	4	-6	5%
Heppner	2	-8	5%
Idaho Falls	0	-10	5%
Jackson	-2	-12	5%
Ketchikan	-4	-14	5%
Lamar	-6	-16	5%
Madras	-8	-18	5%
Malheur	-10	-20	5%
Marion	-12	-22	5%
McCall	-14	-24	5%
Minidoka	-16	-26	5%
Mountain Home	-18	-28	5%
Myrtle Beach	-20	-30	5%
Parma	-22	-32	5%
Payson	-24	-34	5%
Prater	-26	-36	5%
Rainier	-28	-38	5%
Rupert	-30	-40	5%
Shoshone	-32	-42	5%
St. Albans	-34	-44	5%
St. Anthony	-36	-46	5%
St. Charles	-38	-48	5%
St. George	-40	-50	5%
St. Leon	-42	-52	5%
St. Paul	-44	-54	5%
St. Regis	-46	-56	5%
St. Stephens	-48	-58	5%
St. Union	-50	-60	5%
St. Vincent	-52	-62	5%
St. Xavier	-54	-64	5%
St. Yves	-56	-66	5%
St. Zeno	-58	-68	5%
St. Ignace	-60	-70	5%
St. Joseph	-62	-72	5%
St. John	-64	-74	5%
St. Lawrence	-66	-76	5%
St. Martin	-68	-78	5%
St. Michael	-70	-80	5%
St. Patrick	-72	-82	5%
St. Peter	-74	-84	5%
St. Raphael	-76	-86	5%
St. Rose	-78	-88	5%
St. Theresa	-80	-90	5%
St. Vincent	-82	-92	5%
St. Wenceslaus	-84	-94	5%
St. Xavier	-86	-96	5%
St. Yves	-88	-98	5%
St. Zeno	-90	-100	5%

ALMANAC: TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 53 Yesterday's Low: 31	Month to Date: 0.53"	Yesterday's Maximum: 51%	Yesterday's Minimum: 30.00 in.	Friday: Sunrise: 7:23 AM, Sunset: 5:14 PM Saturday: Sunrise: 7:24 AM, Sunset: 5:15 PM Sunday: Sunrise: 7:25 AM, Sunset: 5:16 PM
Record High: 84 in 1999 Record Low: 10 in 1981	Year to Date: 1.77"	Today's Maximum: 62%		

MOON PHASES

Today: Waxing Crescent
Nov 23: First Moon
Nov 29: Full Moon
Dec 02: Last Moon

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Open house to honor Newcomb

BURLEY — An open house honoring Bruce and Celia Newcomb will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave. Bruce Newcomb is retiring after 20 years in the House of Representatives and eight years as Speaker of the House. The event will include a program at 7:30 p.m., entertainment, food and a special tribute to the Newcombs.

Program to highlight seat belt use

JEROME — Buckle up or pay up. That's the warning being issued by the Jerome and Twin Falls police departments.

Through Nov. 26, the departments will be joining the Idaho State Police and other departments in the "Click It, Don't Risk It" campaign.

They will be conducting saturation patrols to find people who aren't wearing seat belts. Drivers who are stopped for a traffic violation and not wearing a seat belt can expect to get a ticket.

Community resources lunch meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Service Providers will hold a no-host lunch meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jade Restaurant, 607 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Lewis Turner from the College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions will be the speaker.

The group is a network of community leaders, service providers and concerned citizens that meets monthly to share information about community resources and promoting interagency and interdisciplinary cooperation throughout the Twin Falls area.

Anderson Camp to host holiday sale

EDEN — Anderson Camp will host a holiday craft sale and bazaar on Saturday. It's scheduled from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There's no admission charge.

Anderson Camp is located near the intersection of Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 50.

Fair manager to be honored

FILER — A western celebration is planned for Saturday at Lion's Gate Gallery, honoring the return of John Pitz as Twin Falls County Fair manager.

The event is scheduled from 3-8 p.m. in addition of the western artists, craftsmen and authors featured in an exhibit that opens at the gallery Saturday. There will be live entertainment by vocalist Debbie Crawford. Liz McCabe will demonstrate the art of spinning natural fibers.

Homemade chili and bread, beer, wine, punch and dessert will be served.

The event is free is open to the public. Lion's Gate Gallery is located at 219 Main St.

Pitz returned to the Twin Falls County Fair on Nov. 1, seven months after leaving to take a fair manager's job in North Dakota.

Craters of the Moon episode on PBS tonight

TWIN FALLS — A new outdoor Idaho episode, "A Trip to the Moon," which airs at 8 p.m. tonight on Idaho Public Television, reveals the science, landscape and spirit of Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Producer Joan Cartan-Hansen says this sometimes overlooked piece of Idaho is a place of geological history and Native American spirituality, a home to butterflies, an informative tourist stop and a winter field trip site.

Student survives brush with tragedy

Fourth-grader hit by pickup may return to school today

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A pickup hit a fourth-grader Wednesday during morning rush hour on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, but the student suffered only cuts, scrapes and a broken collarbone. Doctors say Jeremiah DaSilva could return to Harrison Elementary as early

as today. It could have been so much worse.

Jeremiah had attempted to cross the thoroughfare 220 feet south of Filer Avenue, according to authorities.

He and several friends had been avoiding the bus that drives a small group of students who live east of Blue Lakes Boulevard North across the thoroughfare to Harrison Elementary School.

At the peak of morning rush hour, Jeremiah reportedly ran ahead of his friends into traffic on Blue Lakes. He slipped between the fenders of two stationary cars in the first

lane, according to witness statements. But in the second lane, a 2006 Dodge pickup traveling 20 mph was still slowing down for a red light as Jeremiah stepped in front of it.

"Apparently Jeremiah ran out ahead of the other two and they hollered at him and he just ran out," said Harrison Elementary Principal Chris Gillette. "He told the doctor he didn't look."

His two companions ran straight back to another bus stop as drivers stopped and rushed to help Jeremiah.

"They knew they were in trouble," Gillette said. "They

shouldn't have been anywhere near Blue Lakes."

Paramedics stopped Jeremiah as he tried to stand up, said Twin Falls Police Officer Dave Weigt.

"He had abrasions on his face from the pavement," Weigt said. He also suffered a broken collarbone and some bruises, Gillette said.

Familities drove Jeremiah to the hospital, which later released him to his parents, Weigt said.

Gillette said she discovered that four students had been ditching the bus recently and walking to school without their parent's knowledge.

"They all three said I am never going to do that again," Gillette said, after talking with the students and their parents. "The doctors said he may be back in school tomorrow."

Weekdays from 7 to 9 a.m. is the most dangerous time for young pedestrians, said Capt. Matt Hieks. "People are not as alert and traffic is more congested. The sunlight is just rising."

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Turning it around



Jim Cobble, superintendent of the Jerome School District, listens Wednesday during a meeting for superintendents at the College of Southern Idaho. Cobble has been named superintendent of the year.

Superintendent honored for work with Jerome school district

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jim Cobble faced a difficult situation 14 years ago when he was hired as the superintendent of the Jerome School District.

The deteriorating elementary school should have been condemned years ago by the state, but was allowed to remain open simply because the district couldn't afford a new building.

A high rate of poverty and one of the highest migrant worker populations in Idaho forced the district to cut costs to create classes for students who spoke limited English.

And then there were the new federal and state requirements that only seemed to make things more difficult.

So the first thing Cobble did was hire the right people to turn things around.

Fourteen years later, the school district is moving in a much different direction, and now Cobble is being recognized as Idaho's superintendent of the year.

Last week, the Idaho Association of School Administrators chose Cobble to represent Idaho as the superintendent of the year in a national meeting in New Orleans this March. There will be a formal announcement in February, Cobble was selected by a board of Idaho superintendents from a list of six school administrators statewide.

Cobble attributes the district's successes to the faculty and staff, who he said are necessary to "making things happen."

The district's staff agrees, but they say the main reason the district is able to attract the right people is because it has the right superintendent. "He is one of the reasons I came to work here in Jerome," said Alice Hocklander, principal at

"Jim has a well-rounded background, which includes his experience outside of public education that helps him have a good sense of working with the community. He is really good at getting a vision and then getting the right people to do it."

— Rob Wilson, executive director of the Idaho Association of School Administrators

Central Elementary School. "I worked with him in Gooding when he was the principal at the elementary school. I think the one word that best describes him is 'integrity.'"

Hecker and other staff members said Cobble makes decisions based on what is best for the students.

Cobble never had an air conditioner in his sweltering office because he thought every dime should be spent on the students.

"I've had experience in public education and private business," said Cobble, who worked in the private sector for 13 years. "In business, I was always trying to maximize profits, but in education I'm always trying to minimize costs."

He said the wisest decision an administrator can make is to hire the right people for the right job.

Apparently, it's working. The Jerome School District is incorporating technology in almost every program that it offers — the high school was the first in the state to broadcast school events live online.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has donated more money to the Jerome School District than any other district in Idaho, and Jerome voters recently passed the first school bond in about a decade with more than 75 percent approval.

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public education that helps him have a good sense of working with the community," said Rob Wilson, executive director of the Idaho Association of School Administrators. "He is really good at getting a vision and then getting the right people to do it."

Fourteen years after the district struggled just to retain its programs, it is now attracting new money and teachers because of its reputation for enhancing common academic programs.

But Cobble also is known for holding faculty and staff accountable for student progress. While many staff members said Cobble pushes the schools to do better, they also said he provides the resources and training to help the schools.

Cobble said accountability is how he ensures that his schools are succeeding.

But he is concerned that increased pressure on teachers and administrators will scare away some prospective employees.

"If I could choose a job to do all day, I would like to conduct private tours of our schools," Cobble said. "I don't think some people realize the pressure on our teachers, and I think they need to spend a day in our schools and see what they are doing."

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City's new economic developer planning for the 'long run'

Oregon woman taking post enjoys running in marathons

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Life can often feel like a marathon in the fast-paced, no-sleep business world.

Melinda Anderson knows this firsthand.

Anderson, the city's incoming economic development director, ran marathons for nearly a decade, including the New York City Marathon, before receiving a master's in business administration from Syracuse University in 1993.

"Economic development is definitely a marathon," Anderson said. "It's not a sprint. It isn't a quick fix. It often can take quite a while to get deals done."

City officials hope she will continue to spur growth in Twin Falls. Anderson also will lead the Urban Renewal Agency, which is responsible for maintaining and improving businesses downtown.

Anderson said the area boasts several advantages for growth and tourism: the interstate, a river, open space and a growing number of medical and retail outlets.

"I want the community to be as successful as possible and one of the ways to

do that is to create a diversified economy," she said. "I've been in economic development for a long time. I know what needs to be done."

Anderson, 54, who lives in Coos Bay, Ore., received a bachelor's degree from the University of Portland and has served in various agencies in Oregon's chambers of commerce in Molalla and Bend; the South Coast Development Council; and the Pony Village Mall.

Anderson, who spent two years in the Peace Corps in Romania, has been a private consultant since 2003.

Her arrival — she starts in January — ends a nearly four-month search since Dave McAllardin left after 18 years to work in Arizona. The council approved her appointment Monday.

"There are some tricks of trade that if you don't have someone in the position, you just can't take advantage of," Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said. "But we have always made the commitment that we would look into finding the right person and that's what we did here."

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Man who threatened to set women on fire sentenced

By John Seitz
For the Times-News

ELKO — An Owyhee man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to pouring alcohol on two women and threatening to light them on fire.

Dewayne Henley, 41, pleaded guilty in September to two counts of coercion. He was originally charged with attempted murder, first-degree arson, assault with a deadly weapon and obstructing an officer. He agreed to the coercion charges under a plea agreement.

The incident occurred in March, when Henley and two of his friends were invited to a home. Henley had a disagreement with an 18-year-old woman at the residence, which ended with him pouring rum on the woman and one of her friends who took her to the hospital.

Henley became violent, physically restrained the woman and held up a lighter near them, threat-

ening to set them on fire. One of the women was able to escape and contact police.

Neither of the women was burned.

Coercion is defined as preventing a person from doing something by depriving them their free will, by use of threat or force.

County Deputy District Attorney Al Kacin said he felt the coercion charges were appropriate given what happened. He said it would be difficult to prove attempted murder beyond a reasonable doubt, because there were indications Henley was trying to scare the girls, not burn them alive.

One of the women indicated Henley had put the flame up to them, but was striking it at a distance away.

In addition to Henley's 10-year sentence, he must pay \$175 in fees and fines. He will receive credit for 223 days served in jail.

OBITUARIES

Tammy Lynn Newnham

Filer — Tammy Lynn Newnham, 47, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, due to complications following a stroke.

Tammy will be greatly missed by her loving husband, Tom; and son, Logan; and by her family and friends. For those who "loved" Tammy, she was the most loving and compassionate person they had ever met. She had patience, to not end and a love that would go on forever and again.



Tammy was born Jan. 7, 1959, in Twin Falls at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital to Allen Moore and Barbara Bryant. She was the oldest of six sisters. On Nov. 28, 2001, Tammy married the love of her life, Tom. Then on Aug. 18, 1989, they were sealed for time and all eternity at the Mantle Temple. Tom will always hold her as his most beloved treasure. Tammy and Tom loved each other very, very much and together they shared many memories, including their love of animals, camping, fishing, hunting, music — and above all — their love for their son, Logan. Blessed with many talents,

Tammy enjoyed doing crafts, sewing, making wedding cakes, as well as being very involved with Logan's many activities at home and school. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is now walking with our Lord, and she will be missed very much. We love you, Tammy!

Tammy is survived by her husband, Tom; and their son, Logan; her mother, Barbara Bryant (Edward); and her father, Allen Moore (Doris); six nieces, Debbie Warrick (Tim), Chris Paulson, Dawna Ackerman (Andy), Lisa Bothof (Donnie), and Shannon Trinkaus (Jim); and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the LDS Church, 501 Main St. in Lulu. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at the home of Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral begins at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Logan Newnham Trust Account, in care of Farmer's National Bank of Idaho or left with the funeral home staff. Arrangements are under the care of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley.

Ward F. Mackie

BUIH — Ward F. Mackie, 95, of Buih, passed away peacefully Nov. 13, 2006, at St. Luke's Medical Valley Regional Medical Center with his loving family at his side.

Ward was born March 1, 1911, in Patterson, Calif., to John L. and Iva Miller. At age 3, he became the son of the most loving of parents, William Frederick and Frances Hebecka Mackie. He was raised and graduated high school in the Filer, Idaho.



He was the last surviving graduate of the Filer "Class of 1930," while in high school. Ward began working at the Filer movie theater, running the projector for the movies that came to town. He worked at his father's side, learning the home painting business, which was his father's occupation. After the sudden death of his father in 1931, he continued in the occupation as a painter, served part time as a printer's devil and continued to operate the movie projector at the theater.

On Feb. 10, 1932, he married Esther Marie Davis in Filer, Idaho. After several years working as a home painter in Filer, Ward and Esther moved to Martinez, Calif., where he began a career as an apprentice carpenter. He became a journeyman carpenter and worked that profession for eight years. He then moved his family back to the farm south of Filer, Idaho, on Christmas Eve of 1942, where he spent the remainder of his life. After retiring from actively farming his land, he worked as

a carpenter for many years. While his son was growing up and active in Scouting, Ward was a Scoutmaster for several years. He attended all activities his children participated in while they were growing up. In his later years, he enjoyed many hours of bowling and all the friends he made at the bowling alley. Ward was a loving, gentle, caring man, deeply loved by his family and friends. He made a difference in all the lives he touched throughout his life.

Ward is survived by his son, Dr. (veterinarian) W. Marvin (Phyllis) Mackie of San Pedro, Calif.; one daughter, Onah Dee (Gale) Mollenbrink of Buih, Idaho; and two granddaughters, Leah Ann (Gary) Lemmons of Buih and Corinne (Jim) Mason of Twin Falls. He is also survived by two great-granddaughters, Stephanie Marie Lemmons and Shayla Dee (Tom) Lemmons; one great-grandson, Jacob Taylor Lemmons; one great-great-granddaughter; and one great-great-grandson. He is also survived by three nieces, who were daughters of his biological sister, Ruby, and their families; four great-nephews, Michael, Steven, Scott and Jerry Brown; and two great-nieces, Ellen and Kristin. Ward's wife, Esther, his parents and a niece, Donna Lee Howell, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buih, with interment to follow at the Filer Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m., with family greeting from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be gratefully appreciated.

Barbara Moon

HEYBURN — Barbara Roberts Moon, a 76-year-old resident of Heyburn, passed away Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Barbara was born Feb. 4, 1930, the youngest of 10 children born to William and Rosetta Welker Roberts. She was raised in Burley, Idaho, and graduated from Burley High School. She loved to play the trumpet and enjoyed playing in dance bands. Barbara married Ned N. E. I. a bur



Moore on July 16, 1948, in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple. To this union were born six children. She was a devoted wife and mother. Everything centered around her family. She lovingly made quilts for all of her children and grandchildren. She was so proud of her grandchildren's achievements and diligently supported their various activities and events. Family history was extremely important to her, and this past summer each grandchild received a book that she had compiled going back three generations. She included pictures, histories, documents and pedigree charts.

One of her great pleasures was her cabin in Elba, where many wonderful family reunions were held. She was happiest when her entire family was gathered there

together. She loved to travel and was thrilled to go to Israel, Washington, D.C., Europe, and she also went on an Alaskan cruise. Barbara was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many church capacities including Primary president, Young Women's president and stake Relief Society president. She was just recently released as ward Relief Society president. She also worked in the Boise Temple. Shortly after her husband's passing, she served a mission in Birmingham, Ala.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Irene) Moon of Grand Prairie, Texas, Ray (Thillyn) Moon of Eden, Lanna (Lynn) Moon of Pocatello, Wash., Ned (Mary) Moon of Heyburn, Darin (Valerie) Moon of Burley, and Tom (Terri) Moon of Pasco, Wash.; 23 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Gale Roberts of Shoshone. She was preceded in death by her parents; eight of her siblings; and her husband, Ned N. Moon.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 5th W. in Heyburn, with Bishop Todd Wheeler officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:40 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the LDS Church Perpetual Education Fund in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Alexis Tuppi

RUPERT — Alexis Tuppi, a 60-year-old resident of Rupert, passed away Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006.

He was born April 28, 1946, to Stepan and Irlayna Osestrow Tuppi in Kiel, Germany. Alex graduated from the University of Idaho in 1969 with a



degree in science civil engineering and then served multiple tours with the Cavalry Division, U.S. Army in Vietnam. He then worked with the Idaho Transportation Department in Shoshone, Idaho, and became an Idaho licensed professional engineer. Alex retired with the Bureau of Reclamation in Tushnet, Ore., in 1998, following 22 years of service.

Fishing the Salmon, Snake, Rogue and Umqua Rivers were his greatest pastimes.

Alex is survived by his mother, Ailayna Tuppi of Rupert; one sister, Cheryl (Jerry) Osestrow of Rupert; one brother, Basil (Lois) Tuppi of Wilder; a sister-in-law, Debbie Tuppi of Pocatello; and four nieces residing in the Pocatello area. He was preceded in death by his father, Stepan Tuppi and a brother, Nick Tuppi.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Pastor John Ziulkowski officiating. Interment will follow at the Burley cemetery where military rites will be accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Arrangements, have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Barbara Jean Christensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Martha Lee Bruce Tattersall of Eden, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Glenn Arthur McClain of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Elroy Hoyd "Dave" Davis of

Glenns Ferry, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the VFW hall in Glenns Ferry; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the VFW hall (Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home).

Rae Rae Thalman of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary.

Timothy Keith Gardner, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Acequia LDS 1st Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m.

the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Dorothy M. Tilley

EAGLE — Dorothy M. Tilley, 78, of Eagle, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Ten Mile and Cherry Lane in Meridian. Visitation will be at 10:15 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Accent Funeral Home in Meridian.

DEATH NOTICES

Fern Jensen

BURLEY — Fern Jensen, 89, of Burley, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, in Glenns Ferry. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Mary Knopp

BURLEY — Mary Knopp, 92, of Burley, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

May L. Welch

GOODING — May L. Welch, 80, of Gooding, died

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending in Kansas. Local arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Harold W. Terry

RUPERT — Harold W. Terry, 84, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Denise Smith

RUPERT — Denise Smith, 72, of Rupert, died Tuesday,

Nov. 14, 2006, at Memorial Care Rehabilitation Center in Pocatello.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Steven T. Gibbs

BURLEY — Steven Todd Gibbs, 39, of Burley, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2006, in an accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert and Burley chapels.

Elaine K. Scheinost

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the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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Socially conscious math professor Leon A. Henkin, dead at 85

Los Angeles Times — Leon A. Henkin, a mathematics professor at the University of California, Berkeley who helped pioneer programs aimed at increasing the number of women and minorities who study and teach math at the highest levels, has died. He was 85. Henkin, who taught at Berkeley for almost 40 years, died Nov. 11 of complications related to old age at his Oakland, Calif., home, said his son, Julian. "He profoundly cared about social justice, and he had the deepest belief in the potential

of students of all backgrounds," said Uri Treisman, a mathematics professor at the University of Texas at Austin who was Henkin's last doctoral student. During the civil-rights movement of the 1960s, Henkin organized a committee of Berkeley faculty members to address why more women and minority undergraduates weren't pursuing math or other careers, the university said in a release. The group set up a program that targeted underrepresented students by teaching them how to succeed in college and supporting them with scholar-

ships. The effort served as a model for Upward Bound, a federal college-readiness program for low-income students that is used on hundreds of campuses, Treisman said. Upon recognizing Henkin in 1990, the Mathematical Association of America said "few individuals of our era have had a greater impact on the health of American mathematics." Among Henkin's other accomplishments was the Bay Area Mathematics Project, a collaborative effort to improve the teaching of math in area schools that led to a similar national program.

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Nevada town enacts English-only law, bans immigrant benefits

PAHRUMP Nev. (AP) — Elected officials in this southern Nevada town have adopted an ordinance declaring English-the-official-language—restricting the display of foreign flags and denying town benefits to illegal immigrants.

A 3-2 Town Board vote drew a standing ovation and cheers late Tuesday from many of the 250 people at a meeting that featured passionate arguments about the proposal.

"We have to start somewhere," said trustee Michael Miraglia, who sponsored the measure targeting illegal immigrants. He said Tuesday it was "for all our servicemen and women who died for our country," and he hoped it would provide a model for other cities.

Audience members heckled an American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada

official and booted Pahrump resident Vicky Parker, who said she was "appalled at the overt Hispano-phobia going on."

Lee Rowland, an ACLU staff lawyer from Las Vegas, told the board the ordinance would invade an expensive lawsuit challenging its constitutionality.

"If you pass an ordinance that is blatantly in violation of the First Amendment, this town will be on the hook," Rowland said.

Town Manager David Richards called the English Language and Patriot Reaffirmation ordinance a statement that "everyone should speak English, and if you are going to move here, then you ought to respect the American flag and fly it in prominence."

Some who said they

avored the ordinance blamed the federal government for failure to address immigration issues. Most said not-much-will-change-with-the-ordinance's-adoption.

Town business is already conducted in English, the ordinance regulating the display of flags won't be enforced, and the town has no real "benefits" to take away because public aid is administered by the state or the county officials said.

The flag measure requires an American flag to be displayed at least as prominently as a foreign flag.

Pahrump with 33,241 residents, is 50 miles west of Las Vegas. It is the largest town in sprawling Nye County, where about 9 percent the population of 41,302 was Hispanic in 2005, according to the Nevada state demographer.

Bush resubmits appeals court nominees

By Devin Barrett
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, trying to push through judicial nominations before Republicans lose control of the Senate, resubmitted six nominees deemed by Democrats too-conservative-for-the-federal-bench.

Five nominees were the subject of an angry exchange in August when Democrats said their selection was a sop to the president's conservative base.

The White House on Wednesday submitted Terrence Boyle of North Carolina and William James Leagues II of Virginia to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.; Michael Brunson Wallace of Mississippi to the 5th Circuit in New Orleans; Peter Keisler of Maryland to the District of Columbia Circuit; and William Gerry Myers III and Norman Randy Smith, both of Idaho, for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco.

Everyone except Keisler has generated intense opposition from Democrats.

Under Senate rules the nominations must be resubmitted after Congress takes an extended break, as was the case this year for the 2005 election.

"Democrats have asked the president to be bipartisan—but this is a clear slap in the face at our request," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Judiciary Committee. "For the sake of the country, we hope that this is an aberration because the president feels he must placate his hard-right base, rather than an indication of things to come."

Sen. Jon Corryn, R-Texas, a vocal backer of many of Bush's judicial picks, said he thought it would be "very tough" to get the nominees through the Senate during the lame-duck session. But he added, "I hope springs eternal."

Cornyn said judicial nominees will test the Democrats' stated desire to run the Senate with greater bipartisanship.

"We'll see whether now that they're in majority status, if they're going to have ideological litmus tests for judges," Corryn said.

The president's picks for the federal bench have sparked angry debate in the Senate. The incoming majority leader, Democrat Harry Reid—of Nevada, once threatened to filibuster Boyle's nomination if it came to the full Senate.

Haynes was an architect of the Bush administration's eventually abandoned policy on the treatment of terrorism detainees. He later told a Senate panel that reversing the policy was the "right thing to do."

Bush this week also has sent several nonjudicial nominees to the Senate. One was Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, renominated as chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the agency that directs U.S. overseas broadcasts. His nomination has bogged down because allegations of misconduct.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Public invited to pinocle card party

PAUL — A pinocle card party will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Hall, 113 E. Idaho St.

Pie will be served at 6:30 p.m. A freewill donation will be taken. For more information, call 438-5358.

Buhl dinner, auction fundraiser Friday

BUIH — The Buhl High School Jazz and Select Choirs and junior class will have moved their benefit auction and dinner to Friday in the cafeteria.

The dinner starts at 6 p.m. and auction starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased from any junior class member, the high school office, the Buhl School District Office or at the door. Prices are adults and children age 11 and older: \$7; children age 10 and under: \$4; and a family of five: \$20.

The event was moved because of the boys' football state championship game.

Minico bake-off/baked food sale Friday

PAUL — A bake-off/baked food sale will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at West Minico Middle School as a fundraiser for the orchestra and West Minico's band, choir and orchestra.

Categories are cookies, dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls or pie. Entry fee is \$10 per item or four for \$35. Contestants will also need to furnish two dozen rolls or cookies, or three pies for judging and the bake sale and should also include the recipe. Donations of baked goods will also be accepted.

Car Dealership to hold holiday food drive

TWIN FALLS — Team Con Pines Volunteer Mixer of Twin Falls, 1534 N. Blue Lakes Blvd., along with Mik 103, is holding "60 Hours to Fight Hunger," an annual Thanksgiving food drive today, Friday and Saturday for families in need in Southern Idaho.

The public is invited to donate turkeys or non-perishable food items that will provide Thanksgiving dinner for many families through the South Central Community Action Partnership. For more information, call 735-3900.

Auxiliary president schedules Wendell visit

WENDELL — The National American Legion Auxiliary President to Cronin will make a brief stopover in Wendell

from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday at the American Legion Post Home, 610 West Main.

She will then continue to Boise where she will take part in a food convoy on Saturday.

The 25th annual Food Convoy consists of American Legion members from all over the state of Idaho who gather groceries for the Veterans Homes in Boise, Pocatello and Lewistown.

Free Thanksgiving dinner served Sunday

RUPERT — A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served 3 p.m. Sunday at the Community Oasis Outreach, 102 Second St.

Presbyterian Women luncheon Saturday

BURLEY — The Presbyterian Women luncheon and sale will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 2100 Burton Ave.

Lunch will be served from

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Other food items will be for sale, including homemade noodles. A freewill offering will be taken for the lunch.

Holiday craft and bake sale seeks donations

BURLEY — The annual Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center Volunteer Holiday Craft and Bake Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the front lobby at 2303 Parke Ave.

Donations of holiday crafts and baked goods can be dropped off at the snack bar between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donations are also needed for the gift shop in the snack bar, Call Joyce Heinze at Parke View at 677-3073 or at home 678-0427 for more information. Volunteers are also needed in the snack bar and beauty shop. All profits from the various fundraising activities go back into the facility to benefit the residents.

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Court asked to rescind EPA decision allowing field burning

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — The dense plumes of smoke that arise when grass-seed farmers in Idaho burn their fields cause asthma in children, reduce visibility on highways and actually kill people, but the Environmental Protection Agency did not study those effects before changing a federal rule to allow such fires, a lawyer for a clean-air group told judges Wednesday.

"The smoke from this burning is so thick it sends people to the hospital," attorney David Berzon told the three-judge panel from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where such cases are heard.

Berzon represents Safe Air For Everyone, a Washington and Idaho clean-air group, as well as the American Lung Association, which sued late last year to undo the EPA's rule change on the grounds that the agency made the decision without first studying what the effects would be.

Kentucky bluegrass seed grown in northern Idaho is shipped across the nation to be used in landscaping and golf courses. Farmers contend they must burn the stubble left on fields to improve the production of the next year's crop and control pests. The smoke often drifts into neighboring states and Canada.

Hundreds of doctors have signed petitions seeking an end to the burning, saying their patients suffer ill effects from the dense smoke; in 2000, a

coroner determined that a Rathdrum, Idaho, woman died from inhaling it. Clean-air groups argue that a 1998 decision to ban grass-field burning in Washington state has not harmed the seed industry.

The field burning has gone on for years in Idaho, where it is allowed under state law but historically not under the federal plan for Idaho established under the Clean Air Act. Last year, after health groups threatened to sue farmers for burning fields, the EPA changed the plan

for Idaho, saying it had intended to allow grass-field burning all along.

The EPA insisted that the change was a simple clarification that could be made without first conducting a study.

"There was no statement in the state implementation plan that crop residue burning was allowed," said Justice Department lawyer Paul Cirino. "But everybody knew it was allowed in Idaho."

The judges — Arthur Alarcon, Pamela Ann Byrner and Marsha

Berzon — regarded that argument dubiously. They said that field burning clearly had been prohibited under the federal plan, and that the government's rule change allowing such burning was more than a "clarification."

"It says flat out that you can't have open burning, and now the agency can interpret that to mean something else?" Berzon asked Cirino.

"I'm having trouble with your use of the word 'clarification,'" Alarcon added.

Grant monies will help N. Idaho program designed to reduce jail crowding

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County officials plan to begin using a federal grant in January to help reduce overcrowding in the 325-bed jail.

But the county's public defender said he has concerns about the program.

The \$162,800 grant will allow the county to hire pretrial services officers who will interview people arrested. The 10-minute interviews will determine if the person has mental health or drug prob-

lems, and whether there are two people in the community who can verify information from the interview.

The information they obtain will be supplied to the presiding judge, prosecutor, and public defender.

Mike Wall, county adult misdemeanor probation department manager, said the information will help judges decide on setting bail.

"The goal is to allow defendants to be released on their

own recognizance or in a lower-than-normal bail." Wall told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

"If the person gets out, we will provide supervision and hopefully save county dollars usually spent on keeping them in jail."

Wall said the supervision would consist of phone conversations, mainly reminders of court dates.

"I honestly believe in the program," Wall said. "It will reduce the number of people

who can't afford a \$500 bond."

However, county Chief Public Defender John Adams said he has concerns that statements made during the interviews could later be used in court.

"People who are arrested

and charged with crimes are

presumably innocent."

Adams told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "We're concerned about where these statements are going to go, to whom they are going to go, and what use is going to be made out of them."

Adams said an attorney might not be present for the interviews with someone in jail.

"Unless they can immediately afford to hire their own attorney, they aren't going to be appointed any public defender yet," he said.

Trooper shoots, kills suspect in NE Washington

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Washington State Patrol trooper shot and killed a man he said was threatening him with an assault rifle following a chase on U.S. Highway 2.

The dead man was identified late Tuesday as Andre C. Laurent, 54, of Hapa, Idaho, described by Trooper Jeffrey J. Sevigny as a convicted felon with an extensive criminal history. State troopers and Pend Oreille County sheriff's deputies were investigating.

Sevigny said Trooper Kyle C. Witt, 30, who has been with the patrol for 5½ years, followed a white Cadillac that was being driven erratically for more than a mile before the car pulled over about 2 p.m. Tuesday about a mile north of the Spokane-Pend Oreille county line.

When Laurent got out of the car with an AK-47-style rifle, Witt got back into his cruiser and used it to knock down the older man and push the Cadillac down an embankment, Sevigny said.

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EPA: NW enforcement numbers and penalties up, pollutants down

By Peggy Andersen
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Enforcement actions by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Northwest and Alaska generated millions of dollars in penalties, cost industry millions for remediation and reduced pollution in the four-state region by 26.4 million pounds, the federal agency said Wednesday.

"This is about protecting people where they live," said Elin D. Miller, recently named EPA administrator for Region 10, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. "We've found that diligent enforcement not only inspires compliance, but also levels the economic playing field for those companies who are doing the right thing environmentally," she noted in a news release.

The EPA released figures on its enforcement actions for fiscal year 2006, which ended Sept. 30.

In the Northwest region, penalties for violators increased significantly from last year and 2004, the first year the numbers were tallied, as did pollution-reduction numbers.

There were 236 enforcement actions for fiscal 2006 in the region, up from 196 reported last year and 192 in 2004.

EPA inspection numbers were up as well. The agency reported 1,299 inspections in the region for the latest fiscal year, up from 1,217 in fiscal 2004 and 1,221 last year.

"We're looking at it as a pretty good trend," EPA spokesman Mark MacIntyre said. "Would we like to do more inspections? Sure, but we have limited amounts of resources." Judicial and administrative

penalties for violations in the four-state region totaled \$3.6 million — more than double the \$1.7 million collected last year and in 2004.

The biggest state total was the \$1.67 million assessed in Alaska. Nearly half that money came from penalties for Clean Water Act violations at a Cook Inlet oil-drilling platform operated by Forest Oil Corp. of Anchorage.

Most of Idaho's \$1.2 million total came from settlement of a federal lawsuit over Clean Water Act violations from dumping tons of stormwater sediment into a creek during realignment of Interstate 95 near Lake Coeur d'Alene. The state Department of Transportation and contractor Scarsella Brothers agreed to pay \$895,000 to settle the case.

In Washington, penalties of \$647,270 were assessed; in Oregon, \$85,890.

Violators also paid \$657,000 for "supplementary environmental projects," an option offered during penalty negotiations that can cut back on mitigation costs, said EPA enforcement coordinator Debbie Flood. The money goes to local projects, rather than the U.S. Treasury.

Violators also paid an estimated \$115.2 million to correct environmental problems they caused, the EPA said.

The regional reduction of 26.4 million pounds of sediments and air polluted with things like oil, grease, gasoline and particulate matter was nearly double the 13.9 million reported for fiscal 2005 and more in tune with the 21.3 million of fiscal 2004. Cases involving millions of pounds of pollutants gave this year's numbers a significant bump. "You don't have that every year," Flood said.



Members of the Native American Coalition of Boise put on a dance exhibition at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise on Wednesday during a ceremony honoring Native American firefighters who died while fighting wildfires.

Fallen wildland firefighters honored at national fire center ceremony

By Alicia P.Q. Wittmeyer
Associated Press writer

BOISE — When Bodie Shaw visited the World War II memorials and Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C., he viewed them with respect, but also with detachment.

But when Shaw heard about the memorial for wildland firefighters, it was different. Shaw worked on a first response fire crew for six years, and has friends killed in the line of duty who have been honored in the memorial.

"Here I felt a connection, because I'd done this. I knew what they'd been through," said Shaw, a Bureau of Indian Affairs fire manager and a member of the Wildland

Firefighter Foundation, which created the memorial.

Shaw was one of dozens gathered at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise on Wednesday to honor firefighters past and present, during a ceremony for five men and women killed while battling wildfires who were remembered with memorial stones.

James Rangell, Michelle Fay Smith, Richard Bosvall, Larry Hoffman and Frank Funston were honored for their service with stones that were purchased by family and friends.

Over the last decade, an average of 18 wildland firefighters were killed annually, according to the fire agency.

The monument, constructed in 2000, was built to honor

those whose fight fires that consume millions of acres every year. Of the 160 memorial stones placed on the ground next to the walkways around the monument, 112 are in memory of firefighters killed in the line of duty.

"The memorial stands witness and as a place to honor all firefighters," said Tim Murphy, deputy director of the Bureau of Land Management's Office of Fire and Aviation. "We must never forget those who have suffered and have lost their lives."

The memorial is planted to represent landscapes where wildland firefighters do their work. Sagebrush represents the western deserts; pinyon pines represent the woods and forests.

Prosecutor: Woman tried to hire hit man to kill relative

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho woman has been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in what authorities say was a plot to kill a teenage relative to prevent her from testifying against the woman's adult son on rape charges.

Myra L. Caldwell, 56, was charged Monday in 1st District Court. Kootenai County prosecutors say Caldwell, of Pinchurst, took part in a plot to kill the 15-year-old so she couldn't

testify against Caldwell's 40-year-old son, William L. Caldwell, who is charged with raping the teen.



Myra L. Caldwell

According to a detective's report, a jailhouse informant tipped authorities that William Caldwell was planning to have the girl killed, and that Myra Caldwell was going to provide the girl's picture and where she lived.

The report said Myra Caldwell told a detective posing as a hit man that she would pay \$200 before the killing and as much as \$200 more afterward.

Myra Caldwell, according to the report, told the detective posing as a hit man that killing the girl "wouldn't hurt her feelings at all."

Authorities searched Myra Caldwell's home Thursday and seized weapons and ammunition. She was arrested the same day in Coeur d'Alene. William Caldwell, who is being held on rape charges at the Kootenai County Jail, was served with an arrest warrant concerning the alleged plot.

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NATION



Lewis Harrison wipes his face after pulling over 30 children from the Fun Zone area after a storm destroyed the building and a possible tornado moved through the area in Montgomery, Ala., Wednesday.

Two hurt as storms wreck Alabama skating rink filled with preschoolers

By John Zener
Associated Press writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Lines of powerful thunderstorms pelted the South with heavy wind, rain and hail Wednesday, turning a skating rink into a hulk of twisted metal soon after the 31 preschoolers and four adults inside had fled to the only part of the building that turned out to be safe.

One child suffered a broken bone and another a cut to the head, but everyone else emerged unharmed from the crumpled wreck of the Fun Zone Skate Center, which doubled as a day-care facility. "I'm amazed that anyone got out of there," said Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright.

Several states were battered by the storms, which unleashed tornadoes and straight-line winds that overturned mobile homes and tractor-trailers, uprooted trees and knocked down power lines. At least one person was killed and several injured.

Authorities were unsure whether it was a tornado that hit the skate center about 10:15 a.m. Jon Slaughter, who owns two nearby businesses, arrived at the skating center about five minutes after the building was ripped

apart. "What I saw was just utter destruction," said Slaughter. "The children were scared, they were cold and dirty. They were crying and upset, but really they were calmer than I thought they would be."

The manager of the day-care center operating inside the building had made everyone get into the section of the building that survived the high winds.

The damage was so severe some witnesses were in disbelief that everyone inside could have walked out. "Two people crawled under the beams and wreckage looking for kids, but everyone was already out."

"I wasn't panicked until I saw the building," said Russell Grant, who showed up to take home his 5-year-old son, Justin, after hearing what had happened.

Dozens of buildings were damaged in four southwestern Mississippi counties and across the state line in three Louisiana parishes.

At least one tornado cut a path about two miles wide and three or four miles long in Greensburg, La., toppling trees and damaging buildings and power lines, said Maj. Michael Martin of the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office. One man was killed when his home, a trailer covered by a wooden structure, was destroyed, he said.

Abramoff to prison, tells friends things 'going to get worse'

The Associated Press

CUMBERLAND, Md. — At the height of his power, lobbyist Jack Abramoff's e-mails were the confident, sometimes brash dispatches of a man willing to spend big to shape things his way.

Hours before dawn Wednesday, Abramoff typed another e-mail, this one a contrite and reflective farewell to his friends, then headed off to federal prison.

"Unfortunately, things are going to get worse (starting, today no doubt) before they get better, but I am confident that ultimately the turmoil will subside and we will have our lives back," Abramoff wrote.

It's a far cry from the man who used e-mail to get the ear of the president's closest adviser and casually encouraged a colleague to boost his monthly bill to "around \$150,000."

The man who parlayed campaign donations and expensive gifts into access to Congress and the White

House will serve nearly six years in a Maryland prison where he will earn no more than 40 cents an hour for assigned jobs.

Back in Washington, the city is still shaken by his scandal. A congressman has admitted corruption, a Bush administration official was convicted of lying.

Republicans were driven from office and several aides have pleaded guilty. And, with Abramoff's cooperation, the federal prose-

cutors are investigating several others. On top of his six-year sentence for a fraudulent Florida casino deal, he is awaiting sentencing in a Capitol Hill public corruption

case in which he also is the star witness.

"This nightmare has gone on for almost three years so far and I expect we are not even half way through," Abramoff wrote.

The message, described by Abramoff as "my last e-mail for a while," was provided to The Associated Press by one of his correspondents, who asked to remain anonymous.

Abramoff, Inmate No. 27593-112, was delivered to prison out of sight of reporters and camera crews. He will be held at a 334-bed, minimum-security prison camp.

From prison, Abramoff is to continue cooperating with the Justice Department, helping explain how he manipulated government decisions and who else was involved. The case has already led to the conviction of former Bush administration official David

Safavian and guilty pleas from former Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and several congressional aides.

All federal prisoners, Abramoff will be required to have a prison job. Unlike his previous work, which involved chartering jets for exotic golf excursions and facilitating huge campaign donations, he will make between 12 and 40 cents an hour. New inmates typically start in lower-paying food service jobs and move up to more desirable jobs, said Stephen Finger, the prison's executive assistant.

The all-male prison camp, which is surrounded by Appalachian Mountain ridges, consists of two-story cinderblock dormitories. Abramoff will share a dorm with five inmates, many of whom are drug offenders, Finger said.



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Palestinian rocket kills woman; Israel threatens harsh response

By Ken Eisingwood
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian rocket killed a woman in Israel early Wednesday in the first fatal strike in more than a year by militants firing from the Gaza Strip.

The deadly salvo prompted Israel to warn of stepped-up actions against the erude Kassam rockets, which have often disrupted life for Israelis near the Gaza border but rarely proved deadly.

"We will not allow these attacks to continue. Israel is compelled to take whatever steps it deems necessary to thwart such attacks and to allow Israelis to live in peace," said David Baker, an official in the office of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

The 57-year-old Israeli woman died after the rocket hit Sderot, a working-class town on the border frequently targeted by the Palestinian militants. Also injured was a guard for Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz, whose home is not

far from where the rocket struck.

A separate attack later in the day seriously injured a 17-year-old boy in Sderot. The salvos were among more than a dozen rockets fired from northern Israel during the day, including at least four that hit the city of Ashkelon.

Islamic Jihad and the military wing of Hamas each said it had launched rockets to avenge the deaths of 19 civilians who died last week when Israeli artillery shells struck a neighborhood in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. Israel said the shells went off-course due to problems with the targeting system.

Peretz summoned security officials, threatening a harsh response to Wednesday's rocket strikes.

Israel generally has been quick to answer Kassam attacks with military force. But the military has been unable to bring an end to the nearly daily rocketing from the northern Gaza, airstrikes and artillery shelling against the guerrillas who fire from fields



An unidentified relative of Fa'ina Slutzer, 57, cries at Slutzer's grave after the funeral Wednesday at a cemetery in the southern Israeli town of Sderot.

and groves near the border. Wednesday's attack brought fresh outrage among

Sderot residents, who have demonstrated outside Peretz's home to protest what they con-

sider inadequate steps by the government to protect them from the homemade rockets.

Parents have gone to court to demand that all area school buildings be reinforced to withstand Kassams, but the government says it is unable to provide complete protection.

"We have grown accustomed to the state's dismissive approach toward the people of Sderot and the area," Yaffa Malka, a hairdresser in the town, told Israel Radio. "And it is a shame that the world, state, government and press do not take the Kassams as a serious problem until they claim a life. The people here are living in terrible distress."

The army said that about 1,000 rockets have been launched at communities in southern Israel this year. More than 100 were fired since Nov. 1, the military said.

Kassam strikes have killed seven Israelis, all have been in Sderot, since June 2004. The most recent death before Wednesday was in July of last year. Israeli business leaders say the attacks have caused about \$9 million in economic damage in the past three years.

Kidnappers free scores of hostages

Iraqi premier may be bending to U.S. pressure

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Kidnappers released about 70 people snatched in a mass abduction by suspected Shiite militants who answer to a key hacker of the prime minister — a sign the militants went too far and Iraq's leader may be yielding to intense U.S. pressure to crack down on sectarian violence.

But Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki clearly has more work to do. Iraqi police, hospital and morgue officials reported 105 new violent deaths Wednesday. 54 of the victims were tortured and shot, their bodies dumped in Baghdad.

The quick release of many of the captives — less than 24 hours after the abductions — was surprising in a country

where hundreds of Iraqis have been kidnapped, murdered and dumped in streets or rivers each month. In two recent mass kidnappings, both of about 50 people, the victims were never heard of again.

It was unclear how many Iraqis remained captive from Tuesday's assault. Government ministries have given wildly varying figures on the number of people seized, with reports ranging from a high of about 150 to a low of 40 to 50.

"We have information about the kidnappers and where the rest of the hostages are being held," Higher Education Minister Abed Theyab told Al-Arabiya television.

The mass abduction took place in broad daylight when gunmen disguised in the blue camouflage uniforms of police commandos raided the Higher Education Ministry in Karradah, a primarily Shiite area of downtown Baghdad, handcuffed their victims and took them away in about 20 pickup trucks.

The assault was widely believed to have been the work of the Mahdi Army, the heavily armed militia of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, and it raised questions about al-Maliki's commitment to wipe out the Shiite militias of his prime political backer: the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq and al-Sadr's Sadrist Movement.

The mass abduction was seen as retaliation for the recent kidnapping of 50 Shiites south of Baghdad.

But al-Maliki's public criticism of the kidnappers, and the fact that his Shiite-dominated government quickly won the release of many captives, appeared to be a sign that the militants had gone too far and the prime minister was ready to comply with U.S. demands to force the militias and their death squads.

Many of the fighters are believed to operate within the country's police and security forces, both of which are run and dominated by Shiites.

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Babel (R) 6:45-9:15
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Man of the Year (R) 6:45-9:30
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Flags of our Fathers (R) 6:45-9:30
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Texas Chainsaw 4 (R) 7:15-9:30
Open Season (PG) 7:15
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Bush Asian trip to focus on economics, terror

Los Angeles Times

SINGAPORE — President Bush arrived here Thursday morning to launch an Asian tour combining economic security and anti-terrorism issues that are at the center of his agenda for his final two years in office.

The five-day trip will take Bush from Singapore to Hanoi for a Pacific Rim economic summit, then to Ho Chi Minh City and to Indonesia, where Bush will seek cooperation in the global campaign against terrorism.

Bush, who left Washington on Tuesday, spent two nights aboard Air Force One, flying by way of Moscow. During a refueling stop Wednesday afternoon in Vladivostok, the international airport, the president and Laura Bush spent about 90 minutes with Russian President Vladimir V. Putin and his wife, Lyudmila, lunching on Kamchatka crab, pancakes with red and black caviar, and other Russian delicacies. Russian news said the presidents discussed efforts to persuade Iran to freeze its nuclear program and Russia's effort to

join the World Trade Organization, which is likely to get a boost in Hanoi.

Bush's trip is centered on a three-day visit to Vietnam, Bush's first, and the second by a U.S. president since the end of the Vietnam War. President Clinton visited Vietnam in November 2000, two months before leaving office.

Although the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum is focused on economic and trade issues, it takes place against the backdrop of the anti-terrorism campaign, the rise of China as an economic and diplomatic presence, and the loss of Republican Party foreign-policy dominance after the midterm election.

"All Asian friends will be watching initially President Bush and his team in terms of his body language, his statements, to see whether he will be weakened or committed to going forward with a broad and purposeful agenda in Asia as a whole," said Kurt Campbell, a former senior Pentagon official who is a senior vice president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

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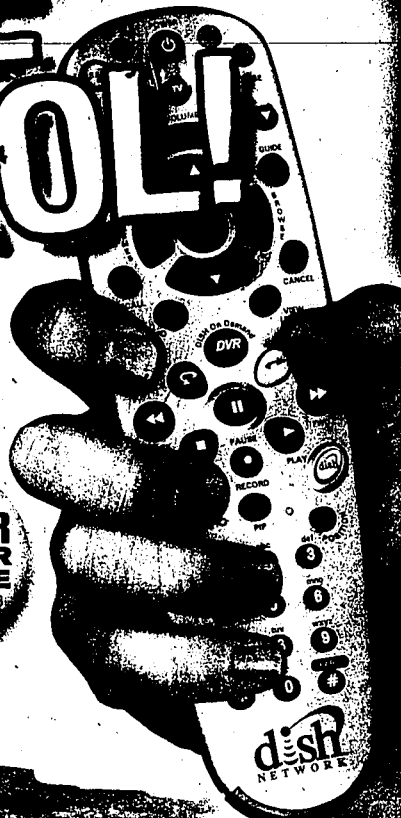
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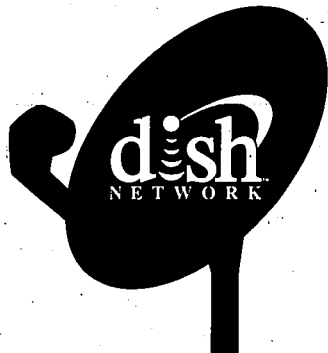
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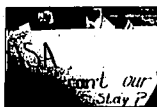
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Nov. 15, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	+58.70
Nasdaq composite	+12.00
Standard & Poor's 500	+3.35
Russell 2000	+8.90

Stocks of local interest

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Dell Inc.	25.75 ▲ .16
Lithia Motors	27.38 ▲ .09
Supervalu	34.36 ▲ .39

Commodities

close	change
Dec. Oil	58.76 ▲ .48
Nov. gold	622.5 ▼ 1.3

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Snuffed out

Casinos suffer revenue drop when smoking is banned

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Smoking bans are snuffing out casino revenue, but more marketing and investment can lure customers back, a panel of experts told a gambling conference.

Since the Canadian province of Ontario imposed a smoking ban in public places in July, casinos along the border with the United States have suffered a revenue drop of 10 percent to more than 20 percent, said Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. vice president Karl Gagesch.

"Short-term pain," Gagesch told the conference Tuesday. "Long term, we think we're going to be OK."

The largest impact has been at Casino Windsor, which laid off more than 300 employees over the summer as American smokers stayed in Michigan and New York, to gamble, he said. Windsor also is hurt by a strong Canadian dollar and tougher border security, he said.

Gagesch said the province hopes a \$400 million refurbishment plan for casinos along the border will help reverse the trend.

Jury awards \$6M for death following surgery

The Associated Press

BOISE — Relatives of a woman who died following back surgery have been awarded more than \$6 million by a jury that found an anesthesiologist and a technician acted recklessly and another anesthesiologist had been negligent.

The verdict was announced Tuesday in 4th District Court following a four-week trial in the lawsuit over the death of Lori Marie Jones, 28, who died

on Aug. 2, 2004. Lawyers for the medical personnel did not immediately say whether they would appeal.

The nine-woman, three-man panel determined that Dr. Thomas Lark, an anesthesiologist, was negligent and that Dr. Deborah Jenkins, another anesthesiologist, and Geraldine Kurtz, a Cell Saver machine technician employed by B&B Autotransfusion Services Inc., had been reckless.

Blame was assessed 15 per-

cent to Lark, 35 percent to Kurtz.

Treasure Valley Hospital was removed as a defendant in September by Judge Ronald J. Wilper, who found that Lark, Jenkins and Kurtz were independent contractors rather than hospital employees.

Testimony showed Jones had a heart attack after her Cell Saver blood bag was manipulated by Jenkins following the operation and died after being rushed to the emergency room

at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Her survivors accused Jenkins of negligently trying to speed the infusion of blood into Jones by placing a pressurized cuff around the blood bag, despite a warning on the bag not to use such a method.

"They were all blaming each other on the stand," said Jones' sister, Lisa Bachman, 28, of Kent, Wash.

Bachman said she learned in the trial that Kurtz had been trained as a technician to

make sure no pressurized cuff was placed on the bag and to remove the air from the bag before giving it to the anesthesiologist.

The jury awarded more than \$2 million for wages and lost income to Jones' husband, Michael A. Jones, and the couple's two children, plus \$4 million in non-economic damages — \$1.5 million for each child, \$750,000 to Michael Jones and \$125,000 each to the dead woman's parents, Harold Bowers and Lynne Royer.

Justice served



Richard Causey, Enron's former chief accounting officer, leaves the federal courthouse with his wife, Elizabeth, after being sentenced to 5 1/2 years in prison Wednesday in Houston. Causey pleaded guilty to securities fraud last year in a plea deal.

Last top Enron exec awaiting sentencing given 5 1/2 years in prison

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Richard Causey, the last of the top Enron Corp. executives to learn his punishment, was sentenced Wednesday to five-and-a-half years in prison for his role in one of the biggest corporate scandals in U.S. history. Causey, the company's former chief accounting officer, pleaded guilty in December to securities fraud two weeks before he was to be tried along with Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling on charges related to the company's collapse.

Causey, 46, had agreed to serve seven years in prison. Prosecutors indicated they could have recommended it be reduced to five if they were pleased with his cooperation.

The maximum penalty for securities fraud is 10 years in prison and a fine of \$1 million or twice the amount illegally gained.

Causey also agreed to fork over \$1.25 million to the government and forfeit a claim to about \$250,000 in deferred compensation as part of his plea deal. Unlike other Enron, Causey didn't skim millions of dollars for himself from shady deals.

Prosecutors dropped their plan to seize Causey's home, a \$950,000 two-story, red brick house in a Houston suburb. Causey, the government's 16th cooperating witness who entered a guilty plea, had faced more than 30 counts of conspiracy, fraud, insider trading, lying to auditors and money laundering. In his guilty plea, Causey admitted that he and other senior Enron managers made

various false public findings and amendments.

He did not testify in the Lay-Skilling trial earlier this year, though he was on the defense witness list. Skilling and Lay were convicted in May of conspiracy and fraud. Lay's convictions were wiped out with his July death from heart disease. Skilling was sentenced last month to more than 24 years in prison.

Andrew Fastow, Enron's ex-chiefs financial officer whose schemes helped doom the company, was sentenced in September to six years and is serving his term in a federal prison in Louisiana. On Friday, Mark Koenig, Enron's former investor relations director, and Michael Kopper, an Enron managing director and Fastow's once-trusted top aide, were set to be sentenced.

Biotech drugs may get competition

By Daniel Costello
Los Angeles Times

What do you call a drug that costs as much as \$100,000 a year but doesn't face competition?

If you're a consumer footing the bill, you might call it a monopoly. If you're the biotechnology company selling the medication, it's a money machine that needs to be protected.

Waxman said he planned to introduce legislation early next year that would set up a clear approval process for generic biologics.

"Biotech drugs promise life-saving benefits, but at a cost so high, many Americans cannot afford them," he said. But he added that the "prospects for passing a generics biologics bill have improved significantly."

Patent laws generally give 20 years of exclusivity from the filing of an approval application. The biotech industry took off in the 1980s, so the earliest biotech medications such as insulin and human-growth hormones are already off patent in the U.S. Over the next several years, the list is set to grow substantially.

Some lawmakers, such as Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., and Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., have been trying to pass generic biotech legislation for years. One obstacle: The biotech industry has aggressively lobbied Congress to hold off, and many members have agreed until now.

A lot will depend on the influence of Waxman, chair-elect of the House Committee on Government Reform, and others interested in seeing greater drug competition. In 1994, Waxman co-authored the law, known as the Hatch-Waxman Act, that allows the Food and Drug Administration to approve generic drugs.

But it applies only to traditional, chemically-based medicines. Biotechnology drugs such as insulin and some cancer drugs are made using living organisms and manufactured inside bacteria or yeast cells in large bioreactors.



than 300 biotechnology drugs have been approved, as the underlying science has improved markedly and manufacturers were lured by the hope that their products might never face competition.

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"Biotech companies say their products are too complicated for generic manufacturers to re-create, and the science isn't advanced enough for safe and effective knockoffs.

The companies contend that generic makers should be required to conduct multiple clinical trials before selling their own versions of the drugs, a requirement manufacturers couldn't afford while selling generics at steep discounts to patients.

Kevin Davenport, director of corporate communications for Thousand Oaks, Calif.-based Amgen, said the main threat of biotech generics would be to profits but to patient safety.

Even small differences in these products can cause differences in effectiveness and unexpected side effects, especially in the many seriously ill patients who rely on these medications," he said.

Generic drug manufacturers disagree, countering that the science behind biologics is no longer as complex as top-line drug makers make it out to be. Scientists, they say, are making advances all the time. Several companies say they could create nearly identical copies of several high-priced biotech drugs immediately if they had the regulatory approval.

Latest video game consoles make choosing just one tough

By Matt Stagle
AP Technology Writer

The makers of video game consoles may someday develop a machine that delivers on all the pre-launch hype, but we're not there yet. The new PlayStation 3 from Sony Corp., the Wii by Nintendo Co., and even the year-old Xbox 360 from Microsoft are not magical boxes that will revolutionize your gaming experience.

They will, however, certainly improve it with better controls, better Internet capabilities and other new multimedia tricks.

The graphics on the PS3, which costs \$600 for a high-end model, are already as good if not better than anything I've seen on the Xbox 360, a remarkable achievement considering the PlayStation is brand new and game makers have only begun to tap its power.

Then there's the quirky Wii. A

small, unassuming white box with graphics not much better than they were on Nintendo's previous GameCubes console. Its price is modest at well under \$200.

Yet the Wii was the most fun and the easiest to use. It can deliver on Nintendo's promise to bring more non-gamers into the fold.

While uniformly gorgeous, the initial PS3 games look and play exactly like they do on the Xbox 360, which costs \$400 for a high-end model.

The Xbox comes out ahead with its online service. Xbox Live, available for free or as a more robust subscription service, has an unmatched set of online features to chat and play games with friends and download new content.

US Airways makes \$8B offer for Delta

By Harry R. Weber
AP Business writer

ATLANTA — US Airways is still painting new logos on many of the planes it got when it combined with America West last year.

On Wednesday, the company said it was offering \$8 billion in a hostile bid to take over rival Delta Air Lines and create what could be the nation's largest carrier.

The move, despite Delta's repeated statements it isn't interested in a merger, could start a stampede of competing bids in a long-predicted industry consolidation.

The offer, however, faces many obstacles, and analysts questioned whether the deal can be completed on US Airways' compacted timeline. Delta, which said it would review the proposal but was pushing ahead with its goal to emerge from bankruptcy as a standalone company, has yet to file its own plan of reorganization, and it has the exclusive right to do so by Feb. 15.

"My main question mark is if the passengers and regulators would allow it to happen, because if it did it would probably set off a trend for industry consolidation," Ray Neill, an airline analyst with Calforn Securities in New York, said of a Delta-US Airways combination.

The offer comes as US Airways and America West are still integrating their operations after their combination. To date, only 57 percent of America West planes have been painted over with US Airways' logos, a spokesman said.

The deal also could cause some headaches for labor groups, said aviation consultant Robert W. Mann.

"There will be a huge seniority integration problem that will result. It's already problematic after the US Airways-America West merger. This will only increase it fourfold," Mann said.

The offer to buy Delta comes the Atlanta-based airline emerges from bankruptcy protection by the middle of 2007 would give Delta US Airways

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NOTE: All US Airways figures include America West US Airways' count of countries served includes territories; Passenger figures are for 2005

SOURCE: The companies
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creditors \$4 billion in cash and 78.5 million shares of US Airways stock.
As it stands now, Delta's common shares are likely to end up worthless when it exits bankruptcy. In most bankruptcy cases, debtholders end up with new shares of the company.

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Election 2006: Good, bad and unknown results for Latino community

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

For Latinos, there was good news, some bad and lots of uncertainties after the Nov. 7 election.

Nationally, Democrats won the Congress. In Idaho, the first Latino, Tom Luna, was elected to a state office — superintendent of public instruction. One Latino was elected to the state Legislature.

I think from the Latino perspective, obviously what happened nationally is really, really positive, especially because of one of the issues on the forefront of people's minds is immigration issues," said Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt, executive director of the Idaho Hispanic Caucus. And it appears that the new Democratic-controlled Congress will pick up on the issue.

At the state level, however, she was hoping Idaho would elect representatives who would be more progressive and move Latino issues forward, she said.

And what can be expected from the new man in the governor's office? As a congressman, governor-elect, Republican C.L. Butch Otter, voted to support a bill to criminalize anyone who helps undocumented workers and for the building of a wall between Mexico and the United States, Mabbutt said.

In 2004, a report card from the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda — a nonpartisan coalition of major Hispanic national organizations and leaders — had marked Otter the lowest of the Idaho's congressional leadership when it came to voting on issues of concern and affecting Latinos in the 2001-02 Congress. Otter representatives called the scorecard cherry picking on issues.

So the big question is how Otter will work with Latinos and how much attention will he pay to issues affecting that population, she said.

That is also a question for Luna, a Republican. "Let's see what he does," Mabbutt said.

"And education continues to be our top issue and I hope he will be willing to work with the

Latino community."

The Idaho Hispanic Caucus is a bipartisan group willing to work with both parties on issues of concern to Latinos, she said.

Marilyn Gonzalez, executive director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, also has questions about the new leaders.

While Luna has an Hispanic background, "how strong he will be, we'll have to wait and see," she said.

She has requested a report from the Secretary of State to see whether Latinos were elected in other local races.

She was sorry that Elmer Martinez of Pocatello will leave the state Legislature. He was used a lot at the state level for input on several measures.

"We are pretty sad to see him go. He was our one voice we had there and that we could count on," she said.

Republican Raul Labrador of Boise did win a seat in the Idaho House. But that is only one Latino, while Latinos make up almost 10 percent of the state population, Mabbutt said.

Gonzalez said she hopes the newly-elected leaders will appoint more minorities to state boards and that the new governor will add someone of color to his cabinet so there will be minority representation.

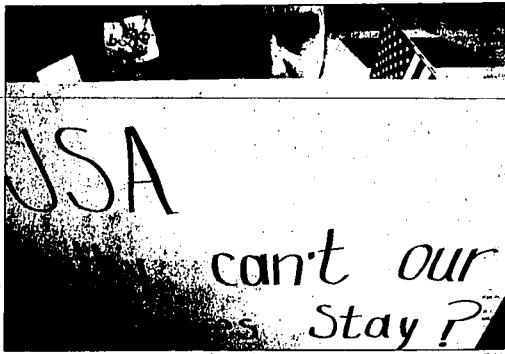
"We'll see what happens in the next few months, but it will be interesting to see what they really do what they come into office," she said.

Meanwhile, the Hispanic Caucus is looking forward to the next election where it hopes to identify more Latinos to run for office, from school boards to city elections, Mabbutt said.

While there was disappointment in where the state votes fell, Mabbutt felt good about seeing more volunteers, including many students, go out to get Latinos registered and to the polls this year.

A Democratic write-in candidate in Canyon County, Mabbutt lost in her bid but the experience was valuable.

"I learned so much on how to do it better."



Arturo Peralta holds a sign during a protest at city hall in Farmers Branch, Texas, Monday. The city council unanimously approved ordinances that will make it harder for illegal immigrants to live and work in Farmers Branch.

Dallas suburb passes tough anti-immigration measures over objection of critics

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas (AP) — This Dallas suburb became the first Texas city to pass tough anti-immigration measures, prompting fears that they could lead to sanctioned discrimination and racism.

City Council members unanimously approved fines for landlords who rent to illegal immigrants, making English the city's official language and allowing local authorities to screen suspects in police custody to check their immigration status.

The council made the series of 6-0 votes without discussion Monday night and took comment from the public afterward. A proposal to penalize businesses that employ undocumented workers was not voted on during the meeting.

Hundreds of opponents of the ordinances gathered in the City Hall lobby and a parking lot outside, waving American flags and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in English before the votes were taken.

Inside, supporters clapped as the votes were tallied in favor of the measures and later thanked council members for their action. Attorneys with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a civil rights advocacy group, told council members before the vote that the pro-

"They're afraid that Farmers Branch is becoming Hispanic. It's going to happen, and that's not a bad thing."

— Christopher McGuire, a resident of the city and spokesman for a group called United Farmers Branch

posals could violate federal housing laws preventing discrimination and the First Amendment.

One of the ordinances would force untrained business owners and landlords to evaluate a wide array of immigration documents to determine if the person carrying them is legally in the country, said Marielol Perez, a defense fund staff attorney.

"It puts the landlord in a very difficult position. You're putting them in the shoes of an immigration officer," Perez said.

The group said it would evaluate the measures to determine their legality.

"We passed this expecting to be sued," council member Tim O'Hare said after the vote.

Since 1970, Farmers Branch has changed from a small, predominantly white bedroom community with a declining population to a city of almost 28,000 people, about 37 percent of them Hispanic, according to the census.

It also is home to more than 80 corporate headquar-

ters and more than 2,600 small and mid-size firms, many of them minority-owned.

"They're afraid that Farmers Branch is becoming Hispanic," said Christopher McGuire, a resident of the city and spokesman for a group called United Farmers Branch. "It's going to happen, and that's not a bad thing."

More than 50 municipalities nationwide have considered, passed or rejected similar laws, but until now that trend hasn't been matched in the Lone Star State.

A vote this year in Hazleton, Pa., approved fining landlords who rent to illegal immigrants, denying business permits to companies that employ them and requiring tenants to register and pay for a rental permit.

However, a federal judge temporarily blocked enforcement of the Hazleton ordinance while he considers a lawsuit against the town by the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups.

In 'Volver,' a journey worth taking

By Carina Chocano
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Like most homecomings (or at least most 16 years) Pedro Almodóvar's "Volver" is warm, emotional and forever on the brink of tears — peppered with bouts of pique, old resentments that flare and moments of intense and lyrical longing. But what matters most are the kisses—madcap machine-gun smacks that the characters plant on each other's cheeks as though underlining their affection in triplicate.



Penelope Cruz poses in New York, before a screening of the Sony Pictures Classics entitled 'Volver,' from the Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar.

corrosive lust and cruelty. The new movie is reminiscent of his work from two decades ago, especially "What Have I Done to Deserve This?," in which Maura played a working-class housewife and part-

time cleaning woman who eventually kills her husband with a leg of ham. (As in the episode of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" that inspired it, she has done the same job of offering it to the detectives.) That film was in many ways a precursor to "Volver," although the new film, saturated with color and melancholy, is drenched in the acid satire and gallows humor that flowed through the first, more melodramatic than punch in the gut.

Almodóvar has cast himself as the champion of the Spanish soul, and in "Volver," he deftly weaves the old Spain with the new. The town, now a klatch of superstitious biddies, is in many ways itself a friendly ghost of the past. As acid and wind-swept as ever, the countryside of La Mancha is dotted with wind turbines instead of Quixotic windmills, though this obvious sign of modernity has done nothing to curb the high incidence of fires and madness in the region Cervantes made famous.

Mexico puts surcharge on international cell-phone calls

Los Angeles Times

Say adios to cheap calls to cellphones in Mexico.

Starting today, the Mexican government is imposing a surcharge of at least 14 cents a minute to complete international calls to cell phones, double or tripling rates callers pay.

"It's going to hurt the average consumer significantly," said Jeff Compton, an executive at Telescope Communications Inc., a Monrovia, Calif., phone company catering to Hispanics.

Southern California boasts the nation's largest Hispanic population, about 80 percent of whom trace their roots to Mexico. Many still have family there, making Mexico one of the most popular international calls and a rich source of business for phone companies.

a minute. Sprint Nextel Corp. customers who pay \$5 a month for free calls to Mexican border towns and 5 cents a minute to elsewhere now will pay an extra 18 cents a minute.

Daniel Onorato, 17, uses his employer's cell phone to call his parents and two sisters in Mexico City every few days, and each of them uses a cell phone. "He'd better not call anymore," chided his employer, downtown Fruit stand operator Lorena Lopez. Her bill already tops \$300 a month.

Gabriel Lasco, 27, a waiter at Maria's Pescado Frito at the Grand Central Market in Los Angeles, already knows how to get around the surcharges: call his father in Mexico City. "I guess I'll have to call the house phone now," he said, "but it's so much less convenient."

Said Luis Flores, an industry analyst with Forrester Research Inc.: "Look at who the fees hurt: The people who can least afford them." The surcharge was imposed

by Mexico's version of the Federal Communications Commission as part of an overhaul of how mobile phone companies bill their customers. For six years, Mexico has been moving toward a system where the calling party pays all the costs of a cell phone, including long-distance charges. That makes the incoming call free to mobile users.

Mexico's surcharge does not apply to calls made to landline phones in Mexico nor to walkie-talkie systems used by some cell-phone carriers. At least four smaller Mexican cell-phone carriers have obtained a court order to block the surcharge.

But the country's largest phone company, Telefonos de Mexico, or Telmex, said it would apply to calls made to an entity's new fees. The fees are negotiated individually between Mexican phone companies and their counterparts in other countries.

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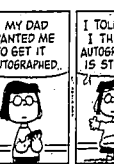
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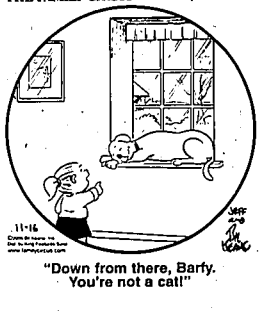
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Playing the choking game can end in deadly loss



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Worried Sister" (10/4), who asked if she should inform her parents that her sister, "Cindy," is playing the choking game, may feel it is a betrayal if she breaks the confidence. But imagine how she'll feel if her sister dies.

I'm a high school English teacher, and one of my students accidentally killed himself this way. It is a misnomer to call it a "game." You were correct, Abby — it is playing Russian roulette with one's life.

"Worried Sister" must intervene and alert her parents now. Cindy's addiction to the high produced through oxygen deprivation may indicate an addictive personality, something therapy can help. I watched one of my dearest friends repeatedly play the "game" when he was in seventh grade. As the grew older, he progressed to greater highs — ultimately resulting in his death from a heroin overdose.

—PAMELA IN GREENVILLE, S.C.
DEAR PAMELA: You are obviously a caring and dedicated teacher, and you were generous to offer your expertise. The mail I received in response to "Worried Sister's" letter was chilling. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I work with people with brain injuries. Each and every time "Cindy" chokes herself, she's causing brain damage, and it's only a matter of time until she's a client of mine. Signs of her brain damage will start out with gaps in memory, short-term memory loss,

slurred speech and sudden outbursts of anger. The more advanced stages of brain damage include disorientation, loss of coordination and balance, and seizures.

People who choke themselves to get high should visit the nearby homes in their area, as one of them will someday wind up in one. I speak from experience. I care for many people who said it would never happen to them. This is serious. That girl needs help, and she needs it now.

—ED IN SNOHOMISH, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my 13-year-old son to the "choking game." It's not a game. "Worried" sister can only be mad at her for so long. Please urge her to talk to her parents. It's the only way to save her sister. If she waits, it could be too late.

—MOM WITHOUT A SON IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: As a school counselor, I can confirm the widespread familiarity of kids 9 to 15 years old with this "game" and how often parents and other adults are clueless. (I was.) After an 11-year-old died at my nearby school, I pulled several

middle and elementary school classes to see if they had tried it or knew somebody who had. The percentage was 75 percent. It doesn't receive the news coverage it should because medical examiners often mistake it for suicide. Knowing about it is the key to stopping it.

—CONCERNED COUNSELOR IN OREGON

DEAR ABBY: I teach in an elementary school. One of our students died from playing the choking game. Children as young as 6 and 7 have told me they know what to do. We warn students never to put anything around their necks, and talk about "safe" games they can play.

We also encourage them to tell an adult if they know someone who is playing the game. Sadly, we didn't learn that children were doing it here until it was too late.

—AMY IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: My grandson, "Braden," died from participating in this activity in May 2005. Since then, a nonprofit organization, Stop the Choking Game Association, has been formed to promote education about this dreadful activity. Many parents know nothing about it. Thank you for publishing that letter.

—LYNDE E. BRANN'S GRANDMOTHER

DEAR LYNDE E.: You're welcome. My heart goes out to all those who have lost loved ones to this "game." For more information about it, visit www.stop-the-choking-game.com.

Polar bears use their nose for food

Polar bears can sniff out a dead seal from 12 miles away. (On the other hand, that might not seem quite as remarkable if you've ever responded to a ripe seal corpse. Phew!)

This day in history: On Nov. 16, 1532, Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro took the Inca emperor Atahualpa prisoner after he demanded a huge ransom in gold. The Inca paid, but Pizarro murdered his prisoner anyway.

About 30 million Americans suffer from migraine headaches. Vexed by vexillology? No need — it's the study of flags.

A cord is a stack of wood 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet. A cord can burn 30 rocking chairs, 7,500,000 toothpicks, 1,200 copies of National Geographic, a thousand pounds of toilet paper or, if burned, heat equivalent to that of 200 gallons of fuel oil.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Keep it straight: A scrimmage is from American football, but a scrummage is from rugby.

How's this for synergistic marketing? The Sears Lee Company owns the Just My Size Company, makers of extra-large women's clothing.

It's bad enough that sports arenas get named for corporate sponsors, but dinosaurs? An Australian herbivore got saddled with the name "Antasoposaurus" in honor of Atlas Copco, a company that provided digging tools for the expedi-

tion that discovered it. Likewise, "Antasaurus" got its name in honor of the Australian airline that provided free transportation.

The lowest part of your nose, the skin that separates your nostrils, is your columella nasi.

The male right whale's testicles weigh more than a ton, accounting for about 1 percent of its body weight.

Have you heard of author Alissa Rosenblatt? The author of "The Fountainhead and Atlas Shrugged," she's better known as philosopher Ayn Rand.

What company is the nation's No. 1 buyer of rice? It's the world's largest brewer, Anheuser-Busch.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmatters@erincarrington.com.

Turkey makes escape attempt in New York

NEW YORK — Perhaps attempting to escape a Thanksgiving Day feast, a small wild turkey made a dash for the big city.

The 10-pound female bird wandered onto a busy bridge toll plaza Tuesday afternoon, halting traffic for about 15 minutes as workers chased the fowl.

No one knew how the turkey got onto the Triborough Bridge, which connects the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx. City officials received a call that there was a loose bird on the evening rush hour, and six officers chased it around the Manhattan toll plaza.

"Watching it unfold on our cameras, it seemed the only thing missing was someone playing 'Turkey in the Straw,'" said Triborough Bridge Construction Operations Manager Ray Buse.

The frightened turkey skittered back and forth across the plaza, evading capture for 15 minutes. Bridge officers finally cornered it, and a construction worker snatched it.

Odds & ends

Gordon Wu and his wife outdid connoisseurs from France and Italy to win the 3.3-pound Alba white truffle in an international auction, a spokeswoman from the Ritz-Carlton hotel, which hosted the Hong Kong part of the auction, said Tuesday.

"They're very unique. They're found all together and they've got a beautiful shape," said hotel cook Umberto Bombana of this year's prize truffle, made of three palm-sized portions.

Barbana will prepare the giant truffle for a five-course banquet hosted by Wu.

Man escapes police, but not his handcuffs

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — A man being questioned in connection with the theft of more than \$5,000 in jewelry managed to slip police — but not his handcuffs.

Terry S. Davis, 34, who authorities say has an extensive criminal record, escaped on Nov. 3 from the Oak Ridge Police Department's interrogation room.

He was nabbed nine days later, still wearing the handcuffs. Davis was able to sever the chain joining the handcuffs but told police the remaining restraints were raising welts on his wrists, according to Capt.

Rick Stone. After his getaway, he eluded officers in two separate foot chases before being arrested at his home Sunday night.

Wrecking ball beats out efforts to save theater

SUPERIOR, Wis. — An attempt to get a court to stop the bulldozing of historic Palace Theater had a fatal flaw, the wrecking ball had already done its work.

"You cannot save a building if it doesn't exist," U.S. District Judge John Shabaz said in a teleconference Tuesday while hearing a motion for an injunction to block the demolition. "The entire motion appears to be moot."

The building, a historic, vaudeville and movie house, that opened in 1917, came down nearly two weeks ago, and crews were still hauling away rubble Tuesday.

Shabaz granted an opportunity for the Friends of Superior to amend their complaint and proceed to a trial.

Kris Fisher, president of the group, said that by demolishing the building, the city disregarded the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation and the federal court.

"They need to understand the rule of law prevails," she said.

—The Associated Press

Italian truffle sold for more than \$160,000

HONG KONG — A large Italian white truffle apparently reigned as the world's most expensive fungus.

A Hong Kong property tycoon and his wife have reportedly paid \$162,000 for the truffle, which auctioneers say could be the most expensive ever purchased.

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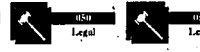


IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-5147
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of JACK W. RADTKE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative of the estate c/o Steven D. Peterson, P.C., PO Box 8527, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5287, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule. DATED this 8th day of November, 2006.
/s/Toni Lynn Kinnay
10854 E. Troon North Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85262

PUBLISH: November 16, 23 and 30, 2006



NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-06-5306

A Petition to change the name of Sergey Aloxanovich Bagdasarov, born June 21, 2005 in Twin Falls, Idaho residing at 915 Madrona St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Sergey Aloxanovich Kochnev, because I want to visit my country and take my son with me, but we cannot enter with Armenian name. The child's father is living and his address is 915 Madrona St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on December 16, 2006, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: November 15, 2006
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: November 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 2006



NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-06-5305

A Petition to change the name of Diana V. Abaryan, born March 6, 1981, in Baku, Foreign Country, residing at 915 Madrona St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Diana V. Kochneva. I want to change my name because I want to go visit my country and I can't enter it with Armenian name. The petitioner's father has died and she has no living relatives on her father's side. The petitioner's mother is living and her address is Eldar tagizade 14 Baku, Azerbaijan 370007. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on December 16, 2006, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: November 13, 2006
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: November 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 2006



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

Case No. CV-2006-2795
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN T. BOAZ, III, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the court.
NORTHERN TRUST BANK, N.A.
Personal Representative
By Sophronia Norton,
Second Vice President
Dated: 11/02/06
Scott P. Ekstefon,
Attorney for Personal Representative
Dated: 11/02/06

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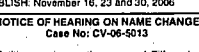


IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-4932
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
In Re: MICHAEL ANTHONY STUMPF, A Minor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MICHAEL ANTHONY STUMPF, has on the 16th day of October, 2006, filed a Petition addressed to the above-entitled Court praying that said Court enter its Order changing Father's legal name from MICHAEL ANTHONY STUMPF to MICHAEL ANTHONY ALLGOOD.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT any person having objection to the changing of Petitioner's name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice, to-wit, the 30th day of November, 2006.
DATED This 15th day of October, 2006.
ROY, NELSON, BARNI-GARCIA & PLATTS
By Lisa Banni-Garcia
Attorneys for Petitioner

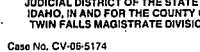
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-06-5013

A Petition to change the name of Tiffany Lynn Tresner, born July 30, 1981, in Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 160 DuBois Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Tristan Kyle Tresner. I want to change my name because my current name does not suit me personally. The petitioner's father is living and his address is 618 Idaho Street East, Twin Falls, ID 83301. The petitioner's mother is living and her address is 160 DuBois Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock am on Dec. 11, 2006 at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: October 25, 2006.
By Deputy Clerk

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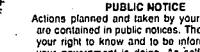


IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-5174
NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR PUBLICATION
I.C. 5-3-301
In the Matter of the Estate of MARIAN P. DAVIS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CYNTHIA STRALINGS has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
STEPHAN KIVANIG, STONE & TRAINOR
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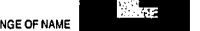
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 1, 2006 File No: 7307-22104 Sale date and time (local time): March 05, 2007 at 10:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 2933 FALLS AVENUE, ID 83309 (425) 582-1800 Trust Successor Trustee: Northwest Trust Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (206) 835-1200 Trust information Original grantor: Ronald Kim Lund and Elizabeth Lund, Husband and Wife Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Recording date: May 12, 2005 Recorder's instrument number: 2005-01078 County: Twin Falls, Twin Falls, ID. The property's legal description is to Lot 28 of Skyline Acres Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 8 of Plats at Page(s) 49. Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrust.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made with/without interest. The sale is made of any kind. (TSR 7307-22104) 1002.65741-FEI

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

Case No. CV-06-3498
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. 15-3-801)

In the Matter of the Estate of DUO GERBERT BOKMA, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED This 28th day of October, 2006.
/s/Harry Bob Bokma
c/o John D. Fitzgerald, III
Post Office Box 1716
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1716

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READ THE INFORMATION BELOW

TO: RYAN MULLINGS and GLEN JACOBSON

You have been... sued by CATHERINE NIX and JAMES NIX, Petitioners in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV 2006-5025-M.
The nature of the claim against you is a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship.
Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney A. Elizabeth Burr-Kings, Bur-Jones Law Office, P.C., P.O. Box 267, Burley, Idaho, telephone: 208-679-3155.

A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for the Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED This 1st day of November, 2006.
KRISTINA GLASCOCK, CLERK OF THE COURT
By Deputy

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Project/NEPA Availability List

The Bureau of Land Management's Burley, Shoshone and Jarbidge Field Offices announce the availability of the quarry list of proposed National Environmental Policy Act projects and authorizations. To receive a copy of this list you may call or write the Field Manager at the following field offices:

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15 East 200 South
Burley, ID 83318
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Shoshone Field Office, BLM
400 W. F Street
Shoshone, ID 83352
(208) 732-7200

Jarbridge Field Office, BLM
2536 Kimberly Road
Twin Falls, ID 83301
(208) 738-2350

These lists may also be found in each Field Office's main entrance or at <http://blm.gov/idm/online/notifications/availability/index.cfm>

Dated: November 13, 2006
/s/ Ken Miller
Burley Field Office Manager

/s/Lori Armstrong
Shoshone Field Office Manager

/s/Rick Vander Voet
Jarbridge Field Office Manager

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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 MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-3177
 STATEWIDE COLLECTIONS, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ECHO DALOS
 Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION TO: ECHO DALOS

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint, and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

DATED: 15th day of October, 2006.
 K. Glascock, Clerk
 By: Kasey Wageman
 Deputy, Magistrate Court

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

Case No. CV-2006-683
 ANCHOR SUMMONS
 STATEWIDE COLLECTIONS, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JONATHAN SHANE CASEY,
 Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION TO: JONATHAN SHANE CASEY

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint, and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

DATED: 15th day of September, 2006.
 Cheryl Wams, Clerk
 By Deputy, Magistrate Court

PUBLISHED: October 26, November 2, 9 and 16, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF INTEREST IN ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition to vacate and abandon the Twin Falls Heights Subdivision and being from grid numbers 3140 E to 3149 E and 3275 N and more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the SE¼NW¼ of Section 14, Township 11N, Range 17E, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho and being more particularly described as follows:
 Commencing at the North One Quarter (¼) corner of said Section 14, from which the Northwest corner of said Section 14 bears N89°53'4" W-2661.84 feet, Thence S00°10'28" W along the East boundary of the NW¼ of said Section 14 for a distance of 1325.53 feet to the Northeast corner of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14 and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 Thence S89°13'31" W parallel with the North boundary of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14 for a distance of 25.00 feet.
 Thence N65°16'54" W along the Southern boundary of the Lot One Adjustment Plat and the Twin Falls Heights Subdivision for a distance of 22.75 feet.
 Thence N66°03'31" W along the Southern boundary of the Lot One Adjustment Plat for a distance of 37.87 feet to the East boundary of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14.

Thence N69°51'41" E along the North boundary of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14 for a distance of 37.87 feet to the East boundary of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14.
 Thence N69°51'41" E along the North boundary of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14 for a distance of 37.87 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 The Highway District located at 2620 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho will accept written comment on the petitioned vacation of the SE¼NW¼ of said Section 14 on December 6th, 2006, at which time, the hearing on the petition to vacate said right-of-way will be held.
 TERRY L. HIGHWAY DISTRICT
 Herman Osterquist, Chairman
 David A. Karen Tribula
 3145 E 3400 North
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
 TRANSFER No. 72559

MUD LAKE WATER USERS, P O BOX 68, TERRETION ID 83450, has filed Application No. 2006-0107 to amend to the following water right: UNDER JEFFERSON COUNTY: Right No. 31-327, Right No. 31-328, Right No. 31-329, Right No. 31-330, Right No. 31-331, Right No. 31-332, Right No. 31-336, Right No. 31-337, Right No. 31-371, Right No. 31-2239, Right No. 31-2240, Right No. 31-2310, Right No. 31-2317, Right No. 31-2317E, Right No. 31-2321, Right No. 31-2343, Right No. 31-2344, Right No. 31-2345, Right No. 31-7005, Right No. 31-11430, Right No. 31-11432, and a full description of this right, please see www.idaho.gov

The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:
 1. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:
 a. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, 200 N. Myrtle Dr., Boise, Idaho 83725, on or before October 19, 2006.
 b. A protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or after October 19, 2006, must be submitted to the applicant. Also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J. DREHER, Director
PUBLISHED: November 9 and 16, 2006

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

Case No. CV-06-3065
 SUMMONS
 LVS COMM CORPORATION,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN WOODRUFF dba WOODRUFF PAVING,
 Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: JOHN WOODRUFF dba WOODRUFF PAVING

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

1. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.
2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

DATED: 15th day of September, 2006.
 Clerk of the District Court
 By Deputy

PUBLISHED: October 26, November 2, 9 and 16, 2006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave., E., Ste. 115, in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, shall at public auction, to the highest bidder in cash, bid for money on the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:
 THE WEST 48 FEET OF LOT A AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT B OF THE S½ OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 11N, RANGE 17E, BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, AS RECORDED TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, PLAT 11, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 171 W. Wacker, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by TONIA L. RATLIFF, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Trustee, for the benefit of GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, recorded May 15, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003-02467, and recorded on October 22, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003-027519, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho; and the Deed of Trust executed by TONIA L. RATLIFF, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Trustee, for the purpose of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 171 W. Wacker, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

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-2006-499M
 ANOTHER
 SHERRY L. STAKER,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LAMAR RAY STAKER,
 Defendant.

NOTICE: THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW TO: SHERRY L. STAKER

You have been sued by Lamar Ray Staker, Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Cassia County, Idaho, Case No. CV 2006-499M. The nature of the claim against you is a Petition for Modification of Judgment and Decree of Divorce.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of the summons the court may enter a judgment against you, unless you appear in person to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. and your name, with the Clerk of the Court at 427 Shoshone Street North, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, A. Eichenlaub, Esq., Bur-Jones Law Office, P.C., P.O. Box 267, Burley, Idaho, telephone: 208-878-1155.

A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for the Plaintiff. If you wish to avoid immediately retaining an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED: 8th day of November, 2006.
 KRISTINA GLASCOCK, CLERK OF THE COURT
 By Kasey Wageman, Deputy

PUBLISHED: November 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 2006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: October 26, 2006 File No: 7104-25512 Loan No: 19894203
 Sale date and time (local time): February 27, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 508 W. Mason Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301
 Successor Trustee: Trustee's Office: Trustee's Office, an Idaho Corporation 505 N. Tusin Ave., Suite 213 Santa Ana, CA 92705
 714-277-8608 Dues and Informal Information: Original grantor: Carole Danieles, also known as Carole Lutz and Gregory Lutz, wife and husband of the first American Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Successor Trustee. The property address above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information call the Successor Trustee at: February 24, 2005 Recorder's instrument number: 2005-003957 County: Twin Falls Sum 511,782.03 obligation as of October 26, 2006: \$112,861.08 Base rate of interest, late charges and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you may be greater. Hence, you are advised that above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. 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Case No. CV 06-4961 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY M. HAVEMAN Deceased.

Children under the age of eighteen. THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: VENUS SMITH YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled Matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children come within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or cashiers check, from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho and described as follows, to wit: Lot 17 in Block 2 of Bowden Terrace Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 31, Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Stephanie F. Norris has been appointed administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on January 18, 2007, at 9:30 AM. You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of these children, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

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Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. BY JAMES A. LAMURE Attorney for the Administrator 112 Shoshone Street East P.O. Box 2 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090 PUBLISH: November 16, 2006 & 23, 2006

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court. You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the children.

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RUGER 77 Mark II 23 caliber, Simmons 3x9 scope, NEW, \$500. 208-733-9329.

825 Camping/Hunting

AMERY brand new XP 45 ACP, w/ pay retail \$400. 208-582-3582.

826 Sporting Equipment

DOOSE and DUCK GOODS, dozens of field water. Full body, shells & silhouette, lay down blinds. Cargo trailer. Take a look, make an offer. Call 208-786-4865.

827 Skateboards

SKATEBOARD Hall Pro. Like new, used very little, 42" x 8" wide x 22" high. Inside complete for use in winter. Must See! \$1,700. Call 208-736-9339

828 Side and Snowboards

SKATE SKIS ATOMIC RS9. 184cm, with Atomic skis NNN binding \$1,100. Call 208-544-7616

828 Garage Sales

FILER

Monthly Antique show & flea market at Twin Falls Fairgrounds. November 18-19-20. \$5.00 admission. New vendors, custom jewelry & purses, metal signs, Ltd. Antiques & collectibles.

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2024 Nissan 2000 East Town Falls Fri & Sat. 10-5. Great solid Washig wood benches, bird houses, picnic table, household items, table runners & much more. Great Christmas presents!

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Great Christmas gift. Ride the times, it's new! \$1800 788-2830

1002 Motorcycles

KAWASAKI '01

KX250, good condition. \$2000 Call 208-308-1725.

HONDA '01 CR80

\$1,200 each or best offer. 208-208-1244 or 208-733-3028. Call 208-308-1725.

SUZUKI '06 GSX 600

Katana, new tires, great bike! \$3000/offer. 208-582-3582.

YAMAHA '02 YZ250

turbine core, 2 pipes, like new. \$3300/offer. 208-4083 after 6pm

1003 Bobs And Accessories

FOUR WINNS '97

Horizon RX, 16", 4.3 liter Volvo Penta, great boat, well cared for. It raised our kids, time for a new one. Contact Ron at 208-599-1884.

1004 Camper And Shells

DAMPER slide in style, complete, custom built, A-1 condition. \$2,000. 208-324-7682

SHELL for '02 P250

1500, 1500 island bike, 3 years old, good cond., doors on both sides. \$1100/offer. Call 208-552-4378

1005 Motor Homes/RVs

GEORGETOWN '06

26' Class A motor home with basement, like new. EFI 454 engine, 15K miles. \$33,000. We would consider trade for a travel van. Call 208-539-0795.

GEORGI BOY '97

32' Encourager Class A. 46,000 original miles. Must see, sacrificial price. \$26,900. Call 208-735-0102

JAMDBREE '96

26' Class C, bed in rear, new tires, 60K miles. \$6700. 733-0671 leave msg.

'84 ACE 27'

immaculate cond, ready to go anywhere. Sleeps 6, 51K miles, always stored inside. Call 208-537-6666

PLEASURE WAY '05

20' Class B motor home, like new, self contained, microwave, convectional, refrig, cook top, shower, hot water, air, new carpet, extra clean. \$15,200/offer. Call 608-982-8082

PROWLER '96

57' wheel, 27" tire, used very little. \$10,000. 731-5441.

RECREATION '04

by Design, 28 foot, vlt, \$11,500. Sell or trade for '97-12' travel trailer or quad of equal value. Call 208-390-1056.

STARGRAFT '99

rent trailer, steps 6, ref, fridge, heater, air, awning, 11800. 543-9076 leave message.

1006 Utility Trailers

ARCTIC CAT '03

Mountain Cat, 15K miles, track and piped, good condition, low miles. \$5,200. 420-3712.

ARCTIC CAT '04

M7, 56,000. Arctic Cat '95 560 Powder Special, \$1,500. Trailer New tires, 2000. Call 208-948-5195 after 6 pm or weekends.

ARCTIC CAT '08

M7, 56,000. Arctic Cat can & extras. Exc. cond. \$7,500/offer. Call 208-431-2023, 433-5023 evenings.

ARCTIC CAT '96

56 Bear Arctic Cat, 550 cc, lang camp, 2000. Call 208-431-2023, 433-5023 evenings.

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1006 Trucks

TOYOTA '06 pickup, 350 CID, Chevy TBI engine, AC, PS, 5 speed transmission, new tires, extra straight axle, low mileage. \$8,000/offer. 733-1973

TRUCKS WANTED! Sell your vehicle for immediate **CASH TODAY!** Buying all years, makes and models 1-800-574-1248.

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TIRES B.F. Goodrich (4) all terrain 7.75x12.5DR16.5 on American racing rims. Fits '4 ton Ford. 40% tread. \$400. Please call 208-312-4226.

TIRES BF Goodrich, Wrangler MTR 245/75R16, 80% tread, 5500/offer. Days 404-6951, fax 734-9221

TRANSMISSION & CLUTCH 5 speed for GM, all trucks. Truck bed, 15 foot and scissor hoist. 324-7697

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ACURA '01 MDX, leather, fully loaded, seats 7, new tires, great cash. \$16,000. Don't delay! Call 208-431-2121.

CHEVROLET '97 Tahoe, V8, 5.7L, auto, 4WD, \$8,313

MIDDLEKAUFF (Idaho) 208-733-7700

CHEVY '02 Tahoe, leather, low pkg, custom wheels, running boards. \$20,995

CHEVY '02 Trailblazer, 4x4, LS, auto, AC, PW, FM, CD, cruise, 151,988

CHEVY '04 Trailblazer, GM certified, PW, PL, PM, CD, cruise, Stock# C2769 \$14,995

CHEVY '06 Trailblazer, 4x4, LS, auto, AC, PW, FM, CD, cruise, 151,988

CHEVY '06 Cobalt, GM certified, cruise, auto, CD, PS, Stock# CP268 \$10,945

CHEVY '05 Cobalt, GM Certified, cruise, auto, CD, spoiler, alloy wheels, Stock# CP2782 \$11,935

CHEVY '06 Cobalt, GM certified, cruise, auto, CD, PS, Stock# CP268 \$10,945

CHEVY '06 Blazer, wind new tires, body in good shape, needs engine \$10,000/offer. Call 529-6263

JEEP '97 Grand Cherokee, LTD, AWD, excellent Christmas present, great in snow & ice, leather, super clean, non smoker owner, est warranty, 5.2L, new tires, other extras, 139K miles. Make offer. 420-2626

DODGE '06 Durango V6, power windows, 5,500 miles, clean. Limited Edition. Home powered A/C. These options at an unbeatable \$30,500. Don't delay! Call 208-734-3463

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JEEP '98 Wrangler, hard top, 4x4, FWD, 2000, 4 cyl, 13,305 miles. Call 208-733-5778

KIA '03 Sorento LX, 4x4, AC, PW, PL, AM-FM, CD, alloy wheels, low miles, factory warranty, \$13,868

DODGE '06 Durango, 114,000 miles, \$6000/offer. Call 208-308-5555 or 208-423-6263

DODGE '98 Ram Charger, Ford '91 Explorer, \$1,975 each. Call 208-200-4581

DODGE '99 Durango, leather, 4x4, loaded, leather, power driver's seat, PL, 6 power mirrors, cruise, steering wheel controls, no tires, 126K miles, \$75,000/offer. 731-2265 or 731-2425

NISSAN '95 Pathfinder AT, CD, good condition, \$4,000/offer. Call 208-308-9282

CHEVY '01 Malibu, 98,000 miles, AC, AM/FM/CD, PW, PL, PW, cruise, V6 engine, 30 mpg, \$4,500/offer. Call 208-654-3963 or 208-312-2409.

CHEVY '94 Impala, 41K miles, one owner, local trade, excellent condition, \$10,900. **BORNERAKE** 275 S. Idaho St., Wendell 208-536-1900

CHEVY '04 Impala, GM certified, leather, sun roof, spoiler, CD, loaded, Stock# C2456 \$11,925

TOYOTA '00 4Runner, SR5, 4x4, V6, auto, AC, PW, PL, sunroof, AM-FM, CD, leather seats, alloy wheels, new 16" tires

VOLVO '05 XC90 excellent condition, silver, loaded with all the options, seats 7, \$41,000. 738-3864

GM '04 Yukon XL, loaded, leather, 66K miles, \$16,250/offer. **BORNERAKE** 275 S. Idaho St., Wendell 208-536-1900

GM '04 Chevy, 29K miles, very clean, 4x4, remaining factory warranty. \$17,500. Call 208-733-6940

HONDA '99 CRV, 4x4, LX, local trade, AC, PW, PL, CD, cruise, cass, roof rack, \$7866

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MERCURY '99 Villager Van, Sport, leather, very clean, \$8,550

MITSUBISHI '99 i40r van, box 14 feet, 132K miles, \$14,000. Call 208-423-5620

OLDS '02 Silhouette Premier, Ext.V, 4x4, Auto, FWD, \$10,998

TOYOTA '02 Sienna LE, quad, ABS, cass/CD, under body, \$13,814. 734-6311

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1010 Autos

CHEVY '02 Camaro low miles, runs great, \$3,000 or best offer. Call 208-490-0008

AUDI '00 2.7i twin turbo, leather, loaded, 51K miles, \$17,895

BMW '99 540i, 81K miles, \$9,911 \$10,000 offer. INFINITY '94 245, auto, 139K miles, \$2,200. 208-420-9555

BUICK '03 Century auto, white, PW, PL, cruise, 22K miles \$12,925

CADILLAC '93 El Dorado, real low miles, loaded with all the extras, one owner. Must see to appreciate! \$8,800. 208-735-1022

CADILLAC '99 DeVille, Norstar, good gas mileage, 100K+ miles, \$9,500/offer. Call 208-734-0445.

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MAGAN THOMPSON/THOMAS
Random Acts of Theater Players actors
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Narrator; Emily Smith, playing 'Roscoe';
and Ben Berria, playing 'Juliet,' strike a
pose Tuesday at rehearsal for 'Complete
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TELEVISION

1. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
2. "NBC Sunday Night Football: Indianapolis at New England," NBC.
3. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
4. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
5. "Dancing with the Stars," ABC.
—From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," Fox.
2. "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause," Disney.
3. "Flushed Away," Warner Bros.
4. "Saw III," Lionsgate.
5. "The Departed," Warner Bros.
—From Exhibitor Relations Co.

HOT FIVE

1. "My Love," Justin Timberlake. Jive.
2. "Smack That," Akon (feat. Eminem), SRC.
3. "Fergalicious," Fergie, will.i.am.
4. "Money Maker," Ludacris (feat. Pharrell), DTP.
5. "Lips of an Angel," Hinder. Universal Republic.
—From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. Soundtrack: "Hannah Montana," Walt Disney.
2. "The Greatest Songs of the Sixties," Barry Manilow, Arista.
3. "Like Father, Like Son," Birdman & Lil Wayne, Cash Money.
4. "Once Again," John Legend, G.O.O.D.
5. "FutureSex/LoveSounds," Justin Timberlake, Jive (Platinum)
—From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

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

VHS RENTALS

1. "Nacho Libre," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "The Break-Up," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Click," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
4. "Monster House," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
5. "An American Haunting," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
—From Billboard magazine

VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Go Diego Go!: Diego Saves Christmas!" Nick Jr.
3. "Dora the Explorer: World Adventure," Nick Jr.
4. "Grease (Anniversary Edition)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "28 Days Later," Paramount Home Entertainment.
—From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Monster House," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
2. "Over the Hedge," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "Nacho Libre," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "The Break-Up," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "The Little Mermaid," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
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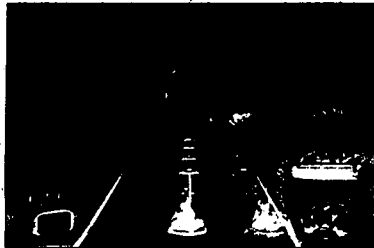
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1. "You: On A Diet: The Owner's Manual for Waist Management" by Michael F. Roizen, Mehmet C. Oz (Free Press) (nonfiction/hardbound)
2. "Valley of Silence" by Nora Roberts (Jove) (fiction/paperback)
3. "Dear John" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner) (fiction/hardbound)
4. "Lisey's Story" by Stephen King (Scribner) (fiction/hardbound)
5. "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion) (fiction/hardbound)
—USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "My Love" (single version), Justin Timberlake featuring T.I.
2. "Fergalicious," Fergie
3. "Smack That," Akon
4. "Irreplaceable," Beyonce
5. "It Ends Tonight," The All-American Rejects
—Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



One of the many rock star players can become in the new version of 'Guitar Hero II.'

'Guitar Hero II' rocks on

BY MATT SLAGLE
The Associated Press

A rocking sequel to last year's sleeper hit, "Guitar Hero II" brings more of what made the original music video game so great, then cranks up the volume as loud as it goes.

Who says follow-up efforts are always lame? The new version, available this week (Rated T), \$59.99 with guitar controller, \$49.99 for just the game, PlayStation 2), improves on the original in just about every way, with some great multiplayer modes and an expanded song list.

The basics remain the same: players perform songs using an included stringless, plastic guitar that plugs into the PS2 and acts as the controller.

Think of the gameplay as a wild, catchy blend of "American Idol" and "Dance Dance Revolution." The guitar has five colored fret buttons and a strum bar instead of strings, as well as a whammy bar you can grab to oscillate low-power chords.

You must time your guitar

strums to a series of colored circles that scroll down the on-screen fret board.

It's a perfect performance venue for those with an unquenchable need to play air guitar whenever they hear rock and roll.

You could play with the regular PS2 controller, but that would be like playing a flight simulator with a computer keyboard instead of a proper flight stick.

Likewise, you could play this one alone, advancing your solo career from underground unknown to arena-packing supergroup.

But then you'd be missing out on the best additions in "Guitar Hero II" — the new multiplayer modes.

"Cooperative" mode in particular is a righteously rocking party game where two players work together, with one playing lead guitar and the other taking up rhythm or bass.

It's an amazing sensation of actually playing a favorite song that makes your pulse rise and

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Random Acts of Theater Players actor Emily Smith (Renee) tries to woo Ben Berria (Jesse) during rehearsal for the "Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," a comedy opening this Friday at the Lamphouse in Twin Falls.

The Bard at a gallop

RAT Players imagine
'Shakespeare (Abridged)'

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Count 'em: 37 plays in 97 minutes.

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'CASINO ROYALE'

A winning hand in Daniel Craig's debut as James Bond

BY DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

It would have been just as surprising a fresh face, Daniel Craig, as 007 in "Casino Royale" to give a whole new look and feel to the James Bond franchise.

Yet taking the world's greatest spy back to his roots as a raw, impressionable Brit who cracks under at times falls him and who can lose his heart to a woman was a keen stroke of intelligence.

"Casino Royale" may weigh in a bit lighter than many of the 20 preceding Bond flicks on explosions, gunplay, fistcuffs and other action.

What it does have in those regards is riveting, clever and well-choreographed, yet the appeal this time lays much heavier on Bond as a person, on his development as one of cinema's deadliest killers and most heartless wanzers.

Craig plays Bond at a crossroads, which could lead him deeper down the loner's path of international intrigue or in a more conventional, happier, companionable life.

He stacks up well against his five Bond predecessors. Craig's no Sean Connery (who is?) but he delivers one of the finest performances ever in a 007 flick, rich with a range of feeling we generally don't see in the emotionally stunted Bond.

Directed by Martin Campbell — who also made "GoldenEye" — Pierce Brosnan's first time out as Bond — "Casino Royale" is based on the first of Ian Fleming's novels about the British agent.

The 1950s story is updated from the Cold War era to modern times by veteran Bond screenwriters Neal Purvis and Robert Wade ("Die Another Day"), "The World Is Not Enough" and Paul Haggis, who no doubt contributed much of the forbidding drama to the action (Haggis cowrote and directed the 2005 best-



Stirred, not shaken: The new James Bond, actor Daniel Craig, in "Casino Royale."

'Casino Royale'

Starring Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Eva Green.

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violent action, a scene of torture, sexual content, and nudity.

Stacia Friskey at Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Big Wood Cinemas of Hailey, Magic Lantern of Ketchum and Jerome Cinemas.

picture Academy Award winner "Crash" and wrote the screenplay for 2004 Oscar champ "Million Dollar Baby").

Freshly bumped up to "Double-Oh," license-to-kill status, young Bond already is his own man, alternately impressing and infuriating spymaster M. (Judi Dench, making a welcome return from the Brosnan era and bringing her usual wondrous imperiousness to the role).

Bond is assigned to play in a high-stakes poker match in Italy. Please see CASINO, Page 15

Remember the goofy original?

This review of the original "Casino Royale," by film critic Roger Ebert, was published in the Sun Chicago-Times on May 1, 1967:

At one time or another, "Casino Royale" undoubtedly had a shooting schedule, a script and a plot. If any one of the three ever turns up, it might be the making of a good movie.

In the meantime, the present version is a definitive example of what can happen when everybody working on a film goes simultaneously berserk. Lines and scenes are improvised before our very eyes. Skillful cutting bulks up the suspense between two parallel plots — but, alas, the parallel plots never converge. No matter: they are forgotten. Visitors to the O'Toole Jean-Paul Belmondo are pressed into service. Peter Sellers, free at last from every vestige of discipline, goes absolutely gaga.

This is possibly the most indulgent film ever made. Anything goes. Consistency and planning must have seemed the merest whimsy. One imagines the directors there were five, all working independently waking in the morning and wondering what they'd shoot today. How could they lose? They had bundles of money, because this film was blessed with the magic name of James Bond.

Perhaps that was the problem. When Charles Feldman bought the screen rights for "Casino Royale" from Ian Fleming back in 1963, nobody had heard of James Bond, or Sean Connery for that matter. But by the time Feldman got around to making the movie, Connery was firmly fixed in the public imagination as the redoubtable 007. What to do?

Feldman apparently decided to throw all sanity overboard; instead of one Bond, he determined to have five or six. The senior Bond is Sir James Bond (David Niven). He is called out of retirement to meet a tarlike trouble maker named SMERSH.

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Movie nuggets

• **"Babel" / C** Alejandro Gonzalez Iñritu's well-meaning movie echoes his "21 Grams" in that it cross-cuts among several different stories. The catalyst, more or less, is a serious accident that befalls married couple Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett while they're on vacation in Morocco. Other plot lines play out in Japan, Mexico and the United States. "Babel" babbles on about connection, communication, etc. But all it basically says is, things tend to turn out a lot better in this world for people who are white and well-off. Rated R (violence, some graphic nudity, sexual content, language and some drug use). 2 hours, 23 minutes.

• **"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" / A-** British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen stars in this hilarious, purposely offensive mockumentary in the gonzo guise of his most wickedly disarming character, Borat Sagdiyev, a visiting TV reporter from Kazakhstan. The most obvious part of Baron Cohen's comedic genius is his improvised scenes with unsuspecting, real-life "co-stars," in which he always stays in character, never betraying the ruse. But the other, deeper part is the way he makes us squirm until we

laugh, and laugh until we squirm, holding up a lighted mirror to our darkest fears and prejudices. Rated R (pervasive strong crude and sexual content including graphic nudity and language). 1 hour, 23 minutes.

• **"The Departed" / B+** Martin Scorsese's crackling good adaptation of a Hong Kong thriller. This Boston-set tale of two moles stars Matt Damon as a gangster turned FBI with the police and Leonardo DiCaprio as a good cop who infiltrates an Irish gang led by a savagely exuberant Jack Nicholson. True, the plot never ripens into anything deeper than guns, guts and corpses, but it's a terrific picture on its own terms — a gangster Grand Guignol in the historic manner of Cagney's classic "White Heat." Rated R (strong brutal violence, pervasive language, some strong sexual content and drug material). 2 hours, 29 minutes.

• **"Flags of Our Fathers" / B** War is hell. And in Clint Eastwood's, bruiser, mostly solid two Jim Wooten War II story, it's extremely complicated, often ripping into the psychological fabric of America, questioning who we are and the means to our ends. The film not only covers the bloody, horrific battle against dug-in Japanese on the small island, but explores the questionable and potentially morally bankrupt public relations aftermath of the photo-

About the rating

**By Suzanne
 The film's quality in these categories is reviewed by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.**

graphing of a flag raising that became an iconic patriotic image. Several of the performances seem to get swallowed whole by Eastwood's massive undertaking. This movie might not work as well as "Million Dollar Baby" or "Mystic River," but its importance is undeniable. Rated R (sequences of graphic war violence and carnage and for profanity). 2 hours, 12 minutes.

• **"Flicka" / C-** Just say neigh. More than the "My" and the "Friend" is gone in this adaptation of Marjorie O'Hara's 1941 classic. The protagonist has undergone a sex change, meaning a shy young boy is now a rebellious teen (Allison Lohman), and the novel's story has been reduced to a generic and often banal girl-and-horse story. Rated PG (some mild language). 1 hour, 34 minutes.

• **"Flushed Away" / B** Welcome to the liveliest sewers this side of "The Phantom of the Opera." The folks behind Wallace & Gromit trade in their trademark stop-motion animation for a computerized version, but their nimble wit remains intact. A pet mouse's (voiced by Hugh Jackman) toilet literally goes in the toilet when he's flushed down under to a miniature London. Lags a bit after the first hour, but the voice talent (Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen) is so strong, the visuals so inventive and the jokes so clever, you won't mind. Rated PG (crude humor and some language). 1 hour, 22 minutes.

• **"A Good Year" / C-** Not such a good movie. To paraphrase film scholar David Thomson, it's the sort of film everyone wants to see ... until they see it. Reunited with "Gladiator" director Ridley

Scott, Russell Crowe stars as an arrogant London banker who inherits a quality crumbling chateau and vineyard in Provence from his uncle (Alfred Finney). Sun-dappled, yes, but laughably tired. And Crowe might like mad, as if he'd studied Mel Gibson's "adorably boyish" theory of comedy. Rated PG-13 (language and some sexual contact). 1 hour, 57 minutes.

• **"The Guardian" / D** Super-serious stuff, all about lifesaver training, the Coast Guard, military salutes, raging sea storms and trumped-up dramatic situations. Kevin Costner is Coast Guard veteran and macho man Ben Randall, who gets sent to train hot-dog Asha Katcher and other unsuspecting recruits as rescue swimmers. A silly movie made of taped-together Hollywood hokum. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sexuality). 2 hours, 16 minutes.

• **"Happy Feet" / B+** Like the classic animated Disney movies — "Bambi" for example, or "Dumbo" — this isn't afraid to get a little serious, a little dark. It isn't afraid to mix in some substance with its style. That's also what makes it so different from the many computer-animated movies that have come storming into theaters this year, despite the fact that superficially it may look so similar. You've got your all-star voice cast (Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman, Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman), your soundtrack of pop tunes (Prince, Beach Boys, Stevie Wonder), and of course, your talking animals. This time they're penguins — and they're cute. Very, very cute. Irresistible, actually, just as they proved to be in the Oscar-winning documentary "March of the Penguins." But the film from Director, and co-writer George Miller (who co-wrote and produced the modern classic "Babe") has something to say about a lot of subjects, including biodiversity and the environment. Wood pro-

vides the voice of a young penguin who's a little different — he has trouble finding the inner song all penguins possess, but he sure can dance. (Savior! Glover provided the motion-camera top moves behind the scenes). The best animated film of the year. PG for some mild peril and rude humor. 98 minutes.

• **"The Illusionist" / B** This elegant movie has several tricks up its sleeve, not the least of which is Edward Norton's impeccable performance as a theater magician in turn-of-the-last-century Vienna. Rufus Sewell is a nasty crown prince who has several reasons for wanting to be rid of Norton; Jessica Biel is the aristocratic beauty who catches his eye; and Paul Giamatti is the Inspector Sewell assigns to mess up things for Norton's illusionist. Can't quite conjure up a proper ending, but otherwise it's a pretty nifty mix of romantic, melodrama and mysticism-tinged murder mystery. Rated PG-13 (some sexuality and violence). 1 hour, 50 minutes.

• **"Man of the Year" / C** Wearing its Capra-esque heart on its sleeve, the movie stars Robin Williams as a late-night talk show host (think Jon Stewart) who runs for president. Laura Linney is a computer wonk who discovers a flaw in the voting machine. Nice enough, but coming from Barry Levinson, who made the ferocious "Wag the Dog," it's surprisingly toothless. Rated PG-13 (for language including some crude sexual references, drug-related material and brief violence). 1 hour, 55 minutes.

• **"Open Season" / G-** The latest animated fish-out-of-water tale about talking animals displaced from the comforts of home. Martin Lawrence mumbles along as the voice of Boog, a bear who lives in the garage of his forest ranger owner until a mule deer named Elliot (Ashton Kutcher) nudges him out the door. Please see MOVIES, Page 16

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"The Da Vinci Code"
PG-13

This controversial thriller turns out to be about as exciting as watching your parents play Sudoku.

"The Da Vinci Code," Ron Howard's adaptation of the best-selling Dan Brown novel, plays it so safe that it actually may be proven to lower pulses; from a pasty, dispassionate Tom Hanks in the role of Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon to a script carefully written to mollify Christians already upset by the film's provocative premise of a Jesus-and-Mary Magdalene hook-up, "The Da Vinci Code" turns out to be a decidedly bland piece of high-grade cheese.

Still, the 40 million-odd readers who gulped down Brown's thriller — in which a murder leads to troubling revelations about a conspiracy within the Catholic church — will take pleasure in seeing his talky scavenger hunt reenacted. The novel, after all, needed only a few Fade Ins to qualify as a shooting script. Howard has cut down on a few windy speeches and digressions, but at 2 1/2 hours, what action there is anything but taut. As Langdon's partner in crime solving, Audrey Tautou's role as brilliant cryptologist Sophie Neveu has been reduced to a leggy, wide-eyed odalisque. Jan McKellen provides some crafty fun as an obsessive Holy Grail expert.

Still, "The Da Vinci Code" never takes flight, remaining largely inert until its climax, perhaps the most faithful Big Reveal in cinematic history.

—Washington Post

"John Tucker Must Die"
PG-13

"John Tucker Must Die" is one of those teen romantic comedies set at Britney Spears Memorial High School, where everyone's hot, honey blonde and hooking up.

Appropriately enough, the lead role — a putative misfit named Kate — is played by Britney Snow, whose generic cute-



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Brittany Snow, foreground, along with Arielle Kebbel, Sophia Bush and Ashanti are out to get big-mas-on-campus John Tucker.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Adam Herschman, Jonah Hill, Maria Thayer, Justin Long and Columbus Short just got 'Accepted.'

ness recalls a young Reese Witherspoon or the wholesome Olsen twin. When Kate starts at a new school, she discovers that the BMOC — Big Manipulator of Cheerleaders — has been threatening a bevy of precocious classmates; she leads the girls in a sadistic revenge spree that includes putting his face on an ad for herpes awareness and spiking his bulking powder with estrogen.

"John Tucker Must Die" (which could have been called "In the Company of Mean Girls") features a clutch of rising stars, including "Desperate Housewives'" Jesse Metcalfe, Sophia Bush, Arielle Kebbel and the R&B star Ashanti. But despite doing its best to jiggle, giggle and ogle its way into a niche somewhere between "Heathers" and "American Pie," it becomes just another

forgettable pastiche of sight gags and pop-culture references. At one point, a would-be sutor of Kate's describes her affection for old-school Elvis Costello, obscure podcasts and Dave Eggers: "She's deep, man." And this movie isn't, dude.

—Washington Post

"Accepted"
PG-13

So maybe "Accepted" isn't the most original movie in the world. It's a little like "Animal House," a little like "Revenge of the Nerds" and a lot like "Old School." It also calls to mind elements of "Real Genius," "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" and "PCU," which starred a then-unknown Jeremy Piven and seems to be playing somewhere on cable television 24 hours a day — even though it came out in 1994.



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Audrey Tautou and Tom Hanks are hot on the trail of trouble in "The Da Vinci Code."

And maybe its premise isn't the most plausible: A bunch of slackers and weirdos form their own college, where "liberal" doesn't even begin to describe the liberal arts education.

Doesn't matter. "Accepted" is a lot more fun than you'd expect from a comedy coming out in the dead of summer, and it'll make you laugh out loud even though you probably know better.

Directed by Steve Pink from a script by Adam Cooper, Bill Collage and Mark Perez, and featuring a performance from the infinitely likable up-and-comer Justin Long, "Accepted" has a certain subversive claim that keeps it light on its feet — until the very end, that is, when it turns self-righteous and takes itself way too seriously. Up to that point, though, who wouldn't want to be a student at the South Harmon Institute of Technology? (You can figure out the school's abbreviation for yourself: It's adolescent and all, but good for a couple of chuckles depending on how it's used.)

Long's high school senior Barthelemy Gales (or "B" as his friends call him) makes up the institution, after being rejected from every single college he applied to, knowing that his conservative, traditional parents (Mark Derwin and Ann Cusack) will be devastated by this development.

He drafts a fake acceptance

letter and with the help of his tubby best friend, Sherman (Jonah Hill), who actually got into a school (the fictitious Harmon College), designs a Web site that is so convincing, people actually start applying — and thinking they've been accepted, too.

Strippers, skateboards, spazzes and shut-ins: they all show up at the South Harmon "campus" — a former psychiatric hospital that barbed and his buddies cleaned up in makeshift fashion to show his parents — ready for the first day of class.

When all these freaks and geeks demonstrate a genuine enthusiasm to learn something, to belong somewhere, the quick-witted, fast-talking B becomes their reluctant leader. And under the tutelage of their "dean" (the hilariously volatile Lyle Black) they create their own courses, with titles like "Walking Around and Thinking About Stuff."

Naturally they can't just exist peacefully within their own parallel, poolside universe. They have to clash with The Establishment. The upright Harmon College dean (Anthony Heald) wants to take over the space where South Harmon sits, and sends a buff, blond-haired uber-fat boy to force them out.

And naturally, that guy has a girlfriend (the lovely Blake Lively from "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants") who will question her allegiance after spending a little time with the down-to-earth patty kids at South Harmon.

All familiar stuff, including a climactic showdown before a regulatory board with much postulating about the importance of free thought and self-expression. But, mostly, the banter is snappy and the pacing is brisk, which makes the whole experience much lighter and more enjoyable than you might imagine from the outset. "Accepted" also has a fantastic, eclectic soundtrack, featuring songs by the Pixies, Green Day, Weezer and The Cure.)

—Associated Press

Events calendar

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Theater/Twin Falls
The Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts will present *Richard Morris' musical "Thorougly Modern Millie"* at 7:30 p.m. at Roper Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at Everybody's Business.

Theater/Oakley
The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Mary Chase's *"Harvey"* at 7:30 p.m. in Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 800-965-4827, online at <http://www.icketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Venue is at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Friday, Nov. 17
The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra, with guest conductor Rick Barsen, will play the King Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students or \$15 for families, are available at the door. Season tickets are also available and are \$18 for adults, \$9 for students and \$45 for families.

Poker/Twin Falls
The Twin Falls Poker League will hold free Texas Hold 'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life, 121 Fourth Street. For information, call 801-355-2787. Capitol Theater is at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Phat Edgy's. Cover charge is \$3. Age 18 and older. Phat Edgy's is at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Rock/Boise
Copeland, Applesseed Cast and Owen will play the Venue at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.icketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

Theater/Boise
The touring Broadway production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *"The Phantom of the Opera"* and *"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"* will perform on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28, \$50 and \$68 musical, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1494 or online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>.

Head Automatics, Cobra Slips and The Receiving End of Sirens will perform at Saitir Resort in the Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

Acoustic/Twin Falls
Rick Kuhn will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Vinifera Wines. No cover charge. Vinifera Wines is at 136 Main Ave. S.

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Country/Jerome
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Country/Declo
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Folk/Boise
Joan Saez will play the Egyptian Theater in Boise at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$38, can be reserved by phoning (208) 387-1273 during the hour of noon and 6:00 p.m.

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Kurt Kruezer will perform at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge before 9 p.m., \$3 cover charge after 9 p.m. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls
Kanyon River Band will play country and '50s and '60s music from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Johnny's at Senior Cassars. No cover charge. Johnny's is at 645 River Ave.

Rock/Boise
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Electronic/Utah
BT and Kaskadee will play The Depot in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.icketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

Country/Boise
Ray LaMontagne will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.icketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Country/Utah
Alec Gill will sing at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$39.50 and \$49.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is at 123 W. South Temple.

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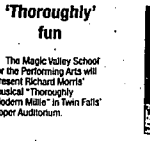
Classical/Utah
Utah Symphony will perform music by Debussy and Ravel. Tickets, which are \$12, \$24, \$30 and \$48, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.icketweb.com>, or at Adkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

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South-central Idaho dining guide

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• **Shari's**, 1601 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, seafood, former deli salmon, pic's, \$7.25-\$12.95. Hours: Open 24/7. *Sue's Quigley*, owner. 734-2116.

• **Skippier's**, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pre-dated new halibut basket, cost specials, shrimp. \$4.99-\$7.99. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. *Jim Jackson*, owner. 733-1154.

• **Top-Box Canyon Springs Bar & Grill**, 199 Canyon Springs Drive — Burgers, Philly steak sandwiches, ale-battered food, crispy chicken salads. \$4.25-\$6.99. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. *Jay and Terrielle Hicks*, owners. 735-9194.

• **Tomato's Italian Grill**, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, pasta, gourmet pizza. \$4.95-\$18.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.;

WEWELL

• **El Tapatio**, 98 S. Idaho St. — Fishes, steak, seafood, \$4.99-\$12.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. *Juanne Ponce*, owner. 536-5584.

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• **Elmo Road Outpost**, 3020 Elmo Road — Specialty steaks, hamburger, fish or chicken sandwiches, served with the ultimate apple and raisin Pioneer Pudding made

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• **Sage Mountain Grill**, 255 N. Main — Pizza, pasta, burgers, salmon, rib-eye steak. \$3.50-\$16.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays 9 a.m.-10 p.m. *Tom and Heidi DeGraff*, owners. 675-6666.

BLISS

• **Oxbow Cafe**, 199 E. Highway 30 — Pasta, steak, seafood entrees, \$7.99-15.99; weekend 9 a.m. prime rib special, \$9.99.

GLENN FERRY

• **Carnado Restaurant** — Fantastic seafood, \$15.95-\$24.95. Full bar. Hours: prime rib special, \$15-\$20. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *David Carnado*, owner. 735-2333.

About the dining guide

Every week, TMT 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 735-3223 or e-mail him at scrump@magicalvalley.com. It's a free service.

closed Sundays. *Max Humphreys*, owner. 735-9100.

• **Two Restaurant**, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Genoa's Too Chicken, Hungarian beef, crispy pasta. \$4.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *Jan Ray*, owner. 735-6232.

• **Fernhouse Restaurant**, Exit 157 off Interstate 94 — Steak, seafood, prime rib, espresso. \$4.95-\$17.95. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. *Ferry and Courtney Hohlstrom*, owners. 536-6685.

from a 250 year-old recipe. \$13.95-\$21.95. Hours: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Wynn and Jennifer Gowanop*, owners. 824-5577.

BELLEVUE

• **Jeanie's Country Grill**, 401 N. Main — Burger, chicken-fried steak, rib-eye steak. \$5-\$7.50. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sundays 7 a.m.-4 p.m. *Joyce Williams*, owner. 785-0002.

Hours: Daily, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. *Terry Sheaffer*, owner. 352-4250.

and New Year's Day. Weekend reservations recommended. *Roger Jones*, owner. 889-2333.

Pleasing fare at A Taste of Thai

BY VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Here's another surprise in an unlikely setting: A Taste of Thai has done an admirable job of creating a relaxing evening refuge in a Pole Line Road retail strip.

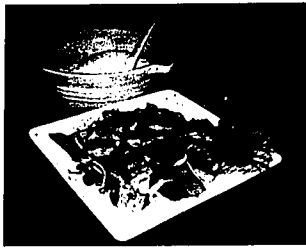
A high ceiling and dropped lighting counteract the smallness of the dining room. And the menu is extensive — and heavy on seafood.

On an evening there last week, my husband and I ordered two basic Thai dishes: a fried tofu appetizer (\$4) and the Special Thai Peanut Sauce, a bed of steamed vegetables topped with meat or tofu and dressed with peanut sauce (\$9.50 for the chicken choice).

We asked for a wine suggestion, but the server essentially left us on our own at that point; fortunately, the list of 19 wines was sufficiently detailed to compensate. We chose a BV Coastal Estates pinot noir, a fruit-rich wine with cherry, cocoa and mineral flavors (\$5 for a glass).

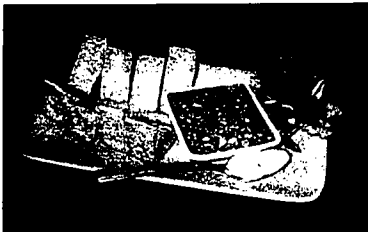
We fared well on all counts. The appetizer's eight wedges of tofu — crisp outside, soft inside — were fried without soaking up too much oil and were served with crushed peanuts in a tangy sauce to whet the appetite. (We ate the carrot-cabbage-lettuce garnish, too: one of Idaho's top chefs once told us not to trust any restaurant whose garnishes aren't worth eating.)

My entree boasted a nice variety of still-crisp vegetables — carrots, broccoli, green beans, mushrooms, pea pods, mince — and came with a generous portion of steamed rice. The chicken was tender and the peanut



The Special Thai Peanut Sauce entree at A Taste of Thai — meat or tofu served on steamed vegetables — is topped with a peanut sauce made from the restaurant owner's family recipe.

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A Taste of Thai serves its fried tofu appetizer with crushed peanuts in a tangy sauce.

About A Taste of Thai

837 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls — Appetizers, \$3-\$12. Entree salads, soups and fried rice, \$8.50-\$15.50. Seafood specialties, stir-fries, curries and noodles, \$9.50-\$18. Beer, wine. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 5 to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. *Nat Neabsant*, owner. 735-6333

sauce delicious.

Quite naturally, peanuts, curry and coconut milk are the fundamentals of the sauce, but A Taste of Thai owner Nat Neabsant wouldn't be too specific in his description of the family recipe.

"If I tell you what's in it," he said, "my grandma will come back from the dead and kill me."

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DEALO

• **Coughlin's Country Cooking**, 75 N. Clark — Prime rib, seafood, homemade chicken strips, port tenderloin sandwiches, hamburgers and fresh bread. \$12.95-\$16.95. Hours: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Mondays. *Cliff and Jerry Coughlin*, owners. 824-5577.

• **Joker's Diner**, The Top, 282 North Highway 77 (Ike Ed) 216 off Interstate 94 — Burgers, chicken tenders, fresh fruit shakes in season. \$2.50-\$8.49. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *Dobby Karan*, owner. 654-9987.

Urban renewal

Trip to rehab puts damper on country musician's success

Los Angeles Times

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Here's how things were supposed to go when Keith Urban's new album came out Nov. 7: The handsome country star would be all over network TV promoting it, radio programmers would be hotly scanning it for hit singles, fans would be gobbling up copies and his record company would be toasting a breakout success.

And why not? Everything, it seemed, had been going so right lately for the New Zealand-born, Australia-reared musician, whose fervent wish until this month was to try out his new music for fans.

"A lot of the songs will be great to play live, especially in arenas where people sing along," Urban said while putting finishing touches on the album at a recording studio here recently. "It's like being in a stadium with soccer crowds where everybody is chanting. I love that so much."

Now, the first thing everyone will be searching for in "Love, Pain and the Whole Crazy Thing" will be clues — clues to what might have driven Urban, 33, back into rehab.

This, the man who in just three years had gone from country wannabe to one of its brightest lights through a string of hit singles from two albums that have sold more than 3 million copies apiece.

Only four months ago, the country singer with a rock-star vibe married his home country's biggest movie star, Nicole Kidman, putting what seemed like a fairy-tale coda to a life story peppered with struggle.

"All this seems so rolled up together to put Keith at the forefront of country music," said Michael McCall, a writer-editor at the Country Music



By Andrew H. Cooper

With a new album in the can and TV appearances all lined up, country artist Keith Urban was ready to pick up where he left off — taking the world's arenas by storm. But a return to rehab has put a major bump in the road.

Hall of Fame and veteran music journalist.

"It's certainly one of the format's biggest stars, and there's no feeling that his career has crested at all or peaked yet."

But less than two weeks before the album's release date,

Urban stunned fans and even some in his inner circle by checking into an unidentified rehabilitation treatment center, dredging up flashbacks to his decade-old battle with drugs and alcohol, one most people thought he had won.

All Urban has said publicly is a short statement issued through a spokesman, then posted on his Web site. "I deeply regret the hurt this has caused Nicole and the ones that love and support me," the statement said in part. "One can never let one's guard down on recovery, and I'm afraid, that I have."

His manager, Gary Borman, said Urban's goal is to address his dependency permanently.

"It's a very strong guy, a very disciplined guy, and he thought he could do it on his own," Borman said. "But nobody can, and that's it."

In his Oct. 20 announcement, Urban scrapped all public appearances for the immediate future.

"It's huge," Capitol Nashville President Mike Dungan said. "The biggest weapon in launching a record is the artist himself. We're losing our performance on the CMA Awards, a performance at halftime for a major TV football game, the 'Today' show, 'The Tonight Show.'"

In years past, heavy alcohol or drug use played a big part in the public image of some of the genre's biggest stars, including Hank Williams, George Jones, Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings.

Not anymore. "Stars are expected to be healthier, more fit and more presentable than they were 20 or 30 years ago," McCall said.

"Country music is very image-conscious today. People are expected to work really hard. It's really hard to be drunk or strung out and do as much work as they have to do now." At the same time, McCall added, "people recognize now that it's a disease, and going for treatment can be seen as a positive thing."

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

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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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Katwalk Karaoke will be featured at 8:30 p.m. at Kuzuu Night Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge. Kruzor's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

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

Declo

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, NOV. 17

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.

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Miller Timo 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.

Rupert

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

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P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.
 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.

Kroakers Karaoke 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.
 Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont Ave.

Bend

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.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke 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.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Stampede Bar and Grill. No cover charge. Stampede Bar and Grill is at 118 E. Idaho St.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar on Sixth E. Idaho St.

Magic Philharmonic strikes up the band Friday

BY TRENA TEGAN

For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will open its 2006-07 season with a concert Friday in the King Fine Arts Center.

Music will include "Valse Tristesse" by Jean Sibelius; "Night on Bald Mountain" by Modest Mussorgsky; "Mars, The Bringer of War" by Gustav Holst; "Dance Macabre" by Camille Saint-Saens; "Pines of Rome" (Finale) by Ottorino Respighi; selections from "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss; the theme from "Pink Panther" by Henry Mancini, and

If you go ...

• **What:** The Magic Philharmonic orchestra will open its season with a concert Friday, conducted by Ross Barson.

• **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley.

• **When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday
 • **How much:** Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students or \$15 for families.

"A Rockin' Halloween" by Ray Parker.

Guest conductor will be Ross Barson, director of bands and assistant principal at Burley Junior High School.

Barson received his bachelor of music degree in education from Boise State University in 1985 and has taught band in public schools ever since. He earned his master's degrees in education administration from the University of Idaho in 2000.

Barson's junior high bands have consistently received superior ratings at festivals, and in 2000 his West Minico Junior High Band was the only such group selected to perform at the Idaho Music Educators All-State Convention.

He is listed in "Who's Who in America." He is married to Peggy Barson and they have three children, Sarah, Crystal and Steven.

The Magic Philharmonic is a nonprofit group of more than 60 musicians from Mini-Cassia. The selections performed range from the classical works to modern show tunes.

The season includes the Christmas Concert on Dec. 19, the pops concert on Feb. 13 and the spring concert on April 13. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at the King Center. Season tickets are also available and are \$18 for adults, \$9 for students and \$45 for families.

Trena Tegan writes for the South Idaho Press in Burley, a daily newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE

The Who "Endless Wire" (Universal Republic)

Almost 25 years since the Who's last studio album, 1982's "It's Hard," the legendary rock band behind such anthems as "My Generation" is back — older, not as invincible, but still rocking out, minus two members.

"Endless Wire" is an ambitious cauldron of 19 songs written by gifted guitarist Pete Townshend and funneled through singer Roger Daltrey's rough but capable pipes.

It's also the Who's first studio album without bassist John Entwistle, who died in 2002 (wild-eyed drummer Keith Moon overdosed in 1978). And while "Endless Wire" certainly isn't vintage Who, there's enough '70s swagger and emotional grip on it to take notice.

"Fragments," which opens with the swirling synthesized intro of 1971's "Baba O'Riley," sets a retro tone.

Following in the footsteps of classic Who rock opera "Tommy," the album showcases a 10-song mini-opera, "Wire & Glass," originally composed by Townshend for his Web novel "The Boy Who Heard Music."

About a band of teens who rise to stardom as seen through the eyes of an aging '60s rocker in a sanatorium, the mini-opera's best songs range from the R&B stomper



Roger Daltrey, right, and Pete Townshend of the band The Who perform at the Hollywood Bowl in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on Nov. 4.

"Pick Up the Peace" to the harmony-laced wisdom through Townshend's lyrics on fictional fame, love and tragedy.

Daltrey's voice, like a jowly worn but worldly Billie Holiday, conveys time-seeped

— Associated Press

Terry Tempest Williams in Ketchum Thursday

Times-News

KETCHUM — Western writer Terry Tempest Williams will speak at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood on Thursday.

Her 7 p.m. remarks are part of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' multidisciplinary project, "Whose Nature? Whose Nature." Williams, 51, is best known for her 1991 book "Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place," in which she described



Williams

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Casino

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orchestrated by Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), a financier of global terrorism who needs to win the \$100-million-plus stake to pay back clients' money he squandered on an investment.

That Bond was the reason his investment went sour makes it all the more poetic, as the card game and its ramifications will have such a huge impact on Bond's destiny.

A Treasury official — beautiful, of course — is assigned to keep tabs on Bond's gambling stake and make sure he's playing prudently with the Crown's chips. Eva Green's Vesper Lynd is everything most Bond girls are not — smart, sarcastic, willful and fiercely independent enough not to give in to Bond's charms.

And she's no sex kitten. Green looks glorious in her various gowns, but she doesn't prance around in a bikini of topless lace held with Bond by way of saying hello.

Vesper is James' equal in so many ways — not a fighter but a thinker, able to do a magnificently witty dissection of 007's character and accept with grace his own playfully insightful critique of her.

There's almost a "Thin Man" quality to their banter. You can

When Craig was cast, much was made of his look — the first blond Bond. The weight and grandeur Craig brings to the role shows that superficial looks do not a Bond make. Craig has the spirit of the character, rascally yet dark, blithe yet brutish, amorous yet lethal.

Imagine William Powell and Myrna Loy's Nick and Nora Charles started out cutely bickering this way before they became such suave lovebirds.

Unlike past Bond films, where our hero's most important relationship is with the villain he's trying to take down, it's the love story that really matters here. "Casino Royale" plays out like a grand, doomed romantic epic in which James' callous attitude is rewarded in place by the outcome of his attachment to Vesper.

The groundwork for so many of the Bond trappings is deftly laid here. This James Bond doesn't care whether his martinis are shaken or stirred. He's surprised at what a difference a finely tailored tux makes when he looks in the mirror. By chance, a classic Aston-Martin comes his way, and it's easy to see why it becomes Bond's automobile of choice.

We also see his first encounter with his CIA cousin, Felix Leiter, played by the always shy Jeffrey Wright, who's underutilized here but hopefully will return in an expanded role in future Bond adventures.

Giancarlo Giannini adds fine continental charm as an Italian operative who's Bond's local contact.

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In a climactic showdown with Le Chiffre, Craig's Bond is arguably more vulnerable both physically and emotionally than we've ever seen 007 (though the tragic end of "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," George Lazenby's sole, unpropitious turn as Bond,

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE

Aerosmith
**"Devil's Got a New Disguise:
 The Very Best of Aerosmith"**
 (Columbia)

It's been awhile since we've really spent a quality chunk of time with Aerosmith's catalog. The Boston rock band's recent releases have been lackluster and preachy, more packed with balladearing blues than the straightforward rock that once made the band essential. And its live shows have been sporadic and, dare I say, lazily (and unnecessarily) experimental at late.

So it's nice to spend some time with "Devil's Got a New Disguise," the band's latest greatest-hits venture. It's not unlike a road trip with an old friend you haven't seen in years.

You start by re-familiarizing yourself with one another, recounting the familiar — ah, the early days of "Dream On" and "Mama Kin." You alternate "remember-whys" until the sun goes down — "Walk This Way" and "Jag Doll" — and then spend the night-driving hours covering the recent past ("I Don't Want To Miss a Thing"), the present ("Jaded") and the future ("Sedona Sunrise" and the title track).

—Dennis Post

Remember the original? ...from page 4

Unfortunately, the trait is never explained. Other Bonds are created on the spot. Peter Sellers is the baccarat-playing Bond. He meets Le Chiffre (Irson Welles) in a baccarat game. Why? The movie doesn't say. The five directors were given instructions only for their own segments, according to the publicity, and none knew what the other four were doing. This is painfully apparent.

There are some nice touches, of course. Woody Allen rarely fails to be funny, and the massive presence of Welles makes one wish Le Chiffre had been handled better.

But the good things are lost, too often, in the frantic scurrying back and forth before the cameras. The steady hand of Terence Young, who made the original Bond films credible despite their gimmicks, is notably lacking here.

I suspect a film this chaotic was inevitable. There has been a blight of these unorganized comedies, usually featuring Sellers, Allen, and/or Jonathan Winters, in which the idea is to prove how zany and clever everyone is when he throws away the script and goes nuts in front of the camera.

In comedy, however, understatement is almost always better than excess.

Sellers was the funniest comedian in the movies when he was making those lightly directed low-budget pictures like "I'm All Right, Jack." Now he is simply self-intoxicated and wearisome. And so are the movies he makes.

One wishes Charlie Feldman had sat down one bright morning, early in the history of this film, and announced that everyone simply had to get organized.

comes close).

And at this moment, when he could be broken for good and left a wispy shadow who never would have become a golden boy of British intelligence, Bond's cheery humer and unbendable pigheadedness assert them-

selves, a terrific foundation for the adventures to come.

It's a formative moment in a movie full of formative moments that spell an ominous but productive future for Bond, and a brilliant and even more productive future for Craig as Bond.

Local

Writer Langdon schedules two book events in valley

Times-News

Author Danny Langdon plans two book signings of his new memoir, "My Mother Can Beat Up Your Father," on Friday in Ketchum and Saturday in Twin Falls.

The book centers on being

raised in Hailey by Langdon's widowed mother, who took over the family scrap-metal business while raising nine children. She was also active in the community and won the Idaho Mother of the Year Award.

Langdon will read from and sign copies of "My Mother Can

Beat Up Your Father" on Friday at 7 p.m. at Iconoclast Books, 211 N. Main St., in Ketchum.

On Saturday, he'll read and sign books at Barnes & Noble Bookellers in Twin Falls from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 1239 Pole Line Road.

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door. Boog comes to terms with the great outdoors in between white-bang extreme action sequences tailor-made for elderly game-devouring youths. Rated PG (some rude humor, mild action and brief language). 1 hour, 40 minutes.

- "The Prestige" / B+ Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman play rival magicians in turn-of-the-20th-century London in this puzzle-box of a movie. In "Moments" director Christopher Nolan. The narrative shifts back and forth in time as we see the men grow from friends to bitter enemies whose stage careers become almost

secondary in importance to sabotaging each other. The movie is a mind-tickler, the screenwriting form of the illness; it's art of misdirection. It's the kind of intelligent, challenging film that's increasingly rare from a studio mind-set that favors slasher flicks and gross-out comedies. Rated PG-13 (violence and disturbing images). 2 hours, 20 minutes.

- "Stranger Than Fiction" / B This ingenious, colorful mischievous film from director Marc Forster and first-time screenwriter Zach Helm summons up several other films ("Adaptation," "L.A. Story," among others), with its clever,

literate script and fanciful premise.

A boring IRS auditor (Will Ferrell) starts hearing a female voice narrating his life and learns he's a fictional character in a novel by a reclusive writer (Emma Thompson). The movie lacks a fully satisfying wrap-up, but the dialogue is head-spinning and the cast wonderful — especially Dustin Hoffman as a nutty professor trying to help Ferrell. Rated PG-13 (some disturbing images, sexually, brief language and nudity). 1 hour, 45 minutes.

— Sources: Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Associated Press

Guitar *Continued from page 2*

gives you the urge to flail around like a nut. What more can you ask for in a video game?

If you don't already have last year's version, a second guitar controller is a must.

One of my biggest complaints from the first version remains unchanged. The controller is tethered to the PS2 by a rather short cable. So don't get too carried away — you may end up unplugging the guitar in a fit of musical passion, as I did on several occasions. A wireless controller is available of course — for another \$59.99.

The new tunes (there are more

than 55 songs in all) include Black Sabbath's "War Pigs" and "Stop by Innes' Addition." These aren't the actual recordings, but well-done remakes that for the most part sound almost exactly — but not quite — like the original.

• With the upcoming release of

spiffy new consoles from Sony Corp. and Nintendo Co., getting all the attention, it's easy to overlook games for older systems like "Guitar Hero II."

But don't — you'll be missing out on one of the year's most fun and addictive games.

Shakespeare *Continued from page 3*

mentioned," said Tony Mannen; theater professor at the College of Southern Idaho and creator of the RAT Players, an independent troupe that began life four years ago as the Friends of CSI Players. "If they do it the way they're supposed to, it's hilarious."

"Two of the three players — Berria and Hansen — are students of Mannen's," she said. Smith, is a senior at St. Joseph's Christian School. Director Kevin Markkola is another CSI theater student.

"We're in the middle of another production ("Inherit the Wind," which opens the first weekend in December), and they came to me and said, 'Can we do Shakespeare?'" Mannen said. "Sure. I'm glad to get your other work done too."

Berria, a freshman from Boise; Hansen, a freshman from Jerome, and Markkola, a sophomore from Twin Falls, are among a group of CSI theater students that Mannen calls "enthusiastic."

"When they rehearse in the lobby (of the newly renovated CSI Fine Arts Center) they're loud enough that I can hear them in the theater," he said.

"Complete Works" was first performed in 1987 by three Callifornians — Adam Long, Jess Winfield and Daniel Singer — who styled themselves as the Reduced Shakespeare Company. The RSC, founded by Singer, began life in 1981 as a pass-theat act performing a 20-minute version of "Hamlet" at Remansburg and outside in Los Angeles and San Francisco. In 1983, the company added a short "Romeo and Juliet" to its repertoire.

"Complete Works," the group's most ambitious work to date, premiered at an alternative theater festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The actors use their real names and play themselves rather than "Rat" characters, and they speak directly to the audience. Improv plays a heavy role.

Brush up your Shakespeare

- **What:** The Random Acts of Theatrical Players will present Jess Winfield, Adam Long and Daniel Singer's "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)."

- **Where:** Theater 2, Lamp-house Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

- **When:** Friday and Saturday and Nov. 24-25, 7:30 p.m.

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

The players introduce themselves to the audience and begin with a parody of "Romeo and Juliet." Next, they do a spoof of "Titus Andronicus," portraying it as a cooking show. Then there's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," done in rap. The rest of the first act rushes through most of the other Shakespeare canon, with all of the comedies being combined into one convoluted reading and all of the histories being acted out through a football game.

At the end of the act, they realize they've forgot to perform "Hamlet," the Bard's greatest work. One of the actors freaks out and runs out of the theater with another actor chasing him. The final actor is left to entertain the audience by himself, telling jokes and calling frantically for the intermission.

The entire second act is a slap-dash performance of "Hamlet." The audience gets involved when it is asked to portray Ophelia.

The RSC has gone on to bigger — and sillier things — crafting off-performed productions of "The Complete History of America (Abridged)" and "The Bible: The Complete Work of God (Abridged)."

"If you love Shakespeare, you'll enjoy this play," Mannen said. "But it's funny in its own right."

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