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Legislators override smoking ban veto

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — After Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter last week vetoed a bill that would prohibit smoking in bowling alleys, calling it social engineering, state legislators called the move political and personal.

whether lawmakers would finish the 2007 session with an override to make Idaho bowling alleys smoke free.

Lawmakers did just that Wednesday, beginning with a 57-13 vote in the House and then a 29-6 vote in the Senate.

Both votes followed passionate remarks from legislators who referenced not just private property rights and the significance of health and safety, but also the



necessity for the Legislature to affirm its right in government checks and balances.

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Senate declines to override grocery-tax veto.

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Modifying agreement

Residents feel as if their concerns were ignored in Wal-Mart decision

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

How they voted

TWIN FALLS — The decision to approve Wal-Mart's request for modifications to a city building agreement stumped many people who felt that their comments and concerns were ignored.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission voted five to four Tuesday night in support of the store's request for modifications to a planned unit development agreement despite opposition from several community members and neighborhood groups.

Commissioners who supported the request said growth and development have changed

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Kimberly soldier shot by Iraqi sniper

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer



TWIN FALLS — Army Spc. Andrew Ryan Pike of Kimberly was transferred early Wednesday morning in serious condition from Iraq to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Pike, 21, woke Wednesday morning and was briefly coherent for the first time since his injuries. He suffered at least one severed vertebrae but his spinal chord is intact.

"Right now (doctors) are worried about a spinal injury," Pike said. "They are trying to get him stable. He has suffered a lot of trauma. The doctors are optimistic."

Andrew was on foot patrol Monday north of Baghdad when his location belonging to the

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How to help

Help the Pike family cover Army Spc. Andrew Ryan Pike's expenses by sending donations to: Pike Family Support Fund Idaho Central Credit Union 639 Pole Line Rd., Twin Falls

A shortage of men

Male teachers avoiding elementary school positions

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — The teachers' lounge at Murtaugh Elementary School doesn't have a men's bathroom.

That's because there are no men teaching in the elementary school. But Murtaugh isn't the only elementary school in Idaho that has a shortage of male teachers.

Although the state Department of Education does not track teachers by gender, school officials say that it has become common knowledge that fewer men are teaching in elementary schools.

Michele Capps, superintendent of the Murtaugh School District, as well as the elementary school principal, says the problem is that few men apply for elementary teaching positions.

"We don't have any male teachers here, but it's not something that is isolated to Murtaugh or Idaho — it's something nationwide," she said. "It's not that we don't want male teachers, it's just that we don't receive any male applicants."

Capps said she can't remember the last time a man applied to teach at the elementary school.

But many educators say that they believe the shortage of male teachers is not affecting the quality of education in elementary schools. And because nobody is tracking teachers by gender, it's difficult to say if male teachers make a difference in the classroom.

"We have never tracked teachers



Kathy Black, left, jokes with her sister Valda Tattersall and Debbie Cutler Wednesday afternoon in the teachers' lounge at Murtaugh Elementary School. Statewide there is a shortage of male teachers in elementary schools.

"There are stereotypes out there about who works best with whom, and I think a lot of the time this might scare male teachers away from the younger grades."

— Lance Butler, an elementary teacher at Kimberly Middle School

by gender, so we really don't know," said Melissa McGrath, communications officer for the State Department of Education. "Because we don't have that information, we don't have an opinion or comment."

The few men currently teaching in elementary schools say misinformation often deters other men from working with younger students.

"It's really a national problem," said Lance Butler, one of three elementary school teachers at Kimberly Middle School. "There are stereotypes out there about who works best with whom, and I think a lot of the time this might scare male teachers away from the younger grades."

Even Butler said he originally planned to teach older students, but after teaching the first grade he

decided to continue working at the elementary level.

Some educators say it's simply a matter of preference.

Capps said extracurricular programs such as FFA and sports seem to attract male teachers to high schools and middle schools.

And some teachers say many male teachers feel more comfortable working with older students. "I think that males don't like the snot and wet pants," said Valda Tattersall, an aide at Murtaugh Elementary School. "So I think it's because they prefer the higher grade levels."

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Regulators give nod to Idaho Power's 20-year growth plan

Conservation groups say planning document ignores wind, focuses too much on coal

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

BOISE — State regulators have approved Idaho Power Co.'s 20-year growth plan, despite complaints from conservation groups that say the company places too little emphasis on non-hydro renewables.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission announced this week it will accept Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan — a document that outlines how the company will acquire and distribute energy in the next 20 years. Green groups opposed the plan, saying the utility ignores wind-

power potential and focuses too much on coal.

"We believe the preferred portfolio should include significantly more wind," wrote Ken Miller, energy advocate for NW Energy Coalition, in a letter in response to Idaho Power's plan. Miller's group is an organization of various regional environmental and energy groups.

Despite the groups' complaints, Idaho Power has significantly increased the amount of energy it purchases from alternative suppliers, even as its customer base continues to grow.

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Idaho Power closer to Shoshone Falls makeover

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Niagara of the West could look a bit different for visitors this time next year.

The hydroelectric plant at Shoshone Falls is one step closer to a facelift after the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said Idaho Power Co.'s plans to revamp the facility will have few environmental effects.

The utility wants to step up production at the site, where thousands of tourists gather in warm weather to watch water spill over the 212-foot high falls. Idaho Power says visitors will hardly notice a change in the seasonal surge.

"There will still be those aesthetic flows," said Dennis

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A view of the Shoshone Falls hydroelectric plant.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Friday
Partly cloudy skies	Scattered clouds	The sunshine returns
High 49	Low 25	55 / 37

MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Scattered clouds. Highs, upper 40s to near 50.
 Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, mid 20s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies return and a bit warmer. Highs, mid 50s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Four Freshmen in concert, presented by Mini-Cassia Community Concerts, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, season membership only, \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$110 for families, 678-9799 or 678-1798.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Class of 1957 business meeting, locating missing classmates and making final reunion preparations, 7 p.m., Hart's Cafe, 835 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 734-2836 or 734-2612.

EDUCATION

"Wildlife Ecology of Idaho" (a historical perspective), presented by Carl Nellis and sponsored by the Friends of the Jerome Public Library, 7 p.m., 100 First Ave. E., Jerome, no cost, 324-7544.

FAMILY

O'Leary Jr. High School Pre-registration for incoming seventh through ninth graders, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, no appointment necessary; parent must be there, 733-2155 ext. 3503.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 9:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 735-4066.

HEALTH

Silver Sneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost for Humana/Insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Field Elementary, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Hegeman 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, 2:30 to 3:30 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 St. Luke's 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.

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, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Rd. (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

"Advanced Theological Counseling," Dr. Sharon Court, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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DESTINATION DISCOVERY

Tucked away in Canyon County's southeast corner along the banks of the Snake River, Celebration Park makes a marvelous find.

FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS

OPINION

MINI EDITORIAL

Somebody please hide the veto stamp

After a veto of worthy measures like a bowling alley smoking ban, coverage for underinsured motorists, and a boost to state employee benefits for reasons as thin as a tater chio, it's time to hide Gov. Otter's veto stamp. Let it see the light of day for items that need it.

— PAT MARCANTONIO, online editor

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MAGIC VALLEY



Fast-rising country singer coming to TF

Josh Turner will be the headline act at the Twin Falls County Fair in Filer in August. TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

Celtic Tenors take Irish melodies to CSI stage

The Celtic Tenors, Ireland's top-selling crossover artists, will perform the final Magic Valley Arts on Tour concert of the season Friday in Twin Falls. TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

Four Freshmen bring '50s to King Center

The seminal '50s vocal harmony group will sing for a Mini-Cassia Community Concert in Burley tonight. TNT, WITH TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

Wal-Mart proposal heads to city council

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GARVEE proposal set for Senate floor

BOISE — The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee voted 12-8 to send the House-drafted GARVEE proposal to the Senate floor. SEE PAGE C1

OBITUARIES

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CORRECTION

Wrong state for cheese company

A story about the FootHill Cafe on Wednesday misidentified the origin of Tillamook cheese, made by an Oregon company. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Police seek mom after abandoned baby dies

OROSI, Calif. — The first blanket-swaddled newborn was discovered on a park bench. Then, at next 11-month intervals, two more babies were abandoned in the same neighborhood. This week, DNA tests found all three had the same mother. The third baby died from exposure, and investigators are trying to find the mother. SEE PAGE C5

Senate passes on veto of grocery credit bill

BOISE — The state Senate on Wednesday declined to override Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's veto of a bill to give taxpayers additional relief from Idaho's sales tax on groceries, effectively ending debate on the issue this session. Hours earlier, House lawmakers had voted to override the governor's veto, sending it back to the Senate to consider for a second time. SEE PAGE C1

Otter's first term turns into veto battle

BOISE — When Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter was elected, many predicted that he would turn to the House for support in backing his agenda. They reasoned his experience there — he was a representative in the 1970s — and his conservative philosophy fit more with the style of that chamber's leaders. But in his first legislative session as governor, Otter found his backing from the Senate on a bill to expand grocery tax relief, even as House lawmakers snubbed him. SEE PAGE C4

Report: Judge accused of striking defendant

BOISE — The Idaho attorney general's office is investigating allegations that a magistrate judge in Preston struck a defendant last month, but no one will talk about the case. Magistrate Judge Eric Hunn is accused of hitting the criminal defendant at the Franklin County Courthouse on Feb. 22, the Herald Journal of Logan, Utah, reports. SEE PAGE C3

Pension managers to rethink Sudan holdings

BOISE — Idaho's public pension fund managers, under fire for investing money in companies that could be fueling genocide in Sudan, have decided to set up a group to consider ending those investments. But critics said the move by the board of directors for the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho isn't good enough. SEE PAGE C4

NATION/WORLD



After filming decline, addict dies from meth

ST. LOUIS — A former trucker whose documentary chronicled an agonizing descent as methamphetamine ravaged his body has died, optimistic to the end that his story would keep others from the highly addictive stimulant. "He was extremely satisfied, wanting to do more in getting the word out and showing kids what meth harm does. We didn't get to that point," Jack Bridges said shortly after his 35-year-old son died Monday. SEE PAGE A8

Iran shows video of captured U.K. sailors

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran aired a video Wednesday of 15 captured British sailors and marines, showing the only woman captive saying her group had "trespassed" in Iranian waters. Britain angrily denounced the video as a "completely unacceptable" display of prisoners. SEE PAGE D3

Police, militants shoot Sunnis in Iraqi town

BAGHDAD — Shiite militants and police engaged by deadly truck bombings went on a shooting rampage against Sunnis in a northwestern Iraqi city Wednesday, killing as many as 70 men execution-style and prompting fears that sectarian violence was spreading outside the capital. SEE PAGE D4

Bush demands Iraq funding with no strings

WASHINGTON — President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress lurched toward a vote to showdown Iraq on Wednesday, the commander in chief demanding a replenishment of war funding with no strings and Speaker Nancy Pelosi counseling him, "Calm down with the threats." SEE PAGE A5

Circuit City to cut more than 3,500 jobs

NEW YORK — A new plan for layoffs at Circuit City is openly targeting better-paid workers, risking a public backlash by implying that its wages are as subject to discounts as its flat-screen TVs. SEE PAGE D1

Stocks slide as Fed's Bernanke testifies

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke chided investors who may have looked past long-standing concerns about inflation. SEE PAGE D1

SPORTS



Burley softball beats Jerome by one run

JEROME — Burley took advantage of every opportunity and it paid off. The Bobcats were aggressive on the base paths and sold' on defense as they defeated host Jerome 12-11 in girls' Great Basin West conference softball action Wednesday afternoon. SEE PAGE B1

CSI baseball snubbed in national poll

TWIN FALLS — Now it's just getting started. A 25-8 record, 16-game win streak and first-place standing in the perennially-tough Scenic West Athletic Conference still wasn't enough to impress voters as the College of Southern Idaho baseball team was again snubbed in the most recent NJCAA Division I Baseball Poll, released Wednesday. SEE PAGE B1

Hoops coach Tony Bennett stays at WSU

SPOKANE, Wash. — It turns out, Tony Bennett's heart is at Washington State University. The first-year basketball coach, who led the Cougars to their finest season in six decades, said Wednesday he had agreed in principle to remain for seven years at the Pullman school. SEE PAGE B2

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Commissioners OK Wal-Mart requests'

D. L.: "Well, well, well... money trumps people AGAIN! How's that? Let's put an obnoxious highgate on a national treasure, and let's put a 24/7 import market across the road from hundreds of neighborhood homes! Too bad Twin Falls doesn't have a "downtown" area that would be perfect for such businesses! (wink...wink) Just like our president says, "money trumps everything!" Why anyone would shop at Wal-Mart is beyond me! They are the biggest importer of cheap communist Chinese garbage! And who would line the pockets of billionaires that sell out Americans? I will never shop there, but it baffles the mind why we even need that store in TF! The good news though, I see more residents applying for Medicaid and social services as soon as Wal-Mart puts its stores in TF! Good! And just wondering... Exactly whom does one have to know to get the right to degrade a natural wonder like the Snake River Canyon River?"

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Power

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 Idaho Power expects to increase its energy capabilities by 1,300 megawatts over the next 20 years by tapping wind, geothermal, coal and nuclear resources. The company predicts it will serve an additional quarter-million customers — a jump from 455,000 to about 680,000 — over the next two decades.
 In addition to potential coal and nuclear sources, much of those 1,300 megawatts could come from wind and geothermal power. Last week, the utility accepted a bid by U.S. Geothermal Inc., a Boise-based company, for 45.5 megawatts of geothermal power from yet-to-be-built plants in eastern

Oregon and near Bluff River. By next year, Idaho Power expects to have increased its wind-energy supply by more than 150 times its 2004 amount, due mostly to an agreement with an Oregon wind farm that will supply 100 megawatts and an influx of smaller Magic Valley wind farmers.
 But several green groups say that's not enough, considering the company plans to obtain a significant amount of energy from coal plants.
 "The NW Energy Coalition says there is no need for Idaho Power to include 500 megawatts of coal energy in its portfolio, as the utility proposes to do, especially since neighboring states are taking steps to

curb fossil fuel-based production. The market for coal energy is shrinking, the group says.
 The group also says the power company is underestimating wind potential in the state. "We view the company's planned wind acquisition as disappointing and as unambitious," wrote Miller, the coalition's energy advocate. In the response letter to the company's plan.
 Other naysayers include Citizens Protecting Resources, a Jerome-based group that opposed a coal-fired power plant in that county. CPB says the plan does not adequately address ways to reduce energy. The commission considered

these concerns before approving the plan, said Gene Fadness, a spokesman for the commission, and approval does not mean the objections are not valid or cannot still be addressed.
 "The utility has simply fulfilled the requirement to file a long-range plan that addresses its future," Fadness said. He said Power purchase agreements must still be approved by the commission on a case-by-case basis, and he cautioned the public not to read too much into the document.
 "Utilities must file these plans every two years," he said, "and a lot can change in two years."

Falls

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 "There will still be those aesthetic flows," said Dennis Lopez, spokesman for Idaho Power. As part of its federal license, the power company is required to increase flows during tourist-heavy times.
 Idaho Power wants to demolish a section of the existing powerhouse that was built in 1907 and replace two small generating units with a 50-megawatt generator.
 One megawatt is enough

energy to power about 650 average homes for one year. The larger generator could handle flows about six times greater than the previous generators, and it could increase energy production at the falls from about 12 megawatts to 62 megawatts at peak efficiency.
 Lopez said a new powerhouse would be built to accommodate the larger generator and it would match the architecture of the existing building, which was last updated in 1936.


Although FERC issued a positive environmental assessment for the project, it could still be more than a year before construction begins. FERC must grant a license renewal to

Idaho Power, and the process sometimes takes months. The next step is a public comment period. Contact FERC at 1-866-208-3676 for more information.

Pike

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 #2nd Airborne came under ambush. He suffered a single sniper round in his abdomen below his protective vest. No other paratroopers were injured.
 A surgeon who happened to have joined the foot patrol Monday grabbed Pike, dragged him to safety and began treating his wound.
 "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Andrew is alive because of his efforts," Pike said.
 Andrew returned to Kimberly on leave from Iraq to be with his mom Robin on her birthday last month. It was his first trip home since the #2nd Airborne was deployed last August.
 "Andrew didn't want to get into the politics," Pike said, but "he was going to do his job. You couldn't convince him otherwise. As a father, you fix a lot of things. This is something I can't fix. I wish I could."
 Currently the Pike family stays locked on a wounded soldier hotline that routes them to Landstuhl.
 Pike calls and waits for return calls.
 "He is the nicest kid," said Debi Johnson, a family friend.
 "His mom told me he kept apologizing to the medic for being so big. Apparently, the medic was kind of small. Andrew is a good six-foot and muscular."
 "It's been amazing. The community has been so fantastic," Pike said. "The #2nd Airborne has been wonderful. We receive information on a regular basis. Andrew's injuries are severe and they are so fresh we don't know the long term effects of what he's dealing with."

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Smoking

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"No student of our constitution has ever been able to come up with any pieces that say private property rights are more important than any other rights," said Sen. Brent Hill, Rexburg. "For us to walk away and to assume (Oter's) veto is somehow better than our collective wisdom would be a great disservice to the people we represent."

"Though he was the only member of the Senate to speak on the legislation, Hill led an emotionally charged argument, waving a packet of hundreds of signatures signed since Oter's veto."

He said Oter was not vindictive and was reasonable, but the Legislature has a prerogative to abide by. He maintained that private property rights need to be looked at differently when they concern children and public places.

Earlier in the House, lawmakers said bowling would be restored as a family activity, public health respiratory problems could return to bowling alleys and another second-hand-smoke zone for children would be eliminated.

"If this veto stands, many people, especially children and young people will suffer illness and injury and some will die prematurely and unnecessarily

as a result of second-hand smoke," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Bob Ring, R-Caldwell, a retired physician.

But like Hill, many lawmakers said it was important for the Legislature to override vetoes of bills that are passed originally with a two-thirds vote.

Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, who gave the same explanation for overriding a grocery tax credit bill minutes earlier, said it was important to keep the "integrity" of the Legislature.

"How many of you have the right to march into the bowling alleys and say, 'Thou shall not smoke here because I don't like it?' You can't because you don't have the authority to do that."

— Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home

"If we allow somebody to veto that and get away with it, why are we even coming to town?" Wood asked.

Meanwhile, opposition in the House came primarily from libertarian lawmakers, including Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain

Home, who said health problems should be worked out naturally through capitalism.

"We've violated the principle of the free enterprise system," he said shortly after revealing that both his parents died from diseases tied smok-

ing tobacco. "How many of you have the right to march into the bowling alleys and say, 'Thou shall not smoke here because I don't like it?' You can't because you don't have the authority to do that."

The ban, which lifts an

exemption to the Clean Air Indoor Act, goes into effect July 1, but those pushing the bill were already excited Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm crying myself out," said Katie Whitlister, a lobbyist for the American Cancer Society. "It shows real leadership on the part of our legislators."

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Wal-Mart

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the community's needs and regulations, but those opposed said the building agreement was not something that should be negotiable.

"I think that what has happened is that a lot of things have changed in that area," said Ryan Horsley, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. "The people supported a new hospital and high school in that same area, and as commissioners we have to hold everyone to fair business practices."

Modifications were specifically for the Wal-Mart building, he said, not for surrounding businesses.

But opponents of the request for modifications to the agreement say Wal-Mart isn't being fair to its neighbors.

Wal-Mart requested modifications to the North Haven PUD agreement, which was created to protect homeowners from commercial disturbances such as noise, light and traffic. But homeowners say Wal-Mart ignored their efforts to reach a compromise and instead pressured the city to approve the store's requests.

"We're not against Wal-Mart," said Rex Leforge, who represented the Los Lagos subdivision. "We just want the PUD agreement to remain in place and unchanged."

Some residents living near the site of the future Wal-Mart told commissioners Tuesday night they were told to speak with the corporate office in Bentonville, Ark., when they tried to discuss a compromise with Wal-Mart officials.

But Karianne Follow, spokeswoman for Wal-Mart, said representatives did meet with residents to discuss a compromise.

"We know that we have to work with our neighbors and the community, but obviously we also have to make sound business decisions," she said.

Wal-Mart officials said many of the modifications to the agreement simply allow the store to compete with other stores offering similar services.

The commission's recommendation for modifications to the PUD agreement will go to the Twin Falls City Council for approval. If the city council approves the recommendation, Wal-Mart will be allowed to operate a 24-hour super store with a drive-through pharmacy and garden center, as well as a lube service center.

But many residents living near the site of the future store say they still feel as if the city ignored their concerns.

"Honestly, if the citizens did not come and speak out about the store, I don't think it would have been as nice as it is," Horsley said. "I think citizens' voices in pushing Wal-Mart to build what will probably be one of its nicest stores."

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Bush demands Iraq money with no strings, told to 'calm down'

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress lurched toward a veto showdown over Iraq on Wednesday, the commander in chief demanding a replenishment of war funding with no strings and Speaker Nancy Pelosi counseling him. "Calm down with the threats," Bush said imposition of a "specific and random date of withdrawal would be disastrous" for U.S. troops in Iraq and he predicted that lawmakers would take the blame if the money ran short.



Bush

The clock is ticking for our troops in the field," he said. "If Congress fails to pass a bill to fund our troops on the front lines, the American people will know who to hold responsible." Bush spoke as the Senate moved toward passage of legislation that would require the beginning of a troop withdrawal within 120 days, and would set a goal of March 31, 2008, for its completion.

The House approved a more sweeping measure last week, including a mandatory withdrawal deadline for nearly all combat troops of Sept. 1, 2008. Both bills would provide more than \$90 billion to sustain military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After passage, the next step would be a House-Senate compromise measure almost certain to include conditions that Bush has said he finds objectionable, and the president's remarks seemed designed to lay the political groundwork for a veto showdown with the new Democratic majority later this spring.

Confidently predicting his veto would be sustained in Congress, he said, "Funding for our forces in Iraq will begin to run out in mid-April. Members of Congress need to stop making political statements, and start providing vital funds for our troops. They need to get that bill to my desk so I can sign it into law."

One key Democrat with long-term ties to the Pentagon, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., said Bush was exaggerating, and he estimated the real deadline for a fresh infusion of funds was June 1.

Gordon Adams, a former Clinton administration official specializing in defense issues, said the Pentagon has authority to transfer existing funds between accounts. "So into June, while it's painful, it's possible" for the military to maintain operations, he said.

Democratic leaders, determined to force Bush to change

course in Iraq, also disputed his contention that Congress would be to blame for any funding difficulties in a war they have vowed to end.

"Why doesn't he get real with what's going on with the world?" said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "We're not holding up funding in Iraq and he knows that. Why doesn't he deal with the

real issues facing the American people?"

Pelosi responded to Bush with a blend of conciliation and challenge.

"On this very important matter, I would extend a hand of friendship to the president, just to say to him, 'Calm down with the threats,'" she said.

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Ex-aide to say others at Justice knew of firings

By Dan Eggen and Paul Kane
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The attorney general's former chief of staff plans to testify Tuesday that other Justice Department officials knew about the "origins and timing" of the effort to fire eight U.S. attorneys, which began two years earlier in the White House, according to prepared testimony for a Congressional hearing.

But D. Kyle Sampson — who resigned earlier this month ahead of revelations that White House political officials helped direct the dismissals — also will tell the Senate Judiciary Committee that he "never sought to conceal or withhold material fact about this matter" while helping prepare witnesses for Congress. Lawmakers are seeking to determine whether top Justice Department officials misled them while testifying on the matter in recent months.

"Others in the department knew what I know about the origins and timing of this enterprise," reads Sampson's statement, obtained Wednesday. "None of us spoke up on those subjects ... not because there was some effort to hide this history, but because the focus of our preparation sessions was on other subjects."

Sampson is also prepared to describe events that led to the firing of New Mexico prosecutor David Iglesias, who has alleged improper pressure by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., according to sources familiar with Sampson's knowledge of the issue.

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EDITORIAL

Legislators use right strategy against veto

In the game of bowling, it's known as the 7-10 split. Two pins left standing at opposite edges of a lane's end. To hit both pins, a bowler rolls hard and hopes one pin can trip the other.

Unless you're a league-night regular, it's pretty tough to pull off.

That's just bowling lingo. But it's also an apt way to describe what happened in the Idaho Legislature on Wednesday. Lawmakers used their legislative powers to knock out one veto issued by Gov. Butch Otter last week, and let another veto stand.

In a session that's lacked major strikes, you can still call that a bold stroke for practical legislation.

By a 57-13 vote in the House, and a 29-6 vote in the Senate, legislators chose to override Otter's veto against smoking in Idaho bowling alleys. Lawmakers reaffirmed their stance for clean, air and protection from second-hand smoke, and *Idahoans can* avidly applaud them for it.

Originally sponsored by Sen. Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, and Rep. Bob Ring, R-Caldwell, a retired physician, the restriction passed easily in both houses before it was vetoed. Hill led the way on Idaho's initial smoking ban in 2001, after he lost a son to cancer caused by second-hand smoke.

House members eked out another override with a 48-22 vote on the grocery tax credit increase. That bill aimed to increase the income tax credit from \$20 to \$40 per taxpayer, and from \$35 to \$60 for Idaho senior citizens. The 48 votes were just enough for the two-thirds support needed to override a veto. Otter preferred a grocery tax credit that provided relief based on low-income earners' needs — not across-the-board relief.

But the Senate chose not to go for the split on Wednesday, leaving the matter for at least another day, maybe even for another session.

The two bills are completely separate, but Otter chose to make them tandem issues. After vetoing the grocery tax credit bill last week, he did the same to the smoking ban and jabbed legislators in the process. House conservatives said Otter's means-test tax credit was "social engineering" on tax policy, so they tagged their smoking ban as a similar ploy on property rights.

Otter had the right point about passing a \$31 million grocery tax relief plan that shorthanded Idaho consumers who are struggling most. But he went too far with his point when he vetoed the smoking ban. His explanation was political, not philosophical, and it smacked of petty vindication.

By choosing their battles wisely, the Senate may be avoiding another struggle. At this point, the session's biggest priority is the \$246 million "Connecting Idaho" road bonding bill, which has yet to go through either chamber. Senators had to play the right strategy on the two vetoed bills in order to avoid another veto on the transportation package.

The fact is Otter's biggest opposition is with grocery tax credits, not smoking bans. Otter indicated that he'd be willing to leave the grocery tax issue alone until next year. We agree that it's better to wait than pass a bad bill.

The smoking ban, on the other hand, was anything but a bad bill. Idahoans have responded favorably to the 2004 ban. The new law will eliminate smoking in a recreational venue frequently used by families and kids.

Now in the final frame of the session, legislators may not be able to bowl turkeys. But by standing up for clean air, they avoid looking like ones.

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OTHER VIEWS

Other states make progress on smoking bans in bars and restaurants

The Washington Post

Feb. 23, 2006, was a bad day for lungs in the Washington region. The Maryland and Virginia legislatures voted down proposed bans on smoking in restaurants and bars, sentencing employees to another year of unhealthful working conditions. But March 26, 2007, looked a lot better. On Monday, proposals to ban smoking in bars and restaurants in both states gained

critical momentum. Maryland looks set to put a ban in place soon, and a fight over a similar proposal in Virginia is brewing. In the coming weeks, both states should fix the mistake they made last year.

The more encouraging story is in Maryland, where the Senate joined the House of Delegates in passing a bill banning smoking in bars and restaurants. Some details have yet to be resolved. Most notable is that the House ver-

sion would let the state grant waivers to establishments hit overly hard by the ban, while the Senate wants to give that authority to counties. It establishes a common standard. It is probably better to give state public health officials authority over the waivers, which should be granted only in extreme cases, anyway. Either way, individual counties should have the option to ban all exceptions. However this question is resolved, the leg-

islation is basically sound and worthy of Gov. Martin O'Malley's signature.

In Virginia, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine on Monday amended an unacceptably weak bill forged in the House of Delegates, which would have required only that establishments permitting smoking post a notice indicating that smoking was allowed. Mr. Kaine rewrote the bill to ban smoking in Virginia's restaurants. That change also applies to the state's bars,

because in Virginia there is no legal distinction between bars and restaurants. Give the governor credit: It's not easy to fight Big Tobacco in Virginia, though the industry isn't as influential in Richmond as it once was. Some delegates are promising to fight Mr. Kaine's initiative when they reconvene in April; they shouldn't.

Smoking bans have proved successful in a range of jurisdictions around and outside the country, making hospital-

ity employees markedly healthier, restaurants more pleasant and nightlife livelier. Alternatives such as advanced ventilation systems are not effective at removing secondhand smoke, the dangers of which have been documented. And smoking bans are remarkably popular. Virginia would reduce the plague of illnesses caused by men and women fraternizing away from spouses.

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Vote buying on the war front

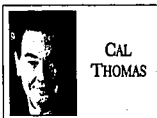
There are laws — even ethics rules — against buying votes in Congress. Lobbyists (Jack Abramoff and others) went to prison for attempting to buy votes and congressmen (Randy "Duke" Cunningham and Bob Ney) went to prison for selling them.

As with so many things, Congress does, the rules they make for others do not always apply to some of its members.

In the scandalous, short-sighted selling of American troops in Iraq, a slim Democratic House majority passed a measure that speaker and top vote buyer Nancy Pelosi claimed would "end the war in Iraq." The claim is preposterous because, even if the Senate were to pass such a measure, there are insufficient votes to override a presidential veto. One can hear the cheering in the enemy camps, as they exhort their young suicide bombers to kill themselves, and just a few more infidels, for Allah, because the worldwide Islamic empire is drawing nearer.

While the Democratic "leadership" and certain of their media sycophants crow about the "historic day" when the measure was passed, the real historic note is how so few were willing to sell their votes for blatant self-interest. Perhaps, knowing the measure would never become law, these "public servants" figured they might as well grab all the pork they could get.

Attached to this bill of surrender, as chronicled by Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) is \$21 billion in pork to buy the votes of



CAL THOMAS

some members. Among items offered in exchange for votes was \$283 million for the Milk Income Loss Contract program; \$74 million for peanut storage costs; \$60.4 million for salmon fisheries; \$50 million for asbestos mitigation at the U.S. Capitol Plant; and \$25 million for spinach growers. I'm surprised no aid was provided to pet food manufacturers to help them recoup the losses incurred after rat poison was found in their products. Oh, well, maybe next year.

The Senate is waiting to lard on to the emergency war supplemental bill multiple pounds of its own pork. CAGW reports that among the outrages in the Senate measure are \$24 million for sugar beet producers; \$20 million for reimbursements to Nevada for "assault damage"; \$3.5 million for guided tours of the Capitol (don't most people expect to buy tickets for such things?); and \$3 million for sugar cane and the transfer of funds from holiday ornament sales in the Senate gift shop.

Seeking to justify the unjustifiable, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said non-military items in the spending bill were necessary because those stingy Republicans who held the majority for 12 years

The Democrats' PLAN to win the WAR



neglected important needs. If that's true, rather than attach these items to an appropriations bill, why not introduce a measure that would fund such projects and then debate whether the federal government should spend our money on them?

This is the kind of politics many people, regardless of party, have grown to hate. Democrats promised to "clean up" the way Congress operated when they became the majority in January. They are rapidly becoming much like those they replaced, as Republicans mimicked the Democrats they replaced with their misspending and grabs for power for its own sake. The influence of lobbyists and the temptations that accompany a more truly bipartisan.

President Bush correctly noted the "political theater" indulged in by the Democrats who know he will veto the bill if it arrives with timetables for a troop pullout from Iraq. The president should publicly name every member who

slipped in pork to the supplemental spending bill, charge the Democratic leadership with vote buying and shame them before their constituents. Why should a congress that can't resist pork be expected to resist an enemy that never talks about timetables for withdrawal? The Islamofascists wish to use Iraq (along with Iran) as a base to destroy Israel and from there subjugate Europe before going after their ultimate objective: the United States. That isn't propaganda or politics; it's fact. They say it, and prove they mean it, every day. Meanwhile, disgraceful members of Congress buy and sell votes for self-serving purposes and in doing so fail to serve the nation and the freedom they have promised to preserve, protect and defend.

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Reports of rape in military may be overblown

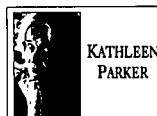
There are enough rape and sexual assault stories coming out of Iraq these days to keep Americans variously outraged and confused. In the past few weeks, two major stories have appeared — on Salon.com and in *The New York Times* Sunday magazine — reporting the difficulties servicewomen face in a testosterone-infused military.

In both stories, women reported being sexually harassed, assaulted and sometimes raped by their own comrades in arms. Many are suffering a double dose of post-traumatic stress disorder born of combat fatigue combined with sexual trauma.

Both stories, however, contain enough errors to raise questions about whether the rape-assault rate is as high as suggested. The Salon story reports, for example, that one woman was "coerced into sex" by a commanding officer, which the Salon writer says is legally defined as rape by the military.

This is simply not true. According to the Manual for Courts-Martial, rape is defined as "an act of sexual intercourse by force and without consent." The same woman also was prominently featured in the *Times* story, where she said she was "manipulated into sex."

Not quite rape, in other words. The *Times* made a much



KATHLEEN PARKER

bigger mistake in featuring another woman — Amrita Randall, a former naval construction worker who said she had been raped twice while in the service and suffered a brain injury in Iraq when her Humvee was hit by an IED, mangled her driver.

As it turned out, Randall was never in Iraq and there is no record of any sexual assault. The *Times* has run a correction.

No serious person doubts that sexual harassment and even rape occur in a war zone. But the degree to which sex is consensual or forced — often a question of he-said-she-said — is further complicated by military hierarchy and the competing circumstances (and passions) of war. This is tricky terrain. No one wants to further traumatize women who have been assaulted. Even if some percentage of the reports is false or exaggerated, the numbers are high enough to warrant concern.

Doubtless many women have suffered what they report. Doubtless, too, some women exaggerate sexual assault stories.

But the \$287 million-a-day question that sits like a Brontostaurus in a Baghdad mess tent is: Now what?

Is the solution more sensitivity training and more victim advocates?

Already, the Department of Defense has a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Already, soldiers go through mandatory workshops on sexual harassment and assault. Already, each battalion has an equal opportunity representative to field complaints.

How much is enough to thwart the nature of the beast?

This is not to say that men at war are expected to behave badly, but there are possible explanations for some of the questions that soldiers that hear closer scrutiny.

Clearly, some of what is considered sexual harassment falls into the category of harmless sport — the usual towel-snapping that is, in fact, a way to neutralize sex. But more overt sexual aggression may be the product of something few will acknowledge, at least on the record: Resentment.

Off the record, in dozens of interviews over a period of years, male soldiers and officers have confided that many men resent women because they've been forced to pretend that women are equals, and men know they're not.

The lie breeds contempt, which leads to a simmering

rage that sometimes finds expression in aggression toward those deemed responsible.

Barguing women isn't excusable, obviously. It's also not the women's fault that they've been put in this untenable situation — exposed both to combat and to the repressed fury of sexually charged young men.

The fault lies with the Pentagon and others who have capitulated to feminist pressures to insert women into combat. Although women are prohibited from direct ground combat and are assigned primarily to support roles, the lack of clear boundaries in Iraq has eliminated the distinction.

Wishful thinking and bureaucratic expansion won't likely solve the problem of sexual conflict in the war zone. But a more rational military structure that keeps women and men apart would help. As a bonus, segregation also would reduce the plague of divorces caused by men and women fraternizing away from spouses.

Finally, our commanders and fighting men could focus on the business of war rather than tending to get the skirmishes that distract commanders and steal time, resources and energy from the military's purpose.

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White House no-fire zone: History repeats itself in Gonzalesgate

In the midst of all the travails of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, suddenly David Stockman, Ronald Reagan's former budget director, burst into the news as the defendant in a big corporate fraud prosecution in New York. If got me thinking, not just about those two men, but about the two presidents who had to wrestle with keeping or firing them.



DAVID S. BRODER

Is there something about tough-guy conservative chief executives that turns them squeamish when it comes to firing people? Reagan, who had no hesitation about building up America's store of arms and telling the communists to "tear down this wall," could barely bring himself to let Stockman go — after the young budgetter had committed an egregious breach of loyalty. Now,

Bush is hanging on to Gonzales to the detriment of the Justice Department and the political embarrassment of congressional Republicans. The parallels are striking. For those who have forgotten — or were too young to know — the Stockman saga offers a cautionary lesson on the dangers of brilliant egotism. When I first met him in 1989, he was a student at Harvard Divinity School, hiding out from the draft like many others and living as a

baby sitter with Harvard professor Daniel Patrick Moynihan and his wife, Liz. I was on sabbatical at the Institute of Politics, teaching a noncredit seminar for undergrads, and Moynihan phoned me to say that he had this graduate student-roomer who was passionately interested in politics and wanted to be in the class. Of course, I made room for him.

One of my guests during the seminar was Rep. John B. Anderson of Illinois, and when he became chairman of the House Republican Conference later that year, he asked if I could recommend one of my students to be his staff director. Stockman had become a friend, and I knew how eager he was to get to Washington, and his braininess made him a good fit with Anderson.

It took Stockman only five years to move from the staff job to election as a member of the House from his home district in Michigan — and only four years in the House to develop a reputation strong enough for Reagan to make him, at 34, the youngest Cabinet-level official in a century.

Stockman devised the first Reagan budget, with its sweeping tax cuts and big boosts in military spending, and helped move it through Congress over the objections of skeptical Democrats. At the same time, he secretly began giving weekly interviews to Bill Greider, a Washington Post editor and an old friend of his. When Greider published an article based on the interviews, called "The Education of David Stockman," in *The Atlantic*

magazine, all hell broke loose. Stockman told Greider that the Reagan budget was built on false premises, that it employed a "magic asterisk" to conceal the size of its inevitable deficits, and that the tax cuts he had championed were really designed to benefit the wealthy. The detailed accounting of the integral battles that would saddle a budget with years of debt was a stunning indictment of the very administration in which Stockman was serving.

Democrats pounced — just as eagerly as they are now pummeling Gonzales — and Reagan summoned his young aide to the White House for what Stockman called "woodshed" treatment. But Reagan didn't fire him, instead, Stockman issued a contrite

apology and remained in office until 1995.

Like Stockman, Gonzales has given his president plenty of reasons to be fired. The Justice Department, a vital part of the federal government, has been reduced in stature and has lost the trust of both the public and its career employees under Gonzales.

Bush has modeled himself on Reagan in many ways. One of the worst traits they share is their reluctance to dismiss people for cause. It took more than three years of the mismanaged Iraq War for Bush to get rid of Don Rumsfeld. The Republican White House is too often a no-fire zone.

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LETTERS

Legislation poses threat to soldiers in Iraq

In a recent letter to the editor, I was accused of voting against a requirement to protect our troops. In reality, I voted against the Democrats' attempt to co-opt command-and-control authority in Iraq by opposing H.R. 1591, the Iraq Emergency Supplemental Act of Fiscal Year 2007. By including inflexible timelines for bringing military troops home, regardless of the situation on the ground, and tying the hands of our military commanders in the field, this legislation fails to provide resources for those in harm's way, and it does not provide them with the tools to successfully complete their mission. Rather than protecting our troops, the Iraq supplemental actually puts them in greater danger.

We must continue to support our troops and provide them with the resources to do the job and return home safely. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to provide funding for our military men and women

and our nation's veterans. In the FY2007 Continuing Resolution, we provided an extra \$3.2 billion for veterans' medical care and benefits.

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation to improve veterans' mental health care and reduce risk of suicide among veterans. We also passed legislation to improve veterans' vision benefits as well as legislation to increase disability compensation for veterans and their families. This week, we will take up legislation to improve veterans' outpatient care and address many of the problems that were recently discovered at Walter Reed.

REP. MIKE SIMPSON
Washington

Quick-thinking residents help find lost child

I am writing this letter for the newspaper to express my gratitude to several Magic Valley residents, Brian Walker, my postman, and the Twin Falls City Police Department for their quick response.

On March 23, my daughters and I were at a yard sale on

Second Avenue North. We were there for a while, re-introducing our dog to his previous owner holding the backyard to let the dogs play, but my 4-year-old did not see us go back there.

We were in the backyard for about 15 minutes and when we went to leave, she was gone. I was pretty frantic and called her dad and 911. Everyone from the yard sale stopped what they were doing and helped us look for her. The Twin Falls City Police responded very quickly.

What had happened was when my 4-year-old could not find us, she ran home seven blocks and stopped cars on Addison Avenue to get across. She got to our block and our observant mail carrier, Brian Walker, thought to ask her what was wrong and she told him she couldn't find her mommy. So Brian walked her back to his truck and called her daddy's work (he remembered seeing the name on the truck when he delivered our mail). Her dad and the city police all met up with Brian, and it turned out to be a happy ending.

We appreciate everybody that helped us find her that day. Thank goodness it turned out for the best.

MECHELLE NEWMAN
Twin Falls

Closing of Red's and Blue Lakes stores is tragic

The closing of Blue Lakes Sporting Goods and Red's Trading Post should cause concern.

I don't believe that any federal agency should have the power or authority to shut down a family business that has been run for generations. If Red's or Blue Lakes have been selling weapons to bin Laden, that's one thing, but I expect it's just paperwork error.

Since my retirement from law enforcement, I have been employed in the trucking industry. The feds are there, too, levying outlandish fines that don't have a thing to do with safety but only raises the prices of what we pay at the checkout counter.

In my opinion, the loss of these businesses is unnecessary and tragic.
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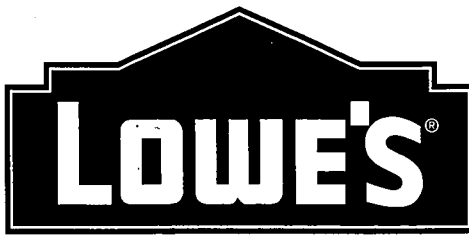
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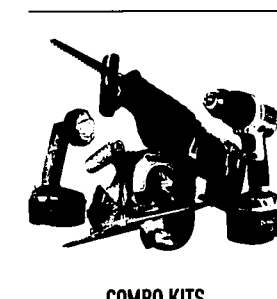
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NATION

Missouri man dies after chronicling his own descent through meth abuse

By Jim Sahr
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — A former trucker whose documentary chronicled an agonizing descent as methamphetamine ravaged his body has died, optimistic to the end that his story would keep others from the highly addictive stimulant.

"He was extremely satisfied, wanting to do more in getting the word out and showing kids what meth can do to you. We did not get to that point," his father, Jack Bridges, said shortly after the 35-year-old died Monday at a hospital in Cape Girardeau.

"I didn't want anyone to go through what he did," his father said.



Shawn Bridges rests in his hospital bed in the living room of his father's house in April 2006 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Bridges, a southeast Missouri man whose documentary about how meth hopelessly ravaged his body drew global attention, died Monday.

Shawn Bridges drew global attention last year for "No More Sunsets," a 29-minute film shot by a former southern Illinois television videographer at Bridges' request.

By his family's account, Bridges already had died at least twice, his heart so damaged by years of using meth — a concoction that can include toxic chemicals such as battery acid, drain cleaner and fertilizer — that it stopped and had to be shocked back into beating.

The documentary shows Bridges mostly bedridden, his constant companions a cat and feeding tube.

"I'd say he's got a 34-year-old body on the outside with a 70- to 80-year-old man on the inside," his father told The Associated Press last May.

Roughly 26,000 people sought treatment for meth addiction across the country in 1993, accounting for nearly

2 percent of admissions for drug-abuse care, according to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Just a decade later, the meth-related admissions numbered nearly 136,000 — more than 7 percent of the national total for drug-abuse treatment.

Family members have said Bridges had been haunted by the dreary day in 1976 when his younger brother Jason, barely a year old, died in a car wreck. Bridges was 4 and nowhere near the accident but still blamed himself, wanting to trade places with his dead sibling, his father said.

A lenient upbringing set Bridges on the road to becoming "a little monster," his father said. "By 16, the kid was a high school dropout and partier."

At 26, Bridges had a heart attack that his father blamed on meth's ability to damage a chronic user's heart and other internal organs. Bridges learned he had congestive heart failure. Twice, he tried to kill himself, according to family members.

During his final months in a hospital bed, Bridges' words slurred to guttural sounds when he tried to talk. At times, he spit up blood, and his weight fell dangerously when he couldn't keep food down.

His father said Monday that Bridges developed a urinary tract infection shortly before he died.

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'The Onion' takes to the airwaves

By Steven Snyder
Newsday

For years, the weekly satirical newspaper The Onion has poked fun at the mainstream press. And starting this week, it's expanding its focus to include the world of 24-hour cable news.

On Tuesday, the Onion debuted the first installment of its long-awaited Onion News Network, posting video clips to its Web site (www.onion.com) and encouraging users to spread those clips via YouTube, MySpace and other blogs.

"We've been waiting for technology to catch up with our advanced vision for the future of news," said Onion President Sean Mills in a "dramatic" news release. "That day has finally come."

Billing itself as a 24-hour television news service, the Onion News Network, much like its paper counterpart, has a fictionalized history: It was founded in 1904, offers channels in 71 languages and can be viewed in 92.2 million households and more than 500,000 prison cells.

Of course, it hasn't been around for a century, and it's not a 24-hour operation; instead, it will be updated weekly with a handful of new video clips, all ranging from one to five minutes and hosted by ONN's fictional "respected newsmen" Clifford Bancs.

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SPORTS

Boozer, Okur lead Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 25 points and 11 rebounds and Mehmet Okur added 23 points and 12 boards to help Utah beat Minnesota and clinch the Northwest Division title.

Deron Williams, who had 22 points and 14 assists, and Derek Fisher combined to make seven of eight free throws in the last 25 seconds to secure the victory, Utah's seventh straight at home.

Kevin Garnett scored 25 points and Ricky Davis added 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter.

SuperSonics 100, Nuggets 97

DENVER — Rashard Lewis scored 33 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter, and Nick Collison added 16 points and 13 rebounds to lead Seattle over Denver, which lost for the fourth time in five games.

Carmelo Anthony finished with 20 as the Nuggets, who are 2-10 at home when scoring less than 100 points.

Nets 118, Pacers 94

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bookie Josh Boone scored a career-high 22 points Wednesday night to lead New Jersey Nets to a 118-94 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Boone came off the bench to hit 11 of 13 from the field. He also pulled down 10 rebounds in his second strong game. Boone was perfect on all 10 shots from the field in the Nets' 11th overtime win in Charlotte on Saturday.

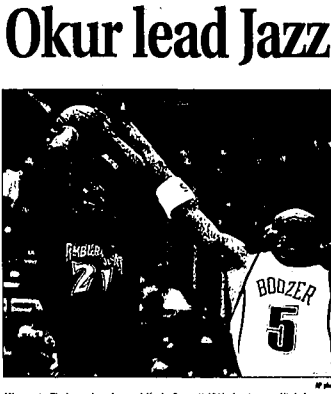
Spurs 92, Hornets 88

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 31 points, including his first 3-point shot of the season, to help San Antonio beat New Orleans.

Brent Barry hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help the Spurs rally for their fifth straight victory. He finished with 15 points. Michael Finley added 13 and Muttie Ginobili scored 12 for San Antonio.

Knicks 97, Cavaliers 93

NEW YORK — Eddy Curry



MINNESOTA Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett (21) finishes over Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer (5) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

scored 13 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. Stephen Marbury rattled in a clinching 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left, and New York revived its playoff hopes by beating Cleveland to snap a four-game losing streak.

Marbury and Channing Frye each finished with 15 points for the Knicks, who won for just the second time in eight games.

Raptors 96, Heat 83

TORONTO — Chris Bosh became Toronto's career leader in double-doubles when he had 13 points and 17 rebounds in a victory that moved the Raptors ahead of Miami for third place in the Eastern Conference.

Anthony Parker added 20 points for Toronto, which had six players score in double figures.

Celtics 105, Magic 96, 2OT

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 32 points. Al Jefferson added 23 points and 13 rebounds, and Boston held on for a double-overtime win over Orlando.

Delonte West scored 17, and Kendrick Perkins had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Celtics, who outscored Orlando 15-6 in the second overtime to finish their home stand 2-2.

Bennett staying with Washington State hoops

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — It turns out, Tony Bennett's heart is at Washington State University.

The first-year basketball coach, who led the Cougars to their finest season in six decades, said Wednesday he had agreed in principle to remain for seven years at the Pullman school.

His salary and other details will be worked out after Bennett returns from this

weekend's Final Four in Atlanta.

There had been speculation that Bennett, who has already won several coach of the year awards, might jump to a more prestigious program. You know we're Cougars to a 26-6 record and the second round of the NCAA tournament, where they lost 78-74 in double overtime to Vanderbilt.

Bennett, 37, and athletes

Wizards 111, 76ers 108

WASHINGTON — Caron Butler scored 21 points in his return from a knee injury, including two key free throws with 14 seconds left to help Washington hold off Philadelphia and end a three-game losing streak.

Deshawn Stevenson added a season-high 28 points for the Wizards.

Bobcats 101, Hawks 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 31 points and Charlotte beat Atlanta in a matchup of the two of the worst teams in the NBA.

Wallace hit 12 of 16 shots, 7 of 9 free throws and added nine rebounds to help the Bobcats snap a two-game losing streak and win their 27th game, one more than last season.

Mavericks 105, Bucks 103

DALLAS — Jason Terry had 27 points with a couple of key late baskets and Dallas beat Milwaukee for its 60th win ever though Dirk Nowitzki played little after hurting his ankle in the first half.

It is the third time the Mavericks have won 60 games, all in the last five years. The Western Conference's top team has 11 games left in the regular season.

— The Associated Press

Coach

Continued from page B1

JZ: "I want my kids to go to class, to be a part of the community. You know we're coaches are really teachers and part of what we are teaching is accountability. If someone's not going to class, as teachers, we've got to correct that. These are young kids, 17, 18, 19 years old. The most important thing is to communicate to them the things we feel they need to do to succeed and it works both ways. I've already told them 'Don't put me in a position where I don't know where you're at. Pick up the phone, call me.' A phone call is the easiest way to prevent any kind of trouble. But I'll tell you I've been impressed by the character of the kids."

T-N: The first season is so hard on everyone when a new coach comes in because you don't know the players and the players don't know your system. It's honestly, I probably know the new recruits better. I know some of the returning players. We just haven't had the time to get together yet to learn more

about them as people. The other thing is getting to see what the kids can do on the field. I want all the players to see it as an opportunity. No one is promised anything. Nothing is guaranteed. I want to build an identity as a hard, physical football team and we don't take shortcuts to get that."

T-N: Coach, can you give us a general idea of the type of offense and defense you like to use in place, does that still hold true?

JZ: "I'm more of a defensive guy. We're going to show multiple fronts. I want pressure. I want turnovers and I want sacks. Offensively you'll see a lot of play action and plays designed to stretch opposing defenses."

T-N: Quarterback was expected to be filled by Luke Butler with the graduation of Matt Gutierrez. Now that you are in place, does that still hold true?

JZ: "We'll see. I always felt competition is great for everyone. Let's see who is going to separate themselves. Let's see who wants to play. I don't know right now who's going to start, but I know all of the quarterbacks are capable."

T-N: In your first recruiting

class you got some fine prospects out of Washington State and also recruited well-south Idaho. From a recruiting standpoint are there particular areas of the country that you're going to concentrate on?

JZ: "Our top priority every year will be the in-state kids. I really believe in that. In fact, every coach is going to have an in-state area of responsibility. It's not just one or two guys recruiting the state. We want Idaho kids. We'll also recruit Washington and California hard. We've got relationships built with high school coaches from there."

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T-N: Looking at the roster as it stands now, what areas excite you? And what areas are you most concerned about?

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Petersen perfect against Minico

Times-News

RUPERT — Amber Petersen is perfect against Mini-Cassia teams this season.

Less than two weeks after tossing a perfect game against Burley, the Twin Falls pitcher threw another gem Wednesday in a three-inning, 17-0 win over Minico.

In three innings of work, Petersen struck out five and gave up no hits or walks. She also stepped up at the plate with a double and triple.

Natasha Brenner went 3-for-4 in a three-run home run for the Bruins, while Carmella Dolbeck went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles.

Minico will head Blackfoot in a double header Friday at Rupert's Hig Valley Park.

Twin Falls 27, Minico 0

Three Innings

1st Inning: Twin Falls 0-0, Minico 0-0. 2nd Inning: Twin Falls 0-0, Minico 0-0. 3rd Inning: Twin Falls 17-0, Minico 0-0.

Buhl wins both ends of doubleheader

KIMBERLY — The Buhl Indians left Twin Falls Tuesday with two wins over the host Kimberly Bulldogs in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play on Wednesday as the Indians won 6-1 and 12-7.

In Game 1, Buhl sophomore Autumn Yurby was 3-for-4 and freshman shortstop Peterson was 2-for-4, winning junior pitcher Leslie Hunter gave up six hits but only allowed a single Kimberly run.

In the second game, Buhl had 21 hits including doubles by Cheryl Geiger, Pearson, and Hunter. The Buhl senior shortstop, Geiger, was 5-for-5 and senior catcher Jenna Lively was 4-for-5. Hunter picked up her second win.

Buhl hosts Glens Ferry on Friday. Kimberly (4-2, 0-1) hosts Elgin on Tuesday.

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Track and field

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Tennis

Minico 9, Gooding 3

GOODING — The Minico Senators won their first of the best Gooding Senators, winning nine matches to three Wednesday afternoon.

Spartans J.P. Dells and Kathleen Child both win in singles competition, while the Senators' victory led by Andrew Jensen and Richard Kelly's boys doubles win. The Senators travel to Burley for a 3 p.m. Friday showdown.

Minio 9, Gooding 3

Match 1: J.P. Dells, Minico, 6-3. Match 2: Kathleen Child, Minico, 6-3. Match 3: Andrew Jensen, Minico, 6-3. Match 4: Richard Kelly, Minico, 6-3. Match 5: Andrew Jensen and Richard Kelly, Minico, 6-3. Match 6: Andrew Jensen and Richard Kelly, Minico, 6-3. Match 7: Andrew Jensen and Richard Kelly, Minico, 6-3. Match 8: Andrew Jensen and Richard Kelly, Minico, 6-3. Match 9: Andrew Jensen and Richard Kelly, Minico, 6-3.

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over the top of my head some kicking like something was in my eye or it was. It turned out Howard had a few pops and was boxing, throwing jabs, right about my head. I was a fan of boxing and loved watching Howard call the fights.

"So I stood up and playfully grabbed him around the arms and he started going into I'm made Muhammad Ali routine. I came from a small high school and here I am with the pros. I'm really excited by saying, 'John Zambrini Pacific Lutheran College. I knew you wanted to make the club!'"

"I'm thinking 'wow...Howard Cosell knows who I am!'"

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Near to slightly below average temperatures and partly cloudy skies. Highs, upper 40s to near 50.
 Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows, mid 30s.
 Tomorrow: Turning sunny. Highs, mid 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

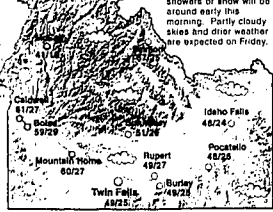
Today: Scattered clouds. Highs, upper 40s to near 50.
 Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, mid 20s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies return and a bit warmer. Highs, mid 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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 The latest storm system has moved east and will be left with clearing skies today. More clouds will roll in on Friday and Saturday, but so far it looks like the weather will stay dry.

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 March will round out with some pretty nice weather. Today through Saturday expect partly cloudy to sunny skies, comfortable temperatures and dry, settled weather conditions.

NORTHERN UTAH
 A few lingering mixed showers or snow will be around early this morning. Partly cloudy skies and drier weather are expected on Friday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 75 at Carey, W. Idaho; Low: 25 at Carey, W. Idaho. Wind: 25 mph at Carey, W. Idaho. Snow: 1.0 inch at Carey, W. Idaho.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 49	Low 25	55 / 37	80 / 40	62 / 37	54 / 35

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 71	0.01"	61%	30.01"	6:11 AM	100
Yesterday's Low: 33	0.01"	41%	30.01"	7:28 AM	100
Record High: 81	0.01"	43%	30.01"	6:04 AM	100
Record Low: 11	0.01"	43%	30.01"	8:04 PM	100

MOON PHASES

Full Moon	First Moon	New Moon	First Moon
Apr 2	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	6:52 AM	6:51 AM
Idaho Falls	6:52 AM	6:51 AM
Twin Falls	6:52 AM	6:51 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
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NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	54-70	58-70
Chicago	41-50	42-51
Los Angeles	62-72	63-73
New York	41-50	42-51

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CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	41-50	42-51
Edmonton	41-50	42-51
Toronto	41-50	42-51



Andy Roddick returns to Andy Murray, of Britain, at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament Wednesday, in Key Biscayne, Fla. Roddick was forced to retire from the match due to an undisclosed injury.

Injury ends Roddick's title bid at Key Biscayne

KEY BISCAINE, Fla. (AP) — As the shot sailed past Andy Roddick, he grimaced in pain and didn't even try for the ball. Instead, he limped toward Andy Murray at the net and extended his hand.

Eight games into the match Wednesday, Roddick had decided it was time to quit.

He retired with a strained left hamstring, allowing Murray to advance to the semifinals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

Three-time champion Serena Williams also reached the semifinals, beating No. 8-seeded Nicole Pietrangeli 6-1, 6-4.

Williams will play for the fourth day in a row Thursday night when she faces No. 14 Shahar Pe'er. A 19-year-old corporal in the Israeli Army, Pe'er nearly pulled off an upset against Williams in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open in January, losing the third set 8-6.

Roddick said his injury occurred while lunging for a shot in the fifth game. He called it quits trailing 5-3.

"I just kind of jarred something at first," he said. "More and more it started becoming like a sharp pain, and then I started feeling it even when I was just kind of cruising around the court, not even in points. It was steadily getting worse, which isn't a good sign."

An MRI exam revealed a grade-one strain — the least severe kind, with grade three the worst. Still, the injury leaves in doubt Roddick's availability for the U.S. Davis Cup team's match against Spain on April 6-8.

"It's a hamstring — it could take three days, or three weeks," U.S. captain Pat McEnroe said. "We're going to do everything we can to get him ready. There's no tear, that's the main thing."

Roddick said he thought of Davis Cup the moment he hurt himself.

Roddick failed to react to several of Murray's shots, took a medical timeout at 4-3 and left the court.

Roddick returned to play six more points but appeared hobbled. On the final rally, he hit a half-volley at the net.

When Murray pulled a backhand crosscourt for a winner, Roddick didn't move — or even look at the ball.

He then conceded with a handshake.

Roddick's chances of winning his second Key Biscayne title seemed good when chief nemesis Roger Federer lost Tuesday to Guillermo Canas. Instead, Roddick retired from the tournament for the second time in three years.

Murray became the first Brit to reach the Key Biscayne semifinals since Tim Henman in 1998. The Scotsman is ranked a career-high 12th and leads the men's tour with 23 wins — two against Roddick — in 27 matches.

Murray's opponent Friday will be the winner of the match Wednesday night between second-seeded Rafael Nadal and No. 10 Novak Djokovic.

Peer advanced to the semifinals by winning the first nine games and beating No. 24 Ilijan Garbin 6-0, 6-3.

The other women's semifinal Thursday will be between top-ranked Justine Henin and Anna Chakvetadze.

Big men take center stage at Final Four

NEW YORK — (AP) The Final Four is big, really big, this year.

With Ohio State's Greg Oden, Georgetown's Jay Billock and Florida's Joakim Noah and Al Horford leading in Atlanta this weekend, college basketball's signature event has become a showcase for the country's best big men.

It could result in more post action at the Final Four than anyone has seen since Patrick Ewing and Lukeeman Olatunji shared the stage in 1981.

"I think it's going to get the game back to where it used to be in having that low-post threat," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said Wednesday. "The size of the guys in this Final Four is truly amazing."

Florida (33-5) has made the most of its size advantage the last two seasons. Noah and Horford helped the defending national champions win 15 consecutive postseason games and advance to Saturday's semifinal game against UCLA — a rematch of last year's title game.

Although the Bruins (30-5) boast two of the top big men in the history of college basketball — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Bill Walton — they are considered underdogs in this year's Final Four.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute is the team's top post player, but at 6-foot-9 and 230 pounds, he's petite compared to Oden, Hilbert, Noah and Horford.

"We are by far the smallest team in this Final Four," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "But I think it's great to see the big man in college basketball."

He'll see two Saturday night.

Noah and Horford outwork most opponents down low, getting easy buckets and creating open shots for everyone around them.

The Florida duo came up huge in last year's title game with a combined 30 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocks.

"Our whole team had a problem with Florida in the title game last year," Howland said. "They thoroughly dominated us. I don't think there's any secret about that."

Noah, a 6-11 forward and the son of tennis star Yannick Noah, was the catalyst for the team's title run in 2006, blocking a tournament-record 29 shots.

He probably could have been the No. 1 pick in last year's NBA draft, but decided to return in hopes Florida would become the first team since Duke in 1992 to repeat as national champions.

Horford came back, too. The 6-10 center and son of former NBA player Tito Horford has improved his game significantly, developing post moves and an outside jumper — making himself Florida's No. 1 player to try to defend.

Ohio State's top threat also happens to be a center.

Oden, a 7-foot freshman sensation, propelled the Buckeyes (24-3) into Saturday's semifinal match against Georgetown (30-6).

He blocked the final shot against Tennessee in the regional semifinals to secure an 85-84 victory, then had 17 points and nine rebounds in only 24 minutes against Memphis to lift Ohio State to a spot in the Final Four.

Oden might have turned pro out of high school — he said he always planned to go to college — but ended up at Ohio State because of a new NBA rule requiring players to be at least one year removed from high school before they enter the draft.

Oden has proven he's ready for the next level and even said last week that "everything is easy about college." He's averaging 15.4 points and 9.5 rebounds. He's shooting 61 percent from the field and has 100 blocked shots.

Not bad for someone who missed the first seven games while recovering from wrist surgery, then had to wear a brace on his right wrist and shoot free throws left-handed.

"The thing I enjoy about him is he gets better every day," Matta said. "The seven months that his hand was immobilized obviously set him back. When he came back, the hand didn't work. We disguised it, we didn't tell anybody that his right hand couldn't move. But I think that's really made a lot of progress. It just keeps getting a little bit stronger every day."

"The good thing, with all that time off, he was working his left hand and you saw the rewards," Howland said.

Hilbert could prove to be a challenge for Oden.

The 7-2 junior has played well in the tournament, averaging 13 points and 11.5 rebounds. He also has 11 blocked shots, nine assists and just four turnovers.

"I just will see Saturday how they match up," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "I think they're both very good players and something that people are talking about because it's not too often you have two low-post centers going against each other, particularly this late in the tournament."

Hilbert's the latest in a distinguished list of centers from Georgetown, joining Ewing, Alton Mourning and Dionke Mutombo. Hilbert has come a long way in a short time, maybe even more than any of his predecessors. He couldn't do a single push-up when he arrived on campus, and Thompson said his staff had to teach him how to run.

"Roy has improved in every area," Thompson said. "If you weren't around him, it's almost hard to describe. He's been extremely willing and he's worked extremely hard. His game, his body from the time he's spent in the weight room, he's improved in everything."

So have Oden, Noah and Horford, making this Final Four all about the big men — a rarity in recent years.

"A lot of times kids are going right to the pros and not sticking around," Thompson said. "A lot of times it's because of an injury. It's because a lot of guys are going to the pros and not sticking around."

"But we have guys here that like the fact that they're low-post players."

Daily double: What's next for Phelps after setting another world record in swimming?

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The red line lapped at Michael Phelps' feet, as if pushing him to another world record.

A superimposed TV gizmo that demonstrates just how close swimmers are to record pace, the red line was actually moving along BEHIND Phelps as he approached the wall.

"We weren't chasing the mark. It was chasing him."

"That was amazing," said Phelps' coach, Bob Bowman.

At this point, Phelps is just racing himself and the records he already holds. On Wednesday at the world swimming championships, he set his second world mark in as many days and showed no signs of slowing down with five more races to go Down Under.

Can this be right? Phelps swam a 200-meter butterfly in 1 minute, 52.09 seconds. In a sport where records are

documented in hundredths of a second, Phelps broke his own record by a staggering 1.52 seconds — the biggest drop in the record since 1959.

For those who thought the lanky American was at his peak during the 2003 worlds in Barcelona or the following year for the Athens Olympics, think again: He's better than ever, at the ripe 'ol age of 21.

Phelps shattered the record he set just six weeks ago in Missouri. With the crowd at Rod Laver Arena roosting him on, he surged to the wall nearly two body lengths ahead of anyone else.

Whirling around and flipping up his goggles to get a better look at the scoreboard, Phelps squinted his eyes when the time flashed.

"I checked my time. Phelps said, 'I heard the crowd (the last 50 meters). I didn't know how close I was or how far I was under it. You could tell by the expression on my face. I was shocked.'"

In the stands, Bowman had a similar reaction.

Phelps' coach was keeping up with the split times, fully aware he was well below the pace of his previous record-breaking swim. But Bowman didn't truly grasp just how fast his star pupil was going until he glanced at the video board on the final lap.

The red line told it all.

Senate declines to override Otter veto on grocery tax credit

By Shannon Dinsley
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state Senate on Wednesday declined to override Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's veto of a bill to give taxpayers additional relief from Idaho's sales tax on groceries, effectively ending debate on the issue this session.

Hours earlier, House lawmakers had voted to override the governor's veto, sending it back to the Senate to consider for a second time. But Senate leaders instead elected to return the bill to committee,

despite unanimous support for it the first time around.

"That's the death knell for this issue this year," Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis said afterward.

The bill would have doubled to \$40 a year the credit that Idaho residents get on their state income taxes to help offset the sales tax on groceries. The credit would have increased from \$35 to \$60 for seniors.

The average family of four spends \$400 on grocery taxes annually.

The plan pushed by law-



makers would have reduced state revenues by an additional \$32 million per year, bringing the total cost of grocery tax relief to \$58 million.

Otter vetoed the plan, arguing it would reduce state revenues too much and didn't target relief to those who need it most. The Republican govern-

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nor favored a means-adjusted plan that would have reduced state revenue by just \$22 million more annually, and would have given as much as \$90 a year back to low-income residents. It also would have eliminated the existing \$20 tax credit for those making more than \$50,000.

Mark Warbis, Otter's communications chief, said the governor is committed to working on a solution to the grocery tax early next session, to apply to 2007 tax returns.

"If it's something that still needs to be resolved when the Legislature reconvenes, we believe and hope it's something that can be taken care of very quickly," Warbis said.

The Senate originally passed the bill 34-0.

Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said it became clear to Senate leaders they would have failed to get the two-thirds vote needed to

override the veto. Both Democrats and Republicans then agreed the issue should be closed for the year, he said.

"We take the governor at his word that he would like to work collectively on resolving this issue," he said.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchikan, agreed.

"This grocery tax veto override was a living, breathing opportunity for us to get a better bill next year," said Stennett, the Senate Minority Leader.

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GARVEE funding approved

Outcome in Senate unknown

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Wednesday's rescheduled and highly anticipated meeting by the state budget panel on GARVEE funding, a central request from the 2007 session has not ended, by most measures lived up to its potential.

When Rep. Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls, said the two plans on offer drafted by senators, the other by representatives — differed simply on the use of "shall" and "should," the committee co-chair Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, was not hesitant to help.

"We'd be happy to send a page after a dictionary for you if you'd like," Cameron dryly told a wide-eyed McGeachin.

Ultimately, the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee voted 12-8 to send the House-drafted proposal to the Senate floor.

Two Senators from the Treasure Valley, which would receive about \$16 million to improve I-84, as well as the two House Democrats, voted in favor.

Cameron later apologized during the meeting, but he said after that "exterior" influence — perhaps the conservative House leadership — was meddling with committee members who typically make their own decisions.

"It could be tearing apart the fiber of the joint committee because, for the first time in a long time, you basically had a Senate-House vote," Cameron said. "You no longer may be able to operate on an 'everything provided' information and the best information prevails' type of attitude."

Debate over two \$246 million appropriation proposals differed on whether oversight of the highway improvement projects should be given to the Legislature or the Idaho Transportation Department, and whether the project prices

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South Central District Health names 2007 Health Heroes Award winners

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — This year's South Central District Health Heroes include a child advocate, day care owner, a student group crusading for the tobacco cessation and podiatrists determined to keep the community tuned into diabetes health.

The 2007 Health Heroes Award was presented Wednesday during the South Central District Board of Health meeting in Twin Falls.

Nominations were submitted by the community and selections were based on breadth of service and ongoing commitment to improve the health of south-central Idaho residents.

The Adult Health Hero award was presented to Burley resident Linda Peterson, an advocate for the welfare of children

with the Mini-Cassia Child Protection Team.

"Ms. Peterson carries out these activities with a smile and kind words for everyone," said Buck Ward, chairman of the board of health. "She represents the true spirit of volunteerism."

Twin Falls High School students who make up the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition were given the Youth Health Hero award.

"This is something that everyone in the community should be doing, trying to make Idaho healthier, and a better place to live," said Carson Howerton, the

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Super heroes



Foot and Ankle Specialist Dr. Randall Wraalstad, who is involved in the Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition, was named a Corporate Health Hero, an award from South Central District Health.

"(Dr. Craig Holman and Dr. Randy Wraalstad's dedication to education and training is helping to improve the lives of people with diabetes."

— Buck Ward, chairman of South Central District Board of Health on Corporate Health Heroes winners Dr. Craig Holman and Dr. Randy Wraalstad

Rupert native named magistrate judge for Camas County

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — Camas County meet Jason Walker, your new magistrate.

If the name sounds unfamiliar, that's because it is.

Walker, a Rupert native, has served as Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney since 2003. He was chosen Wednesday afternoon by the Magistrate Commission of the Fifth Judicial District from a field of five candidates, and will fill the vacancy left by Magistrate John Varin's retirement.

He will begin wearing his magisterial robes on June 1, earlier than his scheduled term expiration on Dec. 31, 2008.

"I'm swallowing hard,"

Walker, 39, said after Linda Wright, Trial Court administrator, called him with the verdict. He and his wife Cindy had barely stepped away from the interview inside the American Legion Hall in Fairfield.



Walker

In his new position, Walker will spend no more than four Mondays per month presiding over local cases because of Camas County's smaller population, about 1,050 residents. He will travel to various courts to hear cases throughout the Magic Valley.

The commission that selected Walker is made up of eight

county commission chairmen, three mayors (including one from a city of more than 10,000 people), two attorneys, two citizens at large, one magistrate judge and the administrative district judge. Two of its members were not present for the vote.

Wright said commission members were impressed with Walker after interviewing him, reviewing his references and receiving comments from lawyers in Minidoka County.

"The role of the court is to be a peacekeeper," Walker told the commission. "People have to get the perception that things are fair."

Sometimes judges are too lenient, he said, and often feel pressured to reduce sentences.

"You say you'll do unless there's a good reason," he said.

As a prosecutor, Walker learned that ruling harshly against drug addicts often has a counter effect.

"It's not going to solve his problem," he said. "But dealers are different. You should give them no breaks. You have to tailor things."

When Walker, a self-proclaimed conservative, graduated in April 1998 from the University of Idaho's College of Law, he ascribed to zero tolerance.

"I started with, 'If you break the law once, you had your one chance and that's it,'" he said. "But increasingly I see change in criminal behavior is a process. Not everybody that commits a crime is a danger to society. Dealing with some-

body who struggles with addiction is a lot different than dealing with somebody who is just a crook."

Walker said he would like to see couples solve their "high conflict" divorce and child custody battles through mediation.

"You can bend the high conflict cases around," he said. "If I come down and say, 'This is the way it's going to be,' most of the time it's both people that aren't going to be happy, which just spawns more litigation."

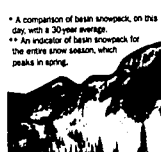
Walker will serve an 18-month probation. If he is voted to continue, he may serve a four-year term.

He said that Varin's legacy is exemplary and hopes to shadow him before Varin retires on May 31.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Season peak*
Salmon	71%	67%
Big Wood	60%	57%
Little Wood	42%	42%
Big Lost	57%	54%
Little Lost	66%	61%
Henrys Fork/Teton	67%	64%
Upper Snake Basin	65%	62%
Oakley	78%	75%
Salmon Falls	69%	67%

As of March 28



* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

SERVICES

Connie Maurine Nelson Gurey of Albion and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213W Main St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Randy Dean Hell of Las Vegas, Nev., funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Grandview Drive in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Antonia Castro of Rupert, vigil service at 7:30 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St. in Rupert; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Friends and family may call from 7 to 7:30 p.m. today and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

David Lee Robertson Sr. of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; memorial service at 4 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Doris E. Howard of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Farnum Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

Christal G. Bossert of Rupert, funeral on noon Friday at the Rupert First Christian Church, 110 Eighth St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and

from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Kurtz) Wagner Hanson of Cut Bank, Mont., memorial celebration at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome; a reception will follow (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Eva Annie Stander of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church on Main Street in Buhl; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Farnum Funeral Chapel in Buhl, with family greeting friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Donald Ganguet of Eden, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Cemetery in Jerome; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Robert Ray "Bob" Luttrell of Wendell, reception and celebration of life from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Martha Gunderson Grow of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Betty Ann Johnson of Hagerman, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Orson Edgar 'Ed' Hatch

DECLO — Ed Hatch, a 59-year-old resident of Declo, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center due to complications from a long battle with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. His wife and three children were at his side. Other than his COPD, he lived a fulfilled life with close family and friends. He is now resting in peace and no longer has to fight for every breath.



Ed was born Nov. 15, 1947, in Burley, Idaho, the first of three children born to Gene and Lorraine Hatch. Most of his childhood years were spent in Albion, where his dad, Gene, worked as a ranch hand. Ed had fond memories of being raised on a ranch. He had many stories, such as spring handlings where, when the neighbors would pitch in and help each other get their calves branded and eat a huge feast afterward. He graduated from Declo High School in 1966, with the help of his girlfriend, Sharon Statten, who tried to make sure he attended all of his classes. After high school, he graduated from Wyoming Technical College in Laramie, Wyo. Upon returning to Idaho, Ed worked for Hanzel & Shanon in Rupert for a short while before going into business with his dad, opening a welding shop. He accomplished this while waiting for the love of his life to complete her computer school. Ed and Sharon were married in Elk, Nev., on Sept. 16, 1967. They were married almost 40

years and had three children. Terry, Tanya and Tad. Ed was a talented man with a passion for life. He worked for many years as a welder and is well known by many farmers for his meticulous welding skills. He was a talented artist of metal and wood his entire life with amazingly beautiful artwork scattered here and there, mostly among family and friends. For the past five years, he has worked as a metal artist, developing unique, intricate art pieces from metal. He has sold his metal art all across the United States and some other countries. His favorite pastime was probably fishing. All of his grandkids have memories of catching the big one with grandpa, or maybe just memories of riding his boat and feeding the fish in the lake. (Whichever, they are great memories.)

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; Declo's children, Terry (Bryce) Meyer of Oakley, Tanya (Toby) Fowler of Middleton and Tad Hatch of Nampa; six grandchildren, Will, Kaylee and Tyler Meyer, Gage Ashby, Tyler Thompson and new baby girl Thompson (50th in the oven); his sister, Gena (Toby) Fowler of Albion; and his brother, Homer (Nancy) Hatch of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Lorraine Hatch. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Al Fry officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 9 a.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@mvgvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.mvgvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

James Walter Dodds

TWIN FALLS — James Walter Dodds passed away peacefully at his home in Twin Falls on March 26, 2007, at the age of 82.



He was born Sept. 19, 1924, in McGrann, Pa., to William Dodds and Margaret Viola McGregor. He is survived by his wife, Edythe Mae Nockley Dodds; a sister, Louise Oakley; five children, Terry (Catherine) Dodds, Chad W. Dodds, Mark L. (Margaret) Dodds, Jay P. (Sandra) Dodds and Carol Ann (Craig) Willett; and by 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, all of whom loved to be around their grandpa. He was preceded in death by three brothers, a grandson and a great-grandson.

Following his graduation from Ford City (Pa.) High School, Jim enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served as a pilot during World War II. While stationed at Mountain Home Air Base, he met Edythe. They were married Nov. 22, 1948, and were later sealed in the Idaho Falls LDS temple. They were happily married for 62 years. His flying days included a tour with the Idaho Air National Guard as a captain and later piloting his own Navion in the skies over the Magic Valley. After the end of the War, Jim enrolled at Grove

City College, where he studied accounting. After his graduation, the family moved back to Idaho, ultimately settling in Twin Falls in 1954. The majority of his working years were spent with First Federal Savings. He retired in January of 1987 after serving as its president for seven years.

Jim became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1950 and served in many church callings, including his service as bishop of the Twin Falls 5th Ward from 1971 to 1974. His greatest joy in life was his family. He loved watching his children and grandchildren perform, whether on stage or on the athletic field. His second love was being on the golf course with family and friends. In his later years, he especially enjoyed stopping by to visit with friends. He will be remembered and missed by his family and by all who knew him.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at White Mortuary and one hour prior to the funeral service Friday at the stake center.

Sebastian 'Tano' Vaquera

DECLO — Sebastian "Tano" Vaquera, a 75-year-old Declo resident, went home to his Heavenly Father on March 24, 2007, at his home.



Sebastian was born Jan. 20, 1932, in Pharr, Texas, the son of Antonio and Juana Vaquera. He attended schools in Texas and graduated from PSJA High School. He married Isabel Jayco on Aug. 10, 1950, in Payette, Idaho. They later moved to Declo in 1967, where they have since lived. He worked as a bartender and firefighter in Twin Falls, and later for Martin Anderson Farms, Santan Farms and Orelia. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and playing football and baseball. At one time, he played for an AAA baseball team. This is a game loved throughout his life. He

loved being with his family and especially his grandchildren.

Sebastian is survived by his wife, Isabel; Declo's two sons, Roberto (Melody) Vaquera of Boise and David Vaquera of Springdale; five grandchildren, Antonio Vaquera, Cody L. Vaquera, Linda Crystal Vaquera, Cozette Vaquera and Jacob Vaquera; and two step-grandchildren, Whitney Pollard and Andrea Guedes. He was preceded in death by one son, Sebastian Vaquera Jr.; his parents; three brothers and two sisters.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F. St. in Rupert, with Father Mike St. Marie as officiant. Burial will follow at the Declo Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, with the rosary to be recited at 7 p.m., at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and a viewing one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Patricia Ann Johnson-Reichert

BOISE — Patricia Ann Johnson-Reichert, 66, of Boise, Idaho, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2007, after losing a long battle with cancer.



Pat was born to Robert and Lillis Reichert in Twin Falls, Idaho, on June 7, 1940. Pat attended St. Teresa High School in Boise and Boise Community College, also in Boise. Patricia married Glenn Johnson of Parma, Idaho, on Sept. 1, 1963. Their first daughter, Joanne, was born Feb. 3, 1968, and Barbara soon followed on Sept. 14, 1971. Mourning the death of her beloved Glenn, who passed away Jan. 3, 2007 (due to cancer), Pat began her own battle against the terrible disease only to succumb in the home of her daughter, Joanne.

Pat is survived by her two daughters, Joanne Holdridge (Tom) and Barbara DeVos (Jim); and her five grandchildren, Justia, Deseria, James Arthur, Elizabeth and Ellen. Patricia is also survived by her

sister, Terry Morris of Bellevue, Wash.

Pat was a hard-working and loyal employee for the Idaho Department of Corrections as a pre-sentence investigator. She loved her job and all her colleagues and co-workers. Family members and friends remember her as being extremely devoted and loved by all who came to know her well. She was especially attached to her grandchildren, who she loved equally and unconditionally.

The family extends our deepest gratitude for all those who assisted in the care of Patricia through the course of her disease. Employees and caregivers of Life Doors Hospice of Boise, St. Luke's Hospital and the Mountain States Tumor Institute all have earned our heartfelt thanks.

A funeral ceremony will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Summers Funeral Chapel, 1205 W. Bannock in Boise. A celebration of life will be held for family and friends immediately following the funeral at the home of her daughter, Barbara DeVos, 17402 N. Chouteau Ave., Nampa, Idaho.

DEATH NOTICES

Jesus Rodriguez

JEROME — Jesus Rodriguez, 14, of Jerome, died March 26, 2007, in Jerome. A funeral Mass will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 30, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Doug Rice

TWIN FALLS — Doug Rice, 57, of Twin Falls, died in the Fallsview Valley Mountains in Custer County. A celebration of Doug's life will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. At the family's request, there will be no public visitation. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Doug's name to the

Sierra Club. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. A full obituary will appear in Friday's newspaper.

James K. Sullivan

TWIN FALLS — James "Jim" K. Sullivan, 84, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Verna H. Sibley

GOODING — Verna H. Sibley, 84, of Gooding, died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at her residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding, Idaho.

DAR essay winners announced

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has announced the local winners of its annual American history essay contest. Kelly Ann Buddecke, Robert Stuart Junior High School, won first-place honors for grade eight. This is the fourth consecutive year that Kelly Ann has been named a chapter winner in this contest. Grade five winners were Taryn Skahill, Harrison Elementary School, first place; Kaden Ottersberg, Sawtooth Elementary School, second place; Amy Toemer, Sawtooth Elementary School, third place; and Drake Cameron, Perritt Elementary School, honorable mention. This year's essay topic was "This Year's Colony is Settled" in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. Students

were asked to take on the persona of one of the early settlers and write a letter to their family members who remained in England, telling them about the activities and hardships involved with helping to establish the settlement. Contest winners were honored at a special reception at the Jerome Public Library in February. The first-place essay at each grade level has been forwarded to the Idaho State Society DAR to participate in the statewide contest. Maureen Williams, chair of the chapter's American History Committee, also presented a certificate to Estlin Martin, fifth-grade teacher at Sawtooth Elementary School, for outstanding contributions to American history education. For more information, contact Diane Greene at 308-1810.

Scouts earn eagle awards

BURLEY — Justin Graham and Bill Blauer, 15-year-old sons of Walt and Jolene Graham and Wayne and Nancy Blauer, received their Eagle Scout awards at a Court of Honor held Feb. 25. Justin earned 39 merit badges and a bronze palm. For his Eagle project he constructed 60 bike racks in front of the annual Idaho Spudman Triathlon sponsored by the Burley Lion's Club. His project took 40 hours to complete and was done with supplies donated by the Lion's Club. Bill completed 35 merit badges and earned a bronze palm. For his Eagle project he led his troop in constructing a sidewalk with wheelchair access to the rose garden in front of the Park View Care and Rehab Center. His project took 45 hours to complete and the supplies were donated by the care center. Both boys were assisted by their troop members and leaders.

Bill completed 35 merit badges and earned a bronze palm. For his Eagle project he led his troop in constructing a sidewalk with wheelchair access to the rose garden in front of the Park View Care and Rehab Center. His project took 45 hours to complete and the supplies were donated by the care center. Both boys were assisted by their troop members and leaders.



Diabetes education offered in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Extension Office will be offering a diabetes education program "The Healthy Diabetes Plan" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 3 — May 1, at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E. The class will teach individuals how to successfully manage their diabetes through healthy eating habits. People with diabetes, family members of people with diabetes and

those interested in learning more about the disease are encouraged to attend. Family and Consumer Sciences Extension educators Rhea Lanling and Camille Jay will be teaching the course along with Gretchen Manker, nutrition adviser. Cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. Participants will receive a cookbook. For more information, or to register, call 734-9590, ext. 23.

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Daughters of the American Revolution history essay winners are, from left, Taryn Skahill, Kaden Ottersberg, Amy Toemer and Drake Cameron. Photo by Kelly Ann Buddecke.

Hero

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group's president. Drs. Craig Holman and Randy Wraalsand, who are involved in the Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition, were named Corporate Health Heroes. Both doctors have volunteered many hours conducting free foot exam clinics for those with diabetes.

These podiatrists also conduct foot exam training for nursing students at the College of Southern Idaho and are involved in the "Lead to You" initiative, which allows diabetes patients to receive a free foot exam, dilated eye screening, nutrition education and flu shots.

"The doctors' dedication to education and training is helping to improve the lives of people with diabetes," Ward said.

Lynn Lucere, owner of Bellevue's White Rabbit Child Care Center, also was named as a Corporate Health Hero.

When Lucere found that soil around her child care facility tested high for arsenic, she took immediate action to protect the youngsters in her care.

Lucere spent \$12,000 to replace sandbox materials, pave her gravel driveway, replace her lawn with clean soil and use weed cloth and bark to cover a large area of the backyard.

"I have about 40 registered kids in my care and wanted to do everything I could to keep them safe," Lucere said. "The work and money was well worth it."

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Report: Idaho magistrate judge accused of striking defendant

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho attorney general's office is apparently investigating an allegation that a magistrate judge struck a defendant in the southeast Idaho city of Preston.

Magistrate Judge Eric Hunn is accused of hitting the criminal defendant at the Franklin County Courthouse on Feb. 22, the Herald Journal of Logan, Utah, reported. The defendant's name has not been released.

Through the city attorney's office, Preston City Attorney Clyde Nelson handles misdemeanor cases and traffic infractions. He was out of

town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment. Hunn could not be reached for comment either. He began an "indefinite period of personal leave" at his own request on Feb. 28, 6th Judicial Trial Court Administrator Suzanne Johnson said. Hunn is still being paid because he is using his vacation time for the leave, she said, and no date has been set for his return.

The alleged incident appears to have gone largely unnoticed until March 22, when the Preston City Council met and decided to ask the attorney general's office to investigate "an incident" involving Hunn and a defendant, and prosecute if warranted.

Tax

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But some lawmakers said they think the issue is dead for some time, due to the distance between the governor and lawmakers. They also said money may be tighter for the 2008 fiscal year than

begins July 1. "The window for relief on food is closed for a while," said Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian, one of the bill sponsors.

Earlier Wednesday, House lawmakers had approved

overriding Otter's veto 48-22. "This is the people's money. This is an opportunity to give some of the people's money back," said Rep. Marv Hagelstrom, R-Meridian.

"How about a modest thank-you for the goose that

lays our golden eggs?" urged Lenore Harly Barrett, R-Challis. "Personally, I think the tax should be eliminated on food, but the grocery tax credit is all we can do at this time. Let's sack it in and take one for the taxpayers' team."

GARVEE

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should be named in legislation. The \$246 million GARVEE funding is for the "Connecting Idaho" transportation multi-project hatched by former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne two years ago.

The idea is that the state borrows federal money and pays it back, but the project has become a subject of controversy as land and construction costs escalate. It was allocated \$200 million last year, but many of the projects are behind schedule amid accusations of ITD mismanagement. Backers of the notion that passed Wednesday said the Legislature needs to regain trust from the ITD and allow for flexibility to avoid micromanaging. The Senate proposal that failed would leave

the projects up to the ITD, and its supporters said it would avoid micromanagement.

"That was more tense than any IFAC meeting that I had ever been to so far," said freshman lawmaker Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley. "I wish I knew the reason why there is so much disagreement over there on the other side of the rounds."

The Senate is expected to vote on the funding Thursday morning, but its fate remains unknown. Should the appropriations bill fail then IFAC would have to meet again — or the session could ultimately end with no GARVEE funding.

"It's like being caught between the North and the South; there's no where to hide," said IFAC co-chair Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Terrebonne. "These

people keep shooting and they're not giving up."

An earlier GARVEE funding bill made it out of the committee 11-9, but was pulled back amid Senate concerns. Both plans Wednesday took out an \$18 million contract with consulting companies.

But lawmakers still argued if which are in the Magic Valley — and their funding amounts should be named in legislation. The second phase of the Twin Falls Highway 93 bypass, which the ITD itself added, has been left out.

The ITD would be happy with either plan, according to the Associated Press.

Staffhouse reporter Jared S.

Hopkins can be reached at 3430-901 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Retired educators taking scholarship applications

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association announced that they are now accepting applications for a scholarship award.

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Otter's first term runs into veto battle with House

By John Miller
Associated Press writer



Idaho Legislature 2007

BOISE — When Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter was elected in November, many predicted he'd turn to the House for support on his agenda. They reasoned his experience there — his way of representing voters — in 1970s — and his conservative libertarian philosophy fit more with the style of that chamber's Republican leaders than did former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who often forged alliances in the Senate.

As the 2007 Legislature wrapped up key issues Wednesday, however, Otter found himself at odds with the House on two veto-override votes: one on a bill to expand the state's grocery tax credit, the other a measure to ban smoking in bowling alleys.

In fact, two House leaders, Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Steun, and Minority Caucus Chair Ken Roberts, R-McCall, were among several members to switch sides when it came to the veto overrides — to prove to the new governor their independence.

"We felt we had a responsibility as an equal branch of government to do what we had to do," Roberts said. "The House side of the Legislature has rallied around our right and responsibility to defend the legislative branch of government."

On the smoking ban, Moyle and Roberts — in addition to GOP Reps. Janice McCrechin and Dean Mortimer, both of Idaho Falls, and Cliff Bayer of

Boise — voted against it when it first passed the House Feb. 23.

On Wednesday, however, they voted with the 57-13 majority to override Otter's veto.

And on the grocery tax vote, GOP Reps. Ken Andrews, of Latah Hot Springs, Phil Hart of Athol, Lynn Luker of Boise and Fred Wood of Burley orig-

inally voted against the bill Feb. 8. But they switched sides Wednesday and joined the 48-22 override pack.

The governor wanted a grocery tax credit targeted to the poor that would have cost \$22 million more in lost revenue annually than the existing credit. House and Senate lawmakers favored a \$32 million credit that gave the break

to everybody.

"The (Otter) hasn't figured out how to work with the Legislature," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaeger, D-Ketchum.

But Bayer, a sponsor of the grocery tax bill, was among House members who cau-

tioned that their snub of Otter in this instance was hardly a sign of a revolt — or that relations with their partisan ally have somehow soured in his first three months in office.

"I would never say 'con-flict,'" he said. "I would say, 'Agree to disagree.'"

Meanwhile, the Senate voted unanimously not to consider the grocery credit veto override, taking the issue off the table for at least another year amid general disagreement over the best solution.

Otter has committed to work on a new plan when the 2008 session starts in January. Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said the pledge from Otter to work with the Senate at a time when the House and Otter are at odds — is indicative of what often happens during a governor's first term.

"Historically, as long as I have been here, it's generally been that the relationship between the Senate and the governor is something that matures as the session goes on," Davis said.

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Idaho retirement fund managers to study Sudan-related investments

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's public pension fund managers, under fire for investing money in companies that oppose the fueling genocide in Sudan, have decided to set up a group to consider ending those investments.

But critics said the move Tuesday by the board of directors for the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho isn't good enough.

"There is a saying in the law: Justice delayed is justice denied," said John Sullivan, a Boise lawyer working with the Washington, D.C.-based Sudan Investment Fund Force. "These companies are documented as financially, and in some cases militarily, enabling genocide."

Sullivan said the retirement

system has invested \$52 million in nine companies that do business in Sudan.

An estimated 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million have been forced from their homes in the Darfur region of oil-rich Sudan, President George Bush has called the violence genocide.



Jody Olson, the board's chairman, said that the board needs to learn more before deciding about the investments.

"There are legal questions to be answered," Olson told the Idaho Statesman.

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Town mourns death of abandoned newborn as authorities search for mother

By Garance Barie
Associated Press writer

OROSI, Calif. — The first newborn was discovered swaddled in a blanket on an outdoor bench, an umbilical cord still hanging from his tiny body. Then, at least 11-month intervals, two more abandoned babies were found in parked pickup trucks in the same neighborhood.

This week, DNA tests established all three babies were almost certainly born to the same mother.

Now, in a heart-breaking mystery that has transfixed this central California farm community of 7,300, investigators are trying to find the mother and figure out what drove her to such desperate lengths.

"How can the relatives not see this girl pregnant, and then see that she's not pregnant anymore and not ask where the baby? Somebody must know something," said Hortencia Espino, 81.

All three newborns were found within a two-block radius. The first two — a boy and a girl — survived and are now wards of the state.

The third baby was found dead of exposure on the cold night of Dec. 3. She was enveloped in a sweatshirt in the bed of a pickup parked near the high school, some 50 miles southeast of Fresno. The coroner concluded she was alive for less than a day.

On Wednesday, a Catholic church held a baptism and funeral Mass in Spanish and English for the baby girl, who was dubbed "Angelita DeOrosi," or Orosi's little angel.

Later, under the shade of a corrugated plastic awning, sheriff's officials and grand mothers delicately sifted handfuls of dirt onto her white coffin before it was lowered into the earth.

Marely Pena, who found the infant in her father's truck, cried behind dark glasses.

"I ask myself every day what

if she had been alive. We could have saved her," said Pena, 25. "I just hope the mother comes forward to please just make us feel at ease."

Orosi, a town encircled by fig and lemon orchards, has long been the kind of place where everyone seemed to know each other. But that is changing, with new housing developments going up and a burgeoning gang problem that has led to a rise in violent crime.

As upset residents built makeshift shrines in honor of Angelita, authorities interviewed local women they thought might be involved. But DNA testing eliminated them as the babies' mother.

After exhausting all leads, officials are asking the community for help finding the parents and are offering a \$5,000 reward. Police said the mother could face criminal charges.

But they also said they want to make sure she doesn't do it again and isn't in some kind of distress.

Investigators would not speculate as to the reasons for the abandonment, such as whether the mother might have been a prostitute or a rape victim.

"Whether the mother is in a physical state of danger or a mental state where she feels she can't ask for help, our heart goes out to her," Karen Franzen, manager of Dopkins

Funeral Chapel in Dinuba, which donated a casket and cemetery plot for Angelita.

The first deserted newborn was found on Feb. 10, 2005, a barely breathing boy with a body temperature of just 85 degrees. On January 8, 2006, a resident discovered a full-term baby girl inside a pickup

two blocks away, clothed in an undershirt and pants.

On Monday, sheriff's officials announced the DNA results. The first two babies probably had the same father, but Angelita was fathered by a different man.

California and 46 other states allow parents to legally

abandon a child at a hospital or other designated safe zones within 72 hours of birth, no questions asked.

Since California's law went into effect in 2001, parents have safely surrendered 182 babies at fire stations, emergency rooms and other safe havens, according

to state officials.

"This little community is a family. We know pretty much everyone else's business and they know ours," said Eugene Etheridge, principal of Orosi High School. "It's concerning that this could happen again when the most precious thing we have is our children."

Budget writers OK \$3 million for emergency communications

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter settled Wednesday for \$3 million in state money to boost emergency communications, down from his original request of \$40 million.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee approved the amount, which still must clear the full House and Senate.

Otter had insisted the issue be resolved before the 2007 session adjourns.

In January, the governor had asked for \$40 million to help local, state and federal emergency services and law-enforcement agencies upgrade their radio equipment and towers to improve communication between departments in the event of a terror attack or disaster.

Last week, Otter asked for \$12 million, saying it was needed as a 20 percent match for Idaho to be eligible for up to \$48 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Lawmakers rejected that plan, but he came back this week with a new \$3 million request.

William "Bill" Bishop, director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, told budget writers that after he discussed the issue with U.S. government officials, they told him the most Idaho can expect to receive from the federal grant is \$12 million, because the state is considered less of a target for terrorism than places such as New York.

Lawmakers were bemused by the rapidly changing request for money.

"It certainly has been scaled down from last week," said Rep. Jim Hammond, R-Post Falls.

Bishop said confusion over the amount resulted partly because federal officials have yet to define how states will qualify for \$1 billion in grants being overseen by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

If Idaho doesn't get any federal money by Dec. 31, the \$3 million would be returned to the state general fund.

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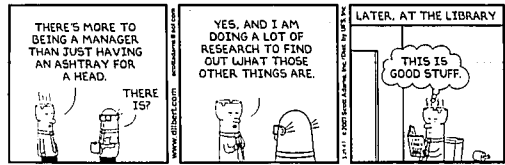
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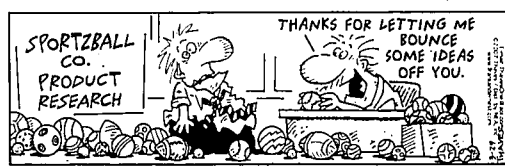
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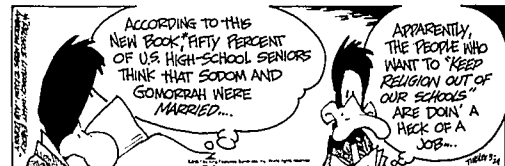
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Better take a rain check on that invitation, Gemini

HOROSCOPE Jerakline Saunders

IF MARCH 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It might seem that you can't do anything wrong in the next few weeks. Your "street smarts" develop at a rapid pace and offer insights into the ways things work. People may give you a helping hand — although they will expect to be repaid. Between now and November, be sure to make hay while the sun shines, as others will think you are more talented and competent than you really are. In December, be sure to toe the line and be conscientious about handling responsibilities. Opportunities that appear near January can be put to good use in February.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Vinegar cuts sugar. Something way too sweet might seem nauseating. You could be better off staying home this evening. Misunderstandings with a significant other can be avoided.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Better to remain betwixt and between than to choose one side or the other. A lack of trust or a certain sneaking suspicion might spoil your evening. Rest on your laurels and avoid public appearances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Time heals all wounds. Like a certain famous watch, you can take a licking and keep on tick-

ing. Take a rain check on an invitation or reschedule a romantic rendezvous for tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Things come in threes. All the fairy tales speak of three wishes, three magic wands or three trials that must be passed to reach the prize that comes your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're always get what you want but you can be sure that you will get what you need. It might be a good day to break up, but tomorrow is the day to make up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Necessity is the mother of convention. A businesslike manner makes more sense under today's conditions than playing the bells of the ball. Follow traditions and stay late to meet a deadline.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A dollar earned is a dollar earned. Squeeze that dollar bill until the eagle sheds its last feather. Don't let small misunderstandings disturb the harmony. Today's worries disappear tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay the course. If you jumped at opportunities as quickly as you do at conclusions, you might be more successful. This isn't a good time to make firm commitments or promises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): High expectations can be met. Perhaps you show affection by staying firmly within the bounds of convention. You can't undo the past, but you can certainly make an effort not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Wait it out. Others may project their expectations upon you. You might feel like a square peg being crammed into a round hole. Don't react as this temporary perspective will fade.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love slips on a banana peel. Avoid pitfalls by staying out of the limelight and passing up the chance to hook up with a new partner. Hold off on making a major decision or important purchase.

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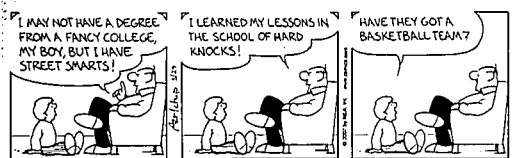
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By Art Sansom, & Chip



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By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Air Force vet dips wings to mentors in military



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the mother of the twins who have a current fascination for the U.S. military ("Cleveland Again," Feb. 25), I must reply. As a veteran of the U.S. Air Force (1974-84), I am deeply grateful for the opportunities, training and mentoring I received under the great NCOs and officers I served with. Lessons they taught me have directly contributed to the success I enjoy today as a manager in a Fortune 500 company. Their leadership, professionalism and pride in a job well done have been examples I will follow for the rest of my life.

Your advice to visit a VA facility and discuss the services that may be required by our service members is sound. I would also ask the recruiters they talk with to arrange meetings with new service members to get a more realistic picture of the day-to-day life in whatever service they're interested in, and to look at each service thoroughly.

The parents' concerns are real. Today's military members are more likely to be deployed to an area of conflict than in times past. I would hope that if the twins do decide to join after all this information is presented, the parents would feel a sense of pride that their boys have raised two children who want to

serve their country in an honorable profession with fantastic people who deserve our praise and total support.

—WES M., GLEN ALLEN, VA.

DEAR WES: I heard from many readers who felt my response to "Cleveland Mom" was somewhat disrespectful to people serving in the military, and taking me to task for not advising her that trying to encourage her children to carefully consider the decision was unpatriotic. I would like to go on record as saying that I fully support our troops and our veterans. However, I strongly feel that anyone who signs up for military service should understand all the realities beforehand. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: You should know that public high schools are not required to provide contact information for all students to military recruiters. This is a provision of the "No Child Left Behind" act. In my community, parents may opt to have their child's records withheld by filling out a form at the time the student is

enrolled in high school.

I do not want anyone from any organization recruiting my minor children without my consent. Stories are rampant about military recruiters giving misleading information and using forceful recruitment efforts. Once my children are of age, they will have the education and maturity to investigate and evaluate the information for themselves. Until then, it's my job to be the watchful parent.

—TROY IN, FREETHTON, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: When I joined the Navy in 1973, I was a college freshman, aimlessly going to school. Vietnam was waning, and it was only by my parents' blessing. Today I have a college education (paid for by the VA) and a wonderful family and career made possible, in large degree, by the life education and training I got in the Navy.

Yes, men who served with me were killed and maimed, but our highways and industries do the same thing every day. Abby, your answer wasn't wrong — just one-sided. I can't imagine my life without eight years in the military.

—MACHINIST'S MATE AND PROUD OF IT

DEAR READERS: Stay tuned, because there will be more on this subject tomorrow.

Last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam 34 years ago today

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 29, the 88th day of 2007. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Taylor, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1847, victorious forces led by General Winfield Scott occupied the city of Vera Cruz after Mexican defenders capitulated.

In 1857, Britain's Parliament passed the British North America Act (later known as the Constitution Act) to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 21 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending three years under house arrest.)

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on federal charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The charges were later dismissed.)

Ten years ago: Vice President Al Gore concluded his tour of Asia, saying that talks in Beijing had created "new momentum" in relations between the U.S. and China.

Five years ago: Israel declared Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat an enemy and sent tanks and armored personnel carriers to fully isolate him in his Ramallah, West Bank, headquarters.

One year ago: Hamas formally took over the Palestinian government, with Ismail Haniyeh sworn in as

TODAY IN HISTORY

the new prime minister. The U.N. Security Council demanded that Iran suspend uranium enrichment, the first time the body directly urged Tehran to clear up suspicions that it was seeking nuclear weapons. Former Liberian President Charles Taylor, accused of war crimes, was flown to Sierra Leone after the news captured in northern Nigeria.

Today's Birthdays: Political commentator John McLaughlin is 80. Author Judith Guest is 71. Former British Prime Minister John Major is 64. Comedian Eric

Idle is 61. Composer Vangelis is 64. Singer Bobby Kimball (Goto) is 60. Actor Christopher Lawford is 52. Olympic gymnast Kurt Thomas is 51. Actor Christopher Lambert is 50. Rock singer Perry Farrell (Porno for Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 48. Comedian/actress Amy Seidman is 46. Model Elle Macpherson is 44. Rock singer/musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 44. Actress Lucy Lawless is 39. Country singer Regina Leigh (Regina Regina) is 39. Country singer Brady Seals is 38. Tennis player Jennifer Capriati is 31.

Thought for Today: "Nevus is what a chap who doesn't care much about anything wants to read. And it's only news until he's read it. After that it's dead." — Evelyn Waugh, English author (1903-1985)

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"This known by the name of perseverance in a good cause — and of obstinacy in a bad one." — Laurence Sterne

<p>WEST ♠ K 10 ♥ K J 10 5 4 3 ♦ — ♣ A 7 4 3</p>	<p>NORTH ♠ 10 2 A ♥ Q 8 5 ♦ A 10 8 2 ♣ A 10 7 6 5</p>
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Vulnerable: East-West
Declarer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	4 ♠	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Club ace

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ Q 8 5
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ A 10 7 6 5
♣ 9

South	West	North	East
Dbl	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
?	Pass	?	Pass

ANSWER: You may not like your first double if I have no problems with it, but partner's cue-bid establishes a forcing auction until you have agreed on a fit. Accordingly, you cannot pass two hearts. A raise to three hearts from you now is best. It suggests four trumps in a minimum hand and will let partner pass now that you have limited your hand.

If you would like to receive Bobby Wolff's e-mail News & Comment column, please contact him at Bobby@acesonbridge.com

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Study finds food is top product advertised to kids

By Sally Squires
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sex and violence are what many parents fear their children will consume too much of on television. But a new study finds that food is the top product served up to kids and teens on screen.

Released Wednesday by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the study is the largest ever conducted of television food marketing to children and teens.

It finds that "food is the number one product advertised to kids, followed by media such as music, video games and movies," said Vicki Rideout, vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation's Program for the Study of Entertainment Media and Health. Rideout

directed the study, which was conducted by Indiana University.

The study found that more than a third of commercials targeting children or adolescents are for candy and snacks — often high-fat, sugary foods that are likely to fuel the on-going childhood obesity epidemic.

Children eight to 12 years old watch the most food commercials, averaging 21 ads daily, according to the findings. That adds up to 7,600 per year, or nearly 51 hours annually. Teens, 13 to 17 years of age, see 17 food ads daily, or more than 6,000 per year, while youngsters two to seven years of age view 12 foods ads per day, or 4,400 yearly.

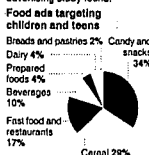
"The study is really important," says Margo Wootan, director of nutrition for the

Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group. "It's the first time in over a decade that anybody has looked at television advertising aimed at children. And it's the first time ever that anyone has looked at such a huge sample of ads."

To conduct the study, researchers analyzed more than 1,600 hours of television programming broadcast from late May to mid July in 2005, with additional sampling in September of that year. The team examined 30 times more television programming than has been included in previous studies. Unlike previous studies, it also went beyond traditional children's programming to include viewing times when ratings show children and teens are likely to be watching television.

Bulk of ads for kids feature junk food

More than a third of ads targeting children and teens featured candy and snacks, a television food advertising study found.



SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation AP

Half of all the ads shown during children's shows are for food. Of all the ads in the study, 34 percent marketed candy and snacks, 28 percent were for cereal and 10 percent

promoted fast foods.

By comparison, none of the commercials in the study promoted fruit or vegetables. Only four percent advertised dairy products — a rich source of calcium, much of which falls short in consuming, according to the 2005 U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

"Data like this is always useful," said Lee Peeler, CEO of the National Advertising Review Council and head of a new food industry initiative on marketing to children. "The thing that is most interesting and useful is that it will allow trends to be established."

One thing to keep in mind, Peeler said, is that the report was conducted on television shown in 2005. "A lot has changed since then," he said.

Market Watch

March 28, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	98.28
Nasdaq composite	20.23
Standard & Poor's 500	41.39
Russell 2000	4.39
Gold	797.40

Stocks of local interest

Dell Inc.	23.35	▲ 40
Lithia Motors	26.86	▼ .15
Supervalu	39.44	▲ .00

Commodities

May Oil	64.08	▲ 1.15
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
April gold	666.8	▲ 4.3

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Not in New York

Wal-Mart's CEO says Manhattan location may never happen

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart, embattled by failed attempts to open stores in Queens and Staten Island, may be giving up on New York, or at the very least Manhattan.

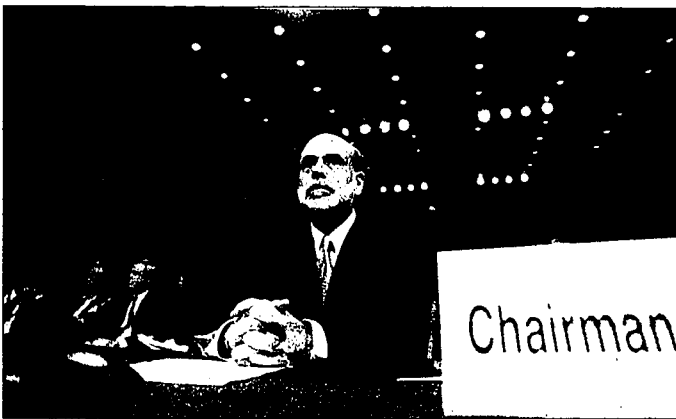
In an interview with The New York Times, published Wednesday, Lee Scott, Wal-Mart chief executive and chairman, said that trying to conduct business in New York was so expensive that "I don't think it is worth the effort. I don't care if we are ever here," he told The New York Times at a meeting with editors and reporters on Tuesday.

But Wal-Mart officials quickly clarified that Scott, who in the interview made repeated references to "New York," was referring to Manhattan, and not the entire city.

"I have never tried to get into Manhattan and aren't sure we ever will unless the economics of the specific deal make sense for us. We would like to be in other boroughs if we can find the right arrangement, because we know we could serve those communities very well," said Kevin Thornton, in an e-mail response to The Associated Press Wednesday.

Sill, Stuart Applebaum, president of The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, which is leading the charge against Wal-Mart in New York, said Scott's comments were good news for the union. The union represents 100,000 workers throughout the U.S. and Canada, including 45,000 workers in New York.

What recession?



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday before the Joint Economic Committee.

Bernanke: Economic expansion not running out of steam

By Jeanine Arrera
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke doesn't believe the nation will slip into a recession, rejecting the notion raised by predecessor Alan Greenspan that the economy's expansion could be in danger of fizzling out.

But the good news for investors stops there.

Bernanke suggested Wednesday that Wall Street jumped too far last week in thinking that Fed policymakers had signaled interest rates might drop. That new comment sent stocks spiraling downward. The Dow Jones Industrials lost 96.93 points to close at 12,300.36.

The Fed chief testified on Capitol Hill amid growing con-

cerns that problems with risky mortgages and a painful housing slump could send the economy into a tailspin. Greenspan, who left the Fed last year, recently said there's a one-in-three possibility of a recession this year.

But Bernanke — while acknowledging there are risks — told Congress' Joint Economic Committee that the Fed does not see such negative forces pushing the economy into a recession.

"I would make a point, I think, which is important, which is there seems to be a sense that expansions die of old age that after they reach a certain point, they naturally begin to end," Bernanke said. "I don't think the evidence really supports that. If we look at history, we see that the periods of expansions have

varied considerably. Some have been quite long."

Greenspan, in remarks that contributed to a gut-wrenching 416-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average on Feb. 27, suggested the expansion, now in its sixth year, could be in danger of petering out.

"When you get this far away from a recession, invariably forces build up for the next recession, and indeed we are beginning to see that sign," Greenspan said. "For example, in the U.S., profit margins — have begun to stabilize, which is an early sign we are in the later stages of a cycle."

"While, yes, it is possible we can get a recession in the later months of 2007, most forecasters are not making that judgment and indeed are projecting forward into 2008 ... with

some slowdown." Greenspan said. In later comments, he put the risk of a downturn this year at one-third.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said Greenspan's comments had stirred up fears. "I think it's on a lot of people's thoughts and minds," he said.

Bernanke said the Federal Reserve last week changed its policy statement — which investors look to for clues about future rate moves — to gain "a bit more flexibility, given the uncertainties that we are facing and the risks that are occurring on both sides of our outlook."

There's an increased threat of higher inflation on the one hand and weaker-than-expected economic growth on the other, he said. Those economic crosscurrents can complicate the Fed's job.

Circuit City to cut more than 3,500 store and information-technology jobs

Cameras sit at the Short Pump Circuit City store in Richmond, Va., in this file photo. Circuit City Stores Inc. said Wednesday it plans to lay off about 3,400 in-store workers.



By Zina Chas Sampson
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Circuit City Stores Inc. said Wednesday it plans to cut costs by laying off about 3,400 retail workers, or 8.5 percent of its in-store staff, and hiring lower-paid employees to replace them. It is also trimming about 130 corporate information-technology jobs.

Circuit City, the nation's No. 2 consumer electronics retailer behind Best Buy Co. Inc., said the store workers being laid off effective Wednesday were earning "well above the market-based salary range for their role." They

will be replaced as soon as possible with employees who will be paid at the current market range, the company said in a news release.

"We are taking a number of aggressive actions to improve our cost and expense structure, which will better position us for improved and sustainable returns in today's marketplace," Philip J. Schooner, Circuit City's chief executive, said in a statement.

Circuit City employs about 40,000 part-time and full-time store employees, according to spokeswoman Jackie Foreman. Those being laid off

will get severance packages and may apply for any open positions after 10 weeks, Foreman said.

The company plans to replace all 3,400 workers "as quickly as store directors are able," she said. The Richmond-based company also plans to outsource its information-technology infrastructure operations to International Business Machines Corp., a move that is expected to cut IT expenses by more than 16 percent over the seven-year contract. About 50 of Circuit City's IT workers will move to jobs with IBM and remain on the Circuit City contract. The other 80 corporate positions will be cut.

TV going from analog to digital in Feb. 2009

By Jim Puzanthera
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — For millions of Americans, the digital revolution might not be televised.

One in five U.S. households depends on rabbit ears or a rooftop antenna to watch TV. Without converter boxes, most of their sets will go blank the day in 2009 that federal law requires broadcast stations to turn off analog signals and transmit only in digital.

The shift is being hailed as broadcast television's most dramatic upgrade since it blossomed to glory from black and white a half-century ago. The technology gives free TV viewers vastly sharper pictures and a wider range of channels from ABC, PBS and the other networks.

The 80 percent of Americans with cable or satellite service won't be affected by the change. If you have an old TV hooked up to an antenna, you need only buy a converter box, which will probably cost about \$50. The federal government is going to hand out subsidies — and you have two years to prepare.

A recent poll found that 61 percent of people who rely on broadcast TV aren't aware of the digital shift. What's more, about half of households don't have cable or satellite service but incomes under \$30,000, and blacks and Hispanics are more likely to receive only over-the-air TV than whites.

The worry isn't that people will miss vital episodes of "American Idol." It's all about staying connected. Even today, with news a 24/7 affair on the Internet and pay TV, nearly two-thirds of viewers say broadcast news is the main way they find out what's going on in the world.

"When I walk into peoples' houses, they're turned into the news," said Nogales, president of the Los Angeles-based National Hispanic Media Coalition, which is testifying on the digital TV transition before a House subcommittee Wednesday. "Am I concerned that our community is going to be left out? Of course."

Federal law requires broadcast stations to turn off analog signals and transmit only in digital on Feb. 18, 2009.

TV networks, cable providers and consumer electronics makers have joined together to raise public awareness through Websites and an estimated tens of millions of dollars of televised public service announcements to begin airing next year.

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WORLD

Iran demands Britain admit it entered Iranian waters to resolve standoff

By Salah Nasrawi
Associated Press writer

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Iran's foreign minister said Wednesday that Britain must admit that its 15 sailors and marines, entered Iranian waters in order to resolve a standoff over their capture by the Mideast nation.

Manouchehr Mottaki's statement in an interview with The Associated Press came on a day of escalating tensions, highlighted by an Iranian video of the detained Britons that showed the only woman captive saying her group had "trespassed" in Iranian waters. British angrily denounced the video as unacceptable and froze most dealings with the Mideast nation.

Mottaki said that if the alleged entry into Iranian waters was a mistake "this can be solved. But they have to show that it was a mistake, that will help us to end this issue."

"Admitting the mistake will facilitate a solution to the problem," he said late Wednesday night in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he was attending a summit of Arab leaders.

It was the first time that Iran has publicly suggested a way to resolve the crisis, but British acquiescence appeared unlikely as the country has been insisting since the crisis began that its troops were in Iraqi waters and released documents on Wednesday to back up the claim.

There was no immediate comment from the British to Mottaki's statement. A call to Britain's Foreign Office in London was not answered early Thursday.

U.K. sailors seized in Iraqi waters

The British military said its vessels were 1.7 nautical miles inside Iraqi waters when Iranian seized 15 crew members.

Location of merchant vessel boarded by HMS Cornwall crew



SOURCES: British Defense Ministry, ESB

Mottaki also backed off a prediction that the female sailor, Faye Turney, could be freed Wednesday or Thursday, but said Tehran agreed to allow British officials to meet with service personnel.

"We have accepted that (the British request), there is no problem. Measures are underway (to arrange meeting). They can meet them," he said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government announced it was freezing all dealings with Iran except to negotiate the release of its personnel, adding to a public exchange of sharp comments that helped fuel a spike in world oil prices.

Britain's military released a GPS readout it said proved the Royal Navy personnel were seized 1.7 nautical miles inside Iraqi waters Friday. But Mottaki said Iran had GPS devices from the British boats that showed they were in Iranian territory.

A few hours later, a brief video of the captured Britons was shown on Iran's Arabic language satellite television station, Al-Alan.

One segment showed sailors and marines sitting in an Iranian boat in open waters immediately after their capture.

The video also displayed what appeared to be a handwritten letter from Faye Turney, 26, to her family.

"I have written a letter to the Iranian people to apologize for us entering their waters," it said. The letter also asks Turney's parents in Britain to look after her 3-year-old daughter, Molly, and her husband, Adam.

The video showed Turney in checkered head scarf and her uniform eating with other sailors and marines. Later, wearing a white tunic and black head scarf, she sat in a room before floral curtains and smoked a cigarette.

Turney was the only detainee to be shown speaking, giving her name and saying she had been in the navy for nine years.

"Obviously we trespassed into their waters," Turney said at one point, her voice muffled under a simultaneous Arabic translation. "They were very friendly and very hospitable, very thoughtful, nice people. They explained to us why we've been arrested. There was no harm, no aggression."

"Obviously we trespassed into their waters."

— Captured British sailor Faye Turney

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Catholic Mexico debates legalizing abortion

By Hector Tobar
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Lawmakers began hearings Wednesday on a proposal to legalize abortion here amid

emotional arguments from women's groups that support the bill and Catholic groups that are opposed.

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WORLD

Police, militants open fire on Sunnis in Iraqi town

By Kim Gansel Associated Press writer BAGHDAD — Shiite militants and police engaged by deadly truck bombings went on a shooting rampage against Sunnis in a northwestern Iraqi city Wednesday...

which had been an insurgent stronghold until an offensive by U.S. and Iraqi troops in September 2005, when militants fled into the countryside...

Witnesses said relatives of the Shiite victims in the truck bombings broke into Sunni homes and killed the men inside or dragged them out and shot them in the streets.

Outraged Sunni groups blamed Shiite-led security forces for the killings. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office ordered an investigation and the U.S. command offered to provide assistance.

The revenge killings among Shiites in the religiously mixed city 260 miles northwest of Baghdad were triggered by truck bombings in Tal Afar on Tuesday that killed 80 people and wounded 185.

The bombing caused surrounding buildings to collapse, leaving huge piles of concrete and bricks dusted with white flour.

Children eat ice cream cones during hostage crisis in the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines — A young girl waving at a Barbie doll in the air while a boy licked an ice cream cone. Another girl casually finished a bottle of water while chatting with a classmate.

Dozens of children were taken to a bus Wednesday by a day-care center owner armed with grenades and guns, but the youngsters took the ordeal in stride, eating pizza, smiling and waving from the windows throughout the day.

The crisis ended after 10 hours when 56-year-old civil engineer Jun Ducat, who staged the incident to denounce corruption and demand better lives for impoverished children, released the children, put the pin back in a grenade and surrendered to police.

Jubilant parents were quickly reunited with their children as they filed off the bus clutching dolls, toys and backpacks. Ducat was led to a waiting police car and driven away.

"I was afraid all day that the grenade may explode," said Gerome Agibon, father of 5-year-old hostage Janette.

Manila police district chief Danilo Abrazosa said Ducat would be charged with 32 counts of illegal detention and abduction — each count is punishable by up to 12 years in prison — along with illegal possession of explosives and firearms.

"I accept that I should be jailed because what I did was against the law," Ducat said in an interview with The Associated Press shortly before the standoff ended.

The excited students thought they were going on a field trip when they boarded the bus early Wednesday. Instead, Ducat had the driver take them to City Hall, where a handwritten sheet of paper was taped to the windshield that said he was holding 32 children and two teachers and was armed with four grenades, an assault rifle and a .45-caliber pistol.

Bus driver Deogracias Bugarin said they had loaded up with bottled water and eaten breakfast at a fast-food restaurant. Ducat said he brought along three chamber pots for use as toilets.

Housewife Shiela Malabo was relieved when her 6-year-old son Fred appeared at a bus window and waved to her. She waved back frantically and gestured with her hands to ask if he had eaten.

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NCLR welcomes introduction of strive act

Times-News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Council of La Raza, a national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization, applauded Representatives Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., and Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., for introducing the bipartisan "Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act of 2007" or the STRIVE Act.

"This is an important step forward on the route to a comprehensive immigration reform," stated Janet Murguia, NCLR president and chief executive officer. "The time is now for Congress to act, and we are heartened by the number of legislators on both sides of the aisle deeply committed to producing a realistic solution to our immigration problems."

The STRIVE Act includes key elements necessary to fix the broken immigration system: a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, a new worker visa program so that future immigrants can arrive legally, a reduction in family immigration backlogs which allows American families to unite in a reasonable time period, and smart enforcement mechanisms to ensure that the new system remains viable, the organization says.

Murguia said that enforcement-only tactics, like local anti-immigrant ordinances and worksite raids, have done nothing to curb undocumented immigration, but hurt local economies and caused suffering for American families. "We know this is not a perfect bill and that the devil is in the details, but NCLR and its coalition partners will work hard to ensure that any bill that becomes law is workable, fully protects all workers, and guarantees the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans. All in all, we believe that the introduction of the 'STRIVE Act' marks the beginning of a process which will result in signed legislation this year."

Passport offices see high application numbers

The days of traveling without a passport are over. You can no longer fly south of the border and back unless you have a valid U.S. passport. That means, if you are planning a trip to Mexico in the near future, you need to apply for your passport now. Beginning Jan. 23, the U.S. Department of State implemented a rule change, which in essence, requires that all Americans arriving by air from any part of the Western Hemisphere — which includes Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean — must show a U.S. passport in order to return to the United States.

Since January, the U.S. Department of State has been overwhelmed with applications from Americans trying to comply with the new rules. A passport application, which typically takes about six weeks to process, is taking between eight to 10 weeks to turn around with the high influx of new applications.

These new measures, which were passed by Congress in 2004, are an attempt to secure the borders against terrorists. Travelers generally express positive feedback about the protective measures, yet many have become impatient while waiting for their passport paperwork to be processed.

Passport offices are encouraging travelers who hope to travel within the next 30 to 45 days to have their paperwork expedited. There is an additional fee of \$50 to do this. Yet in the long run, passport holders may feel good to have the passport in hand rather than stressing out about



BUENAS VISTAS
Maria Barnes

when it will arrive. First-time passport applicants will need to obtain the following before filling out an application with a county clerk:

1. Two identical 2-inch-by-2 inch photos (full face) taken within the last six months. These photos can be taken at several locations, including the Post Office.

2. A non-certified copy of your birth certificate.

3. A fee of \$67, plus an additional \$30 for county processing fees.

An application for children 16 and under costs \$52, plus the processing fee.

You must then apply in person at a qualified passport office. This can be at a county clerk office, Post Office and in some cases, even a library.

For those who are interested in renewing your passport, you can download forms DS-82 online and send them in along with \$67, your expired passport, and two new passport photos.

Anyone who has applied for their passport recently and hasn't received it, may check the status of the passport at www.travel.state.gov. Expedited applicants can check after seven days; others must give the passport offices three weeks before logging on to check the status of their new passport.

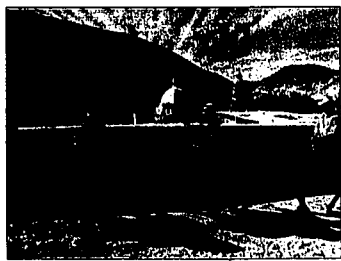


Canadian tourists Kiffelle Mersier, left, and Tai Nguyen, center, ride horses near the Purisima Concepcion temple in the old mining town of Real de Catorce, Mexico as part of a tour to the "pueblo fantasma" or ghost town. U.S. passports are now required for air travel to Mexico.

For those of you who don't have Internet service, you can contact the U.S. Passport offices toll free at 1-877-817-2779. They have added staff during these busy times to be sure no one misses out on a much anticipated trip.

You may find all of this red tape confusing and expensive, and it is. Yet it is required in order to experience the wonders of other fascinating places in the world. So if you have the desire to travel to distant lands and experience new and different cultures, apply for your passport today.

Karla Barnes of Turley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.



Tourists eat breakfast at a coffee shop in the old mining town of Real de Catorce, Mexico.

Judge in New Jersey removes co-executor for 'Queen of Salsa's' estate

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A state judge has removed one of the executors handling the affairs of the late Celia Cruz and ordered him to provide details on any deals he made regarding the singer, believed as the "Queen of Salsa."

Superior Court Judge Peter E. Doyno, who sits in Hackensack, gave Luis Falcon two months to provide an itemized and appraisal of the estate's assets.

The judge's order stopped short of finding that Falcon

had violated his financial obligations to the estate, but that issue could be revisited if Falcon fails to make an accounting.

Omer Pardillo, the other executor for the Cruz estate, had charged that Falcon was draining the estate's assets. Both men were named in Cruz's will to oversee her estate.

Pardillo had been joined in the effort by a court-appointed lawyer guardian to represent Cruz's sibling husband, Rupert Pedro Knight, who later died.

The judge's order was filed Friday and made public Tuesday by Pardillo lawyer Gilberto M. Garcia.

Garcia said Falcon wasn't represented by a lawyer in the dispute, and messages left at numbers he provided for Falcon in California weren't immediately returned Tuesday.

Pardillo claimed in a lawsuit filed last year that Falcon had siphoned funds from accounts for Knight, made "extravagant expenditures" and failed to account for transfers of more than \$1 million from Cruz's estate.

Cruz died in 2003 at age 77 of a brain tumor. She rose to fame in the 1950s with Afro-Cuban group La Sonora Matancera, but left Cuba after the 1959 revolution. The Grammy-winning performer recorded over 70 albums. She named Knight her sole beneficiary in her will, the lawsuit said.

Pardillo accused Falcon of exercising improper influence over Knight, who was 85 and suffering from dementia, the lawsuit claimed. After Cruz died, Knight moved to California with Falcon, the lawsuit said.



Cuban singer Celia Cruz performs in 2001 in Milan, Italy.

A tragic turn for illegal immigrants on the 'easy way' to move north

Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — They started leaving the stash houses at twilight, six, seven immigrants at a time, crammed into vans, sport utility vehicles, compact cars. The smugglers dropped them in a field by a Fruit of the Loom plant outside Harlingen, Texas, deep in the Rio Grande Valley, not far from the border. A stand of brush and scrub trees ran across the field. This was where the coyotes told them to hide and wait. In time, a truck would come along to carry them on the next leg of their journey. It was hot and quite humid on this particular night, May 13, 2003. Some of the people later would recall how uncomfortable it had been in the bushes, sweating through double sets of clothes worn to avoid the added burden of luggage. Still, they were excited. They were in America now, and on the move.

Shortly after 10 p.m., a white Freightliner diesel truck entered the field. The truck was pulling a 48-foot-long trailer equipped with a refrigeration unit — a refrigerator on wheels" was how the driver described it.

Tyrone Mapleoff Williams, a 32-year-old Jamaican immigrant, routinely hauled fresh milk from upstate New York to Texas, often returning with a load of watermelons. On this night, he was engaged in

something far more lucrative than a typical milk run.

For a fee of \$7,500, he had agreed to carry a load of illegal immigrants through a Border Patrol checkpoint about 45 miles up the highway. After he was under way, however, Williams would be redirected by the smugglers to Houston, a six-hour drive.

Now, lights off, the rig followed a smuggler's "rabbit car" to the hiding spot. At the rear of the trailer, someone worked a set of levers to open the twin doors. There was a whistle and a command in Spanish: Hurry, hurry. The bushes and trees came alive. Scores of men, a dozen women and one 5-year-old boy, traveling with his father, dashed for the trailer.

Williams remained in the cab, engine running. The smuggler who had recruited him — a chubby ne'er-do-well of the border named Abelardo Flores — told Williams it was best if passengers never got a look at their driver, just in case something went wrong.

Flores positioned himself on the running board beside Williams, giving him the standard instructions: Remain "cool" at the checkpoint. Tell the agent you are running empty. If caught, feign surprise and claim that the people must have sneaked on their own, perhaps while you were asleep or inside a truck stop. One thing Flores did not tell

Williams was how many people there were being squeezed into his trailer. There were at a minimum 74, and some who boarded put the headcount closer to 100. Still, the loading did not take long, maybe 10 minutes.

The last to board was Mary Elena Castro-Reyes, a Honduran headed north to join her husband in Jasper, Ind. She was appalled by what she saw. The trailer was stuffed with people standing shoulder to shoulder. She refused to board. Two smugglers grabbed her.

"They told me that I could not stay here, that I had to get on," she said later. "They got me by my feet and by my hair, and they threw me in."

With that, the doors were shut and locked from the outside. The dying would begin before they had made it halfway to Houston.

In the unceasing debate over immigration, those who cross into this country illegally sometimes are criticized for coming in the "easy way," simply slipping over the border without the bother of bureaucratic process. This story is a lesson in just how uneasy such crossings can be.

Nineteen people who piled into Tyrone Williams' trailer on that May night would pay for a four-hour ride with their lives. Three and a half years later, Williams would fight for his own survival, charged with 58 federal smuggling counts,

20 of which carried potential death sentences — one for each of the dead, plus a conspiracy charge.

The trial ran from late October 2006 to mid-January. The witness list was wide-ranging: immigration agents, smugglers, truck-stop clerks, experts in the mechanics of refrigerated trailers, experts in the mechanics of death, first responders, bereaved relatives and, most riveting, survivors of the ride.

From this testimony a narrative would emerge. Though incomplete and inconsistent in many details, the story these witnesses cobbled together was overwhelmingly powerful and painful: the trail as it left the field and entered the dark arts of human trafficking.

At first, conditions inside the trailer had seemed "normal," many of the survivors would testify without any apparent sense of irony. Wrapped in almost perfect darkness, they could see nothing. What they experienced were sensations and sounds — the slight swaying of the trailer as it left the field and rolled onto the roadway, the jostling of shoulders and hips, sticky sweat and, within minutes, rising heat.

According to a mathematical model prepared for trial, it took only 10 minutes to reach 100 percent humidity inside the insulated trailer. Within 35 minutes, the heat surpassed

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Jose Juan Roldan-Castro, a 26-year-old from Puebla, Mexico, who was headed to Iowa to join his brother, was the first to act. He ran his hands along the edges, looking for tears in the insulating fabric. He pulled at the foamy-like material, tearing away a piece to expose the bracket of a taillight. He punched at

the bracket with his bare hands.

He managed to knock out the light, leaving it to dangle on a cord. This created a hole about the size of a fist. Not much air came through, but by pressing his face close, Roldan-Castro received a bit of relief. Passengers became angry with him. Somebody struck him.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-07-1064

A Petition to change the name of DeRaë Hubbard, born May 16, 1961, in Rupert, Idaho, residing at 719 37 Ave. N., Twin Falls, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will be changed to **DeRaë Wilson**, because of personal reasons.

The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of the closest blood relatives are: Joan Dink, Heyburn, Idaho, and the petitioner's mother is living and her address is Island Park, Idaho.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock A.M. on April 25, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: March 6, 2007
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-2007-1208
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLOTTE ANN MYERS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tina L. Holmas has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Stephane P. Parke
PARKER LAW OFFICES, P.C.
1034 Idaho Street
Twin Falls, ID 83301
DATED this 15th day of March, 2007.

PUBLISH: March 22, 29 and April 5, 2007

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
THIS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE CITY OF BLACKFOOT, 157 N BROADWAY, BLACKFOOT ID 83211, has filed Application No. 28337 for proposed change of water rights within BINGHAM COUNTY. Right No. 27-7386, Right No. 27-4086, Right No. 27-4087, Right No. 27-4088, Right No. 27-4106, Right No. 27-4165, Right No. 27-4299, Right No. 27-7384, Right No. 27-11706, to see a full description of those rights and the proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/appwtsSearch/WfRight.asp

The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights to be used for diversion (Well #12) to the City Municipal System. The transfer also includes a portion of diversion to all other associated municipal ground water rights. The new point of diversion is in the NE/4 Sec 35 T28 R30E for the total of 19.55 cfs for all of the water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code.

Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Eastern Region, 500 N. Skyline Dr. Stop 1, Idaho Falls, Idaho, on or before a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before April 9, 2007. The protestant must also file a copy of the protest with the applicant.

DAVID H. TUTTILL, JR., Interim Director

PUBLISH: March 22 and 29, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kelley Bean Co., Inc. has filed to license its Idaho Bonded Warehouse license and has replaced it with a Federal Warehouse license, Kelley Bean Co., Inc. has a Warehouse Bond on file with the Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

Anyone having any outstanding claims against Kelley Bean Co., Inc. P.O. Box 146, Rupert Idaho 83350 for agriculture commodities, shall submit said claim by March 29, 2007, at which time they will be open to this notice to: Phil Brady, Deputy Director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 790 Boise, Idaho 83701, or said claim will be forever barred.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2007
Loe Glenn Vice Pres.

PUBLISH: March 22, 29 and April 5, 2007

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 charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:
LEGAL ADVERTISING
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho
83303-0548

legal@magvalley.com

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Sunday; for Tuesday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-07-1082
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of LORRAINE M. TURNER, Deceased.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-2007-1268
NOTICE AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
In the Consolidated Matter of the Termination of the Fraternal Rights of the following persons:
ANDREW STEVEN HARPER, and the adoption of **TYLER STEVEN CHANDLER**, DOB: 04/20/2003.

A Petition under the Termination of Parental-Child Act has been filed by Brent H. Nielson, or alternatively, Chad J. Inchausti and Misty Raan Inchausti, husband and wife. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on May 23, 2007, at 9:30 AM o'clock, in the District Court of Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing:
Andrew Steven Harper
Tyler Steven Chandler

The above-named individuals are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

DATED This 19th day of March, 2007.
By Randy J. Sisker
Magistrate

PUBLISH: March 29, April 5, 12 and 19, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-2007-000821
In the Matter of the Estate of NELDA PELLERITO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DATED this 1st day of March, 2007.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-07-1095
NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Estate of RAYTON RAHAE BRADY, A Minor Child.

A petition by Jeffrey Meads for the name change of Rayton Raahae Brady, born June 27, 2006 at Boise, Idaho, now residing at 424 Pilar Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, proposing a change in name to Payton Raahae Meads has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for the change is name being that paternity has not been established for said minor child and therefore the family name of Meads is preferred.

This petition will be heard on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock AM and any objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

DATED the 15th day of March, 2007.
MAY, SUDWEEKS & BROWNING, LLP
By Bart D. Browning
Attorneys for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 3, 2007, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, JUST LAW, INC., an Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

PARCEL I
Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 36: That part of the NE 1/4 described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the North line thereof 438 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof; Thence South parallel with the East line of said section, 301 feet; Thence Northwesterly a distance of 130 feet to a point 539.25 feet West of the East line of said section; Thence West 243.75 feet; Thence North parallel with said East line 208 feet of the North line of said section; Thence East along said North line 345 feet to the Point of Beginning. Except the North 33 feet thereof.

PARCEL II
Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 36: Part of the NE 1/4 described as follows:
Beginning at a point 333 feet west of the Northeast corner thereof; Thence South 239 feet to a point; Thence West 105 feet to a point; Thence North 339 feet to a point on the North line of said section; Thence East 105 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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PARCEL IV
Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 36: Part of the NE 1/4 described as follows:
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According to the County Assessors Office, the above described property is commonly known as: 317 Highway 74, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-1113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 317 Highway 74, Twin Falls, ID is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This Trustee's Sale is being a bankruptcy filing, a business reorganization. The sum owing on the obligations of which the Trustee is aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale, further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Jerome D. Wechal and Jennifer Wechal, husband and wife, as Grantors (H) with U.S. Bank National Association ND as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded September 7, 2004, as instrument No. 2004019404, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1508(a)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$387.52 for the months of November 2006 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and penalties accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$66,192.83 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.5% from October 1, 2006, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2007.
By Just Law
Trust Officer for
Just Law, Inc.

For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-823-9106, Thank you.

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Case No. CV-07-1120
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of CHAD H. NELSEN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Idaho co-personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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DATED this 9th day of March, 2007.
By Ray H. Nielson
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Boise, ID 83720-1617
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Case No. V-07-1041

A petition to change the name of Katelyn Christine Gleason born 8-31-02 in Walla Walla, Washington at 560 Rimview Dr. has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Katelyn Christine Kell Falls because she would like to have her father's name.
The child's father is living and his address is 560 Rimview Dr. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on April 11, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: March 3, 2007
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2007

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-07-1285

A Petition to change the name of Walkyria Sue Whitlock Swarner, born July 28, 1932, in Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, residing at 2123 E 3970 N, ID, Idaho, 83323, and the name of her late husband Michael Whitlock Swarner, born April 31, 1936, in Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, residing at 2123 E 3970 N, ID, Idaho, 83328, has been filed in the County Court of Twin Falls, Idaho. The name change and this have gone by Whitlock since they were born and this is the only name they know. The child's father is living.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on April 26, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes.
Date: March 19, 2007
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: March 22, 29, April 5 and 12, 2007

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
The Mid-Snake Resource Conservation and Development Council (MRCDC) is seeking proposals from qualified professionals for the purpose of administering the Free Education program, managing administrative, Education and Outreach activities, and Providing Assistance to Homeowners. The scope of work for this position will include, but is not limited to the duties listed above. We ask that you submit your qualifications by April 9, 2007. All proposals will be reviewed. Evaluators of the proposals will make a decision by April 12, 2007. For a detailed "Scope of Work" or any questions, please contact the Mid-Snake Resource Conservation & Development Office at 1441 Filmore St., Suite A, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380 or call us at 733-5380 ext. 132.

PUBLISH: March 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1, 2 and 3, 2007

INVITATION TO BID STUDENT TRANSPORT
Gooding Jr. School Dist. #231 is accepting bids for Student Transportation beginning the 2007-2008 school year. Sealed Bids will be accepted at the Administration Office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho and will be received until 2:00 PM on Monday, April 2, 2007. Bids will be opened at that time.
Contact Cathy Thompson at 934-4321 ext. 102 for bid packet. Bus routing information is at the Admin Office. The Board of Trustees will review the bids at the Regular Board Meeting, April 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for the opening thereof, or before the award of the contract, unless award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
Kathryn Thompson, Clerk

PUBLISH: March 22 and 29, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2007-0001047
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
I, C. J. 15-3-01
In the Matter of the Estate of EDITH JEAN SCHMIDT aka EDITH A. SCHMIDT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ERIC A. BOLDT has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
STEPHEN, KYANVIG, STONE & TRAINER
By Russell G. Kyavig
Attorneys for Personal Representative
PO Box 83
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083
Telephone: 208-733-2721

PUBLISH: March 15, 22 and 29, 2007

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Cal, young, tuxedo in color, de-clawed, tan face, black, grey nose.
Found 3/22/07 at 491 Caswell, Twin Falls. Call 208-738-0680

FOUND chocolate Lab, male, approx 2 year old. By Morningside School in Twin Falls. Call 208-539-8607

FOUND Golden Chesapeake Lab. Retriever, nice, south of Twin at RC/Ying Road. Please call NOW Human Society 736-2299 or 734-3149

FOUND Insh, Senior, older dog wearing eye collar, the Spring Creek Terrace area in Declo. Call 208-351-286

FOUND Lab, large male, black, neutered, has 2 collars, blue and black. Found on 621 W 24th Street, Burley. Call 208-431-4756 or 208-678-3756

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Red Heeler Dog, adult, male, found North of Curry crossing. 734-9374

LOST 8 month old long haired grey kitten, neutered male, de-clawed in front. Black & orange collar. West of the High School in Twin Falls. Call 208-733-5633

113 Child Care Services

LITTLE PEACHES DAYCARE LLC has openings in Filtr. ICCP, First Aid & CPR. Call 208-328-4508

EMPLOYMENT

200 Employment
201 Accounting
202 Clerical
203 Construction
204 Customer Service
205 Dairy
206 Drivers
207 Education
208 Farm
209 General
210 Management
211 Medical
212 Miscellaneous
213 Professional
214 Retail
215 Sales
216 Trades
217 Newspaper Carriers

LOST Dog, German Shepherd, black mask, black spot at base of tail, white body with black ticking. Faded purple collar, lost 3-18 on highway 93, between 3700 and 3800. Call 208-328-3788

LOST Pitt Bull puppy, female, reddish brown with little white, Laverne dog collar with a little bell on it. In Buhi around Valley Coop and Hwy. 20 area. Reward 208-316-3889

LOST Set of assorted keys at Rock Creek 31/2/07. Call 208-320-0190

LOST tools, hammers, wrenches, communications and assorted other tools. 2509 East north of Hollister. Call 208-743-0060

104 Personals

CAREGIVER needed. Must be 18 and pass a background check. Call 208-366-2950

108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy Chapter 7 Guaranteed lowest price for attorney representation. We are a debt relief agency. Free Consultation. Call 1-866-868-2399.

PROFESSIONAL Garage Sale, person to sell quickly. Home Electronics, books, 40¢ - 60¢ LP's, misc. Call 423-4493 Frank

110 HOME/HEALTH CARE

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Seniors! CertifiedHomeHealth/Nurse Aide services for clients to care for in their home. Shows, laundry, Errands, doctor visits, and meals. Call for information. 736-2119 ask for Tom.

111 Entertainment Services

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203 Construction

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TELEVISION

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
2. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
3. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
4. "Deal Or No Deal" (Monday), NBC.
5. "Cold Case," CBS.

— From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "300," Warner Bros.
2. "Wild Hogs," Disney.
3. "Promanition," Sony.
4. "Dead Silence," Universal.
5. "I Think I Love My Wife," Fox Searchlight.

HOT FIVE

1. "Glamorous," Ferlie (feat. Lu-dacris), will.i.am.
2. "This Is Why I'm Hot," Mims. Capitol.
3. "Don't Matter," Akon. Konvict/Upfront/SRC/Universal Motion.
4. "Cupid's Chokohold," Gym Class Heroes (feat. Patrick Stump). Decaydance.
5. "The Sweet Escape," Gwen Stefani (feat. Akon), Interscope.

— From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Luvamusik," Misq Soul-child, Atlantic.
2. "Street Love," Lloyd The Inc.
3. "Rich Boy," Rich Boy, ZNE 4.
4. "Daughtry," Daughtry, RCA. (Platinum)
5. "Konvicted," Akon. Konvict. (Platinum)

— From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. Rod Stewart.
2. Justin Timberlake.
3. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band.
4. Red Hot Chili Peppers.
5. High School Musical.

— From Pollstar

VHS RENTALS

1. "Barat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," 20th Century Fox.
2. "The Departed," Warner Home Video.
3. "Stranger Than Fiction," Sony

Pictures Home Entertainment.

4. "The Prestige," Touchstone Home Video.
5. "Man of the Year," Universal Studios Home Video.

— From Billboard magazine

VHS SALES

1. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "The Polar Express," Warner Home Video.
3. "Rush Hour 2," New Line Home Entertainment.
4. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Galam Video.
5. "Doctor Zhivago," MGM Home Entertainment.

— From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Barat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," 20th Century Fox.
2. "Fateh Pan," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "The Departed," Warner Home Video.
4. "Flushed Away," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
5. "The Prestige," Touchstone Home Video.

— From Billboard magazine

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne (Beyond Words) (nonfiction/hardcover)
2. "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult (Fiction) (fiction/hardcover)
3. "Judge & Jury" by James Patterson, Andrew Gross (Warner) (fiction/paperback)
4. "Shiver" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra) (fiction/paperback)
5. "Fate Bad Acts" by Tami Hoag (Bantam) (fiction/paperback)

— From USA Today

TOP TUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Beautiful Lie," Beyonce and Shakira
2. "Glamorous," Ferlie
3. "Don't Matter," Akon
4. "Glitterland," Avril Lavigne
5. "Cupid's Chokohold," Gym Class Heroes

— From Apple Computers, Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



Two of the many combatants that players can choose in the video game 'Virtua Fighter 5' for the Sony PlayStation 3.

'Virtua Fighter 5' brings arcade fighting to PS3

BY MATT SLAGLE
 The Associated Press

"Virtua Fighter 5" is the latest installment of the fighting series from Sega.

The first game of its kind for Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3, the basic gist of this 7-rated, \$59.99 title is pretty simple: punch, kick and body-slam your way past one opponent after another.

There are several game modes to choose from, including arcade mode where you face an increasingly tough lineup of fighters. In quest mode, you can gain prizes and customize your fighter as you advance through a series of arenas of varying difficulty.

What kept things interesting for me was the diverse selection of more than a dozen fighters I could choose from. Each has a unique fighting style, from Drunken King-Fu to American-style professional wrestling.

Like many fighting games, "Virtua Fighter 5" is pretty tough, especially if you've never played one before.

Button mashers, stay away: You'll have to memorize countless attacks — where you tap specific buttons on the controller in a very specific order — to perform high-damage, over-the-top killing maneuvers.

Fortunately, there's a good training mode where you can hone your skills without having to worry about being attacked.

"Virtua Fighter 5" has good looks to go with its demanding, and sometimes repetitious, gameplay.

Intriguingly designed fabrics on clothing flutter in the breeze, pools of water ripple and the combatants are bristled with rippling muscles, beads of sweat and expressive faces.

The fights happen in a variety of visually interesting settings, from busy city intersections to snowy mountain-side villas.

Not everything about "Virtua Fighter 5" is going to knock your socks off, though.

The commentary feature, for example, feels more at home at a golf tournament than a fighting game. The bland male commentators often talk over each other and get really annoying as they spout off stupid remarks like, "This is one where the players went all out."

Oh really? How insightful! Perhaps the most glaring absence here is any sort of online mode for playing against other gamers around the world.

In 2007, it's pretty bad when a video game doesn't offer at least some sort of online functionality — especially one like "Virtua Fighter 5," where head-to-head competition and bragging rights are everything.

As it stands, "Virtua Fighter 5" is the only game of its kind for the PS3 right now. That makes it a must-have for any PS3 owner who has the urge to fight it out.

Tenors with a twist

Celtic Tenors bring sweet harmonies to CSI stage Friday

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Does the world really need another set of Irish tenors?

It's impossible to swing a shillelagh these days without hitting three Irishmen with lilling voices. But maybe Matthew Gilsean, Daryl Simpson and James Nelson are an exception.

The Celtic Tenors, who will wrap up the Magic Valley Arts Council's Arts on Tour season Friday night in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, are distinctive in the fraternity of Celtic harmony. Younger and hipper than many of their contemporaries, they still rely on impressive pipes to use on popular, traditional and classical material.

Signed to a record deal in 2000, the trio's album sales worldwide are now more than 1 million, making the Celtic Tenors the biggest classical crossover artists ever to come out of the Emerald Isle.

The three have all had classical training, sung leading roles with opera companies, performed in oratorios and concerts world-

If you go ...

What: Magic Valley Arts on Tour will present The Celtic Tenors, its final concert of the season.

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

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Halmark, The Magic Valley Arts Council, Savor Drug in Buhl, Ariene's Flowers in Jerome, the CSI Fine Arts Box Office, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley and Gooding. Or call 732-6288.

wide, and continue to show flexibility in melding their voices to suit the appropriate classical, folk, Irish and pop genres.

Gilsean, an engineer by training, was born into a farm family in North Meath, Ireland. Steeped in the local musical traditions and raised by parents who shared a love for music, from the great composers to obscure Irish folk, Gilsean had classical training starting in the Sisters of Mercy convent at age 10, and pro-

gressing to some of the great Irish and Scottish teachers.

Although Gilsean ventured into opera and classical singing, he never lost his love for the music of his youth, in particular the vibrant contemporary Irish music which is his source of inspiration.

Nelson, from Sligo, Ireland, holds a music degree from University College Dublin. He specializes in oratorios, but he's also sung more than 50 operatic roles.

Simpson, who's from Northern Ireland, holds a master's degree in opera from the Alexander Gibson Opera School in Glasgow, Scotland. Along with performing worldwide on the concert stage, he is musical director of the Omagh Community Youth Choir in his hometown, which was the scene of a terrorist bombing in 1998 that killed more than two dozen people.

The tenors will be joined on stage by a special guest — the soprano Dierdra Shannon, who for four years played the part of "Erin The Goddess" in the worldwide hit show "Lord of the Dance."



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 "Wild Hogs"

Burley Theater

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Jerome Cinema
 "Blades of Glory"
 "Meet the Robinsons"
 "TMNT"
 "Wild Hogs"

BY DAVID GERMAIN
 The Associated Press

He's done NASCAR racing and soccer. Now Will Ferrell is on to figure skating, with "Blades of Glory" offering a few prime gags but a flimsy premise that loses its novelty quickly.

The idea sounds like a great little "Night Live" sketch: Ferrell's an arrogant rebel of a men's champ, Jon Heder's his fastidious rival, and the two end up teaming as the first men's pair after they're barred for life from solo competition.

And there's about enough funny material for a great little "Saturday Night Live" sketch. The trouble is, there's an extra 80 minutes or so of down time in which Ferrell, Heder and their co-stars are pretty much repeating their characters' shallow schtick again and again.

It took two directors — TV comedy veterans Will Spick and Josh Gordon — and four credited screenwriters to put "Blades of Glory" together. The team was not exactly in championship form, although, relying too often on Ferrell and Heder's ability to mug their way through lackluster exchanges.

Ferrell plays Chazz Michael Michaels, a sex addict on ice, whose saucy, exhibitionist routines shake up the skating world and prompt screaming female fans to hurl their panties in lieu of flowers.

Heder, the star of "Napoleon Dynamite," is Jimmy MacElroy, an orphaned prodigy raised by his adoptive father (William Fichtner) to become the epitome of skating skill and grace, even though he's done up like a peacock, complete with a feathery costume. For his ice routine that opens the movie.

"Blades of Glory" at least glides into the action briskly, establishing that Chazz and Jimmy are to-the-death adversaries. Their animosity erupts in

'Blades of Glory' Ricky Bobby on ice



Will Ferrell plays Chazz Michael Michaels, and Jon Heder is Jimmy MacElroy in 'Blades of Glory.' AP photo

'Blades of Glory'

Starring Will Ferrell, Craig T. Nelson, Jon Heder.

Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language, a comic violent image and some drug references.

Starts Friday at Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum and Big Wood Cinemas in Hailey.

fishcuffs that gets them both banned from the sport.

After discovering a loophole, they re-enter the skating world three years later as a men's team, to the consternation of reigning brother-sister champs Stranz and Fairchild Van Waldenberg (real-life husband and wife Will Arnett and Amy Poehler).

Rather than milking Chazz and Jimmy's growing pains as partners for more laughs, the filmmakers oddly have the two sworn enemies adjust to their pairing without much friction.

They're put through their

paces by Jimmy's former trainer, Craig T. Nelson, appropriately known only as Coach, playing a gruffer variation of his character on TV's "Coach."

The movie draws a few decent laughs from strutting Chazz's and effeminate Jimmy's queerness and over their proximity to another man's anatomy.

There is one priceless sequence involving archival footage of a dangerous move Coach wants to incorporate in Chazz and Jimmy's routine. We're talking a belly laugh of a sight gag that is almost worth the price of admission alone.

The off-ice escapades are heavy on scheming by Stranz and Fairchild, who dispatch their meek sister, Katie (Tenna Fischer of "The Office"), to spy on Chazz and Jimmy and sabotage their prospects.

Ferrell showed unexpected range and subtlety in last fall's "Stranger Than Fiction," but he's back to shallow outrageousness here, and that mode as usual car-

ries him a long way simply because his over-the-top creations are such likable boobies.

Though he has swapped the frizzy tangle of hair from "Napoleon Dynamite" for sweeping blond curls, Heder still sounds and acts a lot like the whiny, ironic geek that launched his career. "Blades of Glory" might squeak by as a one-note story, but Heder needs to expand beyond his one-note characterization if he wants to extend his career.

The filmmakers rounded up an impressive roster of skating champs for bit parts and cameos, among them Scott Hamilton, Nancy Kerrigan, Brian Boitano, Dorothy Hamill, Peggy Fleming and Sasha Cohen.

After starring in the NASCAR comedy "Ballboy Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" and the soccer romp "Kicking and Screaming," sports fan Ferrell is not quite done with athletics. He's now filming the basketball tale "Semi-Pro."

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Movies

Movie nuggets

• "Amazing Grace" / B

A seriously enlightening, and just plain serious, biography of William Wilberforce, the Englishman who led the crusade to abolish slavery in the British Empire in the late 1700s. The movie works in many ways — as Christian inspiration (Wilberforce's spiritual mentor wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace"), as love story, as a lesson for us today that even though the issues have changed, the things Wilberforce says here are still valid, long Gruffudd stars, but the supporters get all the red-meat roles, including AlBERT Finney as the hymn writer and Michael Gambon as a wily politician. PG, 1 hour, 51 minutes.

• "Breach" / C

Not even the great Chris Cooper can act in a vacuum, which is why this spy thriller based on the true story of double agent Robert Hanssen is only half as good as it should be. Cooper plays Hanssen, a turncoat arrested in 2001 for selling secrets to the Soviets. Alas, Ryan Phillippe, as the young agent assigned to flush him out, is awful. PG-13, 1 hour, 50 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 pro-

ducers of "The Chronicles of Narnia." And we get a tantalizing slice of the book's poignant resonance written down with "Narnia"-like. PG, 1 hour, 35 minutes.

• "The Hills Have Eyes 2" / No rating — In this sequel to Wes Craven's 1977 thriller, military training in the desert is just about finished when some ravenous mutants show up and spoil the mood by dismembering the troops. Consumer warning: R, 1 hour, 29 minutes.

• "The Last King of Scotland" / B+

The Oscar-winning Forest Whitaker is Idi Amin, the mercenary and bloodthirsty ruler of Uganda in the 1970s. The film is about the relationship between the despot and a fictional young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy, quite good) who becomes his personal physician and pet of sorts. R, 2 hours, 3 minutes.

• "The Last Mimzy" / B-

In a culture where an overyped juggernaut like "TMNT" is being shoved down kids' throats, this family film's modest charms seem especially praiseworthy. The title alone will doubtless strike a chord with Lewis Carroll fans, but the plot is updated from a 1943 short story about two kids who discover a mysterious box. Inside are some toylike objects from the future — including a rag-doll rabbit named Mimzy — with a save-the-planet co-mission. A gentle fantasy along the lines of "E.T.," the picture is, on its own low-budget terms, a small gem. And it

About the rating system

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

has the funniest family breakfast scene this side of "Little Miss Sunshine." PG, 1 hour, 30 minutes.

• "The Lookout" / B

This may look like just another bank heist caper, but it's actually a beautifully drawn character drama, and the rare film that balances subtlety with suspense. That should seem too surprising coming from long-time screenwriter Scott Frank, an Oscar nominee for Steven Soderbergh's "Out of Sight" who also wrote the scripts for "Get Shorty" and "Minority Report." "The Lookout" also marks Frank's debut as a director, and he shows a keen instinct for eliciting strong performances from his talented young actors, especially Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Formerly of TV's "3rd Rock From the Sun." G

"3rd Rock From the Sun." G — Gordon-Levitt is developing into an intriguing performer of unexpected depth. Here he plays a once-promising high school athlete who suffers a head injury in a car crash. One night, he makes some dangerous new friends (led by Matthew Goode and Isla Fisher) who talk him into serving as the lookout while they rob the bank where he works as a janitor. Except for a couple of coincidences that feel a bit too convenient, the script is close to perfect. R.

• "Meet the Robinsons" / No rating — In the new Disney animated film, a boy-genius orphan named Lewis travels to the enormous, distant future, where he encounters a warm, loving and totally eccentric family. G.

• "Music and Lyrics" / B- The song remains the same in this somewhat conventional romantic comedy, but Drew Barrymore and Hugh Grant hit all the right notes. And that's their 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 ditty plant writer, who has a way with words. Helix, go with it and you'll have a fine time. PG-13, 1 hour, 36 minutes.

• "The Number 23" / C-

Jim Carrey stars as a dog catcher obsessed with the number 23 after reading a book about a 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 delivers a picture that's strictly by the book. R, 1 hour, 35 minutes.

• "Premillion" / No rating

Sandra Bullock stars as an unhappily married woman, moping through her daily routine of housework and providing shuttle service to her two young daughters. Then her generically chilly relationship with her husband (an uncharacteristically bland Julianne Moore) gets a jolt (for better or worse) when she learns that he has been killed in an auto accident. But she seemingly awakes to discover he's still very much alive. Should we call in Mulder and Scully? PG-13.

• "Tride" / C

Somewhere down the street from where Antonio Banderas is teaching tough kids to dance and Hillary Swank is teaching tough kids to love books, Terrence Howard is teaching tough kids to swim. Yes, it's another inspirational based-on-a-true-story movie, with Howard as a real-life coach in the '70s who overcomes prejudice and a bad neighborhood to turn some disaffected (but good underneath) teens into a winning team. The trite script isn't anything to be proud of, but Howard is fine (as usual), and He's incredibly buff (in tsy-busy bathing trunks). PG, 1 hour, 38 minutes.

• "Shooter" / C

Mark Wahlberg get props for balancing out the utter implausibility of director Antoine Fuqua's

crash-boom conspiracy melodrama, bringing a brooding antihero (Wahlberg) to the title character, Sgt. Bob Lee Swagger — a tough, crisis-management sniper, who is recruited by a shadowy ex-military man (Danny Glover) to help prevent a presidential assassination attempt, but instead winds up wounded and on the run from the FBI. Fuqua's film goes as high-wire as it makes all manner of action conventions with a convoluted plot. R, 2 hours, 9 minutes.

• "TMNT" / No rating

It's the fourth in a series chronicling the adventures of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles who live under the streets of New York and come out to fight for truth, justice and pizza in the night, but it's the first to arrive in complete computer-generated imagery. PG

• "300" / B

Gerard Butler ("The Phantom of the Opera") stars as King Leonidas in this heavily computer-generated film based on the Battle of Thermopylae, where in 480 B.C., 300 Spartans and several hundred other Greeks staged the equivalent of a steel-age smackdown against hundreds of thousands (some accounts go as high as 2 million) of invading Persians. It's loose with historic facts and is a dark, fierce graphic novel of-in-motion full of beheadings, sliced body parts, blood spurts, female nudity, over-the-top creatures and rewritten history. Storywise, the film lasts about 15 minutes.

• "Wild Hogs" / F

John Travolta, Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence and, wince, William H. Macy set off on a middle-crisis motorcycle trip. En route, they run afoul of a biker gang led by Ray Liotta. Bonding, little-guys-vs.-the-big-guys fits and a last-act "Easy Rider" cameo ensue. There's definitely an audience for this kind of broad, easy-going comedy, but these lazy, greasy piglets aren't interested. They're just going to the market-place and then heading whee-where all the way home with your movie. PG-13, 1 hour, 39 minutes.

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



Mumbles, voiced by Elijah Wood, is a penguin in search of a song.

"Happy Feet" PG

"Happy Feet," the new feature-length cartoon about penguins in Antarctica, brings a Hollywood blockbuster mentality to animation. The characters are endearing but predictable, the plot pretty much slush. But man, oh man, those action sequences and landscapes. Watch a CGI wadlander or an animated glacier crumble into the sea. You'll hardly believe your eyes. That's how the state-of-the-art this picture is — and why the flaws may not bother you.

According to the movie's myths, old emperor penguins have their own song. Except one. His name is Mumbles (voiced of Elijah Wood) and he's got, well, happy feet (courtesy of Broadway hoover Savion Glover and a technique called motion capture). His mother, Norma Jean (Nicole Kidman, doing Marilyn Monroe), stands up for him, but his father, Memphis (Hugh Jackman, doing Elvis), suggests he not do that dancing stuff in public. "It just ain't penguin, son."

Pause for reflection: The love child of the King and Marilyn would be... Frodo?

At any rate, being different makes him an outcast, and, as generally happens with outcasts, Mumbles ends up on a quest. After being menaced by a very scary seal, he hooks up with some Hispanic penguins whose macho leader, Ramon (Robin Williams, toned down and funny), thinks dancing is cool.

Somehow, this plot line morphs into another one about how the penguins are all starving thanks to pollution and overfish-

ing by thoughtless humans. When a menacing seagull-like skua (Anthony LaPaglia) insists the tracking band on its leg was the result of an alien abduction, Mumbles decides these "aliens" must be connected to the famine and sets out to find them. They find him, and he lands briefly in a zoo — wittily portrayed as a zanked-out nirvana where the penguins stand around in a blissful stupor waiting for fish to fall into their beaks.

Writer-director-producer George Miller is the man who brought us "Mad Max" and that pig among pigs, Babe. "Happy Feet" lacks "Babe's" charm, but for edge-of-your-seat excitement, it gives "The Road Warrior" a run for its money.

—Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Will Smith and his real-life son, Jaden, make an affecting father-son team in 'The Pursuit of Happiness.'

"The Pursuit of Happiness" PG-13

Among the inalienable rights promised in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence, happiness is the only one not guaranteed. We are theoretically assured of life and liberty, but happiness we are left to pursue on our own. "The Pursuit of Happiness," a routine domestic drama starring Will Smith, is the story of one man's unwavering pursuit for a better life (and presumably happiness with an "I") against long odds.

The movie is inspired by a true story: that of Chris Gardner, who was among San Francisco's working homeless in the early '80s and managed to

pull himself and his young son up by the bootstraps. "Inspired by" is an interesting phrase because the movie is more inspiring than inspired. The man's struggles are emotionally engaging, but dramatically it lacks the "layering" of "Kramer vs. Kramer," which it superficially resembles.

This is a much lower-key performance than we're used to seeing from Smith, and he pulls it off admirably. He plays the intentionally crotchety Gardner as an intelligent, energetic guy who can't catch a break. In fact, in the sluggish Bay Area economy of 1981, he's losing ground. He's invested his family's money-in a load of cutting-edge bone-density scanners that, unfortunately for him, provide a slightly better image than an X-ray at twice the cost.

Though the subject matter is serious, the film itself is rather slight, and it relies on the actor to give it any energy. Even in a more modest register, Smith is a very appealing leading man, and he makes Gardner's plight compelling.

Running from doctor's office to hospital peddling his scanners, we see Chris' plentiful people skills at work. Still, there's not enough money coming in, and his wife, Linda (Thandie Newton), who's been working double shifts in a laundry, leaves him to care alone for their 5-year-old son, Christopher (played by Smith and Jaden Pinkett Smith's

son, 7-year-old Jaden Christopher Syre Smith).

With his finances at less than zero, Chris embarks on an unpaid, six-month internship at the end of which one of 20 hopefuls will land a job as a stockbroker. Staying one step ahead of the taxman and moving from apartment to motel to shelter to subway station, Chris is a model of persistence as he clings to his dream.

—Los Angeles Times



Clive Owen strikes an alliance with a rabut (Julianne Moore) in the futuristic 'Children of Men.'

"Children of Men" R

The best science fiction talks about the future to talk about the now, and "Children of Men" very much belongs in that class. Made with palpable energy, intensity and excitement, it compellingly creates a world gone mad that is uncomfortably close to the one we live in. It is a "Blade Runner" for the 21st century, a worthy successor to that epic of dystopi-

an decay.

Like that earlier film, "Children of Men" is based on a novel (P.D. James this time, not Philip K. Dick) and deals with the question of the future of human life. It brings so much urgency to the possibility of the world ending that we feel the kind of terror we would if the scenario were taking place tomorrow instead of 20 years in the future.

The plot hook of "Children of Men" is simple but devastating: the infertility of the entire human race. The date is 2027, and it's been 18 years since the Earth's last human child was born. James, whose novel has been altered considerably by the film's five credited screenwriters, says she wanted to answer the question, "If there were no future, how would we behave?" The answer, in a word, is, horribly.

For what "Children of Men" shows us is a world coming apart at the seams. Britain, where the story is set, has survived by becoming a chaotic police state in which rioters filled by pure fury attack whatever moves and heavily armed police and savage dogs keep a close eye on ever-present refugees stuffed into sidewalk holding tanks.

—Los Angeles Times

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Pop/Burley
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Poker/Twin Falls
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Rock/Boise
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Rock/Utah
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FRIDAY, MARCH 30
Fundraiser/Twin Falls
The Twin Falls Optimist Club will hold Last Wages Night, an annual fundraiser for community projects from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Turf Club. Raffle tickets are \$15 each and two for \$25. The event includes black-jack, Texas Hold'em, a raffle and more. Prizes include a lumbar package, diamond earrings and a 32-inch LCD HD color TV. For information, call Kevin Rosenz at 733-0933 or Tony Brand at 734-0076.

World music/Twin Falls
Magic Valley Arts on tour will present the Cello Tenors at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are

\$20 for adults and \$15 for children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy, The Snake River Cover Valley Arts Center, Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and CSI Outreach Centers in Gooding. Burley and Halley, or by phoning 732-9288.

Country/Buhl
Buhl Arts Council will present Eric Sitas in concert, with trick roping, cowboy poetry and singing, at 7 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door or by phoning the arts council at 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is at 200 N. Eighth.

Variety/Twin Falls
The Magic Valley Arts Council presents the third lecture of the Brown Bag Lecture Series at noon at the Twin Falls Public Library. Florence Jones will discuss publishing of her first novel, "The Seventh Unicorn," writing fiction based on fact, and will read from her latest novel, "The Lost Madonna." The event is free and open to the public. Bring your lunch. For information, call 734-2787. Twin Falls Public Library is at 201 Fourth Ave. E.

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

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Food

Fine flavors bloom at Wild Flour Cafe

BY VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS
Times-News writer

About Wild Flour Cafe

BURLEY — Yvonne Desind never intended to serve burgers at her Wild Flour Cafe.

The Burley restaurant, occupying a colorful and eclectic converted house on Overland Avenue, makes all its own dressings, sauces and seasonings, as well as its daily soups. It bakes fresh rolls every day, emphasizes whole grains, offers a larger-than-usual selection of vegetarian options and peppers its menu with fruits and vegetables.

"We try to keep everything as fresh and as wholesome as possible," said Desind, who has 23 years in the restaurant business and operated three eateries in Boise and Emmet before opening Wild Flour Cafe in August 2002.

But, strangely enough, Desind kept getting burger requests. So she added a gourmet burger se-

1834 Overland Ave., Burley — Lunch: soups, salads, wraps, panini, burgers and grilled and cold sandwiches, \$3.95-\$9.25. Espresso, fresh fruit smoothies and juices, Italian sodas, frappes. Dinner: chicken specialties, seafood, salads, burgers, \$5.45-\$21.95. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays. Yvonne Desind, owner, 878-4894.

lection to the menu — led by the popular Swiss-mushroom combo and an inventive "Blue Moon" with bacon, Swiss and blue cheese-raspberry vinaigrette. At Wild Flour Cafe, even the burgers are distinguished by all-sirloin patties and whole-grain buns.

Don't expect fast food. Desind's lunch menu is exten-



Wild Flour Cafe in Burley serves its Salmon and Avocado Pocket, with a side, for \$7.50. Grilled salmon, fresh greens, avocado slices and cucumber relish are rolled up in a wheat tortilla.

Photo by VIRGINIA S. HUTCHINS/Times-News

sive, and food is prepared when it's ordered.

Wild Flour overhauls its menu every six months, retaining the most popular items and adding new ones. Leading in popularity are the Island Chicken Salad (coconut-encrusted chicken pan fried in butter) and the Tropical Chicken Salad (coconut-pecan-encrusted chicken), both featuring fruits and vinegars. A new addition from the most recent menu revision is the Sunshine Salad — broiled chicken, strawberries, mandarin oranges, pecans, dried cranberries and blue cheese crumbles on spring mix and romaine — which is shaping up as a favorite among diners.

My recent visit to Wild Flour started on a wobbly note — with a mocha only a step above lukewarm — but quickly recovered.

I opted for the Salmon and Avocado Pocket for \$7.50, avocado slices, 4 ounces of flaky grilled salmon (flavored by Desind's Cajun rub) and genuinely ripe tomatoes rested on a big bed of fresh greens, rolled up in a lightly toasted whole-grain tortilla — with no iceberg in sight. The pocket's tangy cucumber relish, with an orange base, was mud-

ded after a citrus sauce that Desind tasted at a food show.

The result was delicious. For the accompanying side, I chose the day's onion-apple soup, a fascinating concoction topped with croutons and melted cheese. Desind's oldest son, a chef in Nashville, Tenn., passed along the recipe. To suit her Mini-Cassia clientele, Desind substituted apple juice for the recipe's apple brandy.

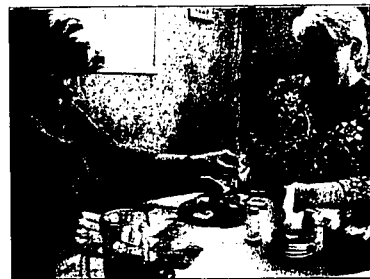
I ended with Wild Flour's lovely tiramisu (\$3.95), presented with raspberries and blueberries, a dusting of cocoa, whipped cream and a puddle of chocolate sauce. A rich and heady finish to my meal.

And not a bit soggy.

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Yvonne Desind got the handwritten recipe for her tiramisu — which adds a burst of raspberry and blueberry to its rum and espresso flavors — from a San Diego, Calif., hotel chef.



Jami Andersen of Oakley, left, and Laura Crandall of Rupert share an order of raspberry tiramisu at Wild Flour Cafe last week — and rave over the dessert. "It hits the chocolate, it hits the berries, it hits it all," Andersen says. "I should feel guilty, but I don't."

South-central Idaho dining guide

TWIN FALLS

• **Johnny Carlino's**, 1921 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Soups and salads, spicy shrimp and chicken pastas, and lasagna, \$5.99-\$19.99. Full bar. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. *Fired Up* only. owner: 734-4823.

• **Kelly's**, 110 Main Ave. N. — Quarter-pound burgers, \$3.95-\$13.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Kelly Howls*, owner: 733-0466.

• **La Casita Mexicana Restaurant**, 111 South Park Ave. N. — Chicken fajitas, chimichangas, chili verde, \$5-\$12. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Ken and Lou Schmitt*, owner: 734-6823.

• **La Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant**, 1298 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Sizzling fajitas, tacos, steak and shrimp, \$3.95-\$13.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. *Chelo Estrada*, owner: 734-0685.

• **Mandarin House**, 725 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Traditional Chinese dishes and a variety of other Thai and American food. \$4.25-\$14.95. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. *Jack Lam*, owner: 734-6575.

• **Molly's Bagel Bakery**, 1233 Polo Line Road — Molly-to-go, espresso, bagged lunches with sandwiches, chips, cookie, and pop, \$2.75-\$6.15. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. *Dana John*, owner: 735-1116.

• **Montana Steak House**, 1826 Canyon Crest Dr. — Sirloin steak, chicken, shrimp and pork rib entrees, \$4.95-\$22.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. Lunch served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; dinner from 2 p.m.-10:00. Karaoke in Woodstock and Thursday, 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. *Bill and Margie Eric*, owners: 734-7478.

• **Montana Steak House**, 570 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Crab legs, salmon, veal-and-soup chicken, pizza, \$3.99-\$8.95. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; 735-1225.

• **9 Steaks and a Burrito**, 799 Chevy Dr. — Burrito, chicken, chicken, carne asada, homemade tortillas, \$3.50-\$9. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. *Jacki Auer*, owner: 738-3772.

• **Montana Steak House**, 1826 Canyon Crest Dr. — Burgers with fries. Fridays baked chicken with dressing sauce, homemade noodles, steak, seafood, \$3.95-\$15. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 5 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturdays, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. *Tom and Vicki Collins*, owners: 733-0735.

• **Speedy and Spicy**, 1027 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Burgers, sandwiches, salads and soup, \$4-\$8; daily lunch specials. Hours: 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays; closed Sundays. *Rick*

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@mgscvalley.com.

Car: 733-6654.

• **Outback Steakhouse**, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Fresh seafood, steak, house burgers, \$7.99-\$29.99. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-11 p.m.; Sundays, noon-9 p.m. *John Lochart*, owner: 733-4585.

• **Pandora's Deli-Bakery-Cafe**, 781 Falls Ave. — Outlets, Italian sandwiches, calzones, soups, pastries, desserts, espresso, up to \$7.25. Free wireless Internet. Catering, baking gift baskets, theme cakes. Hours: Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Kurt and Candora Handley*, owners: 733-7433.

• **Peeking Restaurant**, 824 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pork, poultry, beef, seafood and vegetable entrees, combination platters and chef's specials, \$6.25 to \$9.75. Chow mein, fried rice and lo mein, \$3.55 to \$6.15. Lunch specials, \$4.65 to \$5.55. American dishes (to low-back sandwiches and sides), \$1.55 to \$4.25. Wine, beer. Hours: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Mondays. *John Mei*, owner: 733-6127.

• **Parkside**, 1664 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pot roast, salmon, \$6.29-\$19.99. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 6 a.m.-midnight; Sundays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. *Alka Nelson*, general manager: 736-8417.

• **Phat Edgley's**, 223 26th Ave. S. — Cajun roast pork, Crawfish Babi, Louisiana crab fish cakes, \$2.95-\$8.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Frank and Joee Sabal*, managers: 735-5141.

• **Preshash Sports Bar**, 1749 Kimberly Road — Finger steaks, sandwiches, homemade soup, \$4.95-

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• **El Tapito**, 88 S. Idaho St. — Fajitas, steak, seafood, \$4.99-\$12.50. Wine, beer. Hours: Monday through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *Jaime Pece*, owner: 536-5684.

• **Farmhouse Restaurant**, 1955-R Frontage Road, 1955-R Wendell, prime rib, espresso, \$4.95-\$17.95. Hours: Sunday through Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. *Patricia and Courtney Hahnstater*, owners: 536-6688.

• **Full Bar**. Hours: Daily, 10 a.m.-1 a.m. *Don Bar* and *John Andrus*, owners: 736-2427.

• **Rock Restaurant**, 200 Addison Ave. W. — Prime rib, fresh seafood, prime-graded steaks, \$5.95-\$39.95. Full bar. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 4:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.-10 p.m. *Stan Thomas*, owner: 734-4154.

• **Shrimp**, 1801 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, seafood, lemon-dill salmon, peas, \$7.29-\$12.99. Hours: Open 24/7. *Shari's Corp.*, owner: 734-2110.

• **Shoppers**, 334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Pre-dressed, non-halibut, baked cod, specialia, shrimp, \$4.99-\$9.97. Beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. *Jan Jackson*, owner: 733-0777.

• **The Big Canyon Springs Bar & Grill**, 159 Canyon Springs Blvd. — Burgers, Philly steak sandwiches, ice-bertered cod, crispy chicken, \$4.29-\$6.39. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. *Jay and Terri*, owners: 735-1999.

• **Tomato's Italian Grill**, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Steak, pasta, gourmet pizza, \$6.49-\$19.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. *Mark Humphries*, owner: 735-9100.

• **The Restaurant**, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — General's chicken, Mongolian beef, crispy pans, \$4.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *Larry Taylor*, owner: 736-6822.

• **Wick's**, 1658 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. — Almond chicken, Mandarin chicken, Mongolian buffet, \$5.95-\$9.50. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. *Ken Fan*, owner: 6734-6898.

• **Wing House**, 213 5th Ave. S. — Chicken strips, hamburgers with fries or tots, lamb and beef gyro sandwiches with cucumber sauce on pita bread, pizza, soups, salads, \$3.95-\$5.50. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. *Dave and Tim Woodcraft*, owners: 732-0077.

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of the most memorable — including the Sun-recorded "Belshazzar," a celebratory "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," a swinging "My Ship Will Sail," and a dandy orchestrated "Amazing Grace."

Cash's authoritative baritone is the ideal vehicle for many of these songs, the self-penned tunes and traditionals. Some tracks from the 1981 sessions — including "I How Great Thou Art" and "It's No Secret (What God Can Do)" — lack the rudimentary charm of his earlier material. Still, this is the ideal sound-track for a sunny Sunday brunch.

— Denver Post

Food & Music

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the *Klowner Klub Lounge*. No cover charge. *Klowner Klub* is at 402 Main Ave. N.

DAILY (EXCEPT SUNDAY)

Burley

Karaoke will be featured at 8 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

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. Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at the *Montana Night Life*. No cover charge. *Kruzer's* is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

Burley

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

Deda

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Twin Falls

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Burley

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

Rupert

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Twin Falls

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Gooding

R & B Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. until closing at *Toponis*. No cover charge. *Toponis* is at 413 Main.

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SOUND BITE: RECENT CD RELEASES

Johnny Cash

"Cash: Ultimate Gospel"

(Columbia)

When Johnny Cash auditioned for Sun Records boss Sam Phillips, he played a gospel song he'd written, "Belshazzar," to woo the recording icon who had just made a star out of Elvis Presley.

"We can't sell gospel records," Phillips told Cash. Cash returned a few weeks later with some rock 'n' roll, and Phillips was singing a different tune. But as the liner notes in this collection remind us, "Johnny Cash never forgot he was a gospel singer."

This collection of 24 songs recorded from 1957-81 is only a small slice of Cash's gospel recordings, but it includes



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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 29

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.

Karaoke contest will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S. Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$1. The Riverside is at 157 W. Highway 30.

Declo

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

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.

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.

"I don't really care how people listen, if they put it on in the background or on headphones, or if it makes 'em cry or laugh or fall asleep."

— Norah Jones

Subtle Norah Jones evolves artistically

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — At her piano, Norah Jones is at ease. Confronting the utterly casual atmosphere of Amoeba Music on Sunset Boulevard, where fans wedged into the aisles the Friday night before the Grammys to witness an in-store performance from Jones and her handsome band, the world's ruling female pop singer moved between the ivories, a Wurliizer keyboard, and, on one song, an acoustic guitar. Rarely looking up, she sang as if her voice was surfacing within those instruments.

Her allure emanated from the introspection of her style — the sense that what mattered here was happening in the space between Jones' hands, feeling out an instrument, and her voice, reaching to connect with what it said to her. The songs weren't complicated — by now it's become lazy thinking to call what Jones does "background music" — but they drew listeners in, at the way a soft command can gain attention more effectively than a shout.

This is the grace of Norah Jones, the first of a new generation of stars to succeed amid pop's current flash and crassness by making music first. Her incredible disc since her 2002 Blue Note Records debut, "Come Away With Me," has made Jones the central figure in a quiet movement sometimes crassly dubbed "the new easy listening" (or, in branded shorthand, "Starbucks music") but more accurately described as pop's latest translation of sophisticated ideas into common vernacular. Jones, as humble a personality as fame allows, has blazed the path for young artists, many of them female singers, who uphold and update the legacy of crossover pop.

But she didn't always own this



Norah Jones sought a less refined feel for her latest album, "Not Too Late." "I want to mess everything up a little bit," she says.

shy charisma. "I grew up imitating my favorite singers," Jones, who spent her youth in Dallas, recalled at her hotel the afternoon of her Amoeba date. "Not always hitting the notes right but just loving to sing along with Sarah Vaughan or Billie Holiday. Or Ann Wilson from Heart! But I also played piano, and I thought, 'Maybe I should get it together where I could sing and play at the same time.' Because it's not easy. It's two things at once." She patted her head and rubbed her stomach to signal the disconnect.

Jones worked through her problem in public. "I got this gig in college where I played and sang at a restaurant," she recalled. "For two years, twice a week, I just practiced for three hours. Nobody really listened; every once in a while people would clap. It was background music. It was supposed to be in

When she was discovered in

critic Judy Rosen put it.

"I get attacked for playing 'background music,' and I think, 'Wow, that really insults not only me, but everyone who listens to my music,'" she said. "If you're listening, it's not background music." But Jones just fine with people turning her records down low. She doesn't believe in forcing things.

"I don't really care how people listen, if they put it on in the background or on headphones, or if it makes 'em cry or laugh or fall asleep,'" she said. "Great music has helped me fall asleep! If it moves them in any way, that makes me feel good."

Perhaps this is why so many people deride Jones and so many more love her. She's just so accommodating. Though her persona suggests reserve, in person she's the opposite, talking a blue streak and reconsidering every opinion she offers from several angles. She's reticent on one point, though: describing her sound. The words Jones favors — subtle, quiet, simple, slow, nice — are vaguely pleasant, contradicting the rebellious individualism that's defined artistic genius not only in the rock era but since the Romantics. They don't get at that something else that's made her a bona-fide phenomenon.

Even as she tries to define and defend the genre art she's perfected, Jones also seems to be stepping away from it, cautiously. "Not Too Late" shows Jones thinking beyond the influence of the record producer and crossover-pop founding father Arif Mardin, who died last June; Lee Alexander, Jones' longtime companion and the bassist in her band, helmed the boards. Jones wrote or co-wrote all of the album's tracks. She and Alexander were going for a less refined feel, she says, but found it, paradoxically, by going in to the singer's natural velvet.

New faces, old harmonies

Four Freshmen coming to Burley next Thursday

Times-News

Listen to the music

What: The Four Freshmen will perform in Burley, the fourth event of the Mini-Casita Community Concerts season.

Where: King Fine Arts Center, Where: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

How much: Admission is by season membership only. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for families, available at the door or by phoning Susan at 678-1798 or Jan at 678-7447.

BURLEY — If you've ever worn a letterman's sweater — not a jacket, mind you, but a sweater — you probably know the music of the Four Freshmen.

"Graduation Day," "Day by Day," "Mood Indigo" and "It's a Blue World" were four-part harmony standards of the bobby-soxer set during the 1950s, but along the way Hal Kraetzsch, Ross and Don Barbour and Bob Flanigan all but invented the concept album and set the stage for the The Beach Boys and the infusion of harmony into rock 'n' roll.

And they all were accomplished instrumentalists, which gave their music enormous credibility in jazz circles.

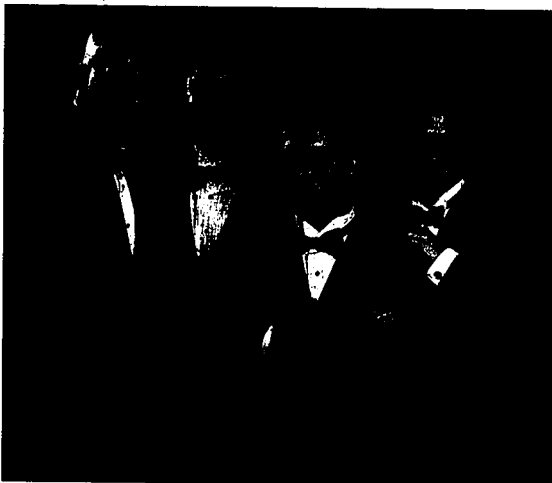
Brian Eichelberger, 30, Curtis Calderon, 31, and Vince Johnson

and Bob Ferreira, both 36, are young enough to be the original Frosh's great-grandsons, but they're using the same formula.

Eichelberger, the Minnesota-born lead singer and guitarist, is only the third lead in the Frosh's 58-year history.

"I really enjoy singing the melody," said Eichelberger, who lists his musical influences as Sing, Steely Dan and Stevie Wonder. "I don't have to think about the notes as much, and I can put more focus on phrasing, tempo and the overall sound we make."

They still sing standards, but the art of vocal harmony in popular music has seen a lot of changes in three generations — Flanigan, the last original member of the group, retired in 1992 — so this generation of Fresh-



Brian Eichelberger, Curtis Calderon, Vince Johnson and Bob Ferreira keep the Four Freshmen's sound alive. Mini-Casita Community Concerts

men sing contemporary music as well.

"They are considered an artistically valid ensemble," wrote Bruce Eder of the All Music Guide. "In 2000 the Four Fresh-

men were voted Vocal Group of the Year by Down Beat magazine's readers. And in 2001, no less a label than Mosaic Records — the company that issues complete catalogs of jazz legends go-

ing back to the 1930s, in deluxe packaging — released a multi-CD box of the Four Freshmen's complete 1950s recordings, proudly proclaiming the quartet's validity as a jazz outfit."



Mini-Casita Community Concerts

Hal Kraetzsch, Don and Ross Barbour and Bob Flanigan formed the Four Freshmen 58 years ago.

Snake River Community Players to hold auditions for 'Hotel Pickle'

Times-News

WENDELL — The Snake River Community Players will hold auditions from 7 to 9 p.m. April 4-5 for its upcoming production of "Hotel

Pickle," a farce by Sam Havens.

The play, directed by Angle Baton, is set for June 15-16 and 22-23, and will be on stage as part of Wendell Dairy Days.

Roles are available for men and women of any age (teens and older). Anyone who wants to help out behind the scenes is also welcome.

Rehearsals start April 30

and will take place on week-day evenings and Saturday mornings.

For information and location of the auditions, call Lorna Irwin at 324-7544.

Local

Fast-rising Josh Turner to sing at fair

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times News writer

FILER — Baritone Nashville heartthrob Josh Turner will be the headline performer at the Twin Falls County Fair in August.

Turner's concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, fair manager John Pitz said this week. Including production costs, the fair board will pay Turner about \$50,000, Pitz said. Last year's fair headliner, Trace Adkins, was paid \$60,000, including production costs.

"We're happy to get Josh Turner," Pitz said. "He sold out three weeks in advance at the (Cassia County Fair in Burley last August), and he's had three No. 1 hits since then."

Turner, a 29-year-old South Carolina native, ranks No. 8 on the Billboard magazine country

album charts this week with "Your Man." A cut from the album "Me and God" — which also features bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley — is No. 19 on the Billboard country song charts.

Turner, then a 24-year-old Belmont University graduate, got his big break when he was invited to sing at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry in 2001. He performed "Long Black Train," a bluesy, gospel-inflected song inspired by the music of Hank Williams, received a standing ovation in the middle of the song, then sang it again for an encore.

A month later, Turner signed a record deal with MCA Nashville. His 2003 debut album, also called "Long Black Train," sold 1 million copies by the end of 2004.

"Your Man" was released last year and topped out at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 charts.



MCA Nashville

Josh Turner has records on both the Billboard country album and song charts.

Tickets to the Turner concert will go on sale later this spring at the fair office. Ticket prices haven't been announced.

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Tell us about your Easter-egg hunt

The Times-News will publish a roundup of Easter weekend egg hunts and other family-oriented activities in the TNT section on April 5.

If you'd like your event included, e-mail the time, date and details to SteveCrump@mgjvalley.com, fax it to 734-5538 or mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Deadline is April 2 at 5 p.m.



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