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When the wind blows

Power company examines new industry

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In three years, an entirely new industry to the state has found a home in Magic Valley wind. It doesn't employ many people. It doesn't have a flashy corporate image. It doesn't get talked about much.

But that's all changing. A handful of low-key southern Idaho wind producers may be the state's next energy pioneers — especially as Idaho works toward developing low-emission energy sources.

Idaho Power Co. finalized deals with two new wind producers last week, bringing the total amount of wind energy in its system to 400 megawatts. Three years ago, that number was zero.

Since 2004, when the federal government began offering tax breaks to alternative-energy producers, 19 wind farms — that's every wind farm now in the state — have signed deals to open in Idaho.

Most of the new operations are popping up in southern Idaho. The area is a moderately windy area, lots of open land and a utility company that's required by law to buy wind-produced energy.

Since the energy crisis of the 1970s, the federal government has required utility companies to buy power produced by alternative-energy suppliers, such as wind farmers. The program, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, or PURPA, says utilities must buy power from alternative producers at a rate equal to what the utility would spend if it were to generate the power itself or buy it from another source.

In Idaho, that rate is about \$62 per megawatt

From air to energy
A typical wind turbine is generating 200 kilowatts of electricity, 85 percent to 90 percent of the time, depending on wind speeds.

American wind farms generate about 2 percent of U.S. electricity generation in 2005. That's enough electricity to fully serve about 2.5 million households. A single one-megawatt wind turbine produces about 2,000 kilowatts of electricity each year — equivalent to about one square mile of forest.

Sources: Idaho Department of Water Resources; Idaho Energy Division; U.S. Energy Information Agency

hour. But PURPA also brought troubles to utilities in places like southern Idaho.

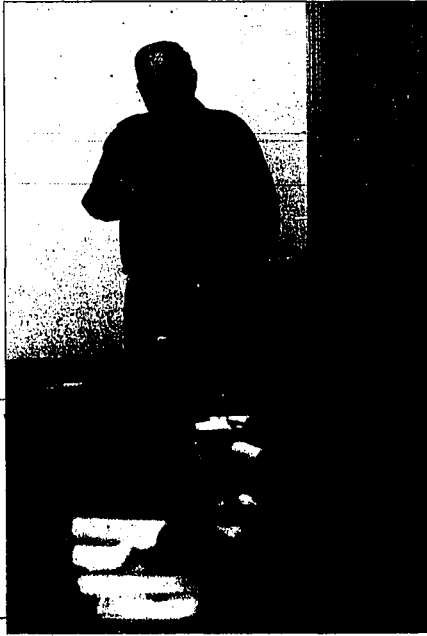
In the first 18 months since the tax break took effect, Idaho went from zero wind farms to six, five of which were in Twin Falls County. The rapid influx caused problems for Idaho Power, which was not prepared to incorporate the energy into its grid. The power company asked the IPUC — the state's energy regulatory body — in August 2005 to pass an emergency moratorium on new wind farms until the company could study how best to incorporate the surge in new energy sources. The commission agreed, and imposed a temporary ban on wind farms that qualify for PURPA until Idaho Power could study the influx's effects. Several wind farms in development before the moratorium have since been grandfathered into the system.

The power company finished its 85-page report last month. It identified several obstacles to incorporating wind farms into its grid. Most significant is wind's unreliability: Wind simply doesn't blow all the time. The company falls back on its hydro sources when turbines don't spin by adjusting flows at dams and plants that can store water. The power company proposed to the commission paying wind producers \$10.72 per megawatt hour less than the \$62 rate to offset the costs and save customers from higher rates.

Hydro facilities are already stretched to capacity, and

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CAFO quandry



John Faulkner, a Gooding resident, speaks in opposition of a proposed confined animal feeding operation ordinance in Gooding County Wednesday at a meeting held by the county's planning and zoning board.

Tempers flare over controversial ordinance in Gooding County

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

GOODING — It took just six minutes for a town hall-style meeting concerning a proposed confined animal feeding operation ordinance to deteriorate into

an obscenity-laden shouting match Wednesday evening at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

The meeting — held by the county's planning and zoning board to discuss a proposed ordinance that largely affects dairy operators — became chaotic early when Judy Davis, the county's planning and zoning administrator, read a lengthy letter submitted to the board by a dairy opponent.

Those present had been told they'd

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Dead last

Idaho the worst at overseeing child care according to new nationwide survey.

By David Cray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Many states are distressingly lax in their regulation and oversight of child care centers, according to a new nationwide survey which gives its lowest marks to Idaho and Louisiana and its highest grade to the far-flung system run by the U.S. military.

Among the common problems in the states are infrequent inspections, deficient safety requirements, and low hiring standards — including lack of full criminal background checks — for center employees.

"State child care standards and oversight in this nation are not protecting our children and are not preparing them for success in school," said Linda Smith, executive director of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral.

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Grading child care

A nationwide child care survey gives the lowest grade to Idaho and the highest, a score of 117, to the military's own system.

Top five states	Score
NEW YORK	100/150
DELAWARE	90
Washington	89
Mississippi	88
Oklahoma	85

Bottom five states*	Score
Idaho	64
Kentucky	61
Nebraska	58
California	57
118 Idaho	

*NOTE: See sidebar below because California and Kansas are tied.

SOURCE: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Insurer offers discounts to those with low body mass indexes

By Stephen Singer
Associated Press writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Amid a growing obesity epidemic in the United States, an insurance company has started giving customers another reason to slim down by being one of the first in the nation to offer discounts to customers who keep a low body-mass

index. The program by Phoenix Cos. Inc. offers discounts up to 20 percent on life insurance policies to customers whose BMI is verified by a doctor to be 19 to 25.

BMI is a ratio of body fat that takes height and weight into account. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines obesity as a BMI of 30 or more; people between 25 and 30 are considered overweight.

"We tried to come up with a program that accounts for factors such as strokes, and help those who maintain healthy weight, lifestyle, what they eat and go to the gym," said Joe Kelleher, senior vice president and chief operating officer of The Phoenix. "We

thought we'd be able to reward those people."

Customers who qualify for the program can start seeing reduced rates after five years if their BMI remains in the 19-to-25 range. Customers who see their premiums drop by 5 percent for every five years that they keep a healthy BMI ratio, up to a maximum of 20 percent after 20 years.

God's word, plus static, on Calvary Satellite Network

T.E. pastor embroiled in lawsuits over sex, money and control of multimillion-dollar radio network

By Christopher Goffard
Los Angeles Times

When Chuck Smith, founder of the worldwide Calvary Chapel movement, decided to invest big in radio, the Orange County evangelist joined forces with a pastor he trusted.

Mike Kestler was one of his proteges, a folksy preacher with a ponytail who had ridden the Calvary phenomenon to a pulpit in Twin Falls. His church is on the northeast corner of Falls Avenue and about 3,300 East near Shoshone Falls.

Smith had presided at Kestler's wedding. He'd helped Kestler keep his job after a churchgoer complained that Kestler had begged her to run away with him.

Now, the pastors would be business partners. Kestler knew how to run a radio station. Smith had money and a famous name. They shared a vision of FM radio as a megaphone for God's word.

Bolstered by \$13 million from Smith's Costa Mesa church, Calvary Satellite Network grew into a spectacular recruiting tool for the evangelical movement. In listening areas across the nation, Calvary Chapels proliferated.

But relations between the two pastors deteriorated. In 2003, Smith cut off funding for the radio network, precipitating a crisis that continues to roll Calvary's leadership. It sparked a war for control of the network on terrain Smith had preached against for years: the earthly courts.

The two sides have heaped accusations of lust and greed, betrayal and embezzlement. As part of the battle, Smith funded a lawsuit against Kestler by a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader who said he had fired her from her radio job for rebuffing his sexual advances.

Now, after a year of hugely expensive legal sparring, the 73-year-old Smith is so eager to settle the case that he is willing to do so at a

"(Chuck Smith) said basically it was just time to turn Kestler over to Satan."

— Lori Pollitt, a former cheerleader who filed a suit against Mike Kestler

staggering loss.

He is about to surrender much of the radio empire to Kestler, a man he calls morally unfit for ministry. Smith says that by walking away, he is making a Christian gesture.

It was just time to turn Kestler over to Satan.

Smith opened the first Calvary Chapel on a Costa Mesa lot in 1965 with a handful of congregants. Combining literalist Bible teaching with casual dress, contemporary music and an aversion to ritual, the church quickly became famous as a sanctuary for disillusioned hippies and a hub of the Jesus People.

Kestler was drawn to Smith's church in the early 1970s, when it still occupied a tent. He joined the movement and with Smith's blessing opened his own church in Twin Falls in 1979. Before long, he had built a small Christian radio station there.

In 1994, Kestler's fortunes appeared to teeter on the brink. A parishioner had

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Good Morning

High: 34
Low: 22

Cold, breezy and scattered snow showers. Details: B6

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and forecast details like 'Cold, breezy and scattered snow'.

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Today: Bristk winds, cloudy skies and light snow. showers. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Breezy and cloudy with lingering snow showers and flurries. Lows lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Chance of early snow showers, otherwise, partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs upper 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'South Pacific' the musical, presented by Minico High School, 7 p.m., Minico High School, 100 S. 300 W., Rupert, \$5 adults and \$3 children, 436-4721.
Ernest Lehman's 'Hello, Dolly!', presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8, 677-ARTS for reservations.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Minidoka County Scout Leader Roundtable, with District meeting at 7 p.m. and Roundtable (including Merit Badge Area) at 8 p.m., East Minico Middle School, Rupert, drouny@yahoo.com.

EDUCATION

Exposition Inspiration Fund for Breast Cancer Research Open Forum, with 'The Transformation of Breast Cancer Management From Clinical Care to Clinical Science,' 5 to 7 p.m., Linelight Room B, Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley, no cost, (208)726-6456.
Xavier Charter School Parent Information Meeting, discussing definition and distinction of the charter school and enrollment procedures, 6:30 p.m., 771 North College Rd., Twin Falls, 1-800-519-8537 or www.xaviercharter.org.

EXHIBITS

The collected works of multi-media artist, Dabra Featherston, featuring sculpture, pottery, mixed media and alternative black-and-white photography, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, no cost, (208)734-ARTS(2787).
The 4th Annual 'Idaho Paints Idaho' Traveling Exhibit, a juried exhibit open to resident Idaho artists sponsored by the Idaho Falls Eagle Rock Art Museum and the Idaho National Laboratory, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council Reception Area and Foyer, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, no cost, (208)734-ARTS(2787).

FAMILY

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children monthly meeting, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987 or H.L. (208) 436-0332.
Beginning class 'Overcoming Co-Dependency,' 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free will offering accepted), 734-9603.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, (208)622-4438.
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 789-2128.

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 non-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 734-4384.
College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.
Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. (Tammy dunn)
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima 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: alcohol and drug dependence, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Rd., (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 734-3210.
'Advanced Theological Counseling,' Dr. Sharon Custer, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free will offering accepted), 734-9603.

To list events in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magicvalley.com, by fax, 734-5536; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

OPINION MINI EDITORIAL

T.F. hasn't lost coffee 'experience'
Starbucks' chairman recently lamented the dilution of the coffee 'experience': bastards who know customers' orders by heart and an atmosphere enticing patrons to linger. Yet that experience endures in Twin Falls, thanks to people like Birya at Barnes & Noble Cafe, whose example challenges me to be more customer-oriented.
— MATTHEW BRADY, city editor

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MAGIC VALLEY

Oakley Valley Arts says 'Hello, Dolly!'

The legendary Broadway musical 'Hello, Dolly!' opens at Howells Opera House in Oakley tonight.
TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMESNEWS

Neil Simon play starts next week at CSI

The College of Southern Idaho theater department will present Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical play 'Lost in Yonkers' starting next week.
TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMESNEWS

Gooding woman comes close to \$10 million

GOODING: — When a UPS truck pulled into her Gooding driveway Friday, Dixie Rice didn't think too much about it. Until she read the letter.
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State offers people cash to become teachers

BOISE — Idaho may soon receive the money it needs to increase math and science requirements, but educators say there will not be enough qualified instructors.
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Filer issues alert after girls report stranger

FILER — Students at Filer Elementary are being warned to look out for a man who may be following students.
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OBITUARIES

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Deana Lee Hite, 52
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Aiz a little boldness with your serious pass: It's lovely to be silly at the right moment." — Horace

In six hearts declarer received the lead of the club queen to East's ace, and a club was returned. About to claim, she laid down the heart ace and had to think again when West showed out.

If she was going to avoid a trump loser, she would have to reduce her trumps to the same length as East's, then finish up at the critical moment with the lead in dummy for the trump coup. Essentially, this is a way to take a trump finesse when you have no trumps in the dummy.

Accordingly, after taking two more top trumps, South cashed the ace and king of diamonds, discarding her club loser, and ruffed a diamond. She then played a spade to dummy's queen and ruffed another diamond as East desperately threw a spade away.

South's coup de grace was over-taking her spade king with dummy's ace. In the two-card ending, she now held the J-9 of hearts over East's 10-8. Whatever she led from dummy allowed her to over-ruff East and claim the last trick.

West played by declarer, but East should have been more alert at trick two. He can see that he has a trump trick unless declarer can manage precisely this sort of trump coup. Accordingly, he must attack dummy's entries. A spade return at trick two removes an entry for the coup prematurely, and now declarer can no longer succeed unless she takes an inspired first-round heart finesse.

ANSWER: Bid two hearts, and do not let the opponents steal from you. In this position, the double by partner has absolutely guaranteed that he has at least 10-card — three-card support or more — for both majors. So you can compete to two supports and know you have a fit of sorts there.

IDAHO/WEST

Drug program would focus on rural teens

BOISE — The Senate Health and Welfare Committee will discuss a bill to set up a three-year pilot program that would provide rural schools in Idaho with drug abuse and mental health counselors who would target their services to at-risk teens.
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Fund will reconsider Sudan-linked holdings

BOISE — Idaho's public pension fund managers have reversed course and now say they will consider shifting \$41 million worth of investments in companies with ties to Sudan, after they were pressured by a group that says the money is going to finance genocide.
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Species bill promises breaks for landowners

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of senators, including the Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, are proposing tax incentives for landowners who take steps to recover or endangered species.
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Idaho ranked last in child-care center study

NEW YORK — Many states are distressingly lag in their regulation and oversight of child-care centers, according to a new nationwide survey that gives its lowest marks to Idaho and Louisiana and the highest grade to the far-flung system run by the U.S. military.
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NATION/WORLD

Dow ends up 52, one day after big decline

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded fitfully Wednesday from the previous session's 416-point plunge in the Dow Industrials as investors took comfort from comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke but still showed signs of unease about the economy.
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Judge rules Padilla able to stand trial

MIAMI — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla is competent to stand trial on terrorism support charges, rejecting arguments that he was severely damaged by 3½ years of interrogation and isolation in a military brig.
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School principal faces drug-dealing charge

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — A middle school principal was charged with dealing crystal methamphetamine after police found the drug in "his" school's office: John Accra, 50, of Allentown was arrested Tuesday in his office at Nitschmann Middle School in Bethlehem.
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Picasso stolen from granddaughter's home

PARIS — In an overnight heist, two major Picasso portraits of important women in the Spanish master's life disappear from the walls of his granddaughter's apartment in Paris, and police say the burglars left no clues.
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SPORTS



Hagerman boys win first game at state

CALDWELL — The Hagerman Prates made sure the Magic Valley didn't come up empty on the opening day of the Class IA boys state basketball tournament. After Richfield, Carey and Murrain fell earlier in the day, the Prates held off Tri-Valley 63-58. The win moves Hagerman into an 8 p.m. game today against Cascade.
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CSI women tumble seven spots to No. 24

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team made a big move in the NCAA Division I poll this week, but not in the direction the Golden Eagles would like. The 22-6 CSI women slipped seven spots to No. 24 in the poll released Wednesday.
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Snowpack Levels

Table showing snowpack levels for various locations: Watershed, Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Hennes Fork/Factor, Upper Snake Basin, Okey, Salmon Falls. Includes percentages and snowpack depth in inches.

* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in March.

ON THE NET



At magicvalley.com: Watch an interview with the director of 'Lost in Yonkers' and rehearsal highlights.

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Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells and empty cells for solving.

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Find the answers on page C8

IDAHO LOTTERY

Idaho Lottery results for Wednesday, Feb. 28. Includes Wild Card, Wild Card, and Pick 3 results.

PLUSHER

Plusher results for Wednesday, Feb. 28. Includes Good Fund, Newswatch, and Lottery results.

ONLINE

Online results for Wednesday, Feb. 28. Includes Bullseye, Jackpot Wheel, and Calculations.

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Meeting

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 be limited to five minutes of testimony, and many in the crowd became angry when Davis continued to read the letter after five minutes had passed.
 After board members calmed the crowd of nearly 200, the meeting progressed in an orderly fashion.
 Emotions, however, were not quelled.
 Resident after resident testified in opposition to the new ordinance that many say will drive the dairy industry out of the county and leave

countless without jobs.
 "We're going downhill," said Gooding resident John Faulkner, whose family has lived in the county since 1909. "And the only thing that's keeping us alive, tax-wise, is the dairies," he said.
 Most echoed his sentiments. Applause broke out after the testimony of most pro-dairy residents.
 Many of the speakers who identified themselves as dairy opponents also opposed the ordinance because, they said, it's not strict enough.

The new ordinance would increase setbacks from roads and cut the number of animal units allowed per acre from 10 to five.
 The overwhelming majority of speakers testified against the ordinance, and that must surely be a disappointment to the planning and zoning board that worked more than a year with a citizens' committee to draft the document.
 The proposed ordinance will next be presented to county commissioners who could send the draft back to

the planning and zoning board for amendments — or commissioners could vote to accept or deny it.
 Either way, the proposed ordinance will continue to divide a community between those tied to an industry that's the economic foundation for the county and those that worry that dairies are polluting the land.
Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers natural resources. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

Day care

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 Agencies, which was releasing the first-of-its-kind ranking Thursday.
 She urged action by Congress and state legislators. An estimated 12 million children under age 5 are in non-parental child care each week.
 The association reviewed policies and regulations for all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Defense Department, which ranked a decisive No. 1 overall and led both subcategories — one measuring standards that are in place, the second measuring how vigorously the standards are enforced.
 "Standards are meaningless without oversight," Smith said. "The Defense Department has good enforcement, and that has brought their program to a much higher level."

How Idaho's neighbors rank:
The Associated Press

State	Rank
Montana	31
Nebraska	12
Oregon	35
Utah	45
Washington	4
Wyoming	41

Source: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

inspectors, frequency of inspections, health and safety requirements, background checks, staff qualifications and activities offered to children.

Defense Department require center directors to have a bachelor's degree.
 The military's system, which has expanded and improved dramatically over

the past 15 years, encompasses more than 740 facilities worldwide with spaces for 104,000 children. Its training and safety standards are considered state-of-the-art.

Following the military atop the rankings were Illinois, New York, Maryland, Washington, Oklahoma, Michigan, North Dakota, Tennessee, Minnesota and Vermont.
 Idaho ranked last; the next lowest scores were Louisiana, Nebraska, Kentucky, California and Kansas.

The report, "We Can Do Better," said eight states do not even require annual inspections of child care centers, let alone conduct them quarterly as Smith's association recommends. The association also advises that each inspector have no more than 50 centers to monitor; the report said 21 states have caseloads of more than 140 per inspector.
 Regarding staff, the report said 21 states have no minimum educational requirement for child care teachers; it said only New Jersey and the

Wind

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 incorporating new wind farms may require Idaho Power to seek out other energy sources, including coal-fired power, company.
 Corporate Communications Director Jeff Beaman told the Times-News in February.
 Another problem: infrastructure. The company wants wind farmers to pay additional costs for extra transmission lines and grid updates needed to bring the farms into the system.

farms will continue to blow in the wind.

That's angered some wind farmers, namely Jared Grover. He has interests in two wind farms near Iagerman that the utility company says will cost about \$60 million to incorporate. Grover says no wind farmer in southern Idaho has that kind of money. The dispute is pending with IUPUC.
 Also unresolved is how the study's findings will affect the future of wind in Idaho. The moratorium is still in place, and a bevy of prospective farmers are pounding on Magic Valley's door.
 To help answer these questions, Idaho Power will host a workshop March 15 to present the study's findings and assess the fledgling industry.
 Until then, answers about the future of Idaho's wind

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 Mar 6 - Apr 3 • Tuesdays • 6:00 - 8:00 pm \$30

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 Mar 6 (Tues only) \$25
 Mar 7 (Wed only) \$25

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 Mar 28 - Apr 4 • Wednesdays • 6:00 - 9:00 pm \$49

Buying and Selling on eBay
 Mar 29 - Apr 12 • Thursdays • 9:00 - 1:00 pm \$30

Swing Dancing
 Mar 30 - Apr 13 • Fridays • 6:30 - 7:45 pm Couples \$50
 Singles \$25

Ballroom Dancing
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Network

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 accused the married pastor of showing up at her home and wife uninvited and pleading with her to run away with him. Kestler stood to lose both his pulpit and his radio station.
 Smith took a plane to Twin Falls, defended Kestler before his church board and fended off his ousted. In a recent interview, Smith said he believed Kestler's claim that the woman's accusation stemmed from a misunderstanding.
 In salvaging Kestler's career, Smith also rescued plans the two were hatching for a radio ministry.
 Smith's son, Jeff, had been paying Christian radio stations to broadcast his father's sermons for years. Kestler and the younger Smith had become close friends. They approached the Calvary Chapel founder with an idea: instead of handing money to other stations to carry the Calvary message, why not invest in their own radio network?
 Kestler would handle technical matters out of Twin Falls, the younger Smith would handle the finances out of Santa Ana, and Chuck Smith would bankroll the project. Calvary Satellite Network was born.
 Broadcasting a mixture of sermons and worship music, the network started with two stations: Kestler's in Twin Falls and another in Yuca Valley, Calif. From 1996 to 2003, Chuck Smith poured an estimated \$13 million — much of it from the

collection bowls of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa — into expanding the network.
 Kestler and the younger Smith snapped up broadcast licenses, built towers and invested heavily in satellite technology that beams low-power signals to remote pockets of listeners. As host of a daily call-in show, Kestler became one of the network's best-known voices.
 The radio system did not carry advertising, relying instead on listener donations, money from preachers whose sermons it broadcast, and monthly subsidies from Chuck Smith's church.
 Calvary Satellite Network now has about 400 low-power stations and 49 full-power stations in 45 states. Its coverage area has 22.5 million potential listeners. It estimates its worth at \$250 million, derived mostly from the value of its broadcast licenses.
 In January 2003, the elder Smith resigned from the network's board. Apart from misgivings about the network's direction, Smith said, he had developed moral qualms about Kestler.
 "Mike confessed (said) sorry and so forth and so on," Smith said. "At that point, I felt, 'There's something wrong with

this guy.' I really don't want to maintain much of a relationship with him, so I resigned."
 Kestler's lawyer declined to comment on the allegation.
 Kestler himself did not respond to requests for an interview.
 A month after Chuck Smith resigned, Kestler and the younger Smith, looking to raise cash, approached the Costa Mesa church's board of directors with a surprising offer: For \$21 million, they could buy the radio network and assume control of operations.
 The board considered the offer "foolishness" and "turned it down flat," said Hal Fischer, a former Placenta police chief and a Calvary board member at the time.
 "We all almost laughed at it, because it was so ridiculous," Fischer said. "We weren't going to purchase something back that we had financed originally."
 Still, the offer underscored a fact that some members of the church had been slow to grasp: Despite the money they had poured into the network over the years, they had no control over it. The church and the network were separate entities.
 As matters worsened, so did the church board's distrust of Jeff Smith. After rejecting the sale offer, the Calvary board pushed for an audit of the Word for Today, a church-affiliated book and tape ministry that Jeff Smith used to raise money for the radio network.

The review found shoddily accounting and oversight, 10 bank accounts, \$184,000 in computer purchases for obscure reasons, undocumented loans to employees or friends, plus \$568,000 in loans to the radio network in 2002 and \$350,000 in 2003.
 Jeff Smith, who was removed as top administrator of the Word for Today, said he had not seen the auditors' report but that the loans were legitimate and nothing improper happened under his watch.
 By late 2004, the younger Smith and Kestler were the radio network's sole remaining board members. Deadlock ensued.
 Word reached the Smiths that another woman was complaining about Kestler, Sarah Meyer, an Idaho parishioner, said he had offered her a radio job, only to try "using Jesus to seduce me."
 "I'd prayed, and I felt God was saying I was the one he was supposed to be with," Meyer, now 28, said in an interview. She said she turned down his advances and the job. Now, when she hears Kestler's voice on the car radio, "It makes my flesh crawl," she said.
 Kestler's lawyer declined to comment on her allegations.
 In late 2005 and early 2006, when she hears Kestler's voice, Chuck Smith fled suit against Kestler in state court in Twin Falls for \$1.3 million, demanding repayment of a loan to build Kestler's church.

Smith had long been troubled that the defended Kestler in 1994 against accusations from a female churchgoer, only to see other women voice similar complaints. Now, he bankrolled a federal lawsuit by Pollitt, 46, the former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader.
 Pollitt said Kestler lured her from Dallas to Twin Falls with the promise of a job at Calvary Satellite Network, only to fire her after she rejected his come-ons. In court papers, Kestler has denied retaliating against Pollitt and has said she made sexual overtures to him.
 Returning the Smiths' fire, Kestler filed suit in Orange County Superior Court, seeking control of Calvary Satellite Network and accusing the younger Smith of seizing donations intended for the network.
 In a countersuit, the younger Smith charged Kestler with misappropriating millions of dollars in listener contributions. The suit also accused Kestler of "sinful sexual and flirtatious misconduct with numerous women over the years" and of spending network funds on vacations and purchases at Victoria's Secret.
 In vain, Chuck Smith has asked Kestler to stop using the Calvary name. It still adorns his "Twin Falls church." "They're free to use the secular courts to try to stop him," said Lloyd Walker, Kestler's attorney and brother-in-law. "Until then, we're not going to."

network is split between Jeff Smith in Santa Ana, who controls a host of full-power stations, and Kestler in Twin Falls, who controls the much more valuable translator network.
 The sides are close to a settlement of their legal dispute. Chuck Smith has agreed to drop his suit against Kestler, withdrawal funding for Pollitt's suit and give Kestler the network's low-power stations, worth an estimated \$200 million. Calvary Chapel would keep most of its full-power stations, valued at about \$50 million.

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WASHINGTON

Species bill would offer incentives to landowners

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of senators, including the Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, is proposing tax incentives for landowners who take steps to recover endangered species.

The approach is a narrower alternative to a comprehensive overhaul of the Endangered Species Act, a priority for Republicans before Democrats took control of Congress.

"In one way or another, this bill has been about five years in the making," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, the lead sponsor of the legislation.

Crapo has the support of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., and Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, the top Republican on the panel. The senators joined environmental groups and farm groups — many of which have been divided over past endangered species act bills — in announcing the legislation Wednesday.

The bill would offer tax credits to landowners who protect endangered animal habitat and agree to an animal management plan. The maximum tax credit would be \$300 million for landowners who set aside 100,000 acres to a perpetual conservation easement.

Crapo said the legislation would cost an estimated \$2.7 billion over 10 years.

He said the compromise bill would help alleviate conflict between landowners, environmental groups and the federal government. While environmentalists credit the Endangered Species Act with saving species like the bald eagle, many farm and property rights groups contend its provisions get in the way of legitimate land uses and provoke lawsuits instead of helping plants and animals.

BOISE

Lawmakers consider drug and mental health bill

BOISE — A bill that would put counselors in Idaho schools to help children at risk for drug and mental health problems received the unanimous support of a Senate committee Wednesday.

But it's only a pilot program, the senators warned, and it had better show results. The bill, which was approved by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, would put counselors in four rural Idaho schools for three years. The counselors would try to intervene early with teenagers who appear to be on their way toward problems later in life.

Most people who are now in prison had substance abuse or mental health problems starting in high school, said Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, one of the sponsors of

the proposal. "Too often, what we have now in our system is based on crises, and not prevention," Corder said. "This program steps up that pace. We want to look at them before we get them in crises."

Fund reconsiders Sudan-related holdings

BOISE — Idaho's public pension fund managers have reversed course and now say they will consider shifting \$11 million of investments in companies with ties to Sudan after pressure from a group that says the money is going to finance genocide.

The decision comes after a state Senate committee earlier this month declined to force

the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho to dump the securities.

Then, a majority of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee thought the \$11 billion fund's managers should be allowed to make investment decisions based on sound financial grounds, not social policy.

But this week, some state employees and retirees who have their retirement funds invested with PERSI, along with some Sudanese immigrants to Idaho, protested outside a board meeting in Boise.

Judy Olson, the pension fund's chairman, said the Sudan case is worth considering because of the several dozen employee retirees who have requested it, because of

the severity of the genocide, and because pulling financial support from the Sudanese government could actually have an impact there.

"It's a horrible, horrible situation — uniquely horrible — and perhaps can be affected by our participation," Olson told the Idaho Statesman. "We will either divest or find out why we can't. We certainly don't support genocide."

OREGON

Cow forces Alaska pilot to choose I-84 for landing

Jerry Scudero didn't intend to land the 1952 DeHavilland Beaver on Interstate 84 near the Oregon-Idaho border.

A cow changed plans for the

Ketchikan pilot, however.

Poor weather in the mountains over eastern Oregon forced Scudero to land the wheel-equipped float plane Sunday on the highway, about 15 miles east of Baker City.

Scudero told the *Ketchikan (Alaska) Daily News* that he intended to land on a less-traveled haul road near the highway.

"We were going to land on it and wait," he said. But as he began to land, he spotted a cow on the road.

"Next thing I knew, we were landing on the freeway," he said. Neither he nor his passenger, Jerry Foresyth, of Saanichton, British Columbia, were injured.

Oregon State Senior Trooper Robert Hereau was stopped at a non-injury accident scene in

the eastbound lane of the road when he heard a loud noise, according to trooper spokesman Sgt. Darin Helman.

He looked in his rear view mirror and saw the float plane taxiing toward him, Helman said. The plane with 48-foot wingspan continued past the patrol car until it found a wide area on the side of the freeway to pull off.

Scudero said he had taxied for about two miles from where he landed before passing the squad car, according to Helman.

They had been flying in a valley for about three hours, waiting for the weather to clear, but eventually had to land to save fuel, Scudero said.

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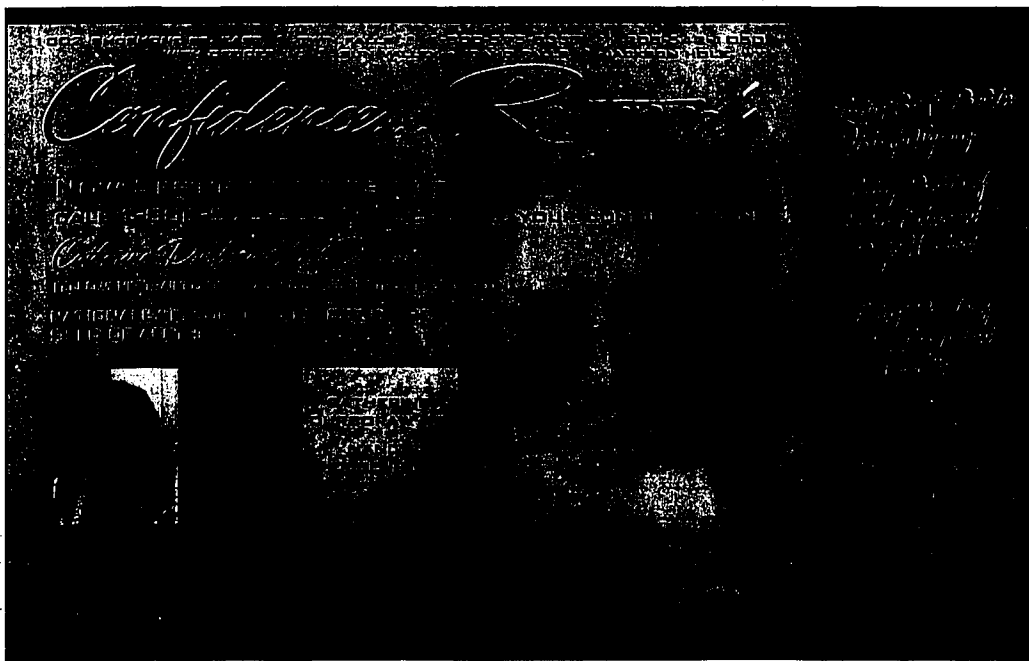
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EDITORIAL

Calendar needs some flexibility on elections

Critics who say Idaho sets the bar too high for passing bonds or levies should try selling bridges in Baghdad. As long as the state allows cities, counties and school districts, to hold elections in any week of the year, the possibilities of passing measures are endless.

So if the Legislature wants to rein in this persistent problem, it has a valid case. But by tying elections to only two days in the year, lawmakers may be curbing the process too far.

Elections in Idaho have long resembled hockey games in Canada — they're always in season, and they tend to involve a certain level of dirty play.

In order to pass construction bonds, supplemental levies, taxing district plans, some election organizers go on the sly. By tucking an election on a date that won't attract much participation, they can tilt the results toward easy passage.

To stop that practice, Idaho House members passed HB 1 on Monday by a 40-30 vote. The 18-page bill lists a number of provisions that require cities, counties, school districts, water boards and other districts to consolidate elections. All issues would go before voters on either the fourth Tuesday in May (primary election) or the Tuesday following the first Monday in November (general election).

Idaho currently consolidates elections to four dates, but public school districts can schedule bond or supplemental levies elections on any day.

The new bill would take aim at the specific exemption allowing school districts to do that. Some legislators claim school districts commonly plan public events at schools on election dates, to bring voters to the schools and closer to the voting booth.

In certain regards, those claims are true. In the past 15 months, two major bond issues in the Magic Valley — a \$149 million plan by Twin Falls School District, and a \$26 million proposal in Jerome School District — both passed by hosting events to bring in voters. Twin Falls held carnivals, art nights and performances to attract voters. Jerome held election night open houses in the two facilities that needed to be replaced.

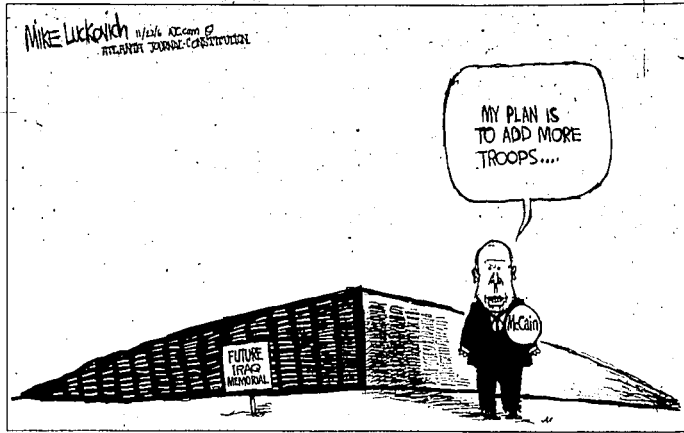
We don't find any fault with those efforts to bring in more voters. What we don't like is when elections are given less attention, and planted on inconspicuous dates. Three years ago, the Jerome and Gooding school districts held supplemental levies elections on the Tuesday after Labor Day. That's not exactly a convenient date for voters, especially in a rural area during the harvest season.

Consolidation of Idaho's elections is valid if it makes the practice efficient, accessible and increases voter turnout. Perhaps legislators could limit voting dates to one specific week in a month, for only a certain number of months in a year. Flexibility should also go to districts that pursue supplemental levies in spring or fall, due to the timing of annual budgets.

But two dates in a year may not hold up to all of those goals. Even the bill's sponsor, Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, said voters may have to vote at various polling places on the two dates in order to weigh in on all issues.

A bill of this nature has the right intentions, but may be too binding for local communities and districts. Until the process can be fair to both voters and local tax districts, it may be a sketchy idea to pass.

Our view: Idaho elections should be consolidated but with a fair range of dates on the calendar. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



A cat without whiskers

So some guy stands up after John McCain's luncheon speech here Friday to a group of business types and asks him a question...

"I've seen in the press where in your run for the presidency, you've been sucking up to the religious right," the man said, adding: "I was just wondering how soon do you predict a Republican candidate for president will start sucking up to the old Rockefeller wing of the Republican Party?"

McCain listened with his eyes downturned, then looked the man in the eye, smiled and replied: "I'm probably going to get in trouble, but what's wrong with sucking up to everybody?" It was a flash of the old McCain, and the audience laughed.

Certainly, the senator has tried to worm his way into the affections of W. and the religious right. The Discovery Institute, a group that tries to derail Darwinism and promote the teaching of Intelligent Design, helped present the lunch, dismaying liberal bloggers who have tracked McCain's devolution on evolution.

A reporter asked the senator if his pandering on Roe v. Wade had made him "the darling and candidate of the ultra right wing?" (In South Carolina earlier this week, he tried to get more evangelical street cred by advocating



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upending Roe v. Wade.) "I dispute that assertion," he replied. "I believe that it was Dr. Dobson recently who said that he prayed that I would not receive the Republican nomination. I was just over at Starbucks this morning. I talk everywhere, and I try to reach out to everyone."

But there's one huge group that he's not pandering to: Americans.

Most Americans are sleek and tired of watching things go hideously backward in Iraq and Afghanistan, and want someone to show them the way out. McCain is stuck on the bridge of a sinking policy with W. and Dick Cheney, who showed again this week that there is no bottom to his lunacy. The senator supported a war that didn't need to be fought and is a cheerleader for a surge that won't work.

It has left McCain, R-Ariz., once the most spontaneous of campaigners, off balance. He's like a cat without its whiskers. When the moderator broached the subject of Iraq after lunch, McCain grimaced, stuck out his tongue a

little and said sarcastically: "Thanks."

Defending his stance, he sounds like a Bill Gates robot prototype, repeating in a monotone: "I believe we've got a new strategy. It can succeed. I can't guarantee success. But I do believe firmly that if we get out now we risk chaos and genocide in the region."

He was asked about Britain's decision to withdraw 1,600 troops from Iraq. "Tony Blair, the prime minister, has shown great political courage," McCain said. "He has literally sacrificed his political career because of Iraq, my friends," because he thought "it was the right thing to do."

He said he worried that Iranian-backed Shiites were taking more and more control of southern Iraq. (That was probably because the Brits kept peace in southern Iraq all along by giving Iranian-backed Shiites more and more control.) And he noted that the British are sending more troops to Afghanistan, "which is very necessary because we're going to have a very hot spring in Afghanistan."

But then he got back to Tony Blair sacrificing his political career, and it was clear that he was also talking about himself. When a reporter later asked him if Iraq might consume his candidacy, he replied evenly: "Sure."

I asked him if he got discouraged when he reads stories like the one in The Wall Street Journal on Friday about Ahmad Chalabi, the man who helped goal and trick the United States into war, who got a position inside the Iraqi government that could help determine whether the Bush administration's new push to secure Baghdad succeeds.

Or the New York Times article on Friday about a couple of Iraqi policemen who joined American forces on searches in Baghdad, but then turned quishing, running ahead to warn residents to hide their weapons and other incriminating evidence.

He nodded. "I think one of the big question marks is how the Maliki government will step up to the plate," he said. And how, I asked him, can Dick Cheney tell ABC News that British troops getting out is "an affirmation that there are parts of Iraq where things are going pretty well," while he says that Democrats who push to get America out would "validate the Qaida strategy." Isn't that nutty?

But McCain was back on his robo-loop: "I can only express my gratitude for the enormous help that the British have given us."

Sometimes I miss John McCain, even when I'm with him.

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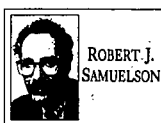
Cost is secondary to major war debate

Anyone who practices deadline journalism is bound to find much to re-visit — things you wish you'd said (or hadn't said) and words, arguments and attitudes that, with hindsight, seem poorly chosen.

Which brings me to my September 2002 column headlined "A War We Can Afford." As the situation in Iraq has deteriorated, some readers have suggested that I revisit that column and confess to error. Let me now take up their invitation, because today's ferocious war debate raises many of the same issues.

Yes, that column made big mistakes. The war has cost far more than I or almost anyone anticipated. Still, I defend the column's central thesis, which remains relevant today: Budget costs should not shape our Iraq policy. Frankly, I don't know what we should do now. But in considering the various proposals — Bush's "surge," fewer troops or redeployment of those already there — the costs should be a footnote. We ought to focus mostly on what's best for America's security.

To be sure, the war's costs have been huge. Since September 2001, Congress has provided \$593 billion for Iraq, Afghanistan and related activities, says the Congressional Budget Office. The administration's request



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for fiscal 2007 (ending in September) and fiscal 2008 would bring the total to \$746 billion. Iraq represents about 70 percent of that. By contrast, my original column put the cost of an Iraq War at up to \$60 billion. That was based on the cost then of the war in Afghanistan (\$10 billion), the cost of the first Gulf War (\$51 billion) and the expectation that another invasion would involve fewer troops (it did).

As to the future, CBO has done two "illustrative" scenarios — one involving a troop reduction to 30,000 by 2010, the other a reduction to 75,000 by 2013. In both, troop levels would remain until 2017. By CBO's estimates, the two scenarios would involve extra spending from 2009 to 2017 of \$269 billion and \$696 billion, respectively.

Finally, the war has created costs that, though they don't appear in accounts labeled "Iraq," are properly attributed to Iraq. Trucks, helicopters and tanks are wearing out at faster rates; they'll have to be replaced or refurbished. Recruiting costs have risen. Veterans' disability benefits

and health costs are increasing. Already, 1.1 million U.S. troops have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, says Linda Blimes, a Harvard budget expert. Since the first Gulf War, almost 40 percent of veterans have received disability benefits, she says. The price for today's wars could be higher. She estimates the present value of future disability and health benefits at between \$300 billion and \$600 billion.

The war on terror has clearly worsened the long-term budget outlook.

How the war in Iraq has gone so lightly? What's missing is context. Dominated by Social Security and health care, the federal budget now totals nearly \$3 trillion annually. Suppose the war's ultimate costs reach \$2 trillion by 2017 (the figure is cumulative, not in any one year). That's a big number, perhaps too big. It's also a wild guess. Still, CBO estimates all federal spending over the same period (2002-2017) will total \$48 trillion; war spending would be about 4 percent. In the same period, the income of the U.S. economy (gross domestic product) would total an estimated \$248 trillion; war spending would be less than 1 percent of that. The point, as I said in 2002, is that we're so wealthy we can wage war almost with pocket change.

With hindsight, it now seems almost incontestable

that the Iraq War should never have been fought. It has eroded our global power, weakened our military and resulted in thousands of American and Iraqi deaths. What I most regret about my earlier column is that it seemed to bless a war, when I was mainly trying to focus attention on questions more important than money. Given the headline I wrote (I) and the fact that those questions came at the end of the column ("Is this war justifiable? ... What would happen if we don't fight? What will happen if we do?"), the reaction was understandable. In truth, I was uncertain about the war then, just as I'm unsure of what to do now.

But I am certain — now as then — that budget consequences should occupy a minor spot in our debates. It's not that the costs are unimportant; it's simply that they're overshadowed by other considerations that are so much more important. We can pay for whatever's necessary, if we decide to do less because that's the most sensible policy, we shouldn't delude ourselves that any "surge" will rescue us from our long-term budget predicament, which involves the huge costs of federal retirement programs. Just because the war is unpopular doesn't mean it's the source of all our problems.

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LETTER

Facts bear out reasons for rejection in World War II

There is a great need for Alma Hesse's letter of Feb. 22 to be answered. Does she mean "revisiting" history or "revising" history? I think it's the latter.

All three cases challenging Executive Order 9066, FDIs means of protecting our nation from the overflow of shortwave radio messages by the Japanese in America to the enemy, Japan ("Magic" by David Lowman, Athena Press, Provo, Utah), Hirobayashi, Yasui and Koromatsu were found in favor of the government in all courts from local superior courts to federal and appeals courts all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. All the courts found that no constitutional rights were violated and that Executive

Order 9066 prevailed, and Hesse's continuing contention that the famed World War II 442nd Central Postal Directory was the most decorated, highly medalized unit "in history."

Someone should inform her that those highly touted medals have been proven — beyond all doubt — to be false.

The Smithsonian Institute had to remove all reference to such in its propagandistic exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," because of false 442nd information contained therein. Only about half the purported medals could be truthfully accounted for.

Check it out, Alma. Such falsities in a letter to any newspaper should be stated in large type. RALPH WILLIS Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Save the girls: Fathers must come to the rescue

When it comes to figuring out what's gone wrong with our culture, we can usually rely on the American Psychological Association to catch on last.

Thus, it came to pass a few days ago that the APA released its findings that American girls are sexualized. And that's bad.

If you missed the headlines, it may be because of stiff competition from the breaking news that Anna Nicole is still dead and Briney is still dis-turbing.

Irony doesn't get to be ironic when it's that conspicuous. The APA report found that girls are sexualized in nearly every medium and product — from ads and video games to clothing, music, and even dolls. Anyone who has walked down an American street the last few years has seen the effects — little girls dressed as tartlets and teens decked in bling, while mom takes pole-dancing lessons at the gym.

We shouldn't need a scientific study to tell us that sexualizing children is damaging, but apparently common sense isn't what it used to be. We can now assert with confidence that most of the primarily girl problems — eating disorders, low self-esteem and depression — can be linked to an over-sexualization that encourages girls to obsess about body image and objectify themselves.

That said, some of the report's find-



KATHLEEN PARKER

ings are — odd. One claim, for instance, is that girls who worry about body image perform poorly in math.

The research that led to this conclusion involved putting college students in dressing rooms to try on and evaluate either a swimsuit or a sweater.

While they waited alone for 10 minutes wearing their assigned garment, they were given a math quiz.

Apparently, female near-nakedness and cognitive thought are incompatible. But you know that. The young women in swimsuits performed significantly worse than those in sweaters. There were no differences among the young men.

Researchers concluded from this that "thinking about the body and comparing it to sexualized cultural ideals disrupted mental capacity."

I'm not a psychologist, but isn't it possible that wearing a bathing suit isn't conducive to math testing, rather than that bathing suits made them so unhappy with their bodies that they can't do math? Paging



Larry Summers. If nothing else, I think we can conclude that girls shouldn't wear bathing suits to take the SAT.

While findings ways to desexualize girls would be a welcome development to sane adults, one wonders why there is no comparable concern about the effects of our sexualized culture on boys.

Although boys are not sexualized to the same degree — a study of magazine ads over a 40-year period found that 85 percent of sexualized children pictured were — surely the incessant barrage of sexual imagery and messages can't be

helpful for boys either.

The APA report makes brief mention that boys, men and even women can be negatively affected by the sexualization of girls. APA researchers confirmed what porn studies also have found — that boys and young men constantly exposed to idealized versions of females may have difficulty finding an "acceptable" partner and enjoying intimacy with a real person.

Nevertheless, there seems to be an unspoken sense that males are getting what they want with 24/7 sex messaging. Implicit is the notion that males are incapable of nobility, or that they might suffer from an objec-

tifying culture that commodifies their human yearning for intimacy.

Also missing from the report is the single factor that seems most predictive of girls' self-objectification — the absence of a father in their lives. Although the task force urges "parents" to help their daughters interpret sexualizing cultural messages, there is little mention of the unique role fathers play in protecting their girls from a voracious, sexualized culture.

Fathers, after all, are the ones who tell their little girls that they're perfect just the way they are; that they don't need to be one bit thinner; and that under no circumstances are they going out of the house dressed that way.

It can't be coincidence that girls' self-objectification — looking for male attention in all the wrong ways — has risen as father presence has declined. At last tally, 30 percent of fathers weren't sleeping in the same house as their biological children.

The APA is calling for more education, more research, forums, girls groups and Web sites to tackle girl sexualization. But my instinctual guess is that getting fathers back into their daughters' lives and back on the job would do more than all the forums and task forces combined. Ultimately, it's a daddy thing.

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LETTERS

Anti-business factions create 'crisis' in Jerome Co.

The last few weeks, we have seen a concerted attempt to create a "crisis mentality" in Jerome County by spreading fear with lies.

The supposed "crisis" is contrived by those who are anti-business and would like to take local control away from the counties. They have no data substantiating the effort to stop businesses from operating in Jerome County from making new applications to build in the county. To justify a moratorium, you have to have a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens of the county. Such a threat does not exist and the suggestion that any citizen is being harmed is nonsense.

Do the citizens of Jerome County want Lee Halper and Clint Siemert to run Blaine County? County deciding who gets to do business and build a home in Jerome County? These environmentalist opportunists have also been trying to make this "crisis" into a state and federal debate by bringing in the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Park Service. This is another program to bring contributions from the guilt-ridden pseudo environmentalists from Blaine County and Hollywood who are flying private jets into and out of their multimillion dollar homes in Sun Valley. Their aim is to take local control away from the counties and give Planning and Zoning powers to the state and federal governments.

If you want Big Brother to control your life, you should jump on this "crisis" bandwagon. Socialism and external planning has brought misery and poverty to billions of people in this world. Don't let it happen in Jerome County under the guise of environmentalism. Call your legislator and support the reasonable commissioners in Jerome County.

DEL KOHTZ
Eden

Dairy reps had full input on new CAFO ordinance

The CAFO story is biased. First of all, to Matt Christensen: Responsible journalism must include all sides. This front-page story in Sunday's paper was everything but. You contacted me for comment, as I sat on the committee from the beginning, and I know you got the other side of this story but chose not to mention it. This committee included everyone that wanted to be there. The dairy industry was amply represented. Their views were very much consid-

ered throughout the process. Opponents were lively and consensus was reached on every subject.

As for Matt Thompson's statement that the dairy industry's input was not considered is bunk. Matt and Dick Marchant, Idaho Dairyman's Association, were at every meeting and represented their charge skillfully and amply. They didn't get everything they wanted and neither did the other side.

This confined animal feeding operation ordinance is a responsible and thorough document in my opinion. Further, I feel it will help save the livestock industry in Gooding County not destroy it.

TERRY RUBY
Gooding

Benefits of consolidation outweigh the demerits

In response to the Feb. 24 articles regarding consolidation of Lincoln County school districts, I would like to give more than just facts but an insider's point of view to help set the benefits of consolidation.

I am a recent graduate of one of these schools and understand the competitiveness between the three schools. However, it is much more than athletics that develops these students and prepares them for their future.

Consolidating the districts would create a better competitive advantage for teachers within Idaho. It would allow for more athletic programs other than football, volleyball, basketball and track, but the potential for baseball, softball and soccer and, academically, programs such as FFA, Business Professionals of America, DECA, Academic Decathlon, competitive music programs and many more. All these activities help develop maturity, leadership and skills that will be useful in the future, in college and help to identify strengths and interests to guide students toward future careers.

There are pros and cons of graduating from a smaller school, just like there will be from a larger school.

Ultimately, I have to see the benefits outweigh the costs, especially when industry and jobs are becoming so much more competitive.

I'm asking the parents, taxpayers and voters to put away the immediate reaction of rivalry and negativity toward change and consider the situation well-being. This will be a big change, one that will take time. The county is growing and, with it, more and more students who will be affected.

COURTNEY SORENSEN
Shoshone
(Editor's note: Courtney Sorensen is a business major studying production and operations management at the University of Idaho in Moscow.)

Media share responsibility for Josh Barnes case

I know the Barnes family very well, and I do know the past few months have brought tragedy to their doorstep. Josh was a good kid, a good sportsman and a great son. Everyone who knew him loved him. He was full of aspirations and potential. We are all sorry to lose him.

Because of mixed up communication, over-zealous police officers and no parents to consult with, he was pushed into a corner, scared, and now is gone for good. Believe what you want, but if you would have had the chance to know Josh, you may have understood what he went through.

I blame it on the media. If it bleeds, it leads, and they speculate in hot news. Everyone is interested in blood and guts and no one is interested in the kids selling lemonade on the

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AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Iraq announces meeting with Iran, Syria and U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's neighbors including Iran and Syria have agreed to join U.S. and British representatives to discuss the Iraqi security crisis at a regional conference March 10 in Baghdad, the government said Wednesday.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said he will be issuing formal invitations shortly to the neighboring countries and the five permanent U.N. Security Council members — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China — to send deputy foreign ministers or senior officials to the conference.

Zebari, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Sweden, said the Iraqis agreed to participate in a meeting with the other neighbors but "they have some questions" about a separate session that would be held the same day with the five permanent council members.

His words seemed to indicate that Iran was at least partly unhappy with the arrangements for the conference, and weighing the extent of its own participation.

Security gains touted despite violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi officials announced Wednesday what they said were tangible signs that the latest joint security crackdown launched here more than two weeks ago is working — even as car bombs, mortar attacks and shootings continued to claim lives.

In separate declarations, representatives of the U.S. and Iraqi security forces said they had killed dozens of militants, captured hundreds and seized large caches of weaponry since the crackdown began Feb. 13.

The announcements came as many Iraqis have begun expressing frustration with the nascent security push. Multiple daily attacks have continued in their neighborhoods, they say, even as they have put up with repeated

raids, house-to-house searches and vehicle stops by government security forces.

Observers interviewed Wednesday night agreed the initial effort has been moderately successful, at least in reducing the number of sectarian death-squad executions, and that many Iraqis have been reassured by the heavy presence of security forces on the streets. But they said more needed to be done to stop bombing attacks.

"Checkpoints can intercept armed groups," said Adnan Ubaidi, the editor of al-Istisqama, a newspaper published by the leading Shiite voting bloc in the Iraqi Parliament. "But they cannot intercept or stop car bombs, because car bombs are looking for checkpoints. Checkpoints and patrols cannot stop more terror rounds being launched from kilometers far away."

Sunnis Arabs agreed that the security efforts appear to have reduced execution-style killings, but some questioned whether that was because the killers had temporarily melted away rather than confronting security forces. They also said pressure was being applied to their sect unequally and that innocents were wrongly being caught up in dragnets.

FLORIDA

Judge rules Padilla competent to stand trial

MIAMI — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Jose Padilla is competent to stand trial on terrorism charges, rejecting lawyers' allegations that torture inflicted during his military imprisonment has rendered him psychologically unable to mount a defense.

The ruling leaves aside for now the question of whether Padilla, accused of being an al-Qaida operative, was mistreated during his 31/2-year confinement in the Navy brig in Charleston, S.C., after being declared an "enemy combatant" by President Bush.

Instead, the ruling found that whether or not he was abused, Padilla is currently capable of understanding the legal proceedings and their

consequences, and that he can assist his attorneys. That is enough under legal standards to find him fit for trial.

"This defendant is a knowing participant" in the proceedings, U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke said.

Neither the defense attorneys nor prosecutors would comment afterward.

FRANCE

Picassos stolen from granddaugher's house

PARIS — At least two Picasso paintings worth a total of nearly \$66 million were stolen from the house of the artists' granddaughter in Paris, police said Wednesday.

The paintings, *Maya and the Doll* and *Portrait of Jacqueline*, disappeared overnight Monday to Tuesday from the chic 7th arrondissement, or district, a Paris police official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said they were worth nearly \$66 million, and that there were signs of breaking and entering in the house.

The Art Loss Register, which maintains the world's largest

database "on stolen, missing and looted art, lists 549 missing Picasso pieces, including paintings, lithographs, drawings and ceramics.

The number of missing Picassos is so high simply because Picasso was so prolific, said Antonio Kimbrell, a staff member with the register. She said the Paris theft was "definitely quite significant."

Although police only mentioned the two paintings, the director of the Picasso Museum, Anne Baldassarri, said several paintings and drawings were stolen from the home of Diana Widmaier-Picasso, an art historian and author of a book called "Art Can Only Be Erotic."

AUSTRIA

Prescription drug abuse to soon exceed narcotics

VIENNA, Austria — Abuse of prescription drugs is about to exceed the use of illicit street narcotics worldwide, and the shift has spawned a hotly new trade in counterfeit painkillers, sedatives and other medicines potent enough to kill, a global watchdog warned Wednesday.

Prescription drug abuse already has outstripped traditional illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine and Ecstasy in parts of Europe, Africa and South Asia, the U.N.-affiliated International Narcotics Control Board said in its annual report for 2006.

In the United States alone, the abuse of painkillers, stimulants, tranquilizers and other prescription medications has gone beyond "practically all illicit drugs with the exception of...cannabis," with users increasingly turning to them first, the group said.

Unregulated markets in many countries make it easy for traffickers to peddle a wide variety of counterfeit drugs using courier services, the mail and the Internet.

"Gains over the past years in international drug control may be seriously undermined by this ominous development if it remains unchecked," Narcotics Control Board President Philip O. Emswold said. Discourt medications that seem to be authentic often turn out to be powerful knock-offs concocted from recipes posted on the Web, he added.

PENNSYLVANIA

Middle school principal accused of dealing meth

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — A middle school principal accused of selling crystal methamphetamine from his office after school and on weekends was arrested after police found the drug on his desk, authorities said Wednesday.

There was no indication that John Accera sold the drug to students at Nitschmann Middle School, where he was arrested Tuesday, said Dennis Mihalopoulos, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Police said they began investigating Accera in early February after an informant told them the principal was using and distributing the drug.

Accera, 50, who was in custody in lieu of bail, has an

unlisted phone number, and it wasn't clear whether he had an attorney. No one answered the door Wednesday at his modest rowhouse along a narrow alley in Allentown.

GEORGIA

Health experts betting on bird flu's spread

ATLANTA — Think bird flu will become a worldwide threat this summer? Wanna put some money on that?

In an unusual effort to better predict the advance of a potential flu pandemic, public health experts will be staked about \$100 apiece to bet on the spread of bird flu. This type of grim futures market has also been created to predict hurricanes and temporarily, a few years ago, terrorist attacks.

In this case, the goal is to develop a faster way to collect expert opinion about the potential spread of a deadly disease outbreak.

"Farmers have used futures markets for decades to make decisions about what crops to plant. We're just borrowing that concept to help people in public health and health care make decisions about the future," said Dr. Phil Volgreen, a University of Iowa assistant professor of medicine who helped create the project.

It's being funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which is donating nearly \$250,000 to the effort.

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2007 REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT: CLASS 1A BOYS STATE BASKETBALL

Northside reps fall at state

By Bradley Greer
Times-News writer

CALDWELL — An afternoon hard luck from field-goal paring meant disaster for the Magic Valley Northside teams at the Class 1A boys state basketball tournament.

The conference champion and top District IV seed Richfield Tigers fell 64-51 to the Greenleaf Friends Grizzlies Wednesday at Caldwell High School.

Hitting 24-of-39 shots (61.5 percent), the Grizzlies, the fifth seed from District III, built a lead in the second quarter and maintained it through the final horn. The Tigers kept up in the first period, but only scored eight points in the second.

They stepped up and hit the buckets, Richfield head coach Garr Ward said. "We needed to match that, but we didn't."

Richfield fared better in the second half and chipped Greenleaf's lead to eight during the fourth quarter, but it was too little and too late.

Four players scored in double digits for the Grizzlies, while only Shayne Buckner and Michael Lezamid could do the same for the Tigers. Buckner put up a game-high 26 points. Lezamid added 10.

Also hurting the Tigers was the lack of visits to the free-throw line, which led to just five Richfield attempts. Where the Tigers capitalized was recording points off turnovers as they scored 19 points off 19 Grizzlies turnovers. Yet, against the balanced Greenleaf offense was too much.

Richfield falls to the consolation bracket, where it will meet Mackay today at 1:15 p.m.



Richfield's Michael Lezamid (5) fights for the ball with a Greenleaf Friend's Tyrrell Dock Wednesday during the first round of the Class 1A state tournament at Caldwell High School.

Genesee 61, Carey 38

These Bulldogs had bite. Holding the Carey Panthers to just three points in the first quarter, the Genesee Bulldogs took the clamp on Carey early for a 61-38 blowout during the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Genesee's 6-foot-6 senior post Ray Stout took into the Panthers for a 29-point, 16-rebound double-double, while Beau Dahmen netted 11.

The Panthers struggled with shooting as they hit only 13-of-45 field goal attempts, including 1-for-13 in the opening period. "Can't win ball games with that," said Carey coach Dick Simpson.

Brad Hanz and Allen Peck scored in double digits with 16 and 10 points, respectively, but it wasn't enough to overcome Stout.

In addition, the Bulldogs outrebounded the Panthers 44-25 and had 15 offensive boards leading to multiple second-chance buckets. Simpson said the height disparity between his 6-foot-1 and 5-foot-10 players really showed against Stout. "We did



AT LEFT: Richfield's Shayne Buckner blocks a shot by Greenleaf Friend's Kaleb Fischer (21) Wednesday. AT RIGHT: Carey's Tyler Parks has the ball knocked away by a Genesee player Wednesday during the Panthers' 61-38 loss at Vallivue High School.



our best against him," said Simpson.

The Panthers will play Clark Fork today in the consolation bracket at 1:15 p.m.

Simpson said shooting the ball better and running the floor against a bigger, but slower Clark Fork team will be the key to staying alive at state.

State Scores

Greenleaf Friends 64, Richfield 51
Genesee 61, Carey 38
Mackay 42, Vallivue 34

Genesee 61, Carey 38

Genesee 24, Carey 13
Genesee 14, Carey 12
Genesee 23, Carey 13

Hagerman wins, stays in title hunt

Murtaugh boys fall in opener

By Bradley Greer
Times-News writer

CALDWELL — And then there was one.

The Magic Valley Southside champion Hagerman Pirates drew the final game of the night, but walked out the lone District IV team to advance to the championship bracket of the Class 1A boys state basketball tournament.

The Pirates weren't handed anything by the Tri-Valley Titans and scrapped through the end to win a nail-biting 63-58 first-round game at Vallivue High School Wednesday.

"I figured it would be a tough game," Hagerman head coach Kevin Cato said. "They did some things that we need to make adjustments on to play well today."

Leading 39-24 near the end of the third quarter, the Pirates looked to be sitting comfortable, but the Titans begged to differ. Going on an 11-point run into the fourth quarter, Tri-Valley narrowed the gap to 41-35 and from then on, Hagerman had to fight in order to retain any advantage.

Despite layups from Jake Turnbull, Mark Macedo and Kevin Fry — not to mention an "eat that" dunk off a steal from 6-foot-4 Titans post Jace Southwick — the Pirates stood tall, even when Tri-Valley came within a bucket of tying the game.

Pirates seniors Jason Brown and Tony Novak kept the offense with 28 and 24 points, respectively, but Brown had a bit more on his plate than

usual as point guard Brualo Carlos fouled out early in the fourth and Brown had to take over the ball handling duties.

"Jason stepped up and kept his composure," Cato said. "That was huge."

In addition, Brown hit 3-of-4 from the free-throw line along with 2-of-2 from sophomore post Tanner Owen at under a minute left to preserve the win. The Pirates know they squandered more than one double-digit lead Wednesday and look to remedy that situation in the future.

"We had a lot of chances to put it away, but we didn't," Brown said. "It shouldn't have been that close. But we learned to do it."

The Pirates advance to face Cascade today, remaining District IV's lone hope of bringing back a championship.

"I didn't expect three of the four teams to fall out, especially not Richfield," Brown said. "I'm disappointed, but now we're representing so we need to do something about it."

Despite the best efforts of Jose Saucedo and Taylor Wilson, the Murtaugh Red Devils now play for a consolation game after dropping their opening-round game to the Coeur d'Alene Charter Panthers, 72-65, on Wednesday at Caldwell High School.

Murtaugh trailed 20-12 after a quarter, but mounted a comeback that didn't give the Red Devils the lead headed into halftime, but did provide enough momentum to do so in the third. The teams battled

Coeur d'Alene Charter 72, Murtaugh 65

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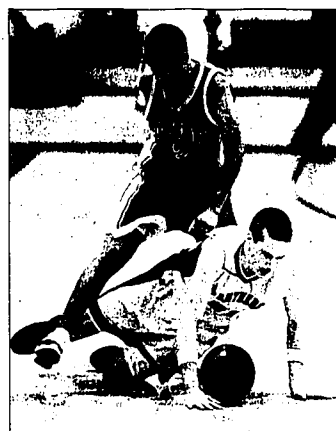
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Murtaugh guard Jose Saucedo runs over a Coeur d'Alene Charter player Wednesday during the opening round of the Class 1A boys state tournament at Caldwell High School. The Red Devils lost 72-65.

CSI women fall to No. 24

Women's NCAAA Div. I Poll

Final 2007

1. Southwestern Illinois (9)	285	197	2
2. Sweet Country CC, Kan. (2)	270	182	3
3. North Point, Texas (1)	270	182	3
4. Eastern Illinois, Ill. (1)	270	182	3
5. South Plains, Texas (1)	270	182	3
6. Wall Creek CC, Ky. (1)	270	182	3
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20. Eastern Illinois, Ill. (1)	270	182	3

The 22-6 CSI women slipped seven spots to No. 24 in the poll released Wednesday. The Golden Eagles (13-5 South West Athletic Conference) split at Snow College last week, following an 81-75 loss with a 79-70 win. SWAC leader Salt Lake Community College (23-5, 15-3) is ranked No. 20. Southeastern Illinois took over the top spot in the rankings, rising up from No. 2. Previews for No. 1 South Plains and No. 2 Eastern Illinois despite an unbesten 27-0 record.

The Golden Eagles close their regular season with home games against

BSU agrees to deal with three filmmakers

Documentary work will begin Monday

BOISE (AP) — Boise State University has reached an agreement with three Boise-based filmmakers to produce a documentary about the football team's undefeated season.

Director Michael Hoffman, producer Heather Rae and producer and writer Russell Fradenberg will begin work on the documentary Monday.

They were among five groups that contacted the school about the exclusive movie rights to the Broncos' story, said Frank Zang, Boise State's director of communications and marketing.

Hoffman is a Boise State graduate who has worked on several major movies. Rae and Fradenberg are

Boise State professors who teamed up on the documentary "Trudell," which was shown at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival.

"They emerged at the top of our list in terms of who we may be interested in working with in this project," Zang said, "because they brought together these impeccable film-making credentials along with a local connection."

The Broncos were 13-0 last season, culminating in a 43-42 overtime victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. They finished the season ranked No. 5 in the final Associated Press poll.

The trio will produce the documentary as a launching point for a potential movie.

Boise State and the filmmakers likely won't make any profit from the documentary, Rae said. The potential windfall is in the movie rights.

The filmmakers will use the documentary to develop story ideas for the movie and try to sell the idea to a studio, which could bring Boise State a rights fee between \$25,000 and \$750,000.

The documentary will feature interviews with players, coaches, administrators and fans along with footage provided by Boise State, though access will be limited with coaches and current players. BSU coach Chris Petersen has expressed concern about letting his players dwell on the past.

"It's controlled and appropriate access," Rae said. "It's just as much as we need while being very mindful of the fact that Coach Petersen's No. 1 priority is the '07 season."

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2. Matt Kenseth	25	20	254	141
3. Jimmie Johnson	24	17	254	141
4. Kevin Harvick	23	17	254	141
5. Jeff Burton	22	17	254	141

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19:30 - Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.	Las Vegas, Nev.
20:00 - Phoenix	7:00 p.m.	Phoenix, Ariz.
20:30 - Atlanta	7:00 p.m.	Atlanta, Ga.
21:00 - Indianapolis	7:00 p.m.	Indianapolis, Ind.
21:30 - Charlotte	7:00 p.m.	Charlotte, N.C.
22:00 - Richmond	7:00 p.m.	Richmond, Va.
22:30 - Phoenix	7:00 p.m.	Phoenix, Ariz.
23:00 - Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.	Las Vegas, Nev.
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Atlanta	0	0	0.000
Baltimore	0	0	0.000
Boston	0	0	0.000
Braves	0	0	0.000
California	0	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0	0.000
Cincinnati	0	0	0.000
Cleveland	0	0	0.000
Colorado	0	0	0.000
Detroit	0	0	0.000
Florida	0	0	0.000
Houston	0	0	0.000
Los Angeles	0	0	0.000
Mariners	0	0	0.000
Montreal	0	0	0.000
New York	0	0	0.000
Philadelphia	0	0	0.000
Pittsburgh	0	0	0.000
San Diego	0	0	0.000
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Seattle	0	0	0.000
St. Louis	0	0	0.000
Tampa Bay	0	0	0.000
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Washington	0	0	0.000
White Sox	0	0	0.000
Yankees	0	0	0.000

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Arizona	1	0	1.000
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Baltimore	0	0	0.000
Boston	0	0	0.000
Braves	0	0	0.000
California	0	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0	0.000
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White Sox	0	0	0.000
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MAJOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL

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Braves	0	0	0	0.000
California	0	0	0	0.000
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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loner

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



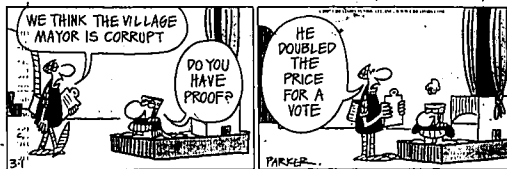
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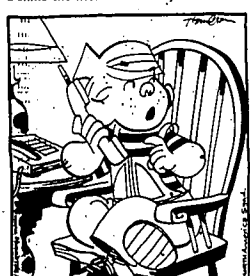
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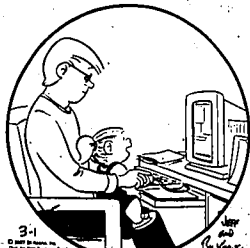
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Sleep study leads to solution for wife's snoring problem

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter from "Teresa in Daytona, Fla." (Jan. 14), who said she loves her husband dearly in the daytime, but at night she'd like to file for divorce. She said that the night before she woke up, she'd had a nightmare that a growling animal was stalking her and awoke to find the noise was coming from him. The same problem existed in my marriage—but I was the problem, not my husband. I am a young wife and former snorer who underwent a sleep study at a sleep disorder clinic in order to reverse my husband's. The data collected from the sleep study led to procedures on my nose, tonsils and tongue that not only cured the snoring, but also improved my overall quality of life.



DEAR ABBY:
Jeanne Phillips

hotel hallways.
—SLEEPING WELL NOW IN STOCKTON

DEAR ABBY: May I offer my snoring spouse's rest. He doesn't have sleep apnea, as she says, then he should ask his dentist about a "snore guard."

I have been providing this service to my patients for several years, after making one for my stepfather. My mother suffered for years with his snoring until I made one for him. The procedure is simple and painless. The dentist takes impressions for molds of the patient's teeth and sends them to a laboratory, which then fabricates the guard. It's a clear plastic device that covers the patient's teeth, similar to the orthodontic worn by patients who clench or grind their teeth at night.

—DR. CAROLINE C. IN ILLINOIS

—TAMMY IN CROWLEY, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My husband snores like Teresa's. For years I was awakened repeatedly throughout the night. I kept getting sick with colds and flu, which grew more severe. I became less effective at work and almost lost my job.

I have used a hearing protection headset I bought at an industrial safety store. (It's the kind worn by the workers on airport runways while they guide the jet planes to the dock.) Snoring and jet airplane engines are in about the same sound range, and the headset cuts 90 to 95 percent of the noise.

DEAR QUIET SLEEPER: Bless you for sharing the solution to your problem. The letters I received from readers who identified with "Teresa" and wanted to offer help were varied and enlightening. Read on.

—THANKFUL DID IN DAVIS, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: My husband snores so loud that he can be heard from the other side of the house. Sleeping in one of the other bedrooms isn't an option for me simply because "them," we are married.

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I found that disposable 32-decibel earplugs—the kind that are used for shooting handguns and can be found in

Take some getting used to, but an added advantage is they also eliminate being awakened by garbage trucks, traffic noise or noisy people in

Cat breathed fear into Scotland's mice

The world's most successful mousetrap was a tortoise-shell cat named Towser who reportedly killed nearly 29 million rodents during 24 years of service at the Glenurquhart Distillery in Tayside, Scotland—an average of three mice a day.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

One of the least successful mousetraps was likely Himmu, a tabby from Queensland, Australia, who was also the fattest cat ever recorded. He weighed 47 pounds and had to be carted around in a wheelbarrow when traveling.

Mars is most famous as the god of armed conflict, he was also the god of agriculture, and the mythical founder of Rome. (You might say he was first in war, first in peas, and first in the start of his countrymen.)

The first two moons called Phobos and Deimos. They were named after the two horses that pulled the god Mars' war chariot. Their names mean "fear" and "panic."

Are you safe from sharks if you're in a freshwater river? Not necessarily. The bull shark, (*Carcharhinus leucas*) frequently swims far up rivers from the ocean.

Best to avoid Jupiter if you can diet. A 100-pound earthling would weigh 260 pounds there.

You've probably heard of Jack Russell terriers, but do you know who Jack Russell was? Rev. John ("Jack") Russell, was an English clergyman who bred dogs between sermons.

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"IT'S NOT A TELEMARKETER, MOM. SHOULD I STILL HAND UP?"

"In kindergarten we're learning to cut and paste without even using a computer."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Continued and breezy with light snow showers and flurries. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.
Tonight: A brisk southwest breeze with mostly cloudy skies and lingering snow showers. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Early clouds and maybe a few m. snow showers, otherwise, mostly dry. Highs near 40.

BURLEVE/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Btk winds, cloudy, skies and light snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Breezy and cloudy with lingering snow showers and flurries. Lows lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Chance of early snow showers, otherwise, partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Light snow and continue for much of today with a few to several inches of new snow possible. Light snow for tonight with snow showers on Friday. A few snow showers will again be possible Saturday.

Today Highs: 21 to 27 Tonight's Lows: 8 to 15

BOISE

Cold temperatures for another day with light snow showers and a few flurries. A brisk southwest breeze with light snow showers and flurries. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.
Tonight: Breezy and cloudy with lingering snow showers and flurries. Lows lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Chance of early snow showers, otherwise, partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs upper 30s.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

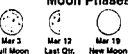
Yesterday's Weather

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ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Lists times for various days.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.V. Index, Description. Shows index levels and their effects.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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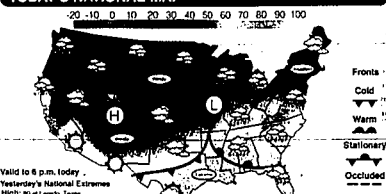
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists weather for major national cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists weather for major world cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CREDIT EXPRESS advertisement with logo and contact information.

CANADIAN FORECAST advertisement with weather details for Canadian cities.

First BALCO, now an East Coast steroid scandal



Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. heads into the batting cage to take batting practice during spring training workouts at Tempe Diablo Stadium Wednesday in Tempe, Ariz. Matthews was named as a customer in an illicit steroid sales network among other athletes and celebrities, according to the Times Union of Albany.

By Nancy Amour Associated Press writer
The West Coast had BALCO. Now the East Coast could be in the midst of its own steroid scandal.
An illicit steroid distribution network, which may be responsible for Internet sales of performance-enhancing drugs nationwide, has been targeted by an upstate New York prosecutor. Customers reportedly included Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and former baseball star Jose Canseco.

their investigation is over.
Former Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Jason Grimsley and a doctor for the Pittsburgh Steelers were reportedly linked to Signature Pharmacy in Orlando, according to the Times Union of Albany, which first disclosed the widespread investigation.
The paper also said Matthews, Canseco and Holyfield were allegedly on the customer list of Applied Pharmacy Services in Mobile, Ala., whose two owners have been indicted by an Albany County grand jury.
SI.com, meanwhile, reported that Matthews allegedly was sent Genotropin, a brand of synthetic growth hormone, in August 2004.
The drug, which came from Applied Pharmacy, was sent to the address in Mansfield, Texas, of one of Matthews' former minor league teammates, according to the Internet site.
Matthews, speaking to reporters at the Angels' spring training camp in Mesa, Ariz., said he wasn't in a position to answer any specific questions.

"I do expect it to resolve itself here in the near future... Until we get more information, I just can't comment on it," he said.
Canseco's attorney, Robert Sunnooke, told The Associated Press he would be surprised if the former slugger had been a client.
"I would find it highly unlikely," he said. "All the steroids that he got were prescribed to him or were from people in the gym."
"There's never been anything he's gotten online."
A message left with Holyfield was not immediately returned. Grimsley's lawyer, Joe Dick, declined comment, and his attorney did not return a phone call.
Investigators say they've found evidence that testosterone and other performance-enhancing drugs may have been fraudulently prescribed to athletes who included professional and college athletes.
"We've known for a long time that coaches, doctors, even companies prey and enable our athletes to use drugs against the rules," Travis Tygart,

counsel for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said. "It's these types of national law enforcement efforts that will be most successful in bringing the manufacturers and distributors of these drugs to their knees."
"And that's good for all of sports and our athletes."
Snores has refused to answer most questions about the case, which involves steroid indictments. But he did say his two-year investigation began after an Albany doctor was arrested for allegedly trafficking with narcotics online.
"I understand that the involvement of athletes and celebrities makes this a sexy story, but I assure you we are not, at this point, we are not concerned with the celebrity factor," Snores said Tuesday in Orlando, where federal and state agents raided two Signature Pharmacy stores and arrested four company officials.
"Our focus here is to shut down distribution channels."
And that's what makes this latest steroid investigation so significant, doping officials said.

Cards' Wainwright starts conversion to rotation

The Associated Press
Adam Wainwright threw the final pitch of the season and one of the first at spring training this year.
Wainwright, who closed out the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series win in October, opened his bid for a job in his team's rebuilt rotation with three hitless innings Wednesday in a 6-3 win over the Florida Marlins.
Wainwright earned the win on the first day of exhibition play between major league teams. He walked one and fell behind several other batters at Jupiter, Fla. But he still needed only 30 pitches — 15 strikes — to get through the first three innings, facing 10 batters.
"I did some things well to get some first-pitch outs, but I did a lot of things I'll need to improve on," he said. "All in all it was a good first day."
Manager Tony La Russa agreed.
"I thought he was great," La Russa said. "He was impressive, just the way he has been since the first day he started throwing down here. I mean, he wants that job."
Wainwright will likely be a starter this season, unless closer Jason Isringhausen has a setback in his rehabilitation from hip surgery. Wainwright filled in for an injured Isringhausen last October, allowed no earned run in 9 2/3 postseason innings and saved the clinch-

ing games against the New York Mets in the NL championship series and the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.
"I feel like three days away," Wainwright said. "No off-season — I spent a lot of time with these guys. But at the same time, my thinking was it was a million years away. I'm really trying to forget about that."
"I feel I haven't proved anything yet. I have to prove myself all over again, as a starter. Hopefully I can just guide some of these guys I'm going to do all right."
Former Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel, bidding for spot on the roster as an outfielder, went 2-for-2 with a two-run single but was thrown out at the plate twice.
At Tucson, Ariz., White Sox closer Bobby Jenks threw nine pitches in Chicago's opening spring training game before being taken out against Colorado because of tightness in his right shoulder.
Jenks, who led the White Sox with 41 saves last year and was an instrumental part of Chicago's late season run to the 2005 World Series, was to be evaluated Thursday.
He faced only three batters in a 12-4 loss to Colorado before reliever Craig Callender took him out. Jenks doesn't expect to miss any game action.
"There is no pain at all, no sharp pain," Jenks said.

PRO FOOTBALL Jamal Lewis released by Baltimore

Brad Johnson let go by Vikings
The Associated Press
Jamal Lewis, whose 2,066 yards rushing in 2003 were the second-most in NFL history, was cut by the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday.
Lewis was one of several players released as teams maneuvered to find salary cap space before the end of the free-agent period started Friday. However, the Ravens said they are still attempting to re-sign Lewis.
Among the other name players cut were Cincinnati linebacker Brian Simmons; Minnesota quarterback Brad Johnson, a 15-year veteran; and wide receiver Eric Moulds, who played for Houston last season after 10 years as a standout with Buffalo.
Washington finished restructuring Mark Brunell's contract, creating more space under the salary cap while ensuring he will return to the team next season.
Also Wednesday, the Chicago Bears signed coach Lovie Smith to a four-year contract extension through the 2011 season and general manager Jerry Angelo to a contract extension through 2013.
Bears spokesman Jim Christman said the team would have no further comment Wednesday night, but would hold a news conference Thursday.
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19-team AFL kicks off today
NEW YORK (AP) — The Arena Football League enters its third decade with a new broadcast partner that happens to own a portion of the 19-team organization.
ESPN signed a five-year deal to telecast games, including a Monday night package. The television network also will provide expanded multimedia coverage.
Most significantly, though, ESPN has equity in the AFL, which kicks off its 21st season when Nashville hosts Columbus on Thursday night.
"ESPN ends up being the largest single owner in the AFL," said David Baker, who enters his 11th year as AFL commissioner. "We want the strongest incentives for them in growing the Arena Football League. It's the longest agreement we've had with anybody. What (gives them incentive) is what they can potentially make and how they can grow."
That paid him \$1.35 million in 2006. Smith was scheduled to make \$1.45 million next year.
The 27-year-old Lewis, the NFL's offensive player of the year after his big season, had slipped in recent years and rushed for 1,132 yards last season with just a 3.6 average. His problems were due to injuries and perhaps to a term in prison in the 2005 offseason after pleading guilty to using a cell phone to set up a drug buy.
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Fish and Game Commission.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2007-00057-4
NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2007-00058-0
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2007-836
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-07-633
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS STORAGE BUILDING AT RUPERT
The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, is hereby advertising for sealed bids to be received for STORAGE UNIT, EAST MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL, & RUPERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IDAHO, on March 7th, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. local prevailing time.

NOTICE OF REZONE HEARING
You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of March, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a re-zone of approximately six (6) acres of property located in Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 16 East E.M. and adjoined approximately as 4275 North 2600 East, Idaho, from Agricultural to Rural Residential.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children come within the County jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government changes all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 12, 2007, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Council Chambers, Suburb Office, 215 Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2007-233
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Money for more math and science

Lawmakers approve funding for increased math and science requirements

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho may soon receive the money it needs to increase math and science requirements, but educators say there will not be enough qualified instructors to teach the subjects.

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee (JFAC) voted last week to fund new math and science requirements for high school students. Earlier in the session, members of the House Education Committee voted to implement rules proposed by the Idaho State Board of Education. The

rules will require graduating students in Idaho to successfully pass three years in both math and science.

According to the State Board of Education, \$500,000 will be designated for funding increased math and science requirements.

But educators say Idaho is already struggling to find enough math and science teachers — even under the existing requirements.

“I think there will be an issue of whether or not there will be enough math and science teachers to meet the need,” said Ben-Allen, principal of Twin Falls High School. “And I think

we all believe that the answer is ‘No.’”

The state is trying to change that with House Bill 203, which proposes to reimburse students up to \$5,000 if they pursue a teaching degree in high-need areas like math, science and speech pathology. To be eligible for the reimbursement, teachers would be required to work in Idaho for a minimum of one year.

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“It’s all part of the process,” said Mark Browning, communications officer for the State Board of Education. “The board believes that this (funding) is a good starting point, but the teacher shortage also needs to be addressed in the process.”

But many schools will not be affected by the proposed increase in math and science requirements because they already meet or exceed the

requirements. Twin Falls High School already requires credits in math and science to graduate. And this year the Meridian School District began requiring four credits in both math and science to graduate.

Regardless of each school’s requirements, educators agree that something needs to be done to improve proficiency in math and science.

“We already have about 70 percent of our students taking math their senior year,” Allen said. “But that’s just because we have a lot of students who are struggling with math — just like the rest of the nation.”

The public schools’ \$1.37 billion budget still requires a vote by the House and Senate, as well as a signature by Gov. Butch Otter before it is approved.

If approved, the new requirements will start with the graduating class of 2013.

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Filer on alert

A stranger seen following kids home

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Students at Filer Elementary are being warned to be on the lookout for a man who may be following students home after school.

Officials were first notified on Friday and again Tuesday that a man with a mustache had followed two girls walking along Stevens Street to Idaho Street, just blocks from the elementary school.

Filer Police Department Patrol Officer Bill Detz said they have beefed up patrols around the area and are on alert.

“We take every type of call seriously,” Detz said. “At this point, we are watching for a male with a mustache, driving a red (Chevrolet) Blazer.”

Filer Elementary Principal Iwab Robinson said students were warned Wednesday after police notified the school of the incident.

“If more incidents occur, then we will send notes home,” Robinson said. “Police have been patrolling the area after school and we are keeping an eye out.”

Officials found out about the incidents when Amanda Bohr called police Friday after she was called by her 10-year-old daughter, who was walking home with her 7-year-old sister. The first names of the students were not released.

Bohr said on Friday her daughter had seen the man darting around parked cars while the siblings walked along Idaho Street. The girls ran into a relative’s house.

On Tuesday, Bohr said the man got even closer to her girls but fled when her oldest daughter screamed. She said her daughter saw the man get into his red Blazer, parked in the 600 block of Idaho Street, and drive off.

“This happened on Friday and again yesterday,” she said. “People in Filer need to be aware that there is a guy out there following kids home.”

When police were notified of Tuesday’s incident, they were just blocks away. “We saw a red Blazer leaving the area but the license plate was an Oregon Veteran’s plate and we are looking for an Idaho plate, possibly with a flower on it,” Detz said.

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A COLD WAIT



With a high of only 31 degrees, Blaine County School District crossing guard Calisto Barayzarra waits his post Wednesday afternoon in Halley while waiting for students who need to cross the street.

Ag test results bill goes to House floor for vote

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Proposed legislation by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to seal test results from livestock companies has been resubmitted three times amid criticism that it’s too secretive.

Its supporters tried Wednesday to clear things up.

“It’s time for a little bit of a reality check,” Bob Neebrou of the Idaho State Dairyman’s Association told the House Agricultural Affairs.

“You’re in competition with three other states for testing and those three other states give us the protection.”

Those states — Colorado, Washington and Wyoming — provide confidentiality to livestock producers and veterinarians, who will continue to go outside the state



without privacy here, he said.

The committee agreed, sending the bill to the House floor on a 7-3 vote.

More than a month ago the ISDA proposed keeping test results submitted by seal and livestock and livestock companies from the public record.

The bill was rewritten amid “confusion” and moved between two committees before being withdrawn again and submitted in its current form, in separate bills for feed and livestock producers.

“We have been losing a lot of samples,” said John

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House approves bill to allow state say in power facility siting

BOISE — The state House approved a bill Wednesday that would allow state agencies to assist county officials on power facility siting decision.

The legislation, which passed on a 51-19 vote, is one of the recommendations of the recently drafted state energy plan, which the House adopted Monday.

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum — who introduced amendments to the proposal in a committee — voted against the bill, saying it was permissive and does not protect citizens

without state oversight.

“My concern is what I like to call ‘siting-lite,’ like Perpetual Life or Coal Light,” she said. “It appears to me there’s not enough here.”

The bill’s sponsor, Rep. Mark Snodgrass, R-Meridian, said the permissiveness was intentional and that county officials would seek information from state agencies.

“Great taste, less filling is probably a good thing for some,” he said. “This is perhaps ‘siting-lite’ but I’d say great benefits while we retain local control.”

No such luck

Gooding woman one of 210 who waited for Prize Patrol

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — When a UPS truck pulled into her Gooding driveway Friday, Dede Rice didn’t think too much about it.

Until she read the letter. “I have some good news,” the letter from Publishers Clearing House said. “You will be announced a prize winner of at least \$1,000.”

Out of millions of contestants, Rice was named one of 210 people with a shot at winning \$10 million. Only one would get the grand prize and the remaining 209 would win \$1,000.

Rice, 66, couldn’t believe it. She had been playing the sweepstakes for many years and even bought magazines from the company in the past but had never won anything.

The letter explained that all she

had to do was wait through Wednesday to see if the Prize Patrol would surprise her.

“At first I was pretty shocked and I called and told everyone I knew,” Rice said. “I just couldn’t believe it.”

However, the oversized check for \$10 million, balloons, flowers and fanfare didn’t come knocking on her door.

“Unfortunately, I don’t think they’re coming,” Rice said Wednesday afternoon with a quick glance out the front window. “It’s already after 3:30 p.m. and the winner is supposed to be announced during the news tonight.”

Her mother, Georgia Hoyt, lives with Rice and waited the day out with her.

“I was so excited for her,” Hoyt said. “It would have been wonderful.”

Not winning the big prize is a little bit of a let down, Rice said, but the money wasn’t exactly burning a hole in her pocket even if the thought of where to spend at least some of the money had crossed her mind.

“I probably would have bought a new car and new home,” she said. “And maybe would have traveled. It would be nice to see the world. I’m retired so I would have had plenty of time for that.”

Rice is now waiting for her \$1,000 prize, which should be arriving in the mail within the next couple of weeks.

“So many of the people I told thought that this was probably bogus. I even called Publishers a couple of times just to make sure so I am glad to have at least a little prize on its way,” Rice said. “Even though the Prize Patrol didn’t show up, it was worth the wait.”



Dede Rice of Gooding holds the letter from Publishers Clearing House notifying her she could be a winner.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Schodde

BURLEY — Eleanor Maurine Schodde, 92-year-old resident of Burley, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 8, 1914, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Henry A. and Gail Roe Grohovsky. She received her education in Cassia County, graduating from Burley High School and Wilson State Normal School. She married Walter E. Schodde on June 6, 1940, in Burley. To this union was born one daughter, Joan. Eleanor taught school several years in Twin Falls and Paul, yet was privileged to be a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker. Her family was of the utmost importance. She loved the quality time spent with family and close friends. Although she resided in Burley, she spent more than 40 years during the summer months living at their ranch in Holey, which she dearly loved. Eleanor was a longtime member of the Methodist Church and, at the time of her passing, she was the oldest living member of the Burley United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the 1103 Chapter BII, and was a past president of the Idaho Cowbells. Additionally, she enjoyed her association with the Better Homes and Garden

Club and various bridge clubs. She is survived by her daughter, Jean Ann (Rich) Bohm of Issaquah, Wash.; many nieces and nephews; and a very special and dear friend, Glenn A. Meeham. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, Henry Grohovsky; and five sisters, Margaret Walker, Dorothy Coates, Ruth Matthews, Helen Slavin and Katherine Gano.

The family expresses their sincere love and appreciation to Dr. Wayne Blauer and staff and to Highland Estates for the compassionate care given to Eleanor.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with Pastor Dennis Whitewater officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1351 S. 16th St., in Burley, and from 11 until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church. The family suggests memorials be directed to a charity of choice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Lovele J. Grigsby

TWIN FALLS — Lovele J. Grigsby, 70, of Twin Falls, passed away Feb. 27, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a sudden illness.

She was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Boise, Idaho, the daughter of Everett and Gertrude Bailey. She met the love of her life, Leroy Grigsby, and they were married on Feb. 21, 1953, in Inglewood, Calif. They had six children. Lovele worked in the bean industry for years and retired from AgriSales in 1998. She loved taking photos, crocheting, canning, golfing, fishing, trips to Jackpot and being a member of the Good Sam Club.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Louise and James, in Idaho; Danny, Susan, Grigsby of Yerington, Nev.; Dave Gay of Kimberly, John Grigsby of Boise, John (David) Howard of Twin Falls and Denise (Mark) Alexander of Filer, Idaho; grandchildren, Joshua

(Monica), Steven (Michael), Andy, Curtis (Korrie), Kim (Shaun), Bryan, Tony, Miss Jason, Jessica and Megan; and great-grandchildren, Steven and Isaac, Alexis, Ashley, Brandon and Shelby. Lovele was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leroy; and daughter, Cheryl Gay.

Mom, we love you and will miss you.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho, where she was very active in a variety of organizations. She

Marilyn J. Huber

JEROME — Marilyn J. Huber, 67, of Jerome, passed away Feb. 25, 2007, at her home.

She was born April 30, 1939, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Willard Swartley and (Mary) Helen Kuykendall Swartley. Marilyn was raised and attended school in Twin Falls. She married the love of her life, Thomas Martin Huber, on May 22, 1965, in Twin Falls. They raised three children. They farmed together and operated Huber Feed Service in Jerome. Marilyn continued to operate Huber Feed Service after Tom's passing in February of 2001. She deeply enjoyed visiting with her customers, especially when talking about poultry. She loved her chickens and was excited to share that enjoyment with others. Marilyn was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, where she was very active in a variety of organizations. She

could often be found visiting, singing and doing things for the elderly and anyone with needs of a kind hand. Marilyn's true love was her family. She will be remembered as a wonderful mother, friend and No. 1 fan for whatever activity her children, grandchildren and their friends participated. Marilyn is survived by her children, Gary Huber of Jerome, and Mike (Kim) Huber and Carol (Brent) Brown, both of Boise. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tom Huber; and her sister, Joyce.

A vigil service for Marilyn will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 5, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle presiding. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83330.

Beverly Wilding Thomsen

POCATELLO — Beverly Wilding Thomsen, 56, of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, passed away early Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, of complications of heart failure.

She will be greatly missed by all who know her.

She is survived by her husband, Dan T. Thomsen of Twin Falls, Idaho; two sons, Dan (Tammy) Thomsen of Fort Campbell, Ky., and Jason (Heather) Thomsen of Chubbuck, Idaho; two daughters, Chantelle (Dan) Anderson of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Stacie (Dann) McCraw of Blackfoot, Idaho; one sister, Irl Mowers of Pocatello, Idaho; three cousins, Betty Hengert of Ririe, Idaho, Sandy Mangum of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Janet Obray of Mackay, Idaho; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, the late Charles Thomsen.

The funeral will be held Saturday, March 3, at 1 p.m. at the LDS Church on the corner of Jefferson and Walnut Streets. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Manning-Whitely Funeral Chapel, 510 N. 12th Ave. in Pocatello, Idaho, and on Saturday from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Mountain View Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Manning-Whitely Funeral Chapel.

Gladys Shaw

SHOSHONE — On Feb. 27, 2007, Gladys Shaw, 101, went home to be with her Lord.

Gladys was born July 27, 1905, to Joseph Ballinger and Ruth Andrus Ballinger in Jackson, Idaho. She was the youngest of nine children. When she was 5, her family moved to Dietrich. She attended schools at Bessien, Dietrich and Pella, Idaho; Lona, Calif.; Sillwater, Nev.; and graduated from Churchill County High School in Fallon, Nev. in 1923. She was vice-president of her senior class. She attended college in Pocatello in 1923-24 and 1929-30 at what is now Idaho State University. She first time, it was the Idaho Technical Institute and the next it was the University of Idaho, Southern Idaho. In order to save for her second year of college, she taught in the Darrah School north of Shoshone for two years. After finishing her second year in college, she taught at Camas for two years.

In 1932, Gladys moved to Twin Falls and worked at Williams Vanity Store. She helped her parents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 1933 and went to work for Farm Insurance in 1934. On April 17, 1937, she eloped to Elko, Nev., to marry Elbert Shaw. During World War II, she worked the Strategic Air Control in Oakland, Calif. In 1945 at Twin Falls, their son, Joe, was born. They purchased an electric shop in Shoshone in 1949. Elbert died in 1970, and Gladys ran the shop until 1979, when she sold it to Ted Goers. A few years later, she and Elbert moved to the shop and worked as the bookkeeper and retired again in 1989 when she was 84.

She and her husband were very community minded and loved to be always involved in the activities of Shoshone, and its citizens. She was five times a room mother, a Rebekah noble grand, an Eastern Star worthy master, and the Chamber of Commerce president and Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1993. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary Magic Grange and was Mrs. Santa Claus for more than 20 years. For many years, she called to secure pies for the Fourth of July celebration. She loved to play cards, especially at her pinocle club and at Chulmer and Ethel Martin's cabin north of Ketchum.

Lougene G. Simpson

RUPERT — Lougene G. Simpson, 70, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Rosetta Assisted Living and Rehabilitation of Burley.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 2, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

BENITO P. BENAVIDEZ — Benito P. Benavidez, 77, of Burley, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Betty J. Brown

TWIN FALLS — Betty J. Brown, 84, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sisters, Mary, Florence, Clyde, Ruth, Josie and Norma; and brothers, Orange and Merrill. She is survived by her son and his wife, Mary; grandchildren, Tim (Sunny) Shaw and Bernice (Cathy) Danielson; and great-grandchildren, Shelby Shaw and Hayden and Peyton Danielson.

The family would like to thank all at DeSano Place for their loving and professional care. Many friends who gave rides when she was unable to drive.

Finally, for the interesting stuff, you have to come to the memorial service which will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the First Baptist Church, 205 E. Fifth St. in Shoshone. The family requests that memorials be sent to The DeSano Place Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 147, Shoshone, ID 83352. Funeral services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." A visitation is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, at White Mortuary.

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Thomas L. Twibel

PAUL — Thomas Lloyd Twibel, 62, of Paul, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Deana Lee Hite

RUPERT — Deana Lee Hite, 52, of Rupert, passed away Feb. 25, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Deana was born Dec. 16, 1954, in Burley, to D. James and V. O. Edwards. She grew up in Rupert and received her GED. She married Jay Leon (Abe) Hunt. They were married for 11 years. She then married Roy Hite, and they have been married for 25 years. She worked as a waitress and at J.R. Simplot Co. and Maverick. Deana enjoyed crocheting, collecting, collecting movies for

her grandchildren, and talking to people and making them laugh.

Deana is survived by her husband, Roy Hite; children, Tyler (Cathy) Osterhout, Tasha (Richard) Vela, Mandi (Richard) Leubert and Dusty Hite; 10 grandchildren; father, D. James Edwards; brothers, Kevin Edwards, Brian Edwards and Mike Roberts; and sisters, Kathy Edwards, Coral Garcia, Tina (Daniel) Perez, Bonnie (Alberto) Espina and Juanita Roberts. She was preceded in death by her mother, Vonda Edwards; father, Pete Roberts; brother, Andy Edwards; and sister-in-law, Sandy Edwards.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

SERVICES

Wayne Keith Clifford of Fairfile, military graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Mountain View Cemetery in Fairfile (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Mable "Mac" C. Martens of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Velma Orvella Brown Owsley of Hagerman, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, 270 E. Salmon in Hagerman (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Mary Viela Killinger of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m.

Saturday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Helen Mabbutt-Adams of Boise and formerly of Shoshone, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 2290 Warm Springs Ave. in Boise (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Vada Joyce Parran of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Velma Canada Houck of Pocatello and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 2

p.m. Saturday at the Cornellison-Henderson Funeral Chapel, 431 N. 15th Ave. in Pocatello; friends may call one hour before the service Saturday at the mortuary.

Eva Lou (Lewis) Cramer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Loretta Brant of Jerome, funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome; vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at the church (Hove-Roberts Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

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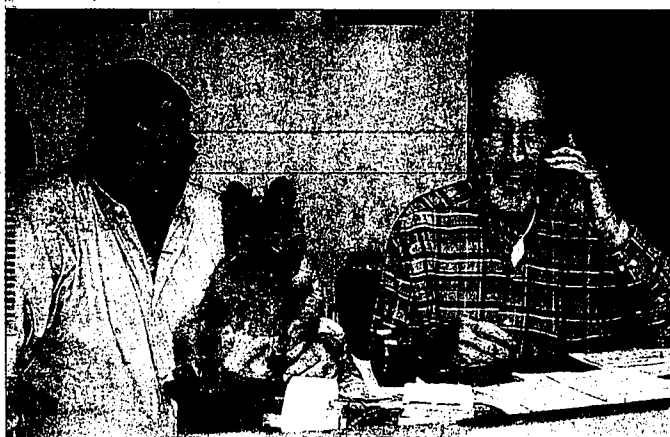
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A sample of a one-of-a-kind piece at Adobe Jewelry.



Adobe Jewelry co-owners J.B. Knudson and Ross Foster are inspired by Latino and American Indian culture in their jewelry making.

Jewelry makers look toward Latino, American Indian cultures

By Dede Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — When two long-time residents decided to open a jewelry store, they took their inspiration from Latin and Indian cultures.

As a result, Adobe Jewelry is filled with unusual and rare gems.

“Over 80 percent of the items in the store are one-of-a-kind jewelry,” co-owner J.B. Knudson said.

A few years ago, Knudson and Ross Foster found themselves in Latin restaurants “drinking morning coffee entirely too long, entirely too often,” Knudson said.

Ross had retired from grocery store management and Knudson was retired from a life of auctioneering.

“We needed something to do with our time. Ross and I can't handle retirement very well. We needed more to do,” Knudson said.

Knudson had been a silver and goldsmith hobbyist for

about 30 years, designing, creating and repairing jewelry. Since there was no jewelry store in Jerome, they decided to put Knudson's talents and their combined backgrounds to work. They opened Adobe Jewelry at 213 North Lincoln St. on May 1, 2004.

Over their lifetimes, Knudson and Foster studied and acquired an appreciation for the various cultural designs, themes and artwork displayed throughout the West. They both lived in Arizona — Foster for about 30 years and Knudson for two. They look to the Latin and American Indian cultures for creative inspiration, and the resulting jewelry store offers variety not often found in one place, and a seamless blending of the ethnic jewelry preferences and tastes of the cultures. Gemstone Kokopellis, lizards, snakes, cacti and other southwestern desert dwelling creatures inhabit the display cases.

And talking about stones, “I

mainly use diamonds and other colored faceted stones, there are just so many wonderful colors,” Knudson said. Knudson likes the brilliant hues displayed in Latino art and uses lots of color in his jewelry designs. There are red, blue and green turquoise; pink, blue and green sapphires; amaranthine, the blue variety of beryl; heliodore, the yellow variation of beryl; morganite, a red to purple variation of beryl; alexandrite, a red to purple color-change member of the chrysoberyl family and blue-purple tanzanite.

There are also American Indian-made turquoise and silver watch bands, earrings, rings and pendants, fetishes and coral. Knudson, was adopted as an adult into the Sioux Indian tribe and on the back wall in sealed glass cases hang replica Indian war clubs and flint spear heads halted on spear shafts. The replicas are exact except for the feathers.

“Eagle feathers used in the originals are illegal to use today so other kinds of feathers are used,” Foster said.

Most of their turquoise jewelry is Indian-made in New Mexico and Knudson has decorated the shop with Mexican and American Indian statuettes, along with photos and other souvenirs gleaned from friends, relatives and travels around the western United States.

Adobe Jewelry has several jewelry pieces made of the famous sleeping beauty turquoise.

“It is old stock that is no longer mined,” Foster said. “The best turquoise mined today comes from Nevada. Most of the turquoise mining is controlled by American Indians.”

“There is a lot of stuff out there sold as turquoise that is poor quality,” Knudson said. “But how can you tell the good stuff from the junk? ... You really need a microscope to determine if the turquoise has been dyed, altered or enhanced.”

“Take a knife to the back of a stone in question and it won't take long to know if it's plastic,” Foster added.

Adobe Jewelry also offers jewelry repair including replacing lost stones, ring sizing, eyeglass frame repair, and jewelry manufacturing.

“This business is so much fun, exciting and gratifying, and that is why we do what we do,” Knudson said.

Bill would strip benefits from illegals' U.S.-born children

Los Angeles Times

AUSTIN, Texas — The Lone Star State has long welcomed Hispanic immigrants, no matter how they got across the state's 1,200-mile border with Mexico.

Back when another border state, California, voted to cut public services to illegal immigrants, then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush was preaching that immigrants were equal players in the state's economy.

But the atmosphere has changed in Texas. Homeless, roughly 10 percent of the illegal immigrants. Now, a growing chorus of Republicans and some Democrats is pushing some of the harshest immigration-related measures in the United States.

Democrats are pushing some of the harshest immigration-related measures in the United States — laws that would not only deny public services to illegal immigrants, but strip their American-born children of benefits as well.

The proposal to deny services to American citizens — believed to be the first in the country — is part of a push to challenge citizenship given automatically to children born in this country.

Prior rulings have affirmed that nearly all such children were entitled to birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment. But some legal scholars have questioned whether the amendment, which redefined national citizenship to include the children of slaves after the Civil War, should cover babies born to foreign parents. The Pew Hispanic Center estimated last year that more than 3 million U.S. citizens were born to illegal immigrant parents.

“The Texas bill could be a vehicle to get this before the courts, and we strongly support that,” said Ira Mehlman, a spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which has been pushing Congress to revisit the 14th Amendment.

“There is no question that it is time for a review given the number of people entering the country illegally and giving birth.”

“Texas' shift toward a more incendiary brand of immigration politics comes at a time when many state lawmakers are frustrated that Washington has failed to stop illegal immigration. Few think that President Bush's moderate proposals, which include a guest-worker program and enhanced border security, will help much, even if they are approved by Congress.

Leo Berman, the Republican Texas legislator who wrote the bill to deny benefits to the children of

illegal immigrants, admits that his goal is to set off a fight in the federal courts.

His legislation has been compared to California's Proposition 187, which would have denied illegal immigrants social services, health care and public education, but was ruled unconstitutional after that state's voters approved it in 1994.

The Texas bill goes further: It would deny citizens both to illegal immigrants and to illegals' children.

A growing chorus of Republicans and some Democrats is pushing some of the harshest immigration-related measures in the United States.

“A program illegal alien can wait at the border, check into a hospital, in Texas, give birth without paying a penny, and be rewarded for her illegal behavior,” Berman said. “That's outrageous.”

“Why should illegal immigrants, who by virtue of being in the country have broken the law, be able to get the same state services as a citizen?” asked state Sen. Royce Dillas, a Democrat from Dallas, who is proposing one of several measures to strip remittance to Mexico. He said his legislation was one way to raise money for health-care programs.

Hispanic leaders say they are stunned by the Texas proposal to strip citizenship from children. They promise retaliation at the ballot box.

“How could anyone be so mean-spirited?” said Rosa Rosales, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the nation's oldest Hispanic civil rights group, which originated in Texas. “We're just going to have to get the community out to show these representatives that we matter.”

Last year, state lawmakers nationwide proposed to record 570 immigration measures and 84 were signed into law, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In Texas, Democratic state Rep. Pete Gallego, head of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus in the House of Representatives, said that though some of the new proposals are harsh, a few might have momentum, particularly the bills to tax wire transfers.

“People are appalled at how hard-core some of the things are,” Gallego said. “We will have a fight.”

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a conservative Republican who talked tough on illegal immigration during his reelection campaign last year, has tempered his rhetoric and sounded a message of compassion and unity during his out-of-office address to the House of Representatives who wrote the bill to deny benefits to the children of

Families invited to learn about project to support communities

JEROME — Families are invited to learn about the new Raices project to support Latino communities living in Jerome, Rupert, Heyburn and Burley.

A meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Jerome High School Cafeteria, 104 Tiger Dr.

There will be bilingual information and presentations, free music and food. Everyone is invited.

Raices is a collaboration between the Northwest Azza Foundation, Main Street Project and University of Iowa's Institute for Support of Latino Families and Communities.

It is a four-year project to work with communities to identify and build on their strengths — and work together to create a stronger future, organizers say.

For more information, call Maria Hernandez, Raices' Leadership Council member — Idaho Cluster, at (208)260-1042

Noticias

Actress, comedienne will perform at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Jackie Guerra — comedienne, author, actress and fashion designer — will perform at the College of Southern Idaho's International Women's Day program at 7 p.m. March 8. The event is free.

Guerra has appeared in “Selena” and “Under Construction: How I've Gained and Lost Hundreds of Pounds and Millions of Dollars,” and is the host of the radio program, “Working It” and of the Style Network's “You're Invited.”

A reception for Guerra will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the CSI Student Union near the Eagle's Nest. For more information, call Kim Prestwich at 732-6294.

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Democratic presidential hopeful New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is greeted by Rosa Rosales prior to speaking at the Latino Leaders luncheon in Washington, Tuesday.

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On the rebound: Wall Street recovers some of Tuesday's losses, Bernanke says he still expects moderate economic growth

By Tim Paradis
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded fitfully Wednesday from the previous session's 416-point plunge in the Dow industrials as investors took comfort from comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke but still showed signs of unease about the economy.

Bernanke's remarks to Congress that he still expects moderate economic growth gave some investors confidence to look for bargains. A recovery in some overseas markets following a worldwide selloff Tuesday also lent some support to U.S. stocks, but the advance lacked some conviction — the major indexes fluctuated throughout the day, with the Dow rising as much as 137 points before pulling back and advancing again several times.

The Fed chairman allayed some of the fears about a slowdown in the U.S. and Chinese economies that fed Tuesday's drop, remarks earlier in the week from former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan warning that a U.S. recession could take hold later this year contributed to Tuesday's declines.

Investors parsed a series of economic reports out Wednesday, hoping to glean a sense of where stocks were headed. Bernanke's comments and a gross domestic product reading that mostly met expectations helped bring out some buyers. Nevertheless, investors remained cautious and didn't rush heading into stocks and discount the possibility of a further shakeout.

"It's typical that you get a bounceback the next day," said Joseph V. Battigaglia, chief investment officer at Ayan Beck & Co. "Now we're essentially flat on the year. Can we go from here or down? That sort of thing is what's going to continue now."

A recovery in China's Shanghai Composite Index, which had fallen nearly 9 per-

cent Tuesday, also helped boost U.S. stocks, although other Asian markets and European exchanges saw declines of more than 1 percent.

The Dow Jones industrials rose 52.39, or 0.43 percent, to 12,268.63.

Broader stock indicators also managed gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 7.79, or 0.56 percent, to 1,406.82, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 8.23, or 0.34 percent, to 2,416.15.

Tuesday's decline, which was the largest point drop in the Dow industrials in more than five years, made February an unwelcome month for the 30-stock index. The Dow had its worst monthly percentage drop since April 2005 and the worst monthly point decline since December of 2002.

For the S&P, February was the worst percentage and point decline since May last year. And for Nasdaq, the month marked the worst percentage and point decline since July.

Bears fell Wednesday as stocks tried to recoup some losses. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 4.57 percent from its low for the year of 4.47 percent late in February.

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Light, sweet crude settled up 33 cents to \$61.79 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange as investors brushed off concerns about falling demand from China.

The market took some solace from the Commerce Department report that the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter. The gross domestic product reading was slightly below expectations, but wasn't as weak as some investors had feared. The figure was more than a percentage point below the initial estimate of 3.5 percent made a month ago.

In other economic news, the



Traders work at the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday in New York. Stocks fluctuated in a narrow range Wednesday, showing some signs of stability on a satisfactory gross domestic product report and a recovery on some markets in other countries.

Bernanke: Markets appear to be working well

By Mark Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress Wednesday that the administration and federal regulators are closely monitoring financial markets in the wake of the biggest sell-off in stock prices in more than five years, but so far the markets appear to be "working well."

Facing his first market crisis since taking the top Fed job a year ago, Bernanke answered questions on Tuesday's market plunge with a calm, matter-of-fact

demeanor, explaining developments in plain language without any of the famously opaque language that his predecessor, Alan Greenspan, sometimes used.

In what might have been a reference to Greenspan, Bernanke testified at one point that there did not appear to be a "single trigger" to Tuesday's sharp sell-off, which saw the Dow Jones Industrial average fall by 416.02 points.

Some analysts believe that Greenspan's comments over the weekend that there was a possibility of a recession by the end of the year along

with a sharp drop in China's Shanghai stock market contributed to Tuesday's big drop on Wall Street, while the Dow Jones Industrial average fell by 416.02 points.

But Bernanke let members of the House Budget Committee know that he didn't intend to assign blame.

"There didn't seem to be any single trigger of the market correction we saw yesterday," he said in response to a question. "I don't think it would be useful for me to try to parse the movement into the components associated with different pieces of news or pieces of information."

National Association of Purchasing Management-Chicago index of business conditions in the Midwest showed a weaker-than-

expected reading. The February figure fell to 47.9 from 48.8 in January. The report is often viewed as a bellwether for the institute for

Supply Management's index of manufacturing activity for February, which is due Thursday. Also, a Commerce Department report found new-home sales fell by 15.6 percent in January from the previous month, the largest drop in 13 years.

Economy grows at a 2.2 percent pace in final quarter of 2006

By Kianine Ivers
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The economy grew at a sluggish 2.2 percent pace in the final quarter of last year, the government reported Wednesday in one of the steepest downward revisions in years. In another report, new-home sales plunged in January by the largest amount in 13 years.

The pair of reports released Wednesday by the Commerce Department came a day after stocks on Wall Street and around the globe took a nose-

The new reading on gross domestic product showed the economy in a considerably weaker state than the government first estimated. It had initially reported the expansion in the last three months of 2006 to be at a 3.5 percent pace. The principal reason for the new, significantly lower estimate: Businesses tightened their belts amid fallout from the troubled housing and automotive sectors.

The fresh look at the housing market was sobering. New-home sales plummeted by 16.6 percent in January from the previous month. That was the largest decline

since January 1994 when sales slid by 23.8 percent.

The decline in January — much steeper than analysts were anticipating — left sales at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 937,000, the lowest level since February 2003. Sales fell sharply in all parts of the country.

Home prices were down from a year ago. The median sales price of a new home — where half sell for more and half for less — dropped to \$239,800 in January, a 2.1 percent decline from the same month last year.

The new GDP figure for the October-to-December quar-

ter was a tad slower than the 2.3 percent growth rate economists were forecasting and clearly less sunny than that original estimate. The GDP, which measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States, is the best overall barometer of economic health.

Although the fourth quarter's showing marked a slight improvement from the third quarter's mediocre 2 percent growth rate, it didn't alter the overall picture that economic activity in both quarters was restrained by the housing slump and the ailing

automotive sector. "Investment in home building in the fourth quarter was slashed at a 19.1 percent pace, the steepest decline in 15 years."

Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics, likened the fourth-quarter's showing as part of a "mid-cycle breather" reflecting a period of temporary listlessness, not a slide toward recession. "I think it is unfolding as a slowdown, not a turnaround — meaning recession," he said.

The downgrading of the fourth-quarter GDP estimate meant that the economy for

all of 2006 ended up growing by 3 percent, down slightly from 3.4 percent first estimated. Even so, the new figure still marked the best annual performance in two years.

Business retrenchment was a key factor behind the lower GDP estimate for the fourth quarter. Businesses, worried that extra supplies of goods might get out of whack with customer demand, ended up investing much less than previously thought in their inventories. That shaved 1.35 percentage points off fourth-quarter GDP, the most in 1 1/2 years.

Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	12,268.63	▲ 52.39
Nasdaq composite	2,416.15	▲ 8.23
Standard & Poor's 500	1,406.82	▲ 7.79
Russell 2000	793.50	▲ 5.24

Stocks of local interest

Deft Inc.	22.85	▲ .03
Litiga Motors	29.45	▲ .52
Supervalu	36.98	▲ .43

Commodities

April Oil	61.79	▲ .33
Light sweet crude by barrel		
March gold	868.40	▲ 14.50

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Oren Shaffer to retire as Qwest vice chairman, CFO

The Associated Press

DENVER — Denver-based phone company Qwest Communications International Inc. announced Wednesday that vice chairman and Chief Financial Officer Oren G. Shaffer would step down from his posts effective April 1.

A statement from the company indicated Qwest's controller and senior vice president of finance, John W. Richardson, would take over as CFO and executive vice president.

Shaffer, 64, had served in his current role since July 2002, after working with such companies including Goodyear, Ameritech and Sorrento Networks.

Qwest's chairman and chief executive officer, said in the statement, "We are very fortunate to have had him come out of retirement almost five years ago and join the Qwest team in its successful pursuit of sustained profitability."

Neither Qwest nor Shaffer gave a specific reason for his retirement.

"We have superb assets, a powerful position nationally and in our 14-state region, a solid customer base, a very involved chairman and CEO, and a talented and customer-focused work force," Shaffer said in the statement.

Pocatello hospital may privatize after Supreme Court ruling

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — A county-owned hospital has asked Bannock County commissioners for permission to privatize, saying a state Supreme Court ruling on bonds for public entities could hurt the hospital's ability to get money for a construction project.

The board of directors for the \$160 million Portneuf Medical Center asked the commission on Monday to sever county control over the hospital. The decision follows an April 2006 Supreme Court decision that imposed new requirements for issuing bonds on public entities.



The hospital had planned to issue \$150 million in revenue bonds next year to pay for construction, but under the court decision, it must now ask for a general obligation

exempt hospitals from the ruling, but it could be as long as two years before a constitutional amendment is passed.

Hermanson said hospital officials are considering four options for future financing, including a general obligation bond election, a constitutional amendment, an appeal of the court ruling and conversion to a private nonprofit hospital.

"Time is not on our side," he said. "The longer we wait, the more it is going to cost."

The hospital has financed itself, while many county hospitals are heavily subsidized by their counties, Hirming said.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various fund categories like Bond, Equity, and Money Market.

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Table of commodity futures prices for various metals and grains, including columns for Name, Community, High, Low, and Change.

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 3. "House," Fox.
 4. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
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- From Nielsen Media Research

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1. "Ghost Rider," Sony.
2. "Bridge to Terabithia," Disney.
3. "Norbit," Paramount.
4. "Music and Lyrics," Warner Bros.
5. "Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls," Lionsgate.

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1. "What Goes Around... Comes Around," Justin Timberlake, Jive.
 2. "Runaway Love," Ludacris (feat. Mary J. Blige), DTP.
 3. "Say It Right," Nelly Furtado, Mosley/Geffen.
 4. "Hot Ready to Make Nice," Dixie Chicks, Columbia (Gold).
 5. "Don't Matter," Kon. Knavic/Upfront/SRC/Universal Motown.
- From Billboard magazine

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1. "Not Too Late," Norah Jones, Blue Note.
 2. "In My Songs," Garal Levett, Atlantic.
 3. "2007 Grammy Nominees," Various artists, Grammy.
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 5. "Infinity on High," Fall Out Boy, Fueled by Ramen/standard/JMG.
- From Billboard magazine

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- From Pollstar

VHS RENTALS

1. "Flags of Our Fathers," Dream-Works Home Entertainment.
 2. "The Guardian," Touchstone Home Video.
 3. "Open Season," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
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- 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 Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," New Line Home Entertainment.
- From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Cinderella III: A Twist in Time," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
 2. "Flags of Our Fathers," Dream-Works Home Entertainment.
 3. "Open Season," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
 4. "Flicka," 20th Century Fox.
 5. "The Grudge 2," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
- From Billboard magazine

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

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 4. "The Measure of a Man" by Sidney Poitier (HarperSanFrancisco) (nonfiction/paperback)
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 3. "Taking the Long Way," Dixie Chicks
 4. "Corinne Bailey Rae," Corinne Bailey Rae
 5. "Continuum," John Mayer
- From Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



One of the Nintendogs pays a visit in this scene from Nintendo's 'WarioWare: Smooth Moves' for the Wii console.

Party favors: The more the merrier with 'WarioWare'

BY LOU KESTEN
 The Associated Press

Video games are usually a solitary pastime. But that doesn't mean that gamers are anti-social misfits, any more than readers, knitters or crossword solvers. We have friends, siblings, spouses and kids, and when we're not off saving the world on our own, we enjoy playing games with our loved ones.

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Here comes the parade

OVAC says 'Hello, Dolly!'

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — "Hello, Dolly!" was the Oakley Valley Arts Council's first production a generation ago, and local grocer Harlo Clark was cast in the role of Barnaby, a just-fell-off-the-turnip-truck store clerk in Yonkers, N.Y.

Broadway in Oakley

- **What:** The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Michael Stewart and Jerry Herman's musical "Hello, Dolly!"
- **Where:** Howells Opera House, Oakley.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and March 8-9, 12-13, 15-17; and 2 p.m. March 10.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 877-2787.

But earlier, as a student at the College of Southern Idaho, Clark had played the role he really wanted — Horace Vandergelder, the wealthy target-of-opportunity for matchmaker Dolly Lev. The play was "The Matchmaker," Thornton Wilder's comedy that was the basis for "Hello, Dolly!" the musical.

His wife, Beckie Clark, directed that first production, so when OVAC decided to produce "Dolly" again, she volunteered to di-



Dolly Lev (Julene Thurston), with her "can do anything" attitude, teaches Cornelius Hackl (Zane Milton), Irree Molloy (Ciley Bowcut), Minnie Fay (Ginger Armstrong) and Barnaby Tucker (Kyle Barney) that even they can dance, in the Oakley Valley Arts Council spring production of "Hello, Dolly!"

rect. And Harlo was the only actor who auditioned for the role of Horace.

"It took him awhile, but he finally got the part," Beckie Clark said.

Julene Thurston, a veteran of Mini-Cassia musical theater, sings the title role.

"It's just so much fun," Thurston said. "Dolly is a larger-than-life figure."

Thurston plays a widowed matchmaker in 1890s New York City. Intent on matching herself with Horace, two acts — and a lot of music, dance and hijinks later — she gets her way.

"Julene is just perfect for this role," Beckie Clark said. "She's on stage for a lot of the play, and she's singing for much of the play. She has a beautiful voice."

"Dolly!" with music by Jerry Herman, debuted on Broadway in 1964 with Carol Channing in the lead. It ran for 6 1/2 years — 2,844 performances — and has been revived three times. Actor/dancer Gene Kelly directed a movie version in 1969, starring Barbra Streisand and Walter Matthau.

The musical plays almost continuously around the world, and the title song, according to the

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, is one of the most-performed songs of the past 50 years.

"Hello, Dolly!" is full of movement and dance — a challenge in Howells Opera House and on its small stage.

"We've actually caged more space on the stage that we can use," Beckie Clark said. "We need it all."

It's full-throated Broadway, complete with elaborate period costumes.

"In the 1890s, people didn't just put on a T-shirt and jeans," Clark said.

Harlo Clark is directing the music, while Sheri Hamilton and Wendy Martin are in charge of choreography.

Zane Milton is Cornelius Hackl, Kyle Barney plays Barnaby Tucker, Ciley Bowcut is Mrs. Molloy, Ginger Armstrong is cast as Minnie Fay, Anthony Perkins plays Ambrose Kemper, Temperance Davis is Ermengarde and Bill Atkins plays Rudy.

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"Night at the Museum"
"Pursuit of Happyness"
"Wild Hogs"
"Zodiac"

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"Epic Movie"
"Erogen"
"Norbit"
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"The Work and the Glory 3: A House Divided"

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"Bridgete to Terabithia"
"The Number 23"
"Wild Hogs"

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"Music and Lyrics"

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"Catch and Release"
"Reno 911: Miami"
"Wild Hogs"
"Zodiac"

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"The Messengers"
"Music 2nd Lyrics"
"Norbit"
"Wild Hogs"

Burley Theater

"Ghost Rider"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema

"Bridgete to Terabithia"
"Ghost Rider"
"Norbit"
"Wild Hogs"

'THE ASTRONAUT FARMER'

The Polish brothers' good-natured voyage

BY DESSON THOMSON

The Washington Post

"The Astronaut Farmer" is a surefire test of our ability to believe in anyone with a dream—including a soft-spoken Texan who figures if he points his homemade rocket in the right direction and juices it with enough fuel, he'll orbit the globe and get back home in time for dinner.

It helps us considerably that the man in the spacesuit—a silvery "Buck Rogers"-style outfit that laces up like a set of granny boots—is Billy Bob Thornton, the actor whose relaxed assurance can boost even the holdest of roles.

He's Charles Farmer, an aspiring astronaut who had to jettison his career thanks to a family crisis. But in the years since, he's been running a farm—rather? In reality—in Story, Texas, and dreaming of making it into space. As for the rocket—well, who needs Houston?—he's been building it himself in the barn.

Sure, it's the earnest of conceits, but "Astronaut" delightfully taps into one of our deepest cultural values—the one about the pursuit of happiness. And as the movie's unpretentious lightheartedness, which echoes the old-fashioned, corn-fed lore of Frank Capra or even "The Andy Griffith Show," makes it blissfully easy to sign on for this good-natured voyage. Written by Mark and Michael Polish (Michael is also the director), "Astronaut" doesn't sweat the small stuff of veracity. Its willful innocence is its charm and its safeguard. And to watch it is to protect the movie—and ourselves—from the killjoy rules of reality.

Which is why we gamely ignore the laws of rocket thrust and atmospheric reentry, and why we practically coocheate Charles's low-tech control panel—manned by his 15-year-old son, Shepard (Max Thieriot)—that



Billy Bob Thornton launches into new adventures as astronaut Charlie Farmer in 'The Astronaut Farmer.'

Photo by Steve Inghelton/Outpost

'The Astronaut Farmer'

Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen, Max Thieriot.

Rated PG for adult themes, including domestic tension and scenes of peril and some profanity.

Now playing at Twin Cinema and the Big Wood Cinema in Hailey.

will supposedly guide him around the world. And it's definitely why we quietly applaud Charles's wife, Audrey (Virginia Madsen), who—in the secular-Madonna tradition of all screen wives who stand by their dreamer husbands—smiles and steels herself for the inevitable countdown.

After all, if "Audie" were really taking stock of the situation, the ink would be dry on the divorce papers by the end of Act I: The farm is facing foreclosure.

The Polish brothers are best known for such eccentric, often worldwide fare as 1993's "Twin Falls, Idaho," which starred the filmmakers as a pair of mystical, conjoined twins. So it's refreshing—and certainly surprising—to see them make the kind of traditional movie that a generation ago would



Director Michael Polish, left, and his brother, actor/writer Mark, created the quirky movie 'Twin Falls, Idaho' in 1993. (It had nothing to do with Twin Falls).

be half of a Saturday afternoon double bill at the local Rialto.

Yet, leave it to the filmmakers to lace the movie with winks to their art house fans. The more conventional developments in the movie—the FBI becoming interested in a loner who's looking to buy 100,000 pounds of rocket fuel—are treated with arm's-length wryness.

One of the FBI agents is presented as an adorable, almost Disneyesque goofball. And a scene in which Charles makes an emotional speech before Federal Aviation Administration inspectors is ticklishly funny for the way he twigs their humorless logic before pulling out his Capraesque trump card: A vote against Charles is the same as a vote against the freedom of the American.

Most of the outstanding supporting players have earned their spurs in the indie-movie world, including Bruce Dern, Jon Gries (the nutty uncle in "Napoleon Dynamite"), Tim Blake Nelson (Delmar in "O, Brother Where Art Thou?") and longtime character actor J. K. Simmons. There's also Bruce Willis, who makes an eleven-hour appearance as Charles' old flying pal.

The result: a PG-rated movie that's savvy about its schmaltziness yet not so postmodern that it has to let us know. Like "Outer Space," the true story of a West Virginia boy who dreams of building rockets, and "Field of Dreams," the Kevin Costner baseball fable, its genders audience good will with characters we care for.

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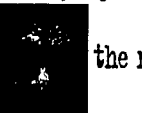


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Diane Keaton Mandy Moore Tom Everett Scott Piper Perabo

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Movies

Movie nuggets

• **"The Astronaut Farmer" / G.** Never achieves liftoff, Billy Bob Thornton stars as a Texas farmer with rocket-man dreams and a humongous homemade space ship in his barn. His family (including a wasted Virginia Madsen as his wife) is supportive, but the media is in a frenzy and NASA is so unhappy, Bruce Willis is dispatched to dissuade him. The movie, which plays like a failed "Field of Dreams," feels fraudulent and synthetic. Your under-12 space cowboy may wonder if he (or she) would do much better renting "October Sky." Rated PG (thematic material, peril and language). 1 hour, 44 minutes.

• **"Because I Said So" / G.** As a meddling mom fixated on her unmarried youngest daughter (Mandy Moore) 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 (sexual content including dialogue, some mature thematic



British actor Hugh Grant takes a picture of himself with unidentified fans prior to the German premiere of the movie "Music and Lyrics" in Berlin, Tuesday.

About the rating system

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

material and partial nudity). 1 hour, 42 minutes.

• **"Bridge to Terabithia" / B.** Based on a young adult book about the friendship of two lonely, misfit preteens and their imaginary world, "Bridge" has been brought to the screen by the producers of "The Chronicles of Narnia." They have attempted to make it "Narnia"-like. Instead we get a tantalizing slice of the book's poignant resonance watered down with "Narnia"-like. Rated PG (thematic elements including bullying, some peril and mild language). 1 hour, 35 minutes.

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this somewhat conventional romantic comedy, but Drew Barrymore and Hugh Grant hit all the right notes. And that's reason enough to see it. He plays an '80s pop star now content to work the has-been circuit (crises, reunions). Then a pop diva asks him to write her a song, but where to find a lyricist? Enter Barrymore as his ditsy plant waterer, who has a way with words. Relax, go with it and you'll have a fine time. Rated PG-13 (some sexual content). 1 hour, 36 minutes.

• **"Nurbi!" / No rating** Eddie Murphy can do anything. The question is, why he would want to make a movie as squirmingly unfunny as this one in which he plays the title character, a neily orphan, a politically-incorrect Chinese/American restaurateur and a morbidly obese woman who marries Nurbi and manhandles him. 1 hour, 42 minutes. PG-13

• **"The Number 23" / G.** Never adds up. Jim Carrey stars as an average-Joe dog catcher who becomes obsessed with the number 23 while reading a book about a pulp-ish detective on the trail of a murderer also tormented by those two digits. Some aspects of the script are pretty clever, and Carrey gives a limber performance (as does Virginia Madsen as his wife) even as the film falls apart around them. Director Joel Schumacher, of nipped-but-still-fame, knows his film should look like something by David Lynch or David Cronenberg, but lacking their innate weirdness, he delivers a picture that's strictly by the numbers. Rated R (violence, disturbing images, sexuality and language). 1 hour, 35 minutes.

• **"Reno 911! Miami" / B** After four successful years on Comedy Central, "Reno 911!" makes the leap to the big screen with big laughs. The talented ensemble cast of improv comedians has genuine chemistry during zany se-

quences involving vicious alligator attacks, a thrilling golf cart chase and the exploding of a beached narwhal. Whether it's disrupting a party at "Suge" Knight's house due to a noise complaint, or trying to sho a group of chickens off the road with gunfire, there's seemingly no case they can handle. Rated R (sexual content, nudity, crude humor, language and drug use). 1 hour, 24 minutes.

• **"The Pursuit of Happiness" / B-** Inspirational movies like this have been mislabeled so many times, but this one's much better than you might think, thanks to Will Smith. Based on a true story, it's about a single father (Smith) in 1981 San Francisco, trying to earn a job at a brokerage firm via an unpaid internship and take care of his son (aden Smith, the star's son-real-life boy). Rated PG-13 (some language). 1 hour, 57 minutes.

• **"Smokin' Aces" / D** This Tarantino wannabe isn't just pointless, fatuous and crass; it's also dated. Quentin quit making this model about 15 years ago. A Vegas performer named Buddy "Aces" Israel (Jeremy Piven) is about to rat out his mob pals to the FBI, but a \$1 million bounty on his head brings all sorts of "whacky" would-be assassins to, well, smoke Buddy (get it?). As silly as it is blood-soaked, it's the sort of movie aimed at men who don't get out much. Rated R (strong, bloody violence, pervasive language, some nudity and drug use). 1 hour, 45 minutes.

• **"Wild Hogs" / No rating** Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence and William H. Macy hop on their Harleys in search of adventure. PG-13

• **"Zodiac" / No rating** Jake Gyllenhaal stars in this based-on-fact tale of a serial killer who terrorized San Francisco in the 1960s and '70s. R.

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

"Stranger Than Fiction"
PG-13

You could watch "Stranger Than Fiction" and enjoy a perfectly fine romance between Will Ferrell and Maggie Gyllenhaal. And why not? Ferrell's deer-in-the-headlights and/or always-has-us-clucking-at-him, and Gyllenhaal's doe-eyed charm could warm a blueberry muffin at 50 paces.

This time around he's a tax-man whose obsession with numbers and routine could use a romantic wake-up call and she's a Manhattan bakery owner with no man in her life. The meet-cute part of the equation? He's auditing her. Au.

But there's a problem: This romance isn't developed enough to be truly satisfying — it's like fat-free SnackWell's when you want Godiva.

"Fiction" is supposed to be about Harold Crick (that's Ferrell) and the voice he keeps hearing in his head.

It belongs to Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson), an English writer who just happens to be writing a novel about a character named ... Harold Crick. The real Harold doesn't appreciate some dulcet-toned Englishwoman narrating the soundtrack of his life. This is the movie's best gimmick: that Harold can actually hear Eiffel. She seems deeply aware of his dull personal life and his obsession with numbers and statistics. Even worse, in her final chapter she plans to ... kill off the character! The only thing keeping the real Harold alive, apparently, is her creative indecision as she figures out how to get rid of him.

With its delving into Harold's neurotic inner workings, "Stranger Than Fiction" brings to mind movies such as 2002's "Adaptation" and the 2004 "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." In those films, both written by Charlie Kaufman, we become intimately acquainted with the quirks and neuroses of the central character.

Whether or not "Stranger than Fiction" cribbed from those aforementioned films, it does



What is happening in his head? Will Ferrell wishes he knew in "Stranger Than Fiction."



Kyle Cass and Jack Black rock on in "Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny."

bring something indisputably original to the table: the notion of a narrator on the loose. We're so used to the disembodied, godlike voice-over no character can hear that when Harold — at the sound of Kay's voice — interrupts his toothbrushing, looks wildly around the bathroom and offers a timid "Hello," we laugh. In part, because we feel like we're entering an exciting, new realm.

We nearly lick our lips, anticipating the intriguing resolutions ahead: how Kay invented Harold, for instance, or what mysterious psychic destiny brought these two together in the first place. Perhaps we contemplate a love in the making. What could be more romantic than a lonely woman inventing a fictional character who becomes her own beshert — the soul she was forever destined to love?

Unfortunately, the filmmakers seem to have their minds on some other movie. Which explains why we find ourselves



'Man of the Year' is the latest evidence that Robin Williams' heart isn't in comedy anymore.

watching the comically tepid relationship between Harold and lules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman), an eccentric literature professor who devotes himself — mainly for the convenience of the movie — to helping Harold shake off that narrator mojo, so he can get on with loving Ana the bakery owner. It's as though two different movies are running side by side: "Eternal Sunshine of Harold's Mind" and "When Harry Met Annie."

— Los Angeles Times

"Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny"
R

If it is irresponsible to suggest that a mainstream movie might best be enjoyed in an enhanced state of consciousness, so be it.

"Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny," the big-screen incarnation of the Jack Black-Kyle Cass nightclub act—reunited-HBO series, not only streams out to be a midnight movie, but one in need of, shall we say, an herbal supplement, and aren't talking gingko biloba.

It's not that "Pick of Destiny" isn't sporadically entertaining. Almost anything with Jack Black going full throttle, as he does here, is bound to have its moments of inspired lunacy. It's just that when you have your wits about you, you start to care too

much about things such as pacing and where your car is parked in the garage. None of which really matters if you're truly down with the D, as the duo call themselves, and are willing to go the extra measure to enjoy the movie.

Black and Cass met as members of the theater troupe the Actors' Gang and, taking their band name from sportscaster Marv Albert's catchphrase for particularly intense defense in basketball, created an affectionate faux-musical parody with a surprisingly long shelf life. Playing shows since 1994, the duo have built a solid cult following and their success lies in the D's passion for both the music they play and the music they parody, as well as the chemistry between the two men.

As splited as the D's live performances may be, the movie points out limitations as a long-form entity. Their brand of mischief played in appearances on HBO's "Mr. Show" and in their own shorts on the cable channel, "Pick of D" suffers from the same inability to go the distance as most of the movies derived from "Saturday Night Live" sketches. It runs out of gas fairly early on, but not for lack of flutaneous jokes.

As J.B. Black is the propulsive force of the group, providing evangelical fervor and impressively soaring rock vocals. Demonic eyebrows arched to capacity don't hurt the impression that he's the long-lost, corpulent offspring of AC/DC's Angus Young. Those familiar only with the actor's movie work, stretching from "Bob Roberts" to "High Fidelity," "King King" and "Macho Libre," will recognize a kinship between J.B. and Black's more grounded and fully realized character in "School of Rock."

— Los Angeles Times

"Man of the Year"
PG-13

Acting like a man who isn't sure he wants to be funny anymore, Robin Williams plays a man who isn't sure he wants to be funny anymore in "Man of the

Year." Writer-director Barry Levinson's dispiriting oddball of a project features all sorts of people you'd love to watch in a really good Levinson film, from Laura Linney to Christopher Walken to Jeff Goldblum to Lewis Black, the latter in the role of a television writer. But what does it say when the best guy in a movie about contemporary politics and voter cynicism concerns the TV show "JAG"?

Levinson is nervous about muddying his mainstream effort with anything tough. The result is a mild comic romance akin to "The American President" yoked to a '70s paranoiac-inducing thriller harkening back to "The Parallax View."

With a jaw that never seems to unclench, Williams plays Tom Dobbs, a Jon Stewart-y TV star fed up with the fictional and allegedly indistinguishable Democratic and Republican presidential candidates of the moment. Dobbs runs for office as an Independent, and before you can say "Frank Capra," he wins. Doubts about the accuracy of the results, however, plague Eleanor (Linney), a software analyst employed by the Diebold-like voting machine supplier. Sensing a crisis, the corporate silbels menace Linney, shoot her full of drugs and improvise a cover-up. This is where "Man of the Year" gets all 1975 on up, to highly unstable effect. Linney does the best she can with the film's grilles misjudgment, a scene in which the doped-up Eleanor implodes at the company cafeteria. It's as if a reel from "Three Days of the Condor" had somehow interpolated its way into the wrong film.

"Wag the Dog," Levinson's astute and craftsmanly political satire, seems a long way from here. And "Diner," one of the great American films of the '80s, seems like a distant relative from another planet. Levinson has written and directed in many genres.

But rarely has he made a film as indecisive and diffident as "Man of the Year."

— Washington Post

Events calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Rock/Boise
Big Hood Todd and the Monsters and Rockless Kelly will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Hailey.

Barbershop harmony/Burley
Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Ernest Lehman's "Hello, Dolly!" at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House in Oakley. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS. Season tickets are \$23.

Theater/Hailey
Company of Fools will present Patrick Meyers' play "K2" at 7 p.m. in the Liberty Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seating and \$18 for students 18 and under and senior citizens, are available at the Liberty box office, 110 N. Main St., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by phoning 578-9122. Tickets are also available an hour before curtain time.

Theater/Rupert
Minico High School will present the musical production of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's musical "South Pacific" at 7 p.m. at the school. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Art show/Buhl
Beth Arts Council will hold an opening reception for Lisa Holley's art exhibit from 5-7 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center, Free admission. The Eighth Street Center is at 200 N. Eighth.

Poker/Twin Falls
The Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold 'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruger's Night Lounge, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Players sign up for the tournament, then draw cards for seats before it starts. No entry fee. For information, call C.R. Larsen at 420-8973 or e-mail info@twinfalls pokerleague.com.

Country/Declo
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FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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Rock/Utah
Cardel will play the Avon in Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tx at (800) 888-TX or online at www.smithstx.com. The Avon is at 3605 S. State St.

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Classical/Twin Falls
The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will perform its Winter Concert at 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Admission is a \$2 donation.

Classical/Ketchum
The Turle Island Quartet, a chamber music quartet that plays a fusion of jazz and classical music, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Snow at 7:30 p.m., the second of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts winter concerts. Tickets, which are \$20 for non-members and \$5 for children 12 and under, are available at the Sun Valley Center at 191 Fifth St. E., or by phoning 732-9491, ext. 10.

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Country/Jerome
Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per couple or 99 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. The lodge is at 412 E. 200 S., on U.S. Highway 93.

Variety/Twin Falls
DJ Night will be featured from 10 p.m. until closing at Shakers, No. 400 Main St., which is at 825 Idaho Highway 81.

Country/Boise
Todd Snider will perform at the Egyptian Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning (800) 387-1272 or online at www.egyptiantheater.com at 700 W. Main St.

Dance camp/Twin Falls
The College of Southern Idaho Golden Girls Dance Team will hold a "Girls Golden 14," from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the CSI gym. Cost is \$30. To register, call Julie Wright at 732-6472.

Variety/Twin Falls
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Country/Twin Falls
Kanyon River Band will play country and "50s and 60s" music from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Johnny's at Senior Center.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY

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Dance/Twin Falls
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Magick/Boise
David Copperfield will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 2:30, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27.50, \$37.75 and \$47.75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 325-1434 or online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>.

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SATURDAY

Boogie for a Cause
Hospice Values' annual benefit, with music by Renegade, will be held at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome. Featuring the bands Cover, No-host bar, dancing, auction and a raffle.

Variety/Twin Falls
The Brass Quintet (officially the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Brass Quintet) will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Focal Hall, Room 119. The concert is free and open to the public. The quintet will offer a master class at 4 p.m., also in Room 119. The class will feature student brass players performing for the quintet and receiving comments from the quintet members. It's free and open to the public.

Poker/Twin Falls
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Country/Nampa
Rascal Flatts and **Jason Aldean** will perform at 7:30 p.m. **MARCH** at the Idaho Center. Tickets, which are \$61.75, can be reserved by phoning 442-3223 or online at www.ticketcity.com. The Idaho Center is at 16200 Can-Ada Road on Nampa's east side.

Rock/Boise
The Loved Ones will play the Venue at 6 p.m. **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Markets in Hailey and Ketchum. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

Rock/Utah
Eric Clapton will perform at **EnergySolutions Arena** in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$45, \$65 and \$85, can be reserved by phoning (801) 252-SEAT or online at www.ticketmaster.com. EnergySolutions Arena is at 301 W. South Temple.

Rock/Utah
Taking Back Sunday will perform at **Saltair Resort** in Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7:30 p.m. on **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tx at (800) 888-TX or online at <http://www.smithstx.com>.

Jazz/Twin Falls
The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Club presents jazz guitarist **John Stowell** at 7 p.m. **MARCH** 8 at Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise. Tickets, which are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students with faculty card, can be reserved by phoning 732-5477. Seating is limited. Rudy's is at 147 Main Ave. W.

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Rascal Flatts and **Jason Aldean** will perform at 7:30 p.m. **MARCH** 8 at the Idaho Center. Tickets, which are \$61.75, can be reserved by phoning 442-3223 or online at www.ticketcity.com. The Idaho Center is at 16200 Can-Ada Road on Nampa's east side.

Rock/Boise
The Loved Ones will play the Venue at 6 p.m. **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Markets in Hailey and Ketchum. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

Rock/Utah
Eric Clapton will perform at **EnergySolutions Arena** in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$45, \$65 and \$85, can be reserved by phoning (801) 252-SEAT or online at www.ticketmaster.com. EnergySolutions Arena is at 301 W. South Temple.

Rock/Utah
Taking Back Sunday will perform at **Saltair Resort** in Salt Lake City suburb of Magna at 7:30 p.m. on **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tx at (800) 888-TX or online at <http://www.smithstx.com>.

Jazz/Twin Falls
The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Club presents jazz guitarist **John Stowell** at 7 p.m. **MARCH** 8 at Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise. Tickets, which are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students with faculty card, can be reserved by phoning 732-5477. Seating is limited. Rudy's is at 147 Main Ave. W.

Rock/Boise
The Loved Ones will perform at the Venue at 6 p.m. on **MARCH** 8. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Markets in Hailey and Ketchum. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

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• **Larry & Mary's Cafe, 141 State St.** — Steak, prawns, chicken fried steak, country style breakfasts, \$7.99-\$17.99. Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sundays, 5 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Mondays. *Larry and Mary Goodwin, owners 837-6475.*

• **Riley Creek Restaurant, 171 State St.** — New York-style steak, finger steaks, shrimp, fresh salads, \$5.95-\$23.95. Full bar. Hours: Wednesdays through Mondays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Tuesdays, 5-10 p.m.; Tammy and Dennis Apper, owner 837-4333.

• **Snake River Grill, State and Hagerman streets** — Sautéed walleye, New York steak with Jack Daniels glaze, prime rib, salad bar.

HAILEY

• **D'Vinchi's, 17 W. Union St.** — New York-style Italian, fresh pasta, chicken, veal, seafood, \$10.95-\$18.05 wine and beer. Hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 5-10 p.m. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. *Larry and Jennifer Schwartz, owners 788-7699.*

• **KBY's South, 121 N. Main** — New breakfast burritos, tacos, fish, \$6.25-\$8.75. *McKee's Pub Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Brian Kiteyko, owner 788-7217.*

• **Red Elephant Saloon, 107 S. Main** — Pork tenderloin, prime rib, lumberjack pasta. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 5 p.m.-1 p.m. *Sal Corradini, owner 788-6047.*

HANSEN

• **FootHill Cafe, 498 Highway 30 W.** — South Hills steak sandwich, FootHill burger, grilled chicken sandwiches, \$1.75-\$6.95. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Brian and Kim Wilson, owners.*

HAZLETON

• **Seagoshal Landmark Cafe, 325 Main St.** — Charbroiled burgers, prime rib, fish and chips, \$3.95-\$18.95. Full bar. Hours:

KETCHUM

• **Apple's Bar & Grill, 215 Picabo St.** — Rotating specials: burgers, soups, salads. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Hank Anker, owner 728-7067.*

• **Bad Indian Cafe, Trail Creek Village, 200 S. Main** — Asian hibachi, pork tenderloin, pasta with mushroom, \$11.95-\$22.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Daily 5 p.m.-10 p.m. *Ray Chandler, owner 726-8384.*

• **Bigwood Bread, 270 Northwood Way**

About the dining guide

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

If your restaurant is not listed and you would like to have it in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at scrump@magjournal.com. It's a free service.

\$4-\$20. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesdays through Saturday, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. *Kirt and Carol Martin, owners 837-6227.*

• **Shorey's Diner, 126 S. Main St.** — Burgers, sandwiches, salads, \$5.25-\$8.95. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Jacob and Jeanne Grossberg, owners 578-1293.

• **Viva Tazzeria, 411 N. Main St.** — Pork carnitas, burritos, fish tacos, \$5-\$15. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Rick Coward and Brendon Bennett, owners 788-3697.*

• **The Wicked Spud, 306 N. Main St.** — Teriyaki chicken, hamburgers, pasta with cheese, \$4.45-\$7.95. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. *Mike Irons, owner 788-0009.*

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• **South Hills Saloon, 300 Highway 30** — Braised chicken, longer steaks, shrimp, hamburgers and fries, \$3-\$22.47. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. 423-9050.

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• **Burger Grill, 371 N. Main St.** — Hamburgers, salmon burgers, chicken burgers and hot dogs, sandwiches served with salad or fries, \$5-\$8. Wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Joimny Boyle, owner 726-7733.*

Happy Landings Restaurant
an out-of-the-way surprise

BY DAVID COOPER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Your list eating experience at an airport was probably on the go. A pizza in a box, a hoagie in a bag, or a cinnamon roll that was bigger than a bowling ball.

Passengers who are about to fly 35,000 feet in the air should probably eat something that sticks to the ribs. The leisure pace at Magic Valley Regional Airport's Justin Field provides comfortable travel, as well as comfortable dining, thanks to the Happy Landings Restaurant and Pub.

Whether you're a jet-setter passing through Twin Falls, or just a local cruising near the airport, Happy Landings offers diners an affordable and pleasant meal in a homelike setting. The cafe is in a spacious wing of the main terminal at Joslin Field, with tables, booths, a lunch counter and an accompanying gift shop.

Visitors are treated to some nice scenery when they take in a meal at Happy Landings. Since Joslin Field is on a rising bluff above the community of Twin Falls, the restaurant's open-windowed dining area makes it a prime spot to soak in southern Idaho's geography all the way to the Sawtooth Mountains.

And unlike a lunch at O'Hare or LAX, a quick meal at the Twin Falls cafe won't take a big bite in your wallet. Breakfast entrees range from \$4.50 and \$8.95; lunch plates with sandwiches, salads or a burger are between \$4.50 and \$7.95; and dinner entrees are a very reasonable \$6.95 to \$12.95.

Crowds at the restaurant come and go, depending on weather conditions and flight delays. Joslin Field services five flights to Salt Lake City daily. But the restaurant's crew manages filled tables with relative ease. On a recent Monday afternoon during the



The chicken-bacon-and-Swiss sandwich, with a side salad, at Happy Landings.

Photos by
DAVID COOPER/
Times-News

About Happy Landings
Restaurant and Pub

• **\$25 Airport Loop, Twin Falls** — Breakfast entrees, appetizers, sandwiches, burgers, dinner entrees, \$4.50-\$12.95. Wine, liquor (except on Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). *Mark and Tammy Boring, owners 736-3710.*



Happy Landings caters to a multitude of travelers and locals.

tail-end of the lunch hour, the dining room had six tables full with customers.

Wanting some warm grub for a chilly winter day, I ordered the chicken-bacon-and-Swiss sandwich, with a side salad. The salad was the brightest part of the meal. The lettuce was a fresh mixture of iceberg, red leaf and romaine, with generous tomatoes and fresh — yes, fresh — garlic croutons, and blue cheese dressing. If you can appreciate a diner that gives its customers a crisp salad instead of an offering from a bag, you'll like what they deliver.

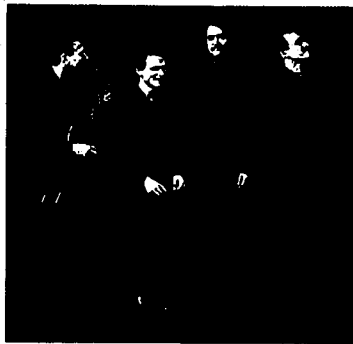
Most chicken sandwiches are an excuse to fill you up with a

hand piece of breast meat. But this serving, with melted Swiss, crisp bacon and veggie toppings, did just fine. I may have gone with the lunch special (meatloaf, mashed potatoes and side salad) had I known about it. But the sandwich filled me just fine and made a healthy lunch with a nice salad.

Happy Landings' dinner entrees feature rotating specials, in addition to the traditional favorites of chicken-fried steak, Philly steak entree and even a few south-of-the-border plates. Give it a try, and you'll find a nice taste of home on the community's gateway to travel.

Quartet brings its jazz-infused classical sound to Ketchum

Times-News



The Turtle Island Quartet performs Saturday in Ketchum.

For its Ketchum program, "Outside the Lines," the group will perform its own arrangements of pieces by classical composers such as Bach,

Beethoven, Ravel, Tchaikovsky and Vivaldi; modern masters Leonard Bernstein, George Gershwin, Dave Brubeck, Thelonius Monk, Pat Metheny and

Curtis photo

KETCHUM — The instruments may be the same, but when the Grammy Award-winning Turtle Island Quartet takes to the stage, it's not your grandmother's chamber music.

The foursome brings a fusion of jazz and classical music to the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood on Saturday.

"There's nobody quite like these guys," said Kristin Poole, artistic director of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, which is sponsoring the event — the second concert in its winter music series. "They have been redefining the concept of the traditional string quartet for 20 years now, and they truly have no peers in what they are doing."

Jazz violinist and composer David Balakrishnan founded the ensemble in 1985. In 2006, Turtle Island Quartet was honored with a Grammy Award for best classical crossover album for its "4 + 4" CD, recorded with the more traditional Ying Quartet.

Ketchum writers to sign books at Barnes & Noble on Saturday

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Ketchum authors Joe Bauwens and Marybeth Flower will sign copies of their new book, "Plazza," at Barnes & Noble BookSellers on Saturday.

"Plazza" is a coffee-table book that centers in Italian towns, which center around the piazza, or plaza.

Bauwens and Flower will be on hand from 1 to 3 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is at 1239 Pole Line Road.

Dilettantes announce cast for 'Wizard'

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Dilettante Group of Magic Valley has announced the cast for its upcoming production of the musical "The Wizard of Oz."

The cast includes Emily O'Connor as Dorothy with Sammie Howard as her understudy, Charm Peterson as Auntie Em; Julie Dodson as Glinda the Good Witch with Melissa Dodds as her understudy; Trey Henson as Uncle Henry; Craig Nebeker as the Cowardly Lion; Billy Perry as the Tin Man; Powner Jensen as the Scarecrow; Jane Munro as the Wicked Witch with Kacey O'Connor as

her understudy; and Jim Latham as the Wizard of Oz.

Other cast members are the citizens of Munchkinland: are Rachael Wilkinson, Taylor Winston, Dillon Wilkinson, Anthony Carr, Brooke Mason, Delante Jensen, Kayla Nebeker, Tristram Dodson, Kelly Little, Jacey Howard, Kacey Schaeffer, Ryan Overton, Nick Overton, Daniel Gardner, McKay Nield, Jan Olsen, Megan Wormsbaker, Dalton Shoswell, Robin Brewer, Hannah Wormsbaker, Sarah Morrison, Katie Hacking, Shanel Chandler, Savannah Carter, Bailey Henley, Kennedy Jones, Jordan Henley, Daniel Morgan, Dylan Harrison, Lo-

Out of the box

- **What:** The Turtle Island Quartet will perform Saturday in Ketchum.
- **Where:** Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets are \$20, and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Stop by the Sun Valley Center in Ketchum or call 725-9491, ext. 10, to purchase a ticket. Tickets are also available online at www.sunvalleycenter.org.

Chick Corea; and perhaps even a little Frank Zappa. The evening will also feature original compositions by Turtle Island Quartet that integrate jazz, western classical, Riddle styles, rock, rhythm and blues, world beat, Afro-Cuban and Indian classical music.

In addition to Balakrishnan, the quartet includes violinist Evan Price, cellist Mark Summers and violist Mads Tølling.

Local

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, MARCH 1

Twin Falls

Karaoke contest will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. Cash and prizes. No cover charge. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

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

Burley

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

Declo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 9 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

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

Burley

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

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

Music

KARAOKE
CORNER

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Twin Falls

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

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

Burley

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

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

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.

Doe

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Twin Falls

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

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Twin Falls

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Twin Falls

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Twin Falls

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Harmonic convergence

Barbershop harmony groups will gather at Burley's King Center

Times-News

HURLEY — The Snake River Flats barbershop harmony quartet will present "Give My Regards to Broadway," featuring the award-winning quartet Rocky Mountain High, Friday and Saturday nights at the King Fine Arts Center.

Also performing will be The Snake River Flats Chorus, One Sly, 4 Sure, Ilpeccados, Note-Mys-

tics and the Burley High School Bel Canto Choir.

The shows are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$5 for senior citizens, \$3 for students and \$18 for families. Advance tickets are available at Welch Music and Book Plaza in Burley, the Book Store in Rupert, from any chapter member or by calling 436-6047.



The Snake River Flats will host Rocky Mountain High this weekend.

Army brass quintet brings mix of jazz, classical music to CSI stage

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command Brass Quintet from Fort Monroe, Va., will perform a live concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the 96-seat College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

TRADOC stands for the Army's Training and Doctrine Command. It is sometimes referred to as the "Architect of the Army," training leaders and identifying solutions and adaptive skills for future needs.

The TRADOC Brass Quintet is a small ensemble of the larger TRADOC Band and travels around the country presenting concerts at venues of all sizes.

Besides traditional chamber music, the group will perform selections ranging from Bach to Basie, and Mozart to Ellington.



The U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command Brass Quintet, part of the larger TRADOC Band, tours widely.

Members of the quintet are trumpeters Sarah Botez of Grand Haven, Mich., and Andrew Taylor of Biglerville, Pa.; trombonist David Newcomb of Brooklyn Park, Minn.;

horn player Robin Feikner of Dover, Del.; and tuba player Eric Ferreira of Phoenix.

Audience members are encouraged to arrive early enough to get a seat.

Cast

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Madison Henson, Ernest Sheen, Sarah Sheen, Heidi Walton, Amber Palne, Diane Stevens, Ashlee Gomske, Jonica Johnson, Amy Wilkinson, Chalas Hovson, Christina Clements and the O'Leary Dance Team.

Lori Henson is the director, assisted by McKay Nield. The rehearsal and performance pianist is Heather Hacking.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 15-17 and 2 p.m. March 17-18 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Tickets, which are \$10 for general admission, are available at Everybody's Business, Norm's Cafe and Kurt's Pharmacy in Twin Falls, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and Sav-Mer Drug in Buhl, or from any chapter member or at the door.

For more information, call Hacking at 734-5511 or Lori Henson at 736-7136.

Debuting next week in TNT...

Profiles of Magic Valley artists.

First up: jazz musician Michael Frew

Twin Falls' Taylor wins T-N Oscar contest

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The winner and still champion.

Jean Taylor of Twin Falls won the *Times-News* Pick-the-Oscar Contest for the third time.

Taylor, 55, correctly picked all four of the acting-award winners, missing only the Best

Picture among the five major awards. She picked "Habeck"; "The Departed" won the Oscar.

She previously won or shared the T-N Pick-the-Oscar top honors in 1999 and 2000.

Taylor wins two tickets to the movie of her choice and popcorn to go with them.

Games *Continued from page 2*

Banana Blitz" are undeniably more fun to play with a crowd.

That's not to suggest that the Wii has a stranglehold on multiplayer action. Particularly in the sports and fighting genres, there are plenty of PlayStation and Xbox games that thrive with two or more players. But Sony and Microsoft haven't reached out to nontraditional gamers the way Nintendo has.

• "WarioWare: Smooth Moves" (*Nintendo*, for the Wii, \$49.99): "Smooth Moves" is a collection of more than 200 "microgames," each about five seconds long, that require you to use the Wii's remote control in different ways. You may be asked to hold it like a bicycle handlebars, a baseball bat or a telephone; as the events get wilder, you hold it in front of your nose or on top of your head. You'll find yourself flapping your arms, swiveling your hips, squatting and jumping.

Each round consists of 10 to 20 microgames that seem to come faster as the game progresses, and half the battle is figuring out what the game wants you to do before time runs out. The main multiplayer challenge is like a game of hot potato in which you pass the remote each time a new game starts. There's plenty of irreverent comedy, with tasks ranging from zipping up a guy in a panda suit to helping granny put her dentures in, that makes "Smooth Moves" almost as much fun to watch as it is to play.

• "Wii Play" (*Nintendo*, for the Wii, \$49.99): "The Wii Sports" disc that was packaged with the Wii attracted a lot of players to the new console, and I still find myself returning to its sweet bowling simulation. Fans have been clamoring for more, but "Wii Play" is a letdown. It consists of nine games, only one of which — billiards — has any real staying power. Most of the remainder — shooting, table tennis, laser hockey, a tank battle and rock climbing — show some promise but just don't have enough meat on them. And the final three, including fishing and two observation games where you have to find and manipulate your "MH" avatar, are mainly annoying.

• "Fuzion Frenzy 2" (*Miscrosoft*, for the Xbox 360, \$49.99): With "Fuzion Frenzy 2," Microsoft has tried to muscle into the party-game market by hiring Hudson Soft, the developer of Nintendo's popular "Mario Party" franchise. Unfortunately, "Frenzy" substitutes the charm of Mario and his gang for an irritating intergenerational game show. There are 40 different minigames, ranging from lame (gravity-defying slam dunks) to somewhat amusing (smashing your opponents with a hammer), but there's nothing you'll want to play more than once.

"Frenzy" is also marred by a confusing scorekeeping system and a dumb gimmick that allows losers to play cards to steal points from the winners, killing any desire to play skillfully.



MAGGIE THOMPSON/TIMES NEWS

Jenz Hansen, Amanda Johnson and Jack Mikkelsen act out a scene Friday in the College of Southern Idaho Theater Department's upcoming production of 'Lost in Yonkers.'

CSI presents Neil Simon's not-so-funny 'Lost in Yonkers'

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

Simon says

- **What:** The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers."
- **Where:** CSI Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls.
- **When:** Wednesday and March 8-10 and 14-17, 8 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors, are available at the CSI Fine Arts Box Office or by calling 732-6781 or 732-6786.

TWIN FALLS — In the 1980s, after "Barfoot in the Park," "The Odd Couple," "The Sunshine Boys" and "Chapter Two" had made him famous and wealthy, playwright Neil Simon turned introspective.

During a five-year period he wrote "Brighton Beaches Memories," "Blood Relatives" and "Lost in Yonkers" — semi-autobiographical plays about life as a child and young adult in the 1940s. The laughs are fewer and farther between.

"Lost in Yonkers" isn't funny at all," said Tony Mannen, a College of Southern Idaho theater instructor who is directing the school's production of the play. "It's a story about the breakup of a family."

"Yonkers," which ran for 780 performances on Broadway between 1991 and 1993 and won four Tony Awards, even has echoes of "Death of a Salesman." World War II is raging all around the world, and two boys — Arty (played by Jack Mikkelsen of Twin

Falls) and Jay (Jenz Hansen of Jerome) — are sent by their father to live with their shrewish grandmother in Yonkers, N.Y., while he travels the country trying to pay off his debts.

Their grandma isn't somebody you'd want to move in with.

"She's terrible," Mannen said. "Bitter, very angry, vindictive." At its core, "Yonkers" is about finding one's way through the tangled web of family relationships and trying to survive without losing one's sense of self.

Grandma Kuzmitz is played by freshman Kelly Babbit of Oakley.



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Watch rehearsal highlights and an interview with the play director, at Magicalvalley.com.

"She's the nicest girl in the world, and when I was casting this play I wondered, 'Who can I get to play the grandmother?'" Mannen said. "Kelli volunteered, and she's wonderful."

Mannen says folks shouldn't expect Simonesque theater when they come to see "Yonkers."

"He insists that it be done exactly as he wrote it," Mannen said. "There's a song in the play that must be sung, and we have to pay royalties on the song as well as royalties for the play." The playwright's point is that at the heart of laughter, there's always tragedy.

"He's in a position to do that because he's the Shakespeare of his generation," Mannen said.

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Local

Numbers:

Exploring the place where art and math interact.

BY WILLIAM STUDEBAKER
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TWIN FALLS — As I approached the main door to the Jean B. King Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, I thought I saw a solar system — a universe if you will — in chaos.

Brushed basket-sized globes hung before me. Each object dangling from a wire was attached to a separate motor mounted on the ceiling. This motor kept them turning in an illusory fashion as if there were a gravitational force to which they were responding.

The pull to see this "Interface Between Art and Mathematics," as the blurb-sheet described it, was irresistible.

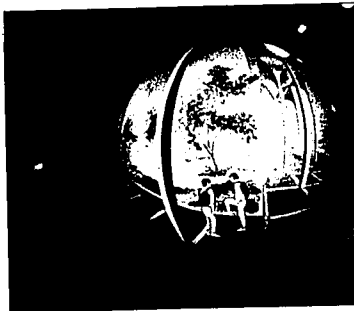
Each globe was painted with a setting of a mathematical abstraction.

The settings, on two-dimensional surfaces, were complicated by the nature of the total surface — an orb. The circularity of globe allows the artist, Dick Terries, to paint a three-dimensional scene. As he suggests, the viewer should imagine himself standing in the middle of the globe surrounded by the scene — as if he's really there.

Having forgotten my pen, I walked out of the gallery to the reception desk to borrow one. (As usual, I forgot to return it.) Again I stood at the entrance. This time it was able to resist the mysterious pull of the turning globes.

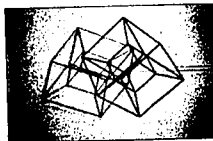
As I stood there, Phyllis Oppenheim, collections manager for the Herrett Center, approached me.

We chatted a bit, and of course our conversation turned the current show "Dimensions," an exhibit exploring the interface between art and mathematics an exhibit until March 24.



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There are ruminations in the 'Universal Campus.'



"Hypercube (tesseract)" multiple of the third dimension on a flat surface.

"Of all the shows we've had," Phyllis said, "I like this one the best."

That's quite a statement for a gallery that has hosted more than 100 shows, many of which I would call fabulous. Still, a flare of agreement surged within me.

"Dimensions" is not a show to be missed. It will delight viewers familiar with artistic language and representation, and it will enthrall folks who know about mathematical plans, real and unreal numbers.

The show is a collage built around three artists: Terries, Earl Hinrichs and Tony Robbin.

Hinrichs, an Idahoan, takes the applicability of numbers to the computer and creates fractals.

Fractals are mathematically generated objects — images if

you will — built of multiple duplications of the same structural formula. But the manipulation of the fractal creates immensely beautiful images with intriguing variations in color and color presentation — much for the artistic eye to consider.

Robbin, the third artist, manipulates the spatial depth of the hypercube. It's an apparently simple form: a wire cube, suspended by a wire and turned by a motor. This creates shadows that are three-dimensional — not simply a two-dimensional duplicate of the cube.

The shadow folds and folds as, in Escher fashion, it reproduces its three-dimensional form from the central two-dimensional form.

If you go ...

The Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for Arts and Science is on the north side of the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls, just off North College Road.

Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 1 to 9 p.m., Saturdays. The Herrett Center is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Admission is free.

This same concept is represented in Robbin's digital prints, which are displayed along the walls of the gallery.

This show is largely the brainchild of Chris Anderson, the productions specialist at Funkner Planetarium. Chris describes himself as a "geometric and hyper-space-kind of nut."

When he was in graduate school at Iowa State University, he saw a show by Terries. It stuck in his mind. And over the years, he also observed the work of Robbin and Hinrichs.

Chris began manipulating fractals, and he saw the art.

"Purely mathematical constructs," he said, "but they look like organic things — capillaries or landscapes."

Chris approached the artist/mathematicians, and to and behold, a show developed.

This show is a universe of entertainment.

Randall Mitchell, a math student at the College of Southern Idaho, said: "It's chaos, space, time, proportions, curved perspective." Then he added: "It's what you're looking at."

It is what you're looking at, for sure; space as grid, dissolved as art.

Come see what you see.

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Sound bite:

RECENT CD RELEASE



Arts Magazine

Jason Michael Carroll "Alyssa" in the Country" (Arista Nashville)

A preacher's son from rural North Carolina, 28-year-old Jason Michael Carroll possesses an extraordinary tenor voice, as displayed on his country radio hit, "Alyssa Lies," a dramatic tear-jerker about an abused child.

His debut album, "Waitin' in the Country," benefits from other striking tunes, including an emotional ballad, "Let It Rain"; the good-living "Honky-Tonk Friends"; and a stirring duet, "No Good in Goodbye," with pop singer Jewel, who seems serious about crossing over to the country market.

What doesn't emerge is any sense of who Carroll is and what makes him different than other talented singers. Instead, he relies on too many clichéd songs written by others and repeats themes heard on too many other Nashville albums.

The title cut echoes a current country music fixation: bulldozing songs on a laundry list of rural southern stereotypes. Similarly, "Anywhere USA" attempts to tie together common themes of small towns, but instead comes across as too generic and sentimental to be anywhere real.

Carroll, who wrote the best material on his debut, needs to work more on developing his own point of view and rely less on professional songwriters to form one for him.

—The Associated Press