



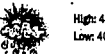
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Fishing for DNA

"It's like 'Jurassic Park.'"

— Kelsey Richards, Filer High School student



Kelsey Richards, left, works with her sister, Kayla, and classmate Ashley Moutton on Wednesday while mixing a DNA sample at Filer High School.

Filer teenagers help researchers study sturgeon

By Matt Christensen
 Times-News writer

FILER — Holding their breath and hunched over delicate lab samples, researchers extract DNA into a pipette. It's carried — very carefully — to the opposite side of the lab where a machine splits the double helix and copies the DNA. The data is fed into a refrigerator-size computer and compiled in a database.

This isn't a scene from the latest whodunit crime show, and these researchers aren't using the DNA to solve a murder. This is a biotechnology class at Filer High School, where students in Ed Richards' and Ken Young's science classes are learning the finer points of DNA research — and lending their teenaged, rubber-gloved hands to a University of Idaho and Idaho Power Co. research team. These juniors and seniors learn about genetics and get real-world forensic-science experience. The research team gets the results. In the late 1990s, scientists at U of I's



A DNA band viewed by Filer High School students with an ultraviolet light.

Watch the students in action
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Iagerman, Fish Culture Experiment Station — in collaboration with Idaho Power and the Bonneville Power Administration — examined Pacific Northwest white sturgeon on the Snake River for genetic diversity.

"They're following up on that study now with the help of the high schoolers. The students remove DNA from recently gathered sturgeon so the researchers can compare the data and learn more about

one of the state's most bizarre fish. First, though, the teachers had to go to school. Young and Richards met with U of I Professor Madison Powell each summer for three years to master genetic extraction.

"They passed that knowledge onto their students during Wednesday's class.

"It's one thing to get students excited about a canned lab experiment," Powell said. "But it's another thing to get them involved in an experiment that no one has an answer to — not even us."

"The students seemed equally thrilled. "It's like 'Jurassic Park,'" whispered Kelsey Richards as she hunched over a machine called a thermocycler.

It's not unusual, some students said, to do high-tech experiments like this one in biotech class. But this time it's for real — the results actually matter.

"That puts a bit more stress on students to get all the steps right, and they're up to the challenge. Besides, it's kind of fun.

"Have you ever watched 'CSI Miami?'" asked smiling Ashley Moutton. "It's just like that."

Scarlet fever spreading in Jerome

School district reports six cases of highly contagious infection

By Blair Koch
 Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome School District now has six reported cases of scarlet fever after an outbreak last week of an unspecified number of students at Horizon Elementary School. Learn more about scarlet fever. See page A3

Jerome Middle School confirmed its first case Wednesday. "We sent letters home with students letting parents know. We've had a lot of the flu going around and you catch scarlet fever the same way," said Assistant Principal Janet Avery. "We are not in a panic or alarmed about the disease going around, but we wanted to have parents aware that it is going around."

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Bush says he can't prove Iranian leaders sent weapons to Iraq

By Terence Hunt
 Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Challenged on the accuracy of U.S. intelligence, President Bush said Wednesday there is no doubt the Iranian government is providing a morn-piercing weapons to kill American soldiers in Iraq. But he backed away from claims the top echelon of Iran's government was responsible.

Bush, at a news conference, also said he would fight any attempt by the Democratic-controlled Congress to cut off money for the war.

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President Bush pauses at a news conference at the White House on Wednesday.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A few more hurdles for the one-mile rule

Bill extending testimony limit passes committee

By Jared S. Hopkins
 Times-News writer

BOISE — The significance of local control is like a mantra in Idaho government. State lawmakers routinely refer to its value

in committees and often use it as the rationale for votes on the floor of the House and Senate.

Jerome County — or at least its commissioners — learned that principle the hard way on Wednesday.

The state Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee unanimously approved a bill that would allow testimony on new confined-animal

feeding operations by people who live more than one mile away.

The bill — which now goes before the full Senate — amends an old law and permits public testimony from "affected persons," which would include nearby businesses, school districts or people with secondary residences. Current law provides for just primary homeowners.

"I just think that it's time we do away with this anomaly in Idaho code," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett. D-Ketchum, who proposed the bill. "The footprint of a CAFO can go beyond one mile, whether it's the dust, the flies, the lights, the odor, the manure on the road."

He called existing law arbitrary.

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'Experience Idaho' parks program skunked by Otter

By John Miller
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — "Experience Idaho" may be a fleeting experience, if Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter gets his way.

Otter isn't backing the state Department of Parks and Recreation's request for another \$6.5 million to continue former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's border-to-border parks improvement program.

Parks Director Bob Meinen presented his 2008 budget request Wednesday to legislative

budget writers, seeking a total of \$47 million. Last year, Meinen's \$63.4 million budget included up to \$26.5 million for Experience Idaho.

But Otter has only recommended \$37 million for the agency that oversees 30 state parks across the state, and his plan includes nothing more to fund Kempthorne's dream of

improving six state parks and building a new one.

Otter is under no obligation to seek money for programs of past chief executives. He's opted instead to dedicate the state's \$200 million budget surplus to other programs, including building nursing facilities at colleges in Twin Falls and Lewiston and a \$38 million scholarship endowment for needy students.

"There are myriad requests and a finite amount of resources," said Jan Hansen, Otter's press secretary. "If Experience Idaho didn't make the cut,"

That means Kempthorne's plans to buy land for a new park in eastern Idaho on the Snake River between Firth and Blackfoot, as well as an ambitious expansion at Eagle Island State Park west of Boise on the Boise River, are now in limbo. Meinen told members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Wednesday.

JFAC members will consider the agency's and Otter's recommendations again on Feb. 26, the day they're scheduled to set the Parks and Recreation budget.

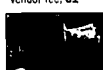
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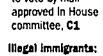
Open meeting law: Idaho Senate to debate proposed changes, C8



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Friday
A chance for a few rain showers	A slight chance for rain	Mostly cloudy with a lingering shower
High 48	Low 40	53 / 32

MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Chance of morning snow showers, changing to rain later. Highs in the mid 40s
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance for rain showers. Lows mid 30s
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and there could be a shower or two. Highs approaching 50.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
 "Culinary Mysteries" presentation, sponsored by the Friends of Jerome Public Library featuring Father Hugh Feiss and Joanne Draper, 7 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, no cost, 324-7544.
 A. R. Gurney's "Love Letters," presented by the Mad Hat Theatre Company, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theatre Recital Hall, Twin Falls, \$10, 732-6781.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
 SIR, Sons In Retirement, all retired men are invited to attend, 1 p.m., Wayside-Café, Heyburn, no dues, 436-4918.

GOVERNMENT
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.
 Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7180.
 Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
 Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 141 Center St. W., 423-4151.
 Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

HEALTH
 SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost for HumanInsured or YMGA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
 College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30-10:11:30 a.m. at Buhi High School, no cost, 732-6475.
 Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive, N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
Deliberate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yarkima and Main, Filer, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.
A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education; this week: Barbiturates, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Rd. (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.
"Advanced Theopathic Counseling," Dr. Sharon Custer, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 2nd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

WEB READER REACTION
On the letter, 'Law didn't protect minor who got a tattoo'
 TAVIS STEEN: "I didn't get a tattoo. The law had nothing to do with it. My parents did. Raise your own kids and keep the government out of it."
For more comments
 Each story published on Magicvalley.com has a link for readers to post comments. Comments are beneath each article.

MINI EDITORIAL
Neighbors important, but so are friends
 Sticking up for a neighbor is one thing, but it doesn't justify sticking your thumb in a friend's eye. Boise Vietnam veteran Edson Anderson did that last week when a British TV crew came to interview his neighbor, an Idaho Air National Guard pilot involved in a friendly-fire incident in 2003 that killed a British soldier in Iraq. "You are going to go mealy sucking your thumb like you did in World War II," Anderson told British TV. "We don't need your damn help. We need your cooperation, that's all we need out of you guys. It's hard even to get that. We know you can't shoot, move and communicate, but we'd sure as hell like to have your cooperation anyway." Wonder if anybody told Anderson that there are 7,200 British troops now in Iraq; and that 855 of them have lost their lives since the allied invasion of the country in 2003?
 —Steve Crane, columnist/author

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

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An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan
 KETCHUM — The Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood will take on the feel of Japan this weekend when the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players present "An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan." NYGASP! as they dub themselves, will present a viewer's condensed version of "The Mikado," one of the most frequently played musical theater pieces in history. Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.
 IN TNT, WITH TODAY'S PAPER



A Twin Falls eating tradition soldiers on
 TWIN FALLS — Even after 90 years in business, the Depot Grill continues to churn out dependably good comfort food.
 IN TNT, WITH TODAY'S PAPER

Three candidates vie for Jerome prosecutor post
 The Jerome County Republican Central Committee has submitted the names of three attorneys to the county commissioners for consideration as the county's new prosecutors.
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Lawmakers approve tags for wolves
 BOISE — Wolves beware: The state Senate Resources and Environment Committee approved a bill Wednesday that would set the cost of hunting tags for wolves at \$9.75, the same as for bear and cougar tags.
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Turf wars erupt at retirement homes
 SAN FRANCISCO — At retirement communities around the country, a rift has opened up between the generation that came of age during the Depression and the one that reached adulthood amid postwar prosperity. They are clashing over dress codes, food, the conversion of tea rooms into coffee bars, and high-monthly fees to pay for the weight rooms, roomier quarters and computer-ready apartments.
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Idaho Senate to debate open meetings bill
 BOISE — An illegal private meeting by the Ada County Commission in June 2005 has sparked a bipartisan bill in the Legislature to clarify when public boards can gather behind closed doors. The measure cleared the Senate State Affairs Committee and will now be debated in the full chamber.
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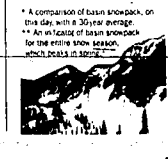
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House panel clears vote-by-mail plan
 BOISE — A bill that would allow many Idaho residents to vote by mail cleared a House committee Wednesday, as both Republicans and Democrats backed a plan they hope will boost turnout in sparsely attended elections.
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Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg. year**
Salmon	75% 52%
Big Wood	67% 49%
Little Wood	61% 42%
Big Lost	61% 41%
Little Lost	73% 47%
Henry's Fork/Jeton	73% 52%
Upper Snake Basin	70% 50%
Oakley	77% 56%
Salmon Falls	67% 48%

As of Feb. 14
 * A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.
 ** An index of basin snowpack for one entire snow season.
 SOURCE: PACS in Boise



NATION/WORLD



Valentine's storm ties up travel, shuts schools
 NEW YORK — Blowing snow and sleet glazed windshields and roads across the Northeast and the Midwest on Wednesday, messing up Valentine's Day flower deliveries and wrecking couples' plans for romantic dinners.
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Libby lawyers rest case in CIA leak trial
 WASHINGTON — Attorneys for former White House aide L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby rested their case in the CIA leak trial Wednesday after a day of legal wrangling over classified information and whether additional witnesses could be presented. Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald called no rebuttal witnesses, ending the testimony phase of the trial.
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Comedian to make run for Senate seat
 MINNEAPOLIS — Al Franken announced Wednesday that he will run for the Senate in 2008, making it clear that the comedian and author of "Tush Net: Limbaugh's A Big Fat Idiot" wants to be taken seriously as a political figure.
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Ancient coin paints new picture of Cleopatra
 LONDON — So maybe Mark Antony loved Cleopatra for her mind. That is the conclusion being drawn by academics at Britain's University of Newcastle from a Roman denarius coin which depicts the celebrated queen of Egypt as a shaptnosed, thin-lipped woman with a protruding chin.
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State Farm: No more Mississippi policies
 Mississippi's largest homeowner insurer said Wednesday it has had enough of the "untenable" legal and political climate and is suspending writing new homeowners and commercial policies in a state still struggling to recover from Hurricane Katrina. A spokesman for State Farm Insurance Cos. said the decision was due in part to the wave of litigation the company has encountered since the storm.
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Waltrip's crew tangled in scandal
 DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Daytona 500 is a week before it even gets started.
 A cheating scandal that had already brought down four teams now has ensnared another — that of two-time winner Michael Waltrip — tarnishing NASCAR's signature race and Toyota's highly anticipated debut.
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SPORTS



Tigers 'steal' win in state opener
 NAMPWA — The Richfield Tigers stole their first-round win in the Class 1A girls state basketball tournament. Literally.
 A truck-load of defensive pressure, which included 21 steals, paved the way for Richfield to defeat the Council Bluffs Jaguars 56-34 at Nampa High School on Wednesday.
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Shoshone earns state win with free throws
 NAMPWA — The Shoshone Indians' first win in the Class 1A state girls basketball tournament didn't come on a wing and a prayer. Rather, courtesy a free-throw man.
 With a one-possession lead over the Wallace Miners, freshman Lacey Kniep went to the foul line for an injured Taylor Assle and sank two free throws and to help put Shoshone over the edge in a 33-29 win Wednesday.
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FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS
 Scaling the walls in winter's chill in Snake River canyon.

Fever

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 Jerome's Horizon Elementary now has four cases of the infection, caused by group A streptococcus bacteria. Another student at Central Elementary caught scarlet fever as well, Avery said.

South Central District Health explained that scarlet fever could possibly spread throughout the Magic Valley.

When a child misses school due to illness, that information is passed along to the health district. So far, the illness has been confirmed in Jerome but it could be elsewhere.

Tom Machala, director of communicable disease prevention for the health district, explained that a few sore throats and fever have been reported in the Richfield and

Scarlet fever facts

- Caused by the same bacteria that causes strep throat.
- Highly treatable with antibiotics
- Sometimes occurs in people that have strep throat. The rash of scarlet fever is usually seen in children under the age of 18. The germ is carried in the mouth and nasal fluids. The best way to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands often and avoid sharing eating utensils.
- The rash first appears as tiny red bumps on the chest and abdomen. It may then spread all over the body. It looks like a sunburn and feels like a rough piece of sandpaper.
- It is usually redder in the armpits and groin areas. The rash lasts about two to five days. After the rash is gone, often the skin on the tips of the fingers and toes begins to peel.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

spread throughout the Magic Valley, Machala said.

"It is just like everything else circulating around," he said. "Take the stomach flu that started three or so months

back and it has been reported across the nation."

As scary as scarlet fever sounds, it is just another form of strep throat and is treated with antibiotics, said Cheryl Becker, epidemiology manager for South Central District Health.

A scarlet rash is usually the most striking sign of the disease. "The rash is described as sandpaper and bumpy," she said. "It is often on the trunk and elbows and usually doesn't spread to the face, although the face can appear flushed. Patients may also get a bright red tongue called 'strawberry tongue.'"

Other symptoms include a high fever of 101 to 104 degrees, chills, headache, sore throat, painful swallowing

and vomiting.

If scarlet fever isn't treated, it can lead to more severe health threats including blood and skin infections.

In the meantime, Jerome educators are trying to keep the disease at bay by educating parents and practicing good hygiene at school.

"We always encourage fre-

quent hand-washings," Avery said. "And if a student is suspected of having the disease or if a parent notices symptoms of scarlet fever, we suggest they seek medical treatment right away."

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Feedlots

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 right to free speech. His sentiment was echoed by nearly a dozen supporters, including representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Idaho Association of Counties, and received bipartisan support.

"We were giving Jerome County a chance to fix their own problem and they didn't," said Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, after the decision.

Stennett proposed a similar bill two years ago, which Corder voted against, but saw it die in the Senate over a tie vote. Unlike the old bill that allowed testimony from the public as a whole, the new version permits only people with direct involvement.

"In 2000 we carried out an exemption from democracy," said Sen. David Langhorst, D-Boise. "We deal with a lot of issues and this is one of the easiest things ever to come before me."

The bill is of particular interest in the Magic Valley, where

controversy has arisen over a possible 18,555-animal operation in Jerome County near the Malheur National Monument that sits just outside the one-mile radius. That application was withdrawn recently, but is expected to be modified and resubmitted.

"It's just astounding. I beg you please, please look at expanding that little bit," said Dean Dimond, who has said the CAFO would be less than 500 feet from his house. "We're not here saying we're anti-ag or anything like that. I make my living farming, working with dairies and everything else, but the effects of this operation are so big it needs to be considered."

Three agriculture groups opposed the bill, including the Idaho Farm Bureau. Its lobbyist, Dennis Tankuni, said the proposal would relieve local control from county commissions.

Another reason the farm groups are worried is because the bill would open the door to

anyone who wanted to speak out about CAFOs.

"Our folks really do try to be good neighbors," said Lloyd Knight, who represents both the Food Producers of Idaho and the Idaho Cattle Association. "I feel as if I should encourage my constituents to put a bumper sticker on their car that says 'livestock producers are people, too.'"

Lawmakers, however, disagreed. They said CAFOs would continue to operate in Gooding and Jerome counties — and essentially blamed the commissioners for not taking action, whether by allowing testimony or amending local laws.

Sen. Lee Heinrich, R-Cascade, who said Stennett's proposal was actually more restrictive, enlisted his support since the commissioners relied on the state to ultimately decide.

"Shame on Jerome County for not taking the initiative that comes with the local control, and now it's up to us to say you

shall permit affected persons," he said.

When told of the committee's decision Tuesday evening, the Jerome County commissioners were supportive.

"I don't have a problem with it," said Commissioner Charlie Howell about the prospect of the bill becoming law. "My defense is that I've only been here for two years, and you don't learn this business in two years."

But when told of Heinrich's comments, Commissioner Joe Davidson said, "Does he live here?... then that's OK... I just want to do the right thing. I don't know what that limit should be, really."

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Iraq

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 "They need to fund our troops and the need to make sure we have the flexibility necessary to get the job done," he said.

The House is expected to vote Friday on a nonbinding resolution opposing Bush's decision to send 21,500 additional troops to Iraq.

The meeting with reporters in the East Room was Bush's first news conference since Dec. 20 and the first since he announced the troop buildup in Iraq. The four-year-old war hangs heavily on his presidency, and Bush's approval rating in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll in February matched an all-time low of 32 percent.

Iran was a dominant theme of reporters' questions because of conflicting statements about U.S. intelligence in Iran and recurring speculation that Bush is looking for an excuse to attack the Islamic republic, which is believed by Washington and its allies to be seeking nuclear weapons.

Defending U.S. intelligence that has pinpointed Iran as a hostile arms supplier in Iraq, Bush said, "Does this mean you're trying to have a pretext for war? No. It means I'm trying to protect our troops."

There have been mixed signals in the administration about Iran's involvement in supplying Shiite groups in Iraq with a particularly lethal type of roadside bombs known as explosively formed penetrators.

Three senior U.S. military officials, at a weekend briefing in Baghdad, said the highest

levels of the Iranian government had ordered the weapons smuggled into Iraq. They based their claim on the belief the weapons are moving into Iraq through the Iran's Revolutionary Guards elite Quds Force.

But Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said later he was not ready to conclude that Iran's top leaders were behind the attacks. Some lawmakers also have questioned the administration's statements.

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A virtual explosion of online education

By Susan Hinkle
Los Angeles Times

After Ben Hathaway's father was called to active duty in the Army National Guard, the 15-year-old had to help his family tend the 130 head of cattle on their 345-acre farm in Leoma, Tenn. Traditional school burned through too many daylight-hours, so Hathaway started taking online classes through Lutheran High School of Orange County in Southern California, about 1,750 miles away.

"Mom was having trouble running the farm by herself," Hathaway, who is taking algebra and world history online, said in a phone interview. "You can schedule everything on your own time. You don't have to sit for six hours a day — you can do some work, go out, play a little on the computer and come back later and do it."

Hathaway, who hopes to be a novelist, is among 1 million to sit for six hours a day, but school student enrollments in virtual schooling across the nation, according to the North American Council for Online Learning, a nonprofit organization for administrators, teachers and others involved in online schooling.

Enrollment, counted as the total number of seats in all online classes, not the number of students, has grown more than 20 times in seven years, and the group expects the numbers to continue to jump 30 percent annually.

To deal with the growth, the University of California is launching an extensive effort to make sure applicants' online high school courses are on par with traditional classroom instruction.

Nearly half the states offer public school classes online, and last year Michigan became the first to require students to take an online course to graduate from high school.

Online learning "is going to reinvent high school in the United States," said Ken Elwell, executive director of Lutheran High School of Orange County, which created

its online school last year. "To keep technology away from kids while they're going to school, when they have it in every other part of their lives — it just doesn't make sense."

But other educators urged caution, noting that teacher-student interaction is irreplaceable.

"In the classroom, I can see from a child's eyes or body language, 'Boy, I better slow down and go back over this,'" said Gerry Wheeler, a former physics teacher who is executive director of the National Science Teachers Association in Arlington, Va.

The U.S. Department of Education plans to release a study about the prevalence of online schooling later this year. But one survey the department completed nearly five years ago found that 36 percent of school districts in the nation had students enrolled in virtual school, mostly high school students.

"We've certainly seen an increase," said Tim Magner, director of the department's Office of Educational Technology. "It's growing fast."

He said students often enroll in online classes to take Advanced Placement or other specialty courses not available in their local schools. Making up a failed class or adding courses that would not otherwise fit in a student's schedule are other top reasons, he said. Online schools also are popular with home-schooled children, with students who are devoting large blocks of time to such activities as ballet, acting or tennis, as well as students who don't enjoy a traditional school atmosphere or who need to work.

"It's not a matter of intellect or aptitude. The most important factor would be the student's desire," said Patty Young, director of Orange Lutheran Online. "Students today really want a customized education. Why should school be confined to an old-style box with a daily schedule?"

Other parts of the nation have a head start on virtual schooling, with 24 states running online schools. Nearly



"You don't have to sit for six hours a day — you can do some work, go out, play a little on the computer and come back later and do it," says Ben Hathaway, 15, of Leoma, Tenn.

30,000 students take classes at Florida Virtual School, which has a \$43-million annual budget and, at nearly a decade old, is the nation's oldest and largest statewide online public school.

"Many states are realizing the world is moving in this direction, and we need to prepare kids to be able to work and exist in this type of environment," said Julie Young, co-founder of the Florida school.

The University of California has seen such an increase in applicants taking online courses that last fall the faculty established criteria for evaluating the classes, said Susan Wilbur, UC's director of undergraduate admissions.

Under the new policy, all online course providers must be approved by UC, and then each online course must be evaluated to determine whether it meets admissions

requirements.

Currently, the 10-campus university grants credit for online courses taken only through its own online college prep program or through Cyber High, an online school run through the Fresno Unified School District, or — the most common route — if a principal at an accredited school will accept an online course and include it on a student's transcript.

"The only courses students cannot take wholly online are science classes such as biology and chemistry, which require hands-on lab experience, although Wilbur said she expected this to be an issue that UC faculty would discuss."

"The most important message I would like to convey is that the faculty recognizes that we are in a changing education environment and are certainly open to considering alternatives, but we have not seen anything yet that meets the (high schools') requirements," she said.

Another concern is cheating. Online educators concede that a sibling, friend or parent could complete an online student's classwork, but, they say, the same people could also complete a traditional student's homework. Online schools have various strategies to discourage cheating. Florida Virtual, for example, requires that students complete tests on the phone with their instructor.

Other educators and psychologists worry about the loss of social interaction among students who are taking online coursework exclusively to avoid the stress of attending a traditional high school.

"When I see a kid walk into my classroom, I know if there's a problem," said Alan Warhaftig, an English teacher at the Fairfax Magnet Center for Visual Arts in Los Angeles who wrote "Web-Based Learning: But the Prom Will Not Be Webcast" in the trade newspaper Education Week. "Kids need to learn how to interact with each other and adults. If they are in splendid isolation, they are missing socialization experiences at school — how to discuss, how to listen, how to read people's visual cues."

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Al Franken to seek Democratic nomination in Minnesota Senate race

By Patrick Condon
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Al Franken announced Wednesday that he will run for the Senate in 2008, making it clear that the comedian and author of "Rush Limbaugh Is A Big Fat Idiot" wants to be taken seriously as a political figure. Franken said he would seek the Democratic nomination to

challenge Republican incumbent Norm Coleman and immediately acknowledged the doubts voters may have about electing a former "Saturday Night Live" performer. "Minnesota has a right to be skeptical about whether I'm ready for this challenge, and to wonder how seriously I would take the responsibility that I'm asking you to give me," Franken said in a video on his Web site.

"I want you to know: Nothing means more to me than making government work better for the working families of this state, and over the next 20 months, I look forward to proving to you that I take these

issues seriously," he said. Franken's announcement came on the final day of his show on the liberal radio network Air America. His decision instantly makes him a serious contender and brings national attention to the race. Franken announced a few weeks ago that he would leave Air America and privately told prominent Democrats about

his plans to seek office. His name is well-known and Franken is likely to be well-challenged by several other Democrats, including wealthy trial attorney Mike Ciresi. His candidacy will test whether Minnesotans are in the mood for another celebrity-turned-politician, after the 1999-2003 governorship of former pro wrestler Jesse Ventura.

Ventura's fame and occasionally outrageous behavior regularly brought national attention to the state but wore on the patience of many Minnesotans. Stephen Hess, a professor of political science at George Washington University, said Franken's bid is serious. "He's not doing this as some folks have done it to give them better gigs on the Borscht circuit."

Libby trial testimony ends with abbreviated defense

By Michael J. Sauter
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Once expected to rival the courtroom dramas of Watergate and Iran-Contra, the trial of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby neared a quick, unsensational close Wednesday.

Libby's attorneys rested a truncated defense after the judge barred much of their classified evidence because Libby decided not to testify in his perjury trial. Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald wrapped up the government's retrial in minutes.

On Tuesday the jury will return to hear closing arguments over whether the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney lied to the FBI and a grand jury about whether he leaked to reporters in 2002 that Valerie Plame, the wife of prominent Iraq war critic Joseph Wilson, worked for the CIA.

The trial fell well short of the Watergate and Iran-Contra trials that riveted the nation's attention. Defense attorneys decided not to call the two biggest witnesses they had dangled in pretrial proceedings: Libby and his former boss Cheney.

In 14 days of testimony, the trial never filled an overflow courtroom, with a video hookup, to handle the crowds expected — particularly for the cross-examination of Libby and Cheney.

Overwhelming testimony showed that Cheney was intimately involved on a daily basis in July 2003 in rebutting Wilson's allegations that President Bush had lied about intelligence to push the nation

into war with Iraq. Cheney was described by his own aides as particularly upset that Wilson suggested the vice president knew one key justification — that Iraq was seeking uranium in Africa for nuclear weapons — had been debunked by Wilson in 2002. The defense put in a handwritten note in which Cheney told the White House secretary to encourage Libby in the leak and not sacrifice him to protect Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove.

The trial also brought top-level Washington reporters, including five Pulitzer Prize winners and some of their usually unidentified government sources into the courtroom.

The defense, with limited direct evidence to rebut the government's case, used these witnesses to raise questions about the memory, techniques and ethics of reporters who had testified against Libby.

In the process, they illuminated the interactions between top reporters and officials.

The government case marched chronologically through the tumultuous spring and summer of 2003, when the administration was embarrassed that U.S. forces in Iraq had not found any of the weapons of mass destruction that Bush had used to justify the war.

Fitzgerald's goal was to render Libby's statements to the FBI and the grand jury unbelievable.

Libby acknowledged that he was first told of Plame's CIA job by Cheney on June 12, 2003, but he claims that he forgot it amid the many national security issues he dealt with.

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Anna Nicole Smith's body held in paternity case

By Matt Sosenky
Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Judges on both coasts weighed in Wednesday on what to do with Anna Nicole Smith's remains amid the custody dispute over her infant daughter, moving closer to releasing the former Playboy playmate's body for burial.

A Florida judge, citing a California court's order last week for DNA testing on Smith's body, ordered a morgue not to release it.

A Los Angeles judge, however, quickly lifted a request that the body be held.

"California has no need for the body of Anna Nicole," said James Nevitt, an attorney for Howard K. Stern, one of several men claiming paternity of 5-month-old Dannielynn.

Nevitt said Florida officials who performed the autopsy on Smith — have preserved her DNA. Attorneys for Stern, Smith's mother and an ex-lover of Smith's went back to court in Florida, each seeking custody of the body. Circuit Judge Larry Seidlin made no ruling, but the hearing was to resume this morning.

Another Florida judge had ordered the body held for 10 days after a brief meeting in his chambers Wednesday morning with attorneys for photographer Larry Burkhead, who claims to be the baby's father.

Burkhead asked the Florida court Tuesday to enforce the California court order for DNA testing filed Friday, the day after Smith died.

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EDITORIAL

Online sales warrant collection of Idaho tax

If you're a big fan of buying goods over the Internet, odds are you're pulling up short on Uncle Sam. Web shoppers have long recognized how easy it is to evade sales tax with retail purchases on the Internet. But their gambit may soon be up. Most U.S. states, including Idaho, are studying the creation of an Internet sales tax. The tax will help states collect their share of sales revenues that are held at the key-board instead of the register.

Creating that system won't be easy. But as one Twin Falls legislator points out, it's more than necessary. Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, a member of the House Revenue and Tax Committee, is carrying a bill for the Idaho Tax Commission grouping Idaho with other states to enforce sales tax collections on the Internet.

"You are supposed to pay it," Smith said. "You did it here. You bought it here. You owe it here." When you buy from a store on Main Street in your town, you pay sales tax. When you buy that same product from a company on the Web, you are likewise required to pay a tax. But a lax system of oversight over the Web can't enforce that tax collection.

The Tax Commission's bill urges Idaho to join 44 other states in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, a plan that creates measures of simplifying the sales and use tax complications on Internet purchases. Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Washington and New Hampshire are the only states that have yet to jump on board.

We aren't sure how effective the project's organization would be in simplifying the issues. But it's obvious that Idaho is losing tax revenue through Web sales. While the Tax Commission puts that number at \$10 million of lost taxes, other reports have estimated Idaho's amount is as high as \$50 million.

Legislators should question whether a state consortium can do a job that's probably more suited for Congress. But the ITC bill is at least an opportunity for the Legislature to get on the record in favor of Internet sales taxes — taxes that the state is already entitled to by law.

Another worthy piece of legislation on the issue comes from Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett. "The bill would define a retail business in Idaho as one "with substantial nexus in this state." Under those terms, a company with a bricks-and-mortar in Idaho must be consistent in its sales tax collections with online, or "bricks-and-clicks" transactions.

You might just call it the Cabela's bill, as a result of that company's effort to dodge tax collection. The outdoor mega-retailer opened a store in Boise last year, but only after drawing up a sweetheart deal with local officials. Under the arrangement, the store's online and catalog sales generated in Idaho would not be taxable. Meanwhile, other retailers' headquarters or franchises in Idaho remain on the hook to collect that 6 percent tax.

"We wrestle around here with other tax exemptions," said Little, "but this is one we never knew existed. All this bill does is put into law what everybody thought was already law."

With both bills, Idaho legislators can fulfill their responsibility to make tax policy consistent and fair for customers and merchants.

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LETTER

Police and media went too far in 'standoff'

I was extremely disturbed and upset about the way the "standoff ends in suicide" story was represented and in the way in which the police handled a tragic situation. Did the police get to try out their new SWAT robot and equipment? Was it necessary to post a video of our local police in action? Your seemingly calloused and tabloid-like "coverage" was very offensive not only to me but many who knew Josh and Wendy. In fact, it reminds me of the song by Don Henley, "Dirty Laundry."

Weren't police warned by medical professionals to treat this situation carefully? Why wasn't the family allowed to interview? Was it necessary to center a troubled 18-year-old man who had no hostage in such a dramatic way? What would another 11 hours of negotiation have mattered if the results could have been different? My prayers go out to this

family. Please know that many who worked with and knew Josh personally saw no violent or disturbed young man — only a friendly young man who cared about his job and was always willing to help.

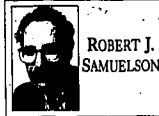
This tragedy should never have happened. I trust a full investigation will be undertaken.

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The rise of the American welfare state



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Spend a moment studying the small table below. It illuminates why another of our annual budget battles — began last week, when President Bush submitted his 2008 proposal — seems so fruitless and (yes) repetitious.

Every year we hear complaints about accounting gimmicks and unrealistic assumptions. There's a ferocious crossfire of charges and countercharges. Hardly anything ever gets resolved. Budgets almost always remain in deficit (all of it 44 of years since 1950).

Federal spending, 1956 and 2006:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1956, 2006) and Spending Category (Defense, Social Security and other payments to individuals, Net interest on debt, Other programs). Values are in percentages.

The table shows the rise of the American welfare state. In 1956, defense dominated the budget; the Cold War buildup program, which is what "payments to individuals" signifies, was modest. Now everything is reversed. Despite the war in Iraq, defense spending is only a fifth of the budget; so-called entitlement payments to individuals are almost 60 percent — and rising. In fiscal 2006, the federal government spent almost \$2.7 trillion. Social Security (\$544

of antagonizing aggrieved advocates — here, railroad buffs and maybe environmentalists — is too high for the small budget savings. In a near \$3 trillion budget, even 10 Antraks are a footnote.

The welfare state has made budgeting an exercise in futility. Both liberals and conservatives, in their own ways, peddle phony solutions. Cut waste, say conservatives. Well, network-TV reports of \$20 million federal programs that don't work may seem — and be — scandals, but like Antrak they're usually mere blips on the total budget. For its 2008 budget, the Bush administration brags it would end or sharply reduce 141 programs. But most are microscopic total savings would be \$12 billion, or 0.4 percent of spending. Worse, Congress has previously rejected some of these cuts.

Liberals have their own cures. Cut defense, some say. OK. In 2005, military spending (including the war in Iraq) totaled \$220 billion, slightly less than Social Security. If it had been halved, the savings would have just covered the deficit (\$240 billion). Little would be left for new programs. Raise taxes on the richest 1 percent, say some. OK. The richest 1 percent pay about a quarter of all federal taxes. In 2006, that was about \$500 billion. To cover the deficit would require about a 30 percent tax increase. Needless to say, neither proposal is politically plausible.

Annual budget debates are sterile — long on rhetoric, short on action — because

each side blames the other for a situation that neither chooses to change. To cut spending significantly, conservatives would have to go after popular welfare programs, including Social Security and Medicare. To raise taxes significantly, liberals would have to go after the upper-middle class, a constituency they covet (two-thirds of all federal taxes come from the richest fifth). Deficits persist, because neither side risks its popularity, and indeed, both sides pursue popularity with new spending programs and tax breaks.

It might help if Americans could help welfare programs — current benefits for select populations, paid for by current taxes — by their proper name, rather than by the soothing (and misleading) labels of "entitlements" and "social insurance." That way, we might ask ourselves who deserves welfare and why. We could consider all of federal spending and not just small bits of it. But most Americans don't want to admit that they are current or prospective welfare recipients. They prefer to think that they automatically deserve whatever they've been promised simply because the premiums were made. Americans do not want to pose the basic questions, and their political leaders mirror that reluctance. This makes the welfare state immovable and the budget situation intractable.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.



North Rim plan focused heavily on historical areas

The hallmark of the North Rim Park process over the years has been and is the citizens who drive the process. It is the reason the process is close to being a reality.

Reporter Matt Christensen has been diligent in reporting about the ongoing North Rim Park planning process. This helped the North Rim Park Advisory Committee bring awareness to the park planning effort and increased participation in the planning sessions. As thorough as we tried to be in providing information, this past Friday, historian Virginia Ricketts authored a Reader Comment bringing to light concerns we would like to address. First let us clarify some misconceptions.

The North Rim Park is a Recreation and Public Purposes Lease from the Bureau of Land Management to Jerome County. This mis-statement was corrected with Matt Christensen on Feb. 5 as a matter of fact for subsequent articles.

The land within the park is zoned agricultural; the Devil's Corral area which is privately owned is in a preservation zone.

READER COMMENT Debbie Dane

organizations from both Jerome and Twin Falls counties.

The consensus of citizens participating in the design charrette sessions was a rim trail; this trail will be limited to non-motorized uses.

Mrs. Ricketts voiced concern that important cultural and historical sites within the North Rim Park have been neglected. They have not.

A record of these important sites is part of the guiding principles of the park and all are documented in the environmental assessment which is the basis of the Recreation and Public Purposes Lease. One of the site goals of the North Rim Park is to "protect and restore the important cultural and natural resources of the North Rim, including historic and archaeological sites."

The North Rim Park Advisory Committee knew how important the historical perspective was to the overall plan. We arranged for the consultants to meet with Virginia Ricketts this past November at the beginning of the planning

process. Also, the Ricketts' have donated documents to the College of Southern Idaho; Dr. Jerry Beck has made those available to the consultants on this project as well. The Ricketts' expertise and historical perspective has been incorporated into the fabric of the North Rim Park plan.

The design charrette sessions demonstrates the citizens of the Magic Valley value this land. One of the questions that each table at the workshops answered was: Are there areas that are very sensitive and should be hands-off with very limited impact? The answers were: Emigrant Trails, Walgarnot Road, archaeological-historical sites, Vineyard Lake, and more — there is not room to print the variations of their answers.

The preliminary data we are receiving outlines the priorities regarding some of the concerns raised by Mrs. Ricketts.

• Opportunities for cooperation between Jerome and Twin Falls counties

• Establish buffer zones between use areas and protection areas

• Program priority — cultural-historic resources, geologic interest, diverse waters

• Rim preservation area

• Special projects — Interpretive Master Plan and Task Force

• Plan for overall themes, messages for education and stewardship relating to ecological, aquifer, geologic, historic, cultural, archaeological history

• Emigrant Trail Historic Area

I want to restate we are in the midst of the planning process. The consultants are compiling data provided by citizens from the design charrette sessions and, as stated in the Feb. 4 article, the draft Plan of Development will be presented to the North Rim Park Advisory Committee on Feb. 27. This process is open and dynamic, and we believe with continued active participation from citizens, the plan will be one that addresses diverse needs of preservation, recreation and protection for the generations.

Debbie Dane is the executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism, a nonprofit organization facilitating the North Rim Park planning process. The North Rim Park Advisory Committee is a citizen's committee appointed by the Jerome County commissioners.

Is Obama legally blonde?

IOWA FALLS, Iowa — Barack Obama looked as if he needed a smoke and he needed it bad.

Everyone knows you're not supposed to make two big changes at once. But Michelle Obama's price for letting her husband run was that he quit.

So there he was, trying to meet the deep, inaudible needs of both Iowa activists and the global press behemoth on his first swing across the state, while giving up cigarettes.

It was a tad testy. Trailing around desolate stretches of snowy — and extremely white — Iowa to go into living rooms and high school gyms and take questions like "Are you willing to stand up for independent family farmers?" makes the want to sneeze out for a drug, too, and I don't even smoke.

"I've been chewing Nicorette all day long," he told reporters at a press conference in Ames on Sunday.

But he was getting irritated at suggestions that he lacked substance and at the specter of his vanishing privacy. And, oh yes, at the accusation by the Australian prime minister fawning three sheep short of a pack that he had missed a deadline to get out of Iraq — made him al-Qaida's dream candidate.

The Illinois senator didn't have on an implacable mask of amiability, as Hillary did in Iowa. He didn't look happily in



MAUREEN DOWD

his element, like Bill Clinton. But he certainly didn't look as if he was straining to survive the Q&As, as W did in the beginning.

Beyond his smooth-buzzed facade, the reassuring jargon and that enervating smile, the 45-year-old had moments of looking conflicted.

In the lobby of the American in Iowa Falls on Saturday night, he seemed a bit dazed by his baptism into the big time. He was left munching trail mix all day while, he said, "the press got fed before me."

Everything was a revelation for him: The advance team (eronymy RGN, for best) Overnight Women squealing, "I saw a hat," he noted with a grin, "that said, 'Obama, clean and articulate.'"

Obama's body language was loose — and he's so strict he's wedding band looked as if it was slipping off — but there was a wariness in his dark eyes.

He is backed up by a strong, smart wife and a professional campaign team, but he doesn't have a do-whatever-it-

For some of us, it's hard to fathom being upset at getting accused of looking great in a bathing suit. But (Obama's) friends say it played into this Harvard grad's fear of being seen as "a dumb blond."

takes family firm with contract killers and debt collectors, like Bush Inc. and Clinton Inc.

He was eloquent, if not as inspiring as his advance billing had prepared audiences to expect. He made his first Swift-bunt-also slip when he had to apologize for talking about soldiers' lives "wasn't in Iraq. He sounded solemnly pristine at the time as if he was too refined to muck of politics. That's not how you talk anybody but Alan Keyes."

After talking to high school journalists, he took a sniffy shot at the lunkier reporters who were merely whispering "where's the beef?" "Take some notes, guys, that's how it's done."

No fewer than three times



last week, Obama got indignant about the beach-babe attention given to a shot of him in the Hawaiian surf. Using the dreaded third person that some candidates slip into, he told the press that one of their favorite narratives boiled down to "Obama has pretty good style, he can deliver a pretty good speech, but he seems to prioritize rhetoric over substance." After an ode to his own specificity, he retorted, "You've been reporting on how I look in a swimming suit."

He doesn't lack confidence, but his s'ing up on being seen as thoughtful that he sometimes comes across as too emotionally detached and cerebral with crowds yearning for an electric, visceral connection. JFK mixed cool with fire.

For a man who couldn't wait to inject himself into the national arena, and who has spent so much time writing books about himself, the senator is oddly put off by press inquisitiveness.

When The New York Times' Jeff Zeleny asked him on his plane whether he'd had a heater in his podium during his announcement speech in southern Springfield, Obama hesitated. He shot Jeff a look that said, "Are you from People magazine?" before conceding that, unlike Abe Lincoln, he'd had a heater.

Take some notes, Senator, that's how it's done.

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LETTERS

Seniors concerns on food tax, crime rate

My wife and I moved to Twin Falls last May. I am concerned about two recent articles in your paper.

1. The sales tax on food. If you are really concerned about the poor, Idaho should eliminate the tax on essential food. If the average family was to spend \$350 per month on food essential (dairy products, fruit, vegetables, meat, bread, etc.) to their family, the tax would amount to \$21 per month or \$252 per year. Current proposals give tax credits, but the poor don't pay taxes so I see this as a lot of political mano-jumbo. It costs the state more to collect taxes and distribute them back than it would to let the taxpayers keep the money in the first place. I can pay the taxes, but I know people who can't.

2. The high crime rate. It seems to me that too many criminals are back on the street soon after they appear in court. If the judges were doing their jobs, one high-way patrol officer would not have been shot for stopping a car driven by a person that should not have been out of jail. One woman would not have been stabbed by her boyfriend if the hand-springing judges would do their jobs. It is time that the judges face up to their responsibilities. Judges should be able to be sued for letting criminals back on the street if that criminal injures another person in a crime.

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For the size of the state, the crime rate is way too high. It is time to stop protecting the criminals and start protecting the general public from them!

RAY WIMAN
Twin Falls

Gringo has historical links to Mexican War

In the mid to late part of the year of 1848, the United States had many occupation forces in many cities and towns on both sides of the then-new boundaries of the U.S.-Mexican border. This was a result of the United States having won the

Mexican War (1846-1848).

These occupation forces, when marching from place to place in their patrols, often sang to their wives and sweethearts (many lonely miles apart) a song that went like this:

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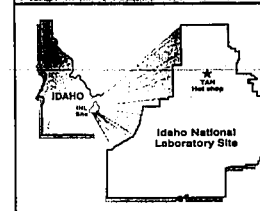
Because the boys sang this ditty in English and the locals didn't understand, they picked out the first two words as one and it came out

as "gringo." Back in the years of World War II, I learned this from a Mexican-American friend in Corpus Christi, Texas, who was a grandson of a man who fought in that war with the Mexican army. Yes, I still remember the tune, too!

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DOE Idaho seeks public comment on alternatives for Hot Shop demolition



An Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EECA) document describes three alternatives for disposition of the TAN-607 structure.

- Alternative 1 is "no action," used for comparative purposes.
- Alternative 2 is "limited action," including removal of hazardous materials along with continued surveillance and maintenance of the facility and ultimate decommissioning after 2051.
- Alternative 3 includes complete demolition of the above ground portion of the facility and removal of all radiologically contaminated debris that exceeds levels specified in current cleanup agreements with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The remaining debris would be collected into the void created by the demolition work or placed in the TAN Demolition Landfill. Remaining void space would be backfilled with inert material, and the area would be covered with clean native soil.

As the EECA demonstrates, the preferred alternative, Alternative 3, is protective of human health and the environment. The decommissioning and demolition work is proposed to be done under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, otherwise known as Superfund), as a non-time critical remedial action.

Written comments on DOE's plan can be submitted online at www.idahoelanpproject.com or mailed to:

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Detailed information is available in the Administrative Record file for the Test Area North Waste Area (Group 1). The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room at the ML Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albertsons Library on the Boise State University campus. The Administrative Record can also be accessed via the Internet at ml.tgo.

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CLASS 1A GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tigers 'steal' win in state opener

By Bradley Gulre
Times-News writer

NAMPA — The Richfield Tigers stole their first-round win in the Class 1A girls state basketball tournament.

Literally. A truck-load of defensive pressure, which included 21 steals, paved the way for Richfield to defeat the Council Lumberjacks 56-34 at Nampa High School on Wednesday.

"We've been averaging 20-27 (forced) turnovers with 17 or 18 being steals, so that's not abnormal," Richfield head coach Steve Kent said.

The Tigers now advance to face Mackay, the top seed from District V, which blasted Greenleaf Friends 46-26 Wednesday.

Richfield began the thirteens as soon as the game started, stealing possession from the Lumberjacks eight times during the first period. The trend would continue through the game. Michelle Kent had six steals while Moe Huhsmuth and Cassie Wood had four apiece. Richfield scored 21 points off Council's 29 turnovers.

Seeing how they could shake Council's confidence, the Tigers continued to tear through the Lumberjacks on defense and torment them with a strong inside game. Angela Kent put up 18 points while Huhsmuth netted a double.

"We just played as a team," Kent said. "You can never do well just by yourself. This game showed that we're here to play."

The Tigers hit 39.6 percent of their shots from the field and nearly 60 percent from the free-throw line overall, but the first half was the key to the win. Richfield led 31-16 after 16 minutes of play.

"There were a couple of times during the first quarter, if we hadn't missed three or four shots in a row, we could've had this done by half-time," coach Kent said. "We're getting close to where we were back in late January."



Richfield's Moe Huhsmuth (31) dribbles up the floor against a Council defender as the Tigers' Michelle Kent (32) trails the play Wednesday at Nampa High School during the Class 1A state tournament.

With the first win out of the way, the Tigers are in the championship bracket with only three games left to determine the ultimate winner. Richfield plays at 6:15 p.m. today at Nampa High School.

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Class 5A
At Idaho Center, Nampa
Today
Game 1: Borah Lions (20-2) vs. Lake City Timberwolves (20-4), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Twin Falls Bruins (20-3) vs. Boise Braves (17-6), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Coeur d'Alene Vikings (20-2) vs. Centennial Patriots (19-3), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Skyline Grizzlies (13-11) vs. Valluue Falcons (17-6), 8 p.m.

Class 4A
At Timberline High School, Boise
Today
Game 1: Lakeland Hawks (10-11) vs. Hillcrest Knights (17-5), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Preston Kelly Knights (16-7) vs. Bishop Indians (14-9), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Burley Bobcats (21-3) vs. Skyview Hawks (15-9), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Bonneville Bees (17-6) vs. Middleton Vikings (19-4), 8 p.m.

Class 3A
At Middleton High School
Today
Game 1: Filer Wildcats (11-9) vs. Bonners Ferry Badgers (16-8), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Kellogg Wildcats (20-2) vs. Sugar-Salem Diggers (21-5), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Shelley Russetts (17-7) vs. Fruitland Girls (15-4), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Marsh Valley Eagles (14-7) vs. Declo Hornets (14-8), 8 p.m.

Class 2A
At Kuna High School
Today
Game 1: Butte County Pirates (19-4) vs. Parma Panthers (19-5), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Soda Springs Cardinals (17-3) vs. New Plymouth Pigeons (16-7), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Wendell Trojans (9-13) vs. Firth Cougars (13-12), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Grangeville Bulldogs (23-2) vs. West Side Pirates (8-11), 8 p.m.

Class 1A
Wednesday's Results
At Nampa High School
Game 1: Richfield Tigers 56, Council Lumberjacks 34
Game 2: Mackay Miners 46, Greenleaf Friends Grizzlies 26
Game 3: Wallace Miners 33, Shoshone Indians 29
Game 4: Genesee Bulldogs 33, Cascade Ramblers 32
At Columbia High School, Nampa
Game 5: Lapwai Wildcats 47, Hagerman Pirates 43
Game 6: North Gem Cowboys 38, Kootenai Warriors 35
Game 7: Garden Valley Wolverines 66, Prairie Pirates 29
Game 8: Raft River Trojans 59, Rimrock Raiders 29

Thursday's schedule
At Nampa High School
Game 9: Council vs. Greenleaf Friends, 1:15 p.m.
Game 10: Wallace vs. Cascade, 3 p.m.
Game 13: Richfield vs. Mackay, 6:15 p.m.
Game 14: Shoshone vs. Genesee, 8 p.m.
At Columbia High School, Nampa
Thursday
Game 11: Hagerman vs. Kootenai, 1:15 p.m.
Game 12: Prairie vs. Rimrock, 3 p.m.
Game 15: Lapwai vs. North Gem, 6:15 p.m.
Game 16: Garden Valley vs. Raft River, 8 p.m.

Boys district tournaments schedule
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Shoshone edges Wallace with late free throws



Shoshone freshman Lacey Kniep (15) passes to a teammate during the Indian 33-29 win over Wallace at the Class 1A state tournament in Nampa on Wednesday.

By Bradley Gulre
Times-News writer

NAMPA — The Shoshone Indians' first win in the Class 1A state girls basketball tournament didn't come on a wing and a prayer. Rather, courtesy a freshman wing. With a one-possession lead over the Wallace Miners, freshman Lacey Kniep went to the foul line for an injured Taylor Astle and sank two free throws and to help put Shoshone over the edge in a 33-29 win Wednesday.

She's been good at the free-throw line all year, so I had a lot of confidence," Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman said. The Indians are the second Magic Valley Northside team to advance in the championship bracket.

Shoshone was tied with Wallace 27-27 when junior Shaynee Gulliford was fouled with just under 90 seconds left to play in the game. Gulliford hit 1-of-2 free throws for the narrow 28-27 lead, followed by a 2-for-2 performance from Myka Medlock to make it a three-point lead.

As time ran out for either team to make a defining play, Miners spot Krista Williams fouled Astle hard for her fifth with 40 seconds remaining. Chapman decided to pull Astle so she could recuperate, and sent Kniep to the line in her place without hesitation.

"I'm 100 percent from the free-throw line," the freshman said. "It wasn't too nerve-racking. I just focused."

Kniep's crucial points made it a two-possession game. Another free throw from Kori

Bingham with under 15 seconds left sealed the final. The senior finished with 10 points. Gulliford scored a game-high 17.

Prior to the final showdown, the Miners had taken control of the game late into the third quarter and into the fourth with an 8-0 run to go up 27-20, their largest lead of the night. Chapman and the Indians — the 2005 state champions — didn't panic.

"The kids ran our game plan perfect," Chapman said. "I told them, just relax and play the game." They responded well. The Indians will face Genesee, which narrowly defeated Cascade 33-32, at 8 p.m. tonight at Nampa High School.

Raft River 59, Rimrock 28

NAMPA — The game was for all purposes over at halftime. The Raft River Trojans defense ripped through the Rimrock Raiders the entire contest for a lopsided 59-28 victory in the Class 1A state girls basketball tournament at Columbia High School Wednesday night.

"The Rimrock team out there wasn't firing on all cylinders," said Raft River head coach Jeremy Qualls, noting that the Raiders' star point guard was out with an injury.

Up 26-8 at the end of two quarters, it was just a formality for the remaining 16 minutes. The Raiders struggled with ball control all night as the Trojans' Nicole Harper had a bevy of steals.

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Waltrip's crew chief thrown out for using illegal substance

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Daytona 500 is a wreck before it even gets started.

A cheating scandal that had already brought down four teams now has ensnared another — that of two-time winner Michael Waltrip — tarnishing NASCAR's signature race and Toyota's highly anticipated debut.

"We've got people's attention now," NASCAR competition director Robin Pemberton said Wednesday.

Waltrip lost his crew chief and team director right before Sunday's Super Bowl of racing. The two were suspended indefinitely after an illegal substance was found during

inspection for the season-opener. Waltrip, docked 100 points, will be allowed to participate in Thursday's races that determine the field for the 500.

David Hyder, his crew chief, was thrown out of the garage and fined \$100,000. Team director Bobby Kennedy also was kicked out.

Waltrip said he was "so sad and embarrassed" but tried to shift blame to an unidentified individual within his team.

"This is not the action of an organization, a manufacturer or a sponsor," Waltrip said in a statement. "This was an independent act done without consent or

authorization from me or any of my executive management team." Waltrip spent all day Wednesday meeting with NASCAR officials, who publicly paraded Hyder and Kennedy through the garage as they were escorted out. Waltrip's Toyota Camry was also on display as inspectors ripped pieces out from under the hood.

His team worked furiously to prepare a backup car, but it had yet to clear inspection and Waltrip got no practice time Wednesday. He will be allowed to race the backup Thursday. If it passes inspection, Waltrip's penalties came one day after the crew chiefs for 2003 champion Matt Kenseth, Kasey Kahne, Scott Riggs and Elliott Sadler all were suspended. All five drivers also were docked points in an unpre-

cedented move by NASCAR, which never before had taken points away from the season.

NASCAR officials would not reveal what they found in Waltrip's intake manifold, but a person with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press it was a proprietary substance contained in jet fuel. The person requested anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the details.

Pemberton said [yet] that the substance was not jet fuel itself.

"We're not going to go into any great detail, but it was a foreign substance that we feel should not have been inside the engine, and we'll leave it at that," Pemberton said. "I don't think this is anything that

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NASCAR driver Michael Waltrip, right, talks with fellow driver Carl Edwards in the garage area Wednesday afternoon in preparation Sunday's running of the Daytona 500 at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

SPORTS

Declo, Minico pin down district titles

Times-News

BUHIL — The Declo Hornets had four wrestlers place first at the Class 3A District IV wrestling tournament...

The Hornets, who totaled 173 points, will send 15 grapplers to next week's state tournament...

Second-place Pocatello (166 points) had three individual winners and also qualified 15 for state.

Kimberly coach Troy Palmer praised BUHIL. They were ready to wrestle," he said.

Garrett Lindsey (103 pounds), Jose Alonzo (125), Golden Zollinger (135) and Jordan Mounce (160) each won their weight class...

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I think we've got quite a few kids that can be in the top six," said Palmer.

BUHIL finished third with 113.5 points as Blake Eymann (140), Ryan Sireck (152), Vincent Or (169) and Jake Busby (213) won their classes...

Gooding had two individual winners — Blair Gerrett (130) and Ross Kiehl (145).

The state meet begins next Thursday and runs through Thursday next week.

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Celtics rout Bucks to end record skid

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics ended their franchise-record losing streak at 18 games Wednesday night, getting 42 points from Paul Pierce and 21 from Gerald Green to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 117-97.

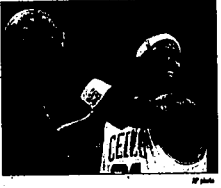
The crowd gave the Celtics a standing ovation for the final minute as they picked up their first victory since Jan. 5, winning just two of 24 games that Pierce was on the floor with foot and elbow injuries.

Morris Peterson added 18 points and five others reached double figures for the Raptors.

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Boston Celtics guard Paul Pierce (34) controls the ball in the fourth quarter against the Milwaukee Bucks Wednesday in Boston.

fresh team as they won at the Palace for the first time since the 2005 NBA finals.

Raptors 120, Nets 109 TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 25 points, nine rebounds and six assists, and Toronto added to its lead over New Jersey in the Atlantic Division.

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Jazz edge Cavs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deron Williams had a career-high 33 points and 12 assists to lead Utah to a 99-98 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night, stretching the Jazz's winning streak to six games entering the All-Star break.

The Jazz held LeBron James to just four points in the fourth quarter and rallied from a 12-point deficit to beat the Cavaliers for the first time in nearly three years.

Cleveland had a final chance after Williams missed a runner with about 5 seconds left and Sasha Pavlovic got the loose ball and heaved a shot that was just off at the buzzer.

James finished with 21 points and Andre Miller scored 21 points for the Cavaliers.

Varejao pulled down 17 rebounds and James and Drew Gordon hit 10 three-pointers as the Cavaliers out rebounded the Jazz 49-37.

Memot Okuro scored 21 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and Andre Kirilenko added 10 points and three blocks for the Jazz.

Magic 103, Trail Blazers 91 ORLANDO, Fla. — Howie Turkoglu scored 24 points and Dwight Howard took 20 points and 16 rebounds to keep Orlando (47-26) one game over .500 heading into the All-Star break.

Hornets 110, Kings 93 OKLAHOMA CITY — Desmond Mason scored 10 points and David West had 16 to lead New Orleans Hornets.

Mason scored 10 points and West had 12 during the opening half.

Associated Press

Boys basketball Canyon Conference tournament

Glenns Ferry 59, Wendell 45

GLENN'S FERRY — Pressure defense and inside scoring were the recipe for success for Glenns Ferry Wednesday as the top-seeded Pilots advanced to the championship game of the Canyon Conference tournament.

Wendell finished with 45 points, while Gully Darrington averaged 12. The Pilots shot better than 50 percent from the field (25-of-49) and Wendell hit just 14-of-47.

Zach Bryan, 11 points led the Trojans, who will play Valley at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Wendell.

The winner of that game gets a shot at the Pilots in the Feb. 22 title game in Glenns Ferry with the champion advancing the state tournament March 4-5.

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Wizards 92, 76ers 85

PHILADELPHIA — Gilbert Arenas finished with 22 points despite another poor shooting performance, and Washington took a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter and held on for its second win in six games.

Spurs 90, Pistons 81 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Franzen Eason added 12 points and a career-high 18 rebounds as San Antonio snapped Detroit's seven-game winning streak.

The Spurs were playing the finale of an eight-game road trip, but looked like the

winners of that game gets a shot at the Pilots in the Feb. 22 title game in Glenns Ferry with the champion advancing the state tournament March 4-5.

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Top-ranked Florida rallies past Alabama

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida rallied to beat Alabama 20-16 in the second half and No. 1 Florida overcame an 18-point deficit to beat No. 25 Alabama 76-67 on Wednesday night and extend the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games.

The Gators were down 22-4 early in the first half and 42-31 at the break.

No. 2 Ohio State 64, Penn State 62 STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Greg Oden had 15 points and 10 rebounds to help Ohio State hold off Penn State for its 10th straight win.

No. 3 Wisconsin 75, Minnesota 62 MINNEAPOLIS — Alando Tucker helped third-ranked Wisconsin overcome a first-half slump, scoring 29 points against rival Minnesota.

No. 8 Memphis 69, Tulsa 52 TULSA, Okla. — Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 20 points and tied his career-

high with four steals, and Antonio Anderson returned from an injury to score 15 points as Memphis clinched a bye in the Conference USA tournament.

No. 9 Kansas 75, Colorado 46 BOULDER, Colo. — Russell Robinson scored 14 points and Darrell Arthur had 11 in the Jayhawks' latest rout of Colorado.

No. 10 Washington State 65, Washington 61 SEATTLE — Taylor Bucher scored a season-high 16 points off the bench and Derrick Low hit two free throws with 16.7 seconds left to help Washington State beat Washington.

No. 11 Nevada 68, San Jose State 60 RENO, Nev. — Nick Fuzekas had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead Nevada to its 16th win in 17 games.

Kyle Shihada added 16 points, Ryan Sessions 11 and Marcus Kemp 10 for Nevada.

DePaul 72, No. 12 Marquette 67 ROSEMOUNT, Ill. — Sammy Meja scored 18 points and DePaul held off Marquette for five free throws with 26 seconds as DePaul held on against Marquette.

No. 17 Air Force 69, Utah 43 AIR FORCE ACADAMY, Colo. — Nick Welch tied a career high with 20 points and Dan Fowle added 19 as Air Force extended its home winning streak to 29.

Duke 78, No. 21 Boston College 70 BOSTON — Josh McRoberts scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to help Duke avoid its first five-game losing streak in coach Mike Krzyzewski's 27-year tenure.

La. Tech 68, Idaho 59 RUSTON, La. — Trey McDowell scored 19 points while Chad McKenzie 17 points and 10 rebounds in

help Louisiana Tech to a 68-59 triumph over Idaho on Wednesday night.

Miles Welch scored 10 points for Idaho (4-22, 1-12). Keenan Young scored 12 points and Brian Nagle had 10 rebounds and nine points. But the Vandals shot only 30.5 percent. Tech hit 41.5 percent of its shots and also out rebounded Idaho 51-38.

Utah St. 58, Hawaii 50 LOGAN, Utah — Stephen DuCharme scored 15 points and pulled down nine rebounds to pace Utah State University to a 58-50 win over the University of Hawaii.

Jaycee Carroll scored 11 and pulled down nine rebounds for the Aggies (19-7, 4-4 Western Athletic Conference).

BYU 96, New Mexico 83 PROVO, Utah — Keena Young led five Brigham Young players in double figures with 23 points and the Cougars out rebounded New Mexico 66-63.

BYU moves to 20-6 overall and 10-2 in the Mountain West Conference.

Associated Press

Minico wins district title

POCATELLO — One year after losing the Class 4A District IV title by Idaho, the Minico Spartans won the district crown by that same margin.

The Spartans earned 320 points to edge Pocatello (319.5) Wednesday. Minico qualified 16 wrestlers for next week's state meet at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Andrew Uhl (103 pounds), Tate Crane (119) and David Burgara (125) earned individual district titles.

Jerome took fourth with 197 points, while Burley was fifth

with 149. The Tigers had two first-place finishers in James Bennett (171) and Wade Swensen (215). For Burley, Nathan Broadhead (130), Jerod Hammond (140) and Calvin Howers (160) took top honors.

Wood River's Jordan Burke won at 160 pounds as the Wolverines wound up seventh with 70 points.

A complete list of individual qualifiers was unavailable.

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College basketball CSW women still No. 16

TSIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team remained steady at No. 16 in the latest NCAIA Division I poll released Wednesday.

The CSW women are 20-4 overall and 11-3 in Scenic West Athletic Conference games after a pair of lopsided wins over Colorado Northwestern Community College last week.

The Golden Eagles will host No. 16 Salt Lake Community College Friday and Saturday.

The first-place Bruins are 12-2 in SWAC play and 20-4 overall, but CSI could shake the top spot with a sweep in Salt Lake.

See poll on page B3.

State

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some that should be considered a felony. The junior guard picked up six of her nine thefts during the first half, and Hallidie Scott helped her out with four of her own for the game.

The Trojans scored 29 points off Rimrock's 36 turnovers.

"We believe defense wins games," Nicole said. "We also pushed the ball. We believe in a lot of transitions, so we've got out there and set the tone."

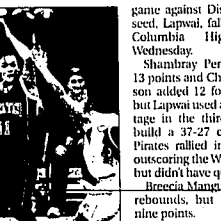
Add in a tough inside game and solid shooting from outside the arc, and the Trojans made a 20-win team look like the practice squad on an NBA video game.

"The main thing was they lost (Ellie) Cantrell. She's a key," Qualls said. "We knew that going into the game, and we took advantage as much as we could."

Nicole Harper streaked to 20 points for the night, including four from the 3-point range, while sister Kimberly Harper finished with 10.

The Trojans advanced to face Garden Valley at 8 p.m. tonight at Columbia High School.

"The big thing for us was



Hagerman guard Chancee Axelson looks to pass the ball during Lapwai Wednesday in Nampa.

establishing tempo and getting through the first night," Qualls said. "We got eight teams battling for four trophies on the winners' side and eight teams battling for one trophy on the losers' side."

"We're happy with where we're at."

Lapwai 47, Hagerman 43 NAMPA — The Hagerman Prates fell short in a close

game against District II's top seed, Lapwai, falling 47-43 at Columbia High School Wednesday.

Shamray Pundley scored 13 points and Chancee Axelson added 12 for Hagerman, but Lapwai used a 12-5 advantage in the third quarter to build a 37-27 cushion.

The Prates missed in the fourth, outscoring the Wildcats 15-10, but didn't have quite enough.

Breccia Mangum totaled 13 rebounds, but was held to nine points.

The loss sends Hagerman into a 115-point game today against Kootenai. The Insear contest will be played at Columbia High School.

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL High school
Boys basketball
Class 4A, 4A, 3A
State tournaments
 For Full schedule, see page B2
Girls basketball
Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A
State tournaments
 For Full schedule, see page B1

TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING
7:30 a.m.
 ESPN2 - NASCAR, Busch Series, final practice for Orbitz 300, at Daytona Beach, Fla.
9 a.m.
 SPEED - NASCAR, Craftsman Truck Series, practice for Chevy Silverado HD 500, at Daytona Beach, Fla.
3:30 p.m.
 SPEED - NASCAR, Nextel Cup, pole qualifying for Daytona 500, at Daytona Beach, Fla.
8:00 p.m.
 TGC - European PGA Tour, WGC Invitational

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Attorney to plead guilty in BALCO case; reporters avoid jail time

SAN FRANCISCO — Two San Francisco Chronicle reporters will avoid jail time under a plea agreement by a criminal defense lawyer who admitted leaking their secret grand jury documents from the BALCO steroids investigation.

In court papers filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, attorney Troy Ellerman said he allowed reporters Lance Williams and Mark Fainaru-Wada to view transcripts of the grand jury testimony of baseball stars Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield and sprinter Tim Lincecum.

Ellerman had represented Victor Conte, founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative, the Burlingame supplements lab that allegedly provided performance enhancing drugs to the elite athletes, as well as BALCO vice president James Valente.

The Chronicle published stories in 2004 that reported Giambi and Montgomery admitted to the grand jury that they took steroids, while Bonds and Sheffield testified they didn't knowingly take the drugs. The leaked testimony also was featured prominently in the writers' book, "Game of Shadows," which recounts Bonds' alleged use of steroids.

A federal judge ordered the reporters jailed after they refused to divulge their source. They have remained free pending an appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but Ellerman's plea deal states that federal prosecutors will no longer try to punish the reporters in prison.

Ellerman agreed to plead guilty to four felony counts of obstruction of justice and disobeying court orders. He could spend up to two years in prison and pay a \$250,000 fine. A judge still is to approve the terms of Ellerman's plea agreement.

ment; no sentencing date has been set. Ellerman, who is licensed to practice law in California, also faces disbarment.

Ellerman's attorney, Troy Ellerman, has admitted to leaking the BALCO grand jury transcripts to be "outrageous." Conte said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "This man was an officer of the court who was highly paid to provide the services of a criminal defense attorney, instead he chose to serve his own agenda and act in a way that was tremendously damaging to his own clients."

COLLEGE SPORTS
Oregon names insurance exec as AD
 EUGENE, Ore. — The University of Oregon has hired insurance executive Pat Kilkenny, a prominent school booster, as its new athletic director.

Kilkenny replaces Bill Moos, who in November announced plans to step down next month. Kilkenny is chairman emeritus of Sun Ocean Insurance Group, a prominent Oregon insurance line, which he acquired in 1984 and sold in 2006.

Kilkenny, an Oregon native who is close to Ducks booster and Nike co-founder Phil Knight, went to the University of Oregon for four years from 1974 but is not a graduate of the school.

His wife, Aronah, is president of Frohman Meyer said Kilkenny will serve AD for two years. He has agreed to return his salary to the school for "academic and athletic purposes."

He has been spearheading Oregon's plans to replace venerable McArthur Court, and contributed \$1.5 million to finance the design of a new basketball arena.

a tennis clinic for students age 13-18 from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Twin Falls YMCA. The cost is \$2 or one can of new tennis balls. Registration will be taken at the door on the day of the event. For more information, call 733-4384.

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Zambertin and his state will preview the Bengals 2007 recruiting class. The event is open to public.

Winter storm plays havoc with sports
 The winter storm that dumped snow and ice throughout the Midwest and Northeast wiped out two Big Ten basketball games Wednesday and racing at five thoroughbred tracks.

The games featuring Indiana-Purdue and Northwestern-Iowa were called off. Four called off in men's Division I. The others were Lafayette-Bucknell and Iowa-St. Peter's.

Heavy snow blanketed much of Indiana, with blizzard conditions dumping nearly a foot of snow in some areas and 40 mph winds leaving drifts up to 6 feet high.

Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke said No. 24 Indiana and the Big Ten were involved in the decision to delay the game between state rivals until Thursday. Purdue canceled classes at the West Lafayette campus until noon Wednesday.

The decision comes down to the safety of everyone involved," Burke said.

The game at Twin Falls was reset for Thursday night.

MAGIC VALLEY Twin Falls YMCA holds tennis clinic

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance for a few rain showers. High reaching the mid and upper 40s. Tonight: Generally cloudy with a slight chance for a rain shower. Lows around 40. Tomorrow: Plenty of clouds still around and it could shower. Slight warmer with highs in the lower 50s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Chance of morning snow showers, changing to rain later. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance for rain showers. Lows in the 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and there could be a shower or two. Highs approaching 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. There will be a good chance for mountain snow and mixed rain and snow in the valleys through tonight. Snow accumulations will tend on the light side. Windy and snow chances peak off through the day. Friday: Rain and snow looks to be common across the region today. These chances will taper off tonight and Friday. Snow will become patchy and Friday night will be mostly cloudy.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Feb 17, Feb 24, Mar 2, Mar 10, Mar 17, Mar 24.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 3 columns: Day, Moonrise, Moonset. Includes times and directions.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists various Idaho cities and their forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists Canadian cities and their forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, Hi, Lo. Lists various cities and their high/low temperatures.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists barometric pressure for various cities.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 3 columns: City, Sunrise, Sunset. Lists sunrise and sunset times for various cities.

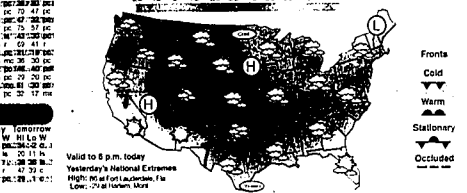
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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CREDIT EXPRESS

Advertisement for Credit Express, offering services for cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs.

International stars come out at Nissan

Article about international golf stars participating in the Nissan Open.

\$126 million man: Zito's first day with Giants

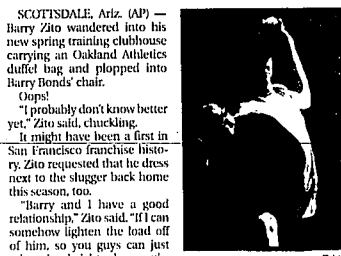
Article about Barry Zito's first day with the San Francisco Giants.

Pujols arrives after busy offseason

Article about Albert Pujols' arrival with the St. Louis Cardinals.

NASCAR

Article about a NASCAR investigation into tampering with fuel systems.



San Francisco Giants new starting pitcher Barry Zito loosens up his arm while throwing with teammate Steve Kline during a spring training workout at Scottsdale Stadium in Scottsdale, Ariz., Wednesday.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Zito wandered into his new spring training clubhouse carrying an Oakland Athletics duffel bag and plopped into Barry Bonds' chair.

Chump. "I probably don't know better yet," Zito said, chuckling. "It might have been a first in San Francisco franchise history. Zito requested that he dress next to the slugger back home this season, too."

"Barry and I have a good relationship," Zito said. "If I can somehow lighten the load off of him, so you guys can just take a hard right when you're going to the locker and start talking to me."

Zito reported to the Giants' spring training complex at Scottsdale Stadium on Wednesday sporting his signature relaxed style: jeans and a T-shirt. He looked the same, save for the 10 extra pounds of muscle he says he added to his lower body this winter.

A new \$126 million, seven-year contract apparently hasn't affected the left-hander's views. And it's clear he already feels part of his new team, even though the Giants' pitchers and catchers don't take the field together for the first time until Tuesday.

"It's been pretty seamless," he said of the adjustment. "I feel good. It feels natural. I feel like I know most of the people in the clubhouse just because I've played against them and played with a couple of them or at least know some off the field."

Zito played some light catch with reliever Steve Kline, who was wearing a bushy beard he will soon lose before it really warms up in the desert. Kline's welcome was interesting: The nameplate above his locker read "Rich Kline," a mistake that happened because his spot is right next to infielder Rich Aurilio.

"I like it," Kline said. "I want to keep it." Kline also likes Zito, and tried to make the new ace feel at home right away. "I was nervous," Kline said. "I everybody knows you don't mess around with tires, you don't mess around with the engine, the restrictor plates," Pemberton said. "Those things are very taboo."

The last penalty NASCAR issued for a fuel-tampering violation was harsher than in May 2006, driver Jeremy Mayfield and team owner Michael Kneuss each were penalized 151 points for a fuel-related violation found at Talladega Superspeedway. "When it comes to that area, points need to be equal, at least as bad as it was for Jeremy," said Dale Earnhardt Inc. vice president Richie Gilmore.

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — After helping the St. Louis Cardinals win their first World Series in 24 years, Albert Pujols put together an equally impressive offseason.

Last week, Pujols became a U.S. citizen when he agreed to take that required months of preparation. He skipped another potential highlight, a trip to the White House, to embark on a humanitarian mission to his native Dominican Republic.

"It was pretty busy," Pujols said Wednesday. "Obviously, those are dreams come true." During that whirlwind, the MVP runner-up was getting ready for spring training. He arrived at Roger Dean Stadium with his young son, A.J., in tow five days ahead of the report date for the full squad.

Pujols actually has been in town since Friday, and had been working out at a high school with his personal trainer. He was among about 20 Cardinals hitting the field on an informal basis on Wednesday in an early start to their title defense.

"I've been just wearing my Giants hat around everywhere in L.A., just getting used to it and preparing myself to have it and naturally," Zito said. "I would just wear it my car, not going out."

Bonds' arrival day at spring training is unclear, though position players are due to report to camp Monday. He typically holds his state-of-the-art Barry the first or second day, but his contract remains unresolved. He could sign after spring training starts.

"I'd expect that he'd be here on reporting day," said general manager Brian Sabean, who noted that the two Barrys together in the clubhouse is interesting, but I don't know if it's a big deal.

The seven-time NL MVP begins his 22nd major league season 22 homers shy of breaking Hank Aaron's career record of 755. The Giants have differing views of certain language in his \$15.8 million, one-year deal and Bonds has yet to sign a revised version.

"Himm, just details," Zito said. "I saw him at UCLA a few times working out. We caught up there and kind of shot the breeze. It's little bit. He looks amazing. It's ready to go."

Zito hopes he is ready to go at the plate now that he'll be batting every fifth day in the National League. He has been working with good friend Brady Anderson on his hitting technique and answering for about a month.

He has a 0.34 — 2-for-52 — career batting average during seven seasons with Oakland. "I just haven't ever taken it seriously. I may get criticized or whatever but it's not something I had any integrity of doing," Zito said. "There was no reason to take time out of my day to get five at-bats a year. Now, I can make a difference in every game I'm in."

The Giants insisted when they signed Zito to such a long, expensive contract that his track record for staying healthy — he's never missed a start — and his relatively young age were big pluses to making such a financial commitment. Zito, the 2002 AL Cy Young award winner, underwent a rigorous, 10-week program this offseason that featured weight lifting and stability exercises that helped him add muscle to his legs and core.

"There's no reason to impress you guys with biceps," he said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

City appoints two to golf commission

TWIN FALLS — Two commissioners on the Golf Advisory Commission turned down offers by the city of Twin Falls to renew their terms on the advisory commission.

Bruce Fox and Scott McNeely, who served two three-year terms, have decided not to return.

The council approved the appointment of Doug Piper and Ray Wight to fill the open positions. They will serve three-year terms, which will expire in Jan. 2010.

Piper is the owner of the Golf Link. Wight is retired after owning and operating Layne Pumps Inc.

United Way seeks board members

TWIN FALLS — The United Way of South Central Idaho announced its new officers for the 2007-2008 year.

Lawrence Flannery, president; Sherry Olson Frank, vice president; Justin Willis, treasurer; and Janet Goffin, secretary.

The United Way of South Central Idaho also announced it is seeking people to serve on the board of directors.

Director terms are three years and require board members to attend monthly luncheon board meetings the first Thursday of each month.

In addition, the board holds an annual strategic planning retreat for half a day in May. Board members also are expected to become involved in at least one committee during their tenure on the board.

The United Way encourages business organizations throughout the Magic Valley to nominate an employee from their business to serve on the board.

Interested people should submit a letter of interest and a resume for board member consideration to the Board Nominations Committee, United Way of South Central Idaho, 421 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

For more information, call the United Way office at 733-4922.

Jerome Republicans to host governor

JEROME — The Jerome County Republican Central Committee will hold a Lincoln Day Victory Celebration beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Library Community Room.

Local state and national elected public officials will be in attendance, including Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Sen. Mike Crapo will be receiving a prestigious award presented by Joe Herring, executive director of Region 4 Development.

Cost for the meal is \$15 per person. Tickets are available from any precinct committeeman and at the door. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased by calling Bill Mobley at 324-1456 or 308-6012 or at the door.

For more information or to RSVP, call Cathy Roemer at 324-0220 or 308-5034.

T.F. Republicans celebrate Lincoln Day

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Lincoln Day Banquet, sponsored by the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee, will be held Friday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

Special invited guests include Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, and U.S. Reps. Mike Simpson and Bill Sali.

To RSVP and buy tickets, call Cathy Matthews at 735-0712, Kristina Glascock at 736-4075 or Jennifer Gose-Eells, 735-4400.

— compiled from staff reports

Lawmakers approve prices for wolf tags

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Wolves beware: Hunters are polishing their rifles.

The state Senate Resources and Environment Committee approved a bill Wednesday that would set the price for a wolf hunting tag at \$9.75, the same as bears and cougars.

That price is without a \$1.75 vendor

fee that applies to all tags. Out-of-state hunters would pay \$150.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a proposal last month to remove the gray wolf in Idaho from the endangered species list. Wolf recovery started in Idaho with the release of 35 wolves in 1995. Estimates indicate they have multiplied to 650 wolves in 71 packs with a growth rate of 20 percent.

The initial 10 tags will be auctioned or used in a lottery for sale by non-profit conservation groups, a move lawmakers said could be a problem if the tags go to groups wanting to protect the wolves.

Expected sales could reach nearly \$370,000 if they are consistent with current bear and lion tag sales, with



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most money going to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Yet the agency is expected to come out on the losing end — a scenario acknowledged by Jim Unsworth, chief of the Bureau of Wildlife.

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Don't fly 'round here no more

Fewer waterfowl wintering at wildlife refuge

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Once home to as many as 120,000 wintering waterfowl, less than half that many returned this year to the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area.

Changes in farming practices and warmer winter weather have accounted for the drop over the past three decades, said Scott Bailey, a regional habitat biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"Bird numbers have gone down across the state," Bailey said, "but especially here."

There's less rough land — hospitable home for waterfowl — on nearby farms these days, he said. And warmer weather means less ice and more space for birds to disperse.

Nevertheless, about 55,000 birds wintered at the preserve this year from October until a few weeks ago. Ducks especially are common at the preserve because it's a place they can safely hide during hunting season.

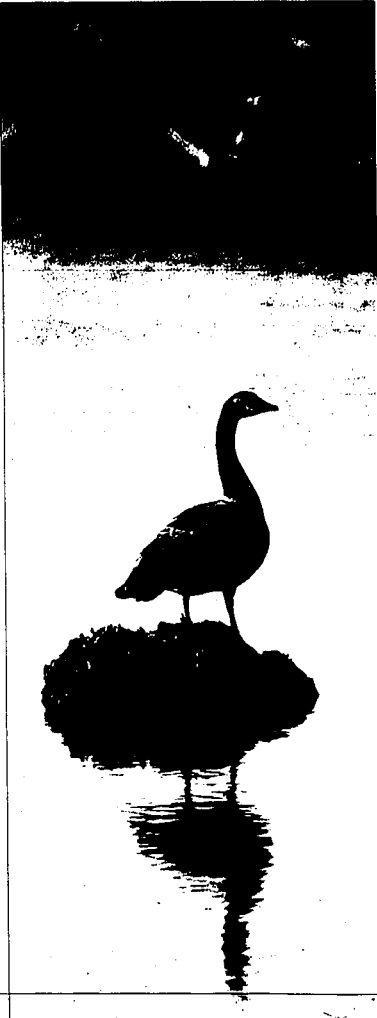
A variety of marshy ponds provide habitat for more than 80 species.

During the department's annual water bird count when researchers tally birds between American Falls and Mountain Home, about 60 percent of the total birds counted are found at the wildlife management area.

Some coastal birds travel inland just to visit during the winter, and some of the migratory birds return to this spot every year.

About 3,000 birds remain at the site now, many of them permanent residents.

Times-News staff reporter Matt Christensen covers natural resources. Contact him at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@boe.net.



A Canada goose takes in the sights Wednesday morning at the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area.

And then there were three

Jerome County GOP narrows down search for prosecutor

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — The next Jerome County prosecutor may be one of three attorneys.

The Jerome County Republican Central Committee ranked Michael Nelson, a lawyer in private practice in Washington state, No. 1.

Gooding County Deputy Prosecutor Paul Kroeger placed second, and Luveme E. Shull, Gooding County's chief deputy prosecutor, came in third.

Mark L. Wing, an attorney in private practice in northern Idaho, did not qualify.

The GOP central committee was involved because Jon Nicholson III, the elected prosecutor who resigned on Jan. 31, is a Republican. The committee's non-binding ranking of the three candidates should narrow the field for Jerome County commissioners who, by Idaho law, must choose the county's next prosecutor within 15 days.

Nicholson quit midway through his four-year term. Since then, three deputy prosecutors have been doing the work of four lawyers.

The GOP central committee interviewed Nelson, Wing and Kroeger Wednesday

and Luveme E. Shull, Gooding County chief deputy prosecutor.

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And the finalists are...

- Michael Nelson, lawyer in private practice in Washington state
- Paul Kroeger, Gooding County deputy prosecutor
- Luveme E. Shull, Gooding County chief deputy prosecutor.

Some mail stolen in Blaine County recovered by police

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Private papers found in a Twin Falls motel room were from mail stolen from more than 100 Blaine County residents.

"It's either mail boxes or P.O. (post office) boxes, I'm sure," said Twin Falls police Staff Sgt. Craig Stotts.

Police seized credit cards, checks, mail and medical records Feb. 1 from a room at the Monterey Motor Inn, 433 Addison Ave. West.

They arrested Lucas Busby, 27, of Twin Falls, who was charged with misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia. He is free on a \$500 bond.

Cate Bradoski, age unknown, of Hailey, who was arrested but was released without charges.

Neither man was charged in relationship to the cache of private records found in their room.

Two detectives called Blaise the next day (and scheduled an appointment for the postal inspector to come down and meet with our investigators," Stotts said.

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Panel clears vote-by-mail plan for debate in Idaho House

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A bill to allow Idaho residents to vote by mail cleared a house committee Wednesday, as Republicans joined Democrats on a plan they hope will boost turnout in sparsely attended elections.

The State Affairs Committee voted

11-7 to clear the bill for debate in the full House. If it becomes law, commissions in Idaho's 44 counties could choose between adopting vote by mail or keeping the current system.

Neighboring Oregon has had a vote-by-mail system since 1998. In Washington state, voters in 34 of its 39 counties mail in their ballots.

Advocates of vote-by-mail say it's cheaper, gives more access to rural voters who now must drive miles to the polls, and could increase election turnout. Some bristled Wednesday at testimony from foes who argued that adopting the system would allow "lazy

voters" an easy way to cast ballots.

"We're not talking about lazy couch potatoes here," said Rep. Clete Edmondson, a Republican from Council in rural Adams County. "We're talking about families that have to work. It's miles and miles of bad roads to the election booth."

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Shirley M. Andrews

JEROME — Shirley M. Andrews, 86, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Buhl First Christian Church. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Darwin D. Crane

SAN LORENZO, Calif. — Darwin Delos Crane, 80, of San Lorenzo, Calif., and formerly of Oakley, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Marion Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. The family suggests memorials be given to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 3222 Eighth Avenue, Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10001.

Larry R. Bell

PORTLAND, Ore. — Larry Ray Bell of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, in Portland, Ore.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Finley-Sunset Hills Mortuary in Portland, Ore. Memorials may be sent to Friends of Timberline (www.timberline.org/inberline.org), P.O. Box 69544, Portland, OR 97239.

Seymour Osterhout

DECLO — Seymour Osterhout, 89, of Declo, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at

Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Leon R. Drake

TWIN FALLS — Leon Ray Drake, 68, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at his home.

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

Kelly McKean

BOISE — Kelly McKean, 92, of Boise, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at the Veterans Hospital in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Dale W. Henman

TWIN FALLS — Dale W. Henman, 90, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A full obituary, with service time, will appear in Friday's newspaper.

Elva M. Powers

TWIN FALLS — Elva Mae Powers, 81, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at the Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Gregory Larry Mabey of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Rulon Edward Hunsaker of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley).

Larry Edward Whitaker of Dietrich, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the old Shoshone High School gymnasium on West D Street in Shoshone (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

Helen Marie O'Brien of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian burial at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Edward's the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today, with rosary following at 7 p.m., at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Donald Elmer Day of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Mattie "Myrtle" Thomas of Paul, graveside service at 2

p.m. Friday at the Paul Cemetery; viewing and gathering for friends and family one hour before the service Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Elizabeth "Betty" Koto, formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Theodore H. "Ted" Prappas of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Robert Jasper Barnes of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of the Wood River Valley area, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Sun Valley Brewery on Main Street in Halley.

Robert A. (Bob) Meuleman of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lebanon, Ore., and in Burley, Idaho, at the St. Johns Mortuary and Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Yuma, Ariz.

Jean Kennedy Swartling of Sun Valley, memorial service at 4 p.m. Feb. 22 at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley; a gathering will follow at her home, 105 Saddle Lane in Sun Valley.

Dennis Zahn

JEROME — Dennis Zahn, 60, of Jerome, passed away Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at his home in Jerome. He was born Jan. 15, 1947, in Wendell, Idaho, and was a graduate of Jerome High School, Class of 1965. Dennis loved cooking, the outdoors, fishing and working on his model airplanes. He is survived by his son,

Jacque (Heather) Zahn of Kirtland, Ohio; granddaughter, Courtney Zahn of Ohio; and his good friend, Lyle Moore. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Dorothy Zahn; and his sister, Juanita McClain.

The family will be remembering Mr. Zahn in a memorial service on Thursday, Feb. 15,

Republican Rep. Charles Norwood dies at 65

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Charles Norwood Jr., a blunt-spoken Georgia Republican who sold his dental practice and ran for Congress at age 52, died Tuesday after battling cancer and lung disease.

Norwood, 65, died at his home in Augusta, Ga., his spokesman said. House members debating the war in Iraq interrupted proceedings for two moments of silence in his honor.

President Bush, in a statement, described Norwood as "a good friend and a strong, spirited legislator who always stuck to his principles."

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue called Norwood an "incredible example of strength and dedication" and ordered flags to be lowered at all state buildings.

The vacancy created by his death will be filled by a special election.

A felty, tobacco-chewing conservative who loved to hunt and who rallied against government bureaucracy, he beat Democratic incumbent Don Johnson in 1992 to become the first Republican to represent his eastern Georgia district since shortly after the Civil War.

Albert Franklin Davis



JEROME — Albert Franklin Davis, our loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 13, 2007, at his home in Jerome, surrounded by his family.

Albert was born in Jerome, Idaho, to William Cullen Davis and Roxie Manareus McClain Davis on Feb. 22, 1920. He attended Jerome schools. He also attended machinist's school in San Diego, Calif. He joined the Navy on March 3, 1942, and was stationed in Hawaii for four years right after Pearl Harbor, where he helped rebuild and do mechanics on aircraft.

He married Carmen Frazier of Jerome on Aug. 10, 1947, and they raised five children. Albert worked as a car mechanic in several towns in Idaho, including Jerome, Weiser, Hailey, Nampa and Boise. The family spent a year working at a mine in Warren, Idaho. In 1962, Albert and Carmen moved to the old Lewis homestead, where they did some farming. He retired from Bob Latham Motors in 1991, where he worked as a master mechanic. Albert was an elder at the First Christian Church in Jerome for many years and attended the Evangelical Free Church in his later years.

Albert is survived by two daughters, Nancy Davis and Judy (Jo) Ankeny; and three sons, Ronald (Diane) Davis and Kevin (Rebeka) Davis, all of

Jerome, and Timothy Davis of Twin Falls. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, Roxie Aiken, Sara (John) Lopez, Thomas Aiken, Andrew (Katie) Davis, Rachel (Weston) McCarron, Nathaniel Davis, Eva Davis, Tamara (Dan) Judkins, Sheila (Tim) Daniels, Justin (Jessica) Davis, Kirby (Chans) Truse, and Dana. Davis, Timothy Davis Jr. and Adam Davis. He also has 14 great-grandchildren, Eric and Faith Lopez, Ruth and Silas McCarron, Rebekah, Daniel and Jaedon Judkins, Eric and Josh Daniels, Austin and Kadenza Davis, Kyah, Keon and Keira Trease. He is also survived by a sister, Ethel Nutting of Jerome; and a brother, William Davis of Suckseed, Calif.; an numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmen; his parents; and his sister, Clara Johnson.

Albert was a rock hound and belonged to the rock club. He liked to make belt buckles for his grandchildren.

"Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life" (Proverbs 16:31).

The family wishes to thank all of those who helped us care for Dad, especially St. Benedict's Home Health Care and First Choice Hospice. The family suggests that contributions in memory of Albert and Carmen Davis be made to the Magic Valley Christian School, P.O. Box 5494, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

Visitation will be from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Evangelical Free Church in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Vilena (Sis) Spencer Crane



JEROME — Vilena (Sis) Spencer Crane, 96, of Jerome, returned home to her Heavenly Father on Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Vi (Sis) was born March 30, 1910, in Burden, Kan., to Bert and Mary Crane. She was the third of 12 children. She was 9 years old, the family moved to Idaho via train, bringing with them livestock and some farm equipment. They settled northeast of Jerome, Vi and her brothers walked three miles each way to attend Pleasant Plains School. After completing the eighth grade, she stayed at home helping to raise her eight younger siblings.

In 1936, she met and married Clifford Crane. They raised five children together. The first years of their marriage they traveled around Idaho, Nevada, Nebraska and Utah with Cliff's employer, Utah Construction. In 1944, they moved back to Jerome so their children could have a more stable life. Then in 1949, they moved to Challis, Idaho, where they operated a family owned logging and sawmill operation. They continued to do this for the next 30 years. Cliff and Vi retired in 1980 and spent the next eight years enjoying life, spending their winters in Arizona and southern Utah and their summers in Idaho.

Cliff preceded her in death on May 19, 1998. Since his passing, Vi has resided in Jerome to be near her daughter and other family.

Vi was a very kind and generous person. Always a hard worker, she was usually busy cooking and baking for everyone. She enjoyed raising a

large garden and canning or freezing the produce. She enjoyed sharing and helping others. Vi was "Sis" to her brothers and sisters and Aunt Sis to all her nieces and nephews. In her younger years, she loved riding horseback with her friend and neighbor, Frances Deahl. After her husband's death, she enjoyed going on numerous bus excursions to various cities. Most of all, she loved all her family and everybody's baby. She loved little children and babies.

Besides her parents and husband, Vi was preceded in death by two sons, Robert (Bob) Crane and Earl Crane; an infant sister; and eight brothers, Vere, Ben, Jim, Earl, Vade, Love, George and Mel. She is survived by two daughters, Carol (Robert) Spaulding of Jerome and Julie (John) Coppage of Anaheim, Calif.; one son, Art (Sylvia) Crane of Maryland and Rome, Italy; one daughter-in-law, Hazel Crane of Challis; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mable Jacobson of Wendell and Faye Webster of Renton, Wash.; five sisters-in-law, Barb Spencer of Boise, Bantona Spencer of Jerome, and Mitzi Monger, LaDonna Crane and Evelyn Crane, all of California; and one brother-in-law, Gib Crane of Kuna.

For the past 18 months, Vi has been a resident of the Twin Falls Care Center, where she has been a shining example of patience and love for her family and the caretakers there. Our Moia was the best mom and grandma ever, and one we will love and miss her forever. Taken from 2 Timothy, She has fought the good fight, she has finished the course, she has kept the faith.

The funeral for Vilena Crane will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with Father Ron Wekerle officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

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@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

THREE-DAY PLANNER

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Feb. 16 Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 games), 934-4412.
Feb. 17 Cracked Crab or ham dinner and Booze Basket Raffle, include potato casserole, salad and roll; sponsored by the Snake River Elks Lodge No. 2807, 6 to 9 p.m., 412 E. 200 S. (on 93 Golf Course), Jerome, \$17.50 per person, raffle tickets: 6 for \$5, 324-0200 or 324-2218.

BUSINESS

Feb. 17 Book signing, Kelly Jones for new novel, "The Lost Madonna," 1 to 3 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 A Poleline Rd., Twin Falls, 733-5554.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Feb. 16 The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary dance, 8 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.
Feb. 16 Buttrons "n" Bows Square Dance Club plus dance, 7:30 p.m. (no pre-dance), at the Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, finger foods, \$4 per person, 308-4628.
Feb. 16 Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 2947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 3 p.m., Joker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Feb. 17 Special Informational safety event for families with "twens", (ages 8-10), 10 a.m. to noon, and free Buckle Up Child Safety Seat Check, noon to 4 p.m., Con Paulos, 901 South Lincoln, Jerome, no cost, 737-2430.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Feb. 17 Magic Valley Model Railroad group, public is invited to bring and run their trains (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Railroad building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Feb. 404-2151.

Feb. 17 An Evening of Pinochle, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 N. Main, Kimberly, \$1, (bring your own treats), 423-4338.

SPORTS

Feb. 17 Rodoo event, with bull and steer riding, pee wee barrel racing, steer tying, concessions, beer garden and more, 7 p.m., Copus Cove (heated) Arena, 1731 E. 3900 N., Buhl, \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 5-12, no cost for children under age 5, 734-6633.
Feb. 18 Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays "Chocolate Shoot", 9 miles north of Junction 184 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members, 733-6015.

4-H AIDS CRISIS CENTER



Each year, the Greenwood Shopping Center in Twin Falls sponsors a grand slam. For several years, the Foothill Lads and Lassies 4-H Horse Group have worked this event and this year chose the Crisis Center of Magic Valley to receive the proceeds. Jamie Carlton and Amy Carlton with the 4-H group present the check to Patti Clark, Crisis Center of Magic Valley advocate.

U.S. 20-26 may become Caldwell-Boise freeway

NAMPA (AP) — Transportation officials and city planners are considering transforming U.S. 20-26 into an expressway to speed movement of commuters between Caldwell and Boise in highly populated southwest Idaho.

The highway, now mostly a two-lane road, is one of only a few major east-west routes in the area.

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 night, starting with Kroeger at 7 p.m. Shull was interviewed last week.
 Nelson, whose interview via committee chairman Del Kohz's cell phone came too late for publication in today's *Times-News*, has experience both as a law enforcement officer and as a prosecutor.
 Nelson was a policeman in Salt Lake City before he began prosecuting cases for the city

of Spokane, Wash., in 1982 and continued until 1991. Since then, he has represented an insurance company and practiced general law in a private firm.
 Some new questions not asked of Shull last week centered around the applicant's knowledge of land-use law and on how to improve the county's effectiveness at prosecuting criminals — two of the country's

hottest topics.
 Kroeger told the committee he has extensive experience in land-use planning. The bulk of his work in felony criminal law, he said, has been defending clients.
 Wings said his background in prosecuting felons could "change the reputation of the prosecutor's office here."
 The Jerome police chief had said he would like to see better collaboration with the prosec-

utor's office, according to Wing. Kohtz told Shull after his interview last week that he was impressed "the whole amount of experience Shull has in criminal law."
 That experience dates back to 1996, Shull said.
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Ex-commissioner, 'bag man' gets six years

By Ken Ritter
 Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — An outraged federal judge sentenced a former Clark County commissioner to six years in federal prison Wednesday for doling out hundreds of thousands of dollars of a strip club owner's cash to bribe politicians in Las Vegas and San Diego.
 "If there ever needs to be a message with regards to political corruption, it is this case," U.S. District Judge Larry Hicks said of the case dubbed "Operation G-Siting."
 In a scathing rebuke, Hicks branded Lance Malone the recruiter, organizer, manager and leader of what he called "probably as gross a case of political corruption in the state of Nevada, certainly, that has ever occurred and been successfully prosecuted."
 The judge blamed Malone, 45, for serving as "bag man" lobbyist in the distribution of at least \$550,000 worth of bribes to former county commission colleagues and San Diego City Council members from 2000 to 2003.
 "This has undoubtedly caused a loss of public confi-

dence in local government that probably cannot be measured," Hicks said.
 The judge increased a recommended 41-month sentence to 72 months in the Las Vegas case, after saying he was convinced by testimony that Malone accepted money for a new car from strip club owner Michael Galardi while Malone still served on the Clark County commission. Malone, a former police officer, went to work for Galardi as a lobbyist after losing a reelection bid.
 Malone previously was convicted by a San Diego judge on charges that he delivered Galardi's bribes to councilmen Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet.
 Zucchet's conviction was later overturned by the federal judge who heard that case. He ruled that evidence of fraud and extortion was insufficient. Inzunza was sentenced to 21 months in prison.
 Hicks made the Las Vegas sentence concurrent with the San Diego case, which he delivered that Malone received in San Diego, and added a fine of \$100,000.



Hicks acknowledged that all money came from Galardi, who has pleaded guilty and awaits sentencing.
 "Pocket change" to Galardi, the judge said, "but big dollars, with regard to political corruption in Clark County."
 The judge called Malone's relationships with his former commission colleagues essential to Galardi's attempts to buy votes and expand his empire of three strip clubs in the Las Vegas area and one club near San Diego.

Former Clark County Commissioner Lance Malone leaves Federal court Wednesday after being sentenced to six years in prison for delivering bribes to politicians on behalf of a strip club owner.

INL announces partnership with British company

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Laboratory has formed a collaboration with Nexia Solutions of the United Kingdom to help develop new recycling processes and nuclear plants.
 The announcement, made Tuesday, said that Nexia and INL will work together on the Bush administration's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.
 The administration last year announced plans to reverse the country's long-held policy banning the reuse of spent nuclear fuel, which currently is stored at nuclear power plants around the country.
 The strategy envisions that U.S. companies will sell reactors and fuel to developing countries, with the reactors returning to the United States for reprocessing.
 The two entities will also work on creating the next generation of nuclear plants and recycling processes.
 The INL is an advanced, multi-faceted nuclear research area in eastern Idaho.
 Nexia Solutions is the

United Kingdom's national laboratory, working in conjunction with a collaboration in much the same way the INL works with the U.S. Department of Energy.
 Nexia Solutions has facilities at a nuclear site called Sellafield near Scaeville in northwest England.
 The company has sent Graham Jonsson, its head of U.S. operations, to live in Idaho Falls.
 Peter Bleasdale, Nexia Solutions' managing director, said his country is looking at recycling new methods for its nuclear programs.
 "We looked very much in the direction of the American national laboratory system, and the INL," Bleasdale said.
 Beth Sellers, the director for the Department of Energy in Idaho, said she was pleased nuclear experts from the two countries would be working together.
 The memorandum of understanding between INL and Nexia exceeded our expectations," she said. "We're going to make it, and we're going to do it well."

Nevada town repeals English-only law

PAHRUMP, Nev. (AP) — Town board members have struck down an ordinance that set restrictions on flying foreign flags, denied benefits to undocumented immigrants and declared English the official language of this growing desert town.
 The controversial measure, which briefly put Pahrump in the midst of the national immigration debate, was enacted in November but never enforced.
 "I think it's clear that the main purpose and effect of this bill was to spread fear throughout the community, particularly the immigrant community of Pahrump," said Lee Rowland, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, which called the measure unconstitutional.
 Board member Laurayne Murray said Tuesday she hoped the ordinance's repeal will allow the community

and the board to focus on more relevant matters.
 "We have way more urgent business to address in this community," she said. "We are going to create our reputation in the world in a more positive way."
 Murray is the only board member who voted on the ordinance and its repeal. The law's chief backer, retired government worker Michael Miraglia, and three other members have since left public office.
 Miraglia said Wednesday that he would continue to advocate for similar immigration measures, and that he hoped his English-language ordinance would become a statewide ballot measure.
 Hispanics in Politics President Fernando Romero said he believes the repeal indicates that most people in Pahrump do not support measures that target immigrants.

Mail

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 • That meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22.
 Blaine County residents have reported having mail stolen that may be related to the documents found in the motel room, Stotts said.
 Twin Falls Police Det. David H. Heidemann alerted the Blaine County Sheriff's Department on Wednesday he would be sending information from the seized documents.
 Blaine County Sheriff's Sgt. Jay Davis said that enable investigators to establish whether those documents are connected to identify theft reports in Blaine County.

Christmas packages were stolen around Christmastime and two months ago credit cards were illegally used, Davis said.
 Ketchum police reported no stolen mail linked to the cache found in Twin Falls.
 The Sun Valley Police Department has forwarded complaints to Blaine County Valley police also are investigating.
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 Sen. Brad Lister, R-Emmett, the lone dissent in the 7-1 vote, echoed such sentiment afterward. He said he would prefer that the wolves be deleted, classified as big-game animals with most privileges being worked out later.
 "Less language in code is better than more language in code," he said.
 Officials maintained during Wednesday's hearing that wolves will be treated the same as other big-game animals, including removing teeth for age-determination and receiving an official game season and designated zones with quotas.
 "We have big-game rules and they are just another big-game animal," Unsworth told the committee.
 "Wolves are going to continue to be and continue to have significant numbers in areas of Idaho," said Rep. Fred Wood, R-Barley, a co-sponsor of the bill and former head of the state Fish and Game Commission. "The traditional hunting methods are not going to significantly affect wolves from a biological perspective."

Some senators expressed concern not only over the finances, but also over whether the population will sustain itself because there will be no limit to how many tags will be sold.
 Officials said they eventually expect wolf-specific hunters, as has happened with other animals.
 Nothing in the bill prohibits non-tag holders from shooting wolves if they encroach on private property.
 The new law would have opened a date for when tag prices could be raised, but Wood said earlier this month he expects an increase next year.
 "Once the animals are officially delisted, wolf hunting — expected to begin in about a year — would be managed by the commission. Idaho has never had a hunting season on wolves. The \$70,000 in federal money for ongoing wolf management would stop with delisting and be replaced by revenue from wolf tags.
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Voting

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 Other proponents argued that voting by mail could relieve crowds like those on Nov. 7 in Meridian, a Boise suburb where some residents waited for hours in lines because polling places couldn't handle the election-night crush in one of Idaho's fastest-growing communities.
 The bill faces a tough fight in the full House.
 Some lawmakers who opposed it fear vote by mail would leave Idaho elections more vulnerable to tampering.
 "Others were concerned that allowing voters to choose their candidates at home could leave husbands or wives open to improper 'electrosteering' by their spouses."
 "It's not a proven way of voting, it's not safe and the system we have is good," said Rep. Paul Labrador, R-Elgin.
 Debate over the bill lasted more than two hours.
 Larry Spencer, a conservative activist from Coeur d'Alene, called vote-by-mail a

"Pandora's box" of unforeseen consequences. For instance, he said voting at home does injustice to those who take the time to learn about issues before they go to the poll. It would open the door to more partisan turnout than informed voters likely to be unduly influenced by television advertising.
 "Vote by mail cheapens the vote," he said. "Right now, there's something almost sacred about it."
 His comments drew an angry retort from Rep. Mark Stodgrass, R-Meridian, who said he was "offended by the notion that voting was a privilege reserved for a select few."
 According to a 2003 study by a University of Oregon professor, one-third of respondents in that state reported that they voted more often by mail, "particularly women, the disabled, homebound and those aged 20-35 years."
 Most still favored the system five years after it was adopted, the study said.

Oregon appeals court orders up shorter sentence for SUV arsonist

By Jeff Barnard
 Associated Press writer
 GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The Oregon Court of Appeals on Wednesday ordered a shorter sentence for a man serving 23 years in prison after admitting he set fire to three sport utility vehicles to protest the contributions of gas-guzzling vehicles to global warming.
 The appeals court sent the case of Jeff Luers of Eugene back to Lane County District Court for resentencing, saying the trial judge erred by imposing sentences on Luers consecutively, rather than merging them together.
 Luers was convicted in June 2001 after he admitted setting an early morning fire at a Eugene car dealership in June 2000 that destroyed a pickup truck and damaged two other trucks.
 He did not admit to putting an incendiary device on an oil delivery truck in Eugene, but was convicted in that case, too, and sent to the Oregon

State Penitentiary.
 Luers' sentence gained widespread attention, with critics around the country raising money to help him.

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Age-old conflict Old-timers and newcomers clash in retirement communities

By Lisa Luff Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Gontis arrives for men, skirts dresses for women. That was the dinner code for most of the last 37 years at The Sequoias, a high-rise retirement community here.

But in the last decade, determined to renovate the dining room, newer residents lobbied for a more casual dining experience with a buffet. More than two years later, some of the old-timers are still grumbling, says Hilke Odo, president of the resident council.

"There is a definite generation gap between the ones who have lived here 20 years" and more recent arrivals, said Odo, 62, who has been living at The Sequoias for three years.

San Francisco isn't the only city where efforts to accommodate so-called "younger olders" are causing consternation among the older residents designed for a generation that came of age during the Great Depression.

Often, squabbles arise when administrators propose raising monthly fees to pay for the spa, cuisine, wellness classes and computer-ready apartments demanded by comparatively spry 70-year-olds.

At St. Paul's Towers in Oakland, complaints accompanied a plan to create an auditorium for lectures; while at Oakmont Village, a 3,000-home, age-restricted neighborhood in Santa Rosa, it was the cost of spinning up the gym that ruffled feathers.

Maria Dwight, a Santa Monica-based consultant who helps clients plan and market senior housing, said older residents don't want to pay for perks they won't use.

"They don't see the facilities with fresh eyes," she said. "So the carpet is a little worn, so what? They are living there, they are comfortable."

The intergenerational tension is expected to mount as more and more baby boomers enter their golden years, during which they are expected to be healthier and more active than the generation that came before them.

"This creates a real dilemma for older retirement communities," Dwight said, "because they tend to have small dining units and here, dining rooms that aren't attractive to younger older people who want weight rooms and casual dining and lap pools and a home office and room for the grandchildren to come visit."

That is the quandary in which Northern California Presbyterian Homes and Services, which owns The Sequoias and six other retirement communities, finds itself. Chief Executive Barbara Hood said upgrading aging facilities is critical to nonprofit organizations like hers as more private developers get into the increasingly lucrative senior-citizen housing market.

Moscow prepares to raze grain elevators

By MOSCOW (AP) — A developer in this northern Idaho city plans to raze grain elevators and other agricultural buildings to make way for new projects that could link the city with the University of Idaho.

Developer Rick Beebe said the new projects could include a small hotel along with retail space, apartments and medical offices.

FBI rules out terrorism; authorities tracing shooter's guns:

By Paul Foy Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The FBI said Wednesday it has no reason to believe the shooting suspect fired five people in a shopping mall was an act of Islamic terrorism, leaving a young Bosnian immigrant's motives a mystery.

"It's just inexplicable," FBI agent Patrick Kieran said. He was just walking around and shooting everybody he saw."

Sulejman Talovic, 18, fired randomly at shoppers Monday, killing five and leaving 40 others with bullet wounds before he was shot dead by police.

"We are Muslims, but we are not terrorists," the boy's aunt, Alka Omerovic, said Wednesday at the family's house. She rejected any religious motive for the shooting.

Report: Montana will lead nation in prisoner population growth

By Alan Soderman Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — Montana will see the fastest prison population growth rate in the nation over the next five years

as it changes its current sentencing and prisoner release practices, a new study released Wednesday predicted. Nine of the top 10 states with the fastest projected inmate population growth rates are in the West.

The report, published by the Public Safety Performance Project of The Pew Charitable Trusts, predicted Montana's prison population to grow by 41 percent from 2006 to 2011. Most other Western states, including Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii, are projected to see an increase of at least 20 percent.

Nationwide, the report said, one in every 178 Americans will be in prison by 2011. The report used data from 42 states to predict prison growth rates. Most states used complex mathematical models to predict their prison growth rates.

Some states, such as Montana, used a more simple method that examines past trends to predict future inmate growth. Researchers had to estimate the growth rates for the eight other states that did not provide any future predictions.

James Austin, a criminologist and one of the report's authors, said the larger prison population estimates in the West are due in part to the region's overall population gains outpacing national averages.

But tougher sentencing and more difficult prison-release requirements have also contributed to the increases, Austin said. Arizona, for instance, requires its prisoners to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences and has limited its available options to deal with the rising prisoner population, he said.

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Police tape was removed from the parking lot and Trolley Square reopened Wednesday, although it was up to each shop whether to resume business.

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LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT 20ft (2 section) adjustable crowding alley with stops - Powder River cattle rail - 18 16ft Powder River/Summit metal panel - 7 12ft Powder River/Summit metal panels - one 6' x 10ft galvanized collector, setup for 30" rows, 3 splder gangs, 3pt hitch - 2 wheel 12ft x 21 single axle flat bed trailer - Hutterling 33" x 6" grain auger on rubber, 3pt operated - 16ft x 4" grain auger with 3/4 hp electric motor - 2 section spring tooth harrow

RECREATION ITEMS 1998 Honda 300P 2 wheel 2 stroke ATV, electric start, excellent - 8ft x 8ft metal frame tent - air mattress - folding cot - golf clubs and bags - camp cooking equipment - fishing poles and tackle

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Old bottles - 2 base board heaters - new waffle iron - bottle capper - light fixtures - typewriter and table - adding machine and other household items

MISCELLANEOUS Snapper 10 hp tiding lawn mower (metal mechanic) - 20ft x 54ft hay trailer - pair of 20" truck chains - 2 JD hydraulic rams - markers - assorted implement tires - old clothes - 142ft of door track, rollers and hangers - gauge wheels - cast iron - 1 implement seat - 10ft hitch axle - cement - screed - cement bull float - other cement tools - bolts and nails - Sears rotocher shop heater - gated pipe gears - post clips - fence insulators - woven wire - assorted used - woodcut posts - hay hooks - DOW trimmer and brush cutters - 2 wheel 12ft x 21 single axle flat bed trailer - Milwaukee worn drive drill saw - bearing ball - saw blades - metal implement wheels - 10" bubble starter - 11 sheets of 8ft metal roofing - milk cans - trash cans - flood lights - bag zipper - tractor heater - plastic barrels - RR tires - assorted lumber - 8ft x 14ft canvas parachute bag - 6ft x 7ft roll up garage overhead door with track - and other miscellaneous items too numerous to mention

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Insurance program for kids also covers some adults

By Kevin Fuking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — With the government's blessing, more than a dozen states secured health insurance coverage for adults under a program designed to help poor children. Now, there is not enough money to cover the kids.

More than 10 percent of the participants in the State Children's Health Insurance Program are adults.

The 10-year-old program was slow to catch on at first. Flush with extra money, both the Clinton and Bush administrations granted waivers to states that allowed them to cover parents and pregnant women. But doing that cost money.

The program this year faces a nearly \$750 million shortfall. President Bush and many Republican lawmakers say it is time to refocus the program as it was originally intended — on children. Democrats say the solution to the uninsured problem is not removing health care from those who now have it.

The program, with a \$40 billion budget over 10 years, covers 6 million people, including 640,000 adults.

The Government Accountability Office said that the states covering adults as a result of federal waivers are Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Rhode Island and Wisconsin were among the first states that got waivers to enroll adults. As a result, Rhode Island, which was supposed to get \$72 million for children's health insurance between 1995-2005, actually got \$186 million. Wisconsin was supposed to get \$355 million; it got \$437 million.

Jane A. Hayward, Rhode Island's director of health and human services, said she understands Congress faces financial pressures as more children in other states begin to participate in the program. She also contends that enrolling adults has served an important purpose: When parents get coverage, their kids do, too.

"In Rhode Island, we've always looked at this as being

about families," she said. "The adults we've been involved with have been parents or pregnant women, so those adults are not unrelated to the children, for whom we're trying to provide the best possible care."

Jason Helgeson, policy director for Wisconsin's Health and Family Services Department, said his state has resisted attempts to cut back on health coverage for adults.

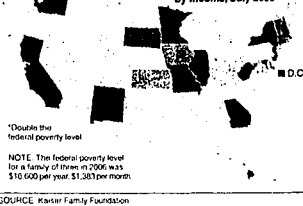
"States like Wisconsin that have included covering parents have been more successful in covering kids. Parents, if they have the opportunity to get health care, are more likely to get their kids signed up and navigate through the complexities and challenges of signing up," Helgeson said.

Health insurance for low-income children

Forty-one states cover children of families that make up to or above double the federal poverty level under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Family of three that makes (per month):
Less than \$2,707 \$2,707 to \$2,717 More than \$2,717

Children's eligibility for Medicaid/SCHIP, by income, July 2006



*Double the federal poverty level

NOTE: The federal poverty level for a family of three in 2006 was \$10,660 per year, \$1,033 per month.

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation

Winter storm ties up travel, closes schools and interferes with Valentine's Day flower deliveries

By Nahal Toal
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Blowing snow and sleet glazed windshields and roads across the Northeast and the Midwest on Wednesday, messing up Valentine's Day flower deliveries and wrecking couples' plans for romantic dinners.

The storm grounded hundreds of flights and forced the closing of schools and businesses from Kentucky to Maine. Many of those stuck at home had no heat or lights because of blackouts that affected more than a quarter-million customers.

"I'm just trying to figure out where to take my wife for Valentine's Day," said Skip Daniels, the emergency management director in Sussex County, N.J.

At least 13 deaths were blamed on the huge storm system.

Blizzard warnings were posted for parts of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, where as much as 2 feet of snow was possible.

There were hundreds of accidents. The Ohio State



A cyclist makes his way down snow-covered Fifth Avenue, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007 in New York. A Valentine's Day Blizzard shut down hundreds of flights and thousands of schools Wednesday as the number of deaths blamed on the storm jumped to 12.

Highway Patrol alone handled more than 1,200, but there were few injuries because most vehicles were moving slowly. Sgt. Brett Goeckstetter said.

The storm's cold, snow, sleet and rain made life difficult for Valentine's Day messengers.

today." The storm was a convenient excuse for husbands and boyfriends who forgot to send flowers.

Some delivery drivers got stuck on the roads. Flowers delivered to offices were turned away because the businesses were closed. And customers had to change their orders to have flowers delivered to homes instead of places of work.

"We're hoping people will understand we're doing the best we can do," said Pat Jarvis at Dwyer Florist in Northampton, Mass. The 15,000-member Society of American Florists says Valentine's Day accounts for more than a third of annual sales. Spokeswoman Jennifer Sparks said most florists have four-wheel drive vehicles and many tried to deliver flowers early.

Americans were predicted to spend \$16.3 billion this Feb. 14, according to the National Retail Federation's annual Valentine's Day survey. More than 45 percent of consumers planned an evening out.

"Cold. Slippery. Nobody has their sidewalks sanded," said Caroline Baggato at Rose Petal Florist in Newport, R.I. "They all want their delivery

Environment prosecutor, oil lobbyist bought vacation home together

By John Heilprin
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Nine months before agreeing to let ConocoPhillips delay a half-billion-dollar pollution cleanup, the government's top environmental prosecutor bought a \$1 million vacation home with the company's top lobbyist.

Also in on the Kiawah Island, S.C., house deal was former Deputy Interior Secretary J. Steven Griles, the highest-ranking Bush administration official targeted for criminal prosecution in the Jack Abramoff corruption probe.

Just before resigning last month, Assistant Attorney General Sue Ellen Wooldridge signed two proposed consent decrees with ConocoPhillips: one giving the company as much as two to three more years to install \$525 million in pollution controls at nine refineries and the other dealing with a Superfund toxic waste cleanup.

Last April, Wooldridge, ConocoPhillips Vice President Donald R. Duncan and Griles had gone in together on a \$980,000 home in a gated community at Kiawah Island.

The deed is filed under Duncan's name, but the South Carolina property — tucked among pines, palmettos, a pool, golf course and racket club several hundred yards from the beach — is Griles' home in Virginia. He and Wooldridge jointly own a condo there.

Griles, now an oil and gas lobbyist, began dating



Griles

Duncan

Wooldridge

Wooldridge while he was her boss at Interior. He was the department's No. 2 official from July 2001 to January 2005, behind only former Secretary Gale Norton. He and Duncan, a ConocoPhillips vice president who runs the company's Washington office, both served on President Bush's presidential transition team. Griles for the Interior Department, Duncan for the Energy Department.

Duncan has played a major role in getting the Bush administration's backing for a proposed \$25 billion natural gas pipeline reacting from Alaska to Midwest markets. Wooldridge and Griles have known each other at least since the first year of the Bush administration in 2001, when Wooldridge became deputy chief of staff and counselor to then-Secretary Norton. Bush used a recess appointment to make Wooldridge the department's solicitor — its top lawyer — in June 2004.

After she became solicitor, Wooldridge told the department's ethics office that she and Griles had begun dating, an Interior spokesman said. From 2001 through 2004 Duncan was lobbying the department on a wide range of issues. The topics, according to his lobbying records on file with the government, included oil leases in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, coal-bed

methane in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico and the Powder River Basin in Wyoming, and permits for the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline.

After Griles resigned from Interior, Bush appointed Wooldridge to head the Justice Department's 600-employee environment division, representing virtually every federal agency on cases related to pollution, natural resources, wildlife, some Indian issues and land condemnation. She began work at Justice in November 2005. The division is now handling about 6,800 cases nationwide.

Griles, meanwhile, had slipped up as lobbying contacts — American Petroleum Institute, Newmont Mining Corp. and other energy and mining clients with a broad range of legal and financial interests before the government.

As for the vacation home, Stephen W. Grafman, Wooldridge's attorney, said she paid for her share and was told by the Justice Department's ethics office a month before the sale went through "that the purchase was not a problem."

"There was no need to recuse herself from ConocoPhillips since she was advised by the appropriate ethics officials that there was not a conflict," Grafman said.

Better Business Bureau tangled in e-mail scam

By Anny Skin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Better Business Bureau network was the target of a "spoofing" scam this week in which thousands of businesses in the United States and Canada received e-mails encouraging them to download what is thought to be a computer virus.

The e-mails, using the name of the 95-year-old network of nonprofit groups that looks into consumer complaints, told businesses that they were the subject of a complaint and included a link to view related documents. Clicking on the link, however, accessed the address book of an infected computer and distributed the counterfeit e-mail to more recipients, said Steve Cox, spokesman for the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

The council is the umbrella group for the system's 129 local branches, which are funded by member businesses.

BBB members and non-members received the e-mail.

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Sale ends Feb. 19th

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

YOU KNOW YOUR DECORANT HAS GOTTEN WORSE WHEN YOU DUMP IN A LAKE AND ALL THE FISH FLOAT TO THE TOP.

YOU KNOW

YOU KNOW

YOU KNOW

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

I THINK I JUST GROWN SOME MORE! REMEMBER ME AGAIN, TONY!

OHAY, GOT IT.

HAI I'M ALMOST AS TALL AS YOU ARE!

THAT BOY WAS GONE WALKER TIPPY-TOES.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

ANOTHER WEEK, ANOT?

YEAH... I DONT KNOW WHY THE SUNDAY AFTER TO ME.

WELL, THEY SAY IN DRINKERS TO CLASS THAT YOU SHOULD DRIVE DEFENSIVELY.

YEAH.

BUT I GUESS IN MORE OF AN OFFENSIVE KIND OF DEFENSE.

Brevity By Guy & Rood

By Guy & Rood.com

Dilbert By Scott Adams

HOW'S YOUR PROJECT COMING ALONG?

IT'S A STEAMING PILE OF FAILURE.

IT'S LIKE FIFTEEN DRUNKEN MONKEYS WITH A JIGSAW PUZZLE.

HOW'S YOUR PROJECT COMING ALONG?

FINE.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

YOUR CO-COACH AND I GO AWAY BACK - TO THE BATHS WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL. I'M SURE YOU'LL REPRODUCE.

GOOD TO SEE YOU, AGAIN.

GOOD TO SEE YOU, AGAIN.

BETTER THAN THE GOOD TIMES...

WHAT? YOUR COST BUCK TRUCK - YOU BEAT GOING TO WORK?

HAVE YOU GOTTEN BACK TO THE OFFICE YET?

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

The question we pose today is this: If you had only six months to live, what would you do?

Elderberry Philosophical Society

Evelyn?

I'd marry a college professor!

Evelyn! That's very flattering!

Why'd you say that, Evelyn?

Simple, Boone. I'd like those six months to seem to drag out as long as possible...

Oh.

Next question.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

HOW'D YOU DO? SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!

WELL, WE HAD TO MOVE TO A CONDOMINIUM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER AND - OH TOLD YOU WE'VE BLOWN THE BUDGET! IT'S A GOOD THING I'VE GOT A GOOD PRICE FOR MY HOUSE, AGAIN.

WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT ALL THE FURNITURE, JUST TO GET THE HOUSE SOLD.

IT'S A PROBLEM, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT ALL THE FURNITURE, JUST TO GET THE HOUSE SOLD.

WHAT? YOUR COST BUCK TRUCK - YOU BEAT GOING TO WORK?

HAVE YOU GOTTEN BACK TO THE OFFICE YET?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

INSURANCE CO.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PAYMENT IN A LUMP SUM?

Frank and Ernest

Luann By Greg Evans

BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT BEING INTERESTED IN ME, IT'S JUST LOGIC IN SO MANY WAYS.

HE'S CLEAR, HE'S YOUR BROTHER - HE'S GONE BACK TO HIS FAMILY. THIS IS HIS TIME. THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME.

DO YOU REALIZE YOU JUST GOT REJECTED BY A COMPLETELY MATURE?

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Dear Hillary, I got you a beautiful bracelet, part of the campaign trail... With... JH... Bambi... And someone named Jasmine or Tanny...

Life all your Valentine card... I bought you a sweater for the campaign trail... But dang! I gave that to Cheryl... Besides, you've got enough baggage just by being married to me.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

I'M LEAVING YOU, PIG.

WHY?

YOU'RE A WHIMP, I WANT A BOY-FRIEND THE TOUGH OUTDOORSY TYPE, A MANLY MAN.

BUT THAT'S ME.

PROVE IT.

Pickles By Brian Crane

OKAY, FINE, YOU WANT ME TO GO TO THE EYE DOCTOR?

I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL, OPAL...

I'LL GO IN FOR AN EYE EXAM IF YOU'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR BREATH.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

THIS IS A SCRATCHING POST, PLEASE CATS ALL OVER THE WORLD USE THEM!

SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH!

SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH! SCRAATCH!

COME BACK! LIVE TO TAKE LESSONS FROM A TALK-SHOW AMATEUR!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HI JEREMY

NEW GOATIE.

SPEECHLESS, BUT WHAT DOES ONE WHEN DEPRESSIVE LAUGHTER HURT CRITICAL EXPERT?

Non Sequiter By Wiley

HEY MAN, I SHOULD BE WORRIED THAT RATE STILL DANGIN' THEM, BUT YOU'VE FREED?

HE'S CALLED THE CAT.

I SAGAN TO RECALL YOU HAD AN IMMUNITY FRIEND INTO YOUR FRIENDS AND YOU TALKED OUT OK...

THAT I DID NOT.

SEAN, YOU DID WANT WHO HAD NAME AGAIN? SEAN PAUL? JULIA - ?

NO, I DON'T WANT ANY PLANNING IN MY IMMUNIZATION.

YEAH, BUT IT THOUGHT OF HAD FRIENDSHIP YOU.

Strange Brew By John Deering

I WONDERED WHAT YOU DID ON YOUR DAYS OFF...

TAXI IN SERVICE

Preaching to choir not necessary, Pisces

IF FEB. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: If you work hard and plan carefully, you can end up holding a horn of plenty before the year is done. June and August are two months to keep your nose to the grindstone and take no chances. Don't make important investments or borrow funds, and get to work early and stay late. Your self-discipline and diligence should pay off in October when new contacts or a new circle of friends might prove beneficial. October is the month to put important personal plans for the future into motion and when opportunities such as a job offer or promotion are most likely to occur.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take advantage of your revitalized sense of get up and go. You may be more incisive and energetic, so more can be accomplished. Put plans and projects in motion that require stamina and dedication.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Find a mentor. Hook up with someone who has a passion to succeed and a little of that dedication may rub off. Sidestep people who know the price of everything but the value of nothing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

Cling to a tower of strength. It might be wise to grab the shirtings of a local mover and shaker. Companions could become involved in an engaging and successful undertaking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep to the point. Don't get sidetracked by family menageries or the lure of domestic bliss. This is a good time to pursue heartfelt ambitions and to be passionate about financial security.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Apples don't fall far from the tree. Gather assistance from those who have an admirable track record or are associated in some way with success. Gain ground by being focused on career aspirations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't hide your light under a bushel. Others will develop good opinion of your initiative and industry if you show off your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Become the leader of the pack. If you are selling something, you will have a good chance of getting your foot in the door.

People are not likely to be offended by an aggressive approach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Drive and ambition take center stage. Put important or major projects into motion now for the best success. An obsession or anything requiring deep concentration is sure to be a winner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Grab the tiger by the tail. It is a good time to grapple with things that make you feel proud and confident. It is even a fantastic day to launch projects that require an aggressive approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pace yourself. Slow starts need not build you back. Some matters are not a sprint, but more like an endurance race. An unflagging determination will lead to eventual success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Answer the call of competition. You may need some new trick shoes to keep up with energetic friends and partners.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You don't need to preach to the choir. Act on sound principles. You may be surrounded by people who know how to subtly handle the business matters or possess plenty of street smarts.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



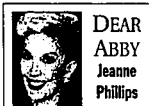
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Woman in office needs help in handling unwanted attention

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from "Plain Jane in Texas" (Jan. 31) who complained about male co-workers being "too friendly" on her new job — she didn't say she was being subjected to sexual advances. She merely said that many of the men she works with are always stopping by "to say 'hi'" and that she's treated like a celebrity. She also said she has "never been the center of attention."



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

band was right — I was a dish! — FORMER PLAIN JANE IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: As a former worker in human resources, I know "Plain Jane's" situation can be volatile for everyone. However, before making any formal reports, "Plain Jane" must make her dislike of the attention known to her "suitors"; otherwise they may conclude that she is enjoying it.

That, in my opinion, is the center of the problem. I think she is very insecure — after all, she signed herself "Plain Jane" — and she doesn't know how to handle her new popularity. On most jobs, you have to contend with office jealously, jealousy and generally not being accepted completely for a while. I think "Jane" is very fortunate to have lucked into a work environment with open arms.

Six months after I left that job, I found out that seven of them had put \$50 each into a pool to see who could take me out first. One guy bet his \$50 that I wouldn't go with anyone, and he won the bet! Once I heard about the bet, all the attention made sense. Beware of men hearing gifts!

She can do this in a polite and factual way, simply by saying, "Please don't come and talk to me while I'm working; it inhibits my ability to get my work done. Thank you." Then, if the attention continues, she should definitely talk to management or human resources staff.

— LUCIA IN CHICAGO

— JUDI IN ILLINOIS

— SHARON IN LAU CLAIRE, WIS.

DEAR LUCIA: I find it fascinating the way my readers view the letters I print through the "filter" of their own experiences. Many people commented on "Plain Jane's" predicament — and all of them offered interesting perspectives on interpersonal relations in the workplace. Lead on!

DEAR ABBY: Before complaining to the management about sexual harassment as you suggested, "Plain Jane" might take a careful look at herself. Is she dressing inappropriately for the workplace (low neckline, exposed midriff, short skirts)? Does she smile too much in there cony on her desk, encouraging workers to stop and chat? "Jane" might ask a trusted older working woman friend or relative to look over her wardrobe or share other hints.

DEAR ABBY: I worked the graveyard shift at a large law enforcement facility where I was one of only two women among 400 men. I found a way to discourage unwanted attention without complaining. I simply told the first one that tried to get too friendly that I didn't date men I worked with. Reason: No one wants complications in the workplace.

DEAR ABBY: I went to work in a building with 13 men. All day, every day, men would come by my desk to talk, invite me out for lunch, dinner, trips

If you car, administered every week, will invigorate ferns, azaleas, hydrangeas and other houseplants that need an acidic environment. Its tannic acid also helps neutralize salts in the soil.

Working with those men was one of the best times of my career. I sincerely hope Plain Jane everywhere that this position will try this tactic. It worked for me.

Women got day in court today in 1879

This day in history: On Feb. 15, 1879, after five years of lobbying by women, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court. Later that year, Ivelva Lockwood became the first woman to do so.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

all he had was a tune with no words. (The next line was, "Oh, my dear, you have such lovely legs.")

Weak tea, administered every week, will invigorate ferns, azaleas, hydrangeas and other houseplants that need an acidic environment. Its tannic acid also helps neutralize salts in the soil.

zags down the Beijing Strait. Alaska's land mass is less than three miles from Russia's, a short walking distance over winter's ice.

Goats are much easier to milk than cows; they're smaller, less temperamental, and fonder of people. Also, they have only two teats, cutting the work in half.

If your car is typical, it will blink about twice a minute.

"Rare elements" in science ain't that rare. The truth is that many rare earth elements are pretty abundant even though the name remains. When elements 57 through 71 were discovered, it was difficult to extract them, leading scientists to mistakenly believe they were in short supply, as well.

Outlaw Clyde Barrow once wrote a fan letter to Henry Ford. "I have drove Ford exclusively when I could get away with one," he scrawled.

An anonymous reader asks: Why do scabies itch so much? It's because the scabies mite burrows into a person's skin and lays eggs. Besides revulsion, this can also produce a very itchy allergic reaction in the human host.

More boys are born during the day than girls; more girls are born at night than boys.

"Even if my business has not been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8." A month later he and partner Bonnie Parker were ambushed and shot dead in a stolen Ford V-8.

What country borders the United States besides Canada and Mexico? Russia. The U.S.-Russia maritime boundary zig-

zagged down the Beijing Strait.

"Democrat" and "Republican" are both towns located in North Carolina.

Scrambled Eggs was the working title of Paul McCartney's Yesterday, when

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmatters@erincarr.com

Diamond ring ends up in suspect's stomach

HOLLIS, N.H. — A house painter accused of taking a \$7,000 diamond engagement ring from a condo he was working at apparently swallowed the ring during a break from questioning at the police station — and it was caught on tape, police said.

Odds and ends

houses on balance in design to promote health and happiness. Few shut in a domed interior among high-end architects and interior designers, but Beverly Hills-based feng shui expert Simona Mainini said the Los Angeles Zoo's effort may be a first in animal enclosure design. "It's very experimental," Mainini said. "We don't have any books on feng shui for monkeys. We just have to assume that Darwin is correct and that there is a connection and what is good for humans is good for monkeys."

The 35-year-old painter was charged with theft and falsifying evidence. Doctors had to perform emergency surgery on the man to get the 1.2-carat ring out. He was arraigned from his hospital bed.

The suspect then arranged for his aunt to bring a small safe which he claimed contained money for his bail. But when his aunt opened the safe in front of a state trooper, they found cash, drug paraphernalia and another 16 grams of cocaine, police said.

Police: Faked kidnapping was over crashed car

Police said the ring had been hidden under a mattress in a room where the painter had been hired to work. The owner said he was hiding the ring for his brother, so his brother's girlfriend wouldn't see it until the ring was found.

Additional drug charges were filed against the man and his bond was increased to \$125,000. He was later bailed out by another relative, police said.

SAN JUAN PUEBLO, California — A 37-year-old alleged kidnapper — his wife from finding out he crashed her new car could face criminal charges, police said.

Police brought the painter in for questioning. During a break, and with investigators out of the room for a few minutes, a security camera caught him swallowing the ring.

The suspect was charged with possession of narcotics with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and speeding.

Police said the 35-year-old man told them two kidnappers held him up at gunpoint at a San Rafael bar Saturday and ordered him to drive to Santa Rosa, where he purposely crashed the car into a wall to escape.

The man was charged with possession of narcotics with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and speeding.

Endangered monkeys do things the feng shui way

Under questioning Monday, he admitted to investigators he made the story up, including detailed descriptions of the nonexistent kidnappers, police said.

More cocaine recovered in man's bail-out attempt

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Zoo paid \$4,500 to an expert in the ancient Chinese art of feng shui to ensure three endangered golden monkeys on loan from China can have a strong life force.

"As far as we can tell, he was alone in the car," police spokeswoman Margo Rohrbacher said.

SOUTHBRURY, Conn. — A man's plans to bail himself out after a drug bust went more than a bit awry over the week-end.

Consulting the feng shui expert was part of the cost for a \$7.4-million enclosure for the 270-lb monkeys, debuting at the zoo later this year. Feng shui

— The Associated Press

IDAHO/WEST

Idaho Senate to debate changes to open-meeting law

By John Miller
Associated Press writer



BOISE — An illegal private meeting by the Ada County Commission in June 2005 has sparked a bipartisan bill in the Idaho Legislature to clarify when public boards can be held behind closed doors.

The measure cleared the Senate State Affairs Committee Wednesday. It will now be debated in the full chamber.

The bill, being pushed by media groups including the Idaho Press Club and 15 newspapers, Allied Idaho Dailies, would require public agencies

to always have an attorney present before calling an executive session to discuss legal issues.

Currently, the Idaho Open Meeting Law is less clear, allowing executive sessions to be called "to consider and advise legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is general public awareness of probable litigation."

In March, a 4th District Court judge ruled Ada County commissioners violated state law when they met in private without a city lawyer in June 2005 to discuss an embattled housing development.

Judge William Woodland ruled the law was so vague on this issue that the matter could be debated.

Media groups argue the existing law's intent is clear, but the changes will remove any doubt.

"This language makes it

doubt clear if you are going to discuss legal issues, you need to have your attorney present," said Kevin Richert, Idaho Press Club vice president and editorial page editor at the *Idaho Statesman* newspaper in Boise, following Woodland's decision.

"Nobody has effectively argued to me why you wouldn't want your attorney present to discuss legal issues."

The committee voted 5-4 in favor of the changes.

Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston and one of the opponents, argued that always requiring an attorney before an execu-

tion session can be called is onerous.

Members of the Ada County Commission, whose appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court remains unresolved, contend they should have been able to meet in private without an attorney.

They argue the attorney requirement would be expensive for cities and counties throughout Idaho.

Phone calls to Patrick Furey, attorney for the three-member panel, weren't immediately returned.

So far, the case has cost Idaho and Ada County taxpayers

at least \$43,000. The commissions are fighting possible fines of \$150 apiece.

The proposed changes, sponsored by Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, and Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, wouldn't affect other justifications currently in the Idaho Open Meeting Law to hold an executive session. Executive sessions can be called to make hiring decisions, discipline employees, and pursue labor negotiations or land acquisitions.

When closed-door sessions are called for those reasons, Idaho's law doesn't require a lawyer to be present.

Idaho GOP senators introduce two illegal immigrant bills

BOISE (AP) — Republican state senators on Wednesday introduced two bills designed to punish employers who hire undocumented workers and another that seeks to prevent such workers from receiving state- or federally funded welfare payments.

The first bill would force employers who knowingly employ illegal aliens to pay for the employees' medical costs should they be injured on the job.

Employers who attempt to check the status of their employees through the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements wouldn't be subject to the penalties, according to the bill.

"This plan will send a strong message to the public: Illegal immigration is not tolerated," said Sen. Mike Jorgensen, R-Hayden.

"This is aimed specifically at the employer who chooses not to verify the authenticity of workers' documents.

The second is modeled after a Colorado law prohibiting taxpayer expenditures on illegal immigrants, except where mandated by the federal government. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter endorsed this plan in his Jan. 8 State of the State speech.

Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, said his plan includes provisions for humanitarian assistance, including in medical emergencies, and wouldn't affect legal immigrants' documented children who receive welfare payments.

Still, some Idaho advocacy groups say the measures are unnecessary and would be difficult to enforce.

"They're going to cost a lot of money, and they don't do anything," said Roger Sherman, program director for the nonprofit group United Vision for Idaho. It's unclear if taxpayer-financed benefits would extend to things such as library cards, Sherman said.

Both bills will be debated in coming days in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Otter vetoes his first bill as governor

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has vetoed his first bill as Idaho's chief executive.

He killed a bill Wednesday that would have allowed the Idaho State Tax Commission to send out tax-seizure notices by first-class mail, rather than certified mail.

The Tax Commission currently sends out more than 10,000 notices annually.

Almost half are returned as undelivered, and the agency had requested the law be changed to let it send notices via first class mail to save \$25,000 a year.

In vetoing the bill, Otter said certified mail provides greater assurance that notice is actually received.

"Idaho has a long tradition of protecting and promoting private property rights," the

governor wrote in his veto message to House Speaker Lawrence DeWine, R-Midvale. "Although some may argue that the additional cost of using certified mail is unnecessary, it is an appropriate safeguard that we owe property owners."

If lawmakers want to fight, they could: The bill passed 64-2 in the House, and 35-0 in the Senate, indicating it might eas-

ily clear the two-thirds hurdle to override Otter's veto.

This isn't the first bill Otter has ever vetoed: As a 44-year-old lieutenant governor filling in for an out-of-town Cecil Andrus, Otter on Feb. 24, 1997, vetoed a bill lifting Idaho's drinking age to 21 from 19, to protest a federal threat to withhold highway money from the state if it didn't raise the legal age.

Buzz Aldrin to help unveil new attraction at Grand Canyon

**By Chris Kahn
Associated Press writer**

PHOENIX — Buzz Aldrin, the Apollo 11 astronaut who walked on the moon in 1969, plans to be among the first to stroll aboard the Grand Canyon in a massive, glass-bottomed observation deck.

The Hualapai Indian Reservation, which owns the so-called Skywalk, paid Aldrin to join its March 20 opening ceremony, according to a Las Vegas public relations firm working with the tribe.

The Hualapai chairman Charlie Vaughn and former astronaut John Herrington plan to meet him in the middle of the walkway.

"Yeah, I haven't decided whether I should take a para-

chute or not," Aldrin, 77, said with a laugh.

Visitors "are going to get a once in a lifetime view," he told The Associated Press. "There's glass around this thing, and I presume that the glass will let you look straight down. At least I hope so."

The Skywalk is a massive \$30 million, horseshoe-shaped observation deck that will extend 70 feet from the canyon wall.

When completed, designers say it will offer bone-chilling views of the canyon floor and the Colorado River 4,000 feet below.

Members of the Hualapai (pronounced WAH-luh-pee) will be the first to cross the Skywalk in a private ceremony on March 19. The tribe will

charge visitors \$25 to walk across the deck starting March 19.

The Hualapai decided to build the Skywalk at the canyon's rim in hopes of luring tourists to the remote region 90 miles west of Grand Canyon — National Park. Plunged with double-digit unemployment, the tribe has invested heavily in making their reservation a vacation destination in hopes of drawing some of the 4.1 million tourists who visit the national park each year.

They've billed the Skywalk as a technological marvel and the centerpiece of a new development that includes an Indian "village" and a mock-up of a frontier town.

The deck is supported by

steel beams that are anchored 46 feet into the rock on the lip of the canyon.

It's designed to withstand canyon winds of 100 mph and should be able to hold a few hundred people without bending.

Architects "also installed shock absorbers in the glass floor to keep the observation deck from wobbling up and down as people walk across the surface."

Aldrin applauded the tribe's decision to build the Skywalk over another money-making venture, like a casino.

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Babylon revisited



Hookahs sit in the new Babylon Hookahbar in downtown Twin Falls. Zaid Alsaadoun will open the business Tuesday. A hookah is a glass-based water pipe for smoking. Hookah smoking originated in India, and hookah cafes, long popular throughout Asia and the Middle East, are now gaining popularity across the U.S., especially in college towns.

New hookah cafe to open in downtown T.F.

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

About hookahs

TWIN FALLS — When people think about hookah cafes, they might picture elderly Middle Eastern men huddled around a water pipe, sipping tea or strong Turkish coffee from tiny cups.

Not anymore. Hookah cafes, long popular in the Middle East and Asia, are popping up all over the U.S., especially in college towns.

"It used to be old people talking about politics," said Zaid Alsaadoun, who will open the Babylon Hookahbar Tuesday in downtown Twin Falls. "This new generation still likes the idea, but a new, fresh idea."

Alsaadoun, who grew up in southern Iraq and came to the U.S. in 1995, opened his first hookah cafe last June in Boise. It was so overwhelmingly popular, he's now opening a second Boise cafe as well as the one in Twin Falls. He said people from Twin Falls often frequented his Boise cafe and suggested he open one in Magic Valley. So he did.

Alsaadoun believes the reason hookah cafes have gained popularity over the past five years is that people are looking for a place to gather minus the alcohol.

"They come in to socialize — to sit and talk with their friends," Alsaadoun said.

• A hookah (Arabic) is a multi-stemmed, often glass-based water pipe for smoking, originating in India. It was made popular as the form we see today in Turkey.

• A hookah operates by water filtration and indirect heat. It can be used for smoking many substances, such as herbal fruits and tobacco.

• A hookah is constructed from four components: the base, vase or smoke chamber which is partially filled with water; the bowl or head which contains the tobacco (the heating apparatus is placed on top); the pipe or stem which connects the bowl to the base by a tube that descends into the water; and the hose which connects to a second tube in the pipe that extends into the smoke chamber.

• When a smoker inhales through the hose, a vacuum is created in the top portion of the smoke chamber. In reaction to the pressure differential, air must be introduced into the smoke chamber from the outside. As air is forced into the pipe it stokes the coal, in turn heating the tobacco and producing smoke. This smoke is pulled down through the pipe, and through the water into the smoke chamber. From there, it is drawn through the hose and inhaled by the smoker.

Source: Wikipedia

Alsaadoun said it isn't unusual for a group of friends to spend five or six hours chatting around a hookah.

Through some say forcing the smoke through the water partially filters unhealthy air and other particulates from the tobacco, some doctors and public health experts say it's just as bad as smoking cigarettes. But Alsaadoun said the secret is moderation.

"Anything is bad if you do too much," he said.

Before he entered the hookah cafe business, Alsaadoun spent several years working as a translator for U.S. troops in combat training, traveling to military bases to teach troops the language and culture of his native country.

Now, Alsaadoun is busy getting the local hookah cafe on Main Avenue ready for a

Babylon Hookahbar

The Babylon Hookahbar at 217 Main Ave. E. will open at 5 p.m. on "Fat Tuesday." Regular hours will be 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. seven days a week.

The cafe will feature more than 40 flavors of tobacco, from fruit flavors to tobaccos to the more exotic such as chocolate strawberry, classic coal and caramel macchiato. The menu will also include coffees, teas and soft drinks.

Tobacco prices are \$8 for the first order, and \$4 for refills. Friday and Saturday nights will feature entertainment from local belly dancers.

Tuesday opening. He's stocking the place with more than 50 colorful hookahs, more than 40 kinds of flavored tobaccos and an assortment of teas, coffees and soft drinks. Friend Jared Crank is building benches along the walls which are decorated with paintings by one of Alsaadoun's artist friends.

The grand opening on "Fat Tuesday" will have a Mardi Gras theme, and KTPZ-FM will broadcast live from the cafe. The cafe will also have a large screen for watching music videos.

"If you're bored, come here," Alsaadoun said.

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Nerdy Dreams New store brings real 'Guitar Heroes' to Elko

By Jared DuBach
For the Times-News

ELKO — Their number is 753-NERDS and the word "nerdy" is even in the title of their store. Needless to say, Nerdy Dreams co-owners Chisholm Morris, Christie Carattini and Mike Durkin are not afraid of being called nerds.

The new store catering to all forms of video and strategic gaming recently opened at 524 Commercial St. in Elko. While the store features merchandise in the front, gamers are able to try out video games in the back or seek advice on the latest strategic games. Morris said he sees the store as one that not only caters to the more active teens and young adults in gaming, but also their parents who may be fairly clueless as to what some of the games even are.

One of the most popular video games right now is "Guitar Hero II," produced by RedOctane. Nerdy Dreams hosted a tournament for the game.

But one of the biggest concerns of parents today is that some games may be too violent or mature for their children and teens. The video games the store carries are clearly marked with the rating for the



Nerdy Dreams co-owners Chisholm Morris, Mike Durkin and Christie Carattini stand in front of a display of collectible card- and book-based games. Carattini is holding a game controller for 'Guitar Hero II.'

game. Durkin said if a parent doesn't know what each rating means, they'll happily fill them in on the details so they can make an educated decision. Also, any game marked "M" for mature needs parental approval to be sold to a minor, and the store owners intend to adhere to

that self-imposed standard. Chisholm said even games like "Dungeons & Dragons" come with disclaimers nowadays. The book-based game "Vampires" has a disclaimer alerting the player or players that they are indeed not real vampires.

Chisholm also said one of the goals of the store is to keep the store as family friendly as possible.

With all things considered, the co-owners see Nerdy Dreams as not just a store, but also as a place for people to hang out and have a good time. Chisholm said he's perfectly fine with people spending several hours in the back playing video games.

One of the reasons he and the other co-owners opened the store was because they saw a need for this sort of gaming in Elko, but saw little in the way of selection or knowledgeable customer service at local retail outlets.

Chisholm said while Best Buy might have the Geek Squad for computer support, Nerdy Dreams is a sort of "Nerd Squad," offering up gaming support.

For more information at Nerdy Dreams, see the Web site at www.nerdy-dreams.com.

Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	12,741.86	▲17.01
Nasdaq composite	2,488.38	▲28.50
Standard & Poor's 500	1,455.30	▲11.04
Russell 2000	813.99	▲1.68

Stocks of local interest		
Stock	close	change
Con Agri	25.85	▼ 1.2
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Libra Motors	30.00	▼ 1.00
Micron	12.56	▲ .35
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Commodity	close	change
March Oil	58.00	▼ 1.06
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	94.23	▼ .18
March gold	669.0	▲ 3.5

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Hoping to cash in

Washington farmers trying to capitalize on high wheat price

The Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Wheat growers in the Palouse region of Washington and Idaho are pondering ways to take advantage of the best prices in a decade for their crops.

After hovering around the \$3.50 per bushel mark from 2003 to 2005, the type of soft white winter wheat grown in the region broke the \$5 mark in October.

Hoping to cash in on the higher prices, many farmers are taking the unprecedented step of contracting their crops two years in advance.

Palouse Grain Growers manager Bruce Baldwin said he's never seen farmers contract their crops two years in advance in the 20 years he's worked in the Washington wheat industry.

Farmers want to take advantage of current market prices for as long as they can, but it is a gamble, considering the price could go even higher than the present \$5.26 a bushel.

"You hope it's the worst marketing move you ever make and that the price will be higher in a few years," said Randy Suss, who farms outside of Colfax. "We've been stuck in \$3.50 wheat for so long that it's nice to make a little money."

The market hasn't held prices above \$5 since 1996, Suss said. Even then, the prices didn't remain high for as long as they have this season.

Drought in Australia and America's Midwest led to low yields and shrunken the world market.

Farmers who lock in prices now for this year's harvest will receive \$4.97 a bushel; \$4.76 to contract out to 2008.

Greg Behmyer, general manager of the Alnosta Elevator Co., said it's rare to see farmers guarantee their wheat production two years in advance, but growers are not selling off their entire crop.

His company suggests farmers not contract more than a third of their projected crop in case of crop failure or low yields, he said. Growers he deals with have contracted between 10 percent and 12 percent of their wheat crops, Behmyer said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Debt-planning course offered

TWIN FALLS — Growing numbers of people are hoping that 2007 will be the year they get financially fit, according to a news release from Zions Bank.

To help families follow through with their resolutions to pay down debt, start investing and create a budget, Zions Bank is offering a 13-week course called Financial Peace University. The program, taught by Zions Customer Service Manager Jodi Schulz, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21. Tuition is \$129 per household and includes a comprehensive workbook, all 13 lessons on CD, a lifetime membership to repeat the course in the future and much more. Scholarship opportunities are available for those with spouses serving in the military overseas and for single mothers.

Those who have taken the course have, on average, saved \$3,700 and have paid off \$5,300 of debt in 90 days, the news release said.

For more information or to sign up for the course, e-mail endoprogram@zionsbank.com or visit the Web site at www.endoprogram.com. Schulz can also be reached at 737-0240.

Quest lands contracts worth nearly \$10M

DENVER — Quest Communications International Inc. said Tuesday it has landed two federal contracts worth nearly \$10 million to provide telecommunications services to federal agencies in nine Western states.

The Denver-based company, the primary telephone service provider for 14 mostly Western states including Idaho, said the services will include voice over Internet protocol technologies and hosting.

The contracts were issued by the General Services Administration and are for up to five years for agency offices in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Red Hat Society asking for donations

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley chapters of the Red Hat Society will be having a fundraising Fourth Annual Idaho Red Hat Rendezvous in April.

The chapters are looking for businesses who would like to donate door prizes, items for goody bags, advertisements or discount coupons.

Businesses that would like to help can contact Jacquie Chambers at 734-4405 or jacque@cablone.net.

Unclaimed money goes to state in July

TWIN FALLS — It's time to see if Idaho is holding unclaimed funds in your name.

More than \$16 million in unclaimed money will go to the state's general fund on July 1, according to a news release from the State Tax Commission, which holds unclaimed property for the state. Many of the assets are unclaimed because people didn't know they had them or just forgot about them, and sometimes are worth thousands of dollars. They include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts, unclaimed paychecks, utility deposits, traveler's checks, contents from deposit boxes and other items, the news release said.

An unclaimed property list can be seen on the commission's Web site at www.idaho.gov. People who find their names on the list can fill out a claim form to get the money. There's no charge for the service. For more information, call toll-free at 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623.

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Oaxaca

Paradise, poverty, and politics

Editor's note: Times-News columnist William Studebaker traveled to Mexico and presents his observations and photos.

By William Studebaker

Three thousand policemen are stationed outside of the city. Nearly 400 policemen are on duty in and around the Zocalo.

The Zocalo is the main city square in Oaxaca de Juarez (Oaxaca), the capital of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico. The square is perhaps 10 acres, and on any given evening, there are 1,500 or more Oaxaqueños in the Zocalo relaxing, strolling and listening to music.

Oaxaqueños love to listen to the local brass bands with the booming tuba base. They marveled at the dexterity of the slyphonists. Frequently on a Saturday night, there will be a full-orchestra concert. And on the other side of the Zocalo, away from the bands, clowns perform for the Oaxaqueños.

Unlike last year, the police are everywhere. Some have machine guns. Some have tear-gas canisters hooked to bandoliers, and swinging from their shoulders are gas canons. The policemen carry riot sticks, and those without guns, pack shields.

Most of these men aren't really policemen. They are Mexican marines stationed in Oaxaca because of the

political unrest and recent rioting. Seventeen people have been killed in Oaxaca during various skirmishes. One person was American photo-journalist Bradley Roland Will who worked for www.indymedia.org. He was documenting the political turmoil in Oaxaca, and his work championed the actions of the movement set to oust Gov. Ulises Ruiz.

The liberal movement that Will supported was accusing Ruiz of electoral fraud and mismanagement of public funds. These accusations rose out of the teacher's strike for higher wages that began in May 2006. The activism of the 70,000 striking teachers paralleled the national election for president of Mexico. It was a race that was always volatile and ended with the defeat of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a populist who championed the rights of the poor and of the teachers. His opponent Felipe Calderon, who is currently president of Mexico, is a promoter of free-trade and status-quo politics. (Calderon inadvertently supports Gov. Ruiz by his no-change strategies.)

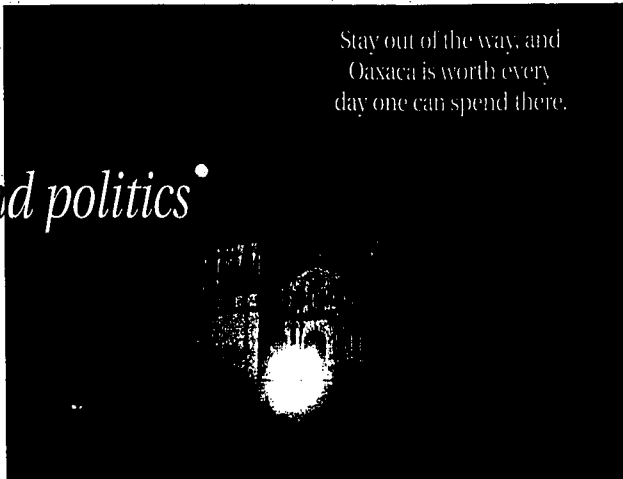
In Oaxaca, with ostensibly the poorest population in Mexico, the politics of Calderon don't set well. As Oaxaqueños see it, they are poor and will become poorer.

The average wage is about two dollars per hour. But according to Rafael Cervantes, a lawyer and law professor in Oaxaca, "The average income [for Oaxaqueños] is about a dollar a day because there are no jobs." Few Oaxaqueños are employed by the hour.

Bad politics and poverty are a lethal combination, and Oaxaqueñan politics are currently receipts for further disasters.

However when I left Oaxaca in the middle of January, it was peaceful. There had been an unofficial truce for the holiday season, Christmas and New Years are important to Oaxaqueños. They are family-oriented folks who love children... and babies even more.

By mid-January, the normal run of winter tourists had begun to flow into Oaxaca. For months, the flow had been stopped by the current political situation. The liberal and leftist protesters had taken over the Zocalo, setting



A cathedral at night in Oaxaca.

up camp and their political headquarters in this beautiful colonial center.

The Zocalo and the surrounding neighborhood are principal tourist attractions. There are a half dozen cathedrals, art galleries, miles of cobblestone streets and a palace-turned-museum. Many of the hotels are in this Central District. Without access to the Zocalo, and the possibility for violence, tourism in Oaxaca stalled.

Without tourists, the Oaxaqueñan economy was losing millions of dollars, billions of pesos, and the dollar-per-day average income fell below a dollar. This decline in tourism was aggravated by some 20 countries, including Canada, Germany, France, Japan, China and the United States, which posted advisories that recommended people not to go to Oaxaca.

With some apprehension I went, and when I arrived in late December 2006, there was a tense calm.

"Todos es tranquilo, (Everyone is quiet)," said my friend Flor Irene Bautista Carrero, owner of the Spanish Nagle Language School.

With Flor's recommendation, I rented a room from Claudia Pacheco. My first night on the town, I left the house wondering, "I low safe is Oaxaca?" With some caution, I headed for the Zocalo. Immediately, the absence of Americans and Europeans was noticeable. There simply were none. The streets and the Zocalo were filled with locals and their fellow Mexicans on vacation. However within a couple weeks, the foreign tourists started trickling in. First the French came, then the Germans, and then a few Americans. Oaxaca was on the verge of teeming with tourists again.

What beckons? Why Oaxaca? And, there is an open market that rivals any in Mexico. It is the most mountainous state in Mexico, and the mountains are riddled with caves, waterfalls, and



An Oaxaca policeman with tear gas.

there 1,100 years ago. The principal native language is Nahuatl, the voice of the Aztecs.

Monte Albán and Mitla are magnificent edifices where history is stacked in stratigraphic layers: First Olmec, then Zapotecs, then Mayan, then Christian. One is literally on top of the other, stone for stone. The surrounding villages are meccas for lovers of central highland tapetries, black pottery, wood carvings, and hand-embroidered clothing. There are none finer. There are none cheaper. The villages are worth a trip to Oaxaca. One doesn't need the Zocalo.

And the weather is perfect. T-shirt weather all of the time. One can sit under a palm tree in the high mountain air of Central American and listen to the jagave grow and imagine the world's finest tequila, for which the region is famous.

And, there is an open market that rivals any in Mexico. It is the most mountainous state in Mexico, and the mountains are riddled with caves, waterfalls, and

canyons. The roads are adequate for a rented car. The countryside is peaceful, and the people, in spite of poverty, are genuine and helpful.

Oaxaca is one of the naturally pleasant places on earth. Politics and poverty can certainly blur the vision that this is paradise, but the wonders of Oaxaca shouldn't be put asunder. To share them, one only needs to be kind and modest. Humility may be the only contribution one can offer a system as complex as that of the Oaxaqueños.

My involvement with the police was minor, but scary. Rafael Cervantes, my lawyer friend, said, "If you disappear, I'll find you in three or four days." I didn't want to disappear. I just wanted pictures.

Taking pictures isn't illegal, but law is what the policemen see, and the ones who saw my flash (stupidly I left my flash on) came after me. Fortunately, my camera fits inside my pants. I turned and walked nonchalantly, as any humbling American tourist would. One man, with an arsenal of tear-gas canisters, gave me the stink eye.

"One more picture. It's not illegal." Snap. I had the man with canisters. Stay out of politics. Stay out of the city, and Oaxaca is worth every day one can spend there.

It's a city of 300,000 to 350,000, a colonial city with a McDonald's hawking on the outskirts. It has delicious street food and five-star restaurants.

And now, the little old balloon men and women come shuffling up the sidewalks with their large bunches of balloons tied to their wrists. They are happy to be selling Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Rainbow Bright to giggling little boys and girls. They are delighted when a cell phone rings. And they are happy that the hundreds of policemen are drifting farther and farther away from the Zocalo.

It is a time of machine guns and balloons, secure yet unstable.



In the village of Arrazola, a woman carries bundles.

One illegal immigrant battles in the public eye

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Her world is six rooms and 12 church pews. She has a cell phone, a computer and a MySpace account. She has room to work, watch television, eat, sleep and pray. Once a week, a young man from the local laundry comes by to gather the dirty clothes and wash them at no charge. Friends do her shopping. Small ladies wearing large coats come by every weekday morning and afternoon, shepherding her 8-year-old son to and from school.

This is the world of Elyra Arellano, 32, single mother, activist, illegal immigrant. On Aug. 15, 2006, Arellano and her son, Saul, sought sanctuary at Adalberto United Methodist Church. She floundered to report for deportation, refused to go back to Mexico, refused to leave her American-born son behind in Chicago.

Together, mother and son made headlines and became symbols of the battle over immigration in America. Just as the battle heated up during the mid-term election campaign, Days passed, then weeks, now months. And mother and son are still

"I want to struggle to stay here for my son. At the last moment, if it's my fate to leave, it will be forever."

— Elyra Arellano

here, symbols, yet also flesh-and-blood figures. "I want to struggle to stay here for my son," Arellano says. "At the last moment, if it's my fate to leave, it will be forever."

Her son, she says, "has to stay here. It'll fight here."

Arellano speaks in Spanish, the translation provided by a community activist, Emma Lozano, whose husband is the church's pastor.

Arellano has given hundreds of interviews, prayed with supporters and met clergy and labor leaders in the modest storefront church.

Her son has traveled to Washington, Miami, Los Angeles and Mexico City, a little kid carrying a large message. They hold fast to an ancient, symbolic rite of sanctuary inside a church, making a home in a second-floor apartment. But sanctuary in a church has no force of law in modern America. U.S. Immigration and

Customs Enforcement officials vowed in a statement last year to enforce the nation's immigration laws "and ensure they are applied fairly, without regard for a person's ability to generate public support. Ms. Arellano willfully violated U.S. immigration laws and is now facing the consequences of her actions."

Arellano broke the law by entering America illegally and working under a false Social Security card.

In 1997, she made two illegal crossings. She was caught at airports, and was later deported. On her second attempt, she passed unnoticed.

In 2002, she was arrested during Operation Farmacia, a nationwide crackdown against illegal immigrants working at airports, and was later convicted in federal district court of Social Security fraud.

After her arrest, Arellano found her voice and thrust herself into the immigration debate.

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Cleric's allies engage U.S. officials in war of words

By Barzan Dargabadi and Safi Hamoud
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi lawmaker with close ties to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr said Wednesday that he saw the Shiite Muslim leader four days ago in Iraq, continuing a war of words with U.S. officials about al-Sadr's whereabouts.

U.S. officials told reporters this week that the anti-U.S.

cleric had left Iraq weeks ago, possibly to avoid a security crackdown in Baghdad. His al-Mahdi army militia has clashed at times with U.S.-led forces.

But lawmaker Fatah Sheik said in an interview that he met with the cleric in the holy city of Najaf, where al-Sadr lives.

"The media are trying to say he escaped to Iran," said Sheik, a Shiite and al-Sadr loyalist. "It is totally false. I was talking

with the office manager and he told me that his eminence was laughing about the news."

Iraqi officials often spend time in neighboring Jordan, Syria and Iran, as well as in Western countries, to escape the deep misery and violence gripping their country. But the suggestion that al-Sadr might have fled ahead of the crackdown could undermine his leadership role among the young Shiite men who make

up his supporters.

The reports of his departure were met with angry denials by al-Sadr's supporters, including the head of his parliamentary faction in the capital and his deputies in the shrine city of Najaf.

"The Americans want to shake the foundations that are connected with his eminence," said Abdul-Razzaq Nedawi, an al-Sadr loyalist in Najaf. "A leader present in the middle of

a battle gives his soldiers momentum. If he escapes, morale will break down." U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, spokesman for coalition forces in Iraq, on Wednesday repeated U.S. assertions that al-Sadr had left his home in Najaf for Iran in recent weeks. He declined to elaborate on why al-Sadr may have left Iraq.

"We obviously track Muqtada al-Sadr very closely,"

he said. "We will acknowledge that he is not in the country and all indications are that he is in Iran and left some last month."

Al-Sadr's supporters admitted he has not appeared publicly in weeks, but say he wants to keep a low profile during the holy period marking the martyrdom of the Imam Hussein, a Shiite saint whose commemoration ended two weeks ago.



Lebanese government supporters hold Lebanese flags as they attend a rally to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri (pictured in the background) in downtown Beirut, Lebanon Wednesday.

Lebanese take to the streets, remember Hariri

By Megan K. Stack
Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two years to the minute after former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was blasted to death by a massive car bomb, thousands of his followers lapsed into quiet Wednesday as church bells clanged and a muezzin sang the call to prayer: "God is great."

At a time when Lebanon stands utterly divided against itself, plagued by mysterious bombings and drifting in and out of sectarian street fighting, the commemoration seemed to have more to do with the current crisis than with Lebanon's many slain leaders, Hariri included. Instead of weeping for the dead father, the young crowd screamed and swooned for Saad Hariri, his son and political heir.

"We're here to say that not all Lebanese

are on the other side. Not all Lebanese are with Hezbollah," said Joyce Mekari, a 28-year-old hotel manager. "We are liberal, independent, open-minded people, actually. We don't want Syria or Iran to interrupt in our country."

She paused, and grinned.

"We prefer America and France," she said.

Cries of *razor wire* and rows of troops cordoned downtown Beirut into two separate cantons. The Hariri supporters came pouring into downtown from along the Mediterranean coast, the Sunni neighborhoods in the south and from nearby Christian neighborhoods. They caroused along, whooping and hooting and screaming the names of their leaders.

On the other side of the razor wire, a demonstration meant to bring up the government dragged through yet another fruitless day. Two months after Hezbollah and its allies declared the government a tool of the United States and began their round-the-clock sit-in to demand more power, the pavement has come to resemble a military encampment. Tattered tents dangle from strings and flap in the winter

chairs. Weary-faced men haul plastic bins into the sunlight to rest. Militia-style security guards blocked reporters from entering the tent city to interview protesters.

"It's all wrong," said Mohammed Sayed, a 20-year-old computer student and Hezbollah supporter. "We're all Lebanese, and we're divided. There may be a civil war. Nothing is impossible now."

Back on Martyr's Square, at the edge of Hariri's tomb, the message from leaders who addressed the rally was plain: There is no more room for middle ground.

"We are all writing history today," said Carlos Liddy, a Christian leader. "People say they are neutral, that all politicians are the same so it doesn't matter. This is not right. This is not a soccer match.... This is a fight between two ideologies, and our future will be written based on which one prevails."

Political figureheads spoke to the crowds from within a cube of bulletproof glass, only their heads visible. They seemed keen to remind an increasingly cynical public of the outpouring of optimism and fearlessness that came after Hariri's death.

Ancient coin undermines legend of Cleopatra's beauty

By Robert Barr
Associated Press writer

LONDON — So maybe Mark Antony loved Cleopatra for her mind.

That is the conclusion being drawn by academics at Britain's University of Newcastle from a Roman denarius coin which depicts the celebrated queen of Egypt as a sharp-nosed, thin-lipped woman with a protruding chin.

In short, a fair match for the hook-nosed, thick-necked Mark Antony, on the other side of the coin, which went on public display Wednesday at the university's Shafiq Museum.

"The image on the coin is far from being that of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton," said

Lindsay Allason-Jones, director of archaeological museums at the university, recalling the 1963 film "Cleopatra", which ignited the tempestuous romance between the two stars.

The notion that Cleopatra was not in Taylor's league was hailed as a revelation in British newspapers on Valentine's Day,

though the image is hardly a discovery.

Replicas of the denarius can be found on eBay, and images on other ancient coins are no more flattering.

Cleopatra's legend has grown over the centuries.

Plutarch, in the "Life of Antony" written a century after the great romance, said of Cleopatra: "her actual beauty, it is said, was not in itself so remarkable that none could be compared with her."

But the contact of her presence, if you lived with her, was irresistible; the attraction of her person, joining with the charm of her conversation, and the character that attended all she said or did, was something bewitching. It was a pleasure merely to hear the sound of her voice....

Chaucer, writing in the 14th century, described her as "fair as is the rose in May."

Shakespeare outlined them all: "As a courtier with her, no custom stale her infinite variety; other women give the appetites they feed, but she makes hungry where most she satisfies."

UNICEF: U.S., Britain rank last in child welfare in industrialized world

By David McHugh
Associated Press writer

BERLIN — The United States and Britain ranked at the bottom of a U.N. survey of child welfare in 21 wealthy countries that assessed everything from infant mortality to whether children ate dinner with their parents or were bullied at school.

The Netherlands, followed by Sweden, Denmark and Finland, finished at the top of the rankings, while the U.S. was 20th and Britain 21st, according to the report released Wednesday by UNICEF in Geneva.

One of the study's researchers, Jonathan Bradshaw, said children fared worse in the U.S. and Britain — despite high overall levels of national wealth — because of greater economic inequality and poor levels of public support for families.

"What they have in common are very high levels of inequality, very high levels of child poverty, which is also associated with inequality, and in rather different ways poorly developed services to families with children," said Bradshaw, a professor of social policy at the University of York in England. "They don't invest as much in children as continental European countries do," he said, citing the lack of day care services in both countries and poorer health coverage and preventative care for children in the U.S.

United States questioned the comparisons made by the study, while Britain said it failed take into account recent social improvements.

The study also gave the U.S. and Britain low marks for their higher incidences of single-parent families and risky behaviors among children, such as drinking alcohol and sexual activity.

Britain was last and the U.S. second from the bottom in the category focusing on relationships, based on the percentage of children who lived in single-parent families and with step-parents, as well as the percentage that ate the main meal of the day with their families several times per week. That proportion also counted the proportion of children who reported they had "kind" or "helpful" relationships with other children.

The report's authors cautioned that the focus on single-parent families may seem unfair and insensitive and noted that many children do well with one parent.

"But at the statistical level there is evidence to associate growing up in single-parent

Child well-being

Economic inequality, poor levels of public support for families and high incidences of single-parent families are some factors that ranked the U.S. and Britain at the bottom of a U.N. survey of child well-being.

Average ranking position of child well-being in wealthy countries

Netherlands	4.2
Sweden	5.0
Denmark	5.2
Finland	7.5
Spain	8.0
Switzerland	8.3
Norway	8.7
Italy	10.0
Ireland	10.2
Belgium	10.7
Germany	11.2
Canada	11.8
Greece	11.8
Poland	12.3
Czech Republic	12.5
France	13.0
Portugal	13.7
Austria	13.8
Hungary	14.5
United States	18.0
Britain	18.2

NOTE: Countries are listed by their average ranking position with the lowest ranking indicating the best result. The countries are ranked by their scores on a composite of material well-being, health and safety, education, peer and family relationships, and social inequality. A score of 1 is the best and 18.2 is the worst.

SOURCE: UNICEF

families with greater risk of well-being — including a greater risk of dropping out of school, of leaving home early, poorer health, low skills and of low pay," the report said.

On average, 80 percent of the children in the countries surveyed live with both parents. There were wide variations, however, from more than 90 percent in Greece and Italy to less than 70 percent in Britain and 60 percent in the U.S., where 16 percent of adolescents lived with stepfamilies.

Bob Reitemeier, chief executive of The Children's Fund charity in Britain, said the UNICEF report also showed that less than half of British children reported good relations with their peers.

"That really jumped off the page," he said, citing concerns about the competitive, ratings-based school environment in Britain and higher reported incidences of bullying and fighting. "The environment for these young people is quite negative."

The study ranked the countries in six categories: material well-being, health and safety, education, peer and family relationships, behaviors and risks, and young people's own subjective sense of well-being.

Both the U.S. and Britain were in the bottom two-thirds of five of the six categories.

Explosion kills 11 members of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards

By Ali Akbar Davaki
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — A car bomb killed 11 members of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards on Wednesday in the deadliest attack in years near the Pakistani border, and Iran accused the United States of backing militants (destabilize the country.

"A Sunni Muslim militant group called Jundallah, or God's Brigade, which has been blamed for past attacks on Iranian troops, claimed responsibility for the bombing, according to the semi-official Fars news agency.

An al-Qaida-linked group of the

same name has carried out attacks in neighboring Pakistan. Iranian officials say the militants in southeast Iran find a safe haven in Pakistan, but it is not clear whether the two groups are connected. Pakistani officials say they are not.

"The blast represented a sharp blow-up against the United States in the southeast corner of Iran, near Pakistan and Afghanistan, that has long been played by lawlessness. The area is a key crossing point for opium from Afghanistan and often sees clashes between police and drug groups.

At the same time, Jundallah has waged a low-level insurgency in the area, led by Abdulmalak Rigi, a mem-

ber of Iran's ethnic Baluchi minority, a community that is Sunni Muslim and is present in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rigi has said his group is fighting for the rights of impoverished Sunnis under Iran's Shiite government.

Five of those behind Wednesday's explosion were arrested, Soltan Ali Mir, a local Interior Ministry official, told the official Islamic Republic News Agency. The Fars news agency reported four arrested and cited officials saying they were not Iranian citizens.

Iranian officials blamed "insurgents" and "terrorists" for Wednesday's bombing — and accused the United States of backing

them to sow instability in Iran.

"This was done by a group that gets support from America," the Islamic Republic News Agency said, quoting unidentified officials.

Iran has increasingly raised the alarm that the United States may attack it or try to foment an uprising against the government as the stand-off between the two countries has escalated in recent weeks over the country's nuclear program and over the turmoil in Iraq.

President Bush on Wednesday repeated accusations that Iran was supplying weapons to militants in Iraq and vowed to stop the support. The U.S. has also built up its military

presence in the Persian Gulf and has vowed action against Iranian operatives in Iraq.

Iranian officials have often raised concerns that Washington might incite members of Iran's many ethnic and religious minorities against the Shiite-led government, which is dominated by ethnic Persians.

Wednesday's bombing took place at about 6:30 a.m. near Zahedan, capital of Sistan-Baluchistan province, when a car packed with explosives pulled to a stop in front of a bus carrying members of the Revolutionary Guard.

The car exploded, killing 11 guards and wounding 31, the provincial governor, Hassan Ali Nouri, told IRNA.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the offices of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee (the "Trustee"), will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:
 Lot 1 in Block 1 of GOLDEN SPIR SUBDIVISION NO. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 16 of Plats, page 4, records of said County, including that manufactured home, more particularly described as 1998 Chameleon, Spring Creek II Model, 27x52, Serial No. 10-89-265-55333, including all fixtures thereon, attached thereon,
EXCEPTING THEREFROM:
 Section 7, Township 10 South, Range 16 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:
 THENCE S 1/4 Sec 7, T10S, R16E, E 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7 on a bearing of 59°41' East, 5287.18 feet. Thence along the North boundary of the SW 1/4 of Section 7 on a bearing of North 89°59'41" East for a distance of 1442.21 feet to the intersection of the East boundary of Block 1 of GOLDEN SPIR, as extended North 00°00'36" East to the North boundary of the NELS/W1/4 of Section 7.
 THENCE South 00°00'36" West, along the extended line and the East boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1 for a distance of 150.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 THENCE continuing South 00°00'36" East, along the East boundary of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 1 for a distance of 28.0 feet.
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 THENCE South 00°00'36" East, parallel with the East boundary of Block 1 for a distance of 20.0 feet;
 THENCE North 89°59'41" East, parallel with the boundary dividing Lots 1 and 2 for a distance of 28.0 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 (the "Real Property").

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described Real Property but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 1701 Midway Street West, Fliler, Idaho 83328, may sometimes be associated with said Real Property.
 The Trustee's sale shall be made pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust to satisfy the obligation secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the Trustee is not making any warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances. The Deed of Trust referred to herein was executed by LORI R. SEAMAN and STEVE R. SEAMAN, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corporation, as original trustee, for the bonded and licensed trustee, LLC, No. Concesso Finance Servicing Corp., aka Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, as Lender (Beneficiary), dated March 27, 1998, and recorded March 30, 1998, as instrument No. 198005712, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho (the "Deed of Trust"). Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 28-9-604(2), the Lender has elected to proceed to sell the Real Property and the personal property attached thereon in accordance with its rights and remedies in respect to the Real Property described herein.
THE ABOVE GRANTEE IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTEE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The details for which this sale is to be made are failed to pay:
 (a) the regular monthly payments of principal and interest, as set forth and required by the Deed of Trust and Note, due on the 15th day of October, 2006, in the amount of \$522.62 and thereafter on the 15th day of each month until the date of sale or reinstatement;
 (b) late fees in the amount of \$6.24 accrued through December 16, 2006, plus the greater of \$5.00 or 1% of the unpaid amount of principal and interest for each day of payment of principal and interest not paid within 15 days of the due date until the date of sale or reinstatement;
 (c) insurance fees;
 (d) delinquent real property taxes for the second half of the year 2004 and the entire years of 2004 and 2005, plus penalties and interest; and
 (e) real property taxes for the year 2006.
 The original loan amount was \$79,704.74 with interest due thereon at the rate of 7.0% per annum, as authorized by the Real Estate Note (the "Note") dated March 27, 1998, executed by Grantor payable to Lender. The principal balance due on the Note as of December 15, 2006 is \$79,865.82.
 The balance owing as of December 15, 2006, on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust and Note is \$79,865.82, including pre-paid interest, late charges and insurance fees, but excluding delinquent property taxes, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations under the above-mentioned Deed of Trust and Note or in connection with this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees, as set forth in the Deed of Trust and Note.

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Notice of Opportunity to Comment USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest Camas County and Elmore County, Idaho

Barker Marsh: Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

The Fairfeld Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest proposes to conduct a fuels management project on National Forest System lands north of the South Fork of the Boise River in portions of the drainage from Bannock Gulch to Willow Creek, approximately 2 miles east of Fairfields, Elmore County, Idaho using prescribed fire.

The proposed fuels reduction project within the Barker Marsh: Hazardous Fuels Reduction Area is needed to increase the margin of safety for the public and firefighters in the event of a wildfire. The project will reduce fuels, improve fire intensity, and to improve the Fire Regime Condition Class. At present, the forest vegetation structure in the proposed treatment area is moderately or highly departed from historic fire regime conditions. This project would modify fuel concentrations, vegetation composition, and structure thus moving the fire regime condition class toward the historic fire regime for the Forested Potential Vegetation Groups as identified in the Forest Plan. It would reduce ladder fuels and surface fuels that contribute to fire intensity. The result of reducing fuel loading in the forest would provide firefighters a greater chance of successfully suppressing a small wildfire before it becomes a large, damaging fire. The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the regulations. All comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and are available for public inspection.

How to Comment and Timeframe
 Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Times-News newspaper. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Only those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision. Written comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official: Mike Dettorf, District Ranger, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 189, Fairfields, ID 83327. FAX (208) 764-2311, or you may hand-deliver your comments to the Fairfields Ranger Station, located at 102 1st Street East, Fairfields, during normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.
 Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone (208) 764-2311, in person, or at an official agency function.
 All comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt) text (.txt) format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) or in hard copy format. Comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official with a legible name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. A scanned signature can be used for verification.

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 It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the regulations. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

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 4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comment, and the contact information for appeal eligibility;
 5. For multiple names or multiple organizations, a signature must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each organization, or for each individual that wishes to have appeal eligibility; and
 6. Individual members of organizations must submit their own comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility as an individual, comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only.
- This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments during the comment period may appeal.
 Additional information concerning this project may be obtained by contacting Joe Adameski, Fuels Planner, Fairfields Ranger Station, phone (208) 764-3202.

PUBLISH: February 15, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

March 6, 2007

The City of Hagerman, Idaho Planning and Zoning Commission, has scheduled a public hearing to consider a request for annexation of 28,900 acres.

The location of the property to be annexed is in Township 7S R 13E SEC 23 TAX 44 IN E2 NW4 AND W2 NE4 Gooding County, Idaho. The Owner of the property and person requesting the annexation is:
CITY OF HAGERMAN, 110 WEST MAIN, HAGERMAN, IDAHO 83332
 Public testimony on the request for annexation will be accepted at the hearing on March 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, 140 East Lake Street. Questions can be directed to the City Clerk or by calling 208-837-8533. Comments regarding the re-subdivision request may be submitted orally during the hearing or in writing any time prior to the hearing by sending them to the City of Hagerman, PO Box 158, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.
 By Peggy Pedrow
 City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: February 15, 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-06-4639
**SUMMONS
 MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC.**
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
PERRY LARSEN,
 Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFFS. THIS COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.
 You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate typed response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.
 A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. You must seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other appropriate typed response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
 1. The title and number of this case.
 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the Court named court.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court, this 3rd day of October, 2006.
 By Deputy Clerk, Magistrate Court

PUBLISH: February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 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-06-3602
**SUMMONS
 MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC.**
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
**NANCY GULICK
 GILBERT GULICK**
 Defendants.

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 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

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WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court, this 30th day of June, 2006.
 By Deputy Clerk, Magistrate Court

PUBLISH: January 25, February 1, 8 and 15, 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-2006-3602
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
 In the matter of:
MARIA MEDAL,
 d.o.b. 08-28-99
MARIE CLAIRE TELLEZ,
 d.o.b. 04-13-99
 Children under the age of eighteen.
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: GUILLERMIO MEDAL

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children comes within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.
 You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 15, 2007, at 9:30 am unless the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of the children, or you, if you request to have an attorney appointed at county expense, you must appear before the date of the hearing filed above, at which time the Court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the children and review whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require the separate appointment of an attorney.
 You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDHW and was also placed in care of the State for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the IDHW shall instate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would not be in the best interest of the children and their family, or that the children are placed permanently with a relative.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, of said Magistrate Court this 5th day of February 2007.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: February 15 and 22, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 06-20185 Doc ID # 0007397870265N Title Order No. 661147
 Case No. RPK8721003005A 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 Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 05/07/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/30/2005 as Instrument Number 2006-012937, and executed by Stephanie M Fullenwider and Joshua M Fullenwider, wife and husband, as Grantors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, is recorded in the public records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho, Lot 5, G and 7 in Block 3 of Banning Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 8 of plats at page (a) 30, 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 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 315 Larklee Street, Kimberly, ID 83341 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a bank or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant of warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default on which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2006 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent infractions due thereon; plus plus charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.50% 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 in the sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorney's fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Thereafter, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust 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 sold or assigned to another party.

Case No. CV-06-4639
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 MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC.**
 Plaintiff,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of March, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a hearing to consider an ordinance to amend the Twin Falls County Code Title 1 Chapter 5 Section 5B establishing meeting times and days of the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION
Case No. CV 07-0724
TO: Kassandra "Kassy" Meadows

ORDER SETTING HEARINGS
IN THE MATTER OF IMPANELING A STATUS BAR COURT IN THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, STATE OF IDAHO
The court having received the Administrative Order for scheduling Grand Jury Impanelments in Twin Falls County...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2006-14009
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of MARY MALLINA BRYANT, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 24, 2007 File No: 7023.11231 Sale date and time (local time): May 29, 2007 at 10:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301

THE HEARING has been set before the Honorable Randy J. Stoker, a magistrate judge on Tuesday, the 27th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the above entitled Court, Thron W. Ward Judicial Building, Twin Falls, Idaho.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for change to water rights within Twin Falls County, The CITY OF MURTAUGH, PO BOX 157; MURTAUGH ID 83344

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-2007-0000343
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of WALTER B. "WALLY" HAFFNER, Deceased.

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Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 31, 2007 File No: 7023.12373 Sale date and time (local time): June 04, 2007 at 10:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING
Case No. CV 2007-000057
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
VICENTE GARCIA, Plaintiff, vs. MARIA MACIAS-GARCIA, a.k.a. MARIA MACIAS

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-2007-0000580
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IC 15-9-801
In the Matter of the Estate of CLARISSA L. LEWIS, DECEASED.

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-2007-0000580
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IC 15-9-801
In the Matter of the Estate of CLARISSA L. LEWIS, DECEASED.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF ROADWAYS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition from C&S F Energy Company LLC and Fossil Gulch Wind Park LLC to vacate a 75 foot wide easement located on the section line between Sections 31 and 32 of Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 07-139
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of MERNA J. HATFIELD, Deceased.

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-07-591
NOTICE OF HEARING
IC 15-9-802
TWIN FALLS CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND
Twin Falls Cemetery Association, Inc. Petitioner.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 2006-5503
ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
In the Interest of CASEY FARLEY d.o.b. 1/14/95
A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age

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 07-370
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IC 15-9-801
In the Matter of the Estate of BERTHA E. DEWITT, Deceased.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-06-872
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IC 15-9-801
In the Matter of the Estate of STANTON E. ATKINSON, Deceased.

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 05 5677
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In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA B. FREESTONE and FERRIS T. FREESTONE, husband and wife, Deceased.

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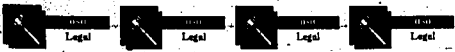
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-07-195
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of SADI M. HOSHAW, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

PUBLISH: February 8, 15 and 22, 2007

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

CASE NO. CV-06-463
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(In C. 15-1-401)(f)(3)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES PARKER JOHNSON, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2007.
Dan Lee
1148 E. 29th S.
Hagerman, ID 83332

PUBLISH: February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

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

Case No. CV-06-2084
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of SPENCER J. LIND, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2007
JoAnn M. Truener
c/o Jeff Stoker
PO Box 1597
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1597

PUBLISH: February 15, 22 and March 1, 2007

NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 87-2343, you are hereby notified that the Twin Falls Highway District's regularly scheduled meetings are held the third and third Wednesdays of each month at 1:00 P.M. at the District office, 2020 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

PUBLISH: February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

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

Case No. CV 07-290
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of WANDA DEE HARMON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rickie D. Hammond has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent.

DATED this 5th day of February 2007.
VOORHEES LAMURE LLP
By Dennis S. Voorhees,
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
112 Shoshone Street East
PO Box Z
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090

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

Case No. CV-04-451
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of GRACE E. HOSKINS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Administrators of the above-named estate.

DATED this 26th day of January, 2007.
Victor B. Cypher
258 Hawks Road N
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Joseph D. Cypher
1179 Harmony Road
Twin Falls, ID 83301

PUBLISH: February 8, 15 and 22, 2007

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

Case No. CV 07-199
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of ANNIE M. BILLMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Thomas J. Billman has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent.

DATED this 5th day of February 2007.
VOORHEES LAMURE LLP
By Jamie A. Lamure
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
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LOST Dog, Redbone Coonhound, male, 10 years old, reddish brown color. Location of dog is in Paul, Idaho. Call 208-734-0394 or 208-7560.

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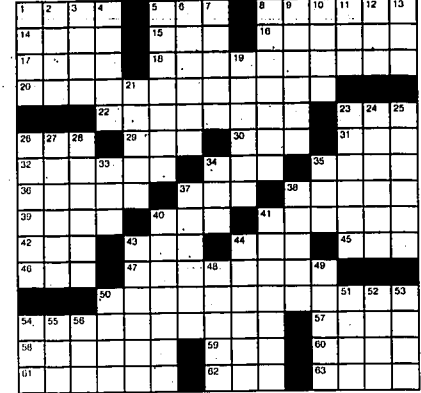
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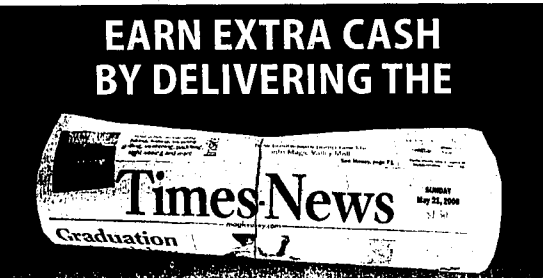
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TOP 5

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

TELEVISION

1. "Super Bowl XLII: Indianapolis vs. Chicago," CBS.
 2. "Super Bowl Post-Game Show" (9:59 to 10:04 p.m. ET), CBS.
 3. "Super Bowl Post-Game Show" (10:04 to 10:26 p.m.), CBS.
 4. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
 5. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
- From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "The Messengers," Sony Screen Gems.
2. "Because I Said So," Universal.
3. "Epic Movie," Fox.
4. "Night at the Museum," Fox.
5. "Smokin' Aces," Universal.

HOT FIVE

1. "Irreplaceable," Beyoncé. Columbia.
2. "Say It Right," Nelly Furtado. Mosley.
3. "This Ain't a Scare, It's an Arms Race," Fall Out Boy, Fueled by Ramen.
4. "It's Not Over," Daughtry, RCA.
5. "The Sweet Escape," Gwen Stefani (feat. Akon). Interscope.

— From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Not Too Late," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
2. "Katharine McPhee," Katharine McPhee, RCA. (Platinum)
4. "A New Journey," Celtic Women. Manhattan.
5. "Late Night Special," Pretty Ricky. BIG33/Star.

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CONCERT TOURS

1. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band.
2. Aerosmith/Motley Crue.
3. The Who.
4. Dixie Chicks.
5. High School Musical.

— From Pollstar

VHS RENTALS

1. "Saw III," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
2. "The Guardian," Touchstone Home Video.

TELEVISION

3. "Gridiron Gang," Columbia Pictures.
4. "Employee of the Month," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
5. "The Illusionist," 20th Century Fox.

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VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
3. "American Black Beauty," UAV Entertainment.
4. "Drop Dead Gorgeous," New Line Home Entertainment.
5. "Love & Basketball," New Line Home Entertainment.

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DVD SALES

1. "Saw III," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
2. "The Guardian," Touchstone Home Video.
3. "Gridiron Gang," Columbia Pictures.
4. "The Invincible Iron Man," Marvel.
5. "Employee of the Month," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.

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BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "The Measure of a Man" by Sidney Pottler (HarperSanFrancisco) (non-fiction/paperback)
2. "Irish Dreams" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette Special Releases) (fiction/paperback)
3. "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards (Penguin) (fiction/paperback)
4. "The House" by Danielle Steel (Dell) (fiction/paperback)
5. "Most Likely To Die" by Lisa Jackson, Beverly Barton, Wendy Corsi Staub (Zebra) (fiction/paperback)

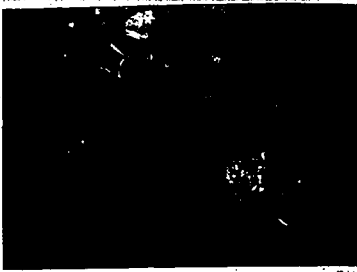
— From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Not Too Late," Norah Jones
2. "Alright, SIII," Lily Allen
3. "Katharine McPhee," Katharine McPhee
4. "Winning the Night Away," The Shins
5. "Daughtry," Daughtry

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Blood Elf, right, battles a Draenei in 'The Burning Crusade,' an expansion pack to the "World of Warcraft" online video game by Blizzard Entertainment Inc.

'Burning Crusade' expands the massive 'World of Warcraft'

BY MATT SLAGLE
 The Associated Press

As if millions of "World of Warcraft" addicts needed an even greater time-sucking challenge, along comes "The Burning Crusade" expansion pack.

This T-rated add-on to the world's most-popular online fantasy game is bigger and better than ever. It's well worth the \$29.99 price and roughly \$15 monthly subscription fee.

Most stand-alone video games don't even come close to offering the amount of content in this expansion, which requires the full version of "World of Warcraft" to play.

Released in 2004, "World of Warcraft" — or "WoW" for short — redefined the genre of always-on, never-ending Internet fantasy games with a simple interface, easy to grasp quests and a seamless, colorful world.

The appeal varies from gamer to gamer.

Some enjoy the social aspects of teaming up with others and battling giant dragons and other

monsters for rare weapons and armor. There's a contingent that would rather engage in player-versus-player combat. Still others prefer the role-player aesthetic of a game world steeped in history dating back thousands of fictional years.

But if you're like me, the old "WoW" had become pretty boring.

After several years of playing I had leveled up quite a few characters to 60 — the top level at the

time — and conquered some of the game's toughest content, such as Blackwing Lair, Naxxramas and Ahn'Qiraj.

There just wasn't anything left to do. "The Burning Crusade" remedies that situation in many ways.

Most importantly is an entire new world to explore, called "Outland." This floating, fractured, devastated land is filled with exotic new zones, monsters and quests.

There are two new races to choose from — Blood Elves and

Finally, is this Scorsese's time to shine?

BY TY BURR
The Boston Globe

Again, Martin Scorsese is up against an actor for a best director Academy Award again.

More unsettlingly, he's facing Clint Eastwood for a second time, two years after Eastwood won the Oscar for "Million Dollar Baby" and Scorsese, represented by "The Aviator," went home empty-handed. Again.

The director of "The Departed," and, in the opinion of many, our country's finest living filmmaker, has now been nominated for six directing Academy Awards. He lost for "Raging Bull" in 1981 to Robert Redford and "Ordinary People." In 1989 with "The Last Temptation of Christ" to Barry Levinson and "Hain Man." (Levinson started out as an actor, too, now that we think of it.) To Kevin Costner and "Dances With Wolves" in 1991, when Marty had "Goodfellas." "Goodfellas"! Again in 2003, when he had "Gangs of New York" and Roman Polanski won for "The Pianist." (All right, that one we can accept.) Then to Eastwood in 2005.

If it's the entertainment industry's collective guilt that hands Scorsese an Oscar this year, let that statue stand for everything he has done and all the others he should have rightly won.



Long denied the Oscar despite a string of classic movie, director Martin Scorsese may finally get his due for "The Departed."

Oh, and "Mean Streets" and "Taxi Driver"? Not even nominated.

Even Hollywood is starting to

get embarrassed. "The Departed" marks a clear return to form

See it live

The 79th annual Academy Awards will be broadcast by ABC, Channels 29 and 95 over the air and Channels 3, 6, 13 and 34 by cable TV in the Magic Valley, at 6 p.m. on Feb. 25.

for Scorsese, and his 2005 Dylan documentary, "No Direction Home," was a reminder of just how crucial the filmmaker has been to rock cinema over the years.

He handily won the Golden Globe for best director last week and his momentum toward the Kodak Theatre podium now seems unstoppable.

Would it be churlish to offer the opinion that, as joyously crafted and as fendishly headlong as "The Departed" is, "Letters From Iowa Jimmy" may in fact be the better-made movie?

Yes. It is churlish. If it's the entertainment industry's collective guilt that hands Scorsese an Oscar this year, let that statue stand for everything he has done and all the others he should have rightly won.

Essence of the best-picture nominees

Los Angeles Daily News

This year's Oscar nominees for best picture include a feel-good movie about losers, an electrifying crime story, an understanding look at misunderstandings and a couple of beautifully told history lessons.

A look at the nominees, their commercial reception and their magic movie moment:

"Little Miss Sunshine"

Current U.S. box office: \$59.5 million

Movie magic moment: Husband-and-wife directing team Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris set the comically dysfunctional dynamic from the get-go during a dinner scene that introduces us to the hapless Hoover family.

There we learn why Uncle Frank (Steve Carell) tried to commit suicide (it's not easy being the nation's No. 2 Proust scholar), how mom (Toni Collette) tries to keep the family together by making



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
Alan Arkin, Steve Carell, Paul Dano, Abigail Breslin, Toni Collette and Greg Kinnear give a new meaning to the term " dysfunctional families" in the Oscar-nominated movie "Little Miss Sunshine."

sure everyone has a little salad with their bucket of chicken, why Nietzsche-loving teen Dwayne has taken a vow of silence, why foul-mouthed granddad (Alan Arkin) got kicked out of his retirement home ("Chicken! Holy God almighty!"), why the motivational speaker dad (Greg Kinnear) is such a jerk and just how sweet a 7-year-old, soon-to-be beauty pageant star (Abigail Breslin) can be.

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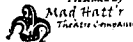


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"Bridge to Terabithia"
 "Ghost Rider"
 "Norbit"
 "Stomp the Yard"

BY STEVE PERSALL

St. Petersburg Times

The only time Peter O'Toole didn't go his own way and damn anyone who didn't follow may cost him the Academy Award as best actor for *Venus*.

In 2003, the septuagenarian declined the academy's offer of a career achievement award with a typically O'Toole declaration: "(I'm) still in the game, and might win the lovely (expletive) outright."

Nobody thought it possible after seven fruitless nominations tied with his late pub pal Richard Burton for the most by an actor.

So, uncharacteristically, O'Toole relented, accepting the honorary Oscar in frail body and voice. And Hollywood assumed it was the final how for someone who seemed larger in life than on screen.

Then along came *"Venus."* O'Toole was born and recklessly liked to play Maurice Russell, a former matinee idol whose spirit for acting, women and booze is wiling while his flesh is decadently weak.

Any resemblance between the two lives surely isn't coincidental. Maurice still gets bit parts, usually deathbed scenes that he blithely considers rehearsals for the real thing. He daily joins fellow survivors for tea, but never sympathetically.

One mate named Donald (Richard Griffiths) announces that his niece's troublesome daughter Jessie (Jodie Whittaker) is being dumped into his care. Maurice visits and is smitten with a woman one-third his age. Sex isn't an option these days, yet each peep at her legs or caress of her cheek brings nostalgia for when it was.

Jessie is his Venus, his unapproachable goddess of love.

She certainly doesn't behave like a goddess, snapping at every-

'VENUS'

A lion in winter



Septuagenarian Maurice Russell, played by Peter O'Toole, finds love with a troubled young woman (Jodie Whittaker).

'Venus'

Starring Peter O'Toole, Jodie Whittaker, Richard Griffiths, Leslie Phillips, Vanessa Redgrave

grove
 Rated R for profanity, sexual content, brief nudity

Now playing at Magic Lantern in Ketchum.

"Venus" is a slim tale that would be maudlin if not for O'Toole's brilliant rage against the dying of the light. There's a confessional spirit to the performance, of what he and Maurice accomplished, what they've done to themselves, and how proud they are of it.

one with working class slang that Maurice's dignified ear finds hard to decipher. He appoints himself a reluctantly platonic Henry Higgins to her Eliza Doolittle, introducing Jessie to legitimate theater and art while she reintroduces him to London's wild night life. The strain may end Maurice's life, but he wouldn't wish to go out any other way.

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Insults and insinuations. All dirty old men should sound this regal. O'Toole will likely surpass Burton as Oscar's all-time runner-up since Forest Whitaker ("The Last King of Scotland") claimed nearly every previous award. O'Toole's honor isn't the nomination but that he told everyone not to count him out, then showed us why: a lion in winter willing himself to a final, glorious roar.

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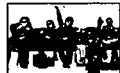
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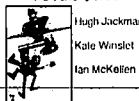
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Entry forms were published in TMT on Feb. 8.

• **"Babel"/C** Alejandro González Iñárritu's well-meaning movie, the Golden Globe winner for best drama, echoes his "21 Grams" in that it cross-cuts among several different stories. The catalyst, more or less, is a serious accident that befalls married couple Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett while they're on vacation in Morocco. Other plotlines play out in Japan, Mexico and the United States. "Babel" babbles on about connection, communication, etc. But all it basically says is, things tend to turn out a lot better in this world for people who are white and well-off. Rated R. 2 hours, 23 minutes.

• **"Because I Said So"/C+** As a meddling mom fixated on her unmarried youngest daughter (Mandy Moore)—she places a personae ad on her behalf—Janet Knauer has been given plenty of room to cap-

ivate us with her legendary comic skills. But the picture often puts less faith in its leading lady than it does in cake-in-the-face jokes. The other actors—Piper Perabo, Lauren Graham, Tom Everett Scott, Gabriel Macht, Stephen Collins—are appealing but haven't much to do. That's OK, because the ever-amazing Keaton is the movie; she invents funny stuff out of thin air. Rated PG-13. 1 hour, 42 minutes.

• **"Bridge at Terabithia"/No rating** Two unlikely friends create a fantasy kingdom in the woods in this adaptation of the Newbery Award winning book. With Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb and Zooey Deschanel. Rated PG.

• **"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 expertise capturing terrific stunt-work in one gripping car chase. It will take your breath away. Rated R. 1 hour, 49 minutes.

• **"Ghost Rider"/No rating** Nicolas Cage is Marvel Comics character Johnny Blaze, a stunt motorcyclist whose soul is taken over at night by a flaming skullled vigilante named Ghost Rider. PG-13.

• **"Hannibal Rising"/D**

About the rating system

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

Hannibal Lecter grew drowsome the second and third times Anthony Hopkins played him as a full-blown psychopath. Young Hannibal, as played by Gaspard Ulliel, in this ponderously silly prequel, is a green, boyish, bland pup by comparison. Author and screenwriter Thomas Harris and director Peter Webber chronicled the early years that set Hannibal on the path to become a serial killer with a taste for human flesh. It's savage, visceral—and kind of boring. Nothing Hannibal does, internally or externally, is terribly interesting, and Ulliel's lightweight presence doesn't help. R for strong grisly violent content and some language/sexual references. 121 minutes.

• **"Little Children"/B+** Oscar nominee Kate Winslet stars in this smart, acerbic suburban drama from director Todd Field ("In the Bedroom"). It involves, on the one hand, adultery and, on the other, a community's hysteria over the appearance of a convicted pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley, also Oscar nominated). Rated R. 2 hours, 11 minutes.

• **"The Messengers"/No rating** An unfortunate family moves to a sunflower farm where lots of scary and generally bad things happen. Kristen Stewart, Dylan McDermott and Penelope Ann Miller star. 1 hour, 24 minutes. PG-13

• **"Music and Lyrics"/No rating** Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore are charged with composing a chart-topping hit in this romantic comedy. PG-13.

• **"Norbit"/C** Someday he'll be Academy Award winner Eddie Murphy. And that's what he'll be for the rest of his life. For now, though, he's "Norbit." And Rasputia. And Mr. Wong. Yes, Murphy once again crawls inside the fat suit. Klump-style.

Painful as this often is to watch because it can be painfully unfunny and one-note, Murphy does manage to wring a laugh out of you here and there, even though you know better. He just goes for it. He immerses himself completely, regardless of the part he's playing. You at least have to appreciate his commitment, if not his taste in material. The real star, though is Ilick Baker, the six-time Oscar winner and the best in the business when it comes to special make-up effects. Baker ("An American Werewolf in London," "Men in Black," Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video) doesn't just pile layers of latex on Murphy and send him out into the world resembling a cousin of Martin Lawrence's Big Momma or Tyler Perry's Madae. He makes you feel like you're watching a real person — an obnoxious one, one that's usually a racial stereotype — but still, real. Thandie Newton and Cuba Gooding Jr. co-star in this comedy about a nerd and his oppressive wife.

PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, some nudity and language. 95 minutes.

• **"Notes on a Scandal"/A-** Stunning acting, clever dialogue and a very smart plot make this a must-see. The title would seem to refer to the after the new art teacher (Cate Blanchett) is having with a 15-year-old student, but when veteran teacher Judi Dench enters the scene, things get much more complicated. And unsettling — as Blanchett learns the price of having Dench as her new Best Friend. Some times creepy, sometimes comic, always absorbing, the film stays with you long after you leave the theater. Rated R. 1 hour, 36 minutes.

• **"The Painted Veil"/B+** Edward Norton and Naomi Watts give scorching performances in this adaptation of W. Somerset Maugham's 1925 novel about a reserved Bit bacteriologist who marries a flirty party girl. He whisks her away to Shanghai, where she has an affair. Stung to the heart, he condemns them both to a kind of suicide pact: fighting cholera in

a remote Chinese village. The film is as flimsy and merciless in its way as Norton is in his. But the marvelous acting and breathtaking scenery make this demanding movie worth your time. Rated PG-13. 2 hours, 4 minutes.

• **"The Pursuit of Happiness"/B-** Inspirational movies like this have been mislabeled so many times, but this one's much better than you might think thanks to Will Smith. Based on a true story, it's about a single father (Smith) in 1981 San Francisco, trying to earn a job at a brokerage firm via an unpaid internship and take care of his son (Jaden Smith, the star's real-life boy). Rated PG-13. 1 hour, 57 minutes.

• **"The Queen"/B** Helen Mirren's Oscar-worthy 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. Rated PG-13. 1 hour, 37 minutes.

• **"Smokin' Aces"/D** Vegas performer Buddy Acs' Iman (Jeremy Piven) is about to rat out his mob pals to the FBI, but a 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. Rated R. 1 hour, 45 minutes.

• **"The Work and the Glory: A House Divided"/No rating** The conclusion of the "Work and the Glory" trilogy a look at early Mormons who were beaten, driven from their homes, jailed and killed for their beliefs. With Sam Hennings, Brenda Strong and Eric Johnson. Rated PG.

—Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Associated Press

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"School for Scoundrels"
PG-13

The comedy "School for Scoundrels," about a victimized, love-struck New York meter maid (Jon Heder of "Napoleon Dynamite") who gets tutored in jerky alpha male-mess, may not be as devilishly enjoyable as its title suggests, but it's by no means like waiting for the reprieve of an end-of-class bell, either. Loosely based on a 1960 British comedy, this is a modest education-of-a-punching-bag entertainment with a kind of breezily rude compatibility — a hallmark of sorts for both co-writer/director Todd Phillips ("Road Trip," "Starsky & Hutch") and the wonderful actor assigned to play the self-help instructor from hell, Billy Bob Thornton.

What's almost refreshing about Phillips' approach to comedy — there's a reason he made a movie called "Old School" — is that he and co-writer Scot Armstrong like the classically unfettered fun of a silly bit played to the hilt. For example, the messy-mouthed charges of Thornton's Dr. P getting a quick lesson in the cruelty of painball is undeniably funny, as is the crosscutting montage showing Roger (Heder) and classmates in their everyday lives working up the nerve to pick insanely self-defensive fights with bullies and thugs.

—Los Angeles Times

"Marie Antoinette"
PG-13

Marie Antoinette denies ever saying "Let them eat cake" in Sofia Coppola's new film, dismissing it as if it were a tabloid rumor that she'd been spotted canoodling with a pop star in the VIP room of Paris' most exclusive nightclub.

Whether or not she did utter the famous phrase, "Marie Antoinette" itself is richly colorful and ornate. It looks as if the whole thing were concocted out of frosting.

Coppola's bold vision is lush and dreamy — often mesmerizing to watch — with the lovely, petite Kirsten Dunst playing the



For Billy Bob Thornton and Jon Heder, education in being a cad is a full-contact sport in "School for Scoundrels."



ABOVE: Kirsten Dunst plays a teenage "Marie Antoinette" out of her depth.

LEFT: Ryan Gosling tries to rescue himself and 13-year-old student Shareeka Epps in "Half Nelson."

teen French queen as a romantic girly-girl, not a cold royal whose wild spending habits sent the country into turmoil.

This is someone who arrives from Austria at 14 for her arranged marriage to the heir to the French throne and tears up when they take away her cuddly pug puppy, a far cry from the decadent ruler who eventually would end up beheaded.

The mix of 18th-century costumes and settings with modern dialogue and New Wave music (*How Wow Wow's "I Want Candy"*) as Marie shops for shoes with her girlfriends may be jarring to some, but with its elaborately theatrical arrangements, "Marie Antoinette" is the cinematic version of one of those glossy, 16-page ad spreads in the fall fashion issue of Vogue — probably for Dior or Versace.

Just go with it.

The movie is a blast — until the last half-hour or so, that is, when Coppola finally injects some historical context, which Dunst and Jason Schwartzman as Louis XVI discuss as convincingly as a couple of kids rehearsing their lines

for a high school play.

Maybe that's the point, though: Louis and Marie were just in their teens when they took over the throne; once his father dies, the new king even prays to God for help, acknowledging that they're too young to rule. But in adapting Antonia Fraser's book "Marie Antoinette: The Journey," Coppola brutally injects political perspective as if it were an afterthought, a consequence of focusing on style over substance.

The Associated Press

"Half Nelson"
R

In "Half Nelson," Ryan Gosling plays Dan Dunne, a junior high school teacher in Brooklyn who tries to teach his students Hegelian dialectics by day and smokes crack by night. Like Dilan Keaton's character in "Looking for Mr. Goodbar," Gosling's Dan seems to be cracking between the pressures of his ideals and a nagging sense of cynicism and futility. He's writing a children's book, but it sits on his coffee table half-finished, under

overflowing as trays.

The good news in Dan's life is a promising student named Drey

(short for Audrey), who is played in a revelatory debut performance by Shareeka Epps.

It takes a strong actor to work with Gosling, whose performance here is reminiscent of his spectacular (and little-seen) work in the 2001 film "The Believer." But Epps, whose watchful inner focus is only enhanced by her beaming smile, shows she's every bit equal to the task as a tough and vulnerable 13-year-old girl caught between the teacher she idolizes and an equally charismatic and protective drug dealer (Anthony Mackie).

Ryan Fleck, who directed "Half Nelson" from a script he wrote with Anna Holden, filmed much of the movie with a hand-held camera in Brooklyn, lending the production a verité immediacy.

Nearly every scene rings with its own ragged truth, which becomes increasingly painful as Dan's addiction becomes more unmanageable and as he refuses to confront the untenable politics of his own behavior.

—Washington Post

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South-central Idaho dining guide

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• **The Chadwick Sports Grill**, 139 W. Main — Steak, seafood, and the Chadwick Grand Slam burger with ham and eggs, served with choice of hot potato salad or choice of fries, tots or cottage cheese, \$5.50-\$17.95. 24-hour hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed Sundays. Bob and Lee, managers. 678-0360.

• **China City Restaurant**, 502 Scott Ave. — Pot-sticker fried rice. Moo goo ping, chicken-fried steak, \$4.50-\$10.75. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closed owner 436-8339.

• **Edin's Cafe**, 144 Highway 81 E. — Burger and fries, \$2.50. Hours: Tuesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tom Jones, owner. 678-2248.

• **Garbaldi's**, 6101 N. Overland — Taco, burrito, empanadas, hamburgers, \$5.75-\$11.75. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed owner 678-2147.

• **Guadalupe Mexican Restaurant**, 202 Overland — Taco, burrito, fajitas, \$4.99.

BUHL

• **Granaditas Sports Bar and Restaurant**, 1003 Main — Finger steaks, shrimp/chicken baskets, sandwiches, \$3.50. Wine, beer, burgers, appetizers, \$3.49. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mark and Andrea Lang, J.R. and Sheri Allen, owners. 543-8855.

• **Hamm Town Cocker**, 1001 Burley Ave. — Steak, shrimp, specialty dips, pizza and Caribbean specials Friday nights, \$6.99-\$13.99. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9 a.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Terry and Kay Shaefer, owners. 543-2252.

GOODING

• **B Comedor**, 122 3rd Ave. E. — Empanadas, burrititos, combo plates, Mexican food buffet, \$3-\$11.50. Hours: Monday through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; closed Saturdays and Sundays. Debby Lagunas, owner. 534-5852.

• **Melrose Cafe**, 116 4th Ave. W. — Chicken-fried steak, fresh steaks, burgers and soups, \$4.95-\$10.95. Hours: Mondays through Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed weekends. Eileen Gray, owner. 953-8989.

• **New China House Restaurant**, 222 4th Ave. E. — Sweet-sour chicken, pork and seafood, fried rice, \$4.98-\$7. Wine, beer. Hours: Tuesdays

About the dining guide

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

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\$12.25. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays through Sundays, 10:30am-9:30 p.m. Anders Arves, owner. 678-6699.

• **Wild Flower Cafe**, 1634 Overland Ave. — Salads, wraps, pizza, sandwiches, burgers, \$5-\$10. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. Rick Standen, owner. 678-4634.

• **Jackson's Kountry Komer**, 1011 Broadway N. — Steak, junior shrimp, halibut, chicken-fried steak, homemade biscuits and gravy, \$5.95-\$16.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 5 a.m.-11 p.m. Lee and Linda Jackson, owners. 543-6570.

• **La Pasa**, 1206 Main St. — Taco, enchiladas, burritos made with homemade tortillas, family style food or steamed lamb dinner, \$2.50-\$10. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. Guadalupe Lora, owner. 543-8600.

through Sundays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Mondays. Frank Cole, owner. 534-9500.

• **Reddy's**, 277 4th Ave. — Home style chicken, sandwiches, \$2-\$13.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; four days open until 1 a.m. on Wednesdays and 2 a.m. on weekends; closed Sundays. Walter and Stacey Park, owners. Kamen Carlson, operator. 534-8903.

• **Woodner Inn**, 530 Main St. — Steak, shrimp, chicken, pizza, daily specials, \$4-\$12.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Ronita Kooze, owner. 534-0929.

DIETRICH

• **Eagle's Nest** — Malibu chicken, chili, seafood, \$3.99. Closed weekends. Fried steak, homemade baked pudding, dessert, \$3.35-\$10.95. Full bar. Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon-9 p.m. Robert and Darlene Gaski, owners. 544-2084.

As ever, the Depot Grill meets expectations

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's probably the oldest continually operating restaurant in Magic Valley — in business since 1917, owned by the same family since 1927.

But the real appeal of the Depot Grill is its utter lack of pretense, its high-quality comfort food, and the fact that it has changed little while everything around it has been utterly transformed.

Fifty years ago, when men still stepped off the Union Pacific trains wearing fedoras, the Depot Grill was a beacon of welcome in an unfamiliar town — like the brilliantly lit cafe in Edward Hopper's 1942 painting "Nighthawks."

Now it's a blue-collar restaurant in a blue-collar neighborhood, where retired farmers gather to gossip and drink coffee, that's always on — at least, 159 hours a week.

There is hardly a family who grew up in Twin Falls who doesn't have stories to recall about the Depot — wedding receptions, graduation parties, funeral suppers. It's a constant, its reliable and it's — almost — always open.

One Friday morning I stopped by, and as is my wont I ordered the breakfast special — in this case, chorizo with eggs (85.75) cast, chorizo with potatoes and toast.

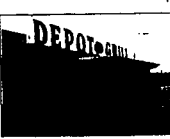
It's a stick-to-your-ribs breakfast that is the Depot's stock in trade.

The chorizo — a Basque sausage — is just right for the Depot, which operates in a neighborhood where there used to be Basque boarding houses.

By definition, the chorizo is pork sausage from the Iberian Peninsula that's colored and flavored by pimentos. It's a staple of Mexican cuisine



Chorizo with eggs is a delightful Friday-morning breakfast at the Depot Grill.



About the Depot

545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls — Country sausage, burgers, hot open-faced meat beef/pork sandwiches, seafood, steak, \$4-\$14. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 24 hours; Sundays, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Steve and Tom Saran, owners. 735-0710.

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Trade places with Taylor?

Nah, 'Idol' alum Daughtry is 'doing all right' with smash CD

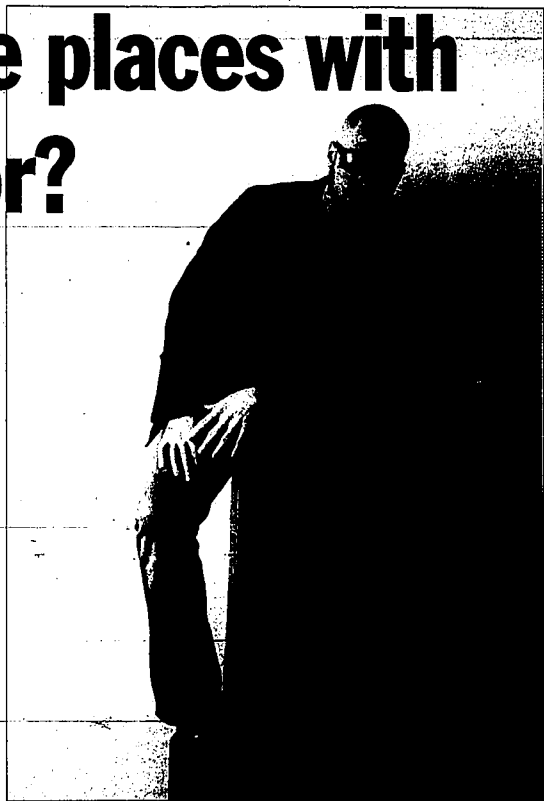
NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Daughtry wishes we would forget his shocking elimination from last year's "American Idol," a contest he was widely favored to win. It's kind of a touchy subject.

"You hear one of two things: You were robbed or you shoulda won," he says about attention from sympathetic fans, who continue to offer unsolicited condolences and pep talks about his controversial departure (Taylor Hicks eventually took home the title).

"I'm just gonna be real: I hate hearing it," he says. "It makes you feel like they're stuck in that moment from where you were on the show. You want them to kinda break out of that and follow you where you're at now, and see that things are fantastic and there's nothing to be upset about. Get over it, you know, because I'm doing all right."

He's doing more than all right. Daughtry, who was voted off "American Idol" a few weeks before its finale, is having another moment in the spotlight — one he hopes will last long after the Fox talent contest crowns its final winner. His band, called Daughtry, saw their self-titled debut album, released in November on Sony BMG's RCA label, jump to No. 1 last week.

The disc has sold nearly 1.3 million copies on the shoulders



Singer Chris Daughtry's commercial success has turned the tables on 'American Idol.'

of his single. "It's Not Over."

The 27-year-old father of two was a musician based in McLeansville, N.C., when he decided to heed his wife's advice and audition for "Idol," which has turned out hitmakers like Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood. He needed the exposure to "get to

that next level," he says.

Along came "Idol" overnight celebrity and a "massive amount of rabid fans." He made Paula Abdul blush — OK, all you need is to be young and male to do that — and won over viewers with impassioned, rock-infused covers of songs ranging from Elvis num-

bers to pop ballads.

Unlike stars like Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera, who signed record deals before they were boldface names, Daughtry was discovered first by "Idol" judges and then by voting viewers.

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main 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. 15

Twin Falls

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.

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. Highway 30.

Boise

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. 16

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

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

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

Music

KARAOKE CORNER

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SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Twin Falls

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

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Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont Ave.

Deda

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. 18

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.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 5th Ave. S.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

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.

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.

SOUND BITES: RECENT CD RELEASES

The Shins
"Winning the Night Away"
(Sub Pop)

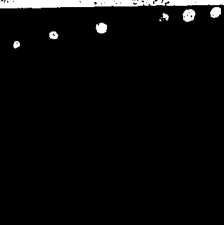
With apologies to Forrest Gump, the new Shins album is much more like a box of chocolates than life.

Each morsel is tasty in its own way, but some are...spectacular, and others are merely enjoyable.

First single, "Phantom Limb" is the tasty god of indie-pop goodness in the middle. Like much of "Winning the Night Away," it's grander and more lush than most of the tunes this often understated band has crafted.

Frontman and songwriter James Mercer's melodies still drift into the most unexpected places, but they're studded with thorny hooks that sneak up on you.

Since actor-director Zach Braff had included their music in his 2004 film "Garden



State," the Shins have become a movie and TV soundtrack staple. "Winning the Night Away" could give them another step up, but indie cred and mainstream popularity are a volatile mix. Some longtime fans may fall away, but the music probably won't be the cause. The album is remarkably accomplished — and still very Shins-like — despite its transitional feel.

—Atlanta Journal-Constitution

George Jones and Merle Haggard
"Kleikin' Out the Footlights... Again!"
(Bandit)

Twenty-five years after their first album together, Hag and Possum get around to making their second, a warm, woody, tribute to surviving booze, drugs, prison, women and stardom and becoming country icons along the way. Like a couple of singing sid-ebags, the weathered, leathered duo takes turns singing each other's songs, and even duet on a handful. Merle may be 69, and Jones 75, but these seniors bring more genuine grit, energy and emotion to their music than just about anyone else in Nashville.

It's like riding off into the sunset for the corner bar.

—St. Petersburg Times



Daughterly

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They "feel responsible" for his success, he says. That's why they stop him on the street to say "You were robbed!"

"It's the power of TV," he says. "They feel like they know you... And then once you really get to know one, you probably wouldn't like me," he jokes, laughing heartily.

He wouldn't mind places with the gray-haired listeners, who is a tougher sell to younger listeners. His album, released in December, has sold less than half of Daughtry's CD.

"I don't feel like I would have been able to do what I wanted to do with my career... I would have been a solo artist. It would have been an album that I probably would have regretted," says Daughtry, who longed to front his own band.

His "biggest" fear was that he'd wind up on rock radio's blacklist.

Well, the show certainly boosted his career. Following his fourth-place finish, Daughtry found himself in demand: He turned down an offer to be lead singer for the band Fuel, and later signed a record deal with music mogul Clive Davis in conjunction with the label manager Unlimited.

The deal allowed him to form his own band. He hired four new bandmates, who did not record on the album. They will, however, perform songs on their 25-city tour, which kicks off Thursday in Los Angeles, and contribute to a follow-up disc.

Drummer Joey Barnes, who has known Daughtry since their days "playing the same 'sleazy' houses that the biggest part of them will be 'realy, realy good.' But he's also crossing his fingers that they "don't go through the sophomore slump."

For all his talk about preferring to be among bandmates, Daughtry was out there all alone performing the national anthem at the recent National Football Conference championship game between the Chicago Bears and the New Orleans Saints. He shed a tear as he sang.

In the course of this interview, Daughtry, who appeared stolic at times on "Idol," reveals himself to be an easygoing guy. He gets especially animated when discussing the first mini-scandal of his career, perpetuated by none other than actress Melissa Joan Hart, of TV's defunct "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch."

In a recent post on her Myspace.com page, an angry Hart claimed that Daughtry and his good friend "Idol" also ran Ace Young, were taking all the credit for writing "It's Not Over." Her husband, musician Mark Wilkinson, wrote an earnest letter of the

song with producer Greg Wattenberg, who later asked Daughtry and Young to add a chorus.

"I've never met Melissa Joan Hart," says Daughtry, who phoned Wilkinson, who was not aware of Hart's rant, to smooth things over. "I don't know her from Adam. If she's mad at me for something that I don't know about, that's pretty funny actually... I was like, Sabrina's mad at me? For what?"

He turns serious when discussing his goals, which include replicating the successes of arena-packing bands like U2 and Bon Jovi.

"I wanna look back 20 years from now and still be in the game in a big way," he says. "I wanna be a very important part of the music industry, whether it be playing or developing other bands. I would still honestly like to be performing every night and doing what I love to do."

Movies

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"The Queen"

Current U.S. box-office: \$35.5 million
Movie magic moment: In the wake of Diana's

death, Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) turns on the television in her bedroom and comes across an old TV interview in which the Princess of Wales tearfully complains about life with the royals. Mirren's never lifts the queen's regal veil, but as you watch the parade of conflicting emotions on her face, regret, loathing, bewilderment and jealousy all come through loud and clear.



Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in a scene from the Oscar-nominated movie "The Queen."

"The Departed"

Current U.S. box-office: \$121.7 million
Movie magic moment: Undercover officer Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) trails dirty cop Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon) to a



Jack Nicholson plays Frank Costello, a crime boss whose influence reaches far into the ranks of the Massachusetts State Police, in Martin Scorsese's Oscar-nominated film "The Departed."

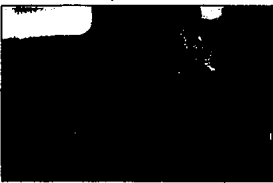
theater. Sullivan tells Costello to lay low. "Laying low is not what I do," Costello replies.

When Sullivan leaves the Chinatown theater, director Martin Scorsese and his expert editor

Thelma Schoonmaker cut back and forth between Sullivan and the pursuing Costigan, doppelgangers on a collision course.

Their chase is a master class in making tension

"Babel"



Cate Blanchett and Brad Pitt are in distress in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's Oscar-nominated film "Babel."

Current U.S. box-office: \$23.6 million
Movie magic moment: Given that Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu cannot imagine calamity without four or five others immediately springing to mind, picking one grim moment from "Babel" would take away from the dreary air of fatalism that pervades the movie.

But if we had to choose? How about that bullet from out of nowhere that blindsides Cate Blanchett and gets the ball rolling? Without that and there would be no blond mopets stumbling through the Mexican desert, no deaf-mute Japanese teen girl flashing her schoolmates, no Brad Pitt frowning his brow into never-before-imagined crevasses.

To borrow from Oliver Stone's "JFK": That's one magic bullet.

"Letters from Iwo Jima"

Current U.S. box-office: \$2.4 million
Movie magic moment: Japanese officer Baron Nishi (Tsuoyoshi Ihara) finds a letter among the effects of a Marine prisoner who has died in their cave. Like the letters we hear the Japanese soldiers writing throughout the film, the note from the young man's mother is newsy, ordinary, nothing special. Come home safely, she tells her son.

Then the capter: "Remember what I said to you. Always do what is right because it is right."

A Japanese soldier ponders those words. "It was taught that they were savages," he says, "but his mother's words were the same as my mother."



Ryo Case plays a doomed Japanese soldier on the island of Iwo Jima in Clint Eastwood's Oscar-nominated film "Letters from Iwo Jima."

Burning

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Draenel — which gives players even more character choices.

The game also increases the highest level a player can achieve from 60 to 70. Then there are new dungeons with sinister names like Colling Reservoir, Shadow Labyrinth and Tempest Keep.

I've been playing casually since "The Burning Crusade" was released a few weeks ago and my main character, a priest, has already reached level 68 with relative ease.

Getting to 70 still involves a lot of repetitive, boring tasks, for example, having to kill 30 boars. But there are some new twists, such as quests that require one or two fellow adventurers, that make up for these mundane chores.

And the experience points and rewards you'll receive are quite good, in most cases easily outclassing anything from the original game.

I've done many quests alone, but to access some of the coolest

new areas you'll need to form a party of five.

I'm in a guild with over 300 members, so finding a group was never a problem.

The game's integrated system of automatically grouping people never seemed to work, so joining or forming your own guild is probably the best way to go.

Some other "Burning Crusade" features require that I reach level 70 first: I've seen quite a few level 70s already buzzing around on the new flying mounts, which are much faster than the older mounts that were stuck on the ground.

There's just so much to savour, I'm already looking forward to my next adventure.

Longtime "WoW" players will find there's a lot of new things to see and do — even after they race to level 70.

And if you've somehow missed out on the "WoW" experience thus far, there's never been a better time to jump in.

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Local

Gilbert and Sullivan play Ketchum this weekend

BY KAREN BOSSICK

For the Times News

KETCHUM—The Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood will take on the feel of Japan this weekend when the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players present "An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan."

NYGASP! as they dub themselves, will present a viewer's condensed version of "The Mikado," one of the most frequently played musical theater pieces in history Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.

Then they'll spend the second half performing some of WS. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's hit songs from "Pirates of Penzance" and other light operas.

"The Gilbert and Sullivan Players is the preeminent interpreter of Gilbert and Sullivan in the world and we are indeed fortunate to have them!" said Sun Valley resident Gary Hoffman, who arranged for the players to come to the Wood River Valley after he and his wife, Connie, saw them in New York.

"I have seen the best Gilbert and Sullivan productions by the best companies over the last 40 years, including the O'Jy Carte and the Opera a la Carte, and New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players is razor sharp in their interpretations and singing," he added.

"Sun Valley is not part of a road tour NYGASP happens to be on. The company is flying straight to Hayley and then returning to New York after its performances."

"It's huge when the best of anything comes to your town," Hoffman said. "And the fact that they're holding requests from the audience is very unusual — I've never been to a performance like that before."

"The performance, under the umbrella of Sun Valley Opera, will open with a shortened version of 'The Mikado.'"

"The Mikado" premiered in 1885 at the Savoy Theatre in London, where it made the longest run of any theater piece up to that time.



The Mikado will be one of the Gilbert and Sullivan classics spoofed this weekend in Ketchum.

New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players

It's a party

Sun Valley Opera will open its 2007 season on Friday with a Patrons Party at the Valley Club in Holiday.

Entertainment will be provided by members of the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players, who will do numbers by the British team whose operettas met with enthusiastic response in America during the late 1800s.

The operettas that Gilbert and Sullivan composed during the late 1800s were the precursors of the American musical comedy with music that was lighter than grand opera.

The evening, which is black-tie optional, will include a cocktail buffet of crab claws, shrimp, tenderloin and lamb chops.

It starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets range from \$150 to \$500. For more information, call 726-0991 or go online at www.sunvalleyopera.com.

By being set in Japan, it allowed Gilbert to satirize English politics and institutions in a way he never could have had set it in England.

"If, for instance, you're familiar with 1880s England you would recognize individuals being parodied in the play," Hoffman said. "For instance, the admiral who achieved his rank with no naval experience whatsoever. But the play features a universal kind of satire so you don't need to know these specifics to enjoy it."

The operetta revolves around Nanki-Poo, a wandering minstrel who wants to marry Yum-Yum.

Ko-Ko, her guardian, has been condemned to death under the Mikado's capricious law against flirting yet has been appointed Lord High Executioner on the assumption that he will be unwilling to enforce a law of which he him-

self might be the first victim.

But Yum-Yum is unwilling to turn against Ko-Ko and marry Nanki-Poo, and her refusal prompts a despondent Nanki-Poo to consider suicide.

By now, Ko-Ko has learned that his postus Lord High Executioner is about to be abolished by the Mikado for non-performance of duty. And so he goes in search of a victim — and the suicidal Nanki-Poo would seem to fit the bill.

The two men strike a deal that Nanki-Poo may marry Yum-Yum if he agrees to become Ko-Ko's first victim at the end of the month's.

Things become complicated when Katsura, an elderly lady of the court, arrives to try to claim what Ko-Ko claims to be his honor that when a man is beheaded his wife is buried alive under the Mikado's law.

If you go ...

- **What:** The New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players will present an evening featuring a condensed version of "The Mikado" and "Gilbert and Sullivan Favorites."
- **Where:** Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Saddle and Warm Springs roads, Ketchum.
- **When:** Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$30 for general admission and \$100 for diva seating, are available at Chapter One Bookstore, online at www.sunvalleyopera.com or by calling 720-6079.

Workshop planned

Sunday's performance of "The Mikado" and "Gilbert and Sullivan Favorites" will be preceded by a half-hour workshop on Gilbert and Sullivan.

The workshop will start at 2:45 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.

It is designed for students with \$10 tickets to see that afternoon's performance. But it is open to curious adults who have tickets to Sunday's performance, as well.

New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players are no stranger to working with kids. They have presented full-scale performances of Gilbert and Sullivan classics during school hours for more than 22,000 students ranging in age from second grade through high school over the past six years. For more information, call 725-5522.

"Thinking maybe he can pull the wool over the Mikado's eyes, Ko-Ko prepares a certificate for Nanki-Poo's execution. The Mikado is delighted to receive the news until he sees the name of the victim.

It turns out Nanki-Poo is the son of the Mikado. Inmate, the Mikado sentences Ko-Ko to be hanged in oil for charting the death of the heir-apparent.

When Ko-Ko goes to Nanki-Poo for help, the minstrel explains that he disguised himself to escape Katsura's attentions and he has no intention of being anything but "dead" until she is married to someone else. To save his own neck, Ko-Ko woos and wins Katsura's gestures that meet with the Mikado's complete satisfaction.

"The Mikado" is a real gem — there's a timelessness about the romance that remains wonderful

to behold. And every sing is memorable." Hoffman said.

The evening's mischief will be directed by Albin Bergerer, who has been hailed as "the leading custodian of the Gilbert and Sullivan classics" by New York magazine. Bergerer has conducted and staged all 13 of the works in the Gilbert and Sullivan canon.

The stars include:

- Soprano Latourly Watson Chase, who has performed with NYGASP since 1996 and received the 2006-07 NYGASP's Isaac Asimov Award for Artistic Achievement.
- Alto-Angela Smith, who has performed with NYGASP since 1997, as well as the South Carolina Opera, Delaware Opera and Liederkreis Opera in New York City.
- Tenor Michael Scott Harris, who has performed for six seasons with NYGASP in addition to such companies as the Sacrament, to Music Circus and Portland Opera.
- Baritone Keith Juroski, who has appeared in more than 600 performances with NYGASP and is a winner of the company's Isaac Asimov Award.
- And comic Albin Bergerer and pianist Andrea Stryker-Rodda.

Since its founding in 1974, the Gilbert and Sullivan Players have presented more than 1,500 performances of Gilbert and Sullivan masterpieces throughout the eastern United States and Canada. They have collaborated with such guest stars as Hal Linden, John Astin and Steve Allen.

Their first CD "O, Joy, Oh, Rapture" is available through the company's web site at www.nygasp.org.