

CASHING IN

Cactus Petes cashier wins a new car.

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South-of-the-border offers a great ride.

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IRAQ



In this image made from television, British Prime Minister Tony Blair addresses the House of Commons in London Wednesday to announce the first large-scale troop withdrawal.

One more mile

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Citing Jerome County as one of the reasons for the change, state senators voted 30-4 on Wednesday to allow people living beyond one mile of proposed livestock operations to testify at their permit hearings.

"I am sure — I am confident — that 43 counties will never know the difference," said Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, who voted against a similar bill in 2005. "What it does do is

send a message — a stronger message — to that one county that didn't need to move ahead, that their circular logic isn't working very well."

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, proposed the bill, which amends an old law and permits public testimony from "affected persons," which could include nearby businesses, school districts or secondary residences. Current law provides for just primary homeowners within a one-mile radius. Proponents, including the

Senate passes CAFO hearing change; fate in House unknown for now



Proposal on internet taxes killed.

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Companies champion tax repeal.

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American Civil Liberties Union and the Idaho Association of Counties, have called the existing law arbitrary, capricious and a violation of the right

to free speech.

The bill is of particular interest in the Magic Valley, where controversy has arisen over a possible 16,555-animal operation in Jerome County near the Minidoka Internment National Monument that sits just outside the one-mile radius. That application was withdrawn, but is expected to be modified and resubmitted.

Voting against the bill was Sen. Jeff Siddaway, R-Terreton.

"To me this is just another one of

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Britain to withdraw at least 1,600 troops

By David Stricker Associated Press writer

LONDON — British troops have achieved many tangible successes in Iraq — securing oil platforms, rounding up the rogue police units and driving smugglers carrying weapons and contraband from waterways and border crossings.

Now some of these tasks will be ceded to Iraqi troops for good.

Under proposals laid out by Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday, Britain will withdraw about 1,600 troops from Iraq over the coming months and hopes to make other cuts to its 7,100-strong contingent by late summer.

British troops would likely stay in the southern Basra region until at least 2008, training local forces, working to secure the Iraq-Iran border and maintaining supply routes to U.S. and coalition troops in central Iraq, Blair told legislators. Britain could further reduce its force level to below 5,000 once a base at Basra Palace is transferred to Iraqi control in late summer, the prime minister said.

"What all of this means is not that Basra is how we want it to be. But it does mean that the next chapter in Basra's history can be written by Iraqis," Blair said.

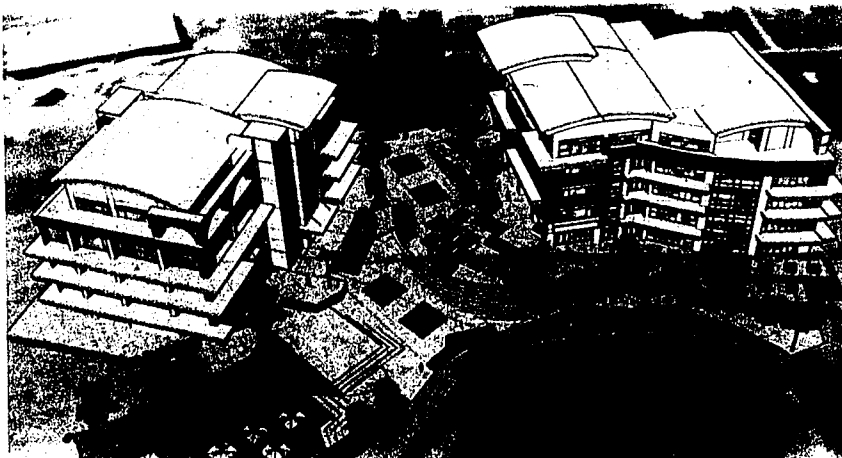
The announcement, on the

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Coalition of the willing breaking up? See the video online at www.magicvalley.com.

Arts on the edge



Designs show future home of Magic Valley Arts Council

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The arts are moving up in Twin Falls — figuratively and literally. The Magic Valley Arts Council will buy space within one of two buildings that will be built on the canyon rim by Federation Pointe LLC. The move will put the Arts Council and its classes on the first and second floors of a 75-foot-tall building overlooking the Snake River Canyon.

"We looked at a number of sites — somewhere between 15 and 20 different locations — but we chose this one because it is the most feasible for fundraising and visibility among the community," said Stacy Madsen, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council.

Federation Pointe will include two buildings that will house professional offices, high-end condos, retail shops, restaurants and a place for the arts — including a theater. The buildings will be located on the canyon rim near the Western Real Estate location.

The Arts Council will move from its current location in downtown Twin Falls, where it rents a small space for gallery shows and office space.

"We have to look elsewhere when we want to put on performances because we don't have the space," Madsen said. "In the new building, we will have theater space with flexible seating that we can put away when we need to use the space for events like weddings or meetings."

The Arts Council will have to raise \$1.25 million to buy the space they need at Federation Pointe, with \$250,000 to be dedicated to increased operating expenses in the new building.

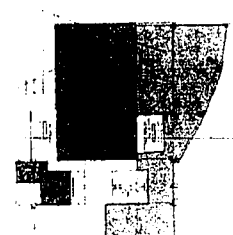
Madsen said the Arts Council has raised more than \$550,000. She said the Arts Council will begin a community fundraising campaign by spring.

Depending on the success of the fundraising events, the Arts Council hopes to move into the new building by spring 2008.

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Performing Arts Council



Basra Palace is how we want it to be.

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Group wants to halt the sale of herbicide-resistant alfalfa seed

By Jim Grassbery Billings Gazette

BILLINGS, Mont. — A coalition of farmers, environmentalists and food safety organizations plans to ask a federal judge in California to halt the sale of Roundup Ready alfalfa seed, the group's lawyer said Tuesday. The request follows a decision released two weeks ago

in which U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer in San Francisco ruled that the U.S. Department of Agriculture failed to follow environmental law before approving the genetically modified forage. Idaho ranks second in the nation in alfalfa hay production, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, and the state's 2006 crop was valued

at about \$469 million. The Magic Valley is a significant part of that production, said Glenn Shewmaker, Twin Falls-based extension forage specialist with the University of Idaho. He said the Roundup Ready variety is being used in this area, but not extensively. Please see ALFALFA, Page A3

Idaho charter schools, traditional in a tiff over extracurriculars

By Alicia P. O. Whitteyer Associated Press writer

BOISE — When Rio Peterson transferred from Skyview High School to Liberty Charter School after his sophomore year, he didn't want to stop running cross-country or track, even though his new school didn't offer those programs. So Peterson, now a senior, kept running for Skyview. But because he doesn't attend the school anymore, the Nampa

School District required his family to pay a fee. The cost — \$900 per year for the two sports. "Those fees weren't fair," Peterson said. "They weren't necessary. All of that money wasn't being used for my bus ride." The state Senate Education Committee heard testimony Wednesday on a bill that would allow charter school students Please see SCHOOLS, Page A3

# TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Friday
High 52	Low 32	41/27

**MINI-CASSIA**  
 Today: Increasing clouds with developing showers later. Highs near 50.  
 Tonight: Showers may mix with some snow. Lows, lower 30s.  
 Tomorrow: Mixed morning showers, then partial clearing and cooler. Highs near 40.

**Complete weather report: See page B4**

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

**BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**  
 Annual Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Popplevelt Elementary School, Buhl, (208)543-4348.  
 American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 West Main, Wendell, 5500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**  
 The Albion Valley Historical Society annual meeting, for any person interested in preserving the history of the Albion Valley, 7 p.m., in the Community Center (former Masonic Hall), 124 S. Main St., Albion, brfstobruce@hotmail.com.

**GOVERNMENT**  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 225 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.  
 Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

**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 Humana-insured or YMCA 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 and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-8475.

**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, 733-5946.**  
**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, 732-7977.**  
**Celebrating Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yureka 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: stimulants, by 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 829 Hankins Rd. (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 733-3210.**  
**"Advanced Theopathic Counseling," Dr. Sharon Custer, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 2133 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free/will offering accepted), 734-9603.**

**HOBBIES AND CRAFTS**  
 Cobblestone Glaze Class, 6 to 8 p.m., Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., historic downtown Twin Falls, \$10 or \$16 (depending on piece), 736-4475.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at [showbiz@magicvalley.com](mailto:showbiz@magicvalley.com); by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

## THREE-DAY PLANNER

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Feb. 23, 24** — "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-up)," presented by the Junior Musical Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$9 reserved seats and \$6 general admission, 423-6109 or [www.jumpccamp.org](http://www.jumpccamp.org).  
**Feb. 25** — Magic Valley Symphony, with Soloist Gary Garofano, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$9 reserved tickets and \$6 general admission, 732-6288.

**BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**  
**Feb. 23** — A Pinocchio Card Party open to the public, 7 p.m., (113 E. Idaho St., Paul, free/will donation, 438-5358.  
**Feb. 24** — Filer High school rodeo Booster Club Dinner and auction, with "Milk Can Supper" and Dutch oven delights and live music by Matt and Brandon Severo, 6 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. auction, Filer High School, Filer, \$5 per person, 655-4277 or 326-5130.  
**Feb. 24** — "Dinnerfest" spaghetti dinner, includes Texas toast, green salad, corn, ice cream, water and coffee, 6:30 p.m., at Minidoka Memorial Senior Center, 702 11th St., Rupert, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families, 439-9107.  
**Feb. 24** — Tooper Chris Glenn benefit event, hosted by Larry Gebert of KTVB, with banquet dinner, live music, poker tournament and car raffle, program at 4 p.m., buffet dinner at 5 p.m., drawing for 1996 Lexus at 9 p.m., the Ballroom, Twin Falls, dinner, \$25 a couple and \$15 per single; \$5 for car raffle ticket (\$20 for 5 tickets), 324-8000 or 280-4267.

**BUSINESS**  
**Feb. 23** — Ribbon Cutting/Open House for Home 1-2 Heritage, 4:30 p.m., 1162 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, 293-6520.  
**Feb. 24** — The Welcome Mat at Twin Falls monthly "meet & greet," open to all new Magic Valley residents with door prizes, refreshments and a free gift bag of coupons and promotional items, 1 to 2 p.m., Se. South Best Western, Jerome, 423-4478 to register.

# YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

## MAGIC VALLEY



### JUMP Company kids put on a show

The Junior Musical Playhouse considers "How to Eat Like a Child (and Other Lessons of Not Being Grown-up)." TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

### Magic Valley Symphony strikes up the band

Local guitarist Gary Garofano joined the Magic Valley Symphony for its third concert of the season Sunday. TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

### Fish & Game seeks help counting sage grouse

TWIN FALLS — Want to help save the fledgling sage grouse? All you need is a pair of eyes, says Ed Pappenhagen, volunteer coordinator with Magic Valley's regional office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. SEE PAGE A8

### How will Shoshone schools handle growth?

Shoshone School District officials held the first of several public meetings Wednesday night to discuss deteriorating facilities and future overcrowding. SEE PAGE A8

### Four people indicted in December murder

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man and three Haxton men were indicted Wednesday afternoon on first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder charges in the December death of 19-year-old Jessie Aaron Coates. SEE PAGE A8

## OBITUARIES

Amy Jo Manning, 32  
 Katherine Leola Heacock Satterwhite, 82  
 Edith J. Schmidt, 85  
 Terrea 'Terry' Kielen, 53  
 Kelly McKeane, 92  
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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Feb. 23** — Castelford Future Farmers of America Annual Appreciation Breakfast, with pancakes, sausage and bacon, eggs, milk and juice, 7 a.m., Ag Shop at Castelford High School, Castelford, no cost, 537-6511.  
**Feb. 24** — The Twin Falls County Historical Society annual meeting, with a presentation by Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer on the County Comprehensive Plan and open discussion on future museum plans, organizational policies and procedures, 2 p.m., at the Museum on Highway 30, west of Twin Falls, no cost and open to the public, 736-4675.  
**Feb. 25** — Twin Falls Girls State competition for family friends and contributors, selection of five girls and an alternate sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 7, 1:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Seaton Avenue, Twin Falls, refreshments served, 733-8989.

## EDUCATION

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

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Feb. 24** — Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Magic Valley Mall (in empty store near JCFNery), Twin Falls, 733-3000.  
**Feb. 24** — AARP Driver Safety Class, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, Rupert, \$10 for both sessions (preregistration required), 678-9138.

## HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**Feb. 23** — DVA Hign, Marti-Gras style, at Hands On with dessert buffet, music, painting, prizes and discounts, 7 to 10 p.m., 147 Shoshone St. N., historic downtown Twin Falls. \$10 cover charge plus price of pieces (no studio or glazing fees), 736-4475.  
**Feb. 24** — Change about well hanging, 1:30 p.m. Carreen's Fabrics & Crafts, Etc., 450 21st St., Heyburn, Id 820, 679-3573.

## IDAHO/WEST



### Cactus Pete's cashier wins employee honor

Rosalee Houston, a 2006 Cactus Pete's Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev., took home the title of 2006 Team Member of the Year from Cactus Pete's annual "Team Member Recognition Banquet Monday" night. Houston also took home the title to a brand new Chrysler 300. SEE PAGE D1

### Companies push for state tax break

BOISE — Companies asking lawmakers to repeal Idaho's \$100 million tax on business equipment told a House panel Wednesday the change would stimulate economic development by making it cheaper to build new facilities — or keep old ones in the state. SEE PAGE A7

### Crime task force shows new mobile unit

COEUR D'ALENE — Law enforcement officers in Idaho, Utah and Montana have a new tool in their crime fighting arsenal: a mobile evidence trailer that is ready to roll to major crime scenes. The newly formed North Idaho Regional Violent Crime Task Force unveiled its new Crime Scene Unit on Tuesday. SEE PAGE A7

### INL begins new energy studies center

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho National Laboratory and several university partners have broken ground on a new \$14 million Center for Advanced Energy Studies. SEE PAGE A7

## ON THE NET

**At magicvalley.com**  
 • See a rehearsal of JUMP Company's newest production.  
 • Hear excerpts from a Shoshone School District public meeting on a bond to expand school facilities.

## IDAHO LOTTERY

**2,622,293** P#8:3  
 Power Play # 2  
 Wild Card Feb. 21  
 1, 2, 7, 8, 24  
 Wild Card: Kind of rosters  
 P#8:3 Feb. 21 1 7 9  
 P#8:3 Feb. 20 3 9 8  
 P#8:3 Feb. 19 5 6 6  
[www.idaholottery.com](http://www.idaholottery.com) 208-338-5500

## NATION/WORLD



### Anna Nicole Smith's mom pleads for help

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith's mother says she is afraid for the safety of her granddaughter in the custody of Howard K. Stern. "I knew she would be next. My grandson did not overdose. Howard was there when he died, and Howard was there when my daughter died. And he has my granddaughter now and it is not even his child. I'm afraid for her life as well," a crying Verge Arthur said. "Please, help us." SEE PAGE A4

### Cheney challenges criticism of Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney on Wednesday challenged GOP presidential hopeful John McCain's assertion that Donald H. Rumsfeld was one of the country's worst defense secretaries. "John's entitled to his opinion. I just think he's wrong," said Cheney, a friend of Rumsfeld. SEE PAGE A5

### Iran continues to defy UN on nuclear work

VIENNA, Austria — Iran called Wednesday for talks with the United States — but despite a U.N. Security Council deadline did not budge on council demands that it establish the uranium enrichment program or face harsher sanctions. Amid Iran's nuclear defiance, the U.N. nuclear watchdog finalized a report to be released today that could lead to tougher U.N. sanctions. SEE PAGE A6

### U.S. could become coalition of one in Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush's "coalition of the willing," long seen by much of the world as a shell for a largely U.S. operation in Iraq, is becoming a coalition of the unwilling. Even as Bush sends more American forces to Baghdad, longtime war ally Tony Blair is pulling out. SEE PAGE A5

## SPORTS



### Kimberly boys end state playoff drought

TWIN FALLS — The drought is finally over. Kimberly coach Roger Keller fifth the Bulldogs boys basketball team qualified for Class 3A's second spot from District IV with a 72-42 pounding of Filer Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho. The Bulldogs now head to Meridian to face Snake River next Thursday at 8 p.m. SEE PAGE B1

### CSI women fall to 17th in ranking

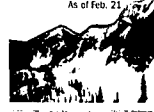
TWIN FALLS — After a narrow win and a lopsided loss at Salt Lake Community College last week, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team slipped one spot to 17th in the NCAA poll released Wednesday. SEE PAGE B1

### OSU honors former CSI coach Sutton

STILLWATER, Okla. — Former College of Southern Idaho coach Eddie Sutton won 798 games at Oklahoma State, Arkansas, Kentucky and Creighton to rank fifth among NCAA Division I coach coaches. When his victories at Tulsa Central High School and the College of Southern Idaho are included, he won exactly 1,000 games before retiring from coaching in May. SEE PAGE B2

## Snowpack Levels

Waterford	4 of 4 ft	peak
Salmon	77%	45%
Big Wood	66%	51%
Little Lost	60%	43%
Henry's Fork/Teton	75%	57%
Upper Snake Basin	75%	56%
Oxley	81%	63%
Salmon Falls	73%	55%



## OPINION

**Time to stock up on tiny toothbrushes**  
 It's late winter, and we're entering sailing season, according to [www.suillor.com](http://www.suillor.com). The site also says the bushy-tailed critters chew on power lines to clean their teeth. Last summer's dumping of 600,000 gallons of sewage into Rock Creek was caused by a squirrel pushing proper hygiene. Gosh, think of the potential for environmental damage caused by dastardly squirrels. — Chris Baldus, news editor

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# CAFO

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those bills where we're going to change the whole state statute for the exception for one and I think that's grossly an error," Siddoway, a rancher, told the Senate on Wednesday.

But some of Siddoway's colleagues felt the criticism of Jerome County was "shrill" Wednesday and during the committee debate last week, was precise justification for Senate Bill 1056.

"This is a problem with maybe one or two bills in the whole state who just absolutely refused to be accommodating to people who are obviously affected by the decisions there," said Sen. Bill R. Remburg.

Two years ago, Stennett proposed a similar bill that failed on a 17-17 vote. Unlike

the old bill that allowed testimony from the public as a whole, the new version permits testimony only from people with direct involvement.

Lawmakers and agricultural organization have acknowledged that other counties expanded the one-mile rule when necessary.

Dean Dimond, who has said the proposed Jerome CAFO would be less than 500 feet from his house, told the Times-News he was "thrilled" over the Senate's decision.

Debate lasted nearly an hour, with concern being over the definition of "affected persons" and its emphasis on property interests.

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said property ownership further

hindered the first amendment and read from the state code to illustrate skepticism to whether it should be included.

Ultimately, he admitted he was "wrong" for voting against the previous bill and called his vote "partial amends."

That sentiment was shared by others, including Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, whose district includes Jerome County.

"As is the case, we often have to vote on imperfect bills," said Cameron, who posed six separate inquiries to Stennett but voted in favor. "I still limiting people's opportunity based on land ownership."

When told of the Senate's

vote, Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell said the county simply follows state code.

"The state is the one who set the one mile (rule) — not us," Howell said.

While the Senate's approval is a significant step, its fate is unknown as it heads to the House.

State Rep. Tom Trull, R-Moscow, chairman of the Agricultural Affairs Committee, advocated similar legislation in the past and said the legislation could ultimately depend on which committee the House Speaker assigns it.

**Statehouse reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 334-0901 or jhopkins@nmgcvalley.com.**

# Troops

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same day Denmark said it would withdraw its 460 troops, comes as the U.S. is implementing an increase of 21,000 more troops for Iraq — putting Washington on an opposite track as its main coalition allies.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice played down the British pullback, saying it is consistent with the U.S. plan to "turn over more control to Iraq forces."

"The British have done what is really the plan for the country as a whole, which is to transfer security responsibility to the Iraqis as the situation permits," Rice said. "The coalition remains intact and, in fact, the British still have thousands of troops deployed in Iraq."

The Islamic State of Iraq, an al-Qaida linked insurgent group, called the British decision "the beginning of the disintegration of the crusader coalition," according to a posting on a militant Web site translated by Washington-based SITE Institute, which monitors terrorism Internet messages.

The group, which has claimed responsibility for several recent downings of U.S. helicopters, also called on insurgents to block roads used by the coalition forces, saying time was "crucial."

British troops have performed many humanitarian tasks — helping open hundreds of schools, fitting hospitals with modern equipment and replacing leaky water

pipes — but some say the real British legacy is likely to be a consolidation of Shiite control.

British forces already acquiesced to a "situation of quiet sectarian cleansing" in the south, said Anthony Conlesman, an expert on Iraq at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. The decision to pull out of Basra only underscored the political reality of Shiite primacy in the region, he said.

Rear Adm. Richard Cobbold, director of the military think tank Royal United Services Institute in London, said Britain's decision to pull back "needed to be made."

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British troops have mounted recent operations against Shiite militia, most notably raiding a Basra police station in December that had been run by a rogue police squad and freeing 70 people held captive.

Some analysts fear a militia resurgence once British troops withdraw and warn Iraq may attempt to step up its influence in the region.

Blair's official spokesman, on a customary condition of anonymity in line with policy, acknowledged British officials "still believed Iranian supplied ordnance is coming across the border."

# Schools

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to participate in the extracurricular activities of traditional public schools on an equal basis, and limit the per-student fees to \$150.

Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian, who is sponsoring the bill, said his measure was an attempt at compromise.

Charter school parents say the six dollars should grant their children access to schools sports. The \$150 fee is meant to pay for the impact that each student would have on facilities like gyms and fields.

But parents of students at

traditional public schools say that those who choose to send their children to charter schools picked them for the academic experience. Now those parents want to have it all, they said.

The committee did not vote on the bill, because testimony from parents and school officials went on too long.

"This isn't about money. The dynamics of these relationships are really at the core of the issue," Fulcher said.

"Frankly, the entities just don't get along."

In most areas of the state, charter schools and school districts have worked things out, Fulcher said.

His bill, S 1141, stems from conflicts at the Kuna and Nampa School Districts, where local charter schools say their students are being charged exorbitant fees to participate in extracurricular activities.

The incremental cost to add this handful of (charter) school students is so small it can't even be calculated," said Laura Shaul, whose three children attend Falcon Ridge Charter School. "Activities are a very critical part of a child's develop-

ment. We just simply cannot allow our children to be short-changed in the area of athletics."

But advocates for traditional public schools say that parents know they're giving up things like basketball teams and school bands to gain other advantages when they send their children to charter school.

The bill makes no provisions for allowing a student at a traditional school to attend, say a language class at a charter, said David Field, president of the Skyview Parent-Teacher Association.

# Alfalfa

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He was involved in part of the testing of Roundup Ready alfalfa before it was deregulated and he said he can't see a judge halting its sale.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't get it (the California ruling) overturned," he said. "They (Monsanto) followed pretty strict procedures that were laid out by various government agencies to get it approved."

Breyer asked parties to the suit for proposals for remedies after he found that the USDA should have completed an environmental impact statement before giving its approval for the crop in 2003.

The proposed remedies are due Monday.

"The USDA approval is vacated" by the judge's decision, said Joseph Mendelsohn, an attorney for the Center for Food Safety in Washington, D.C.

"So any new sales of seed and hay should be halted," he said. As for what to do with stands of the perennial already in the ground, Mendelsohn said, "It is hard to speculate. It is difficult to halt a harvest."

In Montana and Wyoming, a decision to stop sales could directly affect seed producers and seed businesses.

The Center for Food Safety represented itself and the complainants in the suit, including the Western Organization of Resource Councils, which has headquarters in Billings, WORE is a coalition that includes the Northern Plains Resource Council and similar organizations in North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Colorado.

Mendelsohn was asked if Roundup Ready alfalfa posed any threat to animal or human health or whether the suit focused on environmental and economic consequences.

"Both," he said. "At this point on alfalfa we are unable to know (health threats) because USDA has not done an EIS."

Genetic modification, as practiced with hybridization or cross-breeding, involves inserting genes from one kind of an organism into the genes of an unrelated organism. Roundup Ready seeds contain genetic material that makes

the plants resistant to the herbicide Roundup, thus reducing the costs of tilling and weed control. Monsanto Co., which produces Roundup and Roundup Ready seeds, discontinued its research plots of spring wheat varieties in Montana in 2004. The company said at the time that there were better business opportunities for its genetically modified strains of corn, cotton and soybeans.

Monsanto and Forage Genetics of Nampa, Idaho, a partner in the development of the alfalfa strain, were not party to the case in California but are affected by the results of Breyer's decision.

"We are working with seed producers and farmers," said Andrew Burchett, public affairs manager for Monsanto in St. Louis. "And we will work with USDA in seeing the regulatory requirements are satisfied. There is an extensive dossier already on Roundup Ready alfalfa."

**Approved in Canada, Japan**  
He noted that Canada and Japan have ruled Roundup Ready alfalfa safe.

Jose Arias, of Forage Genetics, said he had no comment when informed that the Center for Food Safety intended to seek a halt of the sale of the seed.

Burchett said the issue is procedural.

"The coexistence of Roundup Ready plants and organic" is "well-known. Roundup Ready soybeans, corn and canola all co-exist."

Bhaine Schmalz of Rugby, N.D., rejects that argument.

An independent seed grower and organic farmer, Schmalz discontinued his sprouting seed sales because the "expense of testing lies on me."

"He said he has to prove that his seed is not contaminated by pollen from Roundup Ready plants. 'Alfalfa is a perennial and is open-pollinated,' he said. 'And there is the liability issue. There is no

insurance for it," Schmalz was a co-plaintiff in the suit as an affected party. He provided written testimony in the case.

He said the possibility of contamination from Roundup Ready alfalfa is "deplavating the organic market, which is growing."

Shewmaker, the University of Idaho forage specialist, said pollination is a legitimate concern but probably not so much in this area.

"If it is managed as high-quality dairy hay, it never goes to bloom anyway," he said. "There's minimal pollen drift."

Schmalz expressed concern that Roundup Ready plants are leading to "super-resistant" weeds because the herbicide is now used on so many crops.

The suit also affects Laurel seed producer John Wolf, who raises seed for Forage Genetics. He said Monday that he has raised Roundup Ready alfalfa seed for two years.

"It is very safe, in my opinion," he said.

He questioned how the court could halt sales.

"It would be pretty hard to do that," he said. "A preven-

dous amount is sold already."

Wolf conceded that the issue is "a touchy subject."

Seed purveyor and user Dan Downs said Roundup Ready "is just another tool in the box."

"The question is, does it work for that field for the money?" Downs said. The goes to Monsanto as a royalty because it has a patent on the process.

Downs owns and operates Montana Seed and Grain and Chemicals in Billings.

"This is not a big issue for me," he said of the suit. "But for others it is big."

Downs said he has sold less than three tons of seed in the past two years.

"Roundup Ready can make a real difference in getting an early start," he said. "I plan on planting it this spring. I go seed when the ground is ready, and I get a 15- to 20-day head start."

When the weeds emerge, Downs cut use Roundup herbicide to kill them without injuring the alfalfa.

**Times-News writer Matthew Tracy contributed to this report.**

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Advocacy group demands Southern Baptists stop sex abuse

By Rose French Associated Press writer

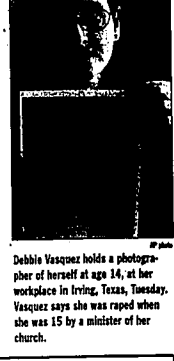
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The victims' advocates who dogged the Roman Catholic Church over sex abuse by its clergy have now turned their attention to the Southern Baptists, accusing America's largest Protestant denomination of also failing to root out molesters.

Church leaders concede there have been some incidents of abuse in Southern Baptist congregations, but say their hands are tied when it comes to investigating complaints across the denomination.

In the past six months SNAP has received reports of about 40 cases of sexual abuse by Southern Baptist ministers — with some of the incidents dating back many years, Brown said.

our structure, we're going to assist churches," Page said. "We're deeply concerned about this. We believe children are the most precious gifts from God."

Texas when she was 15 years old. Now 48, Vasquez filed a lawsuit last year against the pastor, the Rev. Dale "Dicked" Amyx and his current church, Bolivar Baptist in Sanger, Texas, about 45 miles north of Dallas.



Debbie Vasquez holds a photographer of herself at age 14, at her workplace in Irving, Texas, Tuesday. Vasquez says she was raped when she was 15 by a minister of her church.

Anna Nicole Smith's mother says her daughter wanted to be buried near idol, Marilyn Monroe

By Matt Sedensky Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Anna Nicole Smith's estranged mother tearfully acknowledged Wednesday that her daughter last told her she wanted to be buried in California near her idol Marilyn Monroe — an admission that could hurt the woman's fight to have the plump laid to rest in her native Texas.

The testimony came in a dispute between Arthur and Howard K. Stern, the lawyer who had been Smith's boyfriend for many years. Stern wants to bury the former centerfold in the Bahamas with her son, Daniel, who died last September at age 20 of apparently drug-related causes.

Stern also acknowledged that she had once asked to be buried near Monroe. On the stand in Fort Lauderdale, Arthur was hammered with questions about any compensation she has or would receive from news organizations for access to interviews or footage after the deaths of her daughter and grandson.

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# U.S. could become a coalition of one in Iraq

### British pullout could signal final breakaway of countries who were willing to fight

By Tom Ramm  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's "coalition of the willing," long seen by much of the world as a shell for a largely U.S. operation in Iraq, is quickly becoming a coalition of the unwilling.

Even as Bush sends more American forces to Baghdad, longtime war ally Tony Blair is pulling out British troops. Denmark is leaving its 2,300 troops, says it may withdraw its tiny 53 troop contingent.

Bush's alliance is breaking up as opposition firms against the U.S. troop buildup — among the American and Iraqi people, in Congress and among Iraq's neighbors and some former U.S. allies.

"There is no military solution to the sectarian and insurgent conflict in Iraq," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He said the U.S. should follow the British prime minister's lead and start reducing forces.

The British announcement reverberated on the U.S. presidential campaign trail as well. "I hope that since the presi-

### Troop strength

Defense officials estimate 14,250 personnel from coalition nations and about 139,000 American troops in Iraq.

Britain	2,100
S. Korea	2,300
Georgia	900
Poland	900
Romania	600
Australia	550
Denmark	460
El Salvador	380
Mongolia	160
Others	916

SOURCE: Defense officials AP

dent seems unwilling to listen to the results of the November election or to the new Democratic majority in Congress, that he would at least listen to someone who he has claimed has been his strongest ally in this effort, Democratic candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said in an AP interview while campaigning in Nevada.

Blair has seen his popularity at home plummet since standing with Bush on the 2003 invasion. On Wednesday Blair told Parliament that Britain would withdraw almost a quarter of its 7,100 troops in the coming months — and hoped to withdraw more by late summer.

That decision, along with drawdowns by other coalition members, goes against the course taken by the United States, which is sending 21,500

more troops into Iraq. There are currently 139,000 there, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

The Bush administration and Blair put a positive spin on the latest development, suggesting it represented success in stabilizing largely Shiite southern Iraq — not a retreat. Analysts were skeptical, noting that most of the non-U.S. forces had been stationed in predominantly Shiite or Kurdish areas spared the intense sectarian violence that has rocked Baghdad-area neighborhoods.

"If the Brits really do have the ability to redeploy forces, we obviously need them in Baghdad and environs," said Michael O'Hanlon, a military analyst at the Brookings Institution and an adviser to the bipartisan Iraq Study Group. "The decision reflects British domestic politics, which prevent Blair from even considering sending some of those freed-up forces toward Baghdad."

Long gone from Bush's coalition are troops from Spain and Italy, whose leaders were booted out of office by voters unhappy with their war alliances with Bush.

Denmark recently said it would withdraw all its 460 troops by August. South Korea, which now has 2,300 in the northern Iraq city of Irbil, plans to bring 1,100 home by April, and its parliament insists on a complete withdrawal by the end of 2007.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the British pullback squares with the U.S. plan to turn over more control to Iraqis. "The coalition remains intact and, in fact, the British still have thousands of troops deployed in Iraq," she said.

The Pentagon has stopped publicly listing the countries in the coalition and troop levels. In a recent count by The Associated Press that includes information from individual coalition partners, 22 countries still have forces in Iraq. Only Britain and South Korea are contributing more than 1,000 each.

The next-largest contingents are Georgia and Poland, each with 900 combat forces; Romania, with about 600 troops; and Australia, with 550. Lithuania is seriously considering withdrawing its 53 from Iraq. Defense Ministry spokesman Raitis Apetkivics said Wednesday.

There are even smaller contingents: Estonia has 35 troops in Iraq; Kazakhstan, 27 military engineers; Netherlands, 15 soldiers as part of a NATO training mission, and Slovenia, four military instructors.

The British troop reduction "weakens the image of the coalition and further isolates the U.S.," said Anthony Cordesman, an Iraq expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "This is a war of perceptions."

# Cheney counters McCain's criticisms of Iraq policy

By Michael A. Fletcher  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney objected Wednesday to Sen. John McCain's harsh criticism of former defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld and added that the senator "ran over me and apologized" for saying Cheney had misled President Bush on Iraq.

Cheney, speaking in an interview with ABC News Wednesday during a week-long swing through Asia, said he "fundamentally disagrees" with the Arizona Republican's statement. Monday that Rumsfeld "will go down as one of the worst secretaries of defense in history," McCain had criticized Rumsfeld while campaigning for president in South Carolina.

Bush ousted Rumsfeld in November after Democrats captured both chambers of Congress, a move that many congressional Republicans believe had made before the election as the situation in Iraq soured. Although Rumsfeld's refusal to send a larger force to Iraq early in the invasion is seen by some as a crucial mistake, Cheney has maintained that Rumsfeld did an outstanding job under trying circumstances.

"I think Don's a great secretary," I know a little bit about the job," Cheney said. "I've watched what he's done over there for six years. I think he did a superb job in terms of managing the Pentagon under extraordinarily difficult circumstances."

Cheney also countered McCain's assertion that Cheney misled Bush when it came to Iraq. "John said some nasty things about me the other day, and then next time he saw me, ran over to me and apologized," Cheney said. "Maybe he'll apologize to Rumsfeld."

# Edwards takes swipe at Clinton in Democratic forum

By Beth Foley  
Associated Press writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — It took less than an hour of the first all-candidates forum of the 2008 presidential campaign for John Edwards to lob the first stone.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's vote to authorize the invasion of Iraq in 2002 is "between her and her conscience," he said Wednesday at the session where Democrats each stressed their determination to end the conflict.

"It's not for me to judge," added the former North Carolina senator, who — like Clinton — voted in 2002 to authorize the use of military force to topple Saddam Hussein, but unlike her, has since apologized for his vote.

The Nevada event format did not permit Clinton to respond to Edwards' swipe, which stood out on an afternoon in which Democrats launched serial attacks on President Bush's war policies.

"The worst we can do is tear each other down," said New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who called on his Democratic rivals to sign a pledge to avoid negative campaigning and concentrate their energy on taking the White House away from the Republicans next year.

Among Democratic presidential contenders, only Barack Obama skipped the event, which was hosted by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union. The Illinois senator campaigned in Iowa instead.

The convergence of so many candidates underscored Nevada's new-found importance in the 2008 nominating campaign. The state will hold caucuses on Jan. 19, five days after the lead-off Iowa caucuses and presumably only a few days before New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary.

In their time on stage, several

of the candidates made an explicit pitch for the votes of union members, stressing their backing for legislation designed to make it easier to join unions, for example.

Edwards, Clinton and others drew cheers when they voiced support for universal health coverage, and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio vowed to pull the United States out of NATO soon after taking office in the White House.

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Iran continues nuclear work despite sanction threat

By Dafna Lizzer and Colom Lynch The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Despite the threat of new sanctions, Iran is advancing work at its largest nuclear facility and has informed international inspectors in writing that it will not comply with a United Nations order to suspend the program, according to U.S. and European diplomats familiar with the inspectors' latest findings.

The U.N. Security Council on Dec. 23 set a 60-day deadline for the Tehran government to halt its nuclear work. Since then, though, Iran has installed nearly 400 centrifuges. In two separate lines, at its uranium-enrichment facility in the town of Natanz, according to several officials who agreed on the condition of anonymity, to discuss details from the inspectors' report, which is due Thursday.

The report to the Security Council will confirm, the officials said, that Iran is flouting the council's resolution and moving ahead with its efforts to enrich uranium. U.S., British and French

officials said they will respond to Iran's defiance by pressing for additional economic sanctions, including an enforced travel ban on senior Iranian officials, asset freezes, and an end to government-backed loans and credits. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is scheduled to meet Thursday in Berlin with German, Russian and European colleagues to discuss the possibility of imposing those new sanctions.

"The Iranians have unfortunately not accepted to the international community's demands, and we will have to consult. We will have to decide how to move forward," Rice told reporters Wednesday. Rice said talks with Iran were possible on the condition that it suspend its nuclear program.

But diplomats in Washington and at the United Nations acknowledged Wednesday that they expect weeks of struggle with Russia, China and members of the European Union, all of which are ready to reopen talks with Iran even if it does not first halt the nuclear program.

Attack on chlorine truck kills 3 in Iraq

Government denies Sunni woman's rape claim

By Ernesto Londoño The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A tank truck carrying chlorine exploded Wednesday in western Baghdad, killing three people and wounding at least 25 in the second such attack in as many days, according to a spokesman for Iraq's Interior Ministry. Brig. Gen. Sadoun Abdul Karim said that several people exposed to the fumes were taken to hospitals and that the explosion set vehicles and shops on fire.

The chlorine attacks appear to be among deadly tactics adopted by insurgents in recent weeks as the U.S. military and security plan that will include the deployment of thousands of soldiers to outposts in Baghdad. Insurgents have also displayed newfound prowess in shutting down U.S. helicopters.

The attack came on a day when the political scandal over the reported rape of a Sunni woman by Iraqi police officers escalated, with the Iraqi prime minister's office releasing what it said was a portion of the

woman's medical record. The medical file, e-mailed to reporters by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office, included a highlighted handwritten note with the notation "no vaginal lacerations or obvious injury."

In a simple diagram of the front of the patient's body, there are numerous marks indicating bruises around her inner thighs and groin.

There is also a mark indicating a bruise on her head. The woman said she hit her head against the wall as three uniformed police officers raped her Sunday.

The medical record was attached to a news release that said the woman was going to be sued for making up the story. Al-Maliki said Monday that the rape allegation would be thoroughly investigated by a committee. Hours later, however, he said the investigation concluded that the woman had fabricated the story, and he announced that the accused police officers would be honored.

Al-Maliki, who leads a government coalition led by Shiite, did not identify the officers or

say why the accolades were justified. It is unclear how al-Maliki's office obtained the medical record, but disclosing its contents was apparently intended to bolster the contention that her story was made up — and thus defuse a particularly sensitive example of the country's sectarian strife. The woman has been charged.

ploned by Sunni politicians, and at least one insurgent group has vowed to carry out attacks against Iraqi security forces in her name. Arab news outlets have cited repeatedly a newspaper in which the woman describes the alleged sexual assault in graphic terms — highly unusual in a country where sex is seldom discussed publicly.

Italian premier resigns after losing Senate vote on mission in Afghanistan

By Frances D'Emilio Associated Press writer

ROME — Premier Romano Prodi resigned Wednesday after nine months in office following an embarrassing loss by his center-left government in the Senate on foreign policy, including Italy's military mission in Afghanistan.

His often-squabbling coalition

ran from Christian Democrats to Communists, and Prodi ultimately failed to command the loyalty of the radical left, who balked at giving unquestioned backing to Italy's traditional pro-U.S. policies.

President Giorgio Napolitano asked Prodi to stay on in a caretaker role while he sounds out political leaders to determine

who might muster enough support for a parliamentary majority, thus avoiding the need for new elections well ahead of their 2011 schedule.

Prodi was smiling in the backseat of a limousine as he left the presidential palace and made no comment to reporters.

Prodi aides did not rule out the possibility that Napolitano

would ask Prodi to try to form a new government, and from first discussions among some allies, support for another Prodi government seemed to be building.

"We are ready to reaffirm our full faith in the Prodi government," said Dario Franchini, a leader of the Olive Tree, the largest grouping in Prodi's coalition.

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# INL breaks ground on new energy studies building

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho National Laboratory and several university partners have broken ground on a new \$14 million Center for Advanced Energy Studies.

The center is a public-private partnership by Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho and the Idaho National Laboratory. The center will focus on energy science and engineering research, particularly nuclear power, biofuels, geothermal power and hydropower.

The 50,000-square-foot building on the north side of the state-owned University Place campus is expected to be completed by July 2008.

"We all believe Idaho is going to be the energy corridor of the world," Idaho State University President Arthur Vallas said, adding that the new facility will be a "core resource worldwide to build core technology."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, and Reps. Mike Simpson and Bill Sali attended the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday.

When INL was made the Energy Department's lead nuclear laboratory in the 1990s, no one could have predicted the "nuclear renaissance" that is happening now, Craig said.

The center has \$10 million in loan guarantees from Battelle Energy Alliance, the contractor in charge of Idaho National Laboratory. Establishment of the center was a requirement in the contract Battelle signed with the U.S. Department of Energy when the agency hired it to operate INL in February 2005.

The state also has contributed nearly \$7 million to the project.

# New regional task force shows off mobile crime scene unit

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Law enforcement officers in Idaho, Utah and Montana have a new tool in their crime fighting arsenal: a mobile evidence trailer that is ready to roll to major crime scenes.

The newly formed North Idaho Regional Violent Crime Task Force unveiled its new Crime Scene Unit on Tuesday. The show and tell came as seven officers from state and local agencies were federally deputized to form the task force.

Members of the team will work out of a central office in Kootenai County investigating crimes that reach beyond one agency's jurisdiction.

The effort is funded through the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force National Initiative. Nationwide, the FBI has more than 170 Safe Streets task forces focused on gangs and violent crime.

Although each participating agency pays the base salary for its investigator, the FBI will cover overtime expenses, said Donald Robinson, supervisory senior resident agent in charge of the Coeur d'Alene FBI office.

The Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls police departments, Idaho State Police, Shoshone County Sheriff's Office and Kootenai County Sheriff's Department have joined the FBI in the effort.

Robinson said the task force was an outgrowth of the investigation of Joseph Edward Duncan III, who pleaded guilty last fall to murdering three people.

"Everyone got along together well," Robinson said of the law enforcement agencies that worked together on the triple-murder and kidnapping case.

"As the case was winding down, we said, 'Let's keep this cooperation going.'"

Robinson said the goal is to stay ahead of the crime problem, focusing on violent crimes, drug crimes and problems with gangs.

"There are a lot of smaller departments here," he said. "We're stronger together than we are apart."

Over the past few months, the task force has been quietly working on several high-profile cases, uncovering two murder-for-hire plots and investigating a string of drive-by shootings in Post Falls, Robinson said.

Robinson said the federal deputization will allow task force members to more easily go into other jurisdictions — even across state lines — and allow them to serve federal search warrants and use federal wiretaps for surveillance operations.

The regional task force also gives the department the resources of a dozen investigators, if needed, said Post Falls police Lt. Greg McLean.

"It helps us because they can take our leads and try to track down people we need to interview," McLean said. "It leaves our detectives with the ability to investigate the scene."

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# Idaho companies champion tax repeal

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Companies asking lawmakers to repeal Idaho's \$100 million tax on business equipment told a House panel Wednesday the change would stimulate economic development by making it cheaper to build new facilities — or keep old ones in the state.

Tom Ryder, an executive with agribusiness J.T. Simplot Co., told the House Revenue and Taxation Committee the absence of a personal property tax in Manitoba, Canada, was one reason his company built a new potato processing plant there, not in Idaho.

Dumping Idaho's tax over the next eight years, as House bill 206 calls for, would be an incentive for Simplot to reopen a 300-employee plant in Caldwell, just west of Boise, he said.

Eliminating the tax "can save us almost one million dollars annually, at each location," Ryder said.

The committee listened to two hours of testimony, and will vote Friday whether to send the measure to the full House.

According to the bill, business equipment worth as much as \$50,000 would be exempted from the tax, starting this year. That means up to 81 percent of Idaho companies would no longer have to itemize their office equipment. Other taxpayers, including homeowners, would pick up the \$7 million annual cost.

Beginning in 2008, the remaining tax would be slashed by 12.5 percent every year until it's gone.

That would eventually cut county revenue by as much as \$95 million, all of which would be reimbursed from the state general fund.

Though business has long championed dumping the tax, contending it's a drag on the economy and hard to calculate, it's levied on everything from faxfills to office staplers — opponents of a repeal on Wednesday reiterated their concerns that giving in to industry's demands would continue a gradual shift of the state's tax burden to others, including homeowners.

The Legislature's property-tax relief session last August cut taxes on businesses and utilities by more than \$80 million a year, adding to that just six months later would be unfair, when there are other uses for state money such as shoring up education funding, said Roger Sherman, an activist with United Vision for Idaho.

"This tax plan further nar-

rows the tax base, which will eventually necessitate either raising the sales tax, or cutting services," Sherman said.

Although the plan calls for Idaho to reimburse counties for lost revenue, that doesn't apply to urban renewal districts. They also collect taxes to fund bond payments for infrastructure such as streets, sewer and water improvements.

Ryan Armbruster, a lobbyist for the city of Jerome and its urban renewal agency, said the bill would slash tax revenue by more than \$600,000 annually, or 50 percent of the Jerome urban renewal agency's income. Without changes to include urban renewal districts in the reimbursement scheme, such agencies would have "extreme difficulty" meeting debt obligations, Armbruster said.

The repeal effort is being led by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. During the hearing, its director, Alex Lalonde, focused on a so-called "harmless" provision that would delay the yearly phase-out of the tax in the event that Idaho's economy falls short of state projections.

Without such a provision, funding for other state programs including education and prisons might have to be cut, to avoid busting Idaho's budget during a recession.

"This is a fiscally responsible safeguard," Lalonde told the panel.

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## One bird, two bird, three bird, four

### Fish and Game wants help counting sage grouse

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Want to help save the fledgling sage grouse? All you need is a pair of eyes, says Ed Papenberg, volunteer coordinator with Magic Valley's regional office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

He and Dave Musil, a senior wildlife research biologist with Fish and Game, are soliciting volunteers for an upcoming grouse count, and the department needs all the help it can get, they told about 50 bird enthusiasts Wednesday night during a meeting of the Prairie Falcon chapter of the Audubon Society at the College of Southern Idaho.

The agency doesn't have enough staff to count all the grouse in southern Idaho. Without comprehensive data, the department lacks the ammunition it says it needs to fight land-use decisions that affect grouse leks, which are mating areas.

"We don't have enough people in the agency to get data at all the sage grouse leks out there," Papenberg said. "When land-use decisions get made, if there isn't data on the lek, it's like the lek isn't even there. We need help getting that data."

That's where the volunteers come in. The department hopes a bevy of bird lovers will help tally Magic Valley grouse this spring and give the department inclusive data on all of Magic Valley's grouse communities.

It's important work, Musil said, considering population numbers have nose-dived since about the late 1960s. Musil's presentation was inspiring enough to prompt CSI student Lyndsey Weclow to sign up for the bird count. Later this spring, she'll spend four mornings counting grouse for Fish and Game.

"I wanted to get involved in a project that involves animals," she said, "a project that helps preserve them."

Papenberg said anyone interested in the count should call Fish and Game's regional office at 324-4359. Volunteers should be willing to attend a training seminar on March 14 and plan on spending four mornings, not necessarily consecutive — counting birds.

## 'WELCOME TO CHURCH'



'Welcome to the church,' says Aren Luna, left, as he and other children wait to greet churchgoers at the entrance of St. Edward's Catholic Church on Ash Wednesday.

## 4 indicted for first-degree murder

### One woman, three men to be tried on charges relating to December slaying

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls woman and three Hazelton men were indicted Wednesday afternoon on first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder charges in the December death of 19-year-old Jessie Aaron Coates.

That means a grand jury found that all four defendants should be tried on the charges, including a weapons enhancement charge against the defendant accused of firing the first shot.

A man walking his dogs the afternoon of Dec. 26 found Coates' body in the South Hills. Two days later, Fredy Heredia-Inarez, lawyer for John Jr., Michael Lee John and his girlfriend, Nicole Lea Baker, were charged in Twin Falls County.

Heredia-Inarez and John Jr. had participated with Coates in a spree of local robberies when the group grew concerned Coates might "talk" to police, according to a Twin Falls sheriff's affidavit.

The pair are awaiting their preliminary hearings on several counts of robbery.

The three men and Baker led Coates into the South Hills between Dec. 15 and 18 under the pretense of committing another robbery in Kimberly, according to the affidavit.

They John Jr. shot Coates in the face and both Heredia-Inarez and John Jr. chased and shot him as he ran away, according to the affidavit.

A grand jury is made up of 16 people who may find a defendant is probably guilty beyond a judge. The finding of probable guilt is necessary for a murder charge to be prosecuted.



The Idaho Fish and Game is requesting the public's help to count sage grouse in southern Idaho.

## House kills plan to join states in Internet tax push

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Anti-tax hawks in the state House Wednesday put a halt to Idaho's plan to join a nationwide push aimed at eventually forcing Internet and catalog companies to collect sales taxes when they sell to out-of-state customers.

The vote was 37-to-32 against the plan, with fees arguing it was unconstitutional and would lead to tax increases on Internet businesses that sell elsewhere.

Several years ago, states began studying how to capture tax revenues they're losing to Internet and catalog sites after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2000 that it's unconstitutional for a state to impose a tax on a business not physically in its jurisdiction. The reason: forty-four states that charge a sales tax do so in such vastly different ways that it would be onerous for states to try to negotiate each state's system, the court ruled.

So far, 18 states, including Wyoming, have signed agreements to simplify their tax systems in this push.

Idaho won't be the next one, after conservatives including Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, likened the Streamlined Sales Tax Project with "trawling into bed with other states."

It's a backdoor tax-increase waiting to happen," Barrett said during House debate. "It would allow member states to collude and destroy tax competition."

Although people in Idaho and elsewhere who buy from out-of-state Internet and catalog companies legally must pay taxes on their purchases, they rarely do. Such laws are rarely enforced.

Representative Leon Smith, a Republican from Twin Falls and the bill's sponsor, brandished a five-page opinion from Attorney General Lawrence Wasden arguing to the bill's constitutionality.

"It was an attempt to counter a contention by Rep. Phil Hart, R-Adrian, that joining other states in the effort would be an illegal violation of Idaho's sovereignty.

Hart, who refused to pay his personal income taxes for seven years while unsuccessfully challenging the federal government, often characterizes taxes as an assault on personal liberty.

"There's no constitutional issue in this bill," Smith argued, saying the intention of this push to tax Internet sales to out-of-state customers was meant simply to level the playing field. Traditional companies with locations in Idaho now must collect the state's 6 percent sales tax from their out-of-state customers, Internet businesses don't, and that's unjust, Smith said.

## First steps taken to fix Shoshone school problems

### Deteriorating facilities, future overcrowding discussed at public meeting Wednesday

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The only thing they had to offer was a clear message to the public about the challenges that lay ahead.

Shoshone School District officials held the first of several public meetings Wednesday night to discuss deteriorating facilities and future overcrowding.

They said it was the first step toward working with the community to address those issues.

"We are still in the planning stages," said Mel Wiseman, the district's superintendent. "But what we want to do is inform the community so they can make a decision, because ultimately they will be the ones who will decide what happens."

He said the community has three options to address future demands: It can deal with short-term needs, long-term needs, or neither.

Currently, the Shoshone

school has water leaking into the building because of an inadequate drainage system. One-third of the building's carpet needs to be replaced because of water damage.

Wiseman said those are a few of the immediate needs the district must deal with, and they will cost about \$100,000.

"To me it's just good business to maintain our buildings," he said.

"For me, I wouldn't be asking for this if we didn't need it."

But those are only the immediate needs — the school district is reluctant to talk about long-term requirements.

In two years, the Shoshone schools will face serious overcrowding due to approval of new subdivisions in Lincoln County and within the city of Shoshone, as well as current residential growth in the city.

The district has contracted with Design West, an architectural firm based in Meridian, to create options to address the district's long-term issues.

One alternative would cost



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Later today, hear a conversation with Shoshone School District Superintendent Mel Wiseman on the future of the district.

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taxpayers \$1.2 million and would permit the district to build classrooms as needed. Another option would meet all the district's long-term needs at a total cost of \$4.2 million.

"I think the community will decide to be a little bit more conservative with this election," Wiseman said.

The problem is that the district does not know if growth will continue.

Wiseman said growth is a wild card, but others say it's inevitable.

"It's not going to stop, so we need to plan for it," said KC Hilley, who works as a contractor in Ketchikan.

The district wants to start the process now.

The community needs to take advantage of the state's bond levy repayment program, which reimburses communities with low property values

for money paid on bonds, Wiseman said. Jerome, Twin Falls and Buhl are among the school districts in Idaho using the repayment program.

The district also needs to pay off outstanding bonds within two years before enrollment exceeds the capacity of existing facilities. It is now paying off \$2.1 million on the bond that financed the construction of the existing facility, which was opened in 1998.

"Two years down the road, if we get started then, it will be too late because those students will have no place to go," said Pat Hamilton, chairman of the Shoshone School Board.

Another challenge for the district is securing community support.

The district wanted to see how the public would respond to a city facilities levy designed to update its water system. But Shoshone officials say that metric is the indicator of how hard it will be to gather the community's support.

"That one barely squeezed through, and it was absolutely necessary," said J.R. Churchman, the city's mayor. So a guess is that it will be interesting to see what happens with this

## Shedding clothes to shed light on government?

### Legislator excited about increasing open government proposes surprising ultimatum

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A north Idaho lawmaker was so excited Wednesday over proposing an increase in openness in government that he offered a surprising ultimatum.

"I say, let's have a hearing and take our clothes off and go after it," Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake, told the House State Affairs Committee.

The comment prompted lawmakers, lobbyists and reporters to erupt in laughter — as well as chuck some light-hearted comments about activity in executive sessions.

Clark's comments followed a more serious proposal that would

exempt urban renewal agencies from meeting in executive session to discuss acquiring real property.

The proposal also would prevent public meetings from being held in private residences, except during planning and zoning meetings held at homes.

The committee agreed to give the proposal a public hearing.

**Home schooling emphasis proposed**

BOISE — Rep. Steven Thayne, R-Eminet, introduced legislation Wednesday that would ask the state Board of Education and the Department of Education to emphasize home-schooling rather than promote pre-kindergarten public funding.

The resolution, which is non-binding, is necessary because of a nationwide trend of investing in pre-kindergarten that ultimately contributes to problems in society, Thayne told the House

### Education Committee: Proposal would stop funeral demonstrations

BOISE — The House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee approved a bill Wednesday that would make most demonstrations at funerals a misdemeanor.

Prompted by anti-war protests at military funerals in other states, Rep. Eric Anderson, R-Pratt Lake, proposed legislation last week that would apply to anyone who "disturbs the dignity or reverential nature" of a funeral service, burial and other similar processions.

However, unlike some federal laws, Anderson's bill does not have a minimum distance because it would make it too vague, he said.

Although some Democratic members voiced concern over whether the bill would violate First Amendment rights, the committee approved it unanimously.

## Hart to speak at library

TWIN FALLS — Arthur Hart, director emeritus of the Idaho State Historical Society, will be the speaker at the second Magic Valley Arts Council Brown Bag Lecture on Friday.

The lecture is scheduled for noon in the program room of the Twin Falls Public Library, 115 First and open to the public.

Those who attend are invited to bring a sack lunch, or luncheon-go are available by phoning 754-ARTS.





EDITORIAL

# Can Idaho please get a grip on state bonuses?

Idaho Gov. Jim Risch, who is now serving as lieutenant governor, may have done a swell job in the governor's chair last year. His parting admonitions, however, were thrown out like the New Year's Day trash.

In his final month as governor, Risch publicly scolded state agencies that indiscriminately handed out salary bonuses like Christmas hams. Risch was primarily targeting former Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard who handed out \$120,000 in bonuses to nearly all of the agency's 140 employees.

But that was kind of a partisan shot at Howard, the state's only Democratic elected officer. Days later it came out that then-Controller Keith Johnson and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, both Republicans, also gave bonuses to almost their entire staffs.

Now comes the final kicker. Just days after succeeding Risch, Gov. Butch Otter also signed off \$32,790 in bonuses for 53 of 63 Public Employee Retirement System workers, according to an *Idaho Statesman* story. On top of that, the Department of AG gave out \$12,450 in bonuses to 32 employees, and the Department of Environmental Quality dispersed \$11,200 to seven workers.

Brad Foltman, budget director for Dirk Kempthorne, Risch and now Otter, said the bonuses from that office were promised long before bonuses were verboten. An Otter spokesman added that since the bonuses were promised by a predecessor, Otter wasn't going to rescind them. State ag director Celia Gould said the same about the bonuses that originated under her predecessor.

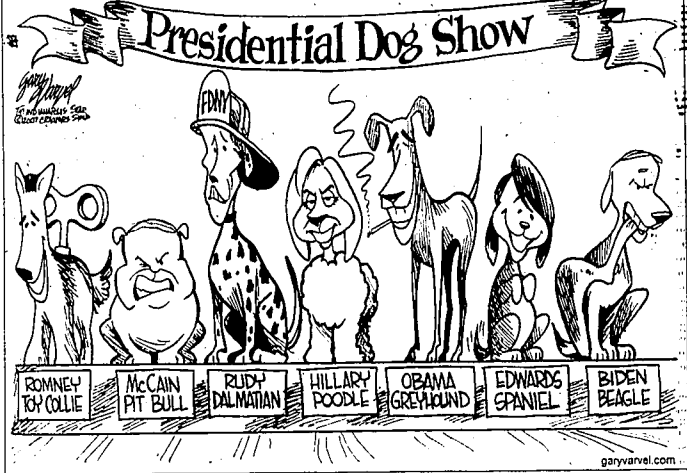
If you're thoroughly confused by all this double-talk about who got what, by whom and when, then you're not alone. It just proves further that Risch's first concerns about bonuses are still legitimate.

Last year the Legislature's budgeting committees gave state agencies the approval to use salary savings for merit raises. At that time many state workers had gone years without raises. Lawmakers' cues were to be followed in cases when workers went above and beyond their duties to solve state problems — hence the idea of "merit" bonuses and not department-wide bonuses. Setting aside Risch's disdain for raises, it still appears that various department heads treated bonuses as their own obligation in oversight. But the idea of merit has been lost. As Risch said last week, "This is no way to do business."

Many taxpayers would agree — and apparently Otter does as well. The governor's spokesman says he's open to new policies to review state bonuses. Risch has proposed some kind of board of examiner, made up of state constitutional officers, to oversee the process. Given Otter's firm demand for more efficient state government, those ideas should be music to his ears.

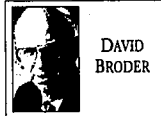
Executive branch bonuses were bound to be problematic since Idaho was led by three governors in an eight-month span. Since that's not likely to happen again, Otter and state lawmakers should now define some more consistency with the practice.

**Our view:**  
Idaho's system of rewarding worker bonuses needs tighter oversight. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



# Campaign '08 loaded heavily to the front

When Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced plans to hold an unusual Saturday session last week to vote on the opposing President Bush's plan to send more U.S. troops into Iraq, he disrupted the schedules of at least six of his colleagues who are running for president.



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The Biden and John McCain were both supposed to spend the day in Iowa; Hillary Clinton, in New Hampshire; Chris Dodd, in South Carolina; Barack Obama, in South Carolina and Virginia; and Sam Brownback, in Florida.

It's only February of 2007, but from the schedules these presidential hopefuls — and their rivals — are keeping, you would think the primaries were almost upon us. Plenty of campaign consultants were aggravated that field was inconsiderate enough to let a little matter such as the Iraq War intrude on their important work of getting their candidates elected — next year.

What we have here is a remarkably distinguished field of candidates vying in an election system that has become truly insane.

I think the 16 men and one woman actively pursuing the presidency right now constitute a classy assemblage. The front-runners are people of substantial stature; the long

shots include many who, in other years, would have been thought formidable challengers.

But the process in which they are engaged is bizarre — and getting more so, every time you look.

Ever since 1976, the first presidential election year after the Democrats "reformed" their nominating rules, the states have been trying to increase their influence by racing to the head of the line of primaries.

His result has been that a selection system that used to begin in March now is over in February — at the latest.

The Democrats are mostly to blame for this mad rush to judgment, but neither party has tried seriously to apply the brakes. Their indulgence of this breakneck competition among the states means that someone is likely to put a death grip on each party's nomination before most Americans have begun to size up their capacity to be president. The second consequence is a maddeningly long general election campaign —

a nine-month marathon that leaves both contenders and voters exhausted.

It also drives the cost of the election right through the ceiling — and makes the candidates spend untold hours courting those with the wealth to finance their campaigns. Serious students of the process proclaim this to be the first billion-dollar election, and predict the old system of partial public financing — with its spending controls — will be shattered to bits by the runaway money chase.

How did all this come to pass? It began innocently enough with both parties giving official sanction to the traditional early kickoff contests — the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. But as other states began inching forward, Iowa and New Hampshire advanced their dates, bit by bit, into January.

This year, the Democrats triggered a new stampede by deciding — on grounds of diversity — to cram the Nevada caucuses into the week before Iowa and New Hampshire and add a South Carolina primary just a week later.

Those four January events may be followed by a Feb. 5 blowout that will very possibly crown the races. Four more states — Florida, Illinois, Texas and California — are all advancing legislation that would move their contests up

to that date. Alabama may sneak in three days earlier, and other states are also considering jumping in.

This is madness. No way can candidates really communicate their qualifications, their aspirations and their policies to millions of people in widely scattered locales in a week's time or less. The campaign will be reduced to 30-second TV spots, sound-bite debates and airport tarmac raffles.

Long ago, the late Mo Udall, the canny congressman from Arizona who finished second to Jimmy Carter in the 1976 primaries, proposed the best solution I've ever heard.

He urged the parties to adopt a simple rule: Any state could hold a nonbinding contest any day it wants, but delegates to the national convention would be seated only if elected on the first Tuesday of March, April, May or June. That way you would get spacing between the events to allow for serious examination of the choices and, like a mixture of results that would keep the race open until the end.

What we have now is so out of kilter that senatorial candidates can barely tend to their duties a year before the first primary.

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# LETTER

## Why should CAFOs get special treatment?

The only cure for ignorance is education. Please allow me to educate you about Minidoka. It was the Japanese internment camp that is the grounds of the 23,000-acre that comprised the Hunt Camp were nothing but dust and sagebrush prior to the internment digging irrigation canals and clearing the land. Those dairies and farms have the Japanese to thank for the farm ground on which they now sit.

SB-1056 lifts a ban restricting testimony on confined animal feeding operations at public hearings to people whose primary residence is within one mile of the facility; you remain nowhere else in state statutes does such an absurd restriction exist? Why should CAFOs be given special treatment?

The purpose of the park is to honor the memory of those Americans who were detained and suffered the most egregious of civil rights violations due to ignorance

and fear. Hopefully, by revisiting history, we will never, ever repeat it.

Minidoka is unique in its history and social significance. Despite having only 7 percent of the male population of internees, it provided 25 percent of all internees for the 42nd Regimental Combat Team — the unit that was to become the most decorated unit of its size and length of service in U.S. military history.

How many dairies or feedlots can you see (or smell) from your home? To experience what these dairies and feedlots have to offer firsthand, I'm sure we could arrange a stay with someone in Jerome, Cassia or Gooding counties. You'll have a different perspective, assuming you can stomach the odor. Hopefully, this education will go a long way.

ALMA HASSE  
Eldorado  
(Editorial: Alma Hasse is the executive director for Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment, or ICARE.)

# Obama makes a grand entrance in Hollywood

Hillary is not David Geffen's dreamgirl. "Whoever is the nominee is going to win, so the stakes are very high," says Geffen, the Hollywood mogul and sultan of "Dreamgirls," as he sits by a crackling fire beneath a Jasper Johns flag and a matched pair of de Koonings in the house that Jack Warner built (which old-time Hollywood stars joked was the house that God would have built). "Not since the Vietnam War has there been this level of disappointment in the behavior of America throughout the world, and I don't think I'll see another incredibly polarizing figure, no matter how smart she is and no matter how ambitious she is — and God knows, is there anybody more ambitious than Hillary Clinton?" — can bring the country together.

"Obama is inspirational, and he's not from the Bush royal family or the Clinton royal family. Americans are dying every day in Iraq. And I'm tired of hearing James Caviezel on television."

Barack Obama has made an entrance in Hollywood unmatched since Scarlett O'Hara swept into the Twelve Oaks barbecue. Instead of the Thelma Houston, the film's senate is flirting with the Dreamworks trio: Geffen, Steven Spielberg, and Jeffrey Katzenberg, who gave him a party Tuesday night that



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raised \$1.3 million and Hillary's hackles.

She didn't stand outside the gates to the Geffen mansion, where glitter wolfed down Wolfgang Puck savories, singing the Jennifer Hudson protest anthem "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going Down!" But she's not exactly little Terry Sunshine, either. Hillary loyalists have hissed at defecating donors to remember the good old days of jumping on the Lincoln Bedroom bed.

"Hillary is livid that Obama's gotten the first big fundraiser here," one friend of hers said. "Who can pay attention to the Oscar battle between 'The Queen' and 'Dreamgirls' when you've got a political battle between a Queen and a Dreamer?"

Terry McAlluffe and First Group Bill have tried to hoard the best ATM machine in politics for the Missus, but there's some Clinton fatigue among fatigued Clinton donors, who fret that Bill will "pull the focus" and shelve his wife's campaign.

"I don't think anybody believes that in the last six years, all of a sudden Bill

Clinton has become a different person," Geffen says, adding that if Republicans are digging up dirt, they'll wait until Hillary's third nominee to say "I think they believe she's the easiest to defeat." She is overproduced and overscripted. "It's not a very big thing to say, 'I made a mistake' on the war, and typical of Hillary Clinton that she can't," Geffen says. "She's so advised by so many smart advisers who are covering every base. I think that America was better served when the candidates were chosen in smoke-filled rooms."

But bubble here is not about "Babe"; it's about the battle of the billionnaires. Not only have Ron Burkle and David Geffen been vying to buy the *Los Angeles Times* — they have been vying to raise money for competing candidates. Burkle, a supermarket magnate, is close to the Clintons, and is helping Hillary party Barry Obama by arranging a fundraiser for her in March, with a contribution from Spielberg.

Did Spielberg get in trouble with the Clintons for helping Senator Obama? "Yes," Geffen replies, slyly. Can Obama stand up to Clinton Inc.? "I hope so," he says, "because that machine is going to be very unpleasant and unattractive and effective."

Once, David Geffen and Bill Clinton were tight as ticks. Geffen helped raise some \$18

million for Bill and slept in the Lincoln Bedroom twice. Bill chilled at Chateau Geffen. Now, the Dreamworks co-chairman calls the former president "a reckless guy" who gave his enemies a lot of ammunition to hurt him and to distract the country.

"They fell out in 2000, when Clinton gave a pardon to Marc Rich after rebuffing Geffen's request for one for Leonard Peiler. 'Marc Rich getting pardoned' An oil-profiler expatriate who left the country rather than pay taxes or face justice?" Geffen says. "Yet another caricature of the Clintons were unwilling to stand for the things that they genuinely believe in. Everybody in politics lies, but they do it with such ease, it's troubling."

The mogul knows it's easy to mock Hollywood — "people with priuses and private planes" — and agrees with George Clooney that it's probably not helpful for stars to campaign for candidates, given the caricatures of Geffen.

I ask what he will say if he ever runs into Bill Clinton again. "Hi," he replies. And will he be upset if Hillary wins and he never gets to sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom again? "No," he says with a puckish smile. "It's not as nice as my bedroom."

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# Who needs heroes when we have hype?

**A**n anti-hero: A main character in a dramatic or narrative work who is characterized by a lack of traditional heroic qualities, such as idealism or courage.

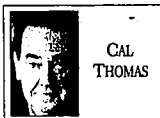
"Consider what occupies and diverts our attention from substantive matters: Anna Nicole Smith; Britney Spears; the astronaut gone wild, Lisa Nwaki; the sleeping, dating, marital and divorce arrangements of film stars. It is all about the base, the tawdry and the anti-heroic. Today's heroes are cartoon characters and those (Superman, Batman, etc.) are from another era in which real heroes mattered."

"Some blame television networks, especially cable, for our increasingly prurient interests. In recent days, TV has climbed into the septic tank with so many of the rest of us and delivered not what we need ("eat your vegetables, dear, they are good for you"), but what we seemingly cannot get enough of ("never mind the vegetables, eat your dessert"). TV wouldn't be obsessing with it if we didn't demand it."

USA Today reported on a Pew Poll that found most Americans believe the media overdo celebrity news, but they watch it anyway. Sixty-one percent say they think the media overplayed the death of Anna Nicole Smith, but 11 percent said they followed it as closely as the 2000 presidential campaign (13 percent) or the Super Bowl (11 percent).

Can you name the last person you heard about who behaved in a classic heroic manner? How about our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan? The media ignore their heroism, even when they are awarded medals for bravery. When the word "hero" is used at all, it is generally to label someone who is simply doing his job or her duty.

There's little time to explore heroism among a people who prefer to indulge themselves in stories about a Qantas flight attendant having sex in the airplane lavatory with actor Ralph Fiennes, or Bridget Moynahan of



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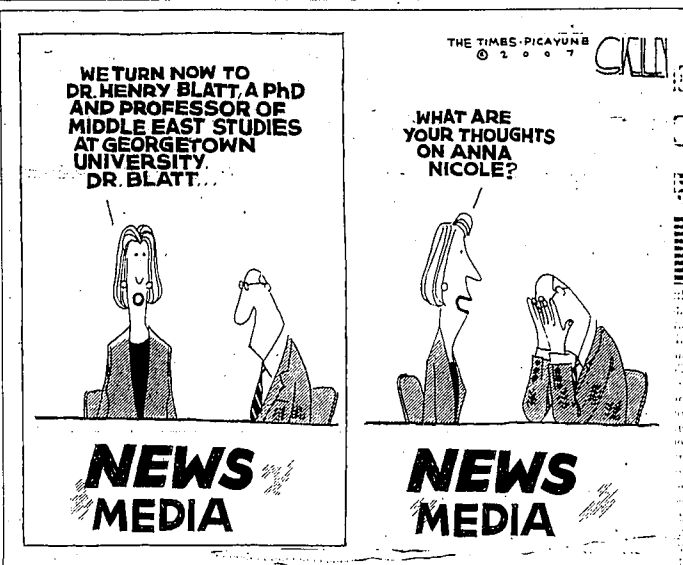
AIBC's "Six Degrees" announcing that she is pregnant with the child of ex-boyfriend and New England Patriot All-Pro quarterback Tom Brady. Who gets married before having children these days? And what difference does it make in our "anything goes" culture?

Politically, heroism disappeared around the time of Harry Truman, with brief appearances during the administrations of John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. Now, everything is pull-tested and "leaders" follow the opinions and base instincts of those they should be persuading to follow them. Today, when one speaks of "vision," they are usually referring to Laskie eye surgery.

There is little sign any of this is about to end. Last week, AIC drew 9 million viewers to "The Outsiders," a prime time program about a group of Arizona polygamists. Commenting on the appeal of such a show, correspondent John Quinones said, "I guess it's the voyeuristic appeal." It's true — we are a nation of gawkers.

To some extent this has always been so, but television has made gawking easier and the objects of gawking more accessible. This indulgence in the base and banal has had a corrosive effect on our collective spirit. It also lowers our defenses against those who would destroy us.

It isn't as if we haven't been warned about self-indulgence in secular and sacred writings. In his "Republic,"



Plato has Socrates describe the effect on the soul of grace and gracelessness in the material culture: "Our aim is to prevent our Guards being reared among images of vice — as if we were in a pasturage of poisonous herbs where, cropping and grazing in abundance every day, they little by little and all unawares build up one huge accumulation of evil in their soul. Rather, we must seek out craftsmen with a talent for capturing what is lovely and graceful, so that our young, dwelling as it were in a salubrious region, will receive benefit from everything about them. Like a breeze bringing health from wholesome places, the impact of works of beauty on eye or ear will imperceptibly from childhood on, guide them to likeness, to friendship, to concord with the beauty of reason."

You won't find such "craftsmen" on television. Better to turn it off, or get rid of this unfriendly guest, than to allow for the creation of another generation of anti-heroes and gawkers.

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## LETTER

### Simplot could make a little go a long way

In the late 18th century, rags to riches tinseltier Benjamin Franklin bequeathed \$100 to his native Boston. This money gained interest in a fund over 100 years, compounding to \$40,000. By 1890, the endowment helped build Boston's Franklin Park.

In Idaho, another rags to riches innovator could create a similar earmark. J.K. Simplot has set prime examples of the high value of scrimping and saving, spinning gold from potato and computer chips, and is now worth more than \$2.6 billion.

Imagine Mr. Simplot bequeathing a small chunk of

his fortune to his beloved Idaho under the condition that it not be touched for 300 years. Let's say Mr. Simplot donates a mere \$1,000, to gain compound interest at 6 percent over three centuries. In the year 2323, this money will have grown to \$100 billion — or almost twice as much as Bill Gates merits today.

From this pocket change of a \$1,000 — which is like a 25-cent piece for Mr. Simplot, Idaho could start buying back for itself many of the public lands that the feds will have sold off by then. Research paid by this fund could fast forward plutonium decontaminating processes so simple plots of spent corn return alongside nutritious camas roots, for free-range buffalo

(and future mastodon hybrid) grazing. The Idaho quarter could replace the penny. Mr. Simplot's biographic emblazoned smile on the front might complement Ben's enduring beam from the \$100. On the reverse, the scales of justice could carry potatoes counterbalanced by active RFID chips dangling over Chinese characters signifying trust.

Poor boys like me of the 24th century would then become dazzled by the simple ingenuity of thrifty frugal fornicity living and be further inspired to do the same as the straightforward champion heads-up on the innovative quarter piece.

JIM BANHOLZER  
Hailey

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# Wyoming's sex offender rules may attract convicts from other states

**By Kathleen Miller**  
Associated Press writer

**CHEYENNE, Wyo.** — Wyoming, with its wide-open spaces and crisp, clear vistas, is thought to be a desirable place to live. But for convicted sex offenders from out of state moving in, apparently because the laws are less restrictive.

"We don't want to become the playground for sex offenders," Attorney General Pat Crank said. "But there must be something that sex offenders are seeing. Otherwise they wouldn't be moving here in the kind of numbers that we seem to be seeing."

Wyoming is home to about 1,200 known sex offenders. That is not a large number for such a sparsely populated state. But law enforcement officials and legislators are worried because 56 percent of those offenders moved to Wyoming after being convicted somewhere else.

Afraid that the world is out among ex-convicts that Wyoming has some of the nation's toughest restrictions on sex offenders, state legislators are rushing to tighten the laws, and they are meeting little resistance.

"Were going to make it so there's no place for them to hide," vowed Republican Rep. Ed Buchanan, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

While other states prohibit sex offenders from living near schools, daycare centers or other places with children, Wyoming has no such laws.

"They can live right next to a school if they want to. They can live in a home with children if they want to," said Laramie County sheriff's Sgt. Linda Gessell.

Also, unlike many other states, Wyoming does not require people convicted of indecent exposure or sexual battery to register as sex offenders. In addition, ex-convicts who are deemed low- and medium-risk offenders are not listed on the state's publicly accessible Web site.

Gary Smith, a 29-year-old man in Cheyenne, left Wyoming for Oklahoma after serving four years in prison for having sex with a 15-year-old girl. A few months later, a neighbor posted showing his criminal record, which had been taken from an Oklahoma Web site on registered sex offenders.

Smith and his wife quickly headed back to Wyoming. Although he is a registered sex offender here, he is not listed on public databases because authorities do not consider him at high risk of committing another crime. Smith is glad the state does not call attention to the conviction.

"If they ain't supposed to publish stuff about you, they ain't do it," he said.

Wyoming also lacks a standardized system for accepting convicts from other states. That means authorities must obtain court papers on each offender before deciding whether to accept them, Wyoming crime and deciding whether that person must register, that can cause long delays, because only one person is in charge of such efforts.

"It becomes daunting," said the person, Bob Brackett, program manager for the Wyoming sex offender registry.

Brackett recalled getting a call recently from a Florida sex offender who wanted to discuss the state's laws. The man even-

tually moved to Wyoming.

"A short time later, he called our office to ask a question, indicated that it was much easier to live here, and that he was going to call a buddy of his," said the Florida sex offender, to urge him to move to Wyoming, Brackett said.

Last week, Gov. Dave Freudenthal signed bills that would increase the penalties for incest and make it a crime to knowingly harbor an unregistered sex offender.

Lawmakers have also introduced a two-strikes-you're-out bill that that could bring a life

sentence for anyone convicted of two sex offenses against minors. Other proposals would require all sex offenders to be listed on an Internet database and some to wear GPS tracking devices.

The few lawmakers who oppose some of the bills warn that the measures could backfire by driving sex offenders underground, making it harder for them to go straight, and swamping the registry with hundreds more names. That, in turn, could make it more difficult to keep track of the truly dangerous convicts, they say.

Currently, the publicly accessible Web registry of high-risk offenders has just 120 names.

"I don't want to dilute the effect of the sex offender list" by including, for example, someone convicted of statutory rape along with child molesters, said Republican state Sen. Bruce Burns.

State Democratic Rep. Jane Warren questioned whether the statistics are being accurately interpreted. She suggested that some out-of-state sex offenders might be moving to Wyoming because the oil and gas boom has created jobs.

## Sex offenders drawn to Wyoming

There are roughly 1,200 known sex offenders in the state of Wyoming. Fifty-six percent of those offenders are from another state.	Wyoming sex offenders from out-of-state	52%
Last 500 registrants	57%	
Last 100 registrants	62%	
Last 50 registrants	65%	

SOURCE: Wyoming Sex Offender Registration Program

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## Kimberly boys end state drought

### Bulldogs blitz Filer for second place in SCIC

By Diane Phillips  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It's been eight years since Kimberly coach Roger Keller and the Bulldogs boys basketball team has been to state.

That drought is finally over. Kimberly qualified for Class 3A's second spot from District IV with a 72-42 pounding of Filer Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho. The Bulldogs now head to Meridian to face Snake River next Thursday at 6 p.m.

"We've been a game away several times but the last trip was in '99," said Keller. "The kids came out with a lot of intensity

"We knew we had to win tonight or stay home. We really want to compete at state and not just go up and lose two games."  
— Kimberly senior Jason Mumm

tonight after losing a tough game to Buhl on Monday."

Leading 16-5 after the first quarter, the Bulldogs were on their way to running away with the game in the second quarter as Kimberly extended its lead to 22 points at 35-14 with 1:14 left in the first half.

"We wanted to put a lot of pressure on them early with our halfcourt trap. Filer has been on a roll lately and we needed to

take away some of their confidence," said Keller.

And as the game plan for Kimberly called for, most of Filer's problems were the result of the Kimberly press.

Baskets by Filer seniors Casey Murray and Mike Smith in the last minute of the half closed the gap to 36-19, giving the Wildcats a small amount of momentum.

Murray came out of the locker room still on fire for Filer scoring seven points in the first three minutes, but the Wildcats had dug themselves too deep of a hole. The third quarter ended with Kimberly leading 53-27. Scoring in the fourth quarter was close, 19-15 but was still in favor of the Bulldogs.

"Right off the bat, Nathan Hughes got two fouls which hurt our defense," said Filer coach Daren Garey. "We played a very

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Kimberly's Mitchell Dumas flexes his eyes on the basket after stealing the ball Wednesday night during the Bulldogs' victory over Filer in the District IV SCIC second-place game at the College of Southern Idaho.

"They have unbelievable bread. I came home and turned that extra fat into muscle."

— Florida Marlins pitcher Matt Lindstrom on his missionary experience in Sweden

## From Missionary to Marlin

### Rexburg native bids for job as Florida's closer

By Steven Wine  
Associated Press writer

**JUPITER, Fla.** — Matt Lindstrom might be the hardest-throwing Swedish-speaking former Mormon missionary in baseball.

It's a large leap from Stockholm to the big leagues, but Lindstrom has a shot at becoming the Florida Marlins' closer this season.

A fastball clocked last fall at 102 mph makes the rookie right-hander a strong candidate, and his missionary background may help, too. Lindstrom spent two years in Sweden, where he went door to door trying to spread the Mormon faith — in Swedish — with decidedly mixed results. He was once chastised by a 350-pound bus driver who said Mormons try to steal money.

In comparison, nursing a lead in the ninth inning might seem stress-free. "There were some humbling times, that's for sure," Lindstrom said. "Swedish people aren't really adept at listening to people who want them to listen to a message about religion. They're blockheaded. I know, because I am one."

His great-grandfather immigrated from Sweden, and the blond-haired Lindstrom grew up in Rexburg, Idaho, where he became a three-sport star best at baseball in high school, thanks to a 92-mph fastball.

The missionary work in 1999-2001 and a stress fracture in Lindstrom's upper arm in 2005 slowed his progress, and at 27 he's still trying to break into the big leagues. He pitched last season for Single-A St. Lucie and Double-A Binghamton, two New York Mets affiliates, and was traded to Florida in November.

Lindstrom is a candidate to replace closer Joe Borowski, who had 36 saves in 2006 before signing as a free agent with Cleveland. Other possibilities as spring training begins include Henry Owens, who came to Florida with Lindstrom in the Mets trade; Taylor Tankersley, Kevin Gregg, and Ricky Nolasco, a starter much of last season. "There are a lot of options," manager Fred Gonzalez said.



Florida Marlins pitcher Matt Lindstrom catches a ball during baseball spring training, Tuesday at Roger Dean Stadium, in Jupiter, Fla.

**More spring training coverage**  
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Lindstrom comes with considerable buzz — one Florida official said the rookie could throw a marshallow through a battleship. His teammates in Binghamton in 2005 included Marlins first baseman Mike Jacobs, who reviles Lindstrom will consistently hit the high 90s if he wins the closer's job.

"The biggest thing for him is if he can get his mind right as far as being

that bulldog kind of guy you need to be as a closer," Jacobs said. "If he can get that mentality, he has a real good shot."

Lindstrom's fastball was clocked at 100 mph for the first time in 2004, when he was with St. Lucie. He reached 99 at the All-Star Futures Game last July in Pittsburgh, and hit 102 last fall in the winter league in Puerto Rico.

What's it like to throw 100 mph? "It's crazy, especially when you're out there competing and the adrenaline is going," he said. "It's cool."

At 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds,

Lindstrom has a closer's physique, but he's not staking a claim to the job.

"I'm concerned about making the team first," he said. "I think slowly but surely I could develop into a closer."

Lindstrom complements his fastball with a slider he throws in the 80s. Command wasn't a problem last year, when he walked 21 and struck out 70 in 58 2-3 innings with an ERA of 3.37, but he has been told his best pitch is too straight.

"They say I need to get more movement on my fastball," he said. But it

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## CSI women slip to 17th in rankings

Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — After a narrow win and a lopsided loss at Salt Lake Community College last week, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team slipped one spot in the NCAA poll released Wednesday.

The Golden Eagles (12-4 Scenic West Athletic Conference) dropped from 16th to 17th following their road split with SLCC. The SWAC-leading Bruins (21-5, 13-3) dropped four spots to No. 22 despite rebounding from a 64-60 loss on Friday to rout CSI 80-57 on Saturday.

The top spot in the poll is still owned by South Plains (Texas), which is the nation's lone unbeaten among NCAA Division I teams at 27-0.

The Golden Eagles are on the road again this week for a pair of games at Snow College (12-4, 5-11) in Ephraim, Utah, beginning Friday.

### Women's NCAA Div. I Poll

Rank	Team	W	L	CFR
1	South Plains, Texas (7)	21-0	0-0	1.000
2	Southwestern, Illinois (1)	21-1	1-1	1.000
3	Seattle University, Wash. (1)	20-1	1-0	1.000
4	Northwestern, Ill. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
5	Omaha, Neb. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
6	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
7	Central Florida, Fla. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
8	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
9	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
10	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
11	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
12	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
13	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
14	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
15	Central Michigan, Mich. (1)	20-1	0-0	1.000
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**Mat men**  
The state wrestling tournament begins today at noon at Holt Arena in Pocatello. See Friday's Times-News for coverage of Day 1.



## A brush with the desert as Woods advances

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

**MARANA, Ariz.** — On a course where it was important not to fall behind, Tiger Woods found himself among the cactus and desert shrub left of the second fairway looking for an escape. His opponent already was on the green, just 12 feet

Tiger Woods drives on the fifth hole during his opening round victory over J.J. Henry at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship in Marana, Ariz., Wednesday.

away for birdie. "It looked like he was going to take a 1-up lead and get some momentum on his side early," Woods said. "And it just never happened."

Woods went from the desert to the fairway and made a 20-foot par putt to halve the hole, setting the tone for a 3-and-2 victory over Ryder Cup teammate J.J. Henry in the first round of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

One match down, five to go if the world's No. 1 player wants to stretch his PGA Tour winning streak to eight.

After one round at The Gallery, it figures to be a wide ride.

For the second straight year, the shortest day belonged to Stephen Ames. He was on the losing end of a record rout by Woods last year at La Costa, but experienced the flip side of this field tournament by making seven birdies in 11 holes to bury Robert Karlsson of Sweden, 8 and 7.

Seven matches went the distance, including fourth-seeded Phil Mickelson holding off fellow lefty Richard Green of Australia.

Four matches went overtime, none more shocking than No. 3 seed Adam

Please see **MATCH**, Page B2









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## On the road in Mexico

South-of-the-border driving is a great ride, but can be challenging

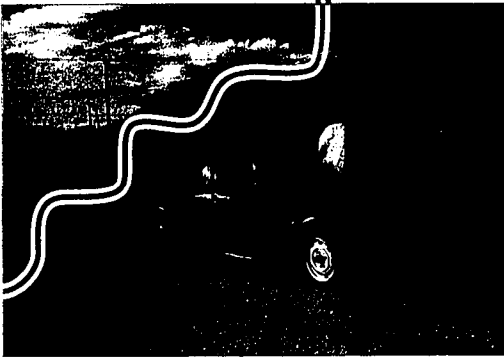
Driving in Mexico can be very enjoyable. It allows you the opportunity to be free, to come and go as you please. It also gives you unlimited access to one of the most beautiful and fascinating landscapes in the world.



BUENAS VISTAS  
Karla Barnes

However, there are some challenges. The rumors about going to jail if you have a car accident in Mexico are often times true. If you would like to drive on your next vacation and avoid this awful scenario, don't take chances; look into insurance options before you get behind the wheel.

Anyone paying with a credit card should check with their credit card company before leaving the United States. Some credit card companies offer coverage if you pass on the Mexican insurance and pay with their card. First things first. Before you rent, check rates on the Internet or with a local travel agent. It is best to reserve a car before you get to Mexico. Planning ahead will save you time and money. Make sure you know what the costs are and check to see if you are



A convertible is a popular option when renting a car in Mexico.

getting a manual or automatic transmission. Once the rental car company assigns you a car, check the entire vehicle for any sign of damage. Be sure to bring any concerns to the attention of the rental company before you leave the lot. Also remember to fill your tank before returning the car. Only a small number of tourists end up in serious accidents while on vacation south of the border. To avoid trouble, take note of the following tips on driving in

Mexico. Be a defensive driver. Despite what you have heard, Mexicans are usually polite people on the road. They are, however, known to be aggressive at times and they have an unusual habit of over using the left turn signal. Keep in mind that most accidents occur because of speed, heavy rain, road washouts, darkness and obstacles in the road. Carry all rental car papers and your ID with you at all times. A conscientious driver in

Mexico will never drink and drive, drive alone, or drive at night. During the day, be alert and always carry a map to help you find your destination. If by chance you have car trouble, the Mexican highway department rescue crews known as the green angels will often come to your aid. Personally, I would choose a rental car over a tour bus in most circumstances. The memories my husband and I have created driving across many regions in Mexico are priceless. Being the first to

arrive at the ruins of Chichen Itza, or swimming in a sacred cenote in the moonlight are times we will treasure forever. I recall a drive that my husband Terry and I took from Cancun to Chetumal. It seemed that at least half of the cars and trucks had the left blinker going non-stop. We were puzzled by this behavior wondering what the purpose was. Later in the day we found out that this is a courtesy signal. The drivers ahead of us were trying to tell us that the road was clear for us to pass them.

This and many other experiences have not deterred us from driving in Mexico. Through many times we opt to hire a taxi or take public transportation if it is available. Plan your itinerary before you leave home. Know if a car rental is something you really need or want to deal with on your trip. If you are going to spend most of your time in Cancun or Playa Del Carmen, there is no need for a car. Taxis are plentiful, and transfers to and from the airport are almost always included in package deals.

Before you get behind the wheel, remember, you are a visitor in another country. Take extreme caution. Have fun and prepare yourself for one of the best rides of your life.

Karla Barnes of Buñuel and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico



Jennifer Lopez

## Human rights group honors Lopez for new film

The Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Jennifer Lopez has been honored by Amnesty International for producing and starring in "Bordertown," a new film examining the murders of women in a Mexican border city. Lopez said she felt very humbled to receive the human rights group's Artists for Amnesty award Wednesday from East Timor's Prime Minister Jose Ramos Horta, a Nobel Peace laureate.

### On the Net

Amnesty International:  
<http://www.amnesty.org/>  
Jennifer Lopez:  
<http://www.jenniferlopez.com/>  
Berlin International Film Festival:  
<http://www.berlinale.de/en/HomePage.html>

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The 38-year-old singer-actress plays an investigative journalist reporting on the serial killings of women in Ciudad Juarez, on Mexico's border with the U.S. Amnesty International puts the number of women and girls killed in Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua since 1993 — many after being kidnapped and raped — at more than 400. Lopez described it as "one of the world's most shocking and disturbing, under-reported crimes against humanity." Also at Wednesday's ceremony was Norma Andrade, whose 17-year-old daughter was found murdered in February 2001. She co-founded *Mujeres Ilijas de Regreso a Casa* (Our Daughters Back Home), which represents mothers and families of the murdered women.

## MAN VS. BULL



Bullfighter Omar Vilasenor performs at the Nuevo Progreso bullfight Plaza Sunday, in Coahuila, Mexico.

## Carlos Santana plans to open restaurants in N. California

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — The newest addition to the roster of celebrity-inspired restaurants, Carlos Santana's Maria Maria, promises to deliver authentic Mexican cuisine in an atmosphere inspired

by his music. The 59-year-old musician and his wife, Deborah, announced a partnership this week with Walnut Creek-based Dudum Sports & Entertainment Corp., which developed Joe DiMaggio's Italian

Chophouse in San Francisco and other celebrity-focused establishments. Together, they plan to turn three existing Northern California restaurants into Maria Maria, named after Santana's Grammy-winning single.

## More U.S. banks offer services to immigrants

Los Angeles Times

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Jose Manuel Aparicio had come up with all kinds of clever ways to stash his construction job wages: He slipped bills in between pages of books hidden in his bedroom closet and stuffed money into an old sock in his laundry — places thieves weren't likely to look. Without a bank account, "somebody can steal it," said the 20-year-old, who came to the U.S. from Mexico three years ago. "That's it, my money is gone." Then three months ago, Aparicio applied for a special debit card created to assist immigrants who don't have Social Security numbers to open savings or checking accounts, or for people who just don't trust banks. A nonprofit worker center here called New Labor, which helps immigrants learn English and find jobs, in November became the first in the U.S. to offer the "Sigo" card — a combination of Spanish for "yes" and English for "go."

The New Brunswick center has distributed 300 cards so far. The program — which is affiliated with MasterCard — is under way at eight other worker centers across the country. Organizers hope to make it available to thousands of immigrants at 140 worker centers nationwide, enabling them to use ATMs and store credit card machines, pay bills online and avoid high fees for sending money home or cashing checks. Janice Fine, a Rutgers University labor relations professor who helped create the program, said immigrants often feel intimidated by banks. In a survey Fine con-

ducted of 480 immigrants who were members of worker centers — which charge dues and lobby for better conditions for low-wage workers — 47 percent said they did not have a bank account. The Sigo cards are offered by worker centers because they have developed bonds with immigrant communities.

Critics have denounced such efforts to integrate illegal immigrants in the banking and credit world — accusing them of aiding criminals — but Sigo organizers worry such offers by traditional banks will take advantage of low-income immigrants. "It's not like they're doing it out of the goodness of their heart," Lauren Leimbach of Community Financial Resources, a nonprofit that helped launch Sigo along with the Center for Community Change. Banks "are going to make very good money off of them."

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Case No. SP-00374 of AC-1890-40431 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF ROADWAYS, ALLEYSWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

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White Starline... Bidder's meeting and site walk-about on Friday, March 2, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, TITLE-FAST, Inc., Idaho corporation, as 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:

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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 O. Hammond has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007.  
VOORHEES LAMURE LLP  
By Dennis S. Voorhees  
Attorneys for the Personal Representative  
112 Shoshone Street East  
PO Box 2  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090

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Furniture Warehouse/ Delivery Driver. Must be able to lift 100+ lbs and have valid drivers license. Pre-employment drug screen required. Apply in person at 702 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls

**Accounting**  
BOOKKEEPER  
Burley area business now hiring for full charge A/R, A/P & C/L. 3 yrs exp. Pay \$15/hr. Send resume to: PMB 700 South Idaho Press 230 E. Main Burley, ID 83318

## Construction

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Metal Stud Framing/ Commercial Drywall hanger in Jerome. Call 208-941-2581

**LABORERS**  
Gem State Drywall is seeking a Driver/ Stocker. Heavy lifting, stocking drywall into houses. Apply at 2280 Wright Ave Twin Falls

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**DRIVER**  
Local distribution company is seeking a motivated, experienced, CDL with Hazmat Driver for delivery route. Full-time with benefits package. Must be able to lift 50 lbs continuously. Pre-employment testing includes: driving record, physical screening and substance abuse test. High School grad diploma or GED required. Apply at: Gem State Paper & Supply 1001 Highland Ave E., Twin Falls 8-5pm Mon-Fri.

**DRIVER**  
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MEDIUM # 28

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page C-11.

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## Lost and Found

**LOST** black purse at Dollar Tree store in the Loxwood in Twin Falls on 2/19. Contains important medical data. If found please call 208-733-8415. Howard

**LOST** Fathers Ring 4 stones, Unique Style. 211 W. Main. Please Call 208-543-2494

**LOST** Lab. chocolate with white blaze on chest. Almost 2 years old, wearing red collar. HE IS A MEDICAL ALERT DOG. Lost 2/17/07 on Oak and Winthrop, Castleford. 208-537-9377

**LOST** Lab. chocolate, male, neutered and a female yellow Lab. North of Burli. Call 208-543-2494

**LOST** Redbone Hound, male, 4 years old in Burli and West side area. Has a nylon pink collar and needs his medication. Call 208-539-5036

**LOST** Shih Tzu at 700 W. 289 S., Paul. 1 year old white and tan male, wearing blue collar. Kids missing their lost friend. Call 208-678-2677

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**FOUND** dog, female, black & tan, stock type dog. Southeast of Twin Falls 3300 E. Call 734-4056

**FOUND** Heeler, red male, approx. 1 year old. At the Twin Falls Livestock sale area. Call 208-829-4294

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## Cashing in



Rosalie Houston sits at the wheel of the brand new Chrysler 300 that she won for being Cactus Petes Resort Casino's 2006 Team Member of the Year.

### Cactus Petes cage cashier named 2006 Team Member of the Year, takes home new car

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News Staff

**TWIN FALLS** — She's one of those people everyone just likes. The co-worker who always comes to work with a smile. The lady who makes her customers' days just a little bit brighter.

Those are just a few reasons why Rosalie Houston, a cage cashier at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev., took home the title of 2006 Team Member of the Year from Cactus Petes' annual Team Member Recognition Banquet Monday night.

Houston also took home the title to a brand new Chrysler 300. She drove it home from the banquet, and on Tuesday afternoon friends and neighbors were stopping by to admire the vanilla cream-colored beauty with the gray interior sitting in her driveway. It had just 104 miles on it.

"You're never a stranger at her window twice," said Cactus Petes Cage Manager Dean Szabo about Houston's customer service skills.

Houston said she cried when her employers handed her the keys.

"The people — they energize me," Houston said. "It's a fun job and you don't mind getting up to go to work. We're like a family. We work as a team — from the people who



2006 Team Members

sweep the floors to the top people."

Monday evening's celebration honored Cactus Petes team members who demonstrated extraordinary accomplishments during 2006. Leading up to the annual awards, Cactus Petes, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameristar Casinos, awards

\$250 each month to three "Team Member of the Month" recipients — one from the gaming division, one from the food and beverage division and one from the support area, which includes all other departments such as administration, finance and hotel.

"Her bubbliness, her energy reflected on the rest of us," Shepard said.

job performance, displaying unsurpassed guest service or going the extra mile in contributing to the team. At year's end, three individuals are selected from among the monthly winners for the Team Member of the Year award.

Finalists Del Lewis, who works in housing maintenance, and Emigdio Torres, who works as a bus person in the Hateau Room, each took home \$5,000 in cash from Monday evening's awards ceremony.

And Houston took home a new car.

"I drove it home in shock," Houston said. "It rides just beautifully."

Houston, her retired husband, Bob, and their pet corgi, Reuben, moved to Twin Falls a couple years ago after visiting a friend here and falling in love with the area. They'd spent much of their lives in Volcano, Calif. — population 100. But Houston wasn't ready for retirement just yet, so she went to work at Cactus Petes. She also works as a nail artist at a Twin Falls salon a couple days a week.

Her supervisor, Cathy Shepard, said Houston just makes everyone around her feel good.

"Her bubbliness, her energy reflected on the rest of us," Shepard said.

### For sale: Inquire at governor's office

**Cash-strapped states starting to contract out services they normally handle**

By Ken Kusmer  
Associated Press writer

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Like the auto industry, the computer programming field and the customer-service business, the state of Indiana is outsourcing.

In the two years since Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels took office, the state has leased the 157-mile Indiana Toll Road to an outside company for the next 75 years for \$3.8 billion, hired vendors for \$1.16 billion over 10 years to process welfare applications, and brought in a company to serve food at a mental hospital. And now Daniels wants to lease the Indiana lottery for at least \$1 billion over 10 years and put the money toward education.

Daniels is leading the way among cash-strapped governors who are contracting out services states historically have handled themselves. The primary goal of these deals: saving tax dollars, or generating cash that can be used to fix roads, reduce debt or provide college scholarships.

"All over America, leaders of both parties are now undertaking projects like Indiana did, to solve their crises and their own shortfalls without raising taxes," said Daniels, who was nicknamed "The Blade" for cutting taxes and spending as President Bush's first budget director.

But some legislators and government-watchers warn that some of these privatization deals have yielded shoddy service. And some fear that in leasing toll roads and lotteries, politicians are signing away a reliable, long-term stream of revenue for a big lump sum of money they might squander on some short-term ideas.

"There's a real danger you end up mortgaging your future," David Schick, an infrastructure expert at Northwestern University, said. "You've got 50 or 60 years of lottery payments, but you've used it in the first couple of years."

Elsewhere around the country, Chicago in 2005 signed a 99-year lease of its 7.8-mile Skyway toll road for \$1.83 billion, and Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is one of several governors proposing to lease their state lotteries. New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine, whose state has the highest property taxes in America, wants to outsource the New Jersey Turnpike. And several states have hired outsiders to run welfare operations.

"Doing nothing is not an option," said Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, who is considering leasing the Pennsylvania Turnpike to a private operator to help pay for \$1.7 billion in transportation improvements.

### Moonlighting? It can double the pressure

By Lisa Boos  
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Achieving work-life balance is already a juggling act. Throw a second job into the mix, and it can become a lot harder to perform.

More than 60 percent of U.S. workers hold more than one job, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For decades, Willie Floyd Brunson has been part of this group. A transportation manager by day and a security guard by night, Brunson says the cost of living in the Washington area has driven him to an 80- to 90-hour workweek.

"To maintain good living conditions, I have to work two jobs," he said. "You can't do it on one job."

Brunson, who is preparing for a second marriage and perhaps a new family, said he wouldn't consider quitting the night job. He describes himself as "old school," saying that as a man it's his responsibility to pay the bills.

It's not easy while the decision to moonlight was "financially rewarding," he said, "emotionally it wasn't."

Those who hold two jobs must occasionally reweigh the money against the minutes. For about four years, Tiffany Garascio, now a staffer for Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., took on extra work. She had started waiting tables while a college senior and kept some shifts when she got her first "real job." But when Garascio started working on the Hill in 2004, she cut back to waiting on Sundays only, at an establishment owned by a friend.

The job was flexible — "It was very easy to say 'I need a month or two off,'" she said — and it became a social outlet. But last summer, when Garascio recognized that the service shifts was providing was starting to reflect her resentment over working so much, she quit.

Taking a second job primarily to make extra money can be stressful and unproductive, according to Renee Lee Rosenberg, an author and career coach with the Five O'Clock Club in New York.

Is a second job necessary?

The Washington Post

- Reexamine your budget: Is the extra income really necessary or can you change your spending?
- Are there possibilities for overtime or additional responsibilities at your primary job?
- Sketch out a hypothetical schedule with the second job. Are there enough hours in the week?
- Look for flexible hours. Can you work from home or swap shifts with others?

Her clients with second jobs often "get very angry and depressed and start resenting their primary work also," Rosenberg said, and sometimes, with better budgeting, a second job isn't really necessary. She stressed the importance of researching what a job requires before saying yes, so you can know whether "you can function the next day."

Some second jobs can lead to more enjoyable primary jobs.

"It builds an opportunity to build a new network and ultimately it may develop into a new career," said Kathy Hinton, a career management consultant for Spherion in Nashville, Tenn. By day, Mike Graglia manages a team working on education in Africa at the World Bank in Washington. A few evenings a week, he teaches yoga. He wanted to do more, and figured teaching would be the next logical step in his practice.

He often schedules his flights to Africa around his yoga commitments and swaps classes with other teachers when he's out of town. It's common to find Graglia at the yoga studio with a suitcase — either coming back from a trip or on his way out.

"I love both my jobs, and they balance each other out," Graglia said. "Yoga is a genius one because it keeps you healthy and keeps you moving."

### Calif. officials aim to halt hormone thefts sweeping dairy industry

By Coranne Burke and Orlin Hanz  
Associated Press writers

**FRESNO, Calif.** — Surveillance video captured three thieves slipping onto E.J. Hejungs dairy farm under the cover of night, making their way past the cows in his milking parlor.

One, wearing a cowboy hat, used a bar to pry open the door to the farmer's office, where he found stored thousands of drug-filled syringes used to boost milk production in his herd.

They made quick work carrying out their haul. In just one night, the thieves lost \$300,000 worth of the genetically engineered hormone rBST, or recombinant bovine somatotropin, in what police say was one of the most brazen, high-value heists to date. The three suspects still haven't been caught.

Rural crime officials say vials of rBST are a favorite among thieves who resell the growth hormone for top dollar on the black market. Fewer dairy farmers use it these days due to concerns over its health effects, and thefts have declined in recent years, but the sophistication and sheer worth of the December break-in have alarmed authorities over the possibility of a larger hor-

none-peddling syndicate.

"These kinds of crooks don't steal this stuff unless there's a market for it," said William Yoshimoto, a Tulare County prosecutor and project director for the Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network. "We're worried something is starting up again."

rBST was one of the first products to use the technology-related products to enter the nation's food supply when it was approved in 1993 by the Food and Drug Administration to boost milk production in dairy cows.

Organic farmers and animal welfare organizations remain skeptical that milk from hormone-treated cows is safe for human consumption. Canada and Europe ban the hormone, mostly out of concern that it makes cows more prone to illness, and major U.S. producers like Oregon's Tillamook County Creamery Association have forbidden its use.

Nationally, consumer groups say about 15 percent to 20 percent of dairy cows are injected with the hormone. In California, the nation's No. 1 dairy state, the pharmaceutical is still applied regularly, according to the California Farm Bureau Federation.

### Market Watch

Feb. 21, 2007

Dow Jones	-48.29
Industrials	12,738.41
Nasdaq	+6.38
composites	2,518.42
Standard & Poor's 500	1,457.63
Russell 2000	827.33

### Stocks of local interest

Oell Inc.	24.31	▼	22
Ullia Motors	29.78	▼	02
Supervalu	37.49	▼	51

### Commodities

April Oil	60.07	▲	1.22
(Light sweet crude by barrel)			
March gold	681.0	▲	23.0

For more, see page D4

# COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

YUCK! A DUST BALL! HOW DISGUSTING.

HOW CAN YOU TREAT A FELLOW CREATURE WITH SUCH DISDAIN?

I READ THE OLD TESTAMENT, BUDDY.

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WHY, THIS IS AWESOME!

A 13-AC, GOLD-PLATED CAN GET STERILIZED WITH A 1/4-1/8 3-SPRONG BEEBAY!

I GOT IT FOR MY USBAND.

ALL IN ALL, I THINK IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD TROU.

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I HOPE YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO WRITE A FAVORABLE ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR COMPANY JUST BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT ME DRINKS

NO, I EXPECT YOU TO PUBLISH MY PRESS RELEASE AND ACT LIKE YOU WROTE IT.

YOU CAN WORK OR YOU CAN GET DRUNK, BUT THE PAY IS EXACTLY THE SAME.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Okay, Focus Group Attention, please!

The communications device for seniors that you've helped us design is ready for testing!

It has a bigger keyboard, a larger screen, louder speakers.

VOILA! BlackBerry... need the ElderBerry!

Geez, I've owned an accordion smaller than that!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

EXERCISE CLASS

I THINK THE ONLY PARTS THAT DON'T HURT ARE THOSE THAT DON'T WORK!

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

SO YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE HANDLING IT THAT YOUR DAUGHTERS DATING A CONSERVATIVE?

WHY'D SHE HAVE TO BREAK UP WITH THAT NICE TRANS-GENERATED BODY-PIERCED ANARCHIST SHE DATED ALL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL?!

I JUST IM GUESS I'M OLD-FASHIONED.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

THIS HAPPENS TO EVERY NIGHT WHENEVER EARL TURNS ON THE ELECTRIC BLANKET.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I SAW THE FUNNIEST VIDEO ON OUTLINE TODAY.

YOU??

AT YOU??

YOU??

I THINK YOU IMPRESSED HIM.

I THINK I JUST SINGULARLY MADE HIMSELF UNCOOL.

AAAGH!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

LET'S JUST SAY, IT OBTAINS AN UNUSUAL HEALTHY YOU DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT...

**LUPAINEWINGS GONE BAD**

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

Getlocks

CARROT or STICK section?

LET ME WANT TO BE SEATED

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

SPENT TIME IS ONLY SAVING ME FROM THE WAREHOUSE ONE IS BETTER?

HAHAHA...

TAKE YOUR TIME

WELL, YOURS IS QITER.

WHY? YOURS WAS QITER, NOT BETTER?

CUTER BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT BETTER?

**Brivity** By Guy & Rodd

MAYBE HIS NAME IS SUE?

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

YOU KNOW WHEN ALL YOUR FRIENDS ARE LEAVING YOU TO GO TO THE FUNERAL SERVICE?

I CAN'T DO THAT ANYMORE. I'M SO NUMB I DON'T EVEN GO TO THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

IF YOU'RE EMPLOYED UNDER FUNDING NOW.

I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN CALLED FOR THE SERVICE?

THEY DID.

WE WERE ASKED TO GO TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TO YOURS?

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

WHERE ARE MOM AND DAD? THEY LEFT AT THE LAST MINUTE TO VISIT THEIR PARENTS.

THEY WENT WITH THE WIFE TO VISIT THEIR PARENTS. SHE'S GOING TO STAY OVER.

WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO THE WIFE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. SHE'S GOING TO STAY OVER.

WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO THE WIFE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. SHE'S GOING TO STAY OVER.

HOW CAN SHE GO TO THE PARTY IF SHE'S GOING TO STAY OVER?

HOW CAN SHE GO TO THE PARTY IF SHE'S GOING TO STAY OVER?

**Luann** By Greg Evans

STAY AT THE BEACH, BEACH?

TO WHERE ARE YOU WANT YOU SUPPOSED TO HELP ME GO?

OH, I HEAR YOU WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH.

GRAB SOME BONES OFF THE COAST.

ABOUT THE WAY YOU SHOULD I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU FOREVER.

YOU HAVE?

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

THESE STUPID HOMELESS GAYS ARE BACK ON OUR LAWN. I'M GONNA KICK 'EM OFF.

BUT I TOLD THEM THEY COULD STAY.

WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?

I FELT BAD FOR THEM. I GOT THEM SET UP AND GAVE THEM NO SEWING. ALL HE OFFERED THEM WAS SOME PARTS WE WICK ON THE WEEKENDS.

WE'RE PRETTY PEEVED.

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?

I WANTED TO FIND THE PERFECT ONE.

OH-ON IT LOOKS LIKE HIS KITCHEN'S CLOSED!

WHY! WE HAD OUR HEARTS SET ON WALNUTS EMBROIDERED ON AN OPEN FIRE!

## Birthday today? You can get a new job

IF FEB. 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your popularity enters an upward spiral between April and August. You can commit yourself to a new job, begin a new career or become involved in a new romance that has a happy-ever-after ending. Or you could simply feel marvelous and super attractive. Make the most of it because the tide turns. October and November are two months when you should lay low; it is wise to avoid making any crucial changes or important commitments. January could present some additional serious obstacles, but a helping hand is likely to throw you a lifeline.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Total honesty is always the best policy. Your leadership abilities might receive notice from those who are further up the ladder. Athletic activities work wonders on the psyche.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Be selective about your plans. Wise handling of your piggy bank can help you make admirable progress.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Let your words be your sword. People will sit up and listen to an intelligent presentation. Those who would not make a firm commitment previously

**ALISTIC GOALS.**

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be mad — be glad. It is healthy to confront others who are unfair to the past and to completely work the heart-to-heart discussions can lead to a peaceful compromise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Promises don't need to be empty. A face-to-face discussion might open your eyes to new possibilities. Use the conviction that something or someone has merit, don't be afraid to act.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Scheming has little meaning. Initiative, enterprise and respect for the past are the best. If you are in the military, you might be picked out as someone likely to rise through the ranks.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tigers don't change their stripes. Those who seem the most headstrong may have valid points to make. Appreciate enterprising individuals without being threatened by them.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): A word to the wise is a winner. Someone with more experience or ability might show the steepest you in the right direction. Trust that your head will keep your heart from floundering.

**HOROSCOPE**  
**Jeraldine Saunders**

might be willing to sign on the dotted line.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Exercise your mind as well as your body. Someone who knows you better than most might stir up your competitive juices and fire up your unshams. Feel free to try out some more adventurous paths.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Become the center of attention. Flex your muscles in public or demonstrate a flair for sports. It is the movers and shakers who set good examples of leadership and independence that will triumph.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The gift of gab gains gads of admirers. When you make a personal phone call for a public presentation, your straightforward charm and honesty are likely to impress others favorably.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The proverbial bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Be content with what you have and whom with who. A companion might challenge your unhealthy attraction, for unre-

COMICS

# People with terminal illness should not be abandoned

**DEAR ABBY:** I loved your response to "Wants to Reach Out in Boulder" (Jan. 8), which asked what to say to someone with a terminal illness.

When my mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer, many of her friends and family disappeared, and Mom felt sad and abandoned by the people she loved. The few that did make an attempt to come around would often burst into tears, which was upsetting for her.

**Rule 1:** When you visit someone who is terminally ill, please keep your emotions in check and keep it light. What Mom appreciated most was laughter.

**Rule 2:** References to the person "being in heaven soon" are also not particularly welcome, unless you know the person well enough to know he or she shares your religious beliefs.

**Rule 3:** When death is imminent, gifts of food might not be appreciated, and large floral arrangements can actually be frightening.

**Rule 4:** If possible, and you can deal with it, try to do something helpful. One friend of Mother's who was a former nurse would rub lotion on her hands, wash her face, etc. Another would read to her every day — light reading only, please!

**Rule 5:** When in doubt, the best thing to do is make that visit.

—HEATHER IN BUENAVISTA, COLO.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR HEATHER:** Thank you for your helpful suggestions. Although end-of-life issues can be hard to read about, let alone difficult to deal with, many readers offered to share personal experiences. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Some of my mother's most cherished last days were spent with friends who dropped by to visit. They brought stories about work, other friends and current events, and once beyond the "I'm sorry you're sick" sentimentality, found ways to have normal conversations.

The most cherished thing you can bring is your friendship, but calling alone to see if there's anything the patient or caregiver needs would also be appreciated.

My sisters and I will be forever grateful to the wonderful friends who made our mother's last days special.

—PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FORT COLLINS

**DEAR ABBY:** In your response to "Wants to Reach Out," you said that hospice is not a place, but rather an at-home care program. That is

not entirely correct. In addition to home care, there are hospice care facilities, and they provide a wonderful service to many families dealing with death.

Our local facility has 12 rooms and daybeds in each one, so at least one of us was able to be with our father 24/7 during his final illness. Staff and volunteers were compassionate, gentle and professional. They were respectful to Dad and helped us in many ways.

Our mother had hospice care at home 15 years ago, which helped us immeasurably, but the hospice care facility has taken the hospice concept to the next level and is worthy of all the positive attention that can be bestowed. The 12 rooms are "homier" than a hospital's, have cheery balls with beautiful memorials overlooking serene gardens, and open patios where pets can be brought.

The wonderful hospice workers deserve our support for their ongoing ministry of kindness and compassion.

—SUSAN L. BRIDGETON, N.C.

**DEAR SUSAN:** Thank you for correcting me. In my zeal to praise the services of In-home hospice care workers, I did neglect to mention that hospice can also be a place where terminal patients can be cared for when hospital treatment is no longer going to help them.

**Beetle Bailey**

By Mort Walker



**Blonde**

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



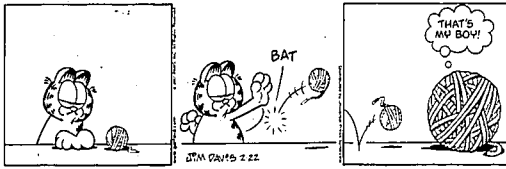
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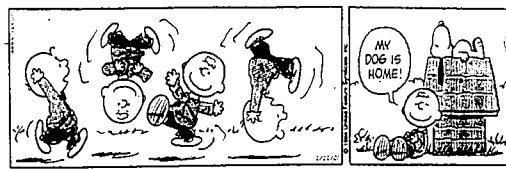
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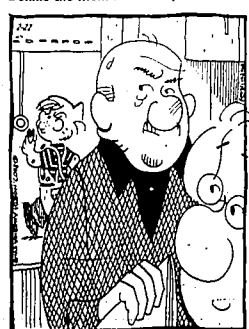
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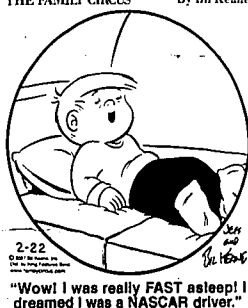
**Dennis the Menace**

By Hank Ketcham



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bil Keane



## Fruit bats do their share of tree-planting

Appreciate fruit bats. They're responsible for planting about 95 percent of all tree seeds in the world's tropical rain forests.

This day in history Today would be a good day to be in Egypt's Abu Simbel Temple, built to honor Ramesses II. The temple is situated so that the sun shines on Ramesses' statue only two days a year: on Oct. 22 (commemorating his birthday) and Feb. 22 (this coronation day).

On Jan. 15, 2003, Canadian Brent Moffatt pushed 70 18-gauge needles in his body in order to claim the record for the most body piercings. Most went into his legs and feet, and taking them out later, he said, hurt more than putting them in.

Are you over 80 and male? If so, you have a 90 percent chance of having an enlarged prostate.



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Louis Pasteur first developed his pasteurization process as a way of keeping wine from spoiling. It wasn't until later that it occurred to him that the process could also probably work with other things, like milk.

A newborn kangaroo is just a hairless fetus-like thing about the size of a small piglet. It lives in its mother's marsupium (pouch) for six or seven months before finally becoming a miniature version of its parents.

The whale shark is the largest of all shark species. It's huge, averaging about 25 feet

in length. Ironically though, it's one of the least dangerous sharks around. It's a filter feeder and eats only plankton.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Woodwinds really are made of wood (except cheap plastic student ones). In the case of oboes and clarinets, the wood is a black African hardwood called grenadilla.

In some penguin roosting areas, there isn't much available for nest-building, so many penguin species use rocks. The shape and size of the rock matter a great deal, so penguins will often beg, steal and quarrel over an ideal rock.

With all the choices available, it's a little surprising that the most popular car color is still white.

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## Yoga gives commuters a chance to relax

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Stressed-out commuters got a peaceful surprise as they boarded an Israeli bus on Tuesday, a yoga instructor with a microphone coaching their how to breathe correctly. The passengers stretched their hands toward the ceiling and bent their heads forward as Miri Haravi, a 21-year veteran yoga teacher guided them through a set of exercises that can be performed while sitting down.

### Odds and ends

Referring to past suicide attacks that have targeted crowded buses, Haravi said, "It's very important to do yoga to relax and to show everyone that life is stronger than the fear."

Haravi said the idea for a yoga bus came to her in the middle of the night while she was sleeping. She talked to the Tel Aviv bus company and they jumped on the idea.

Most of the passengers on the bus participated, and many said they felt relaxed and more ready for work. The yoga bus has run every Tuesday for three weeks, but Haravi hopes that the program will continue and expand.

**Athlete ticketed for lewdness after buttock-slapping**

NORTH LOGAN, Utah — A University of Southern California hockey goalie put on a show, but it had nothing



Israelis practice yoga on a bus Tuesday in Tel Aviv. The yoga sessions, which are organized by a local bus company, take place once a week.

to do with stopping shots. Mickey Meyer rode his stick like a horse, dropped his bulky protective gear and even slapped his buttocks during a game against Brigham Young University, police said.

He was ejected and ticketed for lewdness, a misdemeanor, after an officer saw Meyer slap his buttock during the game, according to The Herald-Journal of Logan.

"I had my fill of these refs," Meyer said on an Internet broadcast of the game, according to The Herald-Journal of Logan.

It will be up to prosecutors whether to pursue a case against him.

"This is a small town," North Park police Sgt. John Iuliano said. "This was a college team playing and hockey's a wild game. Sometimes things get out of hand."



Meyer's antics occurred while play was stopped and referees were trying to sort out penalties in the third period of a consolation game in the ACHA West Regional tournament at Eccles Ice Center.

"The junior from Clinton, N.Y., was riding his hockey stick like a horse and slapping his butt," North Park Officer Mike Stauffer said in a report.

After pulling down his pants, Meyer slapped his bare buttock several times, Stauffer said.

Hink manager Floyd Naegle was unhappy.

"We don't treat this as a funny incident," he said Tuesday. "We're a family-oriented business. It's a one-time incident and we try to do what we can to protect ourselves."

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JUMP Company cast members for 'How to Eat Like a Child' include Savannah Jackson, 9, left, Hunter Case, 7, and Makaela McHenry, 14.

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

## TELEVISION

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
2. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
3. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
4. "House," Fox.
5. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.  
 — From Nielsen Media Research

## FILM

1. "Horbit," Paramount.
2. "Hannibal Rising," MGM.
3. "Because I Said So," Universal.
4. "The Messengers," Sony Screen Gems.
5. "Night at the Museum," Fox.

## HOT FIVE

1. "Say It Right," Nelly Furtado. Mostley/Geffen.
2. "Irreplaceable," Beyonce. Columbia.
3. "The Sweet Escape," Gwen Stefani (feat. Akon), Interscope.
4. "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race," Fall Out Boy. Fueled by Ramen.
5. "Runaway Love," Ludacris (feat. Mary J. Blige), DTP.  
 — From Billboard magazine

## ALBUMS

1. "Infinity on High," Fall Out Boy. Fueled by Ramen/Island/JMG.
2. "Not Too Late," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
3. "Daughtry," Daughtry. RCA (Platinum).
4. "Konvicted," Akon. Konvict. (Platinum).
5. "Headstrong," Ashley Tisdale. Warner Bros.  
 — From Billboard magazine

## 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. "Open Season," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
2. "The Guardian," Touchstone Home Video.
3. "The Marine," WWE Home Video.
4. "Flyboys," MGM Home Entertainment.
5. "Saw III," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.  
 — From Billboard magazine

## VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
3. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Galam Video.
4. "Monsters, Inc.," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
5. "The Legend of Black Thunder Mountain," GoodTimes Home Video.  
 — From Billboard magazine

## DVD SALES

1. "Open Season," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
2. "The Marine," WWE Home Video.
3. "Flyboys," MGM Home Entertainment.
4. "The Guardian," Touchstone Home Video.
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## BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "The Measure of a Man" by Sidney Poller (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 Ready to Make Nice," Dixie Chicks
2. "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race," Fall Out Boy
3. "Glamorous," Fergie
4. "What Goes Around / Comes Around," Justin Timberlake
5. "Dupid's Choicehold," Gym Class Heroes, featuring Patrick Stump  
 — From Apple Computers Inc.

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Humanity fights for survival on a frozen world in 'Lost Planet: Extreme Condition' by Capcom for the Xbox 360.

# My, space!

## Games storm the cosmos

BY LOU KESTEN  
 The Associated Press

Here's the problem with setting a video game in outer space: There's nothing to do out there. It's a vacuum. No one can hear you scream.

So most science-fiction games don't actually spend much time there. Space travel is about as romantic as a cross-town bus ride, merely a means to get from point A to point B. Yes, there are exceptions like the old "Star Wars" dogfighting games, but usually all the action is planet-side.

I'm talking about some of the greatest franchises in gaming—"Halo," "Metroid," "Doom," "Xenogears"—so I'm not really complaining. The games reviewed here, which range from mediocre to superb, also take place mainly on solid ground, ranging from humid jungles to frozen wastelands. In the meantime, I'm still looking for a game that truly captures the grandeur of spaceflight.

"Rogue Galaxy" (Sony, for the PlayStation 2, \$39.99): The vessel that roams around "Rogue Galaxy" is an old-fashioned wooden ship, somehow retrooled to handle the rigors of space. A boy named Jaster is recruited into a pirate band in search of

lost planet called Eden and a treasure that promises immortality. It's a lighthearted romp from Level 5, creators of "Dragon Quest VIII" and "Dark Cloud 2," and it shares those games' whimsical comedy and cartoony graphics. There's a lot of ground to cover (and a lot of monsters to kill) each time you land on a new planet, and the fights, while fast-paced, do require some strategy.

There are also some intriguing side quests: You can collect insects for a "Pokemon"-like competition, or you can use a factory to turn your loot into weapons and talismans. Those secondary missions are so enjoyable that you can easily distract you from the main plot for a few hours at a time.

"Rogue Galaxy" isn't quite the masterpiece that "Dragon Quest VIII" was, but it's unusually rewarding. And how can you dislike a game with a robot named Steve?

• "Lost Planet: Extreme Condition" (Capcom, for the Xbox 360, \$59.99): Oddly enough, this game is set on a planet called E.D.N. III—obviously, our game designers have been reading the Old Testament. This time the name is ironic, for E.D.N. III is covered with ice and snow and

# Kids' stuff

## JUMP Company considers 'How to Eat Like a Child'

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Think parents are the best guides for kids? Hal Thun, who's supposed to tell youngsters how to deal with parents?

Hollywood producer and screenwriter Delia Ephron took on that chore in 1979 with a slim volume titled "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-up)." It's useful stuff — and quite subversive: How to ride in a car, how to beg for a dog, how to torture your sister, how to act after being sent to your room, how to laugh hysterically, how to conduct a symphony orchestra using a french fry.

There are 25 lessons in all, and they resonate equally with parents and adults, according to Susan Baca, who's directing the Junior Musical Playhouse production of the stage version of Ephron's story Friday and Saturday night at Roper Auditorium.

"Parents will find themselves laughing right along with their kids," Baca predicted.

JUMP Company, a quarter-century-old Twin Falls-based musical theater troupe for youngsters, puts on a couple of musicals each year, and Baca says "How to Eat Like a Child" has been on its board of directors' radar for a long time.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "A lot of singing, a lot of dancing." Ephron, who produced the movies "Sleepless in Seattle" and "You've Got Mail," agreed to collaborate with screenwriter and



JUMP Company cast members rehearse for their play 'How to Eat Like a Child' at the Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls last week.

actress Judith Kahan to adapt her book into a television special. Starring Dick Van Dyke and Corey Feldman, it was broadcast on NBC on Sept. 22, 1981, as part of the network's "Project Peacock" series aimed at kids.

The same year, songwriter and lyricist John Forster reworked Ephron's book into a stage musical, and it's been a staple of children's theater ever since.

"It has a lot of insightful things to say about being a child," Baca said.

### No kidding

• **What:** The Junior Musical Playhouse will present Delia Ephron, John Forster and Judith Kahan's musical "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-up)." • **Where:** Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.

• **When:** Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

• **How much:** Reserved-seat tickets are \$8 and are available at Eco Water and Pristine Igdoura on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. General-admission tickets are \$6 each, available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy, Crowley's Soda Fountain and Crowley's "The Quod" in Twin Falls; at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl; from any cast member; or at the door on performance nights.

### Meet the cast

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JUMP Company's 63-member cast ranges in age from 6 to 16.

"They're a wonderful bunch of kids to work with," Baca said. "It's been challenging, but I think it's going to be a wonderful show."

Devry Nield is the musical director, and Lara Bradshaw directs the choreography.

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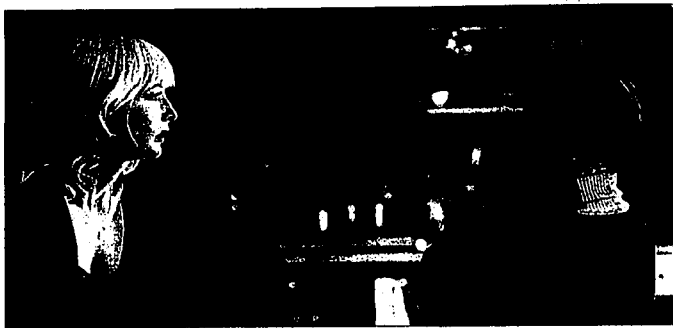
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 "The Queen"  
 "Norbit"

# 'NOTES ON A SCANDAL'



Cate Blanchett finds herself in a friendship with Judi Dench that she can't escape in 'Notes on a Scandal.'

## A scary love triangle

BY CARINA CHOCCAO  
 Los Angeles Times

Anyone who has ever willingly submitted to the dominance of a toxic friend (gels, you know who you are) will shiver in recognition at Judi Dench's portrayal of a well-in-confidante's clothing in "Notes on a Scandal." Based on the sly, addictively creepy novel by Zoe Heller, it's the story of Bathsheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), a pretty, upper-class British art teacher in her late 30s who starts a new job at a working-class public school and soon finds herself squarely in the sights of two besotted suitors — a 15-year-old student named Steven Connolly (Andrew Simpson) and a lanky, bitter history teacher named Barbara Covent (Dench).

Fans of the book should be warned that however secret and sublimated Barbara's longings are in the novel, they are front and center here. So, disappointingly, are her motives. She's a lumpy, female lingo, an unrepentant schemer with a master plan. Dench completely inhabits the

### 'Notes on a Scandal'

Starring: Cate Blanchett, Judi Dench, Andrew Simpson  
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role, and the things she can do with an offhand phrase are consistently astounding. But in bringing Heller's book to the screen, director Richard Eyre ("Iris," "Stage Beauty") and screenwriter Patrick Maiber ("Closer") have tossed the book's subtlety out the window, along with its psychological complexity, its rambling theme of self-deception and its dark, extra-wry sense of humor.

Instead, they go for maximum bombast, achieved with the aid of a chilly, urgent score by Philip Glass, some cool, dynamic editing and a simpler storyline about a frumpy, scary-smart lesbian who stalks the pretty teacher all the boys are hot for. Sexy, aspirational

and just-politically correct, "Notes on a Scandal" could turn out to be the "Fatal Attraction" of the oughties.

On the bright side, Eyre and Maiber seem to have found a gleeful anarchy in Barbara, whom they make un-sinkable. The movie's ending is a major departure from the book, but it evinces, if not quite a fondness, then a respect for her refreshingly open contempt for humanity. Some of the funniest moments in the movie involve Sheba's husband, Richard (Bill Nighy), a pompous, self-satisfied college professor 20 years her senior. In one scene, a studiously casual Richard lounges on the sofa of their London town house (which Sheba inherited from her father), lamenting the academic's paradox: When you're teaching, you wish you could be writing when you're writing, you long to be back with your students, he says, flinging his big hands around on floppy wrists.

Small and sturdy Blanchett, who is always teaching, as it turns out, and always writing in the journals that have been — along

with her sick cat — her only true friends, gazes at his big, inflated head with such intensity, you fear she'll bore holes in it. Richard, of course, doesn't notice. For him, as for Sheba, people exist to be talked at — unless, of course, what they're saying is of personal interest to them.

This is what ultimately attracts Sheba to Steven, as well. Laid he just been young and beautiful, she probably would have controlled herself. It's the wooing that does her in, the sustained, protracted flattery only an adolescent, unnumbered by experience or demands on his attention and time, can muster.

Maiber and Eyre take pains not to make the gay villain a villain because she's gay, of course. As Barbara herself points out, she and Richard are *haut bourgeois* bigmenians, and therefore, we can safely presume, categorically opposed to this type of bias. We're not supposed to fear and loathe Barbara because she's gay, we're supposed to fear and loathe her because she's repressed.

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# Movies

## Movie nuggets

• **"The Astronaut Farmer"/No rating** Former NASA astronaut Charles Farmer (Billy Bob Thornton) must return to the family farm to save it. Still holding fast to his dream of space, he begins building a rocket in his barn. Jay Leno cracks wise about the guy and government bureaucs begin fretting. This spy tale feels like a departure for the klesmeratic brothers Mark and Michael Polish ("Twin Falls, Idaho" and "Northfork"). Yet twin writers Mark and Michael (the director) have a sweet sensibility about verities that should give their movie, also starring Virginia Madsen, a rooped hope and truth. PG.

• **"Because I Said So"/G+** As a meddling mom fixated on her unmarried youngest daughter (Mandy Moore) — she places a personals ad on her behalf — Diane Keaton has been given plenty of room to captivate 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.



Virginia Madsen arrives at the premiere of *The Astronaut Farmer* in Los Angeles on Feb. 20.

• **"Bridge to Terabithia"/B-** There's something endearingly quaint about the images and ideas presented here, the notion that the most troubling fear in a kid's life could be the fear of a bully on the school bus. The special effects in this coming-of-age fantasy tale, though, are extremely high-tech — yet feel distractingly clunky. (They come from Weia Digital, the same company that designed the visuals for the

"Lord of the Rings" trilogy.) Effortless performances from the two young stars ultimately make this movie worthwhile, regardless of the age of the kids watching. Josh Hutcherson and Anna Sophia Robb star as the outcasts of Katherine Paterson's book, who form a friendship based on loneliness and a shared love of imagination. They merge his artistic skills with the talent for storytelling to create a magical land where they rule as king and queen. Robert Patrick

plays Hutcherson's gruff, hard-working dad, with Zoey DeSchanel (lovely as always) as the kid's supportive music teacher. If you've never read the book, here's a bit of advice: Bring Kleenex. PG for thematic elements including bullying, some peril and mild language. 95 minutes.

• **"Ghost Rider"/No rating** Nicolas Cage's Marvel Comics character Johnny Blaze, a stunt motorcyclist whose soul is taken over at night by a flaming skulled vigilante named Ghost Rider. PG-13.

• **"Hannibal Rising"/D** Hannibal Lecter goes thirsome the second and third times Anthony Hopkins played him as 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 chronicle the early years that set Hannibal on the path to

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becoming 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.

• **"Music and Lyrics"/B-** A weird little hybrid of a romantic comedy that's simultaneously too fluffy and not whimsical enough. Writer-director Marc Lawrence is definitely aiming for a retro '40s Jerry's facade. It makes New York setting and witty characters, who repeatedly burst into song. But he's infused the movie with a forced contemporary flavoring, including a Briny Spears-style pop diva and references to performers like Shakira and Justin Timberlake, and he gets too bogged down with industry types and their business meetings. The songs are catchy, though — especially "Way Back Into Love," the tune Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore's characters craft together, which will stick in your head like a psychotic episode for days if not weeks to come. And it's nice to see Grant aging gracefully. Yes, he's only 46, but he's learned to wear his years well. As washed-up '80s singer Ade Ffrench — formerly part of a band called Pop That's clearly and hilariously modeled after Whiam! — Grant is self-deprecating but he's also

not afraid to look pathetic, lonely and a little sad. It actually makes him more attractive. PG-13 for some sexual content. 95 minutes.

• **"Norbit"/C** Somebody he'll be Academy Award winner Eddie Murphy. And that's what he'll be for the rest of his life. No, you, though, he's "Norbit." And Rasputia. And

Mr. Wong. Yes, Murphy once again crawls inside the fat suit. Klump-stuff. Painful as this often is to watch because it can be so 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 Rick 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 blob of Martin Lawrence's Big Momma or Tyler Perry's Madca. 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.

• **"The Pursuit of Happyness"/B** Inspirational movies like this have been mishandled 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 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.

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**"Flushed Away"**  
PG

Kids will probably be in stinky-sewage heaven with the new computer-animated critter comedy "Flushed Away," but even they may realize they're up the proverbial creek in a boat with a faulty motor. Parents will while away the time in moderate boredom until the film unexpectedly springs to life in its midsection, then just as abruptly goes back to sleep.

The story line is "Stuart Little" meets "Toy Story" on the way to "Madagascar." Hugh Jackman, busy fellow, voices the role of Roddy the pet rat, pampered and lonely in his gilded London cage. After his human owners go on vacation, the hero has to contend with Sid (Shane Richie), a party-heavy sewer rat who crashes the house and its short order flushes Roddy down the loo.

Down below, Roddy finds an entire bustling rat city, one threatened by the corpulent, villainous Toad (Ian McKellen) who plans to flood the burg by opening the sluiceways during halftime on World Cup Final day (when the entire population of England goes to the bathroom at once, get it?).

McKellen has a grand old time with his part, as do the rest of the cast: Bill Nighy as an albino rat henchman, Andy "Gollum" Serkis as his slightly smarter partner, Jean Reno as a French frog, and — most cheerily — Kate Winslet as a plucky rat adventurer named Rita.

Jackman, by contrast, is stuck in a bland part, and the movie never really takes off until the other characters build up a head of steam. At that point, "Flushed Away" becomes genuinely funny for kids and adults alike, and it sustains an air of congenial lunacy for a good half-hour until the plot rears its ugly head again.

If it all feels a tad bipolar, there's good reason. The film is the final, final, and most fraught collaboration between Aardman Studios, the British-based ani-



Andy Serkis voices a sinister rat involved in a plot to flood London in "Flushed Away."



Scarlett Johansson has tricks up her sleeve in "The Prestige."

mation house responsible for the "Wallace and Gromit" shorts, and DreamWorks, the Hollywood studio behind "Shrek," "Shrek 2," and "Madagascar." Aardman does goofy Claymation wit, DreamWorks does shiny blockbuster computer-generated imagery, and when the two collaborated on "Chicken Run" and "Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," the big behemoth generally let the little guys alone.

Will your children care? No, but listen to them when they're talking about the movie on the way home. The parts they respond to — the droll character humor or the frenetic action — will decree which corporate parent will be taking custody of their pop-culture sensibilities. Divorce is a drag, but it's hardest of all on the kids.

—Bastion Globe

**"The Prestige"**  
PG-13

After the release last summer of "The Illusionist," which starred Edward Norton as a magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, it's fair to ask: Does the world really need a movie about two magicians in turn-of-the-century London?

Maybe not. But "The Prestige" manages to transcend invidious comparisons and come up with a few classy tricks of its own. For starters, there's the fantastic Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman and Michael Caine, who play feuding magicians and their mentor, respectively. There's the frisson offered by supporting players Scarlett Johansson and David Bowie (as electricity pioneer Nikola Tesla). And there's the twisty plot that, unlike "The Illusionist," actually gives viewers a fighting chance to figure things out before the Big Reveal in the third act.

There are cheats along the way. Too much of "The Prestige" depends on trappings, ropes, body doubles and assorted misdirections. But director Christopher Nolan ("Memento") keeps the action moving and coherent as Jackman's character goes back in time while obsessively trying to discover his rival's secrets.

And Bale and Jackman inject their reliable charisma into two otherwise very cold fish. OK, I'll say it: If you see only one in age-at-the-turn-of-the-century movie this year, make it this one.

—Washington Post

**"Babel"**  
R

"Babel" begins with one character walking through the Moroccan desert to sell his rifle and ends with another character finding her footing on the balcony of a Tokyo high rise.

It's a good film that might have seemed great if movies like "Traffic" and "Syriana" didn't already exist and hadn't set such an exceptionally high standard for internationally high standard for international angst and anguish. A Japanese hunter's decision drastically affects families in America and Africa and causes confusion along the Mexican border. Drop a pebble in the water, etc. It's a small world after all.

While director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's previous work was undeniably powerful, sitting through "Babel" makes you feel as if you've sat through it before. Rodrigo Prieto's visuals are once again gritty and visceral, placing you deeply within the film's disparate, far-flung locales. And several of the performances from the large, eclectic cast grab you with their immediacy and intensity — though they might not come from the people you would expect.

The faces on the poster are ones you've seen before, countless times: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and "Amores Perros" star Gael Garcia Bernal.

But also featured up there with them is Binko Kikuchi, who provides some of the most moving moments as Chieko, a

Elio Fanning seeks comfort from her nanny, played by Adriana Barraza, in "Babel."

Photo: Double

deaf Tokyo teen trying to figure out who she is after her mother's death.

Her story — the simplest of them all — is also the most compelling, and could have provided the basis for an emotionally gripping movie of its own, instead, Chieko is just one piece of the puzzle.

The bullet comes from a mountain-top far away, where two young brothers are playing around with the rifle their father recently bought to protect their farm. The rifle itself came from a peasant, the one whose footsteps crunching in the sand mark the film's opening.

Because Susan has been shot, in a scene that's both subtle and chaotic, she and Bill can't return home to San Diego as expected. And because they can't get home, their nanny, Amalia (Adriana Barraza in a heart-tugging portrayal) must stay longer with their children (Elio Fanning and Nathan Gamble).

There's so much back-and-forth going on here that you sometimes forget Pitt and Blanchett are in the film; when Inarritu returns to their story, the thought, "Oh yeah, them," comes to mind. It is refreshing, though, to see Pitt a little scuffed, a little harried, a little flawed (for a change).

Inarritu hints at an indictment of the United States, of international fear in general, post-Sept. 11. But when he aims at making any sort of large, loud statement, what mostly comes out is noise. In silence, though, he speaks volumes.

—Associated Press





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## South-central Idaho dining guide

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• **Ziggy's Express**, 745 E. U.S. Highway 30 — Regular menu: breakfasts, burgers, sandwiches, steak. Up to \$12.99. Hours: Open 24 hours, seven days a week. Steve and Julie Goldsby, owners. 352-1070.

## DECLO

• **Jack's Over the Top**, 232 North Highway 77 (Lake East 216 off Interstate 84) — Burgers, chicken tenders, fresh fruit shakes in season. \$2.30-6.49. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Debby Kevan, owner. 654-9891.

## FAIRFIELD

• **The Prairie Kitchen**, 209 E. Highway 20 — Hot roast beef or turkey sands, chicken-fried steak, home-made chicken strip platter, popcorn or jambo shrimp, appetizer breakfasts. \$7.29-\$15.99. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; breakfasts 7 a.m.-11 a.m. daily. Scott and Bona Peters, owners. 764-2257.

## FILER

• **Ray Creek Restaurant**, 410 Highway 30 — Ribeye and T-bone steaks, key lime shrimp, pasta, pizza, hamburgers, \$4.95-\$20.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Tammy and Dennis Nipper, owners. 326-3448.

## GLENN'S FERRY

• **Carmela Restaurant** — Feluccini.

Games *Continued from page 2*

populated by giant bugs. It's a regularly dumb place for the human race to try to scute, but "Lost Planet" isn't the sort of game you'll enjoy if you're a stickler for logic or plausibility. Instead, it's pure blood-and-guts frenzy, with the object being to slaughter as many of the monsters as you can. The unfolding cold provides additional motivation: You can't stay outside too long unless you collect the heat-generating substance the insects release when you kill them. There's also a preposterous human conspiracy to deal with, but most of the time you'll be happily blowing up bugs and admiring E.D.N.'s hilarious breathtaking newspeaks.

## 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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seafood, steak, \$3.95-\$14.95; weekend prime rib special, \$15-\$20. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Weekend reservations recommended. Roger Jones, owner. 356-2630.

• **Hanson's Cafe**, 103 E. First St. — Season-style cooking featuring specialty steaks, chicken-fried steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, the half-pound Turf Burger with bacon and cheese, and breakfasts served anytime. \$2.75-\$14.00. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For and Bobbie Crane, owners. 366-9983.

• **Oregon Trail Cafe**, 110 E. Idaho Ave. — Buffalo steaks, seafood, sandwiches, \$4-\$12. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed and Kathy Anderson, owners. 362-2280.

"Lost Planet" isn't much more than a really good-looking blast 'em, but it's entertaining enough in short bursts.

• **"Star Wars: Lethal Alliance"** (Ubisoft, for the PlayStation Portable, \$39.99); for the Nintendo DS, \$34.99). Yeah, we've all heard of the Rebel Alliance; "Lethal Alliance" is something else. It refers to Blanna, a Twi'lek mercenary out for revenge against the Empire, and Zee, a droid that can zap Stormtroopers and hack computers. They ultimately become part of a plan to steal the plans for the Death Star, meeting luminaries like Princess Leia, Boba Fett and Darth Vader along the way.



Kathryn Billodeaux slices a bagel for a customer at Molly's Bagel Bakery in Twin Falls.

Photos by VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS/Times-News

# Bagel bakery's on a roll

BY VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — About 450 bagels a day roll off the line at Molly's Bagel Bakery. Sure, some of them are destined for weekly delivery accounts, but most of those bagels are sold over the counter at the colorful cafe on Twin Falls' north end.

Owner Dana John boasts 15 bagel varieties. Most popular: cinnamon-sugar, plain and Parmesan. More daring: sun-dried tomato or "everything." You can buy them singly, in sizes or 13s, with a variety of spreads, or holding the sandwich makings of your choice.

I opted for the perpetual lunch special: any sandwich and a cup of soup, for \$5.65. That's a particularly popular option at the 9-year-old Molly's, along with chef salad and egg-cheese-and-meat breakfast sandwiches.

John lures — not makes — the two or three soups he serves each day. Still, he usually sells out before the day is over.

With two soups options the day of my visit, I chose a cup of

tomato-basil ravioli and paired it with peppered turkey, provolone and mayo on a whole wheat bagel — the last whole wheat of the day. And I sat down to enjoy it in

the sunshine that floods the cafe for much of the day.

The vegetables on my sandwich — lettuce, onion, tomato, cucumber and sprouts — were all fresh, though the tomato bore the pale hue typical of a supermarket specimen this time of year. The soup, while pleasant enough, lacked made-that-day character, but the fresh bagel was lovely.

My turkey-and-mayo sandwich was a safe, not surprising, combination. I found myself wishing I'd taken more time deciphering the expansive (and slightly bewildering) Molly's menu to craft something more interesting. (Smoked salmon on a sunflower bagel? Pepper Jack and Dijon on garlic? Honey-walnut spread on blueberry?)



The lunch special is available every day at Molly's Bagel Bakery: any sandwich and a cup of soup, for \$5.65.

## About Molly's Bagel Bakery

1239 Pole Line Road E., Twin Falls — Freshly baked specialty bagels, bagel sandwiches, breakfast bagels, salads, blended fruit drinks, espresso, up to \$6.15. Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Dana John, owner. 735-1118.

After all, Molly's offers endless ways to improvise with flavors. Next time, I'd ask for a tip or two from these admirably cheerful sandwich makers who stuff the counter.

# MV Symphony stirs up some legendary magic on Sunday

BY STEVE CRUMP  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Baghdad's in the news just now. Unfortunately not for "Scheherazade."

The legendary queen and storyteller from "One Thousand and One Nights" lived in what's now the Iraqi capital — and by force of wit, kept doing so.

"Can a story perform the magic of saving a life?" asked Paula Brown Sinclair, horn player and historian for the Magic Valley Symphony, which will perform its third concert of the season Sunday afternoon in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. "In the folk-tale traditions of Arabia, one night's story told well enough to please the caliph bought the storyteller a tomorrow. It was Scheherazade that borrowed the tales of poets and beggars and wandering bards to outwit the homicidal Sultan."

The 19th century Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov wove the tale into some memorable music.

"What brought Rimsky-Korsakov to see the tales of the 'Arabian Nights' to music in 1888 remains unknown," Sinclair writes in the symphony's program notes. "Perhaps it was a fascination with the adventures of Sinbad, a life shared by the composer, a sailor himself who had followed the family tradition by enrolling as a cadet in the Imperial Russian Navy at the age of 12 ... Or perhaps it was the exotic intrigue of the Orient that had captured the attention of artists and composers before him."

Under the direction of Ted Hatley, the symphony will also perform Joaquin Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" along with guitarist Gary Garofano, a psychiatric social worker by profession at St. Luke's Canyon View



Solista Gary Garofano poses with his classical guitar Tuesday evening before joining the Magic Valley Symphony's rehearsal for its upcoming show.

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Sinclair describes the piece as one of the great compositions for classical guitar.

"Although Joaquin Rodrigo had lost his sight to diphtheria at the age of 3, he had mastered piano and had met Victoria Kamhi in Paris while studying composition with Paul Dukas," Sinclair said. "They had honeymooned at the gardens of Aranjuez in his Madrid homeland but returned to Paris. In the bitter cold of the 1939 winter, with a world war threatening, Senora Rodrigo miscarried and was hospitalized near death for several days. A family friend reported Joaquin grieving at the piano all night

long, pouring out melodies so sad it gave chills. The melodies recalled the saeta, a traditional Andalusian song heard during Holy Week processions: At the passing of a religious statue, out of the crowds a Gypsy singer pours out an improvised song of ecstasy and despair. What unfolded at the piano became the profoundly passionate and sad adagio movement for guitar."

Rodrigo's wife was forced to sell her piano to pay her medical bills, Sinclair said. At this low ebb of life Rodrigo unexpectedly received a letter offering a teaching job in Madrid. The Rodrigos had a healthy child the following year, and Rodrigo wrote his master-

## Listen to the music

• **What:** Magic Valley Symphony will perform its third concert of the season, featuring guitarist Gary Garofano as soloist.

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• **When:** Sunday, 4 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students, are available at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, or at the door.

work — even though he didn't play the guitar himself.

"The composer explained that it's meant to sound like the hidden breeze that sits the neotops in the parks; it should only be as strong as a butterfly, and as faintly as a yernica, a suggestion of times past," Sinclair wrote.

A health care professional for 26 years, Garofano studied music performance at California State University-Fullerton. His efforts were rewarded when he was chosen to perform in master classes with legendary classical guitarist Pepe Romero.

Garofano now teaches classical guitar privately. He is also a volunteer participant in the Healing Arts program at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"The Healing Arts program at MVMC was started by Louise Devick," he said. "It is an attempt to bring the healing power of music to the sick and troubled. Many performers in the Twin Falls area volunteer their time. I have played for patients and their families on the med-surg floor (at the hospital), the main lobby and the cancer center.

"They're a wonderful and very appreciative audience, especially when you consider the challenging circumstances they are faced with."

# 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. 22

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Katwalk Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. The Riverside is at 197 W.U.S. Highway 30.

Declo

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

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.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 110 Club. No cover charge. The 110 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

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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.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. Please see **KARAOKE**, Page 14

## Music

## KARAOKE CORNER

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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 107 W.U.S. Highway 30.

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

#### Rupert

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont Ave.

#### Declo

Miller Time Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. Big Kahuna is at 209 E. Main.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 25

#### 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. 26

#### Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 27

#### Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Colfax Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

#### Twin Falls

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

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

#### Paul

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar. No cover charge. Red's is on South East Idaho Street.

## The quirky jazz of Samarabalouf

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Samarabalouf is a delightfully crazy string trio hailing from France, playing original music in the spirit of the famed Gypsy jazz star Django Reinhardt.

The trio will bring its quirky vibe to the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium on Monday, the fourth Magic Valley Arts on Tour concert of the season.

Founded in 2000 by guitarist Francois Petit, this instrumental outfit is composed of rhythmic guitar, a double bass and, most recently, an accordion. Samarabalouf has developed a repertoire of works stretching from boogie-blues to flamenco rock, integrating such themes as the waltz, tango and rumba, with occasional flashes of Middle Eastern harmony.

As a young man, Petit studied stringed instruments, manufacturing his own guitar — which he still plays. After studying at CIM, a school of jazz in Paris, he played in various groups such as Portejazzists, Parkinson Band and the Francois Father.

In the French city of Lille, Petit met Arnaud Van Lancker, with whom he founded the group Swing Gadjé. This band played together for six years before Petit moved to Amiens and assembled the Samarabalouf trio.

Petit met Pierre Margerin one evening at a concert and invited him to join Samarabalouf. A self-educated music writer, bass player, drummer and guitarist, Margerin had played in various groups such as Danny Wilde, Posse Thieves and Strangeman.

Arnaud Van Lancker joined Samarabalouf on the group's second album.

Samarabalouf sounds like a jazz combo, but its style is closer to French folk music, played acoustic. To that they add the sounds of Gypsy music and folk songs from Central Europe.



Samarabalouf plays jazz in the Gypsy style.



Django Reinhardt, a Frenchman of Gypsy descent, was one of the great guitarists in the history of jazz.

### If you go ...

• **What:** Samarabalouf, a group that performs jazz, blues and rock, will play Twin Falls, the fourth Magic Valley Arts on Tour concert of the season.

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

• **When:** Monday, 7-30 p.m.  
 • **How much:** Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurts Pharmacy and Hallmark and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls; at Saw-Mor Drug in Butte; at Ariene's Flowers in Jerome; and at CSI Outreach Centers in Gooding, Burley and Halley.

## Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE



Island Records

### Fall Out Boy "Infinity on High" (Island)

On this record's lead single "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race," Fall Out Boy proves the band hasn't forgotten how to make people dance.

But what's so cool about the song is its influences: It'sy Music Scissor Sisters, David Bowie, to an extent, Fall Out Boy was the pop-punk band that made it cool to be glam — yes, they bravely led the way for labelmates Panic! At The Disco.

And while they still incorporate the pop-punk that made their name, it's the glummy dance numbers that make this band unique.

Granted, much of this record is slop.

Tracks like "I'm a Lawyer With The Way I'm Always Trying To Get You Off (Me & You)" boast better names than riffs.

"Thanks For the Memories" sounds like the dance-pop-punk of '44, a band that will open for Fall Out Boy on this year's Idaho Civic Tour.

Fall Out Boy would be better off focusing on what makes them unique. Of all fields of popular music today, pop-punk is the most diluted.

— Denver Post

### About Django Reinhardt

French guitarist Django Reinhardt, who died in 1953 at age 42, is generally considered one of the few European jazz musicians of true originality.

Reinhardt, of Gypsy parentage, traveled throughout France and Belgium as a young man learning to play the violin, guitar and banjo. The loss of the use of two fingers of his left hand after a trailer fire in 1928 did not impair his remarkable aptitude for the guitar. In 1934 he became co-leader, with violinist Stephane Grappelli, of the Quintette du Hot Club de France, a group whose many records are copied by connoisseurs. In his only visit to the U.S., in 1946, Reinhardt toured with the Duke Ellington orchestra.

For most of his career Reinhardt played in the swing style that reached its peak of popularity in the 1930s. Perhaps his most lasting influence on jazz was the introduction of solos based on melodic improvisation, at a time when guitarists generally played chorded solos. His inimitable improvisations, particularly those in slow tempos, were often a curiosity, but beguiling blend of Gypsy and jazz sounds. Among his guitar compositions transposed into orchestral works are "Hallelujah" and "Manoir on des meuves."

— Encyclopaedia Britannica

Cantus sings in the bel canto tradition.



San Valley Center for the Arts

## Sweet harmonies

### Cantus brings its talent to Ketchum on Friday

Times-News

#### Bel Cantus

**KETCHUM** — Cantus, a nine-member, Minneapolis-based male chorus that sings the gamut of choral music, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood here Friday night.

It's the opening event of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' winter concert series.

"In many ways, Cantus is an experiment," said the group's co-founder, Eric Lichte. "It is an amalgamation of different ideas about philosophy, aesthetics, music-making and singing that

- **What:** Cantus will perform in Ketchum.
- **Where:** Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum.
- **When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Buy tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under, at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts office, 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum, or by phoning 726-9491.

have never been put together before."

Cantus sings in the bel canto tradition, a technique that originated in Italy during the 16th

century and eventually made possible the operas of Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti. Bel canto emphasizes evenness of voice and a sweet timbre.

"That means if we had to pin our singing down to one overriding principle, it would have to be that we strive to sing with engagement," Lichte said.

In addition to standard choral works, Cantus' repertoire includes Gregorian chant, Renaissance motets, contemporary works, art songs, folk music, spirituals and pop.

Cantus has recorded eight CDs on its own label, Cantus Recordings.

## Chris Glenn benefit dinner, auction Saturday

Times-News



Glenn

**TWIN FALLS** — A benefit dinner and auction for injured Idaho State Police officer Chris Glenn will be held Saturday night at The Ballroom. Dinner tickets are \$15 each, or \$25 for two people.

The event will start at 4 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by a live auction. Items to be auctioned include bedroom and living room sets, vacation pack-

ages, spa packages and golf packages.

The buffet dinner begins at 5 p.m., with dancing to follow featuring Johnny U and Crossfire.

There will be a raffle for a Lexus. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. For more information, call Rich at 735-1954.

## 'Breakthrough' finds Blige in a happier place

Los Angeles Times

**LOS ANGELES** — Mary J. Blige loves her fans and, deep down, she knows they love her. But that doesn't mean all of them want her to be happy. "I had to sacrifice a million fans with this new album," the singer said in a hushed voice on a recent afternoon in Beverly Hills. "I know a lot of them don't like a happy Mary J. Blige." She tilted her head and pinched her voice. "I like Mary better when she's angry." She laughed and then sounded like herself again. "But I found a lot of new fans with 'The Breakthrough.'" Thank goodness.

"The Breakthrough" is living up to its name for Blige. The album, her seventh, was released just before Christmas 2005 and has sold 2.7 million copies in the United States. More than that, the less tortured music of "The Breakthrough" led to three Grammy Awards, for best R&B album, best female R&B performance and best R&B song for "Be Without You." The acknowledgment from her peers made the notoriously intense Blige a bit giddy, but the real thrill is the sustained ovation from her fans.

"I know that I made the connection with my fans again with this music and I was really concerned about that because I am the same as my fans, they are me and I am them. We have lived through so much together. It's really humbled me and reminded me of how I have gotten as far as I have. You don't get here by being a jerk; you get here by being humble; you get here by having integrity, by loving yourself, by loving God and by loving your people."

In conversation, Blige is almost evangelical in her description of her quest for personal growth and, oddly, can sound like an emergency-room nurse diagnosing life's wounds and pitfalls. "Sometimes, you think you're healed but if that scab is



Los Angeles Times

Mary J. Blige learns to heal her wounds and reach for the life she deserves, a journey that adds meaning to her music.

infected, you have to rip it off and let it go and bleed again. It's the path to real, truthful healing. You have to let that pus out."

You don't want to even hear about Blige's comparisons of drug use to doing the backstroke in a toilet. But you can forgive her tirade talk and lunch-casual metaphors. The darkest corners of her life — the chaotic childhood with a family that stilled on her ambitions, the abusive relationships with men, lost days in cocaine and alcohol fumes — have been the raw material that has made her music so compelling.

Many of her albums have been like black-box recordings of her personal traumas. Listening to the older albums, she says, is "like ministering to myself." She says she can't believe how desperate, suicidal and lost she once was, but in listening to the old songs she hears one other backbeat: "I hear how much I was ready to live, too."

"The Breakthrough" finds her in a more centered place, but it is hardly a collection of musical buttercups and rainbows. Sure, "Be Without You" is a testimonial from a place of emotional calm, but tracks such as "Enough Cryin'" and "Boggage" will sound familiar themes to the mostly female fans who have found in Blige a siren of their own frustrations.

## Local

# See the Oscars on the big screen

BY ARIEL HANSEN  
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**TWIN FALLS** — As if the stars weren't larger than life already. The folks behind Any Excuse to Have a Party Productions think the stars need to be bigger, so they are opening The Lamphouse Theatre, with its huge silver screen, to show the biggest night in movies.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards ceremony begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, but the doors to the Lamphouse will open at 3 p.m., giving movie-lovers plenty of time to watch the glitz and glamour of the red carpet — and to enjoy a glass of wine or a cocktail at Woody's next door.

Woody's grill will also be open for a burger or wings, and organ-

izers encourage attendees to bring finger food for all to enjoy. And don't be afraid to come in your ball gown or tuxedo. Costumes and Jewels are more than welcome. You might even go home with more bling than you came with, if you win one of the planned contests. It's a time to see and be seen — by the Magic Valley if not by ever-elegant nominees DiCaprio and Dench.

The Lamphouse Theatre is at 223 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls, and admission on Sunday will be free. For questions, call Woody's at 732-0077.

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## Mirren, Hudson are favorites of T-N readers

BY STEVE CRUMP  
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**TWIN FALLS** — *Times-News* readers are just wild about British actress Helen Mirren and "American Idol" also-ran Jennifer Hudson.

The stars of "The Queen" and "Dreamgirls," respectively, were the overwhelming favorites of T-N readers for the Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress divisions in the newspaper's Pick-the-Oscar Contest.

Readers also favored Forest Whitaker for his performance as dictator Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland" and Eddie Murphy's turn in "Dreamgirls," nominated in the Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor divisions, respectively. They were undecided between "Babel" and



Hudson



Mirren

"The Queen" for Best Picture.

Whether they chose wisely will be revealed at the 79th Academy Awards on Sunday.

In all, 118 T-N readers entered the contest, the most winners will collect two tickets to the movie of his or her choice — and popcorn to

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