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Plan would cut thousands off from farm subsidies

By Libby Quaid
 Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Thousands of the nation's richest farmers would lose their government subsidies under a Bush administration plan to curb farm spending.

Proposals released Wednesday would reduce federal agriculture spending by

\$18 billion over the next five years. They represent President Bush's vision of a new farm bill system of supports that would protect farm income and crop prices and keep food prices stable.

"Anyone making more than \$200,000 in adjusted gross income would be cut off from farm payments, under Bush's plan. At that level, you're the

richest guy in the country," Deputy Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner said.

These producers, about 80,000 in all, are among the top 2.3 percent of taxpayers, officials said. It's hard to know just who would be cut off, said Ken Cook, president of Environmental Working Group, which tracks subsidies. Cook said many high-profile recipients, such as media mogul and CNN founder Ted Turner, probably were cut off in 2002, when Congress imposed the current \$2.5 million income cap.

"You end up eliminating absentee owners who have a lot of income they're trying to shelter in agriculture," Cook said. "It could be a small-town lawyer or a business executive in Memphis who's put some

money into a cotton plantation." For everyone else who is eligible, the ceiling on payments would still be \$360,000, and there would still be incentives to collect millions of dollars above the limits. Most payments go to growers of corn, soybeans, wheat, rice and cotton.

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Lawmakers consider grocery-tax plans

By John Miller
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — Lawmakers are considering four separate plans to reduce or eliminate the sales taxes Idaho residents pay on food.

The bills, introduced at a hearing Wednesday, include one from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to give \$46 million in tax relief to the state's working poor.

Two others would cut in half or eliminate the 6 percent state surcharge on food for everyone.

And the fourth would more than double the grocery-tax credit that all Idaho residents now receive on their state income-tax returns.

The issue has emerged as a main theme of the 2007 Legislative after lawmakers in August raised the sales tax on everything — including food — to 6 percent from 5 percent to replace the revenue that was lost when property taxes were cut. Which of the plans survives will be sorted out in coming days, as lawmakers on the House Revenue and Taxation Committee debate their merits before sending them to the full House and the Senate.

"There's not a clear right or wrong way to do it," said Nick Johnson, of the Center on Budget Policy and Priorities in Washington, D.C. The broad exemption of food is too expensive for a lot of states to stomach. It has everything to do with what the other tradeoffs are in the state's budget."

Currently, a family of four in Idaho spends \$400 a year on taxes on food, the state estimates. Every resident gets a \$20 grocery-tax credit on his or her state income taxes, with people over 65 allowed a \$35 break, to offset the taxes they pay toward food.

The four proposals introduced Wednesday ... to expand relief are:

• Otter's plan: It would ...
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Survey: Men are suffering from eating disorders too

By Denise Gallene
 Los Angeles Times

Contrary to the long-held belief that anorexia and bulimia are female afflictions, the first national survey on eating disorders has found that one-quarter of adults with the conditions are men.

The study estimated that about 850,000 men had suffered from the disorders and, despite two decades of intense attention to the conditions, had gone largely undetected.

The researchers said the findings, which will appear Thursday in the journal Biological Psychiatry, indicate that men are vulnerable to the same social pressures that lead some women to uncontrollably binge and purge on food and others to literally starve themselves.

"Body image has become more important among men," said co-author Dr. Harrison G. Pope Jr., a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. "There's a large, silent population of men who might be quite ill."

Overall, the survey found that 4.5 percent of adults, or 9.3 million people, have struggled with an eating disorder sometime in their lives. Anorexia accounted for 1.3 million of the cases and bulimia, 2.1 million. Binge eating, a disorder of frequent, uncontrollable periods of gorging, accounted for the largest number of cases, 5.9 million.

Binge eating is not considered a life-threatening condition. Nearly 15 percent of people with binge-eating disorder are severely obese, which can lead to heart disease, diabetes and other serious health problems.

More than half of binge eaters are women.

Researchers have not pinpointed the cause of eating disorders, but said heredity and environmental factors, including a societal obsession with thinness and the proliferation of calorie-laden fast food, have a role.

Twin-Falls cops hone their marksmanship at new shooting range

By Cassidy Friedman
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There is a new Twin Falls police shooting range.

The crack crew of cops firing fresh rounds on the night of Nov. 7, welcomed back the range that until April was a loose mess of cracked cement, shrubs and tumbleweeds.

After a month of construction and \$350,000 of the city's money, police no longer shoot into a pile of dirt.

They now fire — up to 10 of them at once — into an 18-inch-thick bed of rubber shreds that runs partway up one side of a dirt berm. Behind the berm — dozens of feet tall and perhaps one-hundred feet across — hides the Canyon Rim Trail.

Police say the berm, plus a steel-panel baffling system hanging over the range's 10 lanes, ensures no stray bullets will escape.

"It's a physical impossibility," Twin Falls Police Sgt. Mark Marvin said. "Bullets — they don't go for so long and then turn direction."

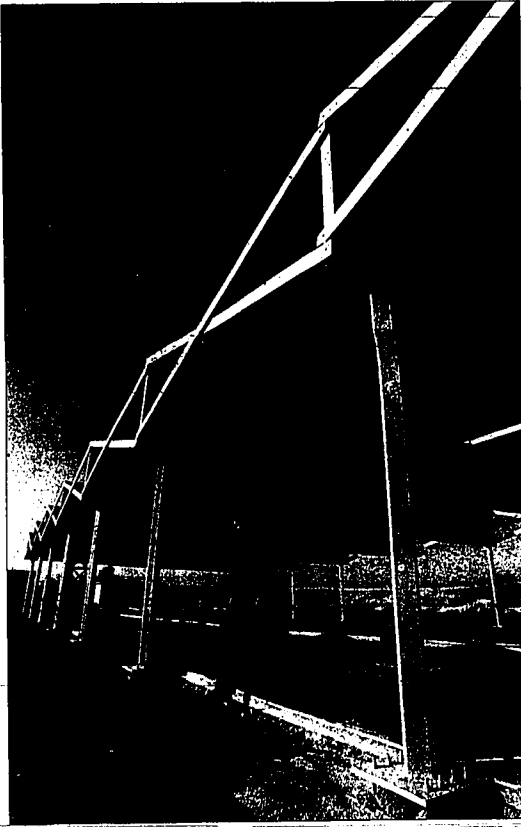
The project that TFS Range Systems completed in early November cost the city \$350,000. Twin Falls cops had been sharing the Twin Falls County's shooting range.

Faced with safety issues stemming from an

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See it online

To hear more about the shooting range, go to www.magvalley.com.



Twin Falls police department Sgt. Mark Marvin walks through the department's new gun range Wednesday morning. The police department invested \$350,000 in safety upgrades at the range, including a baffling system to prevent bullets from leaving the area.

Dive for everything! And the other joys of CSI softball.



EAGLE EYES
 Eric Larsen

There's a little-known drill that keeps the College of Southern Idaho softball team sharp during batting practice.

It's not concerned with what the Golden Eagles do in the on-deck circle or the batter's box. The drill has nothing to do with the dropping hands, opening hips or jerking heads that can pop up when swings aren't grooved.

The well-explained drill does it even have an official name. It simply starts when one of the CSI players snagging balls looks to her teammates and yells, "Hey,

Big day — The College of Southern Idaho's new softball program begins its inaugural season today through Saturday with eight games in three days at the Great Western Sports in Arden. Sportswriter Eric Larsen has been following the team through its preparation.

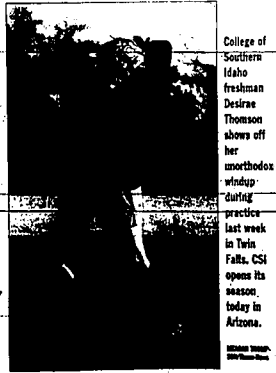
For a preview on the season-opening tournament, see Page C1.

let's dive for everything!"

Then comes a pop fly to shallow right-center. The *chuck* of a soft ball meeting a bat echoes through the field, but that echo becomes something different. It sounds something more like seven players yelling, "Play out!"

Next, a soft tribbler between third and short meanders a foot left of Stephanie Holmes' glove side. A step and a scoop and the

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College of Southern Idaho freshman Desiree Thomson shows off her orthodox whirp during batting practice last week in Twin Falls. CSI opens its season today in Arden.

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Friday
Brisk winds, partly to mostly cloudy	Cold and breezy	Cold and mostly sunny
High 30	Low 13	25 / 10

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Breezy to windy, cold and mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-20s. A snow shower may also develop. Bright, cold temperatures and partially-clearing skies. Winds in the single digits.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies and a little colder. Highs in the upper teens, lows single digits.

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Winning numbers	15 25 42 48	Feb. 14
Power Play	4	
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Winning numbers	Jan 20 0 8 3	
Winning numbers	Jan 29 7 0 2	

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GUN RANGE: Hear more about the Twin Falls police shooting range.

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Feb. 1 The 2nd annual **Death by Chocolate** to benefit local Rotary and charities, taste and judge the best chocolate creations by local chefs with music by Celtic Fire, no-host bar, silent auction and raffle, 6 to 9 p.m., The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, \$10 per person, at 820-2788.

A Pop concert, featuring the East and West middle schools and Minico High School choirs independently and in a grand finale together, 7 p.m., Minico High School, Rupert, \$2 for students, \$3 for adults or \$10 for a family, 436-4721.

The Rupert Historical Preservation Commission meeting, 7 p.m., upstairs at the Rupert City Hall, Rupert, open to the public, 438-9600.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., War Memorial Hall at 3rd Avenue W. and Idaho Street, Gooding, 934-5409.

"First Fridays", featuring live jazz with "Fat" Ford and "Dixie" 7 p.m., The Social River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S., Jerome, \$7 dinner donation, 324-0200 or 404-3059.

A Burley Nitrate Groundwater project meeting for all interested land owners, presentation of project about soil sampling, irrigation efficiency and nutrient management, 11 a.m., The Magic Valley Farm, 1519 Overland Ave., Burley, 678-1225 ext 109.

The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon includes lecture by Judy Robinson on the Twin Falls Library and a puppet show, 11:30 a.m., Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 733-1581.

"Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, "Studs Terkel's 'Working,'" 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost (book available for check-out), 358-0143.

Performance by pianist Alexandra Moutoussis, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, session tickets only: \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for families, 678-9799, 678-1798 or 678-7474.

Wendell School District's Latino Parent Meeting, with special guest Sam Byrd, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wendell High School, 1520 Main, rooms 17 and 37, no cost, child care will be available for children 3 and older, 536-6318.

A Speech and Debate clinic, 6 p.m. for debating/judging clinic and 7 p.m. for speech clinic, Room D5, Twin Falls High School, Twin Falls, 324-8137.

The Minicopa Lip Band/Wind Ensemble Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is waiting to be banded or is considering the procedure and gastric bypass patients, 6:30 p.m., at the Hydrum Police Department, 1600 J St., Heburn, 431-9596.

The Healthy Diabetes Plate, a cooking school program for people with diabetes and their families, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (five sessions), Cassia County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley, \$25 per person or \$35 per couple (pre-registration required), 734-9590, Ext. 23 or 878-9461.

"Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, "A Bride Goes West" by Nannie Alderson, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple (Maple and Main), Hansen, books available for check-out, 423-4122 or 423-4556.

Beginning of new 12-week series of One-Step meetings - a weekly seminar/support group for people

Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 copies), 934-4412.

(FOURTH FRIDAY) Weight Loss Surgery Support Group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 7 p.m., Sally's Office

February in the Magic Valley



Super Bowl Sunday Party, includes an "all you can eat" BBQ beef burrito, a TV/DVD player game, gifts and half-time drawings, 4 p.m., The Social River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S., Jerome, \$7 dinner donation, 324-0200 or 404-3059.

A scheduled, free screening (by appointment only), for Cassia County School District preschool-age children with special learning needs to determine eligibility for special programs and free services, Cassia Joint School District Office, no cost, 878-6627 ext. 101 (between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.).

"Sweetheart's Dinner," presented by Soft Touch and Declo High School Jazz Band with show, chicken cordon bleu dinner and dancing, 6 p.m., at the Declo Elementary School gym, Declo, \$35 per couple, 878-9170 or 431-1142.

Post #149 Fairfile annual Sweetheart Dinner, 5 p.m., social hour and 6 p.m. dinner, Legion Hall, Fairfile, 934-4738, 934-5796 or 358-0012.

Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 19th Annual Couples Banquet, with silent live and auctions, raffles, Sponsor Table, early-bird packages and more, 6 p.m., no-host, Radio Rodeo, 241 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, limited seating, 736-6220, 280-2950 or 734-5711.

Feb. 10, 11 West Magic Lake Recreation Club "Fun Days" with snow mobile events, (sign up from 10 to 11 a.m.), \$2 "indoor tournament" games at 11 a.m.; Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. (SS); and child and hot dogs (donations) on Saturday; on Sunday, Sweetheart's Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon and monthly club meeting at 1 p.m., West Magic Resort, 57 branch for adults (\$2 for champagne) and \$4 for children under age 12, 487-2734 or www.damfops.com.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats, sponsored by The Sheena Foundation and limited to the first 50 cats, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Larue Veterinary Clinic, 3893 N. 2250 E. Filer, 208-3268646 for cost and appointment.

The American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner includes play and entertainment for members, guests, prospective members and transfers, from 8:55, 5:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m. dinner), \$3 per person, 733-0982 or 734-1435.

Feb. 13, 24 AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no membership required and insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Woodstone Assisted Living Center, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$30 (pre-registration required), 733-9680.

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass folk (all skill levels

Paternal supervision for those under age 18; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Railroad building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filr, 404-2151.

(FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY) Twin Falls Seniors Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls,

welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Clubhouse, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4888 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

16 The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary dance, 8 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoop Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

19 The Indian Paint Brush Camp, Minicopa Company, Teachers of Utah Pioneer meeting, 2 p.m., Rupert West State Center, 26 S.100 W., Rupert, (any woman over age 18 with ancestors that came to the Utah Territory before completion of railroad, May 10, 1869, is eligible to join), 436-3055.

20 Diabetes Education Program: Know Your Nutrition, learn about meal planning, carbohydrates and preventing complications, 7 p.m., MMFT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost (receive free meter and measuring cups), 1-800-800-9666.

20 Amputees Support Group of Magic Valley, 7 p.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, Twin Falls, bring a companion, 423-4421.

"Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, Arthur Miller's "The Death of a Salesman," 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, no cost (book available for check-out), 326-4143.

21 "Let's Talk About It" Adult Book Discussion Group, "The Man Who Killed the Deer" by Frank Waters, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple (Maple and Main), Hansen, books available for check-out, 423-4122 or 423-4556.

22 Annual Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Poppleville Elementary School, Buhl, 208-543-4348.

23 2nd annual Brown Bag Lecture Series, with Arthur Hart speaking on "Our Local Architectural History," noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library Program Room, Twin Falls, no cost (bring brown bag lunch or pre-order lunch), 734-8471.

24 The Welcome Mat of Twin Falls monthly "Meat & Greet," open to all new Magic Valley residents with door prizes, refreshments and a free gift bag of coupons and promotional items, 1 to 2 p.m., Saxnoto Best Western, Jerome, 423-4478 to register.

The Twin Falls County Historical Society annual meeting, with a presentation by Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer on "The County Comprehensive Plan and open discussion on future museum plans, organizational policies and procedures, 2 p.m., at the Museum on Highway 30, west of Twin Falls, no cost and open to the public, 735-6175.

Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited couples banquet evening, with banquet dinner, live music, poker tournament and a 1995 Lexus to be raffled off, the Ballroom, Twin Falls, \$25 for dinner and \$5 for caraffle (cash), 284-6200 or 285-4267.

AARP Driver Safety Class, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, Burley, \$10 for both sessions (pre-registration required), 678-9138.

26 Samarabald, string trio from France with original music, 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$12 for adults and \$8 for children, 732-6288.

Feb. 27 AARP Driver Safety Class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Health and Welfare building, 601 Poline Road, Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required) 733-9680.

27 Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass folk (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick-Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4888 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

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Range

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encroaching neighborhood and a nearby pedestrian walkway, police closed the old range in April.

"We began looking for ways to make the range safe," Marvin said. "This is completely useful now, completely safe. But it won't be quieter."
The jumble of rubber shards catches bullets behind the targets; it can safely absorb 1 million rounds before it needs to be mined for spent bullets. A tall barbed-wire fence keeps intruders out, but no walls are set up to contain the sound.

Meanwhile, a growing number of new homes is cropping up closer to the range.

"It's like to get battles for the noise, so when we're out here we could be a good neighbor," Marvin said.

Police try to avoid practicing in early morning or late at night, Marvin said. Police requires that most of the 64 sworn police officers and two reserve officers who own their own guns qualify at least once a year, according to Staff Sgt. Craig Stitts.

On top of that, the department shoots six times a year, Marvin said, while the SWAT team trains every month.

Residents from a nearby home said Wednesday they did not hear the gunshots from the Nov. 7 night training. Police chose to rebuild the range at its original location.

Cleaning up the old range to sell it could have cost the city three to four times the \$350,000 it spent.

"The project's done until the City Council gives us more money," Marvin said.



Sgt. Mark Marvin of the Twin Falls Police Department holds stacks of rubber that are used to absorb bullets fired at the range. The shards, which are made from the same rubber used in manufacture vehicle tires, are piled 18 inches deep to absorb rounds as large as .50-caliber.

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Softball

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ball meets her glove. The superluous flop to the ground follows. There are two key words in the phrase "dive for everything." Neither word is "for."

Soon enough, a sharp line drive zips toward first. No way this gets caught. But the Golden Eagles are diving for everything, and seconds later, after Belinda Turley extracts them from her glove, her teammates are teasing her about how much lighter her sweat shirt's going to be after the next 20 washes it'll take to get all that infolded out of the fabric.

That blind enthusiasm for just being here in Twin Falls, wearing black and gold and becoming everything that CSI softball will be known for, is the one concrete strength that can be pinned to the Golden Eagles. Before anybody finds out whether their bats are loaded or their pitches are nasty against NJCAA competition, the Golden Eagles have shown nothing but desire to get everything they can out of this first season.

"Everyone's so thirsty to play," sophomore Jelena Williams said. "Since this is the first year, everyone's so ready to get out there and start the tradition here. Everyone's ready to get CSI on the winning track."

Williams, maybe more than any other CSI player, knows what that winning track can lead to. As a freshman, she played in the NJCAA Division I women's basketball championship game for the Golden Eagles and has felt the rabid crowd at the CSI gymnasium rally behind her. That feeling of starting down an opponent, knowing she's got an army of support backing her, is something she wants to share with her softball teammates.

"It's exciting for me personally because I've already seen what it's like to play for CSI," Williams said. "It's amazing to play here because of the fans who support you so much."

Support will also come in the form of a coach whose calm helps his first-year status. The soft-spoken, even-keeled skipper of the Golden Eagles brings the agreeable nature he was known for during his seven years leading the Twin Falls High School's softball program across Blue Lakes Boulevard to CSI.

Nick Baumert emanates calm — something that's sure to help a young team taking its first steps.

"Hopefully my kids here will

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pick up and lead from that," Baumert said. "With that comfort and confidence that no matter what situation they're in, they have that person that. 'Hey, we're going to be all right.'"

That calm is a strength, but to go so far as calling Baumert a philosopher would be a stretch. As a coach, he's all about preparation. At the high school level, that entailed sticking to state timelines, holding tryouts, cutting, teaching, coaching and winning. The very human, very approachable leader of CSI's newest program isn't afraid to admit that sometimes handling the switch from bus trips to DuPont to booking airfare for 20 to Arizona has been daunting.

"I go through probably one or two nervous periods per day that are like, 'Oh my gosh, have I done everything?'" he

said. "I have I prepared enough us far as planning and airplane flights and motel reservations? So there's plenty to do, but every once in a while, you get that feeling like you need to stop and take a deep breath."

That next deep breath will have to wait until May's end of the season. Until then, CSI softball will be this: an enthusiastic team hellbent on winning, led by a driven and personable coach.

Yep. They'll fit right in.

Times-News sports writer

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give \$90 in the form of an income-tax credit to each member of a family that earns \$25,000 annually or less. The more dependents a family earns, the less credit it would receive. The new income limit would be \$50,300. Anybody who earns more wouldn't be eligible for any tax credit, though all seniors, regardless of the family status, would receive a \$15 break.

State economist Mike Ferguson said the plan targets the tax relief to people who need it most, while leaving the tax on groceries for people who can afford it and for tourists. Otter's plan would give Idaho residents about \$48 million in tax credits per year, combined with about \$25 million currently. Otter has said he considered eliminating the tax on food, but decided the \$180 million loss in state revenues would be too much.

Increased credits Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Boise, is leading a group of 15 GOP lawmakers who want to boost the existing grocery-tax credit to \$50, regardless of income. Seniors could claim \$70, double the existing level. Bayer's plan would also allow taxpayers to donate their credits to a state

fund that helps pay home-heating costs for low-income residents. Bayer estimates his plan would cut state revenues by an additional \$47.5 million annually.

Have the tax: A plan from House Minority Leader Wendell Wyatt, D-Ketchikan, would eliminate the state's 6 percent tax on food to 3 percent, and eliminate the existing grocery tax credit. The state would lose about \$90 million in revenue, which would

be covered, in part, from the state's undistributed budget surplus.

The proposal also provides, relief daily at the cash register, and it provides relief for everybody," Jaquet said, adding steady to reduce the remaining sales tax on food in future years. • Eliminate the tax: Reps. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, and Phil Hart, R-Idaho, would eliminate the 6 percent sales tax over the next four years, by 1.5 percent every year. They estimate the state

would lose \$138 million a year once the tax is completely gone — \$12 million less than the \$180 million the state Tax Commission estimates.

"Their numbers are too high," Clark said. Clark's and Hart's plan is similar to a proposal former Gov. Jim Risch unveiled last year to eliminate the sales tax by 1 percent a year over the next six years. Clark's and Hart's plan would do it in two-thirds the time.

How states tax groceries

DOUBT STATE: The state's change in tax rates on groceries, including food, may be a political liability for the state. Oklahoma's grocery tax is one of the most successful for conservation of funds, according to the Center on Budget Policy and Priorities in Washington, D.C. Seven (more states), including Utah, offer a reduced tax on some groceries. **TAX BREAKS:** Five states — Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma and South Dakota — tax gro-

ceries but offer tax credits to taxpayers. **WILLY-WAY:** These states — Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi — charge the full tax on food. The center said. **WHAT'S THE TREND:** States have moved toward removing the tax on food because the tax break is growing cheaper for governments as a percentage of their overall budgets. That's because residents are spending a smaller portion of their incomes on groceries, more on everything else.

Subsidy

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In all, the plan is not a radical departure from current farm programs, which Democratic leaders and major farm groups have pushed to maintain. "I believe so strongly in what farmers said," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said, describing forums he held in dozens of states. "They like the structure of this farm bill, but they have a big vision for the future."

Some proposals, such as payment limits for the Capital Hill. Another could be a new revenue protection plan, instead of paying farmers when prices are low, which the subsidy program does — Bush proposes to pay them when revenues drop.

"This safety net will actually work better across commodities to provide a true safety net," Johanns said.

"Corn growers like the concept, but many other farm groups want to keep things as they are. Many of the changes are designed to fend off trade challenges from other countries; the World Trade Organization in 2005 ruled some cotton subsidies illegal in a case filed by Brazil.

The administration proposes to:

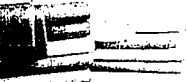
- Reduce spending on loan programs, which are viewed as more vulnerable to trade challenges.
- Boost direct payments and offer additional money to farmers for conservation practices.
- Continue dairy and sugar programs to limit supplies of support prices.
- Eliminate a prohibition keeping fruits and vegetables from being grown on land eligible for subsidies; double purchases of fruits and vegetables for school lunch and other nutrition programs.
- Provide \$2.1 billion in loan guarantees for plants that make ethanol fuel from wood chips, grasses and feedstocks other than corn and provide \$1.6 billion to research non-corn sources of ethanol.

Johanns also promised changes to the Food Stamp program that would make it available to more working poor and elderly people, but he said details must wait until Bush unveils his budget plan next week. A name change for the program is also in store. "Food and nutrition programs, or something other than food stamps," Johanns said.

Johanns' plan would cost \$87.3 billion over the next five years, not counting food stamps and other nutrition programs, compared with \$105 billion spent on farm programs over that same five years. The current farm bill, written in 2002, expires at the end of this year. Lawmakers are anticipating having fewer dollars for farm programs; Bush has promised to balance the budget within five years, and the Democratic-run Congress is insisting on budget cuts to pay for new spending.

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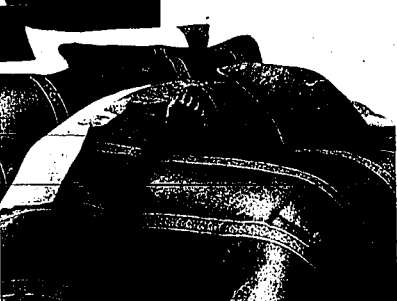
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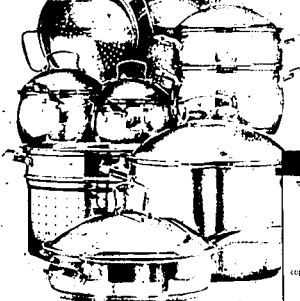
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Biden stumbles at starting gate

By Dan Balz
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Biden, D-DeL., joined the 2008 race for the White House Wednesday, declaring that he has the right skills and experience to stabilize the Middle East. But he spent much of the day criticizing himself from a controversy over his comments about Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and he eventually issued a statement of regret.



Biden

Biden, who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination in 1988, is staking his presidential hopes on more than three decades of experience in the Senate, where he has risen to become chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and one of the Democratic Party's leading spokesmen on national security and foreign policy. Biden said he believes he has the unique set of attributes to get the United States out of the most divisive conflict since the Vietnam War without further damaging U.S. interests around the world. "The next president of the United States, because of the policies of this president, is going to have no margin for error," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America," adding, "I

think I have the most experience there." He is a cosponsor of one of the Senate resolutions opposing President Bush's plan to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq, but also has been critical of other Democrats who have called for what he believes would be a precipitous withdrawal of U.S. forces from the conflict. Last fall, Biden proposed a plan that called for a political settlement in Iraq and for Shites, Sunnis and Kurds to be given responsibility over specific regions of the country. Biden sought to highlight his experience on the day he declared his candidacy, but an interview he gave to the New York Observer, a weekly newspaper, overshadowed his announcement.

In the interview, Biden described Obama as "the first mainstream African American (presidential candidate) who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy. I mean, that's a storybook, man." Asked during an afternoon conference call with reporters to explain his choice of words, Biden said he meant no offense in describing Obama the way he did, then lavished praise on the Illinois senator as a "very special guy" who has caught "lightning in a jar" like no politician he has seen before. "This guy is a superstar," he added. Biden also said he had called Obama after the remarks became public and said that Obama had taken no offense from them.

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White House to share surveillance with Congress

By Richard A. Serrano
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A two-week standoff over documents in the White House domestic spying program ended Wednesday when Attorney General Alberto Gonzales agreed to turn over to Congress classified material about secret eavesdropping.

The Bush administration last month said it would put its surveillance of potential terrorist activities under supervision of a federal court but did not disclose details of its new eavesdropping program. A key Senate panel, newly controlled by Democrats, demanded access to the records to gauge whether the administration was going too far or breaking any laws in tracking terror suspects.

The decision to share information with Congress was the latest concession by the Bush administration, which has argued that it had the right to conduct its "war on terror" as it deems necessary and that secrecy is vital to national security. The documents, which include applications for electronic wiretaps and orders from the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court, will be made available to congressional committees only and not released to the public.

"We obviously would be concerned about the public disclosure that may jeopardize the national security of our country," Gonzales said. "But we're working with the Congress to provide the information that it needs." Some documents were made available to Congress on Wednesday, according to a Capitol Hill source.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said his panel would review the records before "deciding what further oversight or legislative action is necessary." Only then, he said, "can the Judiciary Committee determine whether the administration has reached the proper balance to protect Americans."

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a moderate who is the ranking Republican on the panel, had joined the Democrats in demanding the records be turned over. At a feisty hearing last month, he criticized Gonzales for his refusal to release the documents, even though the FISA court's presiding judge had no objections.

On Wednesday, Specter thanked the administration for releasing the records to the committee but said he might

make them public, as long as the materials do not violate privacy rules or jeopardize ongoing federal investigations. "They will not be made public until I've had a chance to see them," he said. But Specter said, "my own view is that there ought to be the maximum disclosure to the public consistent with national security procedures."

Central to the dispute has been the White House argument that extraordinary steps

must be taken to protect Americans from further terrorist plots since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and conflicting concerns among Democrats and civil libertarians that the spying appears violate individual freedoms.

Under the so-called Terrorist Surveillance Program, the National Security Agency eavesdropped on telephone and e-mail conversations coming into and out of the United States without going

through the usual process of first getting a warrant from the FISA court.

The program was launched weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks and remained secret until it was exposed in the New York Times in late 2005.

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EDITORIAL

Otter's wolf rant gave Idaho policy a bad rap

From the ranches of Idaho to the Great Lakes of Michigan—they were howling with delight. On Monday, the U.S. Department of Interior announced that wolves in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin will be off the federal protection lists within a 15-month Idaho and Montana may have another year to go.

The announcement is positive news. But Idaho has work to do in the public relations department.

You can chalk that up to the bravado of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, and the pious disdain of the national media.

Wolf recovery started in Idaho with the release of 35 wolves in 1995. The number is now well over 650 and about 1,200 in the three-state region. The rapid recovery has occurred under federal control, although Idaho gained some authority in wolf management a year ago.

The building momentum to take wolves off endangered lists has Idaho preparing for full oversight. Last week the state Fish and Game Commission and Fish and Game department began setting parameters for wolf hunts. Once the feds drop the wolves, Idaho will have controlled hunt tags available for \$26.50 for in-state hunters.

Enter Gov. Otter, who's salivating to go wolf hunting.

Speaking to outdoors groups that rallied at the Capitol last month, Otter said he wants the wolf population hunted down to 100 wolves, or 10 wolf packs. "I'm prepared to bid for that first ticket to shoot a wolf myself," he said.

Otter is shooting Idaho in the foot with that talk. He's also giving Idaho an undeserved black eye.

Federal rules mandate that 100 wolves or 10 packs are the bare minimum for delisting. For Otter to suggest that Idaho is gunning so low only invites more federal scrutiny.

State lawmakers already set the minimum at 150 wolves and 15 packs. State conservation managers say keeping just 100 wolves would risk more federal intrusion. Lose just one wolf and you're back on the endangered list.

With Gov. Otter sounding more like Conskin Clement, he's also attracted the sanctimonious scorn of *The New York Times*. The paper's Wednesday editorial said Otter's words prove that Idaho lacks the ability to manage wolves.

"This eagerness to resume the slaughter is based on claims that the wolves are devastating livestock populations and game animals like elk. These claims have little basis in fact and should be rigorously examined during the public comment period ahead." The full editorial has been reprinted below.

Obviously the *Times* is chewing on a stale bone. Environmental groups paid a record \$154,000 last year to ranchers for livestock losses, partly because of wolf predation. State data show predators caused one-third of the 32,000 sheep and lamb deaths in Idaho in 2005. Idaho has waited long enough to be the agents for wolves, and our patience has been a key ingredient for their recovery. But when the media latch onto Otter's words, we come off looking like trigger-happy rubes with Remingtons instead of responsible agents of local control.

The truth should bear us out in 2007, as federal wildlife agencies gather public input on delisting. Idahoans are fully prepared to manage wolves in spite of what Otter would have outsiders believe.

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OTHER VIEWS

Idaho, Wyoming show little interest in wolf protection

The New York Times

The Interior Department's decision on Monday to remove the gray wolves that inhabit the western Great Lakes region from the endangered species list represents yet another triumph for the much-maligned Endangered Species Act. First listed in 1974 when their numbers had dwindled to the low hundreds, the wolf population there now numbers about 4,000, thanks almost entirely to the act's prohibitions on hunting and trapping. State and tribal governments will now be responsible for keeping their numbers at healthy levels.

This good news, however, was immediately spoiled by the department's proposed delisting of the gray wolves (also known as timber wolves) that roam the northern Rocky Mountains. Virtually eliminated from their range in the 1920's, these wolves have also staged a remarkable comeback.

What's disturbing about this proposal is that two of the

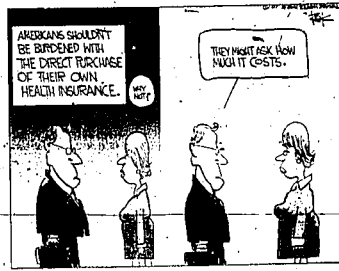
We are awash in health-care proposals, President Bush, has one. So does California - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden has a plan, as does a coalition led by Families USA (a liberal advocacy group) and America's Health Insurance Plans (a trade group). To some extent, all these plans and others aim to provide insurance to the estimated 77 million Americans who lack it - a situation widely deplored as a national disgrace. But the real significance of all these proposals, I submit, lies elsewhere.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

For decades, Americans have treated health care as if it exists in a separate economic and political world. When people need care, they should get it; costs should remain out of sight. About 60 percent of Americans receive insurance through their employers; and for workers, the full costs are largely buried in federal and state budgets.

It is this segregation of health care from everything else that is now crumbling - and the various health proposals are just one sign. We see others all the time. For example, even with employer-provided insurance, workers'



average monthly premiums (which cover only part of the costs) have skyrocketed. From 1999 to 2006, they doubled from \$129 to \$246. Look at Massachusetts. Last year, then-Gov. Mitt Romney made headlines by signing legislation to cover all the state's uninsured. The law required that everyone with incomes above three times the federal poverty line buy "affordable" insurance (people with incomes below that threshold would be subsidized on a sliding scale). Romney suggested that annual premiums for a single worker might total \$2,400. But when insurance companies recently provided real estimates, the cost was much higher: \$4,500. It is sensible policy to force workers making \$40,000 - about triple the poverty line - to spend a sixth of their pretax income on health insurance, as opposed to food, rent or transportation? Good question.

The hard questions won't still, because health care now a sixth of the economy, up from an 11th in 1980) is too big to be hidden. Myths abound. Contrary to conventional wisdom, the doubling of premiums for employer-provided coverage doesn't mean that the government shifted a greater share of costs to workers. In both 1999 and 2006, premiums covered 27 percent of costs, says Paul Fronstin of the Employee Benefit Research Institute. It's simply the rapid rise in total health spending that's depressed workers' take-home pay. One myth about the uninsured is that, because they're heavy users of emergency-room services, providing them with insurance (and regular care) would actually lower their costs. This may be true for some - but not most. The trouble is that the uninsured don't really use emergency rooms heavily. A study in the journal Health Affairs finds that their use is similar to that of people with private insurance - and half that of people with Medicaid. Extending insurance to all the uninsured would be costly, because they would get more and (presumably) better care. John Sheils of the Lewin Group estimates the annual

cost of their care would rise 75 percent to \$145 billion.

Our health-care system will improve only if combining government regulation and private enterprise. But what should the mix be? How important is health care compared with other public and private goals? Will an expanding health-care sector spur the economy - or, through high taxes and insurance premiums, retard it? We have refused to have this debate for obvious reasons. It makes us uneasy because it pits moral imperatives (including the right to live) against cold-hearted economics. A case in point: A friend of mine recently had a near-death experience; he survived only because he had superb medical care.

I don't intend to examine - at least now - all the new proposals.

Some would do better at protecting the poor than others (say, controlling costs). But the Bush proposal does have one huge virtue: It exposes health-care costs to the broad public. By not taxing employer-paid insurance, the government now provides a huge invisible subsidy to workers; Bush wouldn't end the subsidy, but by modifying it with specific deductions for insurance (\$15,000 for families, \$7,500 for singles), he would force most workers to see the costs.

By contrast, some other proposals disguise their costs. Schwarzenegger's plan shifts costs to the federal government, doctors and hospitals. It's clever, but it perpetuates the illusion that health care is cheap.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

Budget unveiling will be sign of things to come

Next Monday is the real day of reckoning for President Bush and this new Democratic Congress. That is the day the president sends his budget for next year up to Capitol Hill, and you really will be able to judge by the reaction what will happen in Washington in the next nine months.

Last year, when the budget came out, Democrats inched in skepticism and many conservative Republicans expressed dismay at the size of the projected deficits. In the end, they did not have and Senate could not agree on a budget resolution, and the government went on auto pilot in terms of domestic spending, continuing at the same level as the year before.

This year, as I learned from conversations with two senior White House officials last week, the president hopes his budget will become a starting point for serious negotiation - not a partisan football or simple battleground.

That hope was encouraged by a letter to the president last week from the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate, Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Barack Obama, the chairman of the two Budget committees. Rep. John Spratt



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and Sen. Kent Conrad.

The first sentence said, "We are writing to express our strong interest in working cooperatively with you to address our nation's fiscal challenges." It acknowledged that as the process unfolds, "Democrats and Republicans will disagree about particular priorities, and we will need to negotiate our differences in deciding how to allocate scarce resources."

But it set forward four principles that could lead to a successful budget outcome this year.

"The budget should account realistically for projected future costs," including the billions needed for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the adjustments needed in the alternative minimum tax, which otherwise would punish millions of middle-class families.

"The budget should realistically project short- and long-

term deficits," as objectively as the calculations of the Congressional Budget Office, which shows the prospect of very large deficits if current tax and spending policies are unchanged.

"The budget should provide detail throughout the entire budget, including the hard choices that lie ahead."

"The budget should be based on fiscal discipline that is sustained over the long term," underlining the fact that it will take years of effort to repair the damage done to our fiscal condition in the past six years.

The House took an important first step in fixing our fiscal health last month when it passed the "pay-go" rule, requiring any increase in entitlements or tax relief to be balanced with tax increases or spending cuts.

While not endorsing these specific principles, the White House officials with whom I met certainly pledged to make visible the costs of the war and to be specific about the trade-offs needed to maintain budget discipline, both in the short term and the long term.

That said, the economic assumptions underlying the president's budget are modest

— if anything, an underestimate of the revenues likely to be generated by a growing economy. And the officials indicated that the president will recommend that, for a second year in a row, overall growth in discretionary domestic spending — the part separate from Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security — be held close to zero.

If Munda's budget fulfills those promises, the stage could be set for a serious effort to bring the federal fiscal house into order.

But the warning voiced in an interview by Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, may be in mind. Obey recalled that when the late Rep. Richard Bolling of Missouri invented the congressional budget process, he said, "It will work only if all the key players — in Congress and the administration — use honest figures and make a genuine effort to live within its discipline."

Otherwise, the budget process will become a barrier to action.

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LETTERS

A defense for Idaho keeping the wolves

As an avid fisherman, I would like to protest the proposed delisting and slaughter of wolves. Don't see the logic? It's simple. Otter cut fish and wolves eat otters: I propose we train the wolves to get rid of all the otters in Idaho so I can catch more fish. Seems fair to me. Realists might even get to keep my grocery allowance if there weren't any otters. GLENN RICE Gooding

Seniors need bigger choice of activities in Twin Falls

Being a fairly new resident of Twin Falls (along with many others), it appears to me that many retired senior citizens here, and around Twin Falls, are being one myself, and need-

ing more choices for entertainment and fellowship with my peers. I would like to present a few ideas:

Offer a weekly (or monthly) movie picnic: a bowling day, a skating day, menu's breakfast (or lunch); a women's breakfast (or lunch); interesting seminars - computer talk, talks by local VIPs, etc. - special classes by our restaurants could be offered on the evening. Already being held are well-attended exercise sessions (mostly attended by senior citizens) at the College of Southern Idaho three mornings a week.

Most senior citizens are willing to spend reasonable amounts of money if events are offered. Seems to me this idea would benefit both merchants and seniors. RUTH FISKEN Twin Falls

The Curse of the 22nd Amendment

There's something about the upcoming presidential election that already feels terribly unsatisfying, and I think I've figured out what it is: the 22nd Amendment.

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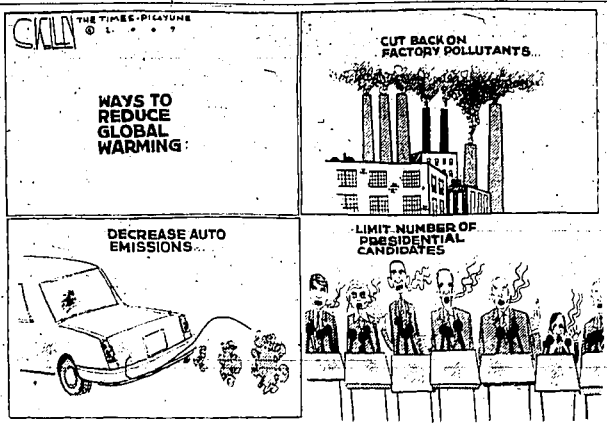
The 22nd Amendment, of course, forbids presidents from running for reelection after their second term in office. Republicans enacted it in a fit of pique at Franklin Roosevelt and his supposedly dictatorial tendencies. And the prohibition on a third term is, I suppose, one way of preventing a president from making himself a dictator (unless, of course, he's dictatorial enough to suspend the 22nd Amendment). But sometimes it makes our politics incoherent, and now is one of those times. First to react to the Democrats. The Hillary Clinton campaign is making the case of the fact that her husband can't run for reelection. She is certainly highly intelligent and qualified to hold the presidency, but if her husband was running, she wouldn't be the people's choice. Her candidacy largely on the basis of how they felt about Bill Clinton. Those who yearn for a return to his policies generally support her; those who disliked his policies don't.

Democratic dissidents (such as former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who denounced Clinton's socialist social investment) and conservative Democratic dissidents (such as Bob Kerrey, who denounced Clinton's failure to slash social spending).

In 2004, Howard Dean's campaign was powered in large part by liberal dissidents against Clintonism. He railed against the "Washington" Democratic establishment. This was the Clinton establishment. This time around, John Edwards is trying to collect the support of those anti-Clinton liberals. His embrace of anti-poverty measures is an implicit rebuke to Clinton's focus on the middle class and support for welfare reform. Sen. Barack Obama, meanwhile, isn't attacking Clintonism per se, but he is talking about leaving behind the debates of the 1990s.

So the Democratic voters are being asked to make a choice about Clintonism, but they're being asked in a roundabout fashion. It's like junior high, where your friend asks a girl's friend if she likes you or really, really likes you. Shouldn't we be able to vote on the real thing, up or down, rather than sort-of-pretend we're voting on something else?

Meanwhile, the Republican situation is even more frustrating. George W. Bush is going to leave office



deeply unpopular with the American public. But what do Republicans think? According to a recent poll, three-quarters of them still approve of Bush's performance.

If we vote Bush can't run again, though, Republicans won't have to confront whether they want to stick with him or move in a different direction. So you have the spectacle of, for instance, Sen. John McCain sending out wildly contradictory signals — hugging Bush one day, excoriating his execution of the war the next though carefully blaming it on others. I'm guessing McCain's plan is to convince Republicans that he mostly wants to continue Bush's policies, get the nomination, win the presidency and then announce

a U-turn. If it happens, Republicans will be annoyed, and I don't blame them.

As a confirmed Bush-hater, I'm annoyed myself. Why should I only get one chance to register my verdict on Bush's presidency, especially when the vehicle for that verdict is John Kerry? Yes, the 2006 elections were fun, but punishing his co-partisans (many of whom had already abandoned him anyway) lacks the satisfying thump of actually throwing the bum himself out of office. Now Bush is going to go down in history as a two-term president, forever tied for second place in most terms awarded by the American voter. If we had a straight dictatorship,

Bush would long ago have been dragged out of the White House either by an angry mob or by disgruntled generals. (Note to over-sensitive conservatives: I'm strongly against dictatorships and assassinating Bush or any other president.) If we could vote for whoever we want, regardless of previous service, Bush would probably be dumped unceremoniously in 2008. Only our knobby current system lets him retire undisturbed.

What this country really needs is to have Bill Clinton run against George W. Bush.

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President Bush's energy proposals still running on empty

Sorry to repeat myself, but I have the same reaction to this year's energy proposals in the State of the Union that I had to last year's. President Bush had the opportunity to launch America on a transformative new path for clean, efficient power. He had a chance for a "Nixon to China" moment — as the Texas oilman who leads us into a greener future.



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put that something better on Bush's desk — regarding both energy and Iraq. "The stakes on Iraq and on climate change are way too large for us to be just couch potatoes waiting for the messiah to come in 2009," said Fred Krupp, president of Environmental Defense. "That is not an option. Yes, it would be entertaining, but we need leadership on these issues, and we need it now."

On energy — no, the president's proposals were not just beatable. His call to reform CAFE mileage standards for U.S. cars shifts the debate from whether to compel U.S. automakers to build more fuel-efficient vehicles to how much they should do so. I need a strategy consultant, Peter Schwarz. And his call for a new fivefold mandato-

ry increase in the production of ethanol and other alternative fuels for cars and trucks also changes the debate from whether to how much, and which fuels.

But the devil will be in the details. Will liquefied coal be one of those alternatives — which could add to global warming — or only non-fossil-fuel alternatives? On mileage standards, U.S. automakers will lobby the White House very hard for the smallest possible change. Will they get their way? If so, there isn't much here.

The really bold, transformative — and popular — initiative Bush should have offered would either be a national cap-and-trade system for controlling CO2 emissions by utilities, manufacturers and autos, or a carbon tax. Both would create economic incentives for us to get rid of appliances, buildings and cars that emit a lot of CO2 and to invent and purchase those that don't.

But there is no reason that the Democrats could not right now put a cap-and-trade bill on Bush's desk themselves by

spring, Krupp said, "and I think Bush would sign it."

It is not enough for Democrats to just hold hearings on climate change. They need to use their new power to change the climate. Not only would the public be with them, but so would big businesses. A coalition of America's best companies — like General Electric, DuPont, Duke Energy, Alcoa, Caterpillar — and environmentalists just issued a "call to action" for a national cap-and-trade program to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

On Iraq

Talking to some of our senior military lately, I've been struck by how concerned they are about the new Bush buildup against Iran. Before we have even won one war in Iraq, the Bush team seems to be courting another with Iran. I am all for brandishing the stick with Iran, but it should be for the purpose of gaining leverage for a diplomatic dialogue with Iran and Syria about Iraq. "When your house is burn-

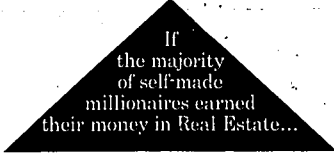
ing, you don't go looking to start a fire in the next house," said Vali Nasr, author of the "The Shia Revival." Right now, he adds, everything should be subordinated to trying to salvage Iraq.

Let the troop surge be accompanied and reinforced by what the Baker-Hamilton commission proposed: a regional conference that puts Syria, Iran, Jordan and Saudi Arabia around a table with Iraq to try to stabilize the place. And that requires that America brandish carrots and sticks with all the parties. If a real regional conference doesn't work, then Democrats who want to just set a date to with-

draw will have an even stronger case because we will truly have tried everything. But let's try everything: a surge of diplomacy, not just troops.

Let the Democrats put that on the president's desk. Just as the business community would support a real climate initiative, I think the U.S. military would support a real diplomatic conference. Bush gave America's voters the reasons to fire him — for the long haul.

Thomas L. Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.



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LETTER

City residents should oppose 10-story hotel

A canary dying in an underground mine signals that death is threatening. Above ground, there are also signs about danger, such as a dying downtown.

Our leaders first tried to cure Twin Falls' problem with grants to re-do downtown pedestrian walkways and to increase parking. Next, they stopped a Nevada gambling corporation from further endangering our struggling downtown, plus ruining our grandiose canyon vista with a proposed 10-story hotel on the rim — a proposal in violation of this community's development plans.

But very recently, the current administrators of Twin Falls City made a 180-degree turn by ignoring traffic plan planning rules. And this past

week of Jan. 21-27, plans were released for the same ill-fated 10-story hotel on our spectacular canyon rim.

Are current Twin Falls leaders protecting the citizens for this community? Or have they suddenly become agents for special moneyed interests?

In 2006, 8,000 petition signatures stopped the bill. Legislation from permitting coal-fired plant Sempra's plan, to pollute the precious Snake

River aquifer and all of Magic Valley's air. On Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2006, we the people of Idaho overwhelmingly supported the principle of community planning by defeating a New Yorker's Proposition 2.

Will Twin Falls' community leaders pay attention to those clear and strong citizenry calls for protection of local community well-being and preservation of the soul-lifting panorama at our doorstep? Is the wondrous

Snake River Canyon vista for sale to a Nevada gambling corporation?

This letter is a call for citizens to come forward again in this Magic Valley and its hub city to protect and preserve downtown and this awesome Snake River Canyon marvel for all who live in this special place — our children, for grandkids, for our guests. ROY (ROYAL) SLOTTEN, Twin Falls.

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NATION

Suspicious packages planted around Boston to advertise TV show

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Several ill-named electronic devices planted at bridges and other spots in Boston threw a scare into the city Wednesday in what appeared to be a publicity campaign for a late-night cable cartoon. Most if not all of the devices depict a character giving the finger.

Peter Berdovsky, 29, of Arlington, was arrested on one felony charge of placing a hoax device and one charge of disorderly conduct, state Attorney General Martha Coakley said later Wednesday. He had been hired to place the devices, she said.

Highways, bridges and a section of the Charles River were shut down and bomb squads were sent in before authorities declared the devices were harmless.

Turner Broadcasting, a division of Time Warner Inc. and parent of Cartoon Network, later said the devices were part of a promotion for the TV show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," a surreal series about a talking mushmuk, a box of fries and a meatball.

Authorities are investigating whether Turner and any other

companies should be criminally charged, Coakley said. It wasn't immediately clear Wednesday who might have hired Berdovsky.

"We're not going to let this go without looking at the further roots of how this happened to cause the panic in this city," Coakley said at a news conference.

Those conducting the campaign should have known the devices could cause panic because they were placed in sensitive areas, she said. Turner did not notify officials of the

publicity campaign until around 5 p.m., nearly four hours after the first calls came in about the devices, she and others said.

At least 14 of the devices were found, Coakley said.

"The packages in question are magnetic lights that pose no danger," Turner said in a statement. It said the devices have been in place for two to three weeks in 10 cities: Boston; New York; Los Angeles; Chicago; Atlanta; Seattle; Portland; Austin; Texas; San Francisco; and Philadelphia.

"We regret that they were mistakenly thought to pose any danger," the company said. As soon as the company realized the problem, it said, law enforcement officials were told of their locations in all 10 cities.

The marketing firm that put them up, Interference Inc., has been ordered to remove them immediately, said Phil Kent, Turner chairman.

"We apologize to the citizens of Boston that part of a marketing campaign was mistaken for a public danger," Kent said. "We appreciate the gravity of this

situation and, like any responsible company would, are putting all necessary resources

toward understanding the facts surrounding it as quickly as possible."

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Study: Some shampoos may cause breast growth in young boys

By Jeff Doss
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Lavender and tea tree oils found in some shampoos, soaps and lotions can temporarily leave boys with enlarged breasts in rare cases, apparently by disrupting their hormonal balance, a preliminary study suggests.

While advising parents to consider the possible risk, several hormone experts emphasized that the problem appears to happen infrequently and clears up when the oils are no longer used. None of those interviewed called for a ban on sales.

The study reported on the condition, gynecomastia, in three boys ages 4, 7 and 10. They all went back to normal when they stopped using skin lotions, hair gel, shampoo or soap with the natural oils.

"It's unclear how often this condition might crop up in other young children.

These plant oils, sometimes called "essential oils," are added to many health-care products, usually for their scent. The oils are sometimes found in other health products or sold in purer forms. Tea tree oil is sometimes used in shampoos for head lice.

The suspected effect in this study is blamed on some content within the oils, that the body processes like estrogen, the female hormone that promotes breast growth.

The findings were being reported today in the New England Journal of Medicine. The federally-funded research came out of the University of Colorado and the environmental health branch of the National Institutes of Health. The findings were first released last year at a science meeting.

The three boys were brought to their doctors with overdeveloped breasts that looked like those of girls in early puberty. They were sore in one case. For each boy, doctors could tie the problem only to these uses over several months of the natural oil products.

The researchers suspected that the oils might be upsetting their boys' hormonal balance. So they did a series of laboratory tests to check how these oils work within human cells. The oils appeared to mimic estrogen and block the male hormone androgen.

On product labels, the oils sometimes are listed by their scientific names: Lavandula angustifolia (lavender oil) and Melaleuca alternifolia (tea tree oil). Such products do not require government approval to be sold unless they make specific health claims.

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Questioning the president

CSI chief answers questions from Idaho Legislature

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

BOISE — To better understand the state of post-secondary education in Idaho, the Senate Education Committee asked presidents of Idaho's colleges and universities to answer 10 questions.

Jerry Beck, president of the College of Southern Idaho, answered these and other questions Tuesday when he presented his review of CSI to the Idaho Legislature.

Q What can the Legislature do to ensure that students are not turned away?

A "I would like to see lawmakers support the professional-technical education programs. That is where we have some bottlenecks. In classes such as algebra we can usually try to fit another student into the class, but in a technical class such as welding — where there are only 12 welding stations — it's pretty hard to add any more."

Q Describe for us your views on a community college system in Idaho.

A "We agree with what the governor has said. We support the people going to the polls and creating their own college districts; we also support the governor's proposal to offer \$5 million to match funds if it passes."

Q Some students require remedial courses. Why are students not being charged the full cost of these courses?

A "Thirty percent of the students who come to

us do so within a year of their high school graduation. But 70 percent of our students are not within a year of their high school graduation.

"Our students are not always light out of high school, so if we need to retake them, then we also need to bring them back up to speed at where they once were."

"I think that's something that some people don't realize."

Q Some programs are very costly and demand more funding than others. Can you give examples of particularly costly programs?

A "The most important to Idaho's economy and Idaho's future? Most of our professional-technical programs are at a high cost because of the teacher-to-student ratio, but algebra has been our most costly program because there are students who repeat the class twice."

"I think that [importance of the bachelors] is in the eye of the beholder; but why should that be left up to us or the Legislature? I think it should be left up to the free market to decide."

"Any program we had that did not grow or retain student enrollment, we closed down and then moved those resources to other areas."

Q Should the Legislature be more active in establishing roles and missions, or is the concept of "regionalism" realistic? Is there duplication of effort at our colleges and universities?

A "I think that a free market system in education is healthy. I don't believe that we should duplicate some programs, but I do think some competition is healthy."

Extensive survey tallies unusual trout

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JARBIDGE, Nev. — Hidden in the icy waters of the Jarbridge liver are scores of a slippery, spotted species like no other on earth.

They're bull trout, trapped by dams and left to evolve over decades into a genetic strain unique from their cousins in Montana, Oregon and Canada.

Listed as threatened on the federal register of endangered species, the Jarbridge bull trout — the species' southernmost population segment — is in trouble. But until a team of wildlife experts from Nevada, Idaho and federal agencies surveyed trout in the Jarbridge over the summer, no one was sure how dire the situation.

A half-year later, researchers still don't know, though they're a step closer. It's bad, but not hopeless.

"This is really an exciting time," said Selena Werdon, deputy assistant field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Reno, Nev. field office. "This is basically the biggest bull trout effort

we've had to date."

Results from the summer survey show the team tallied 340 bull trout in the east and west forks of the Jarbridge and a handful of its tributary creeks. The survey, however, points to a higher number because the team's fish-gathering method was not meant to count every fish.

Before the survey, experts estimated the Jarbridge population somewhere around 500.

The team gathered the bull trout by the electrofishing technique — shocking the fish into a coma-like state in which they can be easily netted. Many of the captured trout were tagged with microchips to track their movements. The team last summer set up three antenna stations to monitor fish behavior before closing the stations due to cold weather.

The team — that includes representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, among other agencies — counted only five bull trout that passed under antenna stations.

"It doesn't sound like a lot," Werdon said, "but this is the first documentation of bull trout moving in this area."

Researchers are paying especially

close attention to the migration patterns of the species because migrating fish tend to have unique offspring, and contribute to genetic diversity among isolated populations in the watershed.

Only some bull trout in a local population will migrate, like salmon. They travel away from home waters to spawn. Other bull trout stay put. Nobody knows why.

The antenna stations could be operational again as soon as March, weather permitting. In June, electrofishing will begin again, and by the end of summer, researchers will have enough data to compare populations in 2006 to 2007.

Eventually, the team may develop a plan to sustain the species that could include habitat restoration and removal of non-native species, such as brook trout, that threaten bull trout.

"If bull trout, a native species, are allowed to die out, non-native species could fill in the gap and wreak havoc on the ecosystem," said Doug McGehee, regional fisheries manager with the Jerome field office of Idaho Fish and Game.

"Bull trout have evolved to genetically fit that environment," he said. "From a state perspective, it's our charge to protect native species. That's why we're stepping in."

EARLY SNOW, LATE SUNSHINE



Emilio Castillo, 15, an employee of Historic Downtown Twin Falls, sweeps dirt deposited during winter months off the crosswalk area Wednesday in the middle of Shoshone Street. Despite early snow on Wednesday, the sun shone and Castillo shed his jacket. Today should see a high of 30 with breezy conditions.

Powerful meeting

Heyburn officials plan public meeting to talk about power-plant proposal

For the Times-News

HEYBURN — The City Council plans a special meeting Friday night to answer residents' questions about a proposed electrical power plant.

The city proposes buying into Intermountain Power Project Unit 3, a coal-fired plant to be built in Delta, Utah, in exchange for favorable rates on future power purchases. Heyburn would pay its share by buying power once the plant goes on line.

The additional power could meet the demand of increased growth in the city and would be an incentive to businesses and industries looking to locate in the Stim-Cassia area. If not needed, the power could be sold for a profit on the open market.

In 2012, the Bonneville Basin Authority, from which Heyburn now buys electricity — will cap the amount of power it will sell at favorable rates. All additional electricity needed would have to be purchased at market rate,

which is expected to be much higher than the cost of power from IPP3.

Opponents argue that if plant construction is halted by a moratorium on new coal power plants — or for some other reason — the city would still be on the hook to pay its share of the IPP3 project.

The proposal was defeated at the polls Nov. 7, but the city agreed to hold a special election on the issue next Tuesday. Voting will take place from noon to 2 p.m. at City Hall.

Similar proposals were defeated by voters in Burley and Rupert. Burley's City Council has agreed to another vote — also on Feb. 6 — while Rupert's council decided not to put the idea before voters again.

Friday's meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Helix Electric, 1330 21st St. City officials and power industry professionals will be on hand to answer questions.

Burley residents or others with questions about IPP3 are encouraged to attend.

Luna vows to spend more on classroom supplies

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Can Idaho get more bang for its buck by putting it in the hands of teachers?

Tom Luna, the recently-elected state superintendent of public instruction, says the state can.

He has proposed spending more than \$24.6 million on classroom supplies, textbooks, remediation courses and financial assistance for at-risk students.

The proposal is part of Lambda's \$1.38 billion budget for 2008, which represents a 7 percent increase compared to the 2007 education appropriation.

But Luna did not propose an increase to the state Department of Education's proposed \$26 million budget — with the exception of the governor's request to increase state employees' salaries.

"I think that every dollar we can free up in administration and overhead is one more dollar we can spend in the classroom," Luna said.

Idaho spent almost 65 percent of its general fund on education and overhead in the 2007 fiscal year — with lawmakers and educators disagreeing on where the money should go.

But Luna's budget request received strong support from lawmakers — and teacher unions in Idaho, which he said was a surprise.

"When we put together the budget it wasn't designed to try to please everyone," Luna said. "I think it's pretty consistent to what we said in the campaign, which was to put more of the money in

the classroom."

Under the proposal, teachers would receive \$350 each to buy supplies for their classrooms. However, Luna said the department would monitor how schools use the money, and he said, "If they are not producing, then we will cut that off."

Luna also responded to an article in *The Lewiston Tribune*, which quoted him as saying, "I plan on leading the efforts on the board when it comes to K-12 education."

In the past, the State Board of Education and the Department of Education have disagreed over the scope of each other's authority.

And problems were made public last year when then-Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard released a memo to educators that claimed the state board was operating beyond its authority by managing Idaho's testing system.

Luna told the *Times-News* that he will take a more proactive role as superintendent.

"I do intend to be the leading force in K-12 issues," Luna said. "I am obligated to get the support, but in the past I think the board has been trying to drive education in just about every level."

He said the role of state Superintendent has deteriorated during the past eight years — Howard's tenure on the job — as the board has assumed more authority over K-12 education.

"What he has done is properly stated his role as state superintendent — at least that is how I interpreted it of the article," said Linda Stone, a Twin Falls attorney and president of the state board.

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Big Lost	62%	51%
Little Lost	71%	42%
Henrys Fork/Teton	70%	44%
Upper Snake Basin	71%	44%
Oakley	62%	51%
Shoshone Falls	74%	46%

As of Jan. 31

Magic Valley Arts Council hosting receptions

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council will host artist receptions and gallery openings from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the arts council's galleries.

In the Full Moon Gallery, member artists will have new

works on display through the end of March. Neva Edwards will offer artwork in a raffle to those who attend the gallery opening. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10, with proceeds going to the gallery and to support education programs hosted by the gallery.

The Galeria Pequena will

feature artist Dubria Featherston's work in a variety of media. Featherston's collection features a western theme. "It will be an display through March."

The third annual Idaho Palms Idaho exhibit will be displayed in the office reception area and the building

oyer throughout March. Sponsored by the Idaho Falls Eagle Rock Art Museum and the Idaho National Laboratory, the exhibit highlights Idaho artists and Idaho state parks and recreation facilities.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Carl A. Gooch Jr.

MURTAUGH — Carl Arlo Gooch Jr., 62, Arlo Gooch Murtaugh resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at his home in Murtaugh. He was born May 29, 1944, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Carl Wilcox Craver Gooch. He attended Murtaugh High School and has remained in Murtaugh his entire life. On April 2, 1965, he married Frances Gale Fisher in Twin Falls, Idaho. She preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 2006. Carl and Frances had been married for more than 40 years.



Carl A. Gooch Jr.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin (Colleen) Gooch of Kimberly and Thomas (Rachel) Gooch of Murtaugh; three grandchildren, Shay, Makyah and Matthew. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Barbara Jean Legg. A graveside service will be at 12 noon Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Oakley Cemetery in Oakley. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., in Burley. The family requests that in lieu of floral donations be made to the Oakley Cemetery.

JEROME — Anne May 87, of Jerome, passed away Jan. 26, 2007, in Jerome. She was born March 28, 1919, in Flasher, N.D., the daughter of William J. Schmidt and Mary A. Schmidt. In 1923 at the age of 4, Anne settled with her family in Jerome. On April 15, 1939, she married Donald N. May. They made their home in Jerome, where they raised three children. Anne was a very talented seamstress and enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She was also an excellent cook and gardener. Anne is survived by her children, Carolyn (Eugene) Nutsch and LeRoy D. May, both of Jerome, and Linda May of Twin Falls. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Julia (Butch) Golsan and Daria Nutsch; and three great-grandchildren, Emily, Eugene and Alexa Golsan, all of Jerome; four brothers, Andy Schmidt of Twin Falls, Joe Schmidt of Kennewick, Wash., Harry (Velma) Schmidt of Prosser, Ark., and Pete Schmidt of Jerome; two sisters, Katherine Mattern of Tacoma, Wash., and Terma Price of Kennewick, Wash.; two brothers-in-law, Ralph Behrens of Nanpan, Idaho, and Kenneth Messer of Jerome, Idaho; and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three brothers, Adam, Valley and Johnny. Anne's family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the nursing staff at the St. Benedictus Long Term Care Unit for the loving care of our mother, grandmother, sister and friend in her final years. A springtime memorial service will be announced at a future date. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83438.



Anne May

Pat Stephenson

BURLEY — Patricia "Pat" Stephenson, 81-year-old Burley resident, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at her home in Burley with her son, Jim, at her side. She was born July 18, 1925, in Fort Collins, Colo. A graduate of Fort Collins High School, she attended ISU, where she met Perry Stephenson of Burley and married him at Soda Springs on Jan. 29, 1947. She is preceded in death by her husband, Perry; her son, Dan Stephenson; and her sister, Carol Turner. Pat and Perry made their residence in Burley and raised three children, Dan, Julie (a school teacher and financial consultant in Arizona), and Jim (heavy construction and explosives). She taught school at



Pat Stephenson

Springdale. She was beautiful with oils and completed beautiful needlepoint artwork. She was incredibly proud of her children and their accomplishments.

Pat is cherished by her closest friends for her rich wit and wisdom, her unshakable loyalty and her uncanby ability with cards. She taught scores of people to play bridge and maintained a positive outlook. She overcame polio, cancer and endured COPD for many years, where she met Perry. Her "Get Over It" attitude was an encouragement to countless friends, and her sense of fairness and sympathetic heart will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Darcey Grizmachner officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Syndicated columnist, noted Texas liberal Molly Ivins dies of cancer at 62

By Kelley Shannon Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Best-selling author and columnist Molly Ivins, the sharp-witted liberal who skewered the political establishment and referred to President Bush as "Shrub," died Wednesday after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 62. Ivins died at her home while in hospice care, said David Pasztor, managing editor of the Texas Observer, where Ivins had once been co-editor. Ivins made a living poking fun at politicians, whether they were in her home state of Texas or the White House. She recalled in early 2006 that she was being treated for breast cancer for the third time.



Syndicated American columnist Molly Ivins holds the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2005 she received from the International Women's Media Foundation in New York, in this October 2005 file photo released by the foundation. Ivins died Wednesday after a long battle with breast cancer.

More than 400 newspapers subscribed to her nationally syndicated column, which combined strong liberal views and populist humor. Ivins' illness did not seem to hurt her ability to deliver biting one-liners. "I'm sorry to say (cancer) can kill you, but it doesn't make you a better person," she said in an interview with the San Antonio Express-News in September, the same month cancer claimed her friend former Gov. Ann Richards. To Ivins, "liberal" was an insult term. "Even I felt sorry for Richard Nixon when he led there's nothing you can do about being born liberal — fish gotta swim and hearts gotta bleed," she wrote in a column included in her 1998 collection, "You Got to Dance With 'Them What Brung You'."

In a column in mid-January, Ivins urged readers to stand up against Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq. "We are the people who run this country. We are the

deciders. And every single day, every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war," Ivins wrote in the Jan. 11 column. "We need people in the streets, banging pots and pans and demanding, 'Stop it, now!'"

Ivins' best-selling books included those she co-authored with Lou Dubose about Bush. One was titled "Shrub: The Short but Happy Political Life of George W. Bush" and another was "DUSHYVACKED: Life in George W. Bush's America."

Dubose, who has been working on a third book with Ivins, said even last week in the hospital, Ivins wanted to talk about the project. "She was married to her pro-

fusion. She lived for the story," he said.

Ivins' jolting satire was directed at people in positions of power.

"The trouble with blaming powerless people is that although it's not really as scary as blaming the powerful, it does miss the point," she wrote in a 1997 column. "Poor people do not shut down factories ... Poor people don't decide to use 'contract employees' because they cost less and don't get any benefits."

In an Austin speech last year, former President Clinton described Ivins as someone who was "good when she praised me and who was painfully good when she criticized me."

Ivins loved to write about politics and called the Texas Legislature the best free entertainment in Austin. "Naturally, when it comes to voting, we in Texas are accustomed to discerning that fine hair's-breadth worth of difference that makes one hopeless ditsyk slightly less awful than the other. It does raise the question: Why bother?" she wrote in a 2002 column.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, whom Ivins had playfully called "Governor Goodhair," praised Ivins for her wit and insight. "Molly is a clever and colorful perspectives on people and politics gained her national acclaim and admiration that crossed party lines," Perry said in a statement. Born Mary Tyler Ivins in California, she grew up in Houston. She graduated from Smith College in 1966 and attended Columbia University's journalism school. She also studied for a year at the Institute of Political Sciences in Paris.

Her first newspaper job was in the complaint department of the Houston Chronicle. She worked her way up at the Chronicle, then went on to the Minneapolis Tribune, becoming the first woman police reporter in the city.

Ivins counted as her highest honors the Minneapolis police force's decision to name its mascot pig after her and her mother, and the campus of Texas A&M University, according to a biography on the Creators Syndicate Web site.

In the late 1960s, according to the syndicate, she was involved in a beat called "Movements for Social Change" and wrote about "angry blacks, radical students, uppity women and a mopey assortment of other misfits and troublemakers." Ivins later became co-editor of The Texas Observer, a liberal Austin-based biweekly publication of politics and literature.

She joined The New York Times in 1976, working first as a political reporter in New York and later as Rocky Mountain bureau chief. But Ivins' use of salty language and her habit of going bar-hopping in the office were too much for the Times, said longtime friend Ben Sargent, editor-in-chief of the Austin American-Statesman.

"She was just like a force of nature," Sargent said. "She was just always on and sharp and witty and funny" and was one of the best reporters he knew.

Ivins returned to Texas as a columnist for the Dallas Times-Herald in 1982, and after it closed she spent nine years with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. In 2001, she went independent and wrote her column for Creators Syndicate.

Rebecca J. LaCombe

JEROME — Rebecca Jean LaCombe, 36, of Jerome died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, in Jerome. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Hovee-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. No viewing is planned.

Elwood W. Chambers

DIERICH — Elwood Walker Chambers, 90, of Dierich, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at his home in Dierich, with his wife and other family members close by. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Dierich LDS Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will follow in the Shoshone Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in his memory to the Church Missionary Fund or the LDS Pastoral Education Fund. An online guestbook is available at russusmortuary.com.

Wayne Rodeman

RUPERT — Donald Wayne Rodeman, 62, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, in Western Guatemala of a sudden illness. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Darcey Grizmachner officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at Russus Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Darcey Grizmachner officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Russus Mortuary Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in a future newspaper.

Pearl Neilson

BURLEY — Pearl Gae Fuhley Neilson, 91, formerly of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, in Sunrise, Calif. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

June Whittle

HAMILTON, Mont. — June Whittle, 81, of Burley, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Highland Estates in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Ruth B. Knight

HAGERMAN — Ruth B. Knight, 88, of Hagerman, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at St. Luke's Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

SERVICES

Laurel "Laurie" Naomi Hansen Draper of Logan, Idaho, and family of the Shoshone, funeral at 11:30 a.m. today at the Logan LDS 18th Ward Chapel, 300 N. 500 E.; viewing from 9:30 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Allen-Cranney Mortuary in Logan, Utah).

Harvey M. Erickson of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Weadell Chapel.

John S. Fedulson Jr. of Kimberly, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; viewing from noon to 2 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Edna Irene Tilley of Twin Falls and family of the Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Twin Falls LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 425 Maurice St. N.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Friday at the church.

Janice Fay Parks Wardle of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS 3rd

and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; graveside service at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery in Blackfoot. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Russus Mortuary in Logan, and from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

Shirley Kolman Stroud of Bliss, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at Demary's Funeral Chapel, 737 Main St. in Gooding, viewing from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

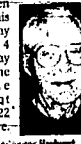
Elmo Mayer Burgess of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Wine Press Christian Fellowship, 687 Filer Ave. (on the corner of Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Oda Inez Elizabeth Cisco of Puyallup, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Bible Baptist Church, 12307 Canyon Road E. in Puyallup, Wash. A graveside service in Idaho will be announced later. (Edwards Memorial Center in Puyallup, Wash.).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jerome man is honored at surprise open house.

JEROME — Housed by K. Hayhurst will be honoring a surprise open house for his birthday from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Creekside Retirement Home, 222 Sixth Ave. West. Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to him in care of Bryan and Linda Hayhurst, 2166 Falls Ave. East, Twin Falls ID 83301.



Hayhurst

Gooding Bridge announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released Jan. 26 results. Dick Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney; second, Shirley Tschannen and Edna Pierson;

Woman celebrates 90th birthday at open house

JEROME — Kathleen Kay Blackwell celebrated her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Blackwell Community Room at the Heritage Home, 100 N. Hillmore St.

Black was born Jan. 2, 1917 in Fallon, Nev. She married Dick C. Black and has been a resident of the Magic Valley for 53 years. She has 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners: Jan. 23, first, Renee Bulcher and Max Thompson; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rooney; third, Wilma Driscoll and Elaine Bowen; fourth, Joyce Astorquia and Betty Grant; fifth, Dorothy Miller and Fay Koehnelt; and tied for sixth, Betty Goto and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; and Dave King and Bonnie Asplund; Wilma Burton and Renee Bulcher; second, Patricia Cooper and Pauline Mulliner; third, Donald and Ruth Rabe; fourth, Beverly Burns and Mary Klemm; fifth, Linda Eitz and Edna Pierson; sixth, Betty Grant and Joyce Astorquia; and seventh, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem. Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays

and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8309.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced Jan. 23 results. North-south: First, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; second, Pam and Warren McEntire; third, Lois Stephenson and Steve Brown; and fourth, Jackie Sams and Kent Gillespie. East-west: First, Dee and Jane Keicher; second, Jan Hinzha and Naomi Lynch; third, Barbara Carney and Eunice Merrigan; and fourth, Marlene Temple and Pat Adams. Games are held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Rupert EDS. For partners and more information call Steve Sams at 878-3997 or Vera Mai at 436-4163.

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Otter's Idaho community college plan introduced

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's plan to bolster Idaho's community college system is finally in play.

His staff introduced it in the House Education Committee on Wednesday.

It calls for spending \$5 million of state money to help pay for a new community college, and for lowering the voter threshold required to approve the creation of community college taxing districts, which collect property taxes to pay for the schools.

If Otter's plan passes, 60 percent approval would be required, down from the two-thirds supermajority that is now law.

Though the Education Committee considered the plan Wednesday, it will still likely face a hearing in the fiscally conservative House Revenue and Taxation Committee, where virtually all Idaho tax bills start their journey through the Legislature. That could mean it will face significant scrutiny, because a majority of the committee's lawmakers are leery of measures that would make it easier to raise property taxes.

The (House) Education Committee doesn't decide whether to lower the supermajority, said Rep. Gary Collins, R-Nampa and a member of the revenue and taxation committee. "It should go through the tax and."

House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, said he'll assign the bill to a committee hearing on Thursday, likely in revenue and taxation.

Idaho now has just two community colleges: North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, and the College of Southern Idaho in their fall. Business leaders want another community college in growing southwestern Idaho, which includes Boise. They say getting another school would boost affordable education opportunities for Idaho students in one of America's fast metropolitan



areas without its own community college.

Currently, only 45 percent of Idaho's high school graduates go directly to college, the fourth-lowest rate among states.

Third industrial hemp proposal in eight years dies in committee

BOISE — Once again, Rep. Tom Traill's dreams of industrial hemp furms have gone up in smoke.

The Moscow Republican was making his third attempt in eight years at passing a resolution that would ask the U.S. Congress to legalize hemp farming, but it was killed in a 6-1 vote Tuesday in the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

Lawmakers echoed their concerns from previous years. Traill said. They worried that legalizing the plant — a member of the cannabis family, with extremely low mood-altering properties — would make it difficult for law enforcement to catch those growing its illegal cousin, marijuana, because the two plants look similar.

Hemp's need to make products ranging from paper and rope to lotions and carpet backing, Traill says farmers could make millions off the hardy plant, which is grown legally in Canada and Europe.

Traill hopes an experimental trial with industrial hemp farming in North Dakota this year will help convince lawmakers the next time he brings up the topic. "As they say, I'll be back," he said.

— The Associated Press

S.D. state senator censured but not expelled after sharing bed with 18-year-old page

By **Clot Brokaw Associated Press writer**

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Senate on Wednesday refused to expel a lawmaker accused of fondling an 18-year-old legislative page in a motel bed, but voted to censure him instead.

Democratic Sen. Dan Sutton had admitted sharing a bed with the page last winter but denied groping him. The censure amounts to a public reprimand that has no effect on Sutton's legislative powers.

The motion to expel Sutton failed 14-20, and the censure vote was 32-2. Sutton left the

chamber when the debate began over his future, and he was the only senator not voting.

Sutton, 36, said afterward he believes the censure vote will end the matter. "Yes, it's a relief," he said.

"We believe that is the appropriate punishment," said state Sen. Scott Heidepriem, vice chairman of the Senate's disciplinary committee. He noted that law officers have investigated the allegations against Sutton for nearly a year but that no criminal charges have been filed.

Attorney General Larry Long said that the criminal

investigation was continuing, and that he could not comment further.

Austin Wieser, now 19, testified that Sutton, a longtime family friend, touched him inappropriately while the two shared a king-size bed at a motel last February. Wieser was 18 at the time.

While it is The Associated Press' policy not to identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault, Wieser's name was used in the public hearing, which was carried live on the Internet and has been circulated by other media in the state.

The teen's father, Dennis Wieser, watched the debate

from a third-floor gallery overlooking the Senate floor and said he thought Sutton should have been expelled.

"I'm so proud of my son for living through a year of hell. I admire Austin for coming forward immediately and going to the attorney general," Dennis Wieser said.

The father said Austin Wieser was at college in Virginia during the debate and did not wish to speak to reporters.

But Wieser issued a statement on his son's behalf. "He was appreciative that the Senate looked into this, and he said it felt good to get the truth out."

Inmate's binge traced to potent hand sanitizer

By **Ami R. Paley The Washington Post**

WASHINGTON — The 49-year-old Maryland inmate seemed seriously sick after he drank from a gallon-container of hand sanitizer. Described as "loopy," "red-eyed" and "combative," officials whisked him to a nearby Baltimore hospital for treatment.

But they quickly discovered he wasn't ill — just very, very drunk on Purell. The October incident, detailed Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine as one of the first documented cases of his kind, has raised questions about the potential abuse of alcohol-based hand sanitizers by teen-agers and other at-risk groups.

The widespread use of hand sanitizer is fraught with a great deal of danger, said Suzanne Doyon, medical director of the Maryland Poison Center, who co-authored a letter in the journal about the case. "From an infection control perspective they are excellent. But there is this risk involved." Purell, which is 70 percent

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— Suzanne Doyon, medical director of the Maryland Poison Center

alcohol, is far more potent than conventional drinks such as beer (five percent), wine (10 percent) or hard liquor (40 percent). Doyon said the non-alcohol ingredients in hand sanitizer don't pose a health risk if ingested.

"Someone who drinks it will behave like your pretty typical garden-variety drunk," she said.

The Maryland inmate, described as usually calm, seemed intoxicated and began "lecturing everybody about life" after imbibing the Purell, Doyon said. His blood alcohol content level was found to be .33 — more than four times the legal limit to drink and drive in Maryland.

Since the October incident, the Maryland Poison Center has received reports from five

or six other adults in the state who consumed hand sanitizer because "they were looking for a buzz," Doyon said.

There also have been anecdotal reports of teens and others using hand-sanitizer to get drunk. Doyon said, but none that were medically documented.

"Doyon, who became involved in the case after local physicians called her for advice, said she could not

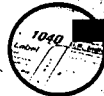
remember what prison facility the inmate was assigned to, or any other details about him.

Stark Verrelli, a spokesman for the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, said he was not aware of the October incident. But he said the episode should not have occurred in the state's prison system.

"We do not allow alcohol-based sanitizers in inmate areas," he said. Doyon called for limited access to hand-sanitizers in rehabilitation clinics, prisons and hospitals.

Meghan Marschall, a spokeswoman for Johnson & Johnson, the maker of Purell, said: "When used as directed, Purell is safe and effective."

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President Clinton's stepfather dies in Ark. at age 91

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Richard Kelley, stepfather of former President Bill Clinton, died Wednesday at his home. He was 91.

Kelley, a retired salesman, had been in declining health in recent weeks, and the former president visited him Monday.

Kitty Koonec, a caregiver who answered the phone at Kelley's home Wednesday evening, said Kelley died about 5:45 p.m.

Kelley ran a fund brokerage business for many years in Little Rock before retiring in

1992. He met Clinton's mother at a horse racing track, and they married in 1982. It was his second marriage and her fourth.

At the time, Clinton was preparing for a campaign to regain the Arkansas governor's office.

"I would come to love Dick Kelley and grow ever more grateful for the happiness he brought Mother, and me," Clinton wrote in his memoir, "My Life."

Kelley became one of Clinton's favorite golf companions.

"Well into his eighties, when he played his handicap and I played mine, he beat me more than half the time," Clinton wrote.

Kelley also cherished the former president, referring to him as "my best friend."

"When you meet the president, he'll just make you feel like you're the most important person in the room," Kelley once told The Associated Press. When playing golf with Clinton, "I'm just out there with a friend," Kelley said. "We don't give him any special considera-

tion. Sometimes he hits an extra ball for practice. And we joke, 'Well, which one of those are you going to play? Whatever you say, Mr. President.'"

During Clinton's presidency, Kelley seemed comfortable in the shadows of his stepson. The Kelleys were married 12 years before she died Jan. 6, 1994, after a battle with breast cancer.

Arts

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Admission to the galleries and the opening event is free. The Magic Valley Arts Council is at 132 Main Ave. S.

CSI presenting comedy night tonight

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will present "Southern Fried Comedy

Night" tonight, featuring Buzz Sutherland and Vic Henley.

It's scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Tickets, which are \$10 per

person, are available at Everybody's Business, Java and The Buickie or at the CSI Box Office in the Fine Arts Center.

For ticket information, call Camille Barigat at 732-6208.

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AROUND THE STATE

LEWISTON

Nez Perce support delisting of wolves

LEWISTON — Officials with the Nez Perce Tribe in north-central Idaho say they support the federal government's plans to remove wolves from the list of protected animals, and attribute much of the success of wolves in the state to the tribe's wolf management efforts.

Wolves are such a highly regarded species historically to our people," Rebecca Miles, chairwoman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, told *The Lewiston Tribune*. "It's a huge accomplishment by all the parties. We know it is time for delisting. In spite of any debate elsewhere, the tribe is very supportive of that effort."

The Interior Department on Monday said it would like to remove about 1,200 wolves in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming from the endangered and threatened list within a year, making state and tribal governments responsible for keeping their numbers at healthy levels.

The Nez Perce Tribe has been leading wolf management efforts from about the first time we put wolves back into north central Idaho, and they have been doing just what standing job," said Ed Bangs, wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Billings, Mont.

experiences, with high fuel prices, "or the war, or what they're noticing about climate changes and their own behavior. It probably makes the public more aware."

The institute is based at the Idaho National Laboratory and Boise State University, and is a part of the Center for Advanced Energy Studies.

The poll, released Tuesday, has an error margin of plus or minus 5.6 percent.

Panel: Use tobacco fund for med school study

BOISE — Lawmakers want to use money from a billion-dollar, nationwide tobacco settlement to study starting a degree-granting medical education program in Idaho.

Idaho currently gets some \$24 million annually from the 1998 settlement with the nation's five largest tobacco companies. The money goes into an account called the

"Millennium Fund," and lawmakers allocate 5 percent each year to spend on smoking prevention and related health programs.

"This year, the committee that shepherds the fund recommended spending a total of \$2.5 million on eight programs. That includes \$300,000 on the study that's been funded by Idaho State University. President Arthur Vallas since his arrival at the Pocatello-based school last year.

Idaho State is the university with the state's health teaching mission.

According to the plan, the state Board of Education would hire an outside consulting firm to analyze the cost, location, challenges and other specifics of a program to grant medical degrees in Idaho.

Currently, the state helps pay for 20 slots for Idaho students at "the University" of Washington Medical School in Seattle and University of Utah,

School of Medicine in Salt Lake City.

NAMPA

Domestic violence shelter might close

NAMPA — A crisis center that offers a place to stay for domestic violence victims and is currently providing emergency housing for 11 women and 22 children could be forced to close because of financial problems.

The 64-bed Valley Crisis Center in southwest Idaho needs \$20,000 by Feb. 15 or it will have to close, said Yolanda Matos, the center's director.

Not coming up with the money would "jeopardize the ability of the Valley Crisis Center to continue to offer safe shelter to women and children who are quite literally in fear of their lives," Matos told the *Idaho Press-Tribune*.

The center has been in

bankruptcy for two years because of a legal battle, said Heather Richards, a member of the center's board.

She said the center ran into problems two years ago when it tried to sell a former facility. A potential buyer put down \$8,000, but then backed out, and the board — which has

since been replaced with new members — refused to refund the money.

"The center lost the ensuing legal battle and was also ordered to pay \$60,000 in attorney's fees. But the center didn't have the money and was then forced into bankruptcy.

— The Associated Press

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BOISE

Poll finds support for renewable energy

BOISE — About 70 percent of people in Idaho think global warming is being caused by humans, and a majority think the state should use incentives to increase the use of renewable and alternative energy sources, a survey indicates.

The Energy Policy Institute conducted the survey last fall and asked 513 people what they thought about producing energy, using energy, and alternative ways of making energy.

"Energy is back in the public's mind," John Freemuth, interim director of the institute, told the *Idaho Statesman*.

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INSIDE: The Twin Falls boys beat Century in a nonconference game on the Bruins' senior night, C2



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First pitch: CSI softball opens inaugural season

Golden Eagles play 3 in Arizona today

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Eight games, three days and a showdown with the defending national champion. So starts the inaugural College of Southern Idaho softball season.

The Golden Eagles are in Yuma, Ariz., today for the start of the Arizona Western College 2007 Great Western Shootout. The 18-team tournament is

the NCAAs' premiere nonconference tournament, drawing teams from the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference and Southern West Athletic Conference, among others. While the Golden Eagles will get a chance to scout each of their five SWAC opponents over the weekend, the tournament is all about CSI finding its place among the NCAA Division I ranks.

"We are facing some tough teams. Like the defending national champions from last year," CSI catcher Anna Sorell said. "I think our pitching staff's got to be on their game at all times. Our hitting has been good all through the fall and I have confidence in that."

2007 Great Western Shootout

at Arizona Western College, Yuma, Ariz.
CSI's schedule
Today
CSI vs. Arizona Western, 4 p.m.
CSI vs. Central Arizona, 6 p.m.
CSI vs. Chino Valley College, 8 p.m.

Friday
CSI vs. Glendale CC, 11 a.m.
CSI vs. Eastern Arizona, 6 p.m.
CSI vs. Mesa CC, 8 p.m.
Saturday
CSI vs. Pima CC, 8 a.m.
CSI vs. Chandler-Gilbert, 10 a.m.

The weekend is also a sort of open tryout for playing time, as CSI head coach Nick Baumert has kept his lineup options open through the fall and preseason practice. While Baumert fully expects to have solidified his pitching rotation, defensive alignment

and batting orders by the start of the SWAC season, he'll keep things fluid before then, especially this weekend.

"I didn't tell anybody that they were starting infield or starting catcher or one, two, three, four pitcher,"

Baumert said. "We'll use those first three weeks as 'hey, this is your shot.' But once we get through that, we're going to make our decisions and go with that."

The opportunity for Golden Eagles players begins at 4 p.m. today against host Arizona Western. The Matadors finished last season with a solid 41-16 record and feature sophomore Ashley Likens, a 2006 Second Team All-American selection. Likens led the Matadors with 71 RBIs last season, while returning ace pitcher Courtney Davis is coming off a 25-8 season that saw her strike out 165 batters.

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Kimberly claws way to tourney win

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Win No. 19 didn't come easy for Kimberly as the No. 1 Bulldogs opened play in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference District Tournament on Wednesday.

The host Bulldogs did post a 57-47 win over fourth-seeded Gooding, but Kimberly had to step it up a notch to turn back a gallant effort by the Senators.

"Give credit to Gooding, she came out to play well and did some good things," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop. "Gooding made a run and the girls responded."

After trading 26-20 at the half and 39-30 at the end of the third quarter, Gooding fought back in the first two minutes of the final period. The Senators scored the first six points on baskets by Janel Jensen, Katie Randall and Nici Abramowski to close the gap to 39-36.

Kimberly scored its first points with 5:43 remaining on a pair of free throws by freshman Alex Pfeffler. From there, the Bulldogs began to pull away. Pfeffler would go to the line and make 7-of-7 in the quarter. She ended with a game-high 27 points which included three 3-pointers and a 12-for-13 night from the charity strip.

"Alex finds a way to draw fouls," said Bishop. Junior Kayla Hutcherson was also in double figures for Kimberly with 13 points including a pair of 3-pointers.

"We battled them the best we could," said Gooding coach Chris Comstock. "At 39-36, we turned over the ball and they answered the call. We had our chances, but they made the shots when they needed."

Junior Janel Jensen added a spark to the Gooding offense with eight second-half points. She led the Senators with 13 points played by Abramowski with 11. Senior Katie Randall played an aggressive defensive game and added eight points.

"This win tonight was big because it means my team stepped up and played well and stuck together as a team," said Kimberly junior Kassie Newbery. "We are excited about going to CSI to play our next game."

Kimberly will play Filer on Monday at 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho.

Gooding next plays Monday at 5:30 p.m. against the winner of tonight's Buhl-Deelo game.



Gooding 39, Kimberly 47
Kimberly 57, Gooding 47

GOODING (47)
Terry Jackson 13 & 6, Kyle Teufel 10 & 2, Nici Abramowski 4 & 2, Deanna Robinson 3 & 5, Anne Jensen 6 & 13, Katie Randall 3 & 8, Lisa Nelson 10 & 2, Tiana 13 & 13, 47

KIMBERLY (47)
Alex Pfeffler 27 & 12, Cassie Newbery 10 & 2, Brianna Harris 10 & 2, Kara Deanna 7 & 11, Kayla Hutcherson 12 & 2, Janel Jensen 12 & 13, Tiana 16 & 13, 24, 27
3-point game: Gooding (3 Jackson, Abramowski), Kimberly (Pfeffler 3, Hutcherson 2, Giller), Total both Gooding 33, Kimberly Fouled out Gooding, Abramowski, Hutcherson, Newbery

Kimberly's Kayla Hutcherson is guarded by several Gooding High School defenders as she takes the ball to the hoop Wednesday night in the Bulldogs victory in Kimberly.

District IV girls basketball tourneys

Class 5A

Region Four Five-Six
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Game 1: Highland 36, Madison 24
Game 2: Twin Falls 56, Idaho Falls 44
Thursday, Feb. 1
Game 3: Madison vs. Idaho Falls, 7 p.m.
Game 4: Highland at Skyline, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Game 5: L4 vs. L3, 7 p.m.
Game 6: Twin Falls vs. W4, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 6
Game 7: L6 vs. W5, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8
Championship game
Game 8: W7 at W6, 7 p.m.

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference West
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Game 1: Burley 71, Wood River 36
Game 2: Jerome 63, Minico 40
Thursday, Feb. 1
Game 3: Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m.
Game 4: Wood River at Minico, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Game 5: W4 vs. L3, 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5
Championship game
Game 6: W3 vs. W5, 7 p.m.

Class 3A

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Game 1: Gooding 32, Buhl 19
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Game 2: Kimberly 57, Gooding 47
Game 3: Filer 65, Deelo 58
Thursday, Feb. 1
Game 4: Buhl vs. Deelo, 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5
Game 5: Gooding vs. W4, 5:30 p.m., at College of Southern Idaho
Championship game
Game 6: Kimberly vs. Filer, 7 p.m., at CSI
Wednesday, Feb. 7
Turnover game
Game 7: L6 vs. W5, 6:30 p.m.

Class 2A

Canyon Conference
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Game 1: Wendell 35, Glens Ferry 33
Thursday, Feb. 1
Game 2: Wendell at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5
Game 3: Glens Ferry vs. L2, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8
Championship game
Game 4: W2 vs. W3, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 9
Game 5: second championship, 7 p.m. (if necessary)

SUPER BOWL XLI

Bears hope two Mannings are better than one Sunday

By Rick Gano
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Peyton is the main Manning in the Super Bowl. Everyone knows that — even Chicago's two Mannings.

The Jenes have Ricky Jr. and Daniel, who are the Manning of the secondary Sunday and trying to disrupt the Colts star quarterback.

Ricky Manning Jr., whose first season with the Bears has been as eventful as it has been productive, has fielded questions for three days on what it's like to be one of the other Mannings.

"It was funny at first," Manning Jr. said. "You kind of get used to it being redundant."

Daniel Manning, a rookie, has found the topic pretty familiar, too. He's never met Peyton.

"I've had spoken with his brother Eli and joked a little bit with him about it," Daniel said.

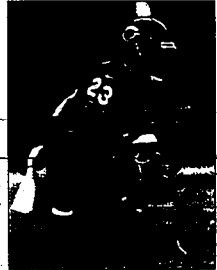
For the Bears to win Sunday, they'll have to defend Peyton's passes to



Chicago Bears safety Danial Manning, left, and teammate cornerback Ricky Manning Jr., right, pose for a photographer Wednesday in Miami.

Colts (12-4, 3-0) vs. Bears (13-2, 2-0)
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LINE — Colts by 7.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Colts 11-8; Bears 10-7-1.
SERIES RECORD — Colts lead 22-17.
PLAYOFF RECORD — Colts 16-16; Bears 16-16.
LAST MEETING — Colts 41, Bears 10, Nov. 21, 2004 at Chicago.
LAST GAME — Colts beat Patriots 38-34 for AFC championship; Bears beat Saints 39-14 for NFC championship.
COLTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (18), PASS (2)
COLTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (32), PASS (2)
BEARS OFFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (15), PASS (14)
BEARS DEFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (6), PASS (11)

Hester, Anderson, Addai key rookie components in game



By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Hey, kid, what do you think you're doing? Rookies don't play in Super Bowls.

Maybe in the prehistoric NFL they didn't. In this season of super rookies, not only do they play, they start.

Take the Chicago Bears' Devin Hester. All he did in 2006 was set an NFL record for punning kicks to the end zone with six, become the only first-year player on the All-Pro team, and scare the daylights out of every opponent.

"It means a lot for me to be here," Hester said Wednesday. "It's hard for a rookie. We have veterans on our team who have been in the league for 10, 12 years who have not been in the Super Bowl. For me to be here as a rookie, it's

Chicago Bears kick returner Devin Hester crouches against the Seattle Seahawks in the NFC divisional playoff game in Chicago, Jan. 14.

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SPORTS

Bruins win on senior night

By Bradley Gaine Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the Bruins, evolution is not disputed knowledge... Game-by-game, it reveals itself in the play of the Twin Falls boys basketball team...



Twin Falls senior Ryan Simons rebounds the ball Wednesday night in the Bruins' win against Burley High School at the Bann Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

up a game-high 15 points and Mason Clinger followed with 14. What hurt Century the most was a meager six-point third quarter...

It wasn't easy against the Diamondbacks as Cooper Smith put

.500 teams to a state tournament berth. The next step will come at Highland on Friday as the Bruins look to win their first conference game...

It's never too late, Harr said, describing how he has led past sub-

Burley routs Minico

By Ryan Howe For the Times-News



Burley's Colton Moon drives to the hoop and draws the foul on Minico's Anthony Garcia during the Bobcat's 57-30 win Wednesday at Burley High School.

BURLEY — Post players Jordan Hosteen and Kyle Hewprath eddybined for 25 points as Burley beat rival Minico 57-30 Wednesday in Great Basin Conference West play...

Burley stretched its current winning streak to five games, improving to 16-1 overall and 4-0 in conference play...

"Our defense is what carried us tonight," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "If we can hold a good shooting team like Minico to 30 points, that says a lot about our hard work and our effort defensively."

Burley specifically keyed on not allowing Minico any open 3-point shots. The strategy worked as Minico was just 1-of-17 from beyond the arc.

Burley 57, Minico 30. 12 33-20-10. Burley: Hosteen 21, Hewprath 14, Moon 14. Minico: Garcia 10, Clinger 10, Smith 10.

Second-seeded Filer earns win over Declo in SCAC tournament

FILER — Second-seeded Filer had two players record double-doubles as the Wildcats defeated No. 3 Declo 65-58 in the South Central Athletic Conference tournament play on Wednesday.

Junior Haley Ramseyer scored a game-high 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds and hit Hanesy scored 16 points and reached her teammate with 10 boards.

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Tournament Shoshone 53, Dietrich 40. DIETRICH — Shoshone is headed back to state.

Class 1A Magic Valley Southside Tournament Hagerman 43, Hansen 35. HAGERMAN — Zach Bay scored 21 points to lead Wendell to a 64-53 Canyon Conference win over Valley on Wednesday.

Wrestling Minico sweeps tri-meet. POCCATELLI — Minico dominated a tri-meet at Burley High School, beating the host 74-61, 83-74 and 61-21 down Wood River 71-10, Pins and forfeits were apflety for the defending Class 4A state champions.

Brock Muhlestein (160 pounds). Results. Burley defeated 84 Valley 27, 122-88, 123-87, 124-91. Burley: Ramseyer 23, Hanesy 16, Clinger 10, Smith 10.

Filer trailed by nine early in the second quarter and batted back with a single point at the half, 28-27. The Wildcats routed and outscored the Hornets 20-13 in the third quarter to take the lead going into the final quarter at 47-41.

Shoshone coach Tim Chapman was pleased with the play. Chapman said the scoring was "a real sign," said Chapman. Chapman also had praise for three freshman, Taylor Astle, Lacey Knip, and Jerry Perron.

MURTAGH — Hagerman won second in the Southside and will move on to the District IV tournament after a 43-35 defeat of Hansen on Wednesday. Even after the win, Hagerman coach Laune Axelson was a bit concerned with her team's offensive production as the Pirates only shot 15-39 from the floor.

Wendell 64, Valley 53. WENDELL — Zach Bay scored 21 points to lead Wendell to a 64-53 Canyon Conference win over Valley on Wednesday. The win moved the Trojans (4-13) to 2-1 in conference play heading into next Tuesday's home game with Glenns Ferry.

Bowling Gooding beats Filer. GOODING — Gooding's varsity girls bowled their way to an 11-2 win over Filer Wednesday. Chelsea Nicholas and Tiffany Nicholas rolled 144s, while Tina Huber recorded a 141.

CSI women slip one spot

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball slipped a spot, falling to 15th in the most recent NICAA Division 1 women's basketball poll released Wednesday.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Poll Position, and Change. Lists various teams like South Plains College, North Idaho College, etc.

Softball

Today's schedule doesn't get any easier as CSI's second game pits the Golden Eagles against a Central Arizona College team coming off a 58-7 season that earned coach Craig Nicholson Region 1 Coach of the Year honors.

"It's going to be a — CSI coach Nick Baumert"

"It's going to be a tough tournament for the north teams and to compete at," Baumert said. "Still, we're going to go down and try to work on some things and be competitive."

Strikesome as a freshman. "We're going to be playing the SWAC teams and we've got to have to be on top of our game," CSI freshman pitcher Desirae Thomason said.



SPORTS



Broncos fall against Aggies

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Tyrone Nelson and Justin Hawkins accounted for most of New Mexico State's early points and the Aggies held off a late second-half surge by Boise State to beat the Broncos 70-68 Wednesday night in the Western Athletic Conference.

Hawkins and Nelson combined for 13 points in the first six minutes of the game as New Mexico State (18-4, 8-1) built a 17-2 lead. Nelson finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Hawkins added 10 points.

Reggie Larry and Cory Karl each scored 14 for the Broncos (11-9, 5-4).

Boise State cut the lead to 67-62 on a reverse Matt Nelson layup, with 2:26 to play. Moments later Anthony Thomas and Cory Karl combined for three free throws to get Boise State within two.

But on the ensuing possession Nelson scored under the basket

and was fouled. He would hit the bonus free throw to give the Aggies a 70-65 lead.

With the Aggies leading 72-66, Karl had the chance to make it a single possession game but missed one of two free throws with 33 seconds left.

The Broncos left Hawkins open on the inbound play, and he was uncontested as he made the basket that sealed the win.

With the win, the Aggies stayed atop the conference standings. No. 15 Nevada, which is also 1-1 in the conference, beat Louisiana Tech 79-71 Wednesday night.

New Mexico State beat Nevada 80-73 Jan. 20.

BYU 76, Utah 66

SALT LAKE CITY — Keena Young scored 21 points and Brigham Young beat Utah 76-66 Wednesday night and snap a 12-game road los-

ing skid to the Utes. Luke Nevill, who led the Utes with 26 points, capped a 9-0 run with a bank shot to cut the lead to 68-59 with 3:25 to play.

But Young made a spinning shot in the lane and added a jumper to clinch the first BYU victory in the Huntsman Center since 1994 when Robbie Reid hit a long 3-pointer to lift the Cougars to a 64-62 win.

Jonathan Tavernari had 17 points and Timmy Balderson scored 10 of his 11 points in the second half to help the Cougars to their third straight win and a share of first place in the Mountain West Conference with Air Force and UNLV.

Johny Pinks posted a career-high 10 points but no one else scored more than seven for the Utes.

The Cougars led 40-27 after Balderson and Gummard hit back-to-back 3-pointers.

— The Associated Press

Short-handed Jazz beat Spurs

SALT LAKE CITY — Mehmet Okur scored 14 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, including eight in the final minute to lead the Utah Jazz over the San Antonio Spurs 97-93 Wednesday night.

Okur also pulled down 11 of Utah's 50 rebounds and Deron Williams added 14 points and seven assists for the Jazz, who had their second straight.

Paul Millsap added 15 points and eight rebounds just hours after the Jazz learned Carlos Boozer, their leading scorer and rebounder, could miss a month with a broken bone in his leg.

Tim Duncan had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and Tony Parker scored 27 points for the Spurs, who rallied from 12 points down and took two brief leads down the stretch before Okur carried Utah to the win.

Mauri Gribbill and Robert Horry scored 10 apiece for the Spurs, who had just 32 rebounds — 10 fewer than Utah.

Utah improved to 2-1 against San Antonio in its season and can get no worse than a split with the Spurs, who swept the Jazz five of the last six seasons.

San Antonio trailed 71-63 entering the fourth, but Parker scored 14 in the final period and kept the Spurs within range of winning it. Parker's consecutive 3-pointers tied the game at 81 with 3:19 left and set up the back-and-forth finish.

Breese Bowen gave the Jazz an Anteater 86-85 lead with a 3-pointer, which Williams answered with his own 3 to put Utah back ahead 88-86 with 1:39 remaining. Horry put the Spurs back up with another 3, which Okur tried to answer for the Jazz.

Lakers 111, Celtics 98

BOSTON — Kobe Bryant returned from his one-game suspension and led the Lakers eight rebounds and eight assists to help the Los Angeles Lakers beat Boston and send the Celtics to a franchise-record 13th consecutive loss.

Bryant hit a pair of 3-pointers after the Celtics closed the deficit to 63-62 with 8:31 left in the third quarter. He also made a 30-footer at the end of the quarter to give the Lakers a 10-point lead and threw down a reverse dunk in the final two minutes to electrify the fans who weren't already heading for the exits.

He made a 3-pointer on the Lakers' next possession, and when Los Angeles got the ball back the Boston fans, who had once considered the Lakers their biggest rival, were chanting "Kobe!"

Ryan Gomes scored 23 points, Gerald Green had 22 and Al Jefferson had 10 with 14 rebounds for Boston, which last lost 13 straight in 1996-97.

Magic 98, Bucks 73

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu scored 17 points and Tony Battie added a season-high 15 as Orlando stopped a three-game losing streak to the Lakers.

Keith Bogans had 14 points and tied a career high with seven assists for Orlando, which had lost eight of nine. Darko Milicic also had 14 points and tied his career high



Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams (8) races San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (19) to the basket during the first quarter Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

with 10 rebounds. Mo Williams scored 23 points for Milwaukee, which dug itself a 29-point hole early in the game and never could climb out of it. The Bucks, who have lost 13 of their last 15 games, got 12 points from Andrew Bogut and 11 from Charlie Bell.

Orlando dominated from the start, rolling to a 56-29 halftime lead. Gilbert Arenas had 27 points for the Wizards, who also lost in Toronto on Jan. 7.

Pistons 113, Nets 89

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Hamilton scored 24 points and Detroit set a team record by making 27 consecutive free throws.

Chauncey Billups added 18 points, including 12 on perfect shooting from the free throw line, and Chris Webber had 17 as the Pistons won for the fifth time in seven games after snapping the Nets' two-game winning streak. Jason Maxiell had 16 and Antonio McDyess had eight points and 12 rebounds.

Detroit, which shot 54 percent from the field, finished 33-of-38 from the free throw line.

Nets center Mikki Moore scored 18 of his 20 points in the first quarter. Jason Kidd added 15 and Vince Carter, who had at least 33 points in his last three games, finished with 11 on 4-of-15 shooting from the field and 3-of-7 from the free throw line.

Raptors 119, Wizards 109

TORONTO — Chris Bosh scored 34 points and Jose Calderon had a career-high 24 points and 11 assists to lead Toronto.

The Raptors shot a season-high 59 percent and scored a franchise-record 43 points in the third quarter.

Bosh even made a buzzer-beating 55-foot jumper after stealing an inbounds pass, giving Toronto a 71-point lead after three quarters.

Bosh made 15 straight field goals after missing his first four shots of the game. The All-Star forward finished 15-for-19 from the field and grabbed eight rebounds. Calderon's previous career high was 20 points on Nov. 2, 2005 against New Jersey. Toronto's backup point guard finished 10-for-13 from the field.

Bobcats 104, Knicks 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 22 points for the Bobcats, who pulled away from cold-shooting New York.

Wallace hit a 3-pointer, a free throw and a thunderous dunk in an 8-0 run that put Charlotte ahead 47-42 with 2:44 left. He made 14 of 22 shots and 11 of 17 free throws, besting his previous career-best night by a point.

Raymond Felton added 16 points and 10 assists, including two alley-oop feeds to Wallace, as the Bobcats won for the 12th time in 19 games.

Jamal Crawford scored 28 points for the Knicks, who went more than 11 minutes without a field goal bridging the third and fourth quarters. The Knicks, who cut a 15-point third-quarter deficit to four, missed 11 straight shots to start the fourth.

Hawks 115, Warriors 94

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson, hoping to be picked as a reserve for the All-Star game, scored 33 points to lead Atlanta, which capped its first winning month in almost three years with its highest point total of the season.

The Hawks won for the fourth time in five games to post their first winning month in coach Mike Woodson's three years. The 8-7 January record is Atlanta's first winning month since a 4-3 mark in April 2004.

The Hawks had not won as many as eight games in a month since a 9-7 record in March 2002.

Josh Childress added 23 points and Marvin Williams had 17 for Atlanta.

Former Hawks forward Al Harrington led the Warriors with 21 points. Baron Davis and another former Atlanta starter, Stephen Jackson, each had 17 points.

76ers 89, Hornets 78

OKLAHOMA CITY — Andre Igoudala scored 22 points, Samuel Dalembert grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Philadelphia's

dominant rebounding effort. Joe Smith added 12 points and a season-high 12 rebounds, and Steven Hunter had 12 points and 10 rebounds as Philadelphia held a 50-40 advantage on the boards.

New Orleans was ineffective on offense in Chris Paul's first game after a month-long absence with a sprained right ankle. Devin Brown, relegated to the bench after Paul's return, had 17 points to lead the Hornets. Tyson Chandler, David West, Desmond Mason and Rasual Butler all scored 10 points, and Chandler also had 15 rebounds.

Paul had nine points and two assists in 29 minutes.

Kings 100, Timberwolves 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Martin had 28 points and the go-ahead jump shot with 18.6 seconds left, helping struggling Sacramento avoid another road defeat.

Ron Artest had 23 points, Mike Bibby added 14 and Brad Miller had nine points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the Kings, who won for only the fourth time in their last 15 games. They improved to just 4-11 on the road against the West Conference.

Ricky Davis had 24 points for the Timberwolves, who staged a spirited comeback down the stretch but put themselves in a bind with a flat first half. Kevin Garnett had 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, and Brenton Hassell added 18 points for Minnesota, which was outrebounded 47-38.

Mavericks 95, Grizzlies 94

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dirk Nowitzki overcame a tough shooting night with 26 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter, to lead Dallas.

Nowitzki shot 8-of-20 from the field but hit all 10 of his free throws, including eight in the fourth period to hold off the Grizzlies, who lost for the third time in the last four games.

Mike Miller led the Grizzlies with 32 points, including 20 in the fourth quarter. His 30-foot 87.8 percent shooting left the Memphis unit with 93-91, but a pair of free throws by Nowitzki put Dallas up by 93-91.

Chuckie Atkins then hit another 30-footer for Memphis with less than a second left for the final margin.

Jerry Stackhouse and Jason Terry added 20 points apiece for Dallas, which won 24 of 26.

Rockets 112, Sonics 102

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 36 points to help Houston hand Seattle its franchise record-tying 14th consecutive road loss.

McGrady and Allen both delivered plenty of highlight-reel buckets, but McGrady finished off the Sonics with a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 51 seconds left. He glanced at the Sonics' bench, one-wrily grinned as Seattle coach Bob Hill called a timeout.

Fighting through double-teams, Allen had only 10 points in the final quarter. Seattle hasn't won a road game since Nov. 29.

Indiana upsets

No. 2 Wisconsin

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A.J. Ratliff scored 18 of his season-high 20 points in the second half and Indiana held off a late comeback to beat No. 2 Wisconsin 74-66 on Wednesday night, ending the Badgers' 17-game winning streak.

Ratliff had a pair of 3-pointers during a 13-1 run and another 3-pointer that gave the Hoosiers (16-5, 6-2 Big Ten) a 53-43 lead with under 10 minutes remaining.

A rebound basket by Alando Tucker, who led Wisconsin (21-2, 7-1) with 23 points, and two 3-pointers by Kamron Taylor helped the Badgers tie the game at 59. But Ratliff scored six of Indiana's next eight points, including two free throws with a minute to go for a 70-66 lead, and the Badgers never recovered.

No. 1 Florida 74, No. 2 Vanderbilt 64

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Lee Humphrey made three consecutive 3-pointers to help Florida's rally from a double-digit deficit and the top-ranked Gators beat Vanderbilt.

Humphrey, one of the best outside shooters in the country, added another 3-pointer that gave Florida (20-2, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) a 70-59 lead with 2:56 remaining and essentially sealed the team's 13th straight victory.

No. 3 North Carolina 105, Miami 64

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead North Carolina past Miami 105-64. Hansbrough had 14 points for the Tar Heels (20-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who had no trouble winning their fifth straight game. North Carolina shot 56 percent, including 63 percent after halftime — and hit 12 of 24 3-pointers to cruise to another league win by a double-digit margin.

No. 4 Ohio State 78, Purdue 60

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Mike Conley scored 18 points and Jamar Butler added 16 to help Ohio State beat Purdue and win their sixth straight game.

Daequan Cook had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Greg Oden added nine points and six rebounds for the Buckeyes.

No. 10 Texas A&M 73, Iowa State 49

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Joseph Jones scored 21 points and Texas A&M's defense did the rest in the Aggies' win over Iowa State.

The win is Texas A&M's 20th straight at home and Iowa State's fifth consecutive loss.

No. 11 Memphis 87, Central Florida 65

ORLANDO, Fla. — Chris

Douglas-Roberts scored 23 points and Joey Dorsey had 22 points and nine rebounds to help Memphis rout Central Florida.

Memphis (18-3, 8-0 Conference USA) led from the tip in its 10th straight win.

No. 13 Butler 71, Youngstown State 58

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Mike Green scored a season-high 23 points. Pete Campbell added 20 and Butler won its seventh straight, beating Youngstown State.

The Bulldogs, playing their fourth game in seven days, dominated the Penguins with their 3-point shooting in the first half, then attacked the rim in the second half with the same result.

No. 15 Nevada 79, Louisiana Tech 71

RUSTON, La. — Nick Fazekas and Marcus Kemp each scored 20 points to help Nevada beat Louisiana Tech. Fazekas helped Nevada (20-2, 8-1 Western Athletic Conference) fuel a 12-6 run to start the second half and extend a 31-27 halftime lead to 43-33.

Louisiana Tech (6-15, 4-5) answered with a 6-2 spurt to close within 47-44. Tech was able to keep the game within three and trailed 68-65 with 2:30 left before Nevada closed the game with a 11-6 run.

Kyle Shillo added 10 points for Nevada.

North Carolina State 79, No. 16 Virginia Tech 59

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Chase Odom scored 16 of his points in the second half and Ben McCauley scored 20, leading North Carolina State over Virginia Tech.

The Wolfpack (12-8, 2-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) had the surprising Hokies out of first place in the conference by taking it to them from the start.

No. 19 Alabama 73, LSU 70

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jernarone Davidson scored a career-high 31 points to help Alabama beat LSU.

After Davidson's free throws put Alabama (16-5, 3-4 SEC) ahead 20-16 in the final minute, Garrett Temple's pass was intercepted by Altonzo Gee, who was fouled during to the hoop-on-a free break and hit both free throws.

No. 22 Texas 76, Texas Tech 64

LUBBOCK, Texas — Kevin Durant scored 37 points and grabbed a season-high 23 rebounds to lead Texas over Texas Tech.

Texas steadily pulled away from the Red Raiders, in part by pounding the ball inside for 30 points. The Longhorns went up 72-58 with 3:37 remaining and Tech couldn't mount a comeback.

— The Associated Press

SUPER BOWL XLI

Colts running back Addai has deep bond with paralyzed friend

MIAMI — Lalan Moore was smiling Wednesday, and it wasn't just because he was going to the Super Bowl. "It's always like this," his mother said. "Been that way since he was a little baby." The smile wasn't what Colts running back Joseph Addai noticed when the two first met in the ninth grade at their Houston high school. "It was the sight of Moore with his hand out. "He said we met because I borrowed 50 cents from him and never paid him back," Moore said, laughing at the recollection. "I admit I borrowed the 50 cents, but I did pay him back."



Lalan Moore sits in his room which is decorated with football memorabilia from his best friend Indianapolis Colts running back Joseph Addai Wednesday in Houston. Moore, who was injured while playing high school football with Addai, will be at Super Bowl XLI to watch for his wheelchair.

But that's a friendship was born. In a way, it was just natural. Both were football players, one on offense and the other on defense at Sharpstown High.

Addai was the quarterback, and Moore was the safety stopper. They were inseparable on the field and off. Both thought they were destined to play in college, maybe even the NFL. Life was good, and the future looked even better.

Then everything changed in a split second on a Thursday night in October.

Moore's mother, Charlotte Beverly, was in the stands cheering as her son made tackle after tackle. The people next to her said it seemed like No. 11 was everywhere. Late in the game, Moore hit a tight end coming across the middle for another tackle. Beverly turned to the other fans and said, "My baby was on that tackle, too."

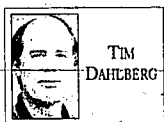
The moment she turned back, she knew something was wrong. Moore was on the ground, legs bent. He wasn't getting up.

The paramedics were called and Beverly went with her son to the hospital. On the way, Moore assured her that he was going to be OK, that he had just gotten a stinger.

That night he was lying in his darkened room, hooked up to machines, watching the local news flicker on television. That's how he got word he was paralyzed below the waist.

"Nobody had told me," Moore said. "I had a kind of figured."

Moore had 10 hours of surgery the next day to fuse his broken vertebrae. Kids from



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his school lined up in the hallway to see him, his mother said, as if they were waiting to see a movie.

Addai was there every day. At night, he would put two chairs together so he could sleep and still be near his friend.

"He would kiss him, tell him, 'I love you boy,'" Beverly said. "I had never seen boys that close."

Moore's football dream was over. He wouldn't walk again, much less play again. Beverly was warned by counselors that his son would be angry, that his friends would stop coming by.

Not a chance. When Addai went off to LSU, the first thing he asked for was a handicapped-accessible dorm room so Moore could come and visit.

When Addai was back home, he would give Moore's mother a break and bathe, shave and dress his friend.

Mostly they would just hang together, the way they always did.

"We talk every day," Addai said. "And it's more than just

everyday conversation. We talk about life."

Life has been good to Addai. He was a first-round pick of the Indianapolis Colts, had a good rookie season, and scored the winning touchdown that put the Colts into the Super Bowl.

On Tuesday, he sat in the stands at Dolphin Stadium and showed a reflective side that few newly wealthy 23-year-olds are able to do.

"I'm having someone like that as your best friend really makes you keep humble," Addai said. "It's really motivating me, just being around."

Addai has brought Moore to two games this season, and on Friday he'll board an airplane for the Super Bowl. Joining him will be another friend, Mark Boone, the tight end Moore tackled when he was hurt.

"The trip is a chance to escape, at least temporarily, the dilapidated house with a leaky roof he shares with his mother in Houston. She rented the place because it was cheap, and because it had wheelchair ramps into both the house and the garage. But it is a flood zone, and last summer Moore sat on his bed and watched as the waters rose around him.

"Things aren't easy for Beverly, who quit her job to be with her son. They live on Social Security disability and

\$500 a month she gets for being his caretaker.

A trust fund set up in the wake of the injury has run out. Some bills are paid on time, some are not.

Addai is picking up the tab for the Super Bowl trip, and he pays for other things, too. But the family values his friendship more than the money he offers.

"We're barely making it," Beverly said. "I penny pinch here and there to keep the bills paid. Periodically, people send money and I pay other bills."

Moore tried to go to college, but he and his mother were quickly worn down by the daily chore of getting him ready and transporting him. He talks about going back to school, though, and dreams of someday having a career in football as either a coach or an agent.

"It's not hard at all. Some people they don't even get a chance like I have," Moore said. "I still have my family and friends behind me. I don't see any reason to be down."

Addai can only marvel at the spirit his best friend shows.

"If he's down you can't tell. He doesn't show it and he's always smiling," Addai said. "It's his shaven me one thing for sure: You can't get mad at life."

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Angelo has a shorter resume than Polian but one more title

MIAMI (AP) — Bears general manager Jerry Angelo has a much shorter resume than his Colts counterpart, Bill Polian.

He also owns the one thing Polian still hungers for — a Super Bowl ring.

That shiny piece of hardware on his hand — he scouted for the 1986 New York Giants — may be why Angelo seems more relaxed about Sunday's Super Bowl, even joking when asked about the quarterback matchup between his eratic Rex Grossman and the acclaimed Peyton Manning.

"If this was the old West and the game was decided by a gunfight, I wouldn't feel real good," he said.

At least Angelo showed up for Wednesday's team media session.

Polian was a no-show. So far his public appearances during Super Bowl week have consisted of about five minutes at media day as an adjunct to Colts owner Jim Irsay's session.

But that's mostly his modus operandi — he prefers being interviewed one-on-one rather than subjecting himself to the kind of free-for-all that can develop at such events.

He might be especially nervous this year because of his past Super Bowl experiences: all losses.

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Polian became GM of the Buffalo Bills in 1986, taking over a team that had been 2-14 each of the two previous seasons.

He had two budding blocks — Jim Kelly at quarterback and Kerry Smith at defensive end. He filled in around them with the likes of Thurman Thomas, Andre Reed, Cornelius Bennett and numerous supporting cast members with the help of a staff that included two future San Diego general managers, the late John Butler and A.J. Smith.

By 1988, the bills were in the AFC championship game. By 1990 they were in the Super Bowl and got there again the next three years, although by 1993 Polian had left to build the expansion Carolina Panthers. The bills lost all four, but the one that hurt the most was the 1991 loss to the Giants and Scott Norwood's field goal miss, known simply in Super Bowl



Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian talks during a press conference in Indianapolis in this Feb. 11, 2006 file photo. Bill Polian is like Tony Dungy and Peyton Manning. He's done everything in the NFL but win a Super Bowl.

lore as "Wide Right!"

Polian brushed off the Colts' disappointment last season when they held the top seed in the AFC, but lost their first playoff game to Pittsburgh on another wide right — a game-tying field goal by Mike Vanderjagt. Then Polian went right into his 1991 replay.

"That was different. There were a lot of circumstances to that," he said, noting, the death of coach Tony Dungy's son as one; injuries as another.

"But if I had won that game in Buffalo against the Giants

the NFL has long been one of the NFL's more complex personalities.

He has a temper that has occasionally gotten him in trouble and he keeps team employees on their toes, especially at the mid-management level.

But he also has hired two coaches — Marc Lee '78 in Buffalo; Dungy '01 there — whose quiet, unassuming temperaments and outside interests make them very different from the average NFL coach.

"You've got to be in the office in Indianapolis," he said last month during a relaxed hour-long session in his office in Indianapolis.

In any case, no one doubts his credentials as a personnel evaluator or scout.

Daughter of Papa Bear now the reluctant leader

MIAMI (AP) — Her role as owner was never something she sought. Her status among the rich and powerful was never something she pursued. Virginia McCaskey realizes she reached this point only because she happened to be the daughter of Papa Bear, the late George Halas.

Football's "quite literally, has been and always will be in her blood."

And what better way to honor her father's legacy than to win — and win big.

The 83-year-old matriarch and grand dame of the NFL will be in the spotlight Sunday when her beloved Chicago Bears meet the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl at Dolphin Stadium.

"It's very, very important," McCaskey said last week in a news interview. "We're enjoying all the privileges and perks that go along with ownership, but we have to keep reminding ourselves we really didn't do anything to earn this. George Halas did it all and I think he'll be around to finish it all. I look on it as a very serious responsibility."

This week marks the high point of a long-running turnaround for the NFL's original franchise. It's a turnaround that included McCaskey's famous decision to essentially

fire her own son — a blow to the reality that, as much as the Bears have always been a family-run business, they also belong to the city and the league, and she is as much the team's caretaker as its owner.

"We're just the recipients of a tremendous legacy," McCaskey said. "I use the word 'custodianship' to want to pass it on the best way we can."

A win Sunday will put McCaskey on center stage to hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

Two Sundays ago, wearing a full-length mask, her hair curled to perfection, she walked across the snowy grass at Soldier Field and never looked happier to accept the NFL Championship trophy — the George Halas trophy.

"Lots of hugs and happy moments," she said of that day, possibly the best she's enjoyed since the Bears won their first Super Bowl in 1985.

McCaskey attended her first NFL championship game when she was 8, back in 1932 — a game her dad won, of course. So much has changed in the NFL, since then, yet the Bears still retain the flavor of a family-owned operation.

And that was McCaskey shedding a tear when Walter Payton died eight years ago — maybe wishing she didn't grow so close to her players.

Mannings

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Reggie Wayne, Marvin Harrison and Dallas Clark. That's where Ricky Jr., Chicago's nickel back, and Danieal, a starting safety — they are not related — will be busy.

Ricky Jr. has a head start. He's already been in a Super Bowl with the Carolina Panthers and has a knack for playing well when the game is a big deal. As a rookie, he made three interceptions in the NFC championship game victory over the Eagles following the 2003 season.

This season, he tied for the team lead with five interceptions and one pick-off Matt Hasselbeck in a playoff victory

against Seattle.

All that after a rocky start with his new team.

He pleaded no contest in September to a felony assault charge stemming from an altercation at a Los Angeles restaurant last spring in which a man was punched and kicked. The incident occurred less than two days after Manning signed a five-year, \$21 million offer sheet with Chicago, one the Panthers didn't match.

By pleading no contest, he got three years probation and was ordered to attend a year of anger management counseling. He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service. Later, the NFL

suspended him for one game.

Ricky Jr. has learned that having three Mannings in one game is not the only repeat topic this week.

He's been asked time after time about the experience of his first Super Bowl, when the Panthers lost to the Patriots 32-29. He knows he's lucky to get another shot with all that's happened.

Current Bears teammates "Danieal" Wesley, another defensive back, and wide receiver Mulsin Muhammad were in that same Super Bowl for the Panthers.

"Just remember it being not even real until the second and third quarter, like you are just floating during the whole beginning of the game,"

Manning Jr. said. "It's more like a fantasy than a dream."

His advice to Daniel as a rookie in the NFL's biggest game?

"You can't have this game back. You don't want to be thinking, 'I should have done this better, I should have done that better.' Just go out and do it."

Danieal knows he'll have butterflies, but doesn't expect to be overly jittery. That's the way he's played this season since being moved into the starting lineup early on.

"I'm not nervous. I've been around for a while, not this big of a stage, but enough to know that I'm not going to be fazed."

Rookies

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a great honor."

Or take Indianapolis Colts' Joseph Addai, the 30th overall pick last April, 27 spots before Hester. The running back led all rookies in rushing this season with 1,081 yards. He scored eight touchdowns.

Combined with veteran Dominic Rhodes, he made Rudy forget star Edgerrin James, who ran all the way to Arizona as a free agent. "I didn't think I was going to get 1,000 yards," said Addai, who scored the winning touchdown on a 3-yard run in the

AFC championship game. "It feels good because I didn't get 1,000 yards in college (at LSU). I knew I wasn't the starter and I knew Dominic and I were going to split the carries, so we

both talked before games about taking advantage of what they give us out there and that's what we've been doing."

Hester and Addai are the most spectacular of the five rookies who could play huge roles in the biggest game of the season. Sunday, Indianapolis also starts strong safety Antoine Bethea, a sixth-rounder from Howard, Chicago starts free safety Danieal Manning of

Abilene Christian, a second-rounder, and often uses DE Mark Anderson, a fifth-round choice from Alabama who had 12 sacks, tops among rookies.

Bethea said he's made a smooth adjustment from a small college program to the pros, crediting the coaching staff and several veteran Colts for their guidance.

He became a starter in the preseason, and except for being inactive for two games because of a shoulder problem, Bethea has been a regular, and a key contributor.

"I thought if they need me on special teams, OK, I'll do that,"

Bethea's freshman counterpart in the Chicago secondary is Manning, who left Nebraska and wound up as a three-year starter at Division-II Abilene Christian. He was unsure entering the draft how soon he

might be called to the field. Then the phone rang during a draft party at his house, and coach Lowe Smith asked Manning: "Are you ready to be a Chicago Bear?"

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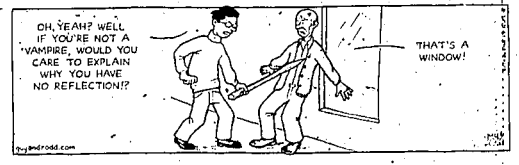
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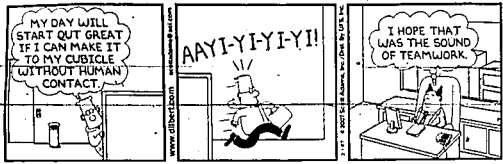
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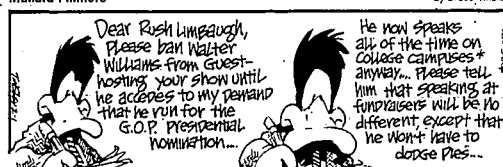
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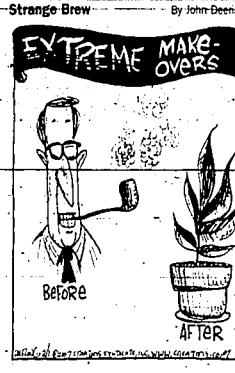
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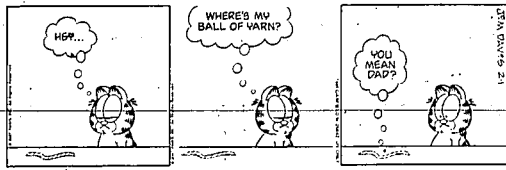
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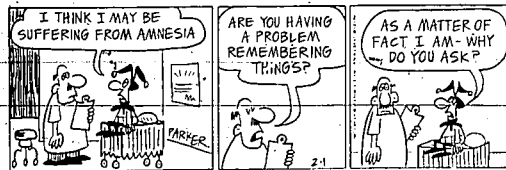
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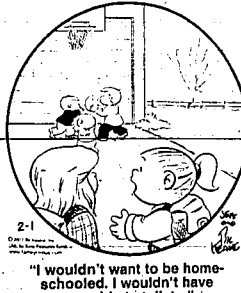
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Man who impregnates teen brings out readers' wrath

DEAR ABBY: I am one of your many male readers. Regarding "Betrayed in the Midwest" (Dec. 27), whose fiance, "Teid," impregnated the younger sister, "Lindy," there are at least two major issues that the writer should consider about this man.

No. 1: He's an adult who had sex with a minor. In all states that I know of, this is a crime, reportable to Child Protective Services and to law, and it's punishable. It amounts to statutory rape. Teid is the guilty party here. Lindy is a victim and should not feel punished any way.

No. 2: Teid had unprotected sex with Lindy, which means he disregarded the health and safety of not only the girl, but also his fiance and himself. With whom else is he sexually active? Who knows what risks he has exposed all of them? Your advice to "Betrayed" was right on. She needs to distance herself and her sister from him as far as possible, as soon as possible. I hope that she'll continue to care for her sister, who obviously needs good parenting and role modeling. I hope she also realizes that the child of this situation is innocent and needs care as well.

— CONCERNED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, PHOENIX
DEAR CONCERNED: Many readers were up in arms after reading that letter. They wrote and e-mailed to say that Teid belongs in jail as a pedophile.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

However, the age of consent is not the same in every state, and in the state where "Betrayed" lives, it is 16 (Lindy is 17). Therefore, although Teid is a manipulative jerk with no conscience, he is not a "child molester," Teid on.

DEAR ABBY: From the sound of it, Lindy is probably just a lonely, orphaned child looking for some attention. Teid is a user, and neither woman needs him in her life. You failed to point out that a man who has been "carried financially" by someone is not "well off," nor does age equal maturity. Lindy is probably on her own if she chooses to raise a baby with him. If she cares about her sister, "Betrayed" should dump Teid and have a frank discussion with the girl about alternatives to raising the baby herself.

— ELIZABETH IN UPPER DARBY, PA.
DEAR ABBY: I am a high school teacher. The majority of my pregnant teen girls have boyfriends who are much older. This is the result of absent or divorced parents, or parents who must work sever-

al jobs to make ends meet. It is also the result of low expectations of female children and the media-led sexualization of young girls at an early age. Sometimes it makes me want to scream!

— CRANKY ADULT IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR ABBY: I strongly agree with your advice about kicking the dumbest fiance out and if she can handle it, allowing Lindy to live with her until she is 18 and graduates from high school. However, I would advise "Betrayed" to go one step further.

If Lindy chooses to keep her child, start immediately to get legal papers on paternity and financial support activated on the father. He had admitted it, at least to the main reporter. It doesn't have to wait until the child is born to go to court. Too many women wait until the child arrives, often existing on welfare, then try to fight the red tape to track down the man responsible. It doesn't have to wait. This suggestion is for Lindy and any other woman in her predicament. Sadly, there are far too many these days. I don't even want to come to "what's the world starting to..."

— KICK 'EM WHERE IT HURTS IN IDAHO
DEAR KICK 'EM: And often where they feel it most is in the wallet.

School complaints are nothing new

Complaints about schools likely hark to their beginning. Here's an inscription found in Nippur, Iraq, on a clay tablet from about 1700 B.C.: "The fellow in charge of Sumerian language studies said, 'Why didn't you speak Sumerian?' and I said, 'My teacher said, 'Your handwriting is unsatisfactory and I can't read the scribbled arts.'"

This day in history: Where it was refused service at Woolworth lunch counter because of their race, four African-Americans refused to move, staging a sit-in protest that sparked similar actions around the country. This sit-in was an advance of the civil rights' happened in Greensboro, N.C., on Feb. 1, 1960.

Infections caught in hospitals kill about 103,000 Americans a year—about as many as are killed by AIDS, breast cancer and auto accidents combined.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

One out of 20 patients picks up an infection while in the hospital. Hospitals in Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands once had similar rates of infection, but brought them down to below 1 percent through enforcing rules about washing hands, cleaning equipment, and changing clothes. Forget that old tradition about the bride's parents picking up the total wedding tab. Only about a quarter of all marriages lit that mold. In fact, nearly one-third of all weddings are fully financed by the bride and groom themselves. Why are these wrinkled

Chinese dogs called "shar-peis"? It's a Chinese word meaning "sharkskin." Americans throw away 2 million tons of electronic devices every year.

When the Bureau of Engraving and Printing opened in 1877, six people printed all of the country's paper money, using steam-powered presses in the basement of the Treasury Department.

The strom from rattlers and other poisonous snakes is used in modern medicines as painkillers, anti-spasmodics, and blood coagulants.

The average video game player between 13 and 17 spends \$39 a month on the pastime. Living in a right-handed world takes its toll on lefties; as a group, they incur many more injuries than righties.

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Persistent owl watches over remodeling project

EUGENE, Ore. — Saws buzz and carpenters hammer nails, set up ladders and run an air generator.

It doesn't give a hoot. The brownish Western screech-owl, shown by AP's Laura Fenimore's house as she began adding what will be her new great room.

"I thought the construction noise, the dog or the power tools would scare him off, but the next day he comes right back," said Fenimore, 50, a lawyer who works from home. But it seems Al is handy to have around. He doesn't make a mess, he isn't noisy and he helps with pest control.

"When 'he moved 'into' her house in 2000, Fenimore spent a couple of years battling mice, and hired exterminators who shooed them into burrows in her backyard.

But since the yard has been completely uprooted for the remodel. "This is like feast time for Mr. Owl," Fenimore said. "I sure hope he stays."

The bird, which is full grown and eight inches high, seems well-fed as he rests with his feathers puffed among the plywood beams.

Student hopes for rented girlfriend to impress parents.

BEIJING — A desperate Chinese university student wants to "rent" a girlfriend for 10 days so he can show her off



A Western screech owl roosts in the rafters of a home undergoing a remodeling project Jan. 24 in Eugene, Ore.

to his parents over the Lunar New Year holiday, state media reported Wednesday. The physics student, who gave his name as Zhu Liping, posted a notice on a bulletin board at Peking University offering \$130 to a woman who would pose as his girlfriend for the trip home for the holiday. Xinhua News Agency reported. The advertisement said the woman should be "an honest, kind and similar-aged girl with a diploma."

The Lunar New Year holiday.

Odds and ends

which starts Feb. 18 this year, is the most important family holiday in China.

Xinhua said Zhu had told his parents, who were pressuring him to get a girlfriend, that he had been studying too hard and had no time to meet a potential partner.

Symbol of philanthropy shut down by city officials

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — It was a symbol of philanthropy to some, used in hanging donations of clothing and toys for the needy, but the city has put an end to the "tree of life."

Residents Anthony and Connie Johnson started displaying items on the tree near the home last summer after purchasing the items themselves. Passers-by were invited to stop and choose the items they needed.

But inspectors said the tree violates city height laws, and after the operation down. She said residents can only hang clothes on backyard clothes lines, and can't drop items in a "home occupation zone."

The Johnsons also violated the height ordinance by using a city tree in a city right of way, officials said.

— The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Breezy to windy and mostly cloudy. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Continued brisk winds and cold temperatures.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Breezy to windy, cold and mostly cloudy. Highs in the
mid-20s. A shower or snow may also develop.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Light mountain snow showers are expected today with
small new accumulations of snow possible.

NORTHERN UTAH
Scattered snow showers
for today and will be
cold. Brisk winds are
also likely. Very cold and
mostly clear tonight and
Friday.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today Tonight Friday Saturday Sunday Monday
Brisk winds, partly to mostly cloudy Cold and breezy Cold and mostly sunny

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS
Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset

MOON PHASES
Today: Waxing Crescent
Tomorrow: First Quarter

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Dr. Donald Catlin, right, a professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical School and the director of the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory, poses for a photo at his lab in Los Angeles on Jan. 23. Scientist Boris Starcevic is seen in the background.

Blood fuels feud over growth hormone testing in professional sports

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Olympic athletes soon will have their blood tested for human growth hormone, but the NFL and baseball officials instead are embracing the unproven concept of urine testing in their bid to stop use of the performance-enhancing drug.

NASCAR 'Dale' captures Earnhardt ... warts and all

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Nearly six years after his death, Dale Earnhardt's family is finally in total agreement about something: The biography "Dale Earnhardt" captures the life of NASCAR's seven-time champion.



NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt, of Kannapolis, N.C., looks out of the garage at the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala., while crew members work on his car, in this Oct. 13, 2000, file photo.

"I was amazed, blown away. Couldn't believe how good it turned out. It's to the point. It's perfect."

— Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the new movie about his deceased father, which opened this week.

"I was amazed, blown away," Dale Earnhardt Jr. said of the movie, which opened this week. "I couldn't believe how good it turned out. It's to the point. It's perfect."

NASCAR changes qualifying provisional

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR changed its Nextel Cup next champions provisional Wednesday to limit it to only six uses per season.

"As NASCAR seeks to place more emphasis on competition, we have decided the time is right to limit the number of provisionals allowed," said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's competition director.

The rule change will most affect Dale Earnhardt, the 1993 Cup champion, who is racing for a new team this season that isn't carrying over any points from last year. If he must make the race on speed at times this year, he won't be able to rely on the past champions' provisional to carry him through the season.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Michael Dell, founder and chairman, returns to CEO role at Dell

ROUND ROCK, Texas — Computer maker Dell Inc., which has a contact center in Twin Falls, said Wednesday that Chairman Michael Dell will return to the role of chief executive, replacing Kevin Rollins, effective immediately. The company also forecast fourth-quarter profit and sales below Wall Street expectations.

Dell has served as chairman since founding the company in 1984 and was chief executive until 2004. The company said Rollins also resigned as a member of the board.

The company forecast that profit and revenue will fall below analysts' consensus estimates of 42 cents per share on sales of \$15.30 billion.

Altria Group to spin off rest of Kraft Foods stake to shareholders

NEW YORK — Altria Group Inc. said Wednesday it will spin off its majority stake in Kraft Foods Co. to its March 16 shareholders.

Kraft closed its cheese processing plant in Rupert. The announcement from Altria, owner of cigarette makers Philip Morris USA and Philip Morris International, has been widely anticipated by Wall Street as the first step in a restructuring plan designed to increase shareholder value.

The distribution of about 89 percent of Kraft's shares will be made on March 30 to shareholders of record as of March 16, the company said in a statement.

Altria will distribute about 0.7 of a share of Kraft for every one share of Altria. Fractional amounts will be paid in cash. The exact ratio will be determined on the record date.

Burley rehab to hold open house

BURLEY — Burley Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday to celebrate the opening of its new facility at 1263 Bennett Ave., Suite No. 2, Burley.

Staff will demonstrate the new state-of-the-art hydrovortex rehabilitation pool and give tours of the new facility. The distribution of the state-of-the-art physical therapy services, Burley Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation also offers bilingual treatment, aquatic rehabilitation, orthotic and prosthetic services, speech and occupational therapy and more. Staff members include Nick Greenwell, Jeff Jensen, Curtis Mason, Cassandra Jones, Jill Powers, Jamie Earl and Stacy Greenwell.

For more information, call 678-1101.

Small business owners to gather in Boise

BOISE — Small business owners from throughout the state will gather at the state capitol Tuesday to talk to legislators and Gov. Butch Otter about the issues vital to improving entrepreneurial activity, according to a news conference in the Crystal Ballroom of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Each year, the local chapter hosts a "Small Business Day at the Capitol" to educate legislators about the issues affecting entrepreneurs. Otter's activities will get under way at 9:30 a.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the historic Hoff Building at 772 W. Hancock in Boise. Attendees will hear from lawmakers at an awards ceremony in the Crystal Ballroom, followed by a visit to the state capitol at 2:30 p.m.

The event is open to all small business owners and costs \$35. For more information, contact State Jenking at 1-800-207-2846 or statejenk@infi.org.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

Taking notice



President George Bush visits a post on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday and gets an explanation of how it works from Van Der Moolen specialist Brian Schaeffer, right.

Bush aims at executive salaries in 'State of the Economy' speech

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — President Bush took aim Wednesday at lavish salaries and bonuses for corporate executives, standing on Wall Street to issue a sharp warning for corporate boards to "step up to their responsibilities" and tie compensation packages to performance.

Bush's "State of the Economy" speech, delivered from the financial center of the world, was aimed at bringing his economic message out of the shadows of the Iraq war. On his second day in a row, focused on the economy, the government reported faster-than-expected growth of 3.5 percent in the final quarter of last year.

The president acknowledged people's continuing nervousness about their financial picture, despite a string of similar reports that provide some reason for optimism. He said some workers are being left behind in the booming economy and the disparity between the rich and the poor is growing.

"The fact is that income inequality is real. It has been rising for more than 25 years," the president said. "The earnings gap is now twice as wide

as it was in 1980," Bush said, adding that more education and training can lift people's salaries.

The president spoke to an audience of business leaders at the venerable Federal Hall — a symbol of both America's democracy and its economic resilience. Later, he stopped along Broad Street to shake hands with New York police officers and then ducked inside the New York Stock Exchange. The surprise visit caused a frenzy on the already chaotic trading floor. It was so crowded that traders standing just five feet away from Bush had to raise their voices to be heard.

In his address, Bush said he realized that stories about the enormous salaries and other perks for CEOs, for instance, create anger and uncertainty that affect the country's investors.

"The president does not endorse any government role in reducing those packages. Instead, Bush highlighted new federal rules that the administration thinks are a better path toward wise compensation decisions by companies."

"Government should not dictate the compensation for America's corporate executives," he said. "But the salaries and bonuses of CEOs

should be based on their success at improving their companies and bringing value to their shareholders."

In effect starting last month, the rules give investors access to clearer and more detailed information from public companies on their top executives' pay packages and perks. Their impact will become apparent as corporations begin issuing 2006 annual reports.

"America's corporate boardrooms must step up to their responsibilities," Bush said. "You need to pay attention to the executive compensation packages that you approve. You need to show the world that America's businesses are a model of transparency and good corporate governance."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, has said he will push legislation to require shareholder approval of executive compensation plans. And a separate bill before the Senate to raise the minimum wage would fund accompanying tax breaks to ease the burden on small businesses by capping executives' tax-deferred pay packages at \$1 million a year.

Still, even Bush's words on pay were met with complete silence from the business crowd he addressed.

US Airways drops bid for Delta

By Harry R. Weber
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — US Airways Group Inc. dropped its \$9.8 billion hostile bid for Delta Air Lines Inc. on Wednesday after a key group of the bankrupt carrier's creditors said Delta would be better off emerging from Chapter 11 on its own.

With the "dual decisions," Atlanta-based Delta, which continues to fly West Airlines to provide service between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City, cleared a big hurdle in its effort to exit bankruptcy by the mid-

dle of this year as a stand-alone company.

But it isn't out of the woods yet. Smaller creditors could ultimately vote not to approve Delta's reorganization plan, and some have already filed objections to the disclosure statement to the Delta plan.

A Feb. 7 hearing in bankruptcy court in New York is scheduled to discuss the disclosure statement. If the statement is approved, Delta could begin soliciting votes for approval of its reorganization plan. Delta hopes to hold a confirmation

hearing on its plan in April.

"Using the bankruptcy process the right way, Delta people have transformed their company's business model," Delta Chief Executive Gerald Grimsbin said in a statement. "Our focus now is on the work still before us to emerge from Chapter 11, this spring as a strong, healthy, and vibrant global competitor."

In his own statement, Doug Parker, chief executive of Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways, said he was disappointed by the decision by the creditors committee.

Fed leaves interest rates alone

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged on Wednesday but gave Wall Street a lift by expressing some relief at the prospects for inflation.

"The central bank voted to leave the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, at 5.25 percent, where it has been since last June.

The Fed continued to say it was more worried about the risk of inflation than weak growth, however, signaling that future interest rate hikes were still possible. But the Fed said recent developments on inflation have been favorable.

"Headings of core inflation have improved modestly in recent months and inflation pressures seem likely to moderate over time," the Fed said in its new statement.

Financial markets, which had been growing increasingly worried that the Fed would hike rates in coming months in response to stronger-than-expected growth, posted a strong rally in response to the Fed's comments.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 100 points in the half-hour after the Fed's announcement.

"This is as close to very good news for the markets as

Market Watch

Jan. 31, 2007

Dow Jones Industrial	12,621.69	+8.82
Nasdaq composite	2,463.93	+15.29
Standard & Poor's 500	1,438.24	+0.37
Russell 2000	800.34	+2.24

Stocks of local interest

Donner	25.71	▼ .04
Dell Inc.	24.22	▼ .07
Stamps	38.95	▼ .12
Little Motors	28.74	▲ .10
Micron	12.95	▼ .04
Supervalu	37.98	▲ .21

Commodities

March Oil	58.14	▲ 1.17
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	90.23	▲ .30
March gold	654.9	▲ 7.7

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Buhl chamber honors volunteers

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Without the 160 members and volunteers of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, it would cease to be its existence, said Director Steve Kaatz.

The Buhl chamber hosts community events such as the Buhl Trout Festival, Sagebrush Days, Easter Egg Hunt and Night Light Parade and volunteers are key in making them successful year after year. This year, Kaatz said the chamber board wanted to extend an extra-special "thank you" to a select few who went above and beyond in 2006.

The board decided that we would honor four volunteers based on services and the total amount of work given this year, he said.

Those include Outstanding of the Year Holly Langdon and Honorary Volunteers Kellie Lemmons, Edith Wells and Bobbi Wolverton.

"We wouldn't even be a chamber without volunteers," Kaatz said. "We are the only chamber of commerce with a visitor center open year-round."

Holly Langdon is one person Buhl owes some thanks to. Langdon was especially involved in Buhl's centennial year festivities. She helped organize the 12-month celebration and she and her husband, Lauren, the General Auctioneer in Buhl last year.

"I find it very rewarding to be involved with chamber," Langdon said. "I was surprised and honored to get the award but this community generates a member support and enthusiasm for our projects and everyone talks about how good Buhl is that I am just honored to live in this community."

Langdon has served as a chamber board member and served as chamber president in 2004.

Lemmons, who soon plans to join the chamber, has helped with the Halloween costume contests for several years.

The chamber holds their lunches here at Grandstands where I wait-

ress," Lemmons said. "Through serving them lunch, I picked up on what they were doing and got interested. I have raised six kids in this community and enjoy serving it."

She said she recently joined the Buhl Kiwanis Club as well.

"I am looking forward to getting even more involved," she said. Bobbi Wolverton, who owns Black Rock Clothing in Buhl, was honored for the many hours she poured into the town's very popular first Doo Festival.

"We really think that the trout fest will grow into a bigger celebration than it was," Kaatz said. "Bobbi spearheaded numerous projects like getting the trout sculptures up all over town. She also really worked hard on the marketing campaign for Buhl business during our Old-fashioned Christmas."

Wolverton praised other members of the community for donating their time and talents.

"We literally had hundreds of people that chipped in from the Boy Scouts to the high school students that helped create the trout sculptures," Wolverton said. "We couldn't have done anything without those that helped make it happen. Not one person or organization refused to help out, not one."

Wolverton has been a chamber member for seven years and served on the board of directors for four years.

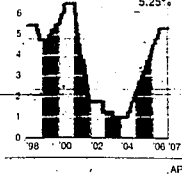
Kaatz said Edith Wells of Buhl was also honored at the banquet for her taking the time to call every chamber member, twice a month, to remind them about the next lunch meeting. Wells could not be reached for comment.

"It is amazing," Kaatz said. "Every person and business that contributes to the chamber for the work we do in making Buhl a better opportunity for businesses and families, they all deserve an award."

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Fed rate holds

The federal funds rate remained unchanged Wednesday for the fifth consecutive time.



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Putting well-rounded nutrition into well-rounded meals

National report voices concerns, while locals say quality is actually pretty good

By Jani Whitfield
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "Lack of access to nutritious foods for too many Latin families into choices to one should have to make, such as between having a roof over their heads or putting food on the table," said Janet Murguía, National Council of La Raza president and CEO.

NCLR, the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, recently released a report voicing concerns about the quality of food in food assistance programs. Among the NCLR report's findings — healthy foods may not be as readily available in some low-income and Latino communities. Its specific findings included a lack of fresh fruit and vegetable products. That may be due to the fact that a lot of food assistance programs rely on donations to help feed the needy.

The Salvation Army and South Central Community Action Partnership offer food assistance to all low-income families in the Magic Valley. Latinos make up about 9 percent of the Idaho population. "They could be your next door neighbor, your employee, anybody," said Leanne Trappen, community services director of the South Central Community Action Partnership. "The majority of these people are working, so it's definitely not for lack of trying."

Idaho is listed at eighth in the nation for food insecurity. At places like South Central

Need some help?

Here are a few of the local organizations that seek to help low-income people get a helping hand if they need it.

Salvation Army: 733-8720
Idaho Migrant Council: 734-3339
South Central Community Action Partnership: 734-5550
For more on the National Council of La Raza, go to <http://www.nclr.org/>

Community Action Partnership, most of all its food offerings to those in need, is nutritionally based.

"We have pretty well-rounded food boxes," Trappen said. "I think we have one of the better and bigger boxes available."

South Central Community Action Partnership services are based on need. For food service, organizers like to see how many people are in the household and how much their income is. However, if a worker has been injured and is not receiving the income, they may also be eligible.

South Central Partnership has three bilingual people in the food program and 12 through its three offices. About 30 percent of the people they help are Hispanic.

One of the biggest changes Trappen would like to see is the grocery tax removal.

"Where we are eighth in the nation for food insecurity. Other places do that remove the grocery tax and (fit) would really help," she said.

Becky Bonnett, business

manager of the Salvation Army said that while they do get milk donated once in a while, space and storage of items requiring refrigeration would mean higher costs, and that is something that is not yet freezable.

"We provide Hamburger Helper, tuna, canned chicken, soups and vegetables," Bonnett said. "This time of year we get fresh potatoes and bread. It's a little higher on carbs, but it fills you up."

Bonnett said that the Salvation Army gave out an average of 168 boxes a month to families in 2006. All the families have to do is present valid picture identification, a Social Security card for everyone in the house and show income for the last 30 days. If they are not a transient, then they also must show a current utility bill.

The Salvation Army also serves lunches at noon Monday through Friday to anyone. All they have to do is sign their first names. Last year, they fed an average 2,066 people per month in the lunch program. About 22 percent of the people who obtain food help are Hispanic, and overall, about 30 percent receive food and other assistance, such as utility help. While there is a bilingual person at its thrift store, those seeking other assistance and who don't speak English must bring in their own interpreters. That's where the Salvation Army helps people who speak many languages and are from other countries, such as Russian and the Philippines, Bonnett

said.

Regardless of who the people are, those traveling through town, or those simply trying to make ends-meets-ends like high medical bills or similar circumstances can weigh in on a person's income, and that's where food assistance programs come in.

According to the NCLR report, many eligible Latinos are not participating in these programs, due to lack of communication and information. However, Twin Falls' Bonnett is striving to change that.

"I've actually helped get Latinos in that attend CSI," she said.

She's been working with Monica Kessel, who works at CSI, and the CSI senate in hopes of helping Latino students get a more comfortable start at their college careers and lives in general.

"The younger people who are going to school and working, unless they've been raised in that atmosphere, they don't know we're here."

That was also a concern in the NCLR report, which recommended "... more outreach to, and more involvement by, community-based organizations serving the Latino community."

"And that is precisely what people like Bonnett are trying to do."

"It's all about getting the information out. Working together to help others and helping them with their current crisis situation," she said. "If you don't know where to go for help, how are you going to get it?"

A nine-disc passport to the land of Almodovar

The Washington Post

Watching a Pedro Almodovar movie is like seeing a great graphic novel come to life. His camera angles are often inventive, providing the viewer with a telling perspective that reveals more than a character's setting — or sometimes merely providing a bit of visual comic relief from a dark drama. His stories are populated with over-the-top characters — junkies, murderers, prostitutes, transvestites, predatory priests, writers, performers, some straight, some gay, all in intriguing situations. It's a surreal world, yet because of Almodovar's sure touch as a director and his ability to get actors to believe in the lives they're inhabiting, it's a very real world.

The nine-disc "Viva Pedro: The Almodovar Collection" (\$17.95) from Sony Pictures Classics is an excellent passport to that witty, campy, involving land. It contains eight of the Spanish director's best films, two of which — "Viva Pedro" and "Deconstructing Pedro" — are new to DVD. All are in Spanish with English subtitles. Three excellent features are included as well: "Experiencing Almodovar," "Viva Pedro" and "Deconstructing Pedro." Added, albeit small, touch is a set of eight well-designed Almodovar postcards.

Perhaps his best-known film, "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" helped bring Almodovar to the attention of audiences in the United States in 1990. Its excruciating plot centers on a jilted movie actress (played by Carmen Maura) trying to contact her former lover. With mental breakdowns, pregnancies, Shiite terrorists and vengeful exes, it's the stuff of melodrama, but the tone is light, the dialogue arch, the

colors bright. There's drama, but it's fun, and not just because of Antonio Banderas's very '80s hair and pants.

Also in the set: "Law of Desire," a comedy-drama about Pablo, a movie director in love with the blue-collar, hair-shirted Antonio (played by Banderas). "Talk to Her," an intimate story of two men caring for two women who are in comas and how the foursome's lives are entwined. It won a César for Best Original Screenplay.

"Matador," a study of perversion, with a matador named Diego and a criminal named Maria, both of whom enjoy violence a little too much. It stars Banderas and Assumpta Serna. "All About My Mother," very much a woman's film, with its exploration of female vulnerability and solidarity. It stars Penelope Cruz, Cecilia Roth and Marisa Paredes and won an Oscar as 1999's Best Foreign Language Film.

"Bad Education," the story of a filmmaker (Eduardo Marín) and an old school teacher (Cecilia García Berrio) who has written a book based on their past. In it, a drag performer (also played by Berrio) tries to blackmail a predatory priest. The book provides inspiration for the filmmaker, but then the priest shows up, and the story goes in unexpected directions.

"The Flower of My Secret," a romantic comedy centering on Leo, a writer with an often absent husband. It stars Paredes and Juan Echanove.

"Live Flesh," another tale of seemingly random events that prove to be connected.

Upcoming book yields a wealth of Hispanic data

HOISE — The second edition of the Hispanic Profile Data Book for Idaho will be unveiled Feb. 8 during the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs Legislative Reception at the State Capitol in the Gold Room. The event will begin at 4 p.m.

This second edition of the Hispanic Profile Data Book for Idaho is useful for state and local policy-makers, community members, program plan-

ners and evaluators, business and industry representatives, grant writers, educators, health care providers, researchers and anyone interested in learning more about the unique needs and issues facing Hispanics in Idaho, the commission says.

For more information on this project, contact ICIAA office at 334-3776 or visit <http://www2.state.id.us/icha/news/profile.asp>.

AT THE FILM FESTIVAL

Mexican actors Gael Bernal Garcia, left, and Diego Luna pose for photographers during a news conference for their upcoming documentary film festival called, "Ambulante," in Mexico City, Monday.



Richardson once straddled Mexico's rich, poor divide

MEXICO CITY (AP) — White House hopeful Bill Richardson's friendship with Ernesto Miranda began when the boy in tattered clothing, carrying two buckets, knocked on the door of the Richardson family's sprawling Mexico City estate to ask for water.

"Billy" asked him to stay and play. Every afternoon after that, Ernesto would drop his schoolbooks off at his family's hovel of volcanic rock, corrugated metal and cardboard, then race to the nearby hacienda to stage cowboy shootouts in the flowery gardens or bat around baseballs with the son of a wealthy American banker.

Throughout the 1950s, Ernesto and Billy shared their separate worlds, straddling Mexico's deep divide between rich and poor.

It was a profound, formative experience for the future Democratic presidential contender, whose father was an international banker from Boston and whose mother was Mexican.

"My father was very proud of his American son, and my mother was very proud of her Mexican son. Their pride was passed down to me, and I grew up honoring both the United States and Mexico," Richardson wrote in his biography, "Between Worlds: The Making of an American Life." The Democratic candidate

did not respond to The Associated Press' request seeking comment on the friendship, but his campaign spokesman, Paul Shipley, confirmed that Ernesto was a childhood friend.

Billy's father, William Blaine Richardson, the Mexico City manager of First National City Bank of New York — today Citibank — sent his Mexican wife, Maria Luisa Collada, to give birth in Pasadena, Calif., preventing any questions about his son's U.S. citizenship.

"Billy" lived in Mexico until the age of 13, when he left his father to attend school in the U.S. By then, his childhood had already shaped him personally and politically.

NEW COACH

Former Mexico coach Ricardo La Volpe, shoots to his official debut with Argentina's Yoel Sarsfield, during a Libertadores Cup soccer game against Uruguay's Daballo in Buenos Aires, Jan. 30. At right: Daballo's coach Gustavo Matosas.



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Senate foes of Bush troop buildup join forces

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Two senators — a Republican and a Democrat — leading separate efforts to put Congress on record against President Bush's troop buildup in Iraq joined forces Wednesday, agreeing on a non-binding resolution that would oppose the plan and potentially embarrass the White House.

Sens. John Warner, R-Va., and Carl Levin, D-Mich., had been sponsoring competing measures opposing Bush's

strategy of sending 21,500 more U.S. troops to the war zone, with Warner's less harshly worded version attracting more Republican interest. The new resolution would vow to protect funding for troops while keeping Warner's original language expressing the Senate's opposition to the buildup.

Levin replaced Warner as chairman of the Armed Services Committee when the Democrats took control of the Senate in January. Their resolution could well gain more support from members of both

parties than their separate resolutions had been attracting. It lacks language saying the troop increase is against the national interest, and it drops an earlier provision for Warner suggesting Senate support for some additional troops.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he wants to begin debate Monday on the new measure, bypassing committee review. Levin's original resolution would no longer be considered unless offered as an amendment.

"I believe we have a better chance now" of passing a resolution against the president's plan, said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

The resolution is likely to pose a threat to the White House because of its potential appeal to Republicans who have grown tired of the nearly four-year war and want a chance to express their concerns. The White House has been hoping to avoid an overwhelming congressional vote criticizing Bush's handling of the war.

"It's been a hard work in progress," Warner said of his

resolution, which has been struggling to win support of 60 senators so as to prevent a filibuster.

The agreement comes as several leading Republicans who support the troop buildup said they will give the administration and the Iraqis about six months to show significant improvement. Many other Republicans say they are deeply skeptical additional troops in Iraq, rather than a political settlement, would help calm the sectarian violence.

The widely unpopular war has led to the deaths of more than 3,000 U.S. troops and is blamed for GOP losses in the Nov. 7 elections that handed control of Congress to the Democrats.

The House had planned on waiting for the Senate to vote as a way of testing the waters for Republican support of such a resolution.

But according to a Democratic aide, the House may begin the process next week with a committee review. That would set the stage for a House floor debate the week of Feb. 12.

From Gore to DiCaprio, 'carbon neutral' is all the rage

By John Leicester
Associated Press writer

PARIS — It's a trend that counts Leonardo DiCaprio, London cabs and Al Gore among its followers: making life "carbon neutral" by tree planting and other environmentally friendly efforts to curb emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide.

The theme is a hot one as scientists in Paris this week prepare to issue a major report on global warming, but critics say the movement is counterproductive, even a scam.

"The practicalities of offsetting carbon dioxide emitted when flying, driving cars, even getting married are increasingly simple.

A growing array of companies offer to calculate how much carbon dioxide such activities give off and how much money should be given to projects that, in theory at least, will reduce emissions by an equivalent amount somewhere else in the world. It can be done in minutes online, paid for by credit card.

Opponents say offsetting gives people the mistaken impression they can keep on polluting or that such individual efforts can solve global

warming, when much more fundamental change is needed.

They also warn that offsetting companies lack oversight and transparency and that the environment would be better served by people reducing their own pollution and demanding that governments end the use of carbon-producing fossil fuels.

The carbon neutral trend "tries to make money from tapping into consumers' guilt," said Jutta Kill of SinksWatch, an environmental group that monitors such projects.

"It's worse than doing nothing... Those who are in a role-model function like Al Gore do not do the movement for office.

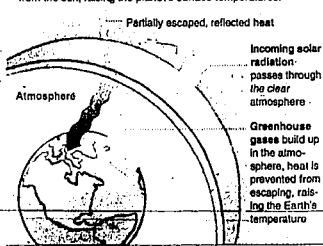
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In 2005. It said it would offset emissions by investing in renewable energy projects in Sri Lanka and Bulgaria and forests in Britain and Germany for a cost of about 100,000 pounds per year (7151,000; US\$195,000 at today's rates).

Since then, the company says it has won new contracts worth 2 million pounds (73 million; US\$3.9 million) from

clients attracted by its green credentials.

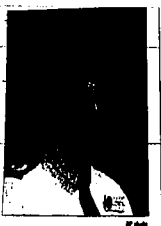
"The cabs still have an impact on the environment," said Michelle Niman, head of marketing. But "it's the best that you can do at the moment as far as taxis are concerned."

Climate Murtel's online "CO2 calculator" works out that a round-trip taxi to London flight for one person in econo-

my class produces 0.22 tons of carbon dioxide. It says the best thing is to take the train but if flying is unavoidable, the fledgling French company suggests contributing 74.09 (US\$5.31) to two projects it funds. One provides Eritrea with stoves that burn less wood. The other helps maintain a plant near Sydney, Australia, that captures greenhouse gas from rotting trash at an adjacent landfill and burns it to power electricity-producing turbines.

Eric Parent, an engineer who quit a steady job in waste management to start up Climat Murtel last June, says polluting without offsetting could become as frowned upon socially as littering in public.

"It remains socially very acceptable to vacation on the other side of the world or to travel for a weekend to another country in Europe on a low-cost airline," Parent said in a telephone interview. "Growing awareness of global warming and the fact that we, as individuals, can now compensate for our emissions, which was not the case four to five years ago, will, in my opinion, make traveling without compensating far less acceptable."



Assistant Chief Constable David Shaw speaks at a news conference in Birmingham, England, Wednesday, after counter-terrorism police arrested nine men in an alleged kidnaping plot.

Britain uncovers kidnap plot

By Rob Harris
Associated Press writer

BIRMINGHAM, England — Police foiled a major kidnaping plot, the first of its kind in Britain, with the arrests Wednesday of nine terror suspects who reportedly planned to torture and behead a British Muslim soldier and broadcast the killing on the Internet.

The alleged plot, said by British media to mirror the brutal executions of foreign hostages in Iraq, was in its final stages and uncovered during a six-month surveillance operation by anti-terror officers in the city of more than 1 million in the heart of England. The arrests came in a pre-dawn raid on homes and businesses in several Birmingham neighborhoods, which were mostly Pakistani.

"The threat from terrorism remains very real," said Assistant Chief Constable David Shaw, who would not confirm reports from the British Broadcasting Corp. and other media outlets that the intended victim was an army soldier to be killed in an "Iraqi-style" execution and broadcast on the Internet.

Britain has been at the heart of several thwarted alleged terror plots, including a scheme by a British Muslim to blow up the New York Stock Exchange and other landmarks, and a plan by Muslim extremists to use liquid explosives to blow up as many as 10 flights between the United States and Britain.

But the Birmingham kidnaping plot raised fears that a new type of terrorism has reached Britain, one which uses individual victims to send a message through kidnapings and publicized beheadings. Although the motive in the new plot was not disclosed, the announcement coincides with other indications that young British Muslims are becoming increasingly angry over this country's involvement in the American-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the U.S. detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The four British Muslims who attacked London's transit system in Europe's first suicide bombings had expressed rage over Britain's role in the attacks.

Their attack at rush hour on July 7, 2005 killed 52 people.

Chavez gets unprecedented powers in Venezuela

By Fabiola Sanchez
Associated Press writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez was granted free rein Wednesday to accelerate changes in broad areas of society by presidential decree — a move critics said pushed Venezuela toward dictatorship.

Convening in a downtown plaza in a session that resembled a political rally, lawmakers unanimously gave Chavez sweeping powers to legislate by decree and impose his radical vision of a more egalitarian socialist state.

"Long live the sovereign people! Long live President Hugo Chavez! Long live socialism!" said a National Assembly President Cilia Flores as she proclaimed the "enabling law" approved by a show of hands. "Fatherland, socialism or death!" he promised.

The law gives Chavez, who is beginning a fresh six-year term, more power than he has ever had in eight years as president, and he plans to use it over the next 18 months to transform broad areas of public life, from the economy and the oil industry in particular, to "social matters" and the very structure of the state.

"This critics call it a radical lurch toward authoritarianism by a leader with unchecked power — similar to how Fidel Castro monopolized leadership in Cuba.

"If you have all the power, why do you need more power?" said Carlos Gonzalez, a high school teacher who paused to watch in the plaza, calling it a "media show" intended to give legitimacy to a repugnant move. "We're headed toward a dictatorship, disguised as a democracy."

Hundreds of Chavez supporters wearing rally party red gathered in the plaza, waving signs reading "Socialism is democracy," as lawmakers read out passages of the law giving the president special powers to transform 11 areas of Venezuelan law.

The people of Venezuela,

not just the National Assembly, are giving this enabling power to the president of the republic," congresswoman Iris Varela told the crowd.

Vice President Jorge Rodriguez publicly ridiculed the idea that the law is an abuse of power and argued democracy is flourishing. He thanked the National Assembly for providing "gasoline" to start up the "engine" of societal changes.

"What kind of a dictatorship is this?" Rodriguez asked the crowd, saying the law "only serves to slow democracy and peace."

"Dictatorship is what there used to be," Rodriguez said. "We want to impose the dictatorship of a true democracy."

After the vote Wednesday, Chavez remained out of public view but announced plans for a news conference today at the presidential palace.

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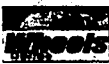
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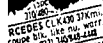
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF IDAHO PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL PORK BOARD

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2008 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Twin Falls Extension Office at 246 31st Ave. All Idaho pork producers are invited to attend. Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and/or participate in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring a sales receipt proving that hogs were sold in their name and the checkoff deducted. For more information contact the Idaho Pork Producers Association at 208-898-0454.

PUBLISH: February 1, 2007

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-06-5996
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY G. STROUD, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 barred forever. Claims must be presented to Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, Attorneys at Law, P.O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0525, and filed with the Court. Dated this 27 day of January 2007.

By: Connie Mae Smith
 Personal Representative.

PUBLISH: January 18, 25 and February 1, 2007

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Case No. CV-07-107

A Petition to change the name of Gaven Lylo Hurd, born September 15, 1989 in Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 2092 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Gaven Lylo Hurd, because parental rights have been legally terminated. The child's father is living and his address is 11864 Highway 75 South, Halley, Idaho 83333-5106. The child's mother is living and her address is 5B-WCC Unit 2, 13200 N. Pleasant Gateway Rd., Kuna, Idaho 83634. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 1, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change. Date: 01-09-07
 By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Twin Falls School District #411, Twin Falls, Idaho will receive sealed bids for supplying Construction Paper Supplies for the 2007-2008 school year until 10:00 P.M., February 15, 2007 at the School Administration Building, 201 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The list of supplies and conditions may be obtained from the School Purchasing Agent at the School Administration Building. The Board of Trustees for Twin Falls School District #411 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all informatics.

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411
 By: Michelle Lucas, Clerk of the Board

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 06-28998 Doc ID # 000090743702005N
 Title Order No. 6611130 Parcel No. RPT000103802A

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 05/31/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) and the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/31/2005 as Instrument Number 2005-00612 and executed by Jeffrey Wayne Sanborn, and Nanette K Sanborn, husband and wife, as Grantors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, Inc., as Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho, Lot 3 in Block 3 of Villa Vista subdivision No. 2, according to the official plat thereof filed in Book 11 of plats at page(s) 9, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-115, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 138 Cordova Ave, Twin Falls, ID 83301-8008 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the time in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust, the default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 10/01/2006 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.25% per annum, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$90,164.97, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said real property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-10604(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 01-24-07. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A. 1757 Tapo Canyon Road, Suvco, San Mateo, CA 94068-0821 Phone: (866) 281-8218 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Sheila Swanson, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 815641 01/25/2007, 02/01/2007, 02/08/2007, 02/15/2007

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 2897

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, VACATING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AND THE VESTING OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SO VACATED.

WHEREAS, R.G. and Deann Messersmith and Bob and Barbara Williams Family Trust dtd 12/06/93 have made application for vacation of property located on Lot 16, Block 1, Villa Vista Subdivision, #4, for a total area of 4400 sq. ft. in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing on or requested by law on the 29th day of August, 2006, to consider the vacation of the real property below described;

AND WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has made recommendations to the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing to consider the same matter on the 29th day of January, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO:

SECTION 1. That the following described real property be and the same be hereby VACATED:

ATTACHMENT "A"

A portion of land located in SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 28 Township 10 South, Range 177 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho to be vacated being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 16, Block 1, Villa Vista Subdivision No. 4, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 16 of Plats Page 14, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho

SECTION 2. That the real property by this Ordinance vacated be divided among the adjoining property owners in the portions here-below described and that deeds be issued to the persons named below:

NAME: R.G. and Deann Messersmith and the Bob and Barbara Williams Family Trust dtd 12/06/93
 ADDRESS: 2705 Sun Meadows Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301

PROPERTY: Lot 16, Block 1, Villa Vista Subdivision, #4, for a total area of 4400 sq. ft.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk immediately upon the passage and publication of this Ordinance as required by law certify a copy of the same and deliver and equated copy to the County Recorder's Office for indexing and recording.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, January 22, 2007
 SIGNED BY THE MAYOR January 23, 2007
 Mayor: Lance W. Clew
 ATTEST:
 Deputy City Clerk

PUBLISH: Thursday, February 1, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 06-31996 Doc ID # 0000907092005N
 Title Order No. 6612115 Parcel No. RPT000103802A

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 05/31/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 11/27/2002 as Instrument Number 2002-025112- and executed by Timothy Littleton, an unmarried man, as Grantor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 512 8th Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the time in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 10/01/2006 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 10.25% per annum, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$62,248.75, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said real property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-10604(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 01/16/07. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A. 1757 Tapo Canyon Road, Suvco, San Mateo, CA 94068-0821 Phone: (866) 281-8218 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Charisee Avary, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 821271

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

The following Applications have been filed regarding the public waters of the State of Idaho, Twin Falls County.

Application for Permit No. 47-8320
 CITY OF KIMBERLY
 PO BOX 2
 KIMBERLY ID 83341
 Point of Diversion: NESW/N, S28, T10S, R18E
 Source: GROUND WATER
 Use: 101 TO 123
 MUNICIPAL (0.28 CFS)
 Date Filed: 08/03/1992

Application proposes appropriating 0.28 cfs for municipal purposes within the City of Kimberly service area. The water is proposed to be diverted from an existing well located within 2' located near the intersection of Maximo Lane and Red Wood Lane within the City of Kimberly.

Application for Permit No. 47-17435
 CITY OF KIMBERLY
 PO BOX 2
 KIMBERLY ID 83341
 Point of Diversion: SWSW, S21, T10S, R18E
 Source: GROUND WATER
 Use: 101 TO 123
 MUNICIPAL (3.35 CFS)
 Date Filed: 09/15/2006

Application proposes appropriating 3.35 cfs for municipal purposes within the City of Kimberly service area. The water is proposed to be diverted from an existing well located along the north edge of the Kimberly City Park.

Application for Permit No. 47-17314 in the name of RAYMOND R. & PEGGY M. HACKLEY, 4126 N MEADOW RIDGE CIRCLE, TWIN FALLS ID 83301 was Amended on 01/06/2007 to change the proposed Point of Diversion to the NWNESE, S01, T10S, R17E. Waste Water Tertiary To Sinks will be diverted from 03/16 To 03/16 For DCMSTC usage. The water will be the NEWN, Lot 3, S01, T10S, R17E. This application proposes to divert one inch of water through a gravity pipeline for the irrigation of existing trees within the Hackley home. The trees have historically received flood runoff from land just west of there, but that land is being subdivided. With field runoff expected to cease a new water supply is needed to preserve the trees. The property is located 2 1/4 miles east and 1 7/8 miles north of the north five points intersection in Twin Falls. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For specific details regarding an application, please contact IDWR, Southern Region, 1241, Fremore St, Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID, 83301 on a before file of \$25.00 for each application or on profile 2/22/2007. The proponent must also send a copy of the project to the applicant.

Davo Tuthill, Interim Director
 PUBLISH: In the Times News on 2/1 A 28/07

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the emergency response plan for chemical accidents developed for the Twin Falls County Area, and extremely hazardous substances...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No.: ID06-69525-FN; Loan No.: 80663556 On 4/27/2007 at 11:00 AM...

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411
By: Michelle Lucas, Clerk of the Board
PUBLISH: January 25, 2007
February 1, 2007

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INVITATION TO BID
CONCESSION STAND OPERATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Jerome Recreation District...

Bid packets are available at the Jerome Recreation District Office at 2300 Main Street, Jerome, Idaho 83338...

Bids must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. February 15, 2007, to the Jerome Recreation District Office...

BID PROPOSAL
CONCESSION STAND OPERATION
The Jerome Recreation District reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion of all bids and to waive any technicalities...

Gary Weir
Director
Jerome Recreation District
Jerome, Idaho 83338

PUBLISH: January 25 and February 1, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. I will sell and convey to the highest bidder...

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1 & 15, 2007

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On May 18, 2007, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho...

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ACTIVITIES
TWIN FALLS
Part-Time Activities Assistant

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FOUND dog at Burley, Colby, black and tan, wearing collar # 132-4090
FOUND Gorman Short-horned cow in North Park, Idaho...

FOUND Lab, yellow male, around Jan. 16, '06 near 100 S. 2nd St. Burley, Wearing black collar, 208-431-1428.

FOUND Lab/X puppy yellow, male w/ired collar. Found at Wells Fargo parking lot on Addison, Call Mike at 208-733-3535.

FOUND Min Pin in the Flupert area. Please call to describe. Call 208-436-1933.

FOUND Prescription glasses on the corner of 5th Ave and Blue Lanes. Call 733-1511.

LOST cat, gray & white long haired female - In-Weirdo. My best friend! Reward: 938-2752.

LOST Cocker Spaniel pup in only east of Rupert. Red, white, months old. If found, please call 208-436-4522.

LOST female Calico cat, 2 years old, hair sweater to 'Ally, Fairview Vet. Hospital on Bull, 208-436-4522.

LOST Lab Border Collie lab cross, all black, neutered male, approx. 2 miles SW of Rupert on 152027. Silver and black color, no tags. Answers to queries: 208-539-0989.

LOST Mini Schnauzer 3 year old, black & silver. Wearing blue collar wired radio tag but no license tag. Lost at 112 E 11th, Burley. Reward: \$500. Call 208-733-3535.

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LOST Redbone Coonhound, South of Twin Falls on 3200 North, 208-733-1511. He has no collar. Let us hear from you. Call 208-734-0394 or 308-7560.

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Small friendly home environment. Openings available. ICCP and CPR certified. 423-4936.

200 Employment
CONSTRUCTION
Concrete Laborers & Truck Drivers. Twin Falls area. Pay DOE. Call 208-312-1833.

200 Employment
CONSTRUCTION
Job Superintendent: Commercial Project starting soon. Respond to J.S. P.O. Box 181 Clackamas, OR 97015.

200 Employment
CONSTRUCTION
Lead Foreman needed. Experience in metal framing & concrete. Wages DOE. Apply in person at 53 N 200 W Jerome. Call 208-324-3427.

200 Employment
CONSTRUCTION
Wanted Mechanic/Oiler for busy excavating company. Pay DOE. Drug Free company benefits. Call 208-334-4510.

200 Employment
DENTAL
Front Office Receptionist needed for busy dental practice. Exp preferred but will train the right person. Bilingual a plus. Please forward resume to develop and manage grass in grazing program. Must be excellent references. Fax resume to 401-487-4240 or email resume to 234@hotmail.com.

200 Employment
DRIVERS
Burley, Paul and, Twin Falls. Class A CDL DRIVERS needed. Part or Full-time year round local hauling. Home every night. Benefits include medical, 401k vacation. AG Express 208-872-4025; 208-439-8888 or 208-733-8857.

200 Employment
DRIVERS
Class A CDL Concrete Truck Drivers. Experienced or willing to train. Excellent benefits. Health insurance and 401k. Apply at Kloepper Inc. 751 Medrona St. S. Twin Falls, ID. 505 E. Ellis In. EOE.

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DRIVERS
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200 Employment
CAREGIVER
Caregiver needed for Curry Retirement. Estimating a caregiver in assisted living facility. Nights 12-8. Starts 8/30/06. Lora 734-0626.

200 Employment
AGL
Arla G. Lott
257 S 100 E Jerome, Idaho

200 Employment
DRIVERS
Pat McKay 208-734-8645 or call in person 640 River Ave W, Twin Falls, ID. 83301

200 Employment
FEEDLOT
Local area feedlot is looking for Full-time Experienced Feed Truck Operator. Salary DOE. Please call 308-8474 Mon-Fri 9 or fax resume to 208-324-2322.

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* Clerical Part-time Permanent * CDL Class A Drivers * Laborer * Housekeeping. Local person, able to place bids & clean. Apply in person on 1411 Falls Ave #24 or call 208-733-9277. See Habib Estajani. New Fun staff! Come & meet us!

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Puzzles by Pappocorn
5 8 1 7
9 3 4
5 6 4 3
3 7 9 6 4 2
9 2 8 9 7
EASY #21
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-10.

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Frames & Concrete workers needed.
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MAINTENANCE
Part-time Maintenance Worker
Electrical, plumbing and general building maintenance exp. preferred. Visit, unrestrictive driver's license required.
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Twin Falls, ID 83301
EOE

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MECHANIC
Experienced Diesel Mechanic needed for Jerome welding company.
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Furniture, Heavy Equipment Shop Mechanic. Must have own tools. Apply in person at 1310 Addison Ave W Twin Falls.

200 Employment

DRIVERS
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MEDICAL
Part-time and PRN help needed.
Please call 208-212-0115

RESTAURANT
Experienced Part-time Server & Part-time Line Cook needed. Apply in person at 628 Lincoln in Jerome.

200 Employment

DAIRY
Relief Call feeder needed. Weekends Call 208-731-8233

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Now hiring Delivery Drivers. Must be 18 yrs or older, Night's and weekends available. Apply at the Jerome Pizza Hut

218 Times-News

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401 School Instruction

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By Henri Arnold and Mike Arghton

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ATQU
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DESEEC
PLUXED

Answer here: _____

Yesterday's Jumble: GULE OCTAVEN TRUANT DELUCE
Answer: What the captain gave the new hotman - "LATITUDE"

(Answers tomorrow)

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Please call Sandra at 582-2458 for interview or send in your resume to Rangen Logistics HR Department PO Box 76 Buhl, 83816 EOE

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602 Homes For Sale

BLISS 3 bedroom 2 bath home, excellent condition. \$70,000.
Call 208-336-1283

FILER Don't Pass This By! 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Dual fireplace, 2000 sq ft, detached 2000 sq ft garage. \$150,500. Call 208-538-7144 or 326-5117

603 Homes For Sale

TWIN FALLS "ONCE IN A LIFETIME" For sale by owner. Newly remodeled - 3 bdrm - 2 bath, 117,500. See below approved valuation. Contact Jim or Alex 208-733-1237.

TWIN FALLS Beautiful 12500 sq. ft. home on 1/2 acre cul-de-sac lot in North Estate location. 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 3 car garage, vaulted ceilings, master suite, formal dining, granite kitchen, hardwood floors, 2 bath. Gas hot water heater. \$269,500.
Call 208-306-1527 or 308-4896

TWIN FALLS Bldg in 2004. North Pointe subdivision in cul-de-sac. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Gas hot water heater. 2 car garage with fenced yard. 12,000 sq ft. \$208,730-4578 or 208-420-1077

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Bob 208-538-5618

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff "You don't have power if you surrender all your principles - you have office."

On today's deal West leads the spade 10 against three no-trump. When declarer ducks in dummy, East wins the king and continues the suit.

WEST ♠ Q 10 8 3 ♥ K 8 ♣ 8 6 3 EAST ♠ K 6 ♥ 9 5 3 2 ♣ 10 7 2

South West North East 2 NT - Pass 3 NT - All pass

BID WITH THE ACES South holds: ♠ A 7 4 ♥ 10 6 4 ♣ K 10 9 8 ♦ A

ANSWER: Did you add up your high cards to eight and consider whether to pass or invite game? That is all well and good, but some eight-counts are more equal than others.

THE OTHER TRAP for the defense comes at Trick one. If dummy plays the spade ace at trick one, East must unblock the spade king under it.

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2. "AFC Championship, New England at Indianapolis," CBS.
3. "American Idol," (Tuesday), Fox.
4. "American Idol," (Wednesday), Fox.
5. "AFC Championship Post Game Show," (10:23 to 10:41 p.m.), CBS.

—From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "Stomp the Yard," Sony/Screen Gems.
2. "Night at the Museum," Fox.
3. "Dreamgirls," Paramount.
4. "The Hitcher," Focus/Rogue.
5. "The Pursuit of Happiness," Sony.

—From Billboard magazine

HOT FIVE

1. "Irreplaceable," Beyonce. Columbia.
2. "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race," Fall Out Boy, Fueled by Ramen.
3. "Say It Right," Nelly Furtado. Mosley.
4. "I Wanna Love You," Akon (feat. Snoop Dogg), SRC.
5. "We Fly High," Jim Jones. Diplomats.

—From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Daughtry," Daughtry, RCA. (Platinum)
2. Soundtrack: "Dreamgirls." Music World. (Platinum)
3. Soundtrack: "Jump In!" Walt Disney.
4. "Corinne Bailey Rae," Corinne Bailey Rae. Capitol. (Platinum)
5. "Convicted," Akon. Konvict. (Platinum)

—From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. Barbra Streisand.
2. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band.
3. The Who.
4. Aerosmith/Motley Crue.
5. Dixie Chicks.

—From Pollstar

VHS RENTALS

1. "Crank," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
2. "The Illusionist," 20th Century Fox.
3. "The Covenant," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
4. "Snakes on a Plane," New Line Home Entertainment.
5. "The Devil Wears Prada," 20th

—From Billboard magazine

VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
3. "Titanic (Full Screen Version)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "The Legend of Black Thunder Mountain," GoodTimes Home Video.
5. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Gallop Video.

—From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Crank," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
2. "The Illusionist," 20th Century Fox.
3. "Jackass: Number Two," MTV Home Video.
4. "The Devil Wears Prada," 20th Century Fox.
5. "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "You: On A Diet: The Owner's Manual for Waist Management" by Michael F. Roizen, Mehmet C. Oz (Free Press) (non-fiction/hardback)
2. "Honeymoon" by James Patterson, Howard Roughan (Warner Books) (fiction/paperback)
3. "Point Blank" by Catherine Coulter (Jove) (fiction/paperback)
4. "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards (Penguin) (fiction/paperback)
5. "Eragon" by Christopher Paolini (Knopf Books for Young Readers) (fiction/paperback)

—From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Daughtry," Daughtry
2. "Corinne Bailey Rae," Corinne Bailey Rae
3. "Begin to Hope (bonus version)," Regina Spektor
4. "Jump In!," various artists
5. "Continuum," John Mayer

—From Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



This image from 'Lost Planet: Extreme Condition' shows one of the many battles between human players and the enemy aliens called Akrid in the new Xbox 360 game.

'Lost Planet: Extreme Condition' looking good on the Xbox 360

BY MATT SLAGLE
 The Associated Press

Simple controls and excellent graphics turn out to be a fun combination in "Lost Planet: Extreme Condition," a new T-rated, \$59.99 video game for the Xbox 360 where deciding what to blow up first will be your only tough decision.

The action is brisk and constant in a science-fiction setting featuring human colonists trying to establish a presence on an unforfeiting ice world. Things are going well until some locals on planet E.D.N. III — a swarm of hulking enemies that look like giant bugs — decide humans aren't welcome.

In typical fashion, the stubborn Homo sapiens aren't so willing to give up, especially once they discover that the killer critters — called Akrid — contain an important new natural resource in the form of thermal energy.

If you can stomach the plot so far you'll have no trouble ignoring what I found to be an extremely confusing story in the single-player mode.

There's a younger man with amnesia named Wayne who tries to

unravel the circumstances of his father's death. It gets fuzzy fast, but this isn't a game you'll enjoy because of its absent-minded hero.

Blowing stuff up, repeatedly, is the real thrill here. Redundant? Yes. But "Lost Planet" manages to spice up the genre with some killer visuals, a roster of powerful weapons and a selection of mighty "Vital Suits" — large robotic battle mechs you can hop into for supreme command of the battlefield.

The high-definition graphics on the Xbox 360 have become commonplace, but games like "Lost Planet" still manage to impress. What's particularly awesome in "Lost Planet" are the battle scenes against the Akrid bosses you'll fight against at the end of each level.

These critters mean business and will take a lot of firepower to bring down.

There isn't whole lot of strategy involved — just target their glowingly obvious weak points — and any experienced console gamer will probably be able to zoom through this title in a few days of consistent play.

Blues in the night

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Every day when Matt Ramsey goes to work, he becomes just Matt, Phil or Chris.

Not unusual for an actor, perhaps, but then again most actors don't paint themselves blue.

Which is exactly what Ramsey, a 1996 Buhl High School graduate, has done on average six times a week for most of the past seven years.

"Yeah, it's fun to go to work," said Ramsey, a member of the New York company of the Blue Man Group, the now-celebrated — but enduringly strange — mixture of theater, concert, sketch comedy and rock 'n' roll that has captivated the world. Since Matt Goldman, Phil Stanton and Chris Wink started performing their act in New York City's Central Park and in shadowy nightclubs in Manhattan's Greenwich Village.

The three characters — identically painted in thick blue makeup and patterned after their creators — are childlike and mischievous, pulling pranks and then standing in awe of the inevitable consequences.

Their antics have turned into a cottage industry: troupes based in New York, Boston, Chicago, Las Vegas, Berlin, London and Amsterdam and touring companies like the one coming to Nampa's Idaho Center on Wednesday (Ramsey isn't with that tour).

"All three are childlike characters," Ramsey said in a telephone interview from his New York-area home. "But the three of them are quite different personalities. And I get to do each of them."

In action, the blue man doesn't speak and his face is expressionless, although there are suggestions of curiosity, surprise,



The Blue Man Group actors still inhabit the characters of their organization's founders, Matt Goldman, Phil Stanton and Chris Wink.



Buhl-bred Matt Ramsey poses in front of the New York City theater where he performs as part of the Blue Man Group.

wonder and embarrassment. The characters communicate through eye contact and simple gestures, act impulsively and incessantly beat a drum.

"Drumming is a big part of the skills you need to be a Blue Man," Ramsey said.

Fresh from earning a degree in vocal performance from Albertson College of Idaho and after a two-year stint with the Boise-based Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Ramsey went to an audition for graduate school at which a Blue Man Group representative was present.

"They called me and asked if I was interested, and I told them my education plans," he said. "So they said, 'Keep in touch.'"

After getting his master's degree from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Ramsey phoned Blue Man and told them he was planning to move to New York City.

"They remembered me offered me auditions and and eventually offered me a job."

Ramsey spent four years with Blue Man in Boston and New York before deciding to try his luck with theater.

"I auditioned for a Broadway show with John C. Reilly as the star, but it hasn't happened yet," he said. "So I went back to Blue Man because I have a wife and a child I have to take care of."

Nearly three years on, he has no desire to do anything else.

"I've gotten to travel all over the world, perform before big audiences, live in Berlin and help open a new show there," he said. "I'm on the training team for new Blue Men, and I've even made a Swatch commercial in Argentina."

Acting wasn't on Ramsey's radar after he graduated from Buhl High and went to Caldwell to college.

"But I had several friends, most of them from Buhl and Twin Falls, who talked me into auditioning for an Albertson College (theatrical production)," he said. "I fell in love with it."

Buhl's Matt Ramsey finds a career in azure antics

Songs sung blue

- **What:** The Blue Man Group will perform in Nampa.
- **Where:** Idaho Center, 16200 Can-Ada Road on Nampa's east end.
- **When:** Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$51.50 and \$77, can be reserved by phoning (208) 442-3232 or online at <http://www.lctickets.com>.

About the Blue Man Group

Experimental musical theater troupe Blue Man Group was founded in 1987 by longtime friends Matt Goldman, Phil Stanton and Chris Wink. Identical in their blue-painted skin, skullcaps and black clothing, the trio soon became a fixture of the New York underground performance art scene thanks to their regular appearances in Central Park, followed by shows at noted East Village spaces.

Equal parts play, concert and sketch routine, the Blue Man Group combined sight gags, physical stunts and audience participation, with members of the front rows given plastic rain ponchos as protection from the hail of paint, food and other assorted projectiles launched from the stage; in early 1991, they premiered their production "Tubes," moving to New York's Astor Place Theater by the end of the year and ultimately winning an Obie Award.

"Tubes" eventually expanded to long runs in Boston, Chicago and Las Vegas; in 1999, the Blue Man Group also issued an album, "Audio," spotlighting its custom musical instruments. Three years later, the trio inked a multi-album deal with Atlantic's sister label, Lava Records. "The Complex," which appeared in April 2003, marked the Blue Man Group's sophomore album — a slick effort showcasing collaborations with Tracy Bonham, Dave Matthews, Dan-Aho Automator and Esthero.

Source: Jason Ankeny, *All Music Guide*

Ramsey's music major, however, was a hedge against not being able to find a job as an actor. In fact — except for the years here, was in graduate school — he's

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 "Alpha Dog"
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 "Smokin' Aces"
 "Volter"

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Jerome Cinema
 "Bachelors and the Invisibles"
 "Because I Said So"
 "Eragon"
 "Night at the Museum"
 "The Work and the Glory 3: A House Divided"

'VOLVER'

Almodovar's woman of substance

BY DESSON THOMSON

Washington Post

For her role in "Volter," Penelope Cruz strapped on a prosthetic derriere to enhance her Mediterranean assets. But as the beleaguered Madrid homemaker at the center of this warmly seductive movie, she gives us

something finer to savor — call it inner voluptuousness.

We know Cruz's external voluptuousness only too well. As soon as the respected Spanish actress arrived in Hollywood, it became her leading commodity — first as Tom Cruise's sex candy, then as Hollywood's go-to sexy foreigner. Her brown eyes and lippy lips were the only things worth noting about her so-so performances in "Vanilla Sky" and "Blow." She seemed to have hit the Euro-babe glass ceiling.

As "Volter" makes radiantly clear, Cruz, 32, can hold an audience's attention through her acting. All she apparently needed was a return to a Spanish-language role. Luckily, filmmaker Pedro Almodovar — who never met a female character, real or in drag, he didn't love — provides that opportunity. As Raimunda, an airport cleaner whose quiet heroics take place at home, she's a subtle revelation. And we remember what we loved about her in films such as 1992's "Belle Epoque" and 1997's "Abre los Ojos"; not just God-given beauty but her canny animation of it.

Her face registers every heartbreak, irritation and disappointment. Her mascara-lined eyes seem perpetually shiny — as if she were the Spanish equivalent of Bey Lichtenstein's teary, comic-book women, though we learn she's no crybaby. We're drawn to this resolute problem solver, who recalls the stoic housewives of such 1950s Hollywood tearjerkers as "All That Heaven Allows" and "Imitation of Life." In



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'Volter'

Starring Penelope Cruz, Carmen Maura, Antonio de la Torre
Rated R for profanity, sexual scenes, drug use and mature themes.

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those classics, the women's seemingly mundane, melodramatic ordeals were symbolic of deeper issues in society — sex, racism and classism — and the characters' determination attained a sort of transcendental glory. In "Volter," Raimunda's courage is just as compelling as she contends with murder, adultery, incest and — in Almodovar's anything-goes universe — beyond-the-grave visits from her dearly departed mother (Carmen Maura).

First-time viewers of Almodovar's films may initially scratch their heads over a film that interweaves the farcical with the affecting, the comic with the disturbing, and ghostly elements with Hitchcockian melodrama. Afficionados of his peripatetic style, however, will note a maturation from his early films (so politically and sexually provocative, so flamboyant and cavalier) to this richer, more thoughtful amalgam of moods and textures.

That deeper sensibility has marked most recent offerings such as "All About My Mother," "Talk to Her" and "Bad Education," in which the Spanish director treats controversial content with a new subtlety and restraint. Where audiences once left Almodovar's movies giggling and shaking their heads in disbelief (a nun addicted to heroin?), they now emerge deeply moved.

There's another sea change in "Volter": Instead of the transgressive characters that were such familiar standbys in so many of Almodovar's older movies, we get women. Lots of them. With the exception of Raimunda's shiftless husband, Papa (Antonio de la Torre), and a few minor characters, the cast of "Volter" is entirely female and, we'd like to emphasize, uniformly terrific. (The women collectively took the top acting prize at Cannes this year; Almodovar's script was also a winner.)

And among them, he creates a charming, even profound intimacy — what might have been dismissed as silly girl stuff at times enraptured bef. Unspoken secrets between Raimunda and her sister Sola (Lola Dueñas) suddenly feel as foreboding as thunderheads, and the machine-gun kisses that neighborhood friend

Agustina (Blanca Portillo) plants on everyone's cheeks are not only amusing, they're testament to her enormous capacity for love. Almodovar's recently discovered gentle touch continues, too: Look beneath the movie's playfully macabre surface and you'll find a paean to household togetherness, inner resilience, and it-takes-a-village camaraderie, as Raimunda enlists everyone she knows to help her, quickly rustle up a banquet for about two dozen hungry guests. But before anyone mourns the demise of Madrid's resident provocateur, let it be said: Almodovar is still one naughty fella. Even in the most poignant scenes, his camera still seeks out gratuitous shots of ample cleavage and well-rounded calves.

This all makes for a deeply entertaining experience that engages our hearts as well as our funny bones. And it's gratifying to see Cruz (who had supporting roles in Almodovar's "Live Flesh" and "All About My Mother") finally get her due. Whether she's tearfully enduring her husband's unwanted advances in bed or breaking spontaneously into the title tune, a passionate flamenco-style number about unexpected encounters with the past, she's always in full song — shattering not wings but preconceptions.

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Movies

Movie nuggets

• **"Arthur and the Invisibles"/No rating.** French film-maker Luc Besson takes his *Cashback* to Lewis Carroll. *Jonathan Swift*, T.J. White, Frank L. Baum and picture books featuring colorful, pointy-eared elves in this glossy, longwinded mix of live-action and animation. 11 hours, 42 minutes. PG

• **"Because I Said So"/D.** Everything about this movie screams out generic chick flick from the forgettable title to the excruciatingly cute ending. In between, director Michael Lehmann runs through a veritable checklist of clichés: There are the unbelievable characters who say and do contrived, sitcommy things. The montages of shopping and furniture rearranging. The gaggle of women glibly discussing their sexual hijinks. And of course, the repeated cut-aways to a cute dog reacting to all this shrill nonsense. Keaton plays the overly medicated, highly emotional mother of three daughters who worries that her youngest (Mandy Moore) will stay single the rest of her life. Naturally she crafts an Internet ad and secretly arranges the girl's dates. Gabriel Macht and Tom Everett Scott play the would-be suitors who are so vastly opposite, it's obvious whom we're meant to root for from the start. PG-13 for sexual

content including dialogue, some mature thematic material and partial nudity. 111 minutes.

• **"Blood and Chocolate"/C.** A man falls in love with a woman ... unfortunately, she's a werewolf. With Agnes Bruckner, Hugh Dancy and Olivier Martinez. Consumer warning: Not prescreened for reviews. PG-13. 1 hour, 38 minutes.

• **"Cats and Release"/C.** Writer Susannah Grant, directing here for the first time, seems to be aiming for the same kind of meaty chick flick she's come up with before in "28 Days," "Erin Brockovich" and "In Her Shoes." Instead this fish-themed romance flaps wildly all over the place — from heavy poignant moments to slapstick comedy, with a healthy dose of soapy melodrama in between. What's worse is that her characters sound like people saying things that were written for them, not real people behaving organically. believably. Jennifer Garner stars as a young woman whose fiancé dies in a boating accident on the eve of their wedding. She's forced to move in to his house with his roommates, played by Kevin Smith and Sam Jaeger, where she learns all kinds of horrible things about the man she loved that she never knew before — which makes her realize she never really knew him, or herself. Garner's character also falls in love with one of the dead fiancé's buddies, played by Timothy Olyphant, which seems im-

About the rating system

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

plausible and kind of crass. PG-13 for sexual content, language and some drug use. 111 minutes.

• **"Children of Men"/B.** In this futuristic, dystopian drama where the inability to procreate has wreaked havoc on the world, the film credits say Clive Owen is the star. Maybe in theory. The movie's most important notable is the camera. Often visually stunning and intricately shot, director Alfonso Cuarón's dark drama boasts the best cinematography of the year. There's guerrilla-style filming expertly capturing terrific stunt work in one gripping car chase. It will take your breath away. R. 1 hour, 49 minutes.

• **"The Departed"/B+.** Martin Scorsese's crackling good adaptation of a Hong Kong thriller. This Boston-set tale of two mules stars Matt Damon as a gangster embedded 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. R. 2 hours, 29 minutes.

• **"Dreamgirls"/B+**

Pretty darn dreamy with a powerhouse debut by "American Idol" reject Jennifer Hudson. In this film version of the 1981 Broadway musical loosely based on the Supremes, Hudson, Beyoncé Knowles and Anika Noni Rose play a 1960s-'70s girl group whose rise to the top is marked by problems. Jamie Foxx is smooth as their Swengali-ish manager, and Eddie Murphy is a funky soul man. The movie's kind like thinking about a great party the next day; nothing specific stands out, but you'll enjoy you had a blast. PG-13 (lan-

guage, some sexuality and drug content). 2 hours, 11 minutes.

• **"Epile Movie"/C**

A parody of films that are large in scope, reputation and/or popularity. With a huge, scenery-gawking cast (including Jack Penn, Crispin Glover and Carmen Electra. Consumer warning: Not prescreened for reviews. PG-13. 1 hour, 51 minutes.

• **"Happily N'Ever After"/No rating.** "Happily N'Ever After" carjacks "Cinderella" and puts her wicked stepmother behind the wheel. While this is comparable to what "Shrek" did to "Sleeping Beauty," the garish and shrill "N'Ever" is no "Shrek." Not even close. 1 hour, 15 minutes. PG

• **"Letters From Iwo Jima"/B.** Clint Eastwood's parallel film to "Flags of Our Fathers" presents the World War II battle on Iwo Jima from the Japanese point of view. Both films are brutal depictions of war with barnages of bomb blasts, bullets and bodies. Both are long, too. "Letters," especially, seems to last forever to eternity. Many critics groups have found the film engaging and meaningful. But after multiple years of multiple Eastwood movies, others might feel finally worn out by his persistently earnest, slow-moving scenes. R. In Japanese with subtitles. 2 hours, 21 minutes.

• **"The Messengers"/No rating.** Kids are elued into the paranormal in this thriller. With Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller, John Corbett. PG-13.

• **"Pan's Labyrinth"/A.** The joy in watching director Guillermo del Toro's wondrous, Spanish-language fantasy is that the film is so many things at once: scary and beautiful, magical and grotesque, downright evil ... and bloody, sweet, vicious, hopeful and bizarre. Though the film features a young girl, a horned faun, winged fairies and the tale of an otherworldly little princess, it's all violently, frightening, B-rated stuff and certainly

not for kids. This isn't "Alice in Wonderland." Relating the tale of a preteen girl who uses her imagination to mentally escape 1940s fascist Spain, it's more like "Alice in Hell." R. In Spanish with subtitles. 1 hour, 52 minutes.

• **"The Queen"/B.** Helen Mirren's performance is the crown jewel in this cleverly written, beautifully acted movie about queen and country. It's 1997. Princess Diana has just died. Queen Elizabeth II (Mirren) and the rest of the apparently clueless royals are reluctant to make her funeral a public event. It's up to her new prime minister, Tony Blair (Michael Sheen), to convince her that Diana's death, if mishandled, could mean the death of the British monarchy. PG-13 (brief strong language). 1 hour, 37 minutes.

• **"Smokin' Aces"/D.** This Tarantino wannabe isn't just pointless, fatuous and crass; it's also dated. Quentin quit making this mod about 15 years ago. A Vegas performer named Buddy "Ace" Israel (Jeremy Piven) is about to rat out his mob pals to the FBI, but a \$1 million bounty on his head brings all sorts of "whacky" would-be assassins to, well, smoke Buddy. As silly as it is blood-soaked, it's the sort of movie aimed at men who don't get out much. But even they deserve better. R. 1 hour, 45 minutes.

• **"Stomp the Yard"/C.** The most entertaining moments in this shot-in-Atlanta melodrama about "steppin' u2009" — a sort of stylized hybrid of dancing and military drilling — come when star Columbus Short, as 19-year-old street dancer DJ, shows out with his best moves. But his by turns soulful and strutting performance isn't enough to elevate the warmed-over script and tired characters in a movie that runs way too long, as it fills with several silly soap opera subplots, while twisting its way around to a cursory touch of social consciousness. PG-13 (a scene of violence, some sexual material and language). 1 hour, 54 minutes.

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"Open Season"
PG

"Open Season" is an amusing if slight excursion into nature with a group of animals who turn the tables on their collective nemeses, the hunters.

Marlin Lawrence is the voice of Boog, a laid-back grizzly bear who follows in the footsteps of animated ursine creatures that go back at least as far as Hanna-Barbera's Yogi Bear and Baloo from Disney's "The Jungle Book," not to mention a certain former Baltimore Orioles first baseman. Boog lives what he

sees as the good life, performing in a campground nature show and sleeping in the garage of a kind-hearted ranger named Beth (Debra Messing), who each night takes him in and sings "Teddy Bears' Picnic" to him. Enter Eli, a lithe, hyper mule deer, who is introduced — three days before hunting season — strapped to the hood of a truck belonging to Shaw (Gary Sinise), a wild-eyed hunter who looks as though he might hang out with crossover enthusiast Ted Nugent.

Boog rather innocently frees Eli, who then attempts to pay him back by rescuing him from the domestic blues afforded by the town of Timberline. Mayhem and misunderstanding ensue and Beth is forced to realize that it's time she released Boog, whom she raised from a cub, back to the wild.

By now, open season has begun so Beth takes Boog high enough up the mountain to presumably be safe from the likes of Shaw. With Eli lost as his running mate; however, that's not a sure thing. Boog does not adapt well to his new environment, butting heads with a gruff squirrel named McSquizzy, who speaks with the Scottish burr of Billy Connolly; a no-nonsense beaver named Reilly (Jon Favreau); a ubiquitous, multipurpose group of rabbits; and Elliot's nemesis, Ian (Patrick Warburton), an alpha deer from his old herd.

Boog quickly decides that the place for him is back in the secu-



Boog the Bear (Marlin Lawrence) and Elliot the Mule Deer (Ashton Kutcher) wreak havoc in 'Open Season.'



Testosterone overflows in 'The Marine.'

rity and comfort of Beth's garage. But the quickly descending hunters and the furry menagerie surrounding Boog conspire to make that easier said than done.

Directed by Roger Allers ("The Lion King") and Pixar alumna Jill Culton, "Open Season" is an amiable, fast-paced kar. Kitchener's wired screechiness riffs nicely alongside Lawrence's cool bass and a raft of well-cast supporting voices and rich visuals fill out the slender story.

— Los Angeles Times

"The Marine"
PG-13

"The Marine," the movie debut of wrestler John Cena, overflows with half-witted one-liners, women in tank tops, big guns, fistfights, explosions dots of explosions, careening cars, and even alligators. In other words, it's like an action movie from the 1980s somehow transported through a bizarre wormhole to the strange future of

2006.



James Franco is gnawing for trouble in 'Flyboys.'

saves some hostages and dispatches a cadre of bad guys. Once home, after being discharged for his actions, he struggles to settle into civilian life.

Taking a road trip, Triton and his wife (Kelly Carlson) stop at a gas station where they inadvertently intersect with a group of loose-cannon jewel thieves led by Robert Patrick (yes, there's a "Terminator" reference). In no time the buddies have kidnapped the wife, taken Triton's truck and, for good measure, blown up the station. From there the presence-deprived Cena works variations of "They've got my wife" and the action becomes a fairly standard chase-through-the-swamp adventure. With explosions.

Directed by John Bonito from a screenplay by Mitchell Gallagher and Alan McElroy, "The Marine" is the kind of reefer-titular Americana that is best seen not on cable or DVD but in some dingy second-run theater. It's not porn, but it's close, rever-

ently following the basic tenets of action filmmaking: lots of slo-mo, hardware fetishism, whip-lash editing with no sense of spatial placement, and that any set worth building is worth blowing up.

— Los Angeles Times

"Flyboys"
PG-13

Just about everything in the video-gamey World War I picture "Flyboys" rings false, although the planes certainly are terrific. The film takes a strong subject, the Americans who volunteered for the French as aviators in the Lafayette Escadrille, and turns it into romantic slush. Good thing Jean Reno's around to give it some flavor: As the real-life Capt. Thénault, the stalwart French actor goes about his experiential business with gruff panache. You believe this man exists in a 1916 universe. Too many of the other, younger cast members are about as 1916 as "The O.C."

In its opening minutes the script of "Flyboys" sets some sort of record for captioned scene-setters. First we're in Aberdeen, Texas, meeting our hero, dispossessed hunky rancher Blaine Hawlings (James Franco). Ten seconds later in Lincoln, Neb., we meet another future flyboy (Philip Winchester), and his scene, farewell to his love, the lady in question executes her contractually stipulated trot alongside the train.

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About the dining guide

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If a 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.

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• **Wok 'N Grill, 1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Almond chicken, Manhattan chicken, Mongolian beef, \$6.50-\$9.50. Wine, Beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Frank and Jackie Sabat, owners: 734-6838.*

• **Woody's, 213 5th Ave. S.** — Chicken strips, hamburgers with fries or tots, Lamb and beef gyro sandwiches, with cucumber sauce on mustard sauce, \$4.95-\$9.50. Wine, Beer. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. *Dave and Kris Woodard, owners: 732-0077.*

Interstate 84 — Steak, seafood, prime rib, espresso, \$4.95-\$17.95. Wine, Burgers, pizza, \$4.95-\$9.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.; *Penny and Courtney Hohnhahr, owners: 530-8688.*

Hagerman restaurant is a worthy destination

BY DAVID COOPER
Times News writer

HAGERMAN — A drive along the Thousand Springs Scenic Byway on U.S. Highway 30 offers sightseers countless views on one of Idaho's most unique experiences. So it's only natural that the Snake River Grill offers a similar journey on its extensive menu.

Whether by air, land or sea, the dishes at Hagerman's Snake River Grill stand as though they belong on an exotic travelogue as much as a dinner menu. Idaho steak and trout, locally raised sterling filets, shrimp and prawns, alligator appetizers and countless chicken dishes are just a few of the possibilities.

It's one of southern Idaho's best food destinations for an eclectic and satisfying dining experience. In the heart of Mountaintop,

Hagerman, just a few miles below the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, the Snake River Grill is 30 miles from the bustle and bustle of Twin Falls. Well-worn travelers, however, are treated the same as local regulars. We came with a Saturday-night reservation for two, but it was quickly apparent that those who drop by are never turned away. An evening at the grill can be one where you relish your own solitude, or meet new friends from around town.

The expanded dining menu is the perfect milieu for trying a new dish. Thanks to a confident suggestion from our server, I chose the rack of lamb marinated with mustard sauce and grilled with brochette (\$20.85). My wife went with the filet mignon — a beef tenderloin grilled with gorgonzola cheese and portini mushrooms sauce (\$19.95). Both entrees came with salad or soup.

If you're like me, you hesitate with lamb because it can be easily overdone, or improperly seasoned. But with a nod of confi-



Restaurant owner and chef Kirt Martin works in the kitchen of Hagerman's Snake River Grill.

Photo by Bob

with-leek bite added a cool sweetness while removing any aftertaste, although there really wasn't much of it in this dish.

The pureed mashed potatoes weren't my favorite. Next time I'd stick with the buttered vegetables. But when eating some of the best tenderloin meat you've ever had, why quibble with side dishes?

About Snake River Grill

At the corner of State and Hagerman, downtown Hagerman — Steak, seafood, entrees (\$13.45 to \$20.85); burgers and sandwiches; appetizers (\$6.95 to \$8.95); Extended wine list, beer. Hours: Mondays, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. *Kirt and Carol Martin, owners: 837-6227.*

Tamar's filet mignon was heavy on the stark flavors of bacon and gorgonzola, but an excellent tasting dish all the same. She couldn't get through half of the tenderloin with rice but delicious flavors.

For dessert we shared a piece of raspberry cheesecake. All desserts are made fresh at the Grill, and the cheesecake packs a sweet punch that's almost worth the trip alone. Raspberry puree, whipped cream and roasted coconut top a cheesecake that's swirled with cream and more raspberry filling. They say it's the journey that's the valuable experience of life, not just the destination. True enough. But the tastes of the Snake River Grill should have me going a little farther next time I'm rolling on the Thousand Springs Scenic Byway.

Still riding the peace train

The former Cat Stevens straddles two worlds

The Boston Globe

NEW YORK — Yusuf Islam is holding court in a Manhattan hotel suite. His handlers are hovering nearby. Yusuf (as he's known professionally) wears the full beard required of Muslim men and simple clothes in soft shades of white. He speaks of divine love and the path to heaven. He's also a pop star, ego very much intact. Yusuf presents a strange mix of savvy and serenity, as if he's straddling two worlds — which he is, and quite eagerly.

At 58, more than a quarter-century after abandoning pop music, the artist formerly known as Cat Stevens is back in the spotlight with a new album, a keen sense of purpose, and little apprehension about returning to the world of publicists, promotional tours, and secular songs.

"Not to be presumptuous, but it seems I was built for this job," Yusuf says. "I've been running a label since 1995. It's kind of below the radar for many people because this is a label designed for the Muslim community. But I've been very active in that field. As far as press is concerned? If you've seen the chaos and hysteria when I entered Turkey for the first time, you would have thought it was Belsenmania all over again. This is very familiar."

Indeed. The lilting folk-pop on "No Other Cup," Yusuf's first collection of mainstream music since 1978, sounds comfortably close to his early work. His warm voice has hardly aged. Despite a more explicit spiritual bent, the artist's sentiments remain essentially unchanged. And the timing of Yusuf's return to the spotlight, during a period of bitter discord between Islam and the West, is no coincidence. As a high-profile Muslim with a distinguished musical legacy and a global audience, Yusuf has set out not



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— Yusuf, formerly known as Cat Stevens

simply to straddle worlds but to build a bridge between them.

"The message that I carry isn't that far away from what I was saying before, but it just has so much more profound meaning today," says Yusuf. "Peace Train" says it all. Came take this country home. Why must we go on hating? Why can't we live in bliss? The perpetual view of man in conflict hasn't stopped, but neither have the people who want to make peace. I feel a responsibility to take steps."

During the last three decades, Yusuf has opened a chain of Muslim schools in London; founded Small Kindness, a UN-registered charity that helps orphans in war-torn countries; and appeared in recent years at benefit concerts for tsunami relief and AIDS awareness. He and his wife, Pawiza Ali, have raised five children. While in New York in

December, Yusuf joined Kofi Annan and the prime ministers of Spain and Turkey for an event marking the Alliance of Civilizations initiative aimed at healing the growing divide between Muslim and Western societies. Earlier this month, he was awarded the Mediterranean Prize for Peace in Naples, Italy.

But Yusuf's humanitarian resume isn't unblemished. The public was outraged when he made comments in the late 1980s that seemed to support Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa calling for the death of author Salman Rushdie; Yusuf has long denied this, claiming that he was simply stating the Koran's position. In 2000 Yusuf was denied entry into Israel for allegedly making donations to Hamas. Four years later, he was en route to the United States when his name came up on a no-fly list; the plane was diverted to Maine and Yusuf was forced to return to the United Kingdom. A media uproar ensued, and Yusuf successfully sued several British newspapers for libel.

"I've been misconstrued, misquoted and misunderstood," says Yusuf, who responds on the new album with a cover of the

Animals' "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood." "It was," he notes, "my wife's idea. She's very smart."

Atlantic Records' president Craig Kallman, who flew to London last year when he heard that Yusuf was recording new songs and personally signed him to the label, says that much of the company's marketing plan for Yusuf in 2007 hinges on successfully reintroducing him to a skeptical public. "I think he's one of the most potent songwriters that's ever been around, but there's no question getting to the root of who he is and moving beyond the veneer of his name and his faith is critical," Kallman says.

Yusuf has traveled to New York for a three-day media blitz and a concert for an invited audience of press and industry insiders at Frederick P. Rose Hall, hosted by KCRW music director and "Morning Becomes Electric"

host Neil Harcourt. Harcourt, a well-known indie-rock tastemaker, had been pursuing an interview with Yusuf for years.

"I don't connect with some of the spiritual stuff, but he sounds amazing," says Harcourt, who has posted a webcast of the Dec. 19 concert and conversation at KCRW.org. "And honestly the fact that he'd been so demonized intrigued me. I thought he should be given a forum."

At the show, his first U.S. performance in 30 years, a slightly stiff but visibly moved Yusuf sings several new songs, among them "Maybe There's a World," which imagines "an open world without borders and wide/where the people move from place to place and nobody's taking sides." He also sings "Peace Train," "Oh, Very Young," and "Father and Son," making for not a few misty-eyed rock critics. He tells Harcourt that "to be what you must, you have to

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KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main Ave. N.

DAILY (EXCEPT SUNDAY)

Burley

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

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 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. 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, FEB. 2

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.

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.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

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Music

KARAOKE CORNER

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from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

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.

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

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. Highway 30. Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland 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 619 Fremont Ave.

Deca

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

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

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.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

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.

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. No cover charge. Red's Bar is on Sixth E. Idaho St.

Times-News

BURLEY — After the Soviet Union was organized in 1920, previously nondescript cities and towns far from Moscow began to grow.

Property-owning farmers were driven off the land, and in the rush to industrialize, the USSR transformed from a rural nation to an urban one.

One such place was Yoshkar-Ola, a small city 585 miles east of the Soviet capital. Up until the Russian Revolution, it had been a sleepy provincial town in a region populated by the Mari, a Russian ethnic minority. But the communist government built factories, utilities, and rail yards, and by the outbreak of World War II it was a city about the size of Anchorage, Alaska.

Yet after the Soviet Union broke up in 1991, places like Yoshkar-Ola began to fade. The new Russian government could not afford to keep inefficient industries alive, and when the factories closed there were few jobs remaining in the Russian hinterland.

Yoshkarlans began to leave en masse, including its modest number of artist-intelligentsia.



Russian-born pianist Alexander Moutouzkine has performed around the world since emigrating.

Among them was a 11-year-old boy who was a piano prodigy.

Alexander Moutouzkine had already won a prestigious prize at a piano competition in the city of Leningrad, but there were few opportunities left for such a youngster in the wreckage of post-Soviet Russia.

Fortunately, he began to win international piano competitions, and at 16 was accepted as a student by expatriate Russian piano teacher Vladimir Krainev in Hanover, Germany.

Moutouzkine has been on the road ever since, and that road will take him to Burley Tuesday night for the third Mini-Cassia Community Concerts event of the season.

Maintaining parallel careers as a student and performer, Moutouzkine has undertaken concert tours of Germany, France, Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan and Italy. Since 2001, he's been a student of Solomon Mikovsky in New York City, where he now lives.

If you go...

• **What:** Mini-Cassia Community Concerts will present a performance by pianist Alexander Moutouzkine

• **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley

• **When:** Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

• **How much:** Admission is by season membership only. Season-ticket prices are \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$110 for families. They're available at the door, or by phoning Paul Lyons at 678-6799 or Susan Tuli at 678-1788.

The 26-year-old pianist continues to tour widely. His recent performances included recitals in Hannover and Magdeburg, Germany; Paris, London; Barcelona; Morocco; Milan; Naples; Vienna; Brussels; and the Czech Republic.

Moutouzkine was an award winner at the Van Cliburn International Piano competition and has performed in both Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

He plays a program of music by Bachmaninoff, Scriabin, Struss, Chopin, Scarlatti, Paganini, Liszt and others.

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE



Universal

John Mellencamp
"Freedom's Road"
(Universal)

John Mellencamp is not Bruce Springsteen.

Granted, he writes colloquially of everyday people and universal struggles. His voice is familiar and comforting. It's an Everyman of a sort, relating to the farmer and the blue-collar worker and the Starbucks barista with equal resonance. Throughout his career, he has come off as honest and earnest. The Indiana singer-songwriter is obviously writing from the heart — and the heartland.

But unlike Springsteen, who has taken on elder-statesman status, Mellencamp's sentiments

often ring half-true. His new record, cloyingly titled "Freedom's Road," is a rosy hodge-podge more focused on catchy hooks than solid stories. "Free-

dom's Road," his first album since 2003's "Trouble No More," is at the very least consistent — almost a meditation on what Mellencamp wants to be in his post-"Jack & Diane" years.

But he's not quite there yet.

To answer the more immediate question, yes, "Freedom's Road," released on Universal, is the home to "Our Country," the song from the Chevy trucks ads played ad nauseam the past months.

"From the East coast to the West coast/Down the Dixie Highway back home/The is our country," he sings. But it's more like this is Mellencamp's country, so much so that his record label was worried about the

singer's pre-release overexposure. Overexposure isn't overexposing record labels typically fret over: An artist's ubiquity is something to be celebrated, at least from the label's perspective.

But in this case, they were right. That ad — revolving around Mellencamp's unerringly patriotic, "This is our country" — has ruined the single. Radio still could plom onto it. But it's difficult to imagine that anyone would want to listen to it after being forced to hear the tune for months in looped television spots.

Good for Chevy, maybe. Bad for Mellencamp, definitely.

— Denver Post

Death by Chocolate

Rotary presents its annual fundraiser

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twenty-five thousand pieces of chocolate.

Consider that figure for a moment: If half the population of Twin Falls — 18,625 people — attended Thursday's Rotary Club of Twin Falls Death by Chocolate fundraiser, they would still have enough chocolate left to feed the population of Jerome.

"And there's a full moon that night too," said Jill Sherman Skiten, chairman of the Death by Chocolate event and a health counselor by profession.

But that's the purpose of the annual fundraiser, which benefits Rotary projects such as Valley House, The Salvation Army, the YMCA and others: wretched excess.

"We have 25 vendors, and each of them is bringing 1,000 pieces of chocolate," Skeem explained. "And some of them are pretty secretive about it."

Those who attend — and 600 did so last year — will have chocolate cake, chocolate brownies, chocolate cookies, chocolate candy and chocolate desserts to choose from. They'll vote on the best entry in each category.

Vendors include Pandora's Bakery, The Cookie Basket, Gerchen's Goodies, Daisy's, Rock Creek, Blue Lakes Country Club, Subway, The Cake Lady, Heritage-Woodstone Living,

What a way to go

• **What:** The Rotary Club of Twin Falls will present its second annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser.
• **Where:** The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls
• **When:** Thursday, 6-9 p.m.
• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door or at Everybody's Business.

Johnny Carino's, Outback Steakhouse, A Wee Croft Kichen, Laurie's Catering, A Cake Boutique, The Ballroom, Cold Stone Creamery and the College of Southern Idaho culinary arts students.

"I started this fundraiser at my old Rotary club (in Massachusetts), and they raised \$27,000 this year," Skeem said.

In addition to the chocolate, there will be a no-host bar, live music by Celtic Fire, a silent auction and a raffle.

Raffle items will include a diamond pendant, private airplane rides, a Harley-Davidson travel package, restaurant gift certificates, gym membership, ski passes, a tanning certificate and various gift baskets.

For more information, call 320-2786.

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give up what you are."

Yusuf is well versed in such transformations. Steven Georgiou, born in 1948 to a Greek father and Swedish mother and raised as a Catholic, became the pop singer Cat Stevens in 1966. Unfulfilled by the trappings of stardom, he spent years searching for a spiritual path. He investigated Buddhism, Taoism, and numerology, but nothing felt right until his brother gave him a copy of the Koran.

That's where I discovered my answers," Yusuf says. On Dec. 23, 1977, the musician converted to Islam, soon

after changing his name to Yusuf Islam, and then — as far as the general public was concerned — disappeared. As far as Yusuf is concerned, "I got a life."

He supported his family with royalties from the Cat Stevens catalog, but it would be more than a quarter-century before Yusuf picked up a guitar again. He explains that while his faith's centuries-old debate about musical instruments doesn't explicitly prohibit them, he steered clear of them mainly "to stay out of trouble" with his religious community. He began recording devotional vocal music in 1995. But it turns out

Yusuf's only son, Mohammed, had quietly, without his father's knowledge, become a Cat Stevens scholar. Then, two years ago while vacationing with his family in Dubai, Mohammed — who's now 21 and planning to release his own album this year — brought a guitar into the house.

"It was strange, but a delight," Yusuf says of rediscovering his musical roots with his teenager. "I discovered a complete wavelength I can enjoy with my son, and I think that's pretty unique. The story I told in 'Father and Son' was quite opposite."

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In New York City, a moneyed and directionless son (Flyer Lubin) embarks on an ocean voyage to fight for his dad's sins. In Marseilles, meantime, an African American boxer, Eugene Skinner (Abdul Salis), lets his manager know he's off to fight for his adopted country. The character is based, loosely, on Eugene Ballard, the first black military pilot. Salis holds the screen in a role that the writers have barely bothered to characterize.

The young men gather in France, and soon the aerial battles with the beastly Hun commence. Conical, weathered American ace Reed Cassidy (Martin Henderson) concen-

trates on downsing his German nemesis, the Black Falcon, the villain who grins that beastly Hun grin before firing. Biggie, meantime, cozies up to one of the locals, Lucrezia (Jennifer Decker), who fears her Yank is about to fulfill the grim three-to-six-week life expectancy of the Lafayette pilots.

Nobody goes to this kind of picture for the romantic complications on the ground. They go for the ~~oooooooooooo~~ and the *cat-a-tat-tat*. Though not lately, audiences have long gone gaga for dating young men in flying machines, whether in the age of "Wings" and "Hell's Angels" or "Top Gun." In the Martin Scorsese picture "The Aviator," the

high points were the "Hell's Angels" re-creations — outrageously artificial-looking in a very artificial way — and the quieter nocturnal glide over L.A. with Howard Hughes and Katharine Hepburn. In "Flyboys," director Tony Bill handles his aerial war well enough. The numerous dogfights, however, are so souped up with digitally composited imagery that the thrills and the machineries themselves end up diminished. And do we need such gimmicks as shots of bombs plummeting toward Earth, photographed from the weapons' point of view? Leave that morally dubious nonsense to Michael Bay and "Pearl Harbor."

— Los Angeles Times

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rarily been unemployed.

"I have a 401(k) and benefits," he said. "Why would I want to be a starving actor?"

The Blue Man roles are physically challenging but always fun, he said. There's a lot of interaction with the audience, plus endless rock 'n' roll pyrotechnics to dazzle the crowd.

"Audiences are different depending where you play," he said. "New York audiences are a little more sophisticated and more demanding, Boston audiences are more fun-loving, and Chicago audiences — well, they've already decided to give a good time before they get to the theater."

Now 34 and expecting a second child later this year, Ramsey still stays in touch with Buhl and those drama-loving classmates of his.

"They're the ones who got me started doing what I love," he said.

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Local

The last song

Lore Crymes band members Brandon Rogers, right, and Dave Easterly pose for a portrait in August in Twin Falls. Lore Crymes, which played last Friday and Saturday, was one of the last bands to play at Woody's, which will no longer book weekly live bands after Feb. 10.



By Nathan Johnson

Woody's pulls plug on live music

BY MATT CHRISTENSEN

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A week from Saturday, a guitar player in a smoky bar will strum the final power chord of the evening. A drummer will crash the cymbals. A bass player will plunk the last thunderous tone, and a singer will wait a final thank-you.

A handful of people will clap, the stage lights will go black, and weekly live music will end at Woody's for good.

For more than a year, Woody's has been the premier Twin Falls venue for fledgling local acts and up-and-coming out-of-town bands. A hand-built stage with lights and a sound system made Woody's the most sophisticated bar venue in town.

But no more.

"The final live act, the Dukes of Ted, is booked for Feb. 10.

While other live-music venues survive in Twin Falls, Woody's was about the only place for blue-collar rock 'n' roll garage bands to please a beer-swilling

crowd. But there simply aren't enough fans to make live music lucrative, owner Dave Woodhead said.

"It just doesn't work," he said. "I suppose the main reason is people are loath to pay a cover charge."

The bar normally charged \$3 or \$4 at the door on live-music nights. The band took the majority of the door charge, plus about \$100 from the bar. Another \$100 and a cut of the cover went to Jeff Coats, a former Woody's performer and the bar's sound-and-lights man.

"Twin Falls needs a place for bands to play," Coats said, "but if you can't make money, you can't make music."

Woodhead said a band needs to make at least \$400 to turn a profit, and Woody's has been collecting only about \$200 in cover charges the past few weeks.

Many Woody's patrons don't enjoy the music anyway, Woodhead said.

"People paid at the door not so much to hear the band but to

suffer through the band," he snorted.

Much to his chagrin, Woodhead this week began karaoke nights on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Colfax Room adjacent to the bar. On Monday night, Woodhead said, there were times when he was the only one in Woody's and all the customers were in the next room listening to karaoke.

"As much as I hate to say it, karaoke sells and live music doesn't," he said. "If I've resorted to karaoke, I'm in a sad state of mind."

Woodhead owned the Lamphouse Theatre, a foreign film house that closed last year.

"If you want live music or foreign films, you'd better go to Boise," he said. "I think I've given up on trying to bring some culture to Twin Falls. I'm just out of ideas."

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Courtesy of College of Southern Idaho

Pianist Mark Neiwirth, left, and lyrical tenor Geoffrey Friedley will present an evening of chamber music Friday.

For an intimate evening, try some chamber music

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sweet melodies make these recital favorites.

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Music Department will present an intimate evening of chamber music with lyrical tenor Geoffrey Friedley and pianist Mark Neiwirth at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Room 119 at the CSI Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission is free, but organizers suggest a \$5 donation.

The recital will feature Franz Liszt's "Sonnets of Petrarch," Beethoven's "Adelaide," Maurice Ravel's "Histoires naturelles" and songs by Franz Schubert and Roger Quilter.

Liszt's "Sonnets of Petrarch" are well-known in their solo piano form but seldom performed in their versions for voice and keyboard. Neiwirth's writing for the voice is close to operatic. His use of the piano is unexpectedly virtuosic and symphonic for the song repertoire.

Ravel's "Histoires naturelles" (Natural Histories) are musical settings of quirky and gently humorous prose poems describing animals in their natural settings. The five movements paint sound portraits of a peacock, a cricket, a swan, a kingfisher and a guinea hen.

Quilter's first set of Shakespeare songs includes settings of two texts from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "As You Like It." The rich harmonies and

sweet melodies make these recital favorites.

Friedley teaches voice, music history and music appreciation at Idaho State University. Previously, he held faculty positions at California State University, Fresno, and Drew University. He has a bachelor's degree in English and trombone performance, and a master's degree in musicology and vocal performance. He has sung in tenor solo parts in dozens of oratorios in New Jersey, California and Idaho and given numerous solo recitals. His operatic credits include roles in "Don Giovanni," "La Bohème" and "Die Fledermaus."

Neiwirth is chairman of the piano department at the Sun Valley School of Music and is an adjunct professor of piano at ISU. He grew up in the Twin Falls area where he studied for six years with his mentor, Teala Bellini. He continued his training at the Hartl College of Music at the University of Hartford and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. He was featured annually for 16 years as concerto soloist with the Sun Valley Summer Symphony as well as serving as principal pianist in the Edgar M. Bronfman Chamber Music Series in Sun Valley.

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